Cardinal Tobin joins Good Friday walk

By Jonathan Azzara
Public Relations Specialist

Alongside dozens of faithful Catholics, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., participated in a three-hour “living” Stations of the Cross in downtown Newark March 30. The “Good Friday Walk: For Justice, For Immigrants and For All” was organized by St. James Parish in Newark.

The procession began in front of the Federal Immigration Building on Broad Street. From there, approximately 60 Catholics and Christians walked to several other locations, each symbolizing one station from the Stations of the Cross. Notable places included City Hall, St. Benedict’s Academy and Rutgers Campus Center, among others. The final stop was the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

During each stop, Father Karl Esker, C.Ss.R., parochial vicar at St. James, recited prayers and discussed several important topics, including equality for all and justice for immigrants.

“It is a call to the society. Why we are walking on the streets is to tell the people we need to come together for more justice as we follow the steps of Christ,” said Father Esker.

Since 2013, the goal of the Good Friday Walk has been to raise social justice awareness. “When we started this walk six years ago, we wanted to bring attention to issues that affected the poor and the disadvantaged. Equality for all and justice...”

Prisoner reentry conference

By Jim Goodness
Director of Communications

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., was a keynote speaker at the third annual NJ Reentry Conference sponsored by New Jersey Reentry Corporation at St. Peter’s University in Jersey City March 29. The theme of the conference—“Facing the Devil: the Opioid/Fentanyl Crisis and Reentry”—focused on the challenges the current drug crisis places on individuals returning to society following incarceration.

Organized by former New Jersey Governor Jim McGreevey, president of NJ Reentry, the day-long event dealt with issues such as “Medical Best Practices,” “Alternatives to Incarceration” and “Policy and Legislative Issues.” Several hundred attendees and a lineup of speakers that included NJ Senate President Stephen Sweeney, NJ Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Rev. Al Sharpton and NJ First Lady Tammy Murphy, advocated for the necessity for treatment rather than imprisonment for persons facing criminal sentences for actions rising from addiction. The program provided a platform to discuss improved efforts to combat this crisis and establish “best practices” to improve the lives of these individuals as they return home to New Jersey.

As he began his remarks, Cardinal Tobin drew a coin from his pocket and raised it for all to see. “I am one that has known the darkness of addition,” he said. “I have in my pocket a coin, which I keep right beside my rosary. It has 30 years on it.”

The cardinal also noted: “We are entering the Triduum, the holiest of times in the Catholic Church—a time when Christians celebrate the fulfillment of the promise of redemption. A time of new life in and with the Lord.”

He added the timing of the conference, during Holy Week, was significant. “Our brothers and sisters who have experienced the pain of prison, who have paid their debt to society, are worthy of redemption and new life, because we all are children of God.”

NJ Reentry Corporation has helped more than 4,000 former inmates make successful transitions into society following their time in prison.
Local pilgrims travel to Lourdes for Holy Week

By Melissa McNally
Editor

During Easter, a special group of young pilgrims from Bergen County ventured to Lourdes, France for a unique experience.

The American Special Children’s Pilgrimage Group (ASCPG) provides the annual trip for young people with physical and developmental disabilities. The pilgrims travel without their parents—giving them a sense of independence—but are accompanied by trained volunteers and medical staff. This year, the Bergenfield-based group had a total of 130 travelers, including group leaders, musicians, priests and Bishop Manuel A. Cruz.

The group left on Holy Saturday and spent Easter Sunday in the sacred town where the Blessed Mother appeared to a young girl named Bernadette Soubirous. During the journey, pilgrims celebrated daily Mass, visited the sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes, participated in a town-wide scavenger hunt and took a tour of St. Bernadette’s life. There were also family-style meals and opportunities for the thousands of pilgrims to socialize.

“The whole mission of the trip is to envelop the pilgrims in a feeling of love and acceptance,” explained Rosemarie Flood, co-founder of the ASCPG. “It is a truly joyful experience.”

Founded in 1995, the ASCPG is the American contingent of the U.K.-based charity Hosanna House and Children’s Pilgrimage Trust. Every Easter, Lourdes welcomes an average of 2,000 children and young adults with special needs from around the world and about 3,000 adult and teenage volunteers.

“When we travel, it’s like one big family,” added Flood, who’s a parishioner at St. Therese of Lisieux in Cresskill and also the religious education director at St. John the Evangelist in Bergenfield and Holy Trinity Parish in Fort Lee. “Most people who volunteer get so much out of the trip. You totally lose yourself during the week and give yourself over to the experience.”

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A highlight of the trip was the Mass where 8,000 pilgrims gathered at the Basilica of St. Pius X, also known as the Underground Basilica, for prayer and worship.

Through the generosity of individuals, community organizations and local businesses, the local group has been making the pilgrimage since 1998. Volunteers work throughout the year to raise funds for the pilgrims to travel free-of-charge, as well as half of their own trip, paying approximately $1,000 out of pocket.

Judith Rosenberg’s son, Bryan, went on the pilgrimage in 2015. A registered nurse, she has also traveled with the group as a medical volunteer.

“Bryan bonded easily with the amazing kids in the youth group and is still excited to see them,” Rosenberg explained. “The typical peer connection is very important. For kids with special needs, they never have imagined possible before going to Lourdes.”

This Easter marked her third trip to Lourdes as a volunteer. “There is an indescribable air of calm, comfort, joy and love that is present and palpable,” Rosenberg described. “Many say they do not want to leave. Each trip is special—watching the joy they are experiencing just takes your breath away.”
New School of Medicine accepting applicants for inaugural class

SOUTH ORANGE—Joining fewer than 10 top-flight Catholic university-sponsored medical schools, the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine at Seton Hall University is accepting applications for its inaugural class to begin in July. Located on the Clifton and Nutley campus, it’s the only private medical school to open in New Jersey.

“Dynamic changes in health care require a new approach to medical education and we are thrilled to announce that we are now accepting applications from so many talented and high achieving students,” said Robert Garrett, co-CEO of Hackensack Meridian Health.

The first class of 55 students will begin July 9 in the new school that aims to address the state-wide shortage of an estimated 3,000 doctors in New Jersey by 2020.

“There are talented young people who travel out of state or even out of the country to attend medical school. We want to provide a valuable in-state alternative,” Garrett added.

Additionally, the Hackensack Meridian Health board of trustees recently voted to establish a $100 million endowment fund for scholarships to the school, fulfilling a high priority to ensure top students can afford a medical education, Garrett said.

“Philanthropic support for a new institution sometimes takes years to cultivate. Having the endowment ear-marked gives the medical school a running start,” Garrett explained. “Scholarships will be based on financial need to attract a diverse group of students.”

The new school is also unique in that it offers a three-year program—one of only a dozen or so in the nation to take this approach, which can significantly lower the cost of a medical education.

“For many years, Seton Hall University has had exemplary programs in science and health education. The curriculum will help future physicians focus on ‘value-based’ care. ‘A holistic approach to health care, or caring for the whole person, is very important. That idea compliments who we are and what we do as a Catholic university,’” Meehan said.

The strategy is essential to improve outcomes and lower the cost of care as the nation faces an epidemic of diabetes and other chronic disease, which is costly and, in many cases, preventable. Even though the U.S. spends far more than virtually all nations, it lags behind peer nations in all major areas of health, including maternal and infant health and life expectancy. This new approach aims to eliminate disparities in health outcome by closely coordinating care and intervening earlier when problems develop.

“Our goal is to maximize health in all of the communities we serve, a goal best achieved through an interdisciplinary approach based on an understanding that health and wellness, as well as disease and sickness, occur where people live, work and play,” said Dr. Bonita Stanton, founding dean of the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine at Seton Hall. “We are humanizing health care.”

Medical students will develop partnerships with families living in stressed communities and work with them to understand and overcome factors that can impede their well-being, ranging from access to grocery stores to taking advantage of new developments in telemedicine.

Meehan noted that Jesus’ mission was to be both a healer and a teacher—qualities that are valuable to the medical school’s mission. “Dr. Stanton is committed to caring for and educating the poor. There is nothing more Catholic than that,” Meehan said.

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Pope, Martin Luther King share common dream, Vatican official says

By Junno Arocho Esteves
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Martin Luther King Jr.’s dream of a dignified life for all men and women, regardless of color or creed, continues to live on in the teachings of one of his most influential admirers—Pope Francis—a Vatican representative said.

Speaking to Vatican News April 3, the eve of the 50th anniversary of Dr. King’s assassination, Archbishop Ivan Jurkovic, Vatican observer to U.N. agencies in Geneva, said both the slain civil rights leader and the pope, instead, brings a new vision of the church, Archbishop Jurkovic said.

King’s legacy of nonviolent resistance to the injustices suffered by African-Americans in the United States, he said, began a “new era” that ushered in “a general development of society and democracy” in the world.

Archbishop Jurkovic said that same Christian-inspired message, echoed today by many influential leaders like Pope Francis, has two important guiding principles that are pertinent in today’s tumultuous political climate.

The first “is nonviolence, a principle that has become somewhat problematic today in the face of the many violent actions that surround us. Then there is the principle of universal fraternity: to consider all people as beneficiaries of the same brotherhood,” Archbishop Jurkovic said.

Those principles, he added, not only must remain relevant for those working at a bureaucratic level crafting policy in the United Nations, but also must be defended by influential leaders in society today.

“Pope Francis does it, he does it in a splendid way, and everyone recognizes the role he has gained in such a short time,” the archbishop said. “The pope believes that the only future worthy of the human person is one that includes everyone.”

Archbishop Jurkovic said all people must pursue and defend this vision that brought about change through the life and death of Martin Luther King.

“We can all be happy, but this only comes if all are included—from the last one to the most privileged and vice versa,” he said.

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Catholic Bible conference

CLARK—How often do you read the Bible? How well do you comprehend it or include it in your daily life? For the first time, the Archdiocese of Newark is offering a Catholic Bible conference to get to know Scripture better in order to gain a deeper relationship with Jesus and grow in knowledge of the Catholic faith.

“God’s Word Today” will be held on Saturday, April 14 at Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark. The daylong event is open to all parishioners within the archdiocese.

The day will begin with a morning prayer service celebrated by Msgr. Thomas Nydegger, vicar general and moderator of the curia. Father Pablo Gadenz, associate professor of Biblical Studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary, will give the keynote address. He will discuss practical suggestions for making Bible reading a fruitful part in daily life.

Workshops will also be available in both English and Spanish, with topics including reading and living the Scriptures, connecting families with the Bible, and using Scripture to discern God’s will.

The Catechetical Office is providing this event thanks to a grant it received from the American Bible Society to promote Bible literacy among Catholics in the archdiocese.

Pope Francis has urged Catholics to read the Bible often, meditate on it and give it the same place in daily life as cellphones, asking what would happen “were we to turn back when we forget it; were we to open it several times a day; were we to read God’s messages contained in the Bible as we read telephone messages … Don’t forget what would happen if we treated the Bible as we treat our mobile phone, always with us, always close to us!”

For more information about the Catholic Bible conference, including the brochure and registration form, please visit: www.rcan.org/catechetical.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., is scheduled to appear at the following upcoming events:

Friday, April 27, 11:30 a.m. 
Newark Holocaust Remembrance Service
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark

Saturday, April 28, 11 a.m.
Regional Mass and Meeting for V Encuentro
Diocese of Trenton

Sunday, April 29, 3 p.m.
Mass for Christian couples celebrating 5th and 25th anniversaries
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark

Sunday, May 6, 3 p.m.
Mass for Christian couples celebrating 50th anniversary
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark

Sunday, May 6, 5 p.m.
Celebration of 70th anniversary of Rev. Msgr. James Turro’s ordination
Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange

Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m.
Mass with Neophytes
Holy Spirit Parish, Union

Sunday, May 20, Noon
Diaconate ordination
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark

Saturday, May 26, 10 a.m.
Priesthood ordination
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark

Monday, May 28, 11 a.m.
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for immigrants are two extremely important issues in our time,” Father Esker explained. “We hope that through this walk, people will, at least, become more aware of these and other social justice issues.”

Cardinal Tobin has been a passionate supporter of immigration reform. In a September 2017 statement, he called President Donald Trump’s decision to phase out the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) executive order “malicious.”

“The rule of law, first, last and always, must provide a humane, moral code to organize, protect and advance society based on the best ideals and beliefs in our hearts and minds. Catholic teaching calls all people to make a commitment to uphold the dignity of every person and to work for the common good of our nation,” the cardinal stated.
Sister pens book for children about the environment

By Melissa McNally
Editor

“‘If you’re not going to move forward, you’re moving backward,’” said Sister Mary Elizabeth Clark, S.S.J., with regards to climate change. Her latest book, “Teaching Kids to Care for God’s Creation,” provides tools for parents, teachers and parish staff to implement Pope Francis’ encyclical Laudato si’ in everyday life.

“The book includes activities and brief prayers geared toward the formation of children. There are also tips on how to protect the environment within the curriculum,” the sister explained.

Sister Mary Elizabeth serves as the director of the Sisters of Saint Joseph Earth Center in Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, and special assistant to the president for sustainability at Chestnut Hill College. She is also an ambassador for the U.S. Catholic Bishops Care for Creation Covenant.

She has been championing social justice issues for decades. She served as a lobbyist with NETWORK, a national Catholic social justice lobby in Washington, D.C., for seven years. Climate change and care for the environment, Sister Mary Elizabeth noted, is a social justice issue.

“Pope Francis uses the term ‘integral ecology,’ connecting social justice and poverty with how the Earth is being treated,” she said.

Prior to her work nationally, Sister Mary Elizabeth was a staff member in the Beyond RENEW program of the Department of Human Concerns in the Archdiocese of Newark. She also taught at the former St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School in Bayonne, St. John Academy in Hillsdale and lived at Blessed Sacrament Convent in Newark.

“In the Archdiocese of Newark, I worked directly with people struggling with poverty,” she recalled. “I saw firsthand how the environment was affected in areas of poverty. There were incinerators in low-income housing blowing harmful smoke into the air and some areas had contaminated drinking water. These aren’t just environmental issues; they are human rights issues.”

Sister Mary Elizabeth has traveled the country hosting presentations and workshops in parishes about Earth conservation. She said she has noticed there is beginning to be less resistance to the idea of “scientific phenomenon” of global climate change.

“There are some people who are ignorant of scientific research and that is sad to me. There is so much data and evidence that climate change is happening. Having Pope Francis’ name attached to the belief that climate change is real is a positive advancement,” she said.

Now 75 years old, Sister Mary Elizabeth does less traveling and would prefer to publish more books to enrich the lives of others. “I used to be onstage all the time and it is no longer desirous for me,” she said. “I would rather mentor others and have younger people in the spotlight.”

To purchase “Teaching Kids to Care for God’s Creation,” visit www.twentythirdpublications.com.
My decision to enter religious life was part of a long and mysterious process that weighed heavily on me until the moment I said, “Yes, Lord, I will go.”

Despite being a cradle Catholic, and being involved in various Catholic ministries during and after college, I never considered becoming a sister—that is, until the rat race burned me out.

Frankly, God wasn’t my biggest priority while I climbed the corporate ladder. After graduating college with a bachelor’s degree in history and journalism, I was blinded by the allure of a glamorous, fast-paced life in network television in New York City, and I chased after a career in broadcast media for three years working in areas ranging from production to research to multimedia news. I moved from job to job, working overnight and weekend shifts, holidays, doing whatever I needed to do to get ahead. I was not happy, and there was a growing restlessness in my heart for something more.

I thought it was my career that was causing this growing unrest within me. So, I prayerfully considered a career change and decided to leave journalism for a field where I saw greater potential to effect positive social change. With a desire to help communities through the built environment, I decided to get a master’s degree in urban planning. It still hadn’t dawned on me that the hole in my heart could be filled by a religious vocation.

Halfway into graduate school, I attended a “Life in the Spirit Seminar” hosted by a charismatic young adults group. During the retreat, I was touched by the Holy Spirit in a very powerful way. I felt my heart filling with great joy and peace. I began to hear God’s call to live exclusively for him.

After encountering God through the Catholic charismatic movement six years ago, the Lord has led me to various places, events and people that challenged the way I once saw, thought and interpreted the world around me.

Among these events included a mission trip to Haiti. Despite poverty, pollution and instability of their surroundings, the religious there were some of the happiest and most authentic people I had ever met. As I spent more time with them, I realized that the purpose of my own life is to love and be loved by God. I felt that God may be calling me to do this, specifically, as a consecrated religious.

Upon my return from Haiti, I began to visit communities with the help of my spiritual director. I looked at the spirituality of the congregation more than their core work, and I asked myself if I could see myself living that community’s lifestyle and foster a special love and respect for the community’s founders.

As I continued to pray for and discern my desired community, God led me to the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco. These sisters were very different from other religious I had met. Currently, I’m in my third year of formation with the Salesian Sisters. I feel more fully alive now than ever before. Learning to live the virtues of poverty, obedience and chastity enables me to be totally free to love and serve others. I have faith that God’s plan for me is, in the words of the prophet Jeremiah, “a future full of hope.”

Answering God’s call to be ‘fully alive’

By Boram Lee

Boram Lee is a novice with the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco in Demarest.
UNION CITY—St. Augustine School will host the 6th annual Sister Roberta O’Hea Scholarship Dinner on May 2 at Fiesta in East Rutherford.

The event is named for the school’s longtime principal and teacher. Sister Roberta O’Hea, S.C., served the school starting in 1959, and was principal from 1978 until her death in 2009. In 1992, under her leadership, St. Augustine School received Middle States Accreditation, the first Catholic elementary school in Hudson County to do so. After her death, alumni, students and city officials honored her by renaming 40th Street between New York and Palisade Avenues as “Sister Roberta Way.”

Born in Roxbury, Mass., Sister Roberta died at the age of 70 after battling cancer. She entered the Sisters of Charity on Sept. 6, 1956, and was a member for 52 years. She graduated from the College of Saint Elizabeth in 1964, and earned a master’s degree in education for the deaf from Columbia University. She served in the Apostolate for the Deaf for the Archdiocese of Newark from 1968 to 1990.

Tickets for the dinner are $125. For more information, contact Sister Johanna at joquinto@optonline.net.

Sister Roberta O’Hea, S.C.
Local News

Springtime in New Jersey usually means better weather and the start of parish festivals and school field days. It also means state budget season. Just as businesses and families need a budget to guide financial decisions, so, too, does government. Like the private sector, there are many competing interests for budget dollars, and our governor and Legislature are charged with determining priorities and crafting a balanced budget by July 1. Many may remember trips to the shore and camping trips were upended last July 4th weekend when that didn’t happen.

Having an on-time budget reflecting the needs of New Jersey’s families is important to all of us, and is a prime area of advocacy for the NJ Network of Catholic School Families. Nonpublic schools in general, and Catholic schools in particular, do the public good by offering a quality education to the state’s children at considerable savings to taxpayers. Recognizing this, the Legislature allots aid for certain student services. For example, families are grateful that security aid ($75 per pupil) is available for security enhancements to maintain student safety. Nonpublic school aid also impacts how students get to and from school, their health while there, and how learning is maximized.

Safe and efficient transportation to and from school is critical for all students. For more than 10 years, transportation aid was capped at $884 per student, making it increasingly difficult for local school districts or the companies they hire to put together a bus route that would transport nonpublic school students. Local districts do not have the same budget constraints for public school students. Through persistent advocacy we were able to have transportation aid increased to $1,000 per student. However, in the new budget, that amount has been reduced to $884, putting rides to school for students in jeopardy. When bus routes are canceled, parents may be forced to withdraw their children from their Catholic school because they have no other way of getting them there.

State aid provides limited funding for school nurses to assist with health records and medical issues that arise during the school day. Technology monies are used to obtain devices such as smart boards, computer-driven equipment and services that have become standard in modern classrooms. These accounts provide modest aid in these areas, and both have been cut in the proposed budget, which contains a reduction of $3.8 million in nursing and technology. Compare this with the public school accounts in the budget, which have been increased by more than $283 million.

During this budget season, we are advocating for the restoration of funding in transportation, nursing and technology accounts. We do this by testifying before the Senate and Assembly budget committees, meeting with members of the Legislature, and by contacting them directly. Catholic school families, supporters, parishioners and concerned taxpayers can contact their legislators to add their voices to the funding restoration request. Visit NJ Catholic Conference at www.njcatholic.org where in a few keystrokes you will be able to send an advocacy message to your state legislator and members of the budget committees. If you would like more specific information, contact the NJ Network of Catholic School Families for the Archdiocese Newark at ntwkdirector@rcanschools.org.

Mary McElroy, Esq., is the director of NJ Network of Catholic School Families and Government Funded Programs.

By Mary McElroy

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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Following a long-standing tradition in this Archdiocese, I am happy to share with you a summary of the financial condition of the Archdiocese of Newark Chancery Office at the conclusion of the last two fiscal years, which ended on June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017 respectively. Grant Thornton, L.L.P., a nationally renowned accounting firm, audited this financial information according to generally accepted accounting principles. Grant Thornton issued an unqualified, or “clean,” opinion that states that the financial information presents “fairly, in all material respects, the financial position” of the Archdiocese’s Chancery Office.

The contributions that form the basis of this report come from three principal sources: the Sharing God’s Blessings Annual Appeal, special gifts from the We Are Living Stones Campaign and parish assessments. Your generosity supports a broad range of services: education, general operations, health care and social services, pastoral outreach and other pastoral efforts. Both the income and the expenditures reflect the commitment of many individuals as well as parish communities in support of the mission of this Archdiocese. May God bless you for your generosity!

All of us in the Archdiocesan Center recognize the importance of maintaining and developing services and programs to support efforts to live our faith in our parishes, schools and institutions. As you know, I embarked on an extensive tour of the Archdiocese in 2017 to begin to understand the dreams and concerns of Catholics across the Archdiocese. Wherever I visited, I glimpsed the deep love that we all share for Jesus Christ and His Body, the Church. I begin each day thanking Christ the Redeemer for sending me as your shepherd and for your generous support of His work.

Sincerely in Christ the Redeemer,

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R
Archbishop of Newark
Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark Chancery Office
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<td>Obligation due under split-interest agreements</td>
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<td>Operating expenses</td>
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<td>Decrease in unrestricted net assets from operation</td>
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<td>Gain on Sale of Properties</td>
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<td>12,844,751</td>
<td>(4,307,077)</td>
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<td>Net cash provided (used) in operating activities</td>
<td>$1,363,978</td>
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<td>Cash flow provided by financing activities</td>
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<td>6,059,484</td>
<td>1,222,945</td>
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<td>19,790,728</td>
<td>18,567,783</td>
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<td><strong>$25,850,212</strong></td>
<td><strong>$19,790,728</strong></td>
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark Chancery Office

CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION
Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016

Support and Revenue

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<td>36% $18,510,436</td>
<td>38% $18,603,722</td>
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<td>5% $2,488,299</td>
<td>9% $4,543,712</td>
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<td>Interest and Investment Income</td>
<td>6% $3,313,854</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous Revenues</td>
<td>29% $14,731,052</td>
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<td>Cemeteries Assessment</td>
<td>7% $3,652,063</td>
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<td>Campaign Contributions</td>
<td>1% $611,958</td>
<td>7% $3,641,287</td>
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<td>Campaign - Work of Mercy</td>
<td>12% $5,924,425</td>
<td>3% $1,622,545</td>
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<td>Endowment Fund Revenue</td>
<td>4% $2,191,017</td>
<td>5% $2,406,541</td>
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<td><strong>$51,423,104</strong></td>
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Operating Services

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<td>79% $41,648,412</td>
<td>76% $39,962,628</td>
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<td>Management and General</td>
<td>18% $9,243,184</td>
<td>15% $7,779,752</td>
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<td>Fundraising</td>
<td>3% $1,744,065</td>
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<td>Pastoral</td>
<td>33% $13,658,134</td>
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<td>Healthcare and Social Services</td>
<td>13% $5,495,459</td>
<td>14% $5,647,634</td>
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<td>Priestly Ministry and Formation</td>
<td>8% $3,468,020</td>
<td>8% $3,449,313</td>
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<td>Education</td>
<td>31% $12,786,371</td>
<td>28% $11,753,475</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>12% $4,943,326</td>
<td>12% $4,925,188</td>
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<td>Public Affairs and Information Services</td>
<td>3% $1,297,102</td>
<td>1% $530,036</td>
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Winners of Saint Dominic Academy’s poetry contest had the opportunity to meet published poet Jonterri Gadson (center, right). Gadson co-directed “Writing from the Margins” at Bloomfield College, a literary studies institute with workshops that centered the writing and voices of marginalized writers. Her poetry has appeared in “The Los Angeles Review,” “The Collagist” and other journals. Gadson currently serves as assistant professor of Creative Writing/English at Bloomfield College. Poetry contest entries are judged by various faculty members for class-wide winners, for school-wide winners and for the Poet of the Year. “It was so fun sitting down with Ms. Gadson to talk about her work and where she gets her inspiration,” said senior Francesca Guido, recipient of Co-Poet of the Year. “Poetry is one of my favorite forms of literature and it was so interesting talking about it with a published author.”
Schools from across the archdiocese participated in the March 14 walkout to raise awareness about gun violence. Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., and Superintendent for Catholic Schools Dr. Margaret Dames encouraged students to host prayer services and Masses for victims of violence in schools. Following the Feb. 14 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., where 17 students were killed, gun violence and stricter firearm legislation has risen to the forefront of the national conversation. On March 24, the student-led demonstration “March for Our Lives” drew hundreds of thousands of people to Washington, D.C., with 800 events held in other cities across the country and around the world. A day after the march, during Palm Sunday Mass, Pope Francis addressed young people: “It is up to you not to keep quiet. Even if others keep quiet, if we older people and leaders, some corrupt, keep quiet, if the whole world keeps quiet and loses its joy, I ask you: Will you cry out?”

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RUTHERFORD—Felician University President Dr. Anne M. Prisco was honored by the state’s leading business journal NJBIZ as one of the year’s Best 50 Women in Business.

“I am so grateful to be in the position to help others better their lives and improve the world condition through higher education,” Prisco said when recognized for her leadership at The Palace at Somerset Park in Somerset.

Since taking the helm as the university’s first lay president in 2012, Prisco introduced new academic programs and advanced degrees in nursing, education, business and arts and sciences. An advocate for women’s rights, she has spoken at the United Nation’s General Assembly on the importance of women in STEM fields and spearheaded an on-campus program to address sexual assault.

A graduate from the University of Arizona, Prisco earned a master’s degree in finance from Fordham University and received a doctorate in economics and education from Columbia University. She has served as an administrator, faculty member, researcher and consultant.

“Dr. Prisco has dedicated her life to providing students with a high-quality, affordable education, enabling them to fulfill their personal and professional goals, contribute meaningfully to society and embrace lifelong learning,” said Dr. John Farkas, vice president for university advancement at Felician. “Her genuine compassion for others and commitment to making our university and world a better place is inspiration to all who have the great privilege to know and work with her.”
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DEMAREST—As Miyu Yamasaki and Marin Kishida, two students from Kyoto, Japan, prepared to travel to New York City for the 62nd United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, they found a knowledgeable ally in a student from the Academy of the Holy Angels. Jaya Sharma attended last year’s conference, and generously shared information with her peers on the other side of the world.

Yamasaki and Kishida are students at Notre Dame Jogakuin, which was established by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, the same Catholic Sisters who founded Holy Angels.

Sharma’s email correspondence with the Japanese students was an outgrowth of the connection established between the two schools. Teacher Dean Williams from Notre Dame Jogakuin contacted Holy Angels in the fall of 2017, creating a pathway for his students to practice their English language skills. That project is ongoing. As the friendships between the students at both schools developed, Sharma realized she would be able to assist Yamasaki and Kishida with critical information.

“Miyu has asked me a lot of questions,” Sharma shared. “She asked me about the schedule, the lengths of the panel discussions, a list of documentaries to watch, and, since it will be her first time in New York City, about the weather.”

The Commission on the Status of Women first met in Lake Success, N.Y., in 1947. Since that time, the group has established relationships with non-governmental organizations, including the School Sisters of Notre Dame. The religious order sends delegates to the conference and encourages students from sponsored schools to participate.

“I gave them information about what my personal experience was and how it motivated me to take action. Additionally, I clarified the sequence of events and panel setups, as well as recommended documentaries relevant to this year’s theme (achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls). I hope that my information made them feel more prepared for the event,” Sharma said.

Sharma added that the United Nations experience encouraged her to urge peers to dedicate some part of their lives to the goal of women’s empowerment.

“My participation in Commission on the Status of Women left me with a whole new perspective on how I view women’s issues. The unforgettable firsthand accounts of various panelists’ own struggles are cemented in my memory,” she said.
To close the season of Lent, students in the pre-kindergarten 4-year-old class at Sacred Heart School in Lyndhurst dressed in costumes and depicted the Stations of the Cross for their families. The youngsters also showed their prayerful performance to the grammar school’s upper grades.
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Easter Mass 2018

He is risen! Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., celebrated Easter Sunday Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. On Holy Saturday, during vigils throughout the archdiocese, 416 catechumens were baptized and welcomed into the church. There were also 657 people who received sacraments of first Communion or confirmation at local parishes, including 45 parishes in Bergen County; 35 parishes in Essex County; 25 parishes in Hudson County; and 19 parishes in Union County.

The 25th annual Business and Labor Recognition Reception set a new record. The event held April 3 at Mayfair Farms in West Orange raised $740,000 thanks to approximately 500 guests from business and labor union communities throughout the state, as well as other companies’ donations. The money raised will help support the full range of Youth and Young Adult Ministry programs, such as the annual CYO Summer Camp in Kearny (pictured above). This year’s reception honored Joseph Sheridan, president and chief operating officer for Wakefern Food Corporation and John Niccollai, president of United Food & Commercial Workers Union, Local 464A.
April 26

**Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children**, annual gala at The Venerable of Mount Carmel in Garfield, visit [www.sfici nj.org](http://www.sfici nj.org) or call 973-497-4278.

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**Obituaries**

**Father Brian Tomlinson, O.F.M. Cap.**

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 16 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Passaic for Father Brian Tomlinson, O.F.M. Cap., 81, who died March 10.

Born in the Bronx, Father Tomlinson made his first profession of vows on Aug. 3, 1958, and was ordained April 3, 1965.

Father Tomlinson ministered throughout New York and New Jersey, including Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Orange. He also served as pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Hackensack.

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**Rev. Msgr. Sean Cunneen**

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 17 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Scotch Plains for Rev. Msgr. Sean Cunneen, 77, who died March 11.

Born in Orange, Msgr. Cunneen was ordained in Newark April 1, 1967. He served as a teacher at his alma mater, St. Benedict’s Prep in Newark, and was Newman Chaplain at Essex County College. In 1979, he was assigned as a parochial vicar at St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Summit, where he served until 1985.

He continued to serve the archdiocese as pastor of Holy Rosary/St. Michael Parish in Elizabeth, while also serving on the presbyteral council for the Archdiocese of Newark. He served as pastor at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Elizabeth (1989 to 1997) and Our Lady of Peace Parish in New Providence (1997 to 2007).

Msgr. Cunneen served as regional vicar of Union County and consultant for the Archdiocese of Newark from 2002 to 2007, and pastor and administrator of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Scotch Plains from 2008 to 2014.

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**Rev. Msgr. Thomas A. McCarthy**

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 16 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Washington Township for Rev. Msgr. Thomas A. McCarthy, 83, who died March 12.

Born in Bayonne, Msgr. McCarthy was ordained May 23, 1959. His assignments included St. Peter, Belleville; Ascension, New Milford; St. Mary Star of the Sea, Bayonne; and Our Lady of Good Counsel, Washington Township, where he served as pastor from 1979-2009.

Msgr. McCarthy also served as director of Continuing Education for the Archdiocese of Newark for 12 years.

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**Father Luigi Zanotto, M.C.C.J.**

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 4 at St. Lucy Parish in Newark for Father Luigi Zanotto, M.C.C.J., 77, who died March 17.

Born in Povegliano Veronese, Italy, Father Zanotto lived in Mexico for almost 20 years and studied at the University of Salamanca, Spain. In 1992, he worked with the North American Province of the Comboni Missionaries.

He was assigned to St. Lucy in 2009, and renovated the aging church structures, especially the church facade, bell tower and basement. He also introduced Our Lady of Guadalupe and Madonna de la Nube to the church, and renovated the rectory and part of St. Lucy’s Community Center.

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**Father Matthais T. Conva**

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 1 at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish in Paramus for Father Matthais T. Conva, 82, who died March 23.

Born and raised in Carbondale, Pa., Father Conva was ordained a Third Order Regular Franciscan in Pittsburgh in 1962. After ministering in Pennsylvania, he was assigned to the Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of Newark in 1978 and was incardinated in 1986.

Father Conva served as a priest in residence to St. Rose of Lima Parish in Short Hills and Holy Family Parish in Nutley. Following his work with the Catechetical Office, he served as parochial vicar at St. Mary, Star of the Sea, Bayonne; St. Thomas the Apostle, Bloomfield; and St. Matthew, Ridgefield.

He was pastor at St. Benedict Parish in Newark and dean for the Ironbound Deanery. Father Conva became pastor of St. Michael Parish in Union and dean of the Union North Deanery until his retirement in 2006 to Our Lady of the Visitation Parish in Paramus.
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