SUPPORTING ARCHDIOCESAN PROGRAMS—The fourth annual “Nourishing Your Faith” dinner and fund raiser was held Nov. 7 at the Teaneck Marriott at Glenpointe despite a snowy nor’eastern storm and the aftermath disruptions caused by Hurricane Sandy. Archbishop John J. Myers and the archdiocesan Office of Development, led by Carla Repollet, executive director, hosted the gala event. Archbishop Myers is pictured with (top photos, left to right) Ralph Martin, keynote speaker and president of Renewal Ministries, Ann Arbor, MI; Ryan Asselta, master of ceremonies, sports anchor for WNYW-FOX5-TV, New York, and a 1994 graduate of Saint Joseph Regional High School, Montvale; and John Giannuzzi, co-chair of the event. Pictured in the top right photo are George and June Croonquist, co-chair of the event. In the bottom left photo, Archbishop Myers is pictured with Angelo DeRusso, dinner sponsor, and Paula Minardi. In the bottom right photo, Archbishop Myers is shown with world-famous author and Saddle River resident Mary Higgins Clark, who served as a guest speaker, and her husband, John Connelly, retired chairman and chief executive officer of Merrill Lynch Futures. Each year the Nourishing Your Faith dinner raises money to support a spectrum of evangelization programs in the archdiocese. This year the event raised over $220,000. Recipients of the proceeds include the annual Men’s Commission and Women’s Day of Reflection, which will be held March 2, 2013 and March 9, 2013, respectively; the Office for Evangelization; the School’s Office; and the Hispanic Apostolate. Martin addressed the gathering and discussed the current global initiative of the “New Evangelization” as the centerpiece of the “Year of Faith” and the 50th anniversary of the landmark Second Vatican Council. Martin said the fundamental mission of the New Evangelization is to make Christ known to the world, helping the faithful to know and love Jesus. “It’s a conversion and a personal decision to accept Christ and become His disciple,” Martin explained. “It’s not just coming back to the Church; it’s coming into a new relationship with Jesus.” He said 50 years ago the Second Vatican Council was a “rediscovery” of the role of the laity in the Church and the New Evangelization. Lay people have a “fundamental role to seek and save those who are lost.” Why should lay people “bother” to do all this? “Because something significant hangs in the balance; because it really matters how people live and what they believe,” Martin declared.

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