Immaculate Heart Academy students document visit to Cuba

By Melissa McNally
Editor

In December, President Obama took steps to end the 54-year-old American trade embargo against Cuba. A year prior to his decision, Stephanie Abdallah Brodeur, assistant principal of academics and technology at Immaculate Heart Academy, was in the process of choosing a destination for her documentary field production class. Each year, the class synthesizes skills learned in prior communications courses into a final documentary project that focuses on a legitimate, timely issue.

“Obama’s decision to lift the embargo made our trip to Cuba more relevant,” Brodeur explained. Initially, the documentary was centered on the Cuban perspective on the US embargo. Instead the students shifted focus to the expectations of the island’s people following the President’s announcement.

Working with Cuba Educational Travel, Brodeur and 10 Immaculate Heart students traveled to Havana on Feb. 15. Over the course of the eight-day trip, the group learned about Cuban ration cards and the country’s food situation, politics, medicine, race relations, art/culture, education and more.

“Cuba exceeded our expectations,” Brodeur recalled. “My impression of Cuba before the trip was that it is a Third World, impoverished country but that is not what we found. Yes, there is poverty, but the people we encountered were well-educated, and had food and healthcare. I’ve been to far worse places closer to home.”

There is still a lot to be done, she noted, but Cuba is in the process of rebuilding. Roads and buildings were being repaired in an effort to modernize the country.

In interviews conducted by the students, they came to realize Cuba and the US were culturally similar. Racism, poverty, environmental


An influential voice at Seton Hall University as trustee and regent, professor of religion and seminary official for 47 years, Msgr. Cafone oversaw seminary reorganization and guided generations of students and priesthood candidates in Catholic principles.

“Over the past several years, my family and I have gotten to know Msgr. Cafone very well,” Seton Hall President Dr. A. Gabriel Esteban said in a statement. “His infectious smile, warmth, and great sense of humor endeared him to us and many others. However, what struck us most was his love not just for the Seton Hall community but his love for life and everything God created. I am reminded of Saint John of the Cross who wrote, ‘In the evening of our life, we shall be judged on love.’”

Msgr. Cafone was ordained a priest by Archbishop Thomas A. Boland on May 29, 1965, in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Newark. The newly-ordained Father Cafone was assigned to Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Orange, where for three years he served the people of the parish and the students of the high school. He was assigned to Seton Hall University in 1968, having already obtained a master’s degree in educational administration and supervision. He went on to earn his doctor of sacred theology degree from Catholic University of America in Washington.

Although he was a valuable member of the faculty of the Department of Religious Studies, Msgr. Cafone’s talents were not limited to the classroom. In 1972, he was named the spiritual director of the College Seminary of the Immaculate Conception. He served in that position until 1985.

After a fire destroyed the building on South Center St., Msgr. Cafone spearheaded reconstruction. In 1985, Archbishop Peter L. Gerety named him vice rector and director of formation at Immaculate Conception Seminary, which the previous year had returned to new facilities on campus from Darlington in Ramsey. In 1990, he returned to the religious studies department to teach courses such

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Roselle Catholic students brave frigid temps for retreat

Six Roselle Catholic High School students took on the unique challenge of building and sleeping in an igloo, all the while exploring the idea of “shelter,” both literally and metaphorically. The Winter Outdoor Challenge Retreat took place Feb. 6-8, at the Marist Brothers Center at Esopus, in the mid-Hudson valley region of New York.

Over the course of two days, the boys worked long and hard on the task of building the igloo, brick by brick. It was difficult and tedious. When not assisting with the igloo, they took turns gathering wood for the fire, and chopping vegetables for the soup that cooked over the fire.

Ed Kennedy, a facilitator of the Outdoor Challenge retreats at the Marist Brothers Center, began the experience by handing out snow shoes needed to traverse the 16 inches of snow. After bringing the luggage and firewood to the igloo, they began to prep the space by tramping down the snow in the area. After dinner, a night hike to the Hudson River opened up a discussion around the fire of what the word shelter means, followed by a sharing of ideas about how to survive the cold for many hours.

The students then received journals to record their thoughts.

The first night was spent in the unheated cabins on the property, wrapped in double sleeping bags. Early the second morning, the work began. Approximately 12 hours later, the last piece of the igloo was put into place. Tarps were laid inside and double sleeping bags were rolled out for the night.

“I learned patience,” sophomore Billy Carvalho, said. “It took so long and we just did the same thing over and over — it took a lot of patience.”

“Everyone on the team is valuable,” fellow participant Dominic Ippolito said. “If we weren’t working on the igloo, we needed to gather wood and keep the fire going.”

Chad Dover-Wixson of East Orange, noted, “You haven’t lived until you’ve tested yourself.”

Temperatures ranged from below zero at night to about 30 degrees during the day. Rotating chores was necessary, so time could be spent warming by the fire. Patience and fortitude were required to stick to the task at hand, especially when evening came on.

Students were rewarded with beautiful winter scenery, including a nearly full moon, with the sense of camaraderie and with a huge sense of accomplishment on completing the task, especially with being able to sleep in the igloo they built.

The participants said they would recommend the retreat to their fellow schoolmates. Another challenge was scheduled for late February.
Immaculate Conception High School in Montclair will remain open

NEWARK—Archbishop John J. Myers announced March 2 that Immaculate Conception High School, Montclair, will remain open.

Representatives from the school’s Board of Trustees received the good news at a meeting with Dr. Margaret Dames, Secretary for Catholic Education and Archdiocesan Superintendent of Schools, and representatives of the Archdiocese of Newark on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

Originally slated to close in June of 2014, Archbishop Myers permitted the school to remain open following an extensive fundraising effort by the school’s extended family of students, parents, faculty, staff, alumni and friends.

As a result of the significant improvements to its fiscal management, recruitment efforts and development strategies, Archbishop Myers believes that Immaculate Conception High School has a viable future.

“We are extremely grateful to Archbishop Myers for his renewed belief that Immaculate Conception can be a vital part of Catholic secondary education,” stated William Slattery, chairman of the Immaculate Conception High School board of trustees. “The entire Immaculate family has worked diligently to create a solid financial foundation and we were fortunate to have the guidance of Dr. Dames and Associate Superintendent John O’Neil.”

Principal JoAnn Degnan added that “This year, Immaculate Conception is celebrating our 90th Anniversary and we fully expect to be celebrating our 100th Anniversary a decade from now.”

Celia Triggs Honohan, a 1974 alumna whom Archbishop Myers appointed as president of the school last October, initiated several new development projects with fundraising efforts that reach across the country.

“Thanks to last summer’s Save Immaculate Campaign,” she said, “we have discovered a wide network of supporters who have made substantial pledges to ensure Immaculate’s future. We are also indebted to the Montclair community that joined our efforts with encouragement and donations.”

Honohan added that “Our mascot is the lion, so the Archbishop’s words of encouragement last summer—‘Since humanity’s earliest days, the lion has been a symbol of nobility and strength’—continue to inspire us in our journey.”

Located at 33 Cottage Place, Immaculate Conception is a Catholic, coeducational, college preparatory high school. It opened as a parish high school serving young Catholic men and women in the surrounding area. In the years since, it has broadened its mission and currently serves young people from many communities in Essex, Passaic and Union Counties.

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Cardinal Egan, retired NY archbishop, dies at 82

Cardinal Edward M. Egan, who presided over the Archdiocese of New York for nine years, died March 5 in Manhattan.

As archbishop of New York from 2000 to 2009—a region with 2.7 million parishioners and 368 parishes—Cardinal Egan was one of America’s most visible Catholic leaders, invoking prayers for justice when terrorists struck on Sept. 11, 2001, and escorting Pope Benedict XVI on his historic visit to the city in April 2008.

Born April 2, 1932, in Oak Park, IL, Cardinal Egan was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago on Dec. 15, 1957.

Cardinal Egan was consecrated a bishop in 1985. From 1985 – 1988, he served as Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar for Education of the Archdiocese of New York. In 1988, he was appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport by Pope John Paul II. In the year 2000, he was appointed Archbishop of New York and made a cardinal in 2001.

Along with his elevation to the College of Cardinals, his appointment by Pope John Paul II to lead the Archdiocese of New York was the culmination of more than five decades in the Church. He served as a canon lawyer and ecclesiastical judge before joining the senior ranks of the Church in America.

In May of 2009, at the age of 77, Cardinal Egan retired as Archbishop of New York. He maintained and assisted in the works of the Archdiocese, while serving on a number of offices of the Vatican.

Bishops call for greater protection of Middle East

WASHINGTON—In the wake of the brutal murders of 21 Coptic Christians at the hands of the Islamic State in Libya, increased support to protect religious minorities and civilians should be combined with adequate humanitarian assistance and other assets, said the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the chairman of the Bishops Committee on International Justice and Peace.

“The United States should only use military force consistent with ‘international and humanitarian law.’ At the same time, we must deploy other assets in the struggle against terrorism.”

Quoting the post-9/11 statement of the U.S. bishops, they reiterated: “While military action may be necessary, it is by no means sufficient to deal with this terrorist threat.”

The letter also addressed the need for humanitarian and resettlement assistance. Bishop Cantú witnessed the situation first hand during a recent solidarity visit to the Kurdish region of Iraq where the terror of the “Islamic State” has forced hundreds of thousands of Syrians and Iraqis—including Christians, Yazidis and Muslims—to flee their homes. “They arrive often with only the clothes on their backs. Catholic Relief Services is working with the local Church to assist the displaced without regard to creed, but the needs are overwhelming. More than one Catholic bishop begged us to urge our government to provide both protection and more humanitarian assistance,” the bishops wrote.

“Our delegation to Iraq also met with some very vulnerable refugees and displaced Syrians and Iraqis who will not be able to return to their homes. Some have health conditions, others have lost a bread winner, and still others are orphaned,” the bishops wrote on the magnitude of the crisis.

“The most vulnerable of this population need to have the option of resettlement to a third country. The United States should accept its share of these vulnerable cases.”

College of Saint Elizabeth Holocaust Center events

MORRISTOWN—The College of Saint Elizabeth has renamed the Holocaust Education Resource Center to the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education to reflect the increasing number of educational programs. The center will offer several events from March through May that are free and open to the public. In collaboration with the New Jersey Jewish Film Festival, a screening of “Farewell Herr Schwartz” will be held March 16 in the Dolan Performance Hall at the college at 7:30 p.m. The film was awarded Best Documentary at the Haifa International Film Festival. Refreshments will be served following the screening.

On Apr. 21, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. a day-long symposium titled “Rescuers During the Holocaust: Acts of Courage in Challenging Times” will be offered to teachers, students, and the general public.

The event features keynote speaker and survivor Suzanne Vromen Ph.D., professor emeritus of sociology at Bard College. The workshops will address the Jewish and non-Jewish rescuers, the state mandate concerning Holocaust education, global perspectives on the tragedy, and how to use archival documents in education.

On Apr. 30, the College of Saint Elizabeth will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide at 4:30 p.m. with a special introduction to the program by Garabed “Chuck” Haytaian former Speaker of the New Jersey Assembly.

Following remarks by college President Dr. Helen J. Streubert, the film “Aghet,” about the 1915 Armenian genocide, will be screened. Poetry and music of Armenia and a selection of traditional foods will be offered. The gala will be served following the screening.

On May 7, the center will host “Echoes and Reflections,” a free teacher-training event from 4 – 7:30 p.m. in the Annunciation Center. Participants will have a teachers’ resource guide, supplementary multimedia assets and supportive tools for educators to teach students the complex history of the Holocaust. The program was developed by Yad Vashem, the USC-Shoa Foundation, and the Anti-Defamation League.

Assumption College for Sisters announces gala

MENDHAM—Assumption College for Sisters will sponsor the 14th annual Caring Basket Gala on March 26, at the Hanover Marriott in Whippany.

Assumption is a fully accredited two-year college which primarily educates women called to consecrated life and of service in the Catholic Church. Currently, 49 students are enrolled at the college, representing 12 different nations.

The gala features a silent and oral auction, a gift basket raffle, cash raffle and unique wine pull. The gala is open to the public. For tickets and information or to make a donation, contact (973) 543-6528 ext. 227, e-mail secretary@acs350.org or visit http://acs350.org/events-2.

Assumption will award individuals who have contributed to the greater good of the community through their personal and professional endeavors. Recipients include Antoinette Petrocelli, Father Patrick O’Donovan and Timothy I. Duffy, Esq.
Visit to Cuba

Concerns and spreading positive messages to youth are issues both nations struggle with.

“Cubans do not want the capitalism that we have in America but they wouldn’t mind some aspects of our society,” Brodeur explained. “It is going to be important for both countries to compromise and learn from each other.”

One of the first individuals the group interviewed was Raul Rodríguez, a professor and researcher of the Centro de Estudios Hemisfericos y Sobre Estates at the University of Havana. Rodríguez has been a guest lecturer in Canadian and US universities on topics related to Cuban Foreign Policy and US-Cuba/Canadian-Cuba relations.

“He provided a frank perspective on the normalization of US-Cuba relations,” Brodeur said. “What really hit home with our group were the areas in which he felt Cuba was unwilling or should not compromise in regards to normalizing the relationship.”

Another memorable experience was when the students took a small boat along the Bay of Havana to the town of Regla. There, the group had the opportunity to attend a Pena, a cultural gathering with hip-hop music, poetry and dance, led by rap group, Obsesión.

“We got to watch the sunset from the roof of their house,” Brodeur recalled. “It was such a personal, intimate experience. The Cuban people were so hospitable and generous with their time; they welcomed us into their homes.”

Junior Alara Siegel said it was inspiring to hear Obsesión spread different messages than most American rappers.

“They don’t rap about degrading women, for example,” Alara said, “but instead they talk about social and racial issues and current events that are impacting their everyday lives.”

Another highlight was meeting two local artists, painter Eduardo “Choco” Roca and Lazaro Salsita, who makes art out of reclaimed trash. Salsita also created a community project that brought neighborhood children together to take art classes with him.

Junior Cortney Muller said meeting Salsita and learning about his project was a wonderful experience. “The little kids that he was working with were so amazing,” she explained, “and it was very rewarding to meet them and see what they do there.”

Senior Nicole Christopoul, said her favorite part of the trip was speaking with students in Havana. She enjoyed hearing their perspectives on life in Cuba and what they knew about America.

“It is so important for students to experience other cultures and learn about other environments besides their own,” Nicole said. “This experience truly changed my perspective of the world by showing me how people in other countries live and act.”

“Before I went, I was very naïve,” junior Sydney Wall said. “I didn’t know much about Cuba, and I had many preconceived notions about the people. Going there has opened my eyes and made me appreciate the little things much more. It was a life-changing experience that I will cherish for the rest of my life.”

Photo courtesy of Cuba Educational Travel
Oak Knoll faculty packs lunch for Bridges

SUMMIT—To continue Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child’s tradition of dedication to service, Upper School faculty members packed 156 lunch bags for Bridges Outreach on Feb. 18 during their weekly faculty meeting on Ash Wednesday.

Sustainable lunch bags were in place of regular lunch bags.

Faculty members met in Oak Knoll’s Grace Hall Chapel for a special Lenten prayer service, followed by the lunch bag assembly line.

“This was a great opportunity for the faculty to come together in a spirit of generosity while setting an example of service for their students,” Kathleen Lynch, chair of Oak Knoll’s theology department and director of campus ministry, said. “This was a perfect day (Ash Wednesday) to come together to pray, reflect and act on behalf of others. Working together and sharing conversation was a community building activity for the faculty.”

Since 1996, the Oak Knoll School community has supported the work of Bridges Outreach by delivering lunches and toiletries to families in Newark and New York City. Oak Knoll students also visit Bridges and volunteer as part of the school’s annual day of service.

In January, Oak Knoll’s second-grade class collected 274 sweaters for kids, men, and women served by Bridges Outreach.

Earlier this year, students from Oak Knoll’s Upper School traveled to New York City to bring meals and clothing to members of the homeless community. Oak Knoll’s Lower School (co-ed, kindergarten through grade 6) students provided the meals—including sandwiches, fruit, yogurt, snacks, and a drink—which were then delivered, along with clothing items by the Upper School students.

Felician College School of Education nationally accredited

LODI—Felician College announced that the School of Education has received accreditation for its undergraduate and graduate teacher education programs for seven years under the Teacher Education Accreditation Council quality principles. The council supports the preparation of competent, caring and qualified professional educators through an evidence-based accreditation process.

“The accreditation of our School of Education is a reflection of the excellence of our program and the dedication of our faculty,” Dr. Anne Prisco, president of Felician College, said. “Our clinically-rich program is designed to develop personal, intellectual, and professional qualities that are essential for excellent, caring, highly competent teachers.”

The Felician School of Education, with more than 200 candidates at the undergraduate, post-baccalaureate and graduate levels, develops educators by combining education theory with practical teaching experience. Intensive field experience is a hallmark of the program, with students spending an entire day each week in classroom settings beginning in their freshman year. This hands-on approach provides students with a deeper understanding of how children learn and familiarizes them with the challenges facing education in our society today. As a result, for the past three years, an independent panel of educators has chosen a Felician student as a New Jersey Distinguished Student Teacher.

Dr. Rose Rudnitski, dean of the School of Education, explained that in addition to graduating excellent teachers, Felician graduates reflect the college’s Franciscan mission.

“The School of Education faculty, staff and students reflect our Felician/Franciscan values in all that we do,” she said. “Our values for compassion, justice, peace and transformation are embedded in our minds and hearts and enrich our relationships. I am very proud of our accomplishments, but most of all, I am inspired by our deep sense of spirituality and respect for all people.”
Marie C. Foley appointed Dean of Seton Hall College of Nursing

SOUTH ORANGE—The Seton Hall University Office of the Provost announced that Marie C. Foley has been appointed the new Dean of the College of Nursing. Foley has served as the Acting Dean of the College since Aug. 2014.

“Dr. Foley possesses an impressive vision for the future of the College of Nursing, with a particular emphasis on, and commitment to, inter-professional education,” said Larry A. Robinson, the University’s provost and executive vice president. “Over the past few months, she has admirably demonstrated those leadership skills which will help to advance the College of Nursing as it meets the ongoing challenges related to providing effective healthcare education to our students.”

“I am delighted to be in a position to assist the College of Nursing in expanding our horizons and developing innovative strategies to educate our students,” said Foley. “We must offer an extraordinary curriculum to best educate our students for the challenges of the rapidly changing healthcare environment. The Institute of Medicine is calling for more inter-professional education, collaboration and teamwork, so our programs must teach students to function and communicate effectively as vital members of a healthcare team. With the School of Health and Medical Sciences and the planned School of Medicine, Seton Hall is positioned to become a leader in cutting-edge healthcare education.

“Patients in hospitals are much sicker today than in the past,” Foley added. “Nurses need to be able to make quick decisions and good clinical judgments. There also are an increasing number of nursing positions outside of hospitals, and more jobs are moving into the community. To compete, our students must have clinical experiences in settings where they will be prepared to deal with the new nursing landscape in which nurses are increasingly becoming the gatekeepers in healthcare.”

Although Foley has held various instructional positions at the University since 1985, she joined the nursing faculty as associate professor in Sept. 2005 and was named chairperson of the Graduate Department in 2012. During her tenure within the College of Nursing, Dr. Foley has been the Program Director for the Certificate and the Masters in School Nursing Programs, as well as the College of Nursing’s Director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant, an initiative to address critical nursing faculty shortages in the state of New Jersey. She has served as the Acting Dean of the College since Aug. 2014.

In addition to her interests in school nursing and child temperament, Foley has published articles related to mentoring new faculty and school nurses, parenting of children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorders (ADHD), as well as issues related to school-aged children and school nursing. Furthermore, Foley has presented at international, national and regional research conferences on topics related to ADHD, child temperament, parenting, mentoring new faculty and issues related to school nursing practice and education.

Foley earned her bachelor’s degree in nursing from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1981 and a master’s degree (1985) and a doctorate (2004) from New York University. She has received numerous awards and distinctions, including the Outstanding School Nurse Educator Award from the National Association of School Nurses (2013) and the Research Article Award from the Journal for Specialists in Pediatric Nursing (2012).

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Jeffrey Morrow, Ph.D.
March 12

St. Mary Parish, Rutherford, bereavement support group, six consecutive sessions, 7:30-9 p.m., (201) 438-2200.

March 14

Catechetical Office, Archdiocese of Newark, Spotlight on Faith, “The Creed: Our Heritage of Faith,” at St. James Parish, Springfield, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., cost: $40, call Dr. Eugene Tozzi at (973) 497-4288 or e-mail tozzieg@rcan.org.

March 15

Voice of the Faithful New Jersey, “Selma: Crossing the Bridge,” documentary and discussion, at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Morris-town, 3:30 p.m., call (973) 538-4063 or e-mail info@votnj.org.

March 17

Holy Name Medical Center, Teaneck, bereavement support group, “Understanding Your Grief after the Death of Your Child,” series will run for 10 weeks, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., pre-registration required, Claudia Coenen at (201) 833-3000, ext. 7483.

March 18

Sacred Thread Ministries, Berkeley Heights, prayer for peace, at Rosary Shrine Monastery, Summit, 9:30-11:30 a.m., (908) 608-3160.

March 20

Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, “Mercy Night” Lenten Holy Hour for young adults, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, 8 p.m., Bishop Manuel Cruz presiding, call Michael Burt at (973) 761-9575 or e-mail michael.burt@shu.edu.

March 22

St. Joseph Regional High School, Montvale, spring craft show sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., (201) 391-3300.

March 23

Sacred Thread Ministries, Berkeley Heights, “The Springtime of the Soul” Lenten retreat, at All Saints Parish House, Basking Ridge, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., cost: $45, (908) 608-3160.

The North Jersey Christian/Muslim Project, “Mary the Mother of Jesus: From a Christian and Muslim Perspective,” at the Islamic Center of Passaic County, Paterson, 7:30 p.m., (973) 653-3223.

March 24

Office of Clergy Personnel, Archdiocese of Newark, workshop helping families live with dementia, at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m., call Teresa Grillo at (973) 497-4225 or e-mail grillo@rcan.org.

March 25

Holy Spirit Parish, Union, bereavement support group, continues for eight consecutive Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m., (908) 687-3327.

March 28

Catechetical Office, Archdiocese of Newark, Spotlight on Prayer, “God’s Thirst,” at St. Henry Parish, Bayonne, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., cost: $40, call Dr. Eugene Tozzi at (973) 497-4288 or e-mail tozzieg@rcan.org.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Newark, springtime auction, 7 p.m., cost: $8 for adults/$4 for children under 12, (973) 483-0597.

March 29

St. Therese Parish, Cresskill, evening of music, prayer and reflection featuring Dan Schutte, 7 p.m., call (201) 567-2528 ext. 313 or e-mail asolty@sttheresecresskill.org.

April 5

Pastoral Ministry with Persons with Disabilities, Archdiocese of Newark, Inclusive Family Easter Mass, at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, 1:30 p.m., call Anne Masters at (973) 639-6536 or e-mail masteranrcan@gmail.com.

April 10

St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, Saddle River, eight consecutive weeks, 9:30-11 a.m., pre-registration required, call Annette Gallagher at (201) 612-4660 or e-mail parishfamilylife@stcatharineschurch.org.

April 11

Haiti Solidarity Network of the Northeast, fund-raiser dinner dance, at Caldwell University, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., cost: $50 general admission/$25 for students, call Kay Col at (201) 779-5379 or e-mail kayssj@optimum.net.

Obituaries

Sister Rosemary Napolitano, O.S.F.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 5 at Assisi House, Aston, PA, for Sister Rosemary Napolitano, O.S.F., 72, who died Jan. 30.

Born in Jersey City, Sr. Rosemary later moved to Union City where she was a graduate of Saint Michael High School. In 1959 she entered the Franciscan Sisters of Ringwood, a congregation that later merged with the Sisters of Saint Francis of Philadelphia. She professed her first vows in 1961.

Sr. Rosemary earned a bachelor’s degree from Seton Hall University and a master’s degree from Saint John University. She was also a certified addictions specialist and a certified alcohol and drug counselor. She ministered primarily in education, spiritual ministry, counseling and congregational ministry.

She ministered in the Diocese of Paterson for 41 years and for eight years in the Diocese of Brooklyn. In the Archdiocese of Newark, Sr. Rosemary served as principal of Assumption School in Emerson and as director of religious education at Saint Vincent Parish in Bayonne. She also ministered at the Bergen County Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Center in Paramus.

Father Capistran Hanlon, O.F.M.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 12 at Saint Mary of the Angels Chapel at Siena College, NY, for Father Capistran Hanlon, O.F.M., 81, who died Feb. 5.

Born in Rutherford, Fr. Hanlon was a professed Franciscan friar for 60 years and a priest for 54 years. He was received into the Order on Aug. 12, 1953, at Saint Bonaventure Parish, Paterson, and professed his first vows there the following year.

In 1961, Fr. Hanlon became an instructor in the sociology department at Siena College in Loudonville, NY. After teaching for four years, he went on for graduate studies in anthropology at the University of Colorado in Boulder, earning his master’s in 1964 and Ph.D. in 1971.

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as the Religious Dimension of Life, Contemporary Moral Values and electives in Catholic Spiritual Life.

In 1999, Msgr. Cafone was recommended by the priests on campus to the appointment of Minister to the Priest Community. He threw himself wholeheartedly into this position in service to his brother priests for 15 years.

He served as the vice chair of the board of trustees and the chair of the academic affairs committee of the board of regents. In 2005, he was honored with the title of monsignor. Over the course of 47 years at Seton Hall University, Msgr. Cafone ministered to students, faculty, administration and staff. He offered Mass for the university community; he absolved penitents and he prepared many young men and women for marriage. He served on numerous university committees and also served at many parishes on Sundays.

Msgr. Cafone’s accomplishments in his field of theology, his reputation as an outstanding teacher and his devoted priestly service, all demonstrated qualities which characterized him as an extraordinary member of the Seton Hall community, marked him as a person who had served the university with distinction and merited him the McQuaid Medal in 2012. His family, the Archdiocese of Newark, and Seton Hall University, all mourn his death.

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He returned to Siena in 1971 where he continued teaching in the sociology and social work department for the next 37 years. He was the first to receive an endowed chair at Siena, the Kiskis Chair.

Declining health caused Fr. Hanlon to retire in 2009. He relocated to Holy Name Friary in Ringwood, in April of last year.

Sister Carmelina Preziosi, M.P.F

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 7 at Saint Lucy Chapel at Villa Walsh, Morristown, for Sister Carmelina Preziosi, M.P.F., 99, who died Feb. 5.

Sr. Carmelina came to America from Italy with her family when she was 14 and resided in Dover. She entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in 1943, received her habit a year later, and made her religious profession in 1946. Sr. Carmelina earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from the College of Saint Elizabeth, Morristown.

Sr. Carmelina served at the following archdiocesan schools: Saint Anthony, Belleville; Our Lady of Sorrows, Jersey City; Saint Rocco, Newark; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Jersey City; Holy Family, Nutley; Saint Bartholomew, Scotch Plains; Saint Francis Xavier, Newark; and Our Lady Queen of Peace, Maywood.

When Sr. Carmelina retired at Villa Walsh in 1984, she spent most of her time in the community sewing room freely offering her service. She became a resident at Saint Joseph Hall Infirmary in 2007.

Sister Therese Francis Lorenz, S.C.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 18 at Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station, for Sister Therese Francis Lorenz, S.C., 95, who died Feb. 12.

Sr. Therese entered the Sisters of Charity on March 25, 1938 and was a member for 76 years. She graduated from the College of Saint Elizabeth with a bachelor’s degree in education. She served in the education ministry throughout New Jersey including Saint Mary Elementary School, Dumont and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Ridgewood.

Sr. Therese retired to Caritas Community, Jersey City, in 2005 and moved to Saint Anne Villa in 2006 where she resided until her death.

Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Hajduk,

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 5 at Saint Henry Parish, Bayonne, for Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Hajduk, who died Feb. 28.

Born in Bayonne, Msgr. Hajduk attended Seton Hall University, South Orange, Catholic University of America in Washington D.C., and Iona College. Ordained in 1953, his first assignment was Sacred Heart Parish, Lyndhurst, and in 1969 he was appointed youth director of the archdiocese. He served in that role until 1978, when he was named monsignor.

Monsignor Hajduk was assigned as administrator of Saint James Parish in Newark, and in 1979 was named rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral, also in Newark. He then served as parochial vicar at Saint Mary Parish in Dumont. In 1984, he was named pastor of Saint Hedwig’s Parish, Elizabeth, and in 1992 he returned to his hometown as pastor of Saint Henry.

While at Saint Henry, he continued his service to the community by serving on the Mental Health Board and the Interfaith Council of the Faith-Based Advisory Board. He also helped in the planning of the city’s observance of 9/11 each year before he retired. Monsignor Hajduk had also served as a priest member of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. During his 16 years as an associate at Sacred Heart, he served as a member of the Juvenile Conference Committee and the Mental Health Board.

He retired as a pastor of Saint Henry in July 2004 and resided at Saint John Vianney in Rutherford, where he served as director of the residence until this year.
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Saint Dominic Academy students recognized for achievement

JERSEY CITY — Four Saint Dominic Academy students were acknowledged for academic and extracurricular success. Freshman Grace Patrick was nominated to attend the Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Washington D.C. last year. The Congress is sponsored by the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists. Patrick’s name was submitted for consideration by science teacher, Cristina Manuel. She was then officially nominated by Dr. Connie Mariano, medical director of the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists to represent the school. The nomination was based on Patrick’s academic achievement, leadership potential and determination to serve humanity in the field of medicine.

Junior Dana DeCastro of Bayonne has been selected as a delegate representing Saint Dominic Academy and the state at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders to be held on June 28-30 in Boston. The congress is a highly selective national program honoring academically superior high school students dedicated to careers in science, technology, engineering or math. To attend the academic honors program, students must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5.

On Jan. 2, at the Scholarship Fund for Inner City Children Basketball Festival held at Kean University, Saint Dominic senior Casey McIntyre was awarded the Investors Bank Academic Excellence Award. The award is presented to one student-athlete from each participating team who has achieved academic excellence in the classroom as a member of the varsity basketball team. McIntyre is also the secretary of the student council and a member of the National Honor Society.

Sophomore Malia Gray has been named first violin in the Greater Newark Youth Orchestra. Qualified middle and high school students audition to make up the orchestra’s three-tiered ensembles, which perform two full concerts each year, as well as a chamber music concert and participate in other performance opportunities. Students also receive weekly coaching from professional musicians. The orchestra’s annual spring concert will be held on May 4 at Orange Preparatory Academy.

Left to right, Grace Patrick, Malia Gray, Dana DeCastro and Casey McIntyre.

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