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 THE MOST REVEREND FRANK J. CAGGIANO
 ON THE JOYFUL OCCASION OF HIS INSTALLATION AS
 THE FIFTH BISHOP OF BRIDGEPORT



My Heartfelt Thanks!

from
Bishop Caggiano



Thank you, Mom! Bishop Caggiano remembered his late Mother, Gennarina, in his "Thank you" comments at the end of the Installation Mass, which was celebrated on September 19, the date of her birthday and the Feast of San Gennaro.

(below) Excitement and joy! Faithful well-wishers surrounded Bishop Caggiano as he made his way into the Vespers Service at St. Augustine Cathedral to formally begin his ministry in the diocese.

Dear Friends in Christ,

I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to all who organized and participated in the Mass of Installation, the Vespers Service and the gracious receptions that were held as a part of the inauguration of my ministry in your midst.

So many visiting bishops and priests have mentioned to me how impressed they were by the beauty of the liturgies and the level of planning for the Masses and events. Through your efforts, the Installation Mass was a great day of grace in the life of the local Church and the Diocese of Bridgeport.

Many people worked very hard to prepare the Installation Mass at Saint Theresa Parish, the Vespers Service at St. Augustine Cathedral and the two receptions that were held at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish. I wish to offer

a special word of thanks to Fr. Brian Gannon, pastor of St. Theresa Parish, Msgr. Richard Shea, pastor of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish and Fr. Peter Lenox, administrator of the Cathedral Parish for their hospitality, generosity and support. Their sacrifice and generosity made possible the beautiful and reverent Mass that we celebrated together and the time to socialize before and after Mass, sharing some wonderful food and refreshments.

I deeply appreciate your gracious welcome, your kindness and enthusiasm. Since July 31, the day I visited the Catholic Center to meet the staff and hold a press conference, I have been deeply touched by the outpouring of support and welcome that has been extended to me.

I am both grateful and humbled by all those who have opened their arms and hearts to me. I am especially thankful for



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your promise of prayers in the weeks and months ahead.

On a personal note, I also wish to offer my thanks for the warm welcome you extended to my family. You have been most gra-

cious to my sister, Antonia, and her grown children, Dominic and Pasqualina, and to other members of my family who journeyed from Brooklyn for the Installation. Whether meeting people at the St. Augustine International Summer Fair or at the supermarket, we have been made to feel so welcome by your friendliness.

In my first visits across Fairfield County, I've been graciously welcomed by parishioners from St. John Parish in Darien, St. Rose of Lima Parish in Newtown, St. Catherine of Siena in Riverside, St. Peter Parish in Bridgeport and students at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Greenwich. In these and other stops, I have seen first hand that our diocese is a loving and faithful family with tremendous capacity to do good and serve the Lord. You have been truly blessed and have generously shared your blessings

with others.

Let me also say that your faithfulness and love of the Church inspire and affirm me and my brother priests. Certainly your magnificent welcome will sustain me in my efforts to be a good shepherd of the diocese.

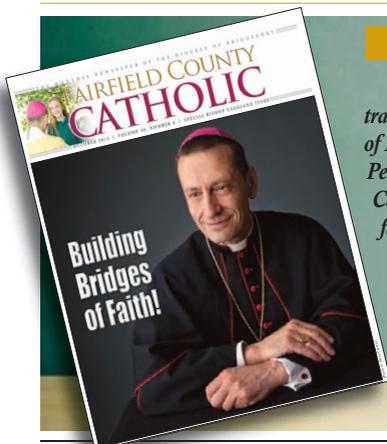
It would not be possible to thank in an individual manner all of those who attended, volunteered or assisted in the Installation, so please accept my heartfelt gratitude and know that you remain in my prayers and personal intentions.

May our gracious Lord bless you with every good gift and keep you and your families safe in His love. I invite you to be witnesses to the Gospel, to invite people of good will to know Him whom we know and love. We have the best of news to share!

Now, let us continue our work of building spiritual bridges to the honor of the Lord!



A CLOSE-KNIT FAMILY joined in celebrating Bishop Caggiano's installation. (l-r) His sister Antonia, nephew Dominic, niece Pasqualina and her husband Cesar. (PHOTO BY MICHELLE BABYAK)

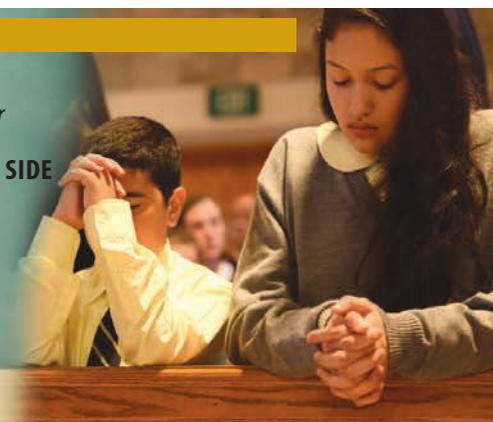


ON THE COVER

ON THE COVER: One of the official portraits of Bishop Frank J. Caggiano, Fifth Bishop of Bridgeport, taken by Fairfield photographer Peter Tepper. Brooklyn born and raised, Bishop Caggiano is dedicated to "building bridges of faith and God's mercy" as our new Shepherd. ABOVE THE MAST: Many students registered their excitement when Bishop Caggiano took the time to personally greet them when they stepped off the bus in front of St. Theresa Church on the day of his installation.

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Installation Mass

A splendid day for an Installation

By **JOSEPH PRONECHEN**

September 19 was a picture-perfect day. Heaven was smiling upon the installation of Bridgeport's Bishop Frank Caggiano at St. Theresa Church in Trumbull.

Thousands who watched the installation over local television stations and millions who were present via Eternal Word Television Network, which broadcast the Mass and ceremonies nationally from a parish that absolutely sparked, were also surely smiling.

The excitement of those filling St. Theresa's was evident not only on their faces but in their hearts throughout the procession, installation and Mass. After the installation, several shared their immediate reactions.

"Wonderful!" was the first word of wisdom from 101-year-old Mary Mazur, who sees Bishop Caggiano as "very humble, and that impressed me."

Mazur might even get a picture or two with our new bishop, since she had several taken with Archbishop Lori during the many years she was serving breakfast at the Thomas Merton House. Mazur has been a parishioner of St. Michael the Archangel Church in Bridgeport since she was born into that parish.

"We're very excited to finally have a new bishop," said T.R. Rowe, Trumbull Judge of Probate. "He seems like a holy, humble person and we have high hopes he will lead his flock well."

Steve Hodson, a member of the St. Theresa's men's group, believes from what he saw that "St. Theresa's is going to be a place where the Blessed Mother is going to have a strong influence both on the parish and all the new priests and clergy as well, and this is going to have a strong impact on the spiritual life of the diocese."

Looking forward to everyone working with the new bishop is Denise Heady, director of middle school education at St. Pius X Parish in Fairfield. Heady

beamed about a delightful connection: "And he's 'Francis Joseph,' just like my dad."

Archbishop William E. Lori, one of the chief concelebrants of

clergy arrived for the installation. "The thing that impressed me is he was driving his own car. It told me he has Pope Francis' mentality. He wants to be in the



BLESSINGS—Bishop Caggiano blesses a young child and his mother who came out to greet him as he prepared for the Installation Mass at St. Theresa Church in Trumbull. (PHOTO BY AMY MORTENSEN)

(Below) Members of the Sacred Heart University Liturgical Choir under the direction of Dr. John Michniewicz. (PHOTO BY MICHELLE BABYAK)

the Mass, lauded his successor in Bridgeport. "I'm just delighted," said Archbishop Lori. "He brings strong faith, a warm heart, and many talents to the diocese. I think he is going to be a wonderful bridge builder, just as he hopes and prays today."

Archbishop Lori was referring to the main image in Bishop Caggiano's stirring and inspiring homily. Describing how building the Brooklyn Bridge united a city and how the first bridge in Bridgeport did the same, he drew the lesson how spiritual bridges can transform, from the spiritual bridge God built uniting us to himself, to those spiritual bridges we must build in our mission.

Among the deacons participating was Deacon Joseph Melita from St. Margaret's Shrine and St. Raphael Church, where he has been a parishioner since the late 1940s. Deacon Melita said with a twinkle in his eye, "My first impression of the bishop was when I first met him and he called me 'Paisan!' I knew he'd be a good man and a good spiritual leader for the diocese."

"I think he's a very pious bishop," said Joseph Trovarelli, a St. Theresa parishioner and member of the parish's St. Joseph Men's Group, who saw something that made a deep impression upon him as people and

amidst of the people."

Attending the Vespers service the evening before, Trovarelli saw the way Bishop Caggiano greeted people one by one. "He walks hand in hand with all of us and includes everyone." Little wonder Trovarelli is looking forward to many years of our new bishop's leadership.

Attending both the Vespers and the installation and hearing Bishop Caggiano's homily, Sr. Anne Theresa, the superior of the Lovers of the Holy Cross finds him "a very deep spiritual father and a good shepherd."

Sr. Anne Theresa also refers to the vivid lesson of how building



(PHOTO BY AMY MORTENSEN)

the physical bridges united cities and how "it was a very affecting analogy to inspire us to build a spiritual bridge to unite people in God's house and to serve the people, especially the poor, the unborn, the most vulnerable members of the community and to care for each other."

"There was a great feeling of the Holy Spirit," she said, "and inspiration for us from our spiritual father to unite and serve God and God's people, to serve others with love."

Sr. Donna of the Sisters Minor of Mary Immaculate finds Bishop Caggiano "an answer to our prayer. He wants to initiate action with evangelization," she says, pointing to his reference to the energy of young people, to motivate them in this direction. "When he said we need to get out and bring people to Christ, he motivated everyone."

Fr. Seraphim Rohlman, parochial vicar at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Bridgeport, also finds Bishop Caggiano "has a way of



Installation Mass

connecting with people. The way of working with youth is going to be vitally important," as well as working "with the disenfranchised."

Indeed, Bishop Caggiano has worked with youth internationally also in the last three World Youth Days, the latest in Rio de Janeiro.

Now that he's heard Bishop Caggiano's sermons not only at

the Vespers Service and installation but also at a parish in Brooklyn, Fr. Seraphim happily concludes, "He's a student of patristics and St. Cyril who was one of the Christological Fathers.

"That's the heart of the matter. That seems to be what's important to him, and I'm excited to have a patristic scholar as our bishop."

The installation was held at St. Theresa Church because its capacity of 1,200 is almost double that of St. Augustine Cathedral and it allowed more room for the choir and the seating of Bishops around the huge main altar.

After the Mass, all of the guests were invited to a reception at the St. Catherine Family Center in the Nichols section of Trumbull.



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(PHOTO BY AMY MORTENSEN)

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*As you forge forward in the Diocese of Bridgeport,
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Building Spiritual Bridges

Installation homily inspires the faithful

September 19, 2013

Your Eminences, Cardinal Dolan and Cardinal Egan, Archbishop Viganó; my brother bishops, priests and deacons; women and men in consecrated life; honored guests and my brothers and sisters in the Lord:

It is an iconic symbol of the borough of my birth: it was built over 125 years ago as a marvel of engineering, representing the largest steel suspension bridge in the world at that time. After much hard work and even the loss of human life, it opened to great fanfare on May 24, 1883.

Of course, what I am speaking of is the Brooklyn Bridge, a bridge that I am told has another great distinction: it has been bought by

more unsuspecting people over the years than any other bridge in the world—not that anything like that ever happens in Brooklyn!

Looking back at those first years, it is very hard to describe the transformative power of that one bridge in the life of New York City. Immediately, it created a sense of unity and shared purpose; people once divided had ease of access, building a new sense of community. Business boomed because the transport of goods and services was now feasible and easy. The political divide that marked the life of these two cities quickly gave way to a unified city only 15 years later, in 1898.

For bridges unite people, open opportunities and can even transform lives.

Here in Bridgeport, we, too, are no strangers to the power of bridge-building. The very city for whom our diocese is named carries the name “Bridgeport” precisely in commemoration of the erection of the first drawbridge over the Pequonnock River, uniting communities together and allowing the expansion of the city in its earliest years, a city that grew dramatically throughout the 19th century in population and commerce.

It all began with the creation of a single bridge.

And as we recall how bridges made by human hands can have such a profound effect, today on this day of grace in our life as a diocesan Church, let us reflect upon the transformative power that the spiritual bridges made by the hand of God have had in our lives and will continue to do so in your life and mine. For at the very heart of our lives as Catholic Christians, and at the center of the mission given by the Lord himself, there is much to

do with the building and strengthening of spiritual bridges in our midst.

For let us recall that our Catholic faith teaches that the one true God, in the fullness of time, freely and generously

revealed himself as a Loving Trinity of Divine Persons:

A Gracious Father, unbegotten before all ages, who despite the sins and shadows that humanity carries in our hearts, chooses to love you and me generously, a love that we could never earn but is freely given;

A Loving Father who sent his beloved son as Savior and Redeemer, who allowed himself to be nailed to the tree in a free act of self gift, so that through his Passion, Death and Resurrection, we might be set free from sin and death; who gives us a share in his divine life and allows us to become part of his Living Body, the Church, through Baptism, Confirmation and the reception of his Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity offered to us in the Eucharist;

A God who comes to us as a gentle Holy Spirit who has inspired us, blessed us and united us in an unbreakable bond of grace that has made us brothers and sisters, the Body of Christ, the People of God.

Our Gracious God has freely reached out to us and built a spiritual bridge into your heart and mine, uniting us to himself and asking us “to walk by faith

“The Spirit has chosen every single one of us ... so there can be no one who is left behind, no one left to fend for themselves.”



(PHOTO BY AMY MORTENSEN)

as God will give us the strength and grace to build.

Let us begin by strengthening the unity that we already share as a Church. For our unity is not the product of our own labors alone. But it is a work of grace that comes through the power of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Such unity is strengthened by grateful prayer and right worship, faithful preaching of the Gospel, lives of witness, integrity and service.

St. Paul teaches us that we are all members of the living Body of Christ—his Mystical Presence in the world.

The Spirit has chosen every single one of us, each with a different vocation, each offering a different service in the Body, so there can be no one who is left behind, no one left to fend for themselves, no one to be tossed into the shadows of our parishes and schools.

All have been called, all must be served, all must be strengthened in faith, hope and love.

For just as our earthly bridges are made up of stone and mortar, so, too, the spiritual bridges we form as the community of believers are made up of spiritual stones... you and me, and every stone is needed; united in the power of the Holy Spirit, if the bridge is to be strong enough to allow those far away, those seeking God, those who wish to return to the practice of their faith to encounter Christ.

Let us together discover new ways to love and serve one another, especially those in need in our midst: the poor, the sick, the lonely, the disabled, the unborn; those who live with fear, distress or may have given up

and not by sight” alone; to be led ever deeper into his heart, to be transformed by his grace, and to one day be given a share in the glory of everlasting life.

This spiritual bridge God has offered us is not some thing, but a share in his very life who is love, and he has asked us to be his vehicles of grace and “to do unto others what he has done for you and me.”

For your life and mine must be about building bridges not made by hand, but spiritual bridges created through the sharing of God’s love, inviting every human heart to receive what we have already graciously received.

As I begin my ministry in your midst as your shepherd, I ask that

you join me in two great tasks: To strengthen the spiritual bridges that exist among us already, and

“For I believe with all my heart that when God’s mercy is offered to anyone burdened by loneliness, indifference, fear or sin, such a person will leap forward to take the hand of the Lord and cross the bridge into his grace.”

to build new bridges to those who have left our community of faith and to all who seek God with a sincere heart.

Let us build as many bridges

hope in life.

Every human life is precious, needed, and must be cared for by our loving service.

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New shepherd in our midst

Evening prayers welcome new bishop

By PAT HENNESSY

“Recusitó, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ is alive, alleluia!” Music and song surrounded St. Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport the evening of September 18 as the faithful waited for the first appearance of their new bishop.

While Bishop Caggiano’s Installation Mass the following day was filled with the imposing majesty of the Universal Church, the Vesper Service is a more personal, local gathering. In many ways it is a family affair, the bishop’s first prayer service with his priests, religious and members of the family of faith in the Diocese of Bridgeport.

Vespers comes from the Latin word meaning “evening.” It is celebrated as the sun is setting and the day is coming to an end, and is a chance to give thanks to God for the blessings of the day.

In every diocese, the new bishop is welcomed in a Vespers ceremony at the church that will soon be his—the cathedral. That word, too, is Latin, from *cathedra*, meaning “chair.” The bishop’s chair in every cathedral is one of the symbols of the bishop’s responsibility to govern, teach and sanctify the People of God.

“We’re here to welcome the bishop with song and with cheer because he’s the man who brings Christ,” said Matthew Klein, a teacher at Fairchild-Wheeler Magnet High School in Bridgeport and a parishioner at St. Margaret’s Shrine, who was one of those gathered outside St. Augustine.

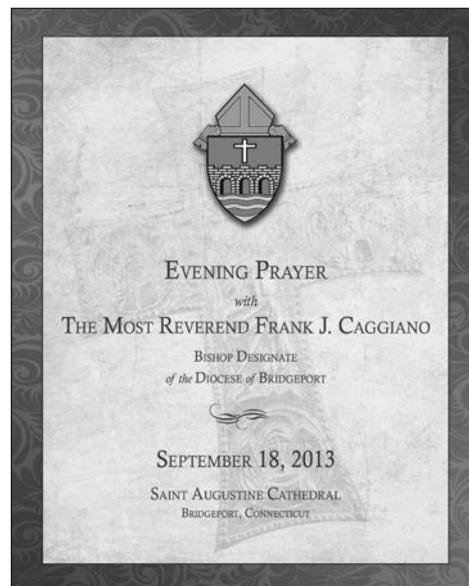
There was a charm to the welcoming ceremony, a sense that Bishop Caggiano was being accepted as the shepherd of the faithful here in Fairfield County, in fellowship with the priests gathering inside to welcome him.



KNOCKING ON CATHEDRAL DOOR—At the evening Vespers Service held at St. Augustine Cathedral, Bishop Caggiano does the traditional knocking on the door of his cathedral to be welcomed by his brother priests, religious and the laity. (PHOTOS BY AMY MORTENSEN)

One little girl, waiting by the Cathedral steps with her parents, was asked if she knew why she was here. “Yes, I do,” she said importantly. “We’re here to meet the Pope!”

While the impromptu music continued under a banner welcoming the new bishop, participants began to fill the Cathedral. Parish priests lingered out front



to greet friends and parishioners. The Sisters of St. Birgitta from the Guest House in Darien filtered through the crowd, their distinctive habits giving away their popular nickname, “hot cross buns nuns.” The sari-wrapped Missionaries of Charity, Mother Teresa’s nuns, the Sisters of Life, School Sisters of Notre Dame, Sisters Minor of Mary Immaculate and women and men of the dozen or so religious

the custom, the doors were shut. Bishop Caggiano knocked firmly on the ornate wooden cathedral doors and requested admittance.

After a brief pause, Msgr. Jerald A. Doyle, diocesan administrator, who had guided the life of the diocese for over a year, opened the doors. With him were Fr. Peter Lenox, rector of the Cathedral, and priests from the College of Consultors. They welcomed him into the church and escorted him to the sanctuary, to a standing ovation from the congregation gathered inside.

From that moment, St. Augustine Cathedral became Bishop Caggiano’s church.

Vespers is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, which has formed part

them. The real reason the Church in the Diocese of Bridgeport had gathered this evening was to respond to Our Lord’s question to his Apostles: “Who do you say that I am?” (Mt. 16:13).

That response, loud and clear for all the world to hear, is simply “You are the Christ, the son of the living God. You, Jesus, are our Lord and Savior.”

Through the 60 years of the life of the diocese, Bishop Caggiano said, that answer has been spoken eloquently in action and Christian witness. Looking at the challenges ahead, he told the congregation, “If there ever was a time when our answer must be clear, our resolve strong, our hearts humble, contrite and joy-



SERENADING THE BISHOP—Members of the Neocatechumenate community in Bridgeport welcomed Bishop Caggiano with tambourines and drums as he made his way toward the Cathedral door. Priests, religious and laity throughout the diocese attended the Vespers Service in which Bishop Caggiano pledged, “In this unique moment in the life of our diocese, it is my prayer to spend the rest of my life in service of you.”

institutes in the diocese joined the expectant congregation.

Together with the laity from parishes spanning the width and length of the diocese, they embodied the Scripture from the evening’s reading, united to “build up the Body of Christ... one in faith and in the knowledge of God’s Son” (Ephesians 4: 12-13).

Accompanied by only a few companions, Bishop Frank Caggiano walked through the long shafts of late afternoon sunlight to the steps of St. Augustine Cathedral. In accordance with

of the Church’s public worship from the earliest times. Psalms, hymns and Scripture readings are offered from morning until night, filling Our Lord’s command to pray without ceasing.

On this special evening, the reading from St. Paul’s letter to the Ephesians was proclaimed by Ann McCrory, the chancellor of the diocese. Following the reading, Bishop Caggiano addressed his new family of faith.

“We have come not simply to inaugurate my ministry as shepherd in your midst,” he told

ful—it is now!”

In concluding his homily, the bishop pledged to spend his life serving in faith. “So that from every corner of this great county, from the tongue of every believer and as a united people, through our words and witness of our lives, we will together answer the question spoken long ago: ‘Who do you say that I am?’

“‘You are the Christ, the Son of the Blessed one, our Lord and Savior.’ To you be glory, honor and power, now and forever. Amen.”

Local News

St. Jude School receives Blue Ribbon Honors

MONROE—St. Jude School in Monroe has been honored for its academic excellence through the U.S. Department of Education's National Blue Ribbon Schools Program.

On September 24, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan recognized 286 schools—with the awards distributed among 236 public and 50 private schools nationwide—as the 2013 cohort of National Blue Ribbon Schools. The National Blue Ribbon Schools Award honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools where students perform at very high levels or where significant improvements are being made in students' levels of achievement.

Secretary Duncan made this year's announcement live via the Department's USTREAM channel, viewed by the recognized principals, teachers, and students assembled across the country.

"This is great news for our diocese," says newly-named Bishop Frank J. Caggiano, "and my sincere thanks go out to all of those who worked to make this possible. Our youth are the hope and future of the Church, and through the grace of God they are endowed



CONGRATULATIONS—St. Jude students, their teacher, parents and the entire faith-filled learning community won the praise of many for their "Blue Ribbon" achievement.

with many gifts and talents that our schools and dedicated teachers help to guide and develop."

St. Jude School is the only Catholic elementary school in the state to be named this year, and it is the 14th elementary school in the Diocese of Bridgeport to earn the national distinction.

St. Jude School is being

honored as "Exemplary High Performing," in which schools are recognized among their state's highest performing schools, as measured by state assessments or nationally-normed tests.

Sr. Mary Grace Walsh, A.S.C.J. superintendent of schools, congratulated Principal Patricia Griffin and Msgr. John

Sabia, pastor of St. Jude Parish, and "the faculty, students and parents of St. Jude School community who strive each day to seek academic excellence rooted in Gospel values.

"We are very proud of their achievement. It reflects the hard work of students, teachers, parents and the entire learning community," she says, noting that the diocese remains committed to academic excellence while also providing a solid moral foundation for students.

"Fifty percent of our schools have now earned national recognition as Blue Ribbon Schools. Most importantly, we have achieved academic excellence in a faith-based environment," Sr. Mary Grace says.

The Department of Education will honor the Blue Ribbon Schools at a recognition ceremony on November 18-19 in Washington, DC.

"The entire St. Jude School community is incredibly proud to receive this recognition for academic excellence," says St. Jude School Principal Patricia Griffin. "Each day, our faculty and students work together to expand their knowledge, to grow as individuals and to support each other

as a school community. We are grateful to be counted among the best schools in the nation and look forward to continuing a tradition of rigorous education."

Founded in 1962, St. Jude School offers classes from pre-school through eighth grade. It provides a quality education in an environment rooted in faith and a commitment to the community. The school serves families from Monroe and area towns including Trumbull, Shelton, Easton, Oxford, Newtown and Seymour.

The Diocese of Bridgeport sponsors 29 schools for students in Pre-K through Grade 8, one special education school and five high schools throughout Fairfield County, with a total enrollment of nearly 10,000 students. Fourteen of its schools have been awarded Department of Education Blue Ribbon School designation for National Excellence. All schools are fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and colleges (NEASC).

(For more information on St. Jude School, visit www.stjudemonroe.org; for information about Catholic schools in the Diocese of Bridgeport, go to www.catholicschoolsfairfield-county.com.)

Rudy Giuliani to speak for Catholic Charities

DANBURY—Legendary New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani will be the featured speaker at the Catholic Charities of Danbury Celebrity Breakfast, set for October 24 at 7:30 am at The Amber Room Colonnade in Danbury.

Proceeds from the breakfast will benefit Catholic Charities Behavioral Health Clinic, which brings counseling services to individuals and families in the greater Danbury area.

"None of us will forget that during the darkest moments after 9/11, Rudy Giuliani provided leadership, hope and strength to the nation and to the world. Having 'America's Mayor' come to Danbury and speak on behalf of the work of Catholic Charities is a source of great pride for us. We're grateful for his commitment to our work and we look forward to his thoughts on the many challenges facing us both domestically and

internationally," says Al Barber, president of Catholic Charities.

This year's event co-chairs are Lisa Donovan of Brewster, New York, a parishioner of St. Edward the Confessor Parish in New Fairfield, and Claudia Menezes, a member of St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Ridgefield. Maureen Knup of Brookfield is serving as president of the Catholic Charities of Danbury Advisory Board.

Bishop Frank J. Caggiano, the newly-named Bishop of Bridgeport, will also attend the breakfast, which will represent his first official appearance at a social event in the greater Danbury area.

"The Celebrity Breakfast will also be an opportunity for many people in Danbury to meet our bishop for the first time and learn of his vision for the diocese," Barber says.

Rudolph Giuliani was born in 1944 in Brooklyn and attended Bishop Loughlin Memorial High

School, Manhattan College, and New York University Law School. In 1983, President Ronald Reagan appointed him the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York. In 1993, Giuliani was elected Mayor of the City of New York. Under his leadership, New York City became the safest large city in America according to the FBI. He also implemented the country's largest, most successful welfare-to-work initiative.

On 9/11/01, America suffered the worst attack in its history when terrorists crashed planes into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center. Having narrowly missed being crushed when the Towers fell, Mayor Giuliani led the recovery of the city as it faced its darkest hour. Widely lauded for his steady hand during challenging times, he was named "Person of the Year" by TIME magazine, knighted by the Queen



AMERICA'S MAYOR—Former New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani.

of England, dubbed "Rudy the Rock" by French President Jacques Chirac and received the Ronald Reagan Presidential Freedom Award.

In January of 2002, he founded Giuliani Partners, a leader in

emergency preparedness, public safety, leadership during crises, and financial management. He is also a partner in Bracewell & Giuliani LLP, a major international law firm. Mayor Giuliani recently ran for the Republican nomination for president of the United States. During his campaign, he galvanized the national debate on such critical issues as national security, education, energy independence, healthcare, and the economy.

Catholic Charities of Danbury has served people of all faiths in the greater Danbury area since 1939. It provides counseling, adoption, a family loan program, intensive family preservation, parent education programs, and other services.

(For more information, to make a reservation for the Celebrity Breakfast or to serve as a table sponsor, call Fran Pennarola: 203.744.1929, ext. 22. Cost: \$60/person.)

Healing Newtown

K of C present gift of \$100K to St. Rose of Lima

NEWTOWN—The Knights of Columbus have donated \$100,000 to St. Rose of Lima Parish in Newtown to support ongoing parish programs for those affected by last December's elementary school shooting.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson made the gift following a 6:30 pm Mass at St. Rose on September 30. Bishop Frank Caggiano served as main celebrant and homilist. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and Msgr. Robert Weiss, pastor of St. Rose, offered remarks at a brief ceremony following Mass.

The Newtown elementary school shooting gripped the nation and the world as the small community mourned the loss of area residents, including 20 children, following the tragic December 14 shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

"In the 24-hour news cycle, we often read or see the news, are affected for a time, and then quickly move on," said Anderson. "But the people of Newtown could not simply 'move on,' and our gift and award are meant to acknowledge that the work of Msgr. Weiss and the St. Rose of Lima

community continues."

He said Msgr. Weiss, in particular, continues to assist the families who lost loved ones and helps with many practical matters as a leader of the task force that has

charity" to Msgr. Weiss.

Conferring the award at the convention last month in San Antonio, Anderson paraphrased Pope Francis, explaining that "Msgr. Weiss was able 'to sym-



overseen community projects and donations related to the tragedy.

The funding donation follows the presentation at the Knights' annual international convention of the organization's new Caritas Awards "for exemplary works of

pathize with the brokenness of others without losing his own strength and identity,' which was no easy task under these circumstances."

At the convention, Anderson explained that the award goes to



CARITAS—Supreme Knight Carl Anderson (left) presents the first "Caritas" Award to Msgr. Robert Weiss, pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish, who accepted it on behalf of the entire parish for their love, faithfulness, bravery and service after the December 14 shooting at Sandy Hook School. The medal (right) features an image of the Good Samaritan who stopped to help a man in need. (Above) Bishop Caggiano distributes communion to a parishioner at the special 6:30 pm. Mass to honor the Knights of Columbus for their generosity and support. Parishioners filled the church on two consecutive nights to meet the new bishop and welcome his healing presence.

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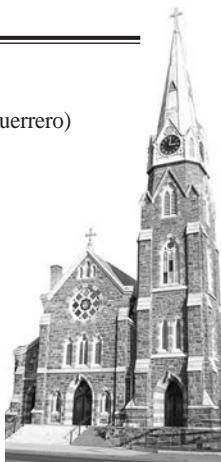
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the heart of the Knights' mission: "To come to the aid of neighbors and friends in their hour of need."

Now, more than nine months since the shootings, he said, the time of need continues.

Also receiving a Caritas Award at the Knights' convention was Newtown's St. Virgilius Knights of Columbus Council 185, which was represented by Grand Knight Timothy Haas. The Newtown Knights quickly got involved in assisting the parish and community in the days following the school tragedy.

Their first priority was spiritual, as the council established a program that asked people to pray a minimum of three Hail Marys on behalf of the victims and their families, the first responders and teachers, and the Newtown community. With the help of the Knights' websites, the efforts spread and more than 105,000 people signed up, offer-

ing a total of more than 3.25 million prayers.

The Knights also served as ushers at eight funerals, most of which were for children, and helped in the parish when it was overwhelmed with messages of condolence and other logistical challenges.

The new award was established earlier this year by a vote of the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors and will be conferred on future recipients when merited. The Caritas Award becomes the second international award given by the organization. Previously, the Knights of Columbus has, on occasion, given its Gaudium et Spes Award, conferred in recent years on Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Cardinal John O'Connor of New York, and Jean Vanier, the internationally renowned founder of "l'Arche," a network of faith-based communities that care for people with developmental disabilities.

Honoring Heroes

Newtown First Responders honored at Blue Mass

NORWALK—With a huge American flag suspended from Norwalk Fire Department ladder company trucks on One Father Conlon Place, a combined fire, police and EMS color guard processed into St. Philip Church for the 12th Annual Blue Mass.

“First Responders don’t ask if a person is worthy or deserving of help,” said Msgr. Jerald Doyle, principal celebrant at the Mass commemorating 9/11 and celebrating First Responders. “The call comes in and the response is made.”

First Responders to Sandy Hook School in Newtown on December 14, when 26 people lost their lives in the shooting.

In a brief ceremony before the conclusion of Mass, Fr. Charles

Newtown, received a standing ovation when he accepted an award on behalf of all uniformed personnel who responded to the Newtown tragedy.

A special award was also pre-



sented to the family of Easton Fire Department Lieutenant Russell Neary, who passed away while clearing fallen trees during Superstorm Sandy. The Fairfield Prep and Holy Cross graduate was remembered as a “First Responder extraordinaire.”

With a spare version of Taps fading to the sound of St. Philip’s bells ringing and the congregation singing the National Anthem, the combined color guard began the long recession out of church. The many fire, EMS and police chaplains, who concelebrated the Mass with Msgr. Doyle, waited

Reflecting on the Gospel passage in Luke, which deals with Jesus forgiving sinners and tax collectors while the Pharisees objected, Msgr. Doyle said, “First Responders are messengers of God. They go out without caring about anyone’s status because everyone deserves the love, care and protection that they bring.”

In a spirited and memorable Blue Mass, hosted by Fr. Michael Boccaccio, pastor of St. Philip’s and chaplain of the Norwalk Police Department, the offertory gifts included a firefighter’s helmet, a police officer’s hat and an EMT’s stethoscope. The prayers of the faithful, led by Deacon Kenneth Ruge, remembered all First Responders and also Fr. Richard Futie, Stamford Police Chaplain.

This year’s Mass for law enforcement, fire and emergency services personnel honored the

Allen, S.J., an EMS chaplain in Fairfield and chair of the Blue Mass, recognized Trooper First Class Phousisongkamlo Chokbengboune of Troop G in Bridgeport as “the first off-duty Trooper” to respond to the tragedy. Trooper Chokbengboune is a Sandy Hook resident. Police Officer Michael McPadden of the Shelton Police Department was honored for his “compassionate service” to the family of Dawn Hocksprung, principal of Sandy Hook School, after she died trying to protect the children. Officer Leonard Penna of the Newtown Police Department was the first to enter Sandy Hook School with his weapon drawn to protect the children. In the first moments after the shooting, he led children to safety and helped to identify the dead.

Msgr. Rober Weiss, pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish in



until all of the blue uniformed personnel marched out before leaving the church.

The Blue Mass marked one of the last official duties of Msgr. Jerald Doyle, who has served as diocesan administrator for



FAITH AND FLAG—This year’s Blue Mass was hosted by Fr. Michael Boccaccio, pastor of St. Philip Church in Norwalk. Hundreds of uniformed personnel turned out for the inspiring Mass and reception to honor police, fire, and rescue workers. (Below) A junior trooper tries on his dad’s hat for size during the Mass.

HONORS (left) Officer Leonard Penna of the Newtown Police Department and Shelton Police Officer Michael McPadden joined Msgr. Robert Weiss, pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish, in accepting honors for their response to the Sandy Hook School shootings. All three men accepted the recognition for their service and on behalf of the many First Responders in the area. (PHOTOS BY AMY MORTENSEN)

the past 16 months after Bishop William E. Lori was named Archbishop of Baltimore.

Catholic chaplains of the Fairfield County Fire, Police and Emergency Medical Service Departments include: Fr. Charles Allen, S.J., Fairfield Police; Fr. Michael Boccaccio, Norwalk

Police Department; Msgr. Laurence Bronkiewicz, Ridgefield Police; Msgr. Stephen DiGiovanni, Stamford Police; Fr. Frank Gomez, Noroton Heights Fire; Fr. Tom Lynch, Stratford Fire; Fr. Joseph Malloy,

Bridgeport Fire; Msgr. Frank McGrath, Westport Fire and Police and Noroton Fire; Deacon John Moranski, Bridgeport Police; Deacon William Murphy, Germantown (Danbury) Fire; Fr. Raymond Petrucci, Danbury Police; Fr. Robert Post, Stamford Fire Rescue; Msgr. William Scheyd, New Canaan Emergency Services and Norwalk Fire; Msgr. Richard Shea, Trumbull Police; Fr. Thomas Thorne, FBI; Fr. William Verilli, Connecticut State Police; Fr. Terrance Walsh, Stamford Police; Fr. Frank Winn, Glenville Fire; and Msgr. Frank Wissel, Greenwich Police Department.

The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, Fairfield County Assemblies, formed an honor guard and also sponsored the reception following the Mass. Sir Knight Michael Basso, Past District Deputy 36, co-chaired the event.

Parish News

Dual anniversaries celebrated

GREENWICH—The decade of the 1960s was a time of rapid growth in Fairfield County. As the population increased, Bishop Walter W. Curtis, second Bishop of Bridgeport, oversaw the creation of more than a dozen new parishes throughout that span of years, including an amazing five parishes in 1963 alone: St. Bridget of Ireland and St. Gabriel in Stamford, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in Shelton, and St. Michael the Archangel and St. Agnes in Greenwich.

Both Greenwich parishes were founded at the same time. St. Mary Parish on Greenwich Avenue had drawn parishioners from a wide geographic area and was bursting at the seams. On September 7, 1963, Bishop Curtis created two new parishes to serve Greenwich Catholics, St. Michael the Archangel on North St. and St. Agnes in the open, rural area of Stanwich Rd.

Both parishes are celebrating their 50th anniversaries this fall.

Initially, the two parishes joined in celebrating Mass in the cafeteria of St. Mary High School, now Greenwich Catholic School. Within a year, St. Agnes parishioners were able to move into their own church and St. Michael's began planning for their current building.

The rustic lines of St. Agnes Church give a hint of that parish's history. The parish is located on what was once an estate known as Wildwood Farm owned by the Dommerlich family. Father



CELEBRATING GENERATIONS of faith, Msgr. J. Peter Cullen (center), pastor of St. Michael's in Greenwich, was joined by priests and parishioners at the parish's Anniversary Mass and reception.

Clifford Gris , the founding pastor, oversaw the transformation of the estate's former carriage house into St. Agnes Church. The light-filled, simple church nestles perfectly into its sylvan setting. The parish's small size gives parishioners a prized sense of closeness and community.

A parish picnic was held at St. Agnes on September 22, but the parish has decided to delay its formal Anniversary Mass. Founded by the second Bishop of Bridgeport, parishioners plan to celebrate their anniversary in the company of the fifth Bishop of Bridgeport, Bishop Frank J. Caggiano.

St. Michael's opened the celebration of its 50th jubilee with a noon Mass on September 8. Starting with the small group

meeting in the school cafeteria, the parish has grown to 1,700 families, including those at St. Timothy Chapel near the New York border. St. Timothy's celebrates Mass in Korean every Sunday afternoon.

The parish has planned a number of events over the coming year, including a "Food for Fifty-Two" food drive for Neighbor to Neighbor food pantry in Greenwich and a pilgrimage to Italy with Msgr. Cullen, among other activities.

In his anniversary homily, Msgr. J. Peter Cullen, St. Michael's current pastor, recalled the words of the parish's founding pastor, Fr. Thomas Guinan: "When we know and appreciate the faith and sacrifice of our parents' parents, we will inspire our



children's children."

Msgr. Cullen spoke with pride of the way the founding families met the evangelization challenges of their day. "The people who first came through the doors of this church had no

computers, no cellphones, no iPads, no Facebook to update, no YouTube," he told the congregation. "But you know what they did have? They had television! The people of St. Michael's did something extraordinary. They put the Holy Sunday Mass on TV."

With the help of Fr. Mark Connolly, the people of St. Michael's put together a television Mass that aired on Channel 9 WORTV from New York. "It went nationwide, and won every major television award ever given," he said. "We must pick

up the torch and carry on the mission of evangelization in our social media world."

Looking out at the youth of the parish, Msgr. Cullen put this challenge to them directly. "Do you tweet?" ■

HOMILY FROM PAGE 7

Allow me to offer a special word to the youth in our midst: You are the hope and future of the Church. God has called each of you by name, blessed you with his grace, made you members of his body and richly endowed you with many gifts and talents. You have a special place in my heart and ministry. All of us look forward to harnessing your energy, enthusiasm and joyful optimism to help us build a bridge so strong that every young person who is searching or struggling in life will find hope and joy here in the Catholic Church.

My thoughts also go out to those among us, our baptized sis-

ters and brothers, who no longer practice their faith. Many struggle with broken hearts and perhaps broken trust. Let us work together, you and I, to invite them home—one person at a time. Let us not be afraid to listen to their concerns and offer them anew an invitation to seek reconciliation and mercy that can come only from the Lord. The time for them to come home is now.

Let us build a spiritual bridge of love and mercy to each of them in Christ. But let us not make any mistake about the challenge before us, building spiritual bridges in this age and time will not be easy work...

For we live in a time of division, isolation and fear, an age when too many have been seduced to embrace a secularism that has no room for God; an indifference to the value of human life, even their own life; a credo that believes "my life is all about me."

We live in an age filled with competing voices that claim to lead us to happiness, a time when we are no longer led by technology but being deformed by it. Yet this is the age in which you and I now live. It is the challenge that you and I must face together.

For this reason, join me in becoming a builder of spiritual

bridges with the help of Christ's grace. For I believe with all my heart that when God's mercy is offered to anyone burdened by loneliness, indifference, fear or sin, such a person will leap forward to take the hand of the Lord and cross the bridge into his grace.

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord, have no fear. For the Lord will give us all that we need in grace to be the best of bridge builders to his honor and glory.

Six days after the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge, a vicious rumor spread throughout city that the bridge was about to collapse. The rumor caused a panic on the bridge, leading to the death of

many persons. It was on that fateful day that one of Bridgeport's most prominent sons came to the rescue of Brooklyn. For it was PT Barnum who had the courage and vision to take 12 circus elephants and walk them over the bridge to show once and for all that the bridge would not fall.

My friends, as I begin my ministry in your midst, I invite you, with the depth of faith, generosity of spirit and love of neighbor that has made this diocese great for so many years to work together to build spiritual bridges that will last not solely for a century or an age but, with the Lord's grace, unto everlasting glory. ■

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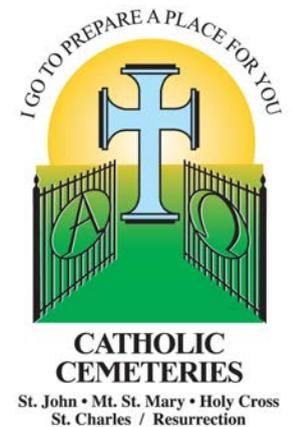
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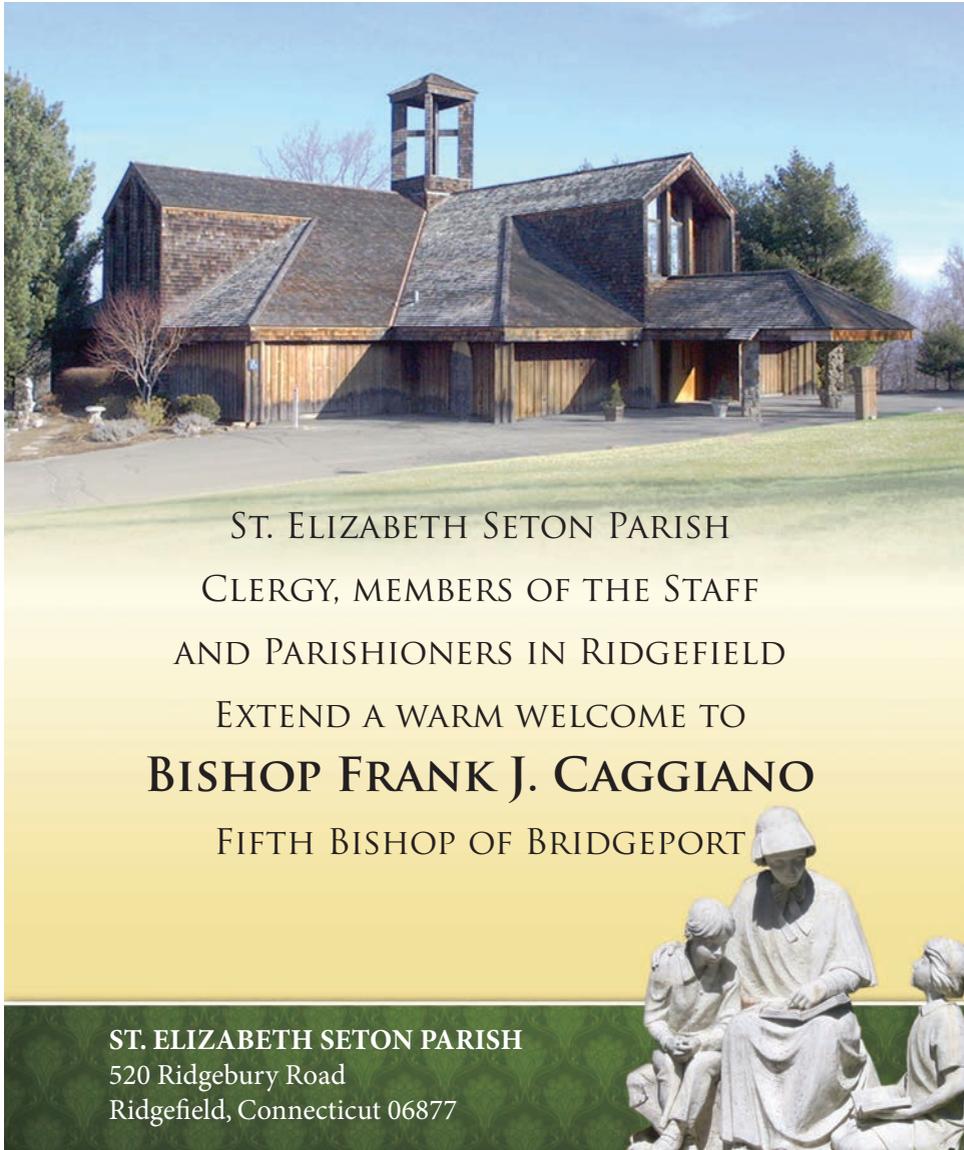
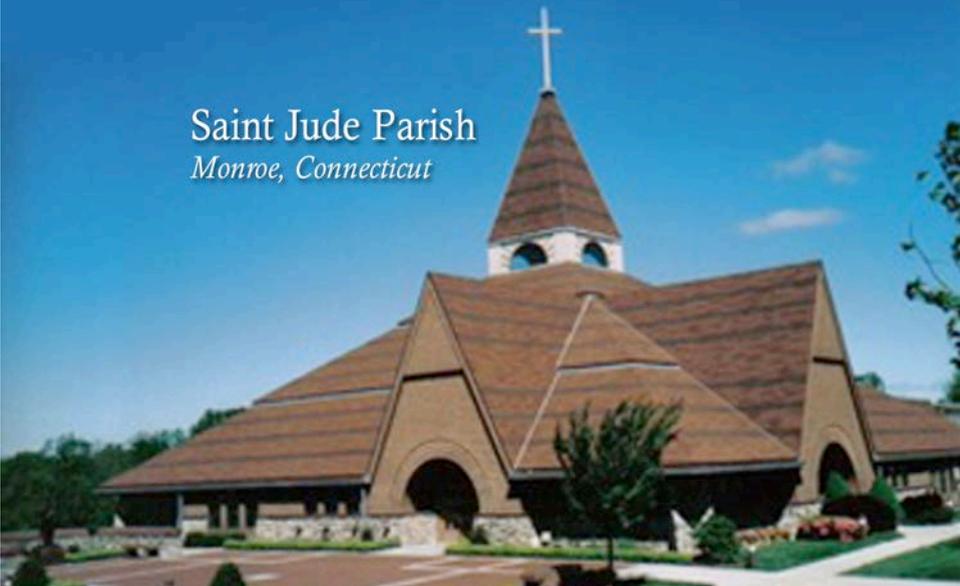


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Voices at the Installation

Faithful share in the joy

Fr. Peter Lenox,
rector of St. Augustine
Cathedral

I felt excited and proud to be able to show him both churches in the Cathedral Parish. There's so much rich history in them. I explained to him that, when the Diocese of Bridgeport was founded, this church, which was in the oldest parish in Fairfield County, became the cathedral. St. Augustine is essentially a parish church that became a cathedral—and it's still a parish church.

He came here to celebrate the 8:30 am Mass the Sunday after his installation. I was absolutely delighted. It was a nice entrance to our International Feast. I was born and went to school in Bridgeport, and it was a pleasure to introduce him to a little of what the city and its people are about.

He's amiable, he's approachable, he listens to people. His love of the faith and of the Gospels is going to shine forth in everything he does.



Vickey Hickey,
administrator of the
Catherine Dennis Keefe
Queen of the Clergy

He came down and had dinner with us, just a regular Tuesday evening dinner. That meant so much to the senior priests. He talked to everyone—he came out in the kitchen and met all the staff.

Nino Russo,
Diocese of Brooklyn

He's like a rock star over here!



Frances DiMenna,
St. Theresa Parish

He makes you feel that the Catholic Church is alive and well. He gave a lot of attention to fallen-away Catholics. The door needs to be a little more open.



Robert Choiniere,
Diocese of Brooklyn

It's a happy day for Bridgeport. He's going to be wonderful for you. He's so good, you don't even know yet how good he will be.

Mary Donovan,
St. Mary Parish,
Greenwich

I was just blown away by his homily. His message of building spiritual bridges was inspired. One heart at a time, and we need to get engaged. I was sitting there saying YES! I'm ready; I'm willing.

Bill Hoey, vice-president
of mission and ethics
at St. Vincent's
Medical Center

I was one of the first outsiders to meet him. His humanity was overwhelming. He understood the critical importance of pastoral care in health care. He has an understanding that healthcare is an important part of the ministry of the Church. He wants to take a tour of St. Vincent's as soon as his schedule can arrange it.



Joe Buongiorno,
St. Aloysius Parish,
New Canaan

It was a beautiful day. God's grace was shining on Fairfield County.

Jacqueline Frusciante,
St. Luke Parish, Westport

From his homily, I loved him. He's a people person.



Frank J. Kelty, Westport
(on the Catholic Charities
board; his parents were
married in Saints Simon
and Jude Church)

The key to me was the simplicity of his homily; it was something everyone can relate to.



John Malfettone,
St. Theresa Parish

It was so exciting to have the installation at St. Theresa. I had goosebumps when I first walked in. It was emotionally great.

I feel a connection to him. I grew up in New York, I'm Italian, and I'm a Mets fan.

Eileen Towne,
St. Leo Parish, Stamford

He's leading us, and the message that he gives is very affirming and hands on. He's right on target.

Linda Nash, St. Francis
of Assisi Parish, Weston

I'm just thrilled that he's here. I grew up two blocks away from him in Gravesend. My cousin went to Saints Simon and Jude with him and my nephew, who's now a priest, went to seminary with him.



Rick Tallamelli,
St. Theresa Parish

When I was a kid, we were all afraid of the priests. Even the adults were afraid of them. Now, when I see the bishop and he's so open and friendly—that means a lot.



Sharon McNight,
St. Mary Parish,
Stamford

His homily made me cry. He's a down to earth man and he's going to help us.

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Archbishop William E. Lori

"With great joy I welcome the news of Bishop Caggiano's appointment as the next Bishop of Bridgeport. I offer my heartfelt gratitude to our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for choosing Bishop Caggiano, whom I have known for many years, and whose many gifts and rich priestly experience come as a real grace for the Church in Fairfield County. Bishop Caggiano is a gifted teacher of the faith, whose evident love for the Lord Jesus Christ and his Church will certainly further the work of the New Evangelization in this diocese, which remains so close to my heart.

"On this day of joy and gratitude, I offer my full support to Bishop Caggiano, and my prayers for him, just as I remember daily in my Masses and prayers the many good priests, religious and laity of the diocese I had the privilege of serving for eleven years."





Bishop Caggiano



Edward Cardinal Egan

The appointment of His Excellency, the Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano as Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport is a splendid gift from our new Holy Father, Pope Francis, to a remarkable community of faith that I know well and love dearly. I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Bishop Caggiano for many years. He is an outstanding shepherd of souls who will serve the People of God of the Diocese of Bridgeport with great wisdom, unlimited kindness, and total dedication. As one of his predecessors, I could not be more delighted with his assignment. The morning of the announcement I contacted him to express my heartfelt congratulations and to assure him that I look forward to assisting him in any way I can over the years that lie ahead. My Mass that day was for him, and the priests, deacons, religious, and laity who will soon come to know Bishop Frank J. Caggiano as a devoted father in the faith.



St. Theresa Parish, Trumbull

Church shines for Installation Mass

By BRIAN D. WALLACE

While St. Augustine Cathedral remains the bishop's home church in the diocese, St. Theresa Church in Trumbull has often been called into service when a larger church is necessary to accommodate a diocesan event.

With an overwhelming interest in Bishop Caggiano's installation, the decision was made to move the Mass to St. Theresa. Its generous proportions, central location, and easy access from the Merritt Parkway made it a natural to host the historic Installation Mass. Both its young pastor, Fr. Brian Gannon, its parishioners—and the entire town of Trumbull—could not have been more hospitable.

The stunning granite church, a Trumbull landmark, is home to a dynamic parish that has left a lasting impact on generations of

families, the town of Trumbull, and the Diocese of Bridgeport. Next year at this time the people of St. Theresa's will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of their spiritual community.

The parish has been blessed with many fine pastors over the years. Msgr. Louis DeProfio, who now resides at Catherine Dennis Keefe Retired Priests' Residence in Stamford, was the longest serving pastor of St. Theresa's, having held the post from 1971 to 2003.

Founded in October 1934 by Hartford Bishop Maurice F. McAuliffe on 19 acres of land when Trumbull was still largely rural, St. Theresa's now numbers more than 3,400 families and is the largest church in the diocese, a massive granite and limestone structure finished in 1962.

The parish was named in

honor of St.

Thérèse of Lisieux only nine years after her canonization and 37 years after her death in 1897 from tuberculosis in the small French village where she spent her life. Known as the "Little Flower," she joined the convent at 15 and lived only 24 years, leaving behind an autobiographical manuscript, *Story of a Soul*, and other writings that stunned the world with their beauty and saintliness.

No one knows for certain



(PHOTO BY MICHELLE BABYAK)

why Bishop McAuliffe named the parish after St. Thérèse, but her "little way" philosophy of doing little things to glorify the Lord would certainly have been understood by the first parishioners, who built the first humble white wooden church on Main Street in the Long Hill section of Trumbull. Fr. Robert Killian was named the first pastor in 1934.

Prior to the opening of the new parish, Trumbull Catholics worshipped at St. Stephen Chapel in the Stepney section of Monroe (a mission of St. Rose of Lima Parish in Newtown); and at St. Patrick's and St. Charles Borromeo in Bridgeport. Mass was celebrated at Edison School (now the Trumbull Police Station) until the church was dedicated in 1935.

When the parish first opened, Trumbull was still dotted with farms, horses, and 19th century industry. Well into the 20th century, the town still had an ice house, a cigar factory, a tungsten mine (now Old Mine Park), a paper mill, slaughter house, and shirt factory.

During the 1950s, St. Theresa's grew in leaps and bounds, fueled by the G.I. Bill and the exodus to the suburbs, and plans were announced for a new 16-room school with an auditorium. Opened in 1955 with 316 pupils in three grades staffed by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, the school quickly expanded to serve 800 students. Many of those students went

on to Catholic high school and colleges.

The first parishioners were predominantly Irish and Italian, but the parish also had numbers of Poles and other Eastern Europeans. Today's mix is even more lively, reflecting the new waves of immigration that continued across the past century.

As the young parish entered the 1960s, there was a sense of excitement in the air, reflecting the growth of the parish, the election of the country's first Catholic president, and the opening of Vatican II.

In December 1960, 1,000 people crowded into the school auditorium to honor Fr. Bartholomew Skelly (pastor from 1949-67) upon his elevation to the rank of Monsignor. The celebration of their pastor's leadership would take lasting form in the announcement of plans to build a new church. The old white wooden church on Main Street was overflowing with worshippers, and Masses had to be held in the school auditorium to accommodate the growing parish. In the spirit of the time, parishioners were committed to building something special.

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Many people who attended the Installation Mass have commented on the beauty of the liturgy and the deeply spiritual and inspiring music. The Diocese of Bridgeport is blessed to have two very talented priests who helped to make the day memorable by planning the liturgy and music for the program:



Msgr. Alan Detscher is pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Riverside. Long active in liturgical activities, Msgr. Detscher has served as executive director of the Liturgy Secretariat of the

National Conference of Catholic Bishops and as the first director of the diocesan Ministry of the Liturgy in 1972. He earned a License in Liturgy from the Pontifical Liturgical Institute in Rome.

Fr. Robert Kinnally is director of vocations and rector of St. John Fisher Seminary Residence in Stamford. The Yonkers native was ordained in 2005 after a distinguished educational career in which he



served as dean of admissions and financial aid at Stanford University. A professional organist, pianist and vocalist, he used his considerable musical skills to plan the music for the Installation Mass.

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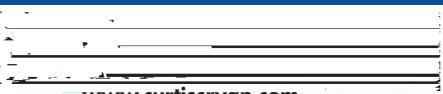
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A most hopeful day

By BRIAN D. WALLACE

Preparing for the installation of a new bishop is a bit like planning a wedding—or maybe two or three weddings at once.

There's the church, the invitations, the lodging, the reception, and all the details and arrangements in between required for a very special day.

And if you're fortunate, everything turns out as you've planned, or even better.

What a splendid couple of



days we enjoyed beginning with Vespers at St. Augustine

Cathedral on Tuesday evening, and the Mass of Installation at

St. Theresa Church the following afternoon!

The sky was blue, the sun strong, and the air autumn-cool, so that everything and everyone seemed to sparkle. There were so many memorable moments:

- The delighted looks on the faces of school children when Bishop Caggiano broke ranks with the procession and personally greeted them as they got off the bus
- The deeply resonant Installation homily when Bishop Caggiano spoke of the living body of Christ where "there is no one who is left behind, no one left to fend for

themselves, no one tossed into the shadows"

- The joyful welcome provided by the Neocatechumenate community outside the church with their rhythmic conga drums, tambourines and guitars
- The dramatic procession of priests and bishops, the beautiful liturgies and magnificent music and excitement on the faces of all those who attended
- And at the center of it all, the expressive face of our new bishop: the look of joy, reverence, humility and gratitude

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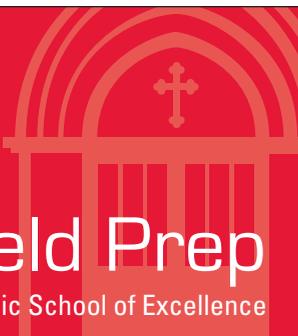
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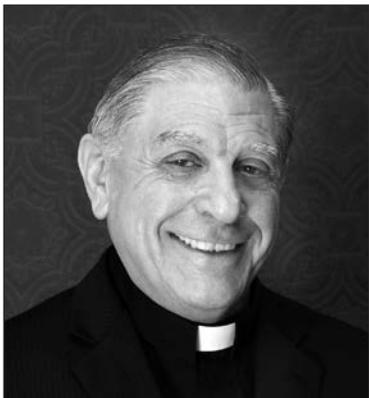
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Seize the Moment!

By MSGR. NICHOLAS V. GRIECO

Msgr. Grieco was the first Director of Communications of the Diocese of Bridgeport and founder of Fairfield County Catholic. He served as editor from 1984 to 1992, and is the former pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Weston.



In my 80 years, I have lived under eight popes: Pius XI, Pius XII, John XXIII, Paul VI, John Paul I, John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis.

I have lived and served under four bishops of Bridgeport:

Lawrence J. Shehan, Walter W. Curtis, Edward M. Egan, and William E. Lori. Now we have celebrated the installation of our fifth Bishop, Frank J. Caggiano.

Under our first four shepherds, I was blessed to be part of the growth, pastoral care and spiritual development of the unique local church of Fairfield County—the Diocese of Bridgeport.

Birth of a New Diocese

Not only was Gaul divided into three parts—so was the Diocese of Hartford in 1953, resulting in the Archdiocese of Hartford, the Diocese of Bridgeport and the Diocese of Norwich. That year, Dwight D. Eisenhower was inaugurated President of the United States, Joseph Stalin died, the Korean Armistice was signed, DNA was discovered—and the New York Yankees beat the Brooklyn Dodgers in the World Series, four games to two.

Pope Pius XII appointed Bishop Lawrence J. Shehan, then auxiliary bishop in Baltimore, to be the First Bishop of Bridgeport. The years Bishop Shehan served (1953-1961) were the foundational years, and attention had to be given to organization, appointments, creation of ministries and construction of many new parishes in the suburbs. In the very first year of the diocese's existence, two new parishes were founded: St. Stephen in Trumbull and Our Lady of Fatima in Wilton. Fully 17 more parishes would be added during his tenure.

In 1955, Bishop Shehan raised nearly \$4,000,000 for the construction of Notre Dame Catholic High School in Bridgeport. When the school opened in 1957, it was the largest Catholic High School in New England.

I recall how impressed I was when I first came to the diocese in 1960 and saw the Notre Dame campus on Park Avenue. The great success of Notre Dame encouraged the building of Stamford Catholic High School (now Trinity Catholic) and later Central Catholic High School in Norwalk (now All Saints School).

During his years here, Bishop Shehan ordained 151 priests and also began parish ministry for the growing number of Hispanic, Portuguese, and Brazilian immigrants.

The Growth Continued

When Bishop Walter W. Curtis was appointed by Pope John XXIII to be the Second Bishop of Bridgeport,

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Recollections & Impressions

By MSGR. CHRISTOPHER WALSH

Msgr. Christopher Walsh served as editor of Fairfield County Catholic and diocesan spokesman during Bishop Edward Egan's tenure from 1992 to 1998. He is now pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Shelton and on the theological faculty of St. John Fisher Seminary in Stamford.

Providentially, given my scanty training in journalism, my tenure as the second editor of the Fairfield County Catholic from 1992-1998 did not coincide with the farewell or installation of any bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport—ecclesial events that push a diocesan newspaper staff to the limit! However, due to my service for almost six years as editor and



Communications director under Bishop Edward M. Egan, I did receive an invitation to travel with the Bridgeport diocesan delegation to Rome to witness the Consistory in February 2001 at which Pope John Paul II elevated then Archbishop Egan of New York

to the rank of Cardinal.

It was a week of unforgettable ceremonies and celebrations in Rome; and throughout it, I faithfully filed stories every night back to the *Connecticut Post*, who had arranged for me to serve as a guest columnist of sorts for the local readers back home.

Press Correspondent

Those recollections and impressions appeared on the front page of the Bridgeport newspaper for four days in a row. Rereading that series of articles now, it recalls the impressive historical fact that of the first three bishops of the young Diocese of Bridgeport (established on August 6, 1953), two of the three went on from Bridgeport to become cardinal archbishops of the Church.

February 21, 2001, was one of those beautiful, crisp, clear days that you are sometimes lucky enough to catch during winter in Rome. Sunlight bathed St. Peter's Square as 44 cardinal-designates processed up the piazza to greet the aged and infirm Pope John Paul, led out the main doors of the basilica on a cane.

From where I stood with other Bridgeport pilgrims in the crowd, the large, imposing frame of Archbishop Egan was unmistakable when his moment came to mount the steps and kneel before the Pope, who gave him the bright red zucchetto, or skullcap, over which was placed the cardinal's biretta, or "red hat."

The future saint then lay his hand on Archbishop Egan's shoulder and the two spoke intently for a number of seconds, as shouts and applause burst out from the New York and Connecticut delegations in the square.

We American pilgrims cheered once again when another cardinal-designate from New York, Jesuit Father Avery Dulles, also ascended the steps of the dais to be elevated to

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We have a bishop!

By DR. JOSEPH McALEER

Dr. Joseph McAleer of Stamford, the third editor of Fairfield County Catholic, served both Bishop Egan and Bishop Lori from 1998 to 2009. A writer and publishing historian, he is currently working on a book about Jack London. He also serves as the editor of The Eagle, the magazine of the Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist in Stamford.

"We have a bishop." These four words provoked a mixture of excitement and anxiety when I heard them in January 2001.



At that time I had three years under my belt as communications director for the diocese. Hired by then-Bishop Edward Egan, I had some experience with the local media, but we were in many respects a sleepy little diocese.

Nothing could prepare me for the public relations tsunami when Bishop Egan became Archbishop of New York in May 2000 (although it was nice to take a phone call from Katie Couric's assistant).

A News Flash

In a few short weeks Bishop Egan was dispatched, much to our dismay as he was a popular and inspiring boss. Then came what we called the "interregnum," halcyon days between bishops when the telephone rarely rang (email was in limited use back in those days) and one could catch up on any number of put-off projects.

Tranquility was shattered eight months after Bishop Egan's departure with the news flash that a little-known auxiliary from Washington, DC, was on his way. This time it was real. We had tolerated any number of silly rumors for weeks, including one about a "candidate" who visited the Catholic Center in the dead of night to measure the dimensions of his new office.

A Thunderbolt Hit

Bishop William Lori landed like a thunderbolt and hit the ground running. He enjoyed talking to the press and was at ease with reporters, which made my job a lot easier (his first directive to me was, "Never say 'No comment.'"). He had a flair for administration and enjoyed working long hours.

We had seven weeks to plan the installation. We were off to the races, fitting for this new bishop who called Kentucky his home (gifts of bourbon poured in, but he doesn't touch the stuff). A committee of 30, clergy and lay, assembled. There were 4,500 invitations to design, print, mail, and process.

St. Augustine Cathedral was out of commission—a section of the roof had collapsed—so a venue had to be found. Sacred Heart University offered the spacious Pitt Center. It's not a church, so an altar set was

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he worked to complete Bishop Shehan's vision of having five Catholic diocesan high schools to cover Bridgeport, Fairfield, Trumbull, Norwalk, and Stamford.

I believe that the defining moment of Bishop Curtis' ministry came through his active participation in all the sessions of the Second Vatican Council. He returned from Rome on fire with a new spirit—in retrospect, the Holy Spirit.

Bishop Curtis then went on to found Sacred Heart University in 1963 as a unique, lay-staffed Catholic higher learning institution. It has grown to become today the second largest Catholic university in New England.

To implement the council teachings, Bishop Curtis convened two Diocesan Synods one in 1970 and another in 1980, with a broad spectrum of lay involvement. It was an uplifting experience to see our diocese

so enthusiastic and united. The fruits of these synods were many and had great influence on all our ministries. It was the spirit of the Second Vatican Council that moved Bishop Curtis to initiate missionary work in Latin America, in the Diocese of Chiclayo, Peru, and Remanso, Brazil.

This was one of our diocese's finest hours.

It was also during this period that we started the *Fairfield County Catholic*, the monthly paper of the diocese. I will never forget the joy expressed on Bishop Curtis' face when I presented him with the first issue.

Preparing for the New Millennium

The Third Bishop of Bridgeport was Bishop Edward M. Egan, who served from December 1988 to 2000.

One of his first goals was to increase vocations to the priest-

hood and the religious life. He established the Saint John Fisher Pre-Seminary Residence, which opened its doors in June 1989, just six months after his arrival.

With the growth of the Hispanic Catholic population in Fairfield County, Bishop Egan arranged to bring Hispanic priests and seminarians to Bridgeport from Latin America.

With foresight and concern for "retired" priests, Bishop Egan established the Catherine Dennis Keefe Queen of the Clergy Retired Priests' Residence—where I now live.

New Initiatives for Ministries

Bishop William E. Lori was installed as the Fourth Bishop of Bridgeport on March 19, 2001. Just months after being appointed Bishop of Bridgeport, he was confronted with the 9/11 terrorist attacks that directly affected many Fairfield County families. He also confronted the sexual abuse crisis and in doing so provided both

local and national leadership.

Bishop Lori moved forward on several fronts, launching new initiatives in support of Catholic education, vocations, Catholic Charities, Pastoral Services, and other ministries.

In 2006, the Diocese announced "Following in the Footsteps of Christ," a pastoral plan for evangelization that brought together clergy, religious and laity in prayer, collaboration, and renewed zeal for communicating the Gospel in parishes.

Chapter Five Now Begins!

Divine Providence and the faith of so many throughout the years have prepared us for a new beginning.

Our agenda obviously must be the New Evangelization. However, we must be careful not to make evangelization just another program among so many others. The spirit of evangelization must permeate everything we do as the Church in Fairfield County.

When St. Paul wrote to the

Christian community in Rome, he introduced himself as "a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle." In a homily delivered in 2007 on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Pope Benedict XVI noted that "Paul used the term 'servant' to indicate a relationship of total and unconditional belonging to the Lord Jesus. The success of Paul's apostolate depended above all on his personal involvement in proclaiming the Gospel, with total dedication to Christ."

How fortuitous it is that Bishop Caggiano's episcopal motto is JESUS CHRIST IS LORD.

May God's love bind us closely together, so that priests, deacons, religious and laity, being one in mind and heart, will work together with our new shepherd to build those new bridges.

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the College of Cardinals.

This provided as well a moment of laughter amid all the solemnity, since Fr. Dulles, a quiet, self-effacing theologian from Fordham University who had probably never worn a zucchetto in his life, had trouble keeping his biretta straight on top of it. Finally giving up, the tall, gangly Jesuit cardinal walked off the dais carrying the red biretta in his hand, drawing laughter from the crowd and a smile from the aged Pope himself.

For me personally, though, the most moving experience of that week in Rome in 2001 was concelebrating the first Mass Cardinal Egan said in his “titular,” or honorary, church of Saints John and Paul in Rome. This took place on February 23, in the beautiful and intimate baroque basilica that has been assigned to the special patronage of the cardinal archbishops of New York since 1946.

When I got into the taxi that day and communicated to the

driver in my non-existent Italian that I wanted to go to “Basilica di Sancti Giovanni e Paolo,” he momentarily looked puzzled and then reached with consternation for his Roman street map—an acknowledgement of defeat that the death-defying Roman cabbies always hate to make.

Driving past the Colosseum and the Circus Maximus, he made a sharp left across multiple lanes of traffic, and we suddenly found ourselves slowly climbing a narrow, quiet cobblestone street that led up the ancient Caelian Hill.

It was as if we had suddenly left the noise and crowds of modern Rome behind and had been supernaturally transported back to the great imperial city of the fourth century. At the top of the hill where the basilica now stands, two famous Christian Roman soldiers, John and Paul, were murdered by order of the Emperor Julian the Apostate in 362, for refusing to sacrifice to the Roman gods.

A church has stood on this

same spot since 398. And in the late fifth century, St. Gregory the Great used to tread up this same cobblestone path to return to his monastery atop the Caelian Hill.

My best reminiscence of the elevation of the former third bishop of Bridgeport to the Sacred College of Cardinals was that afternoon I celebrated Mass with him and other priests, deacons and faithful of the dioceses of New York and Bridgeport in the Basilica of Saints John and Paul.

And now twelve years later, as the first native-born New Yorker assumes the “*cathedra*” of the Diocese of Bridgeport, Bishop Frank Caggiano will no doubt marvel and be proud at how his young local Church in Connecticut has such deep links, through its first four bishops, with the dioceses of metropolitan New York, with the nation’s historic first diocese of Baltimore, and through its two cardinal archbishops, with the Holy Roman See itself. ■

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shipped from Washington. Jumbotrons were installed for those seated in the back.

Installation day, the Feast of Saint Joseph, was picture-perfect and parking was plentiful. Vesting was a military operation: cardinals here, bishops there, who’s missing an alb?

The Papal Nuncio, the late Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, arrived from Washington without the “bull,” the apostolic letter of appointment from Pope John Paul II.

“Fast-forward a dozen years, and we have a bishop, again.”

“Bull? No bull,” he intoned. Not to worry, a copy would suffice. And within two hours we, indeed, had a new bishop.

Fast-forward a dozen years, and we have a bishop, again. My hope for Bishop Caggiano is that he has a longer honey-

moon than did his predecessor. The abuse crisis would absorb much energy, resources, good will, and prayer for most of Bishop Lori’s tenure. Add to that the tragedy of 9/11, just seven months after Bishop Lori’s installation, which changed our world forever.

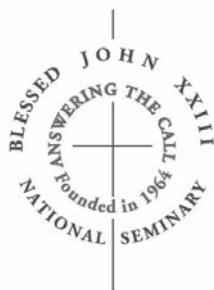
We’ve been without a bishop for a long time, but we have a fine one now, and we need one more than ever: a loving shepherd, patient teacher, and spiritual guide, successor of the Apostles.

Lead on and build those “bridges,” Bishop Frank. ■

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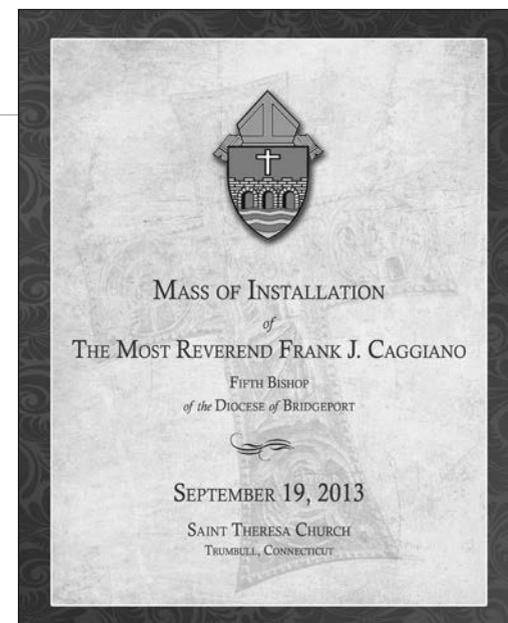
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James C. Smith, chairman and CEO of Webster Bank, is the corporate committee chair for the event. Brownie and Tom Coughlin of New Canaan and Linda and Vince McMahon of Greenwich are the 2013 Benefit Committee chairs. They are being assisted by Audrey and Daniel Dornier, Helen and Dan FitzPatrick, Vilma and Dick Matteis, and Bill Mitchell, who are serving as co-chairs of the Benefit Committee.

The evening will feature a concert performance by the highly acclaimed Beatles tribute band, The Fab Faux. The Fab Faux features Grammy

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Reflection on Regis

Bishop Caggiano remembers schoolboy days

By **TIMOTHY MCMULLEN**

What were the courses like?

TM: How did you feel called to the priesthood as a young man?

FC: My interest in the priesthood had its roots in Regis to some extent. Throughout my time at Regis, I found myself mulling over the priesthood. Eventually, it became a question of doing something of value with my life that would make a lasting difference.

TM: What can you tell me about your time at Regis? Do you have any memorable stories to share?

FC: In my case, Regis was not a choice I wanted to make. All my friends from my neighborhood in Brooklyn went to Xavarian, and I wanted to go there, too. My father would not hear of it. I received my acceptance letter from Xavarian first, and I was thrilled, but a few nights later, my father confronted me at the dinner table. He held up two envelopes, one from Regis, one from Xavarian. "In this envelope," he said, "is a letter from a school that could cost me a lot of money

over the next four years." He then showed me the letter from Regis. "In this envelope is a letter from a school that's going to be much easier on my wallet. Which school do you think you're going to?"

Looking back, it was truly an act of grace. Having grown up in a closed existence in Brooklyn where almost everyone knew each other, I was much too comfortable in that world. If I had gone to Xavarian, I would have continued to feel comfortable and would not have experienced the growth that I experienced at

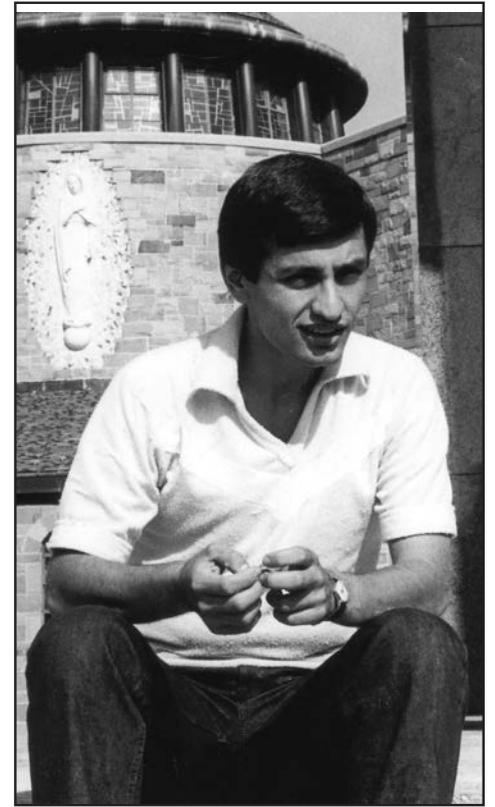
Regis. Once I chose to accept my fate, Regis blew my world to pieces. Going to class with young men from all five boroughs and beyond was a life-changing experience for me; the learning environment is an education in and of itself.

I took the N train to school each day. I had never been on the train alone before; my father came in with me on the first day of school freshman year and then left me on my own. I was petrified, but that was part of my maturation.

I developed personally as much as educationally. I'm grateful to my father for his encouragement, and I'm also grateful for the people that I met and for the friends that I still keep in touch with. I feel that at Regis, friendships are much different than at other schools; they are relationships you maintain, and your friends offer varied experiences that broaden your world and enrich you.

TM: What about your studies beyond Regis?

FC: I left McGraw-Hill to enter the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, Long Island and was ordained in 1987. Four years later, Bishop Daily assigned me to graduate studies at Gregorian University in Rome. I spent five years there; I earned my licentiate, which is equivalent to a master's degree, and eventually earned a doctorate in dogma. I had an exceptional director for my doctoral dissertation. His name was Michael McDermott, and he currently works at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit. For the paper itself, I wrote about St. Cyril of Alexandria, also known as the Father of the Hypostatic Union. Writing my dissertation required me to think in largely unfamiliar terms as I had done at Regis. I worked with thousands of pages of primary Greek text and wrote the paper in eight months; I had never attempted



something of that magnitude before and have never done so since.

TM: Could you describe for me your experiences as a priest?

FC: One image that particularly resonates with me in regard to a priest's responsibilities is that of a bridge-builder. One of the Holy Father's titles is "Pontifex Maximus," the Supreme Bridge-Builder, which is very suitable considering the fact that like a bridge-builder, a priest builds relationships and makes connections between different communities. Creating friendships and interacting with people is an absolutely crucial part of any priest's ministry. It is all about the people you reach out to, and the Gospels make this abundantly clear. Throughout my life, I have called Brooklyn my home, and the Brooklyn Bridge is undoubtedly the most important symbol of the borough. To some extent, it has been a symbol of my life as a priest as well.

(Timothy McMullen is a student at Regis High School in New York, NY, an all-scholarship school for boys that Bishop Frank graduated from in 1977. Tim recently interviewed Bishop Caggiano for the Regis High School newsletter. We're pleased to print these excerpts.)

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Bishop Caggiano in his own words

Bishop Caggiano in his own words:

On education:

"In Catholic education we educate and we form. Both are equally important. When we educate, we pass on the body of knowledge that we have been given—the humanities, the arts, the sciences and theology itself. But that, in and of itself, does not necessarily guarantee that a person will live life well. You could be successful, but not necessarily live life well—happy, joyful, wholesome. So, formation is the other piece. Formation is taking a person and molding them into the image of the Lord, which is what Catholic education does, so that they will make right choices in life, that they'll be people of integrity, that they will do what they say, that they'll be able to bear witness to the values that are in their heart. And, quite frankly, that they will not necessarily follow the crowd, but follow what they know in their heart to be true. I think all of our schools do that well.

*From the Greenwich Time,
September 24*

single one of them. And, quite frankly, part of the uncertainty in life, the way I discern it, is that there are many competing voices for their attention, many competing voices that are promising them various things.

The question is how do you discern which voice to follow—that's part of the growing-up process. And, along the way, you're going to make some mistakes, we all do. ... I'm going to invite them to walk with me and the leaders of our parishes and schools. Give us a chance to be a voice that they will try to listen to. And see where in the end their heart is going to lead them. Because my hunch is many of them are going to follow what we ask them to do.

*From the Greenwich Time,
September 24*

On discovering his vocation:

If you asked me the factors for the vocation, in addition to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, which is a given, it was the witness of the religious that I had in



(PHOTO BY AMY MORTENSEN)

On what Catholics should read:

I would tell them: "Go back and read the Fathers of the Church. Start with St. Ignatius and work your way up." Because I have experienced firsthand that an enormous number of individuals, particularly young adults, have conversion experiences to

that Christians, and Catholics in particular, had lost the sense of the importance of the Fathers as the commentary on Sacred Scripture.

Most Christians have forgotten that all of those homilies and all of those treatises are basically reflections on the word of God.

*From National Catholic Register,
September 13*

On moving from Brooklyn to Trumbull:

I'm trying to get used to the quiet. Last night I could hear my own heartbeat. I'm not used to the experience of the sun coming up without being blocked by buildings and lights. Just to see the sun rise above the trees in back of the house is extremely prayerful and sets the tone for the whole day."

From interview with Fairfield County Catholic, September 2013

On what he hopes to bring as bishop:

First and foremost, a gentle and compassionate heart. I think what the world needs to see is the mercy of God. Pope Francis is receiving such an enormous welcome from believers and non-believers alike because he very beautifully is presenting the merciful love of God. To the extent in my own way that I can do that, I am hoping that I can bring that to this ministry."

*Inaugural Press Conference,
July 31*

On the importance of parish communities:

If a parish community is marked by love, then it will

become welcoming, hospitable, generous, visionary and creative. It will be selfless and it will be contagious. The question then becomes, "how authentic are we as a loving community?"

*From Fairfield County Catholic,
September 2013*

On evangelization of priests:

"I have always understood the role of a bishop to be the pastor of his priests so his priests can be pastors of God's people.

We take seriously the idea that a bishop is the father to his priests, that he needs to spend time to listen to them, to love them, respect them, challenge them and help them to grow in faith and they help him to grow in faith.

In many ways, I think the whole question of evangelization is about invitation.

We cannot invite others to what we are not willing to do."

*Interview with Ron Kuzlik,
September 19*

On being the Shepherd

"Who do you say that I am?" (Mt. 16:13) It is a question that has echoed and re-echoed for nearly 2,000 years, since it was first uttered on the road to Caesarea Philippi.

My friends, the answer that you and I have given to this question in the quiet of our own lives and the answer that you and I will give together to this question as the Church in the Diocese of Bridgeport in the years ahead is the real reason why we have come to this beautiful cathedral to celebrate this evening.

For we have come not simply to inaugurate my ministry as Shepherd in your midst;

A ministry for which I could never be fully worthy but one for which I am profoundly grateful to the Lord who has chosen me, despite my shortcomings and faults; a ministry that I pledge to live out as best as I can utilizing all the gifts and talents that God has given to me in service of you, my brothers and sisters in the Lord.

My friends, you are the holy ones who form the Body of Christ and for whom I come as a pastor, shepherd and brother to serve.

From Bishop Caggiano's Vespers Homily, September 18, 2013



(PHOTO BY MICHELLE BABYAK)

Message to young people:

I can summarize it in seven words: We need you, and we want you. They need to know that there's not a single young person who is superfluous, expendable, who could be lost in the shadows. We need every

my life and the nurturing prayers of my mom. Since yesterday was the feast of St. Monica, it resonates very much in my mind: the importance of parents in fostering vocations.

From the National Catholic Register interview, September 13

the Catholic faith through reading the Fathers of the Church.

A dear friend of mine, Rabbi Gerald Meister, who died this past March, God rest his soul—his degree was in Christian studies, actually Catholic theology—said to me, years ago,

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witnessed by so many as he prayerfully assumed leadership of the diocese.

More than 40 bishops and hundreds of priests turned out to wish our new bishop well. Among them were two very familiar and welcome faces, our

former bishops Cardinal Edward Egan and Archbishop William E. Lori, giving the day the air of a family reunion as they were embraced with ovations and warm applause.

All of this while the world was watching: the first Installation Mass of the diocese that was

streamed live and also broadcast across the country by EWTN and the Catholic TV Network thanks to the generosity of the media center of Fairfield University.

Our deepest thanks go out to Fr. Brian Gannon, pastor of St. Theresa Parish in Trumbull and to Fr. Peter Lenox, administrator of the Cathedral Parish in Bridgeport for all of their hard work in preparing for the services. The churches looked magnificent.

The cast of people who

worked behind the scenes is too numerous to mention. Let it suffice to say that we are deeply grateful for all those who attended, volunteered, and lent their support to make the day a success. In particular, the town of Trumbull and the Trumbull Police could not have been more welcoming. Likewise, the city of Bridgeport and its police department went out of their way to ensure that all went smoothly at the Cathedral.

The installation of Bishop Caggiano is an historic moment in this young diocese that has only welcomed five bishops, and it is also a day that will be joyfully remembered by all those who attended or watched the ceremonies.

Most of all, it's a hopeful day. It reminds us that we're a pilgrim church; always on the move, always forming faith-filled and loving communities. We welcomed our new bishop in churches built by people who are long since gone.

We stand on their shoulders and accept the living faith from their hands. Faith makes our lives and our prayers continuous and deeply rooted in shared experience.

In his homily, Bishop Caggiano, a son of Brooklyn with one of the world's most extraordinary bridges, called on us to "build spiritual bridges." So much depends on his success as our shepherd and spiritual leader. So let's leave the last word to our new bishop as we wish him well:

"My friends, as I begin my ministry, I invite you with the depth of faith, generosity of spirit and love of neighborhood that have made this diocese great for so many years to work together to build spiritual bridges that will last not solely for a century or for an age but, with the Lord's grace, unto everlasting glory."



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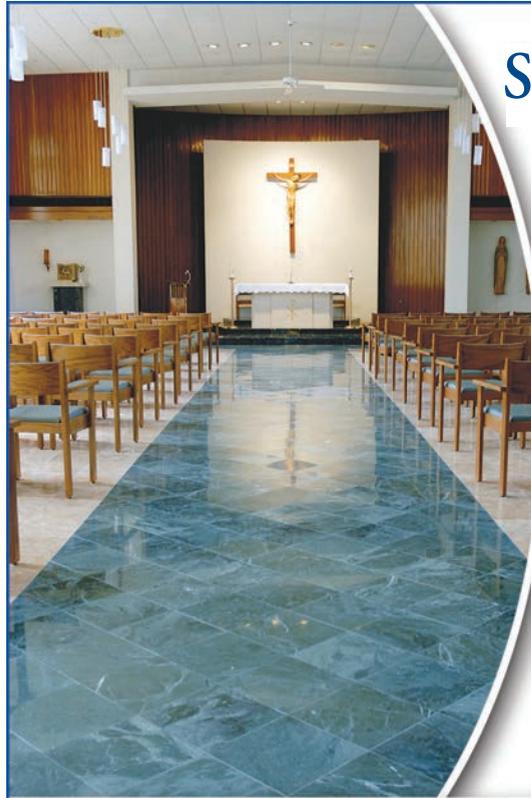


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**Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio,
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For twenty-six years, Bishop Caggiano has faithfully served the faithful of Brooklyn and Queens, and I can attest that he is an outstanding priest. He has been one of my closest collaborators. I had the privilege of ordaining Bishop Caggiano to the episcopacy, and I can unequivocally state that he will be an outstanding pastor to the faithful of Bridgeport.

Bishop Caggiano, who was ordained a priest in 1987 for the Diocese of Brooklyn, has served in a number of pastoral and administrative positions. He has been a pastor and was also responsible for the formation of men for the permanent diaconate. Since 2006, Bishop Caggiano has served as vicar general and moderator of the curia.

First and foremost, Bishop Caggiano is an outstanding teacher, as is evidenced by the Holy See selecting him twice to offer catechesis to the young people at World Youth Days, both in Madrid 2011 and just recently in Rio de Janeiro. Bishop Caggiano was at the forefront of reorganizing Catholic schools and academies to make them sustainable for many years into the future. Also under his guidance, all of our parishes were placed on firm financial footing to ensure their vibrancy for many years to come. Bishop Caggiano embodies the best of the vision that Pope Francis has for those who are called to be shepherds in the Church. I offer my prayers for him as he undertakes this new ministry in his episcopacy.

**Fr. Jeffrey P. Von Arx, S.J.,
president of Fairfield University:**

Speaking on behalf of the entire Fairfield University community, faculty, staff and students, we join our brothers

and sisters in the Diocese of Bridgeport in offering warmest congratulations and welcome to Bishop Caggiano.

It is particularly auspicious for our Jesuit university that the day his appointment was announced was July 31—the feast-day of St. Ignatius, the founder of the Society of Jesus.



Bishop Caggiano is himself a graduate of a Jesuit school, Regis High School in New York, and the Jesuit-founded Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. The bishop brings to our diocese a reputation for great warmth, love of the Church, strength of leadership, and pastoral compassion. His experience as the auxiliary bishop in Brooklyn makes him ideally suited to lead our diverse and vibrant diocese.

We offer prayers of gratitude for his appointment, and may God continue to bless him as he assumes the spiritual leadership of our diocese.



**Archbishop Henry J. Mansell,
Archbishop of Hartford:**

With deep appreciation and elation we thank our Holy Father Pope Francis for his appointment of Bishop Frank J. Caggiano as the new bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport. Bishop Caggiano has established a distinguished record of achievement over the years

since his ordination as a priest in 1987 and his ordination as an auxiliary bishop for Brooklyn in 2006.

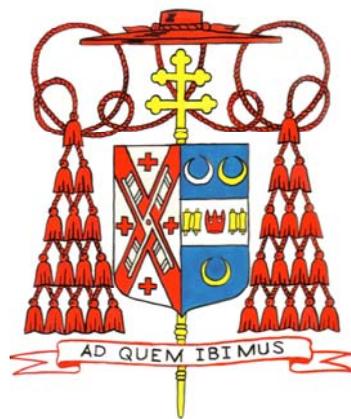
Bishop Caggiano is highly admired by the clergy, religious and lay people who know him for all of his dedicated leadership in parishes as parochial vicar and pastor, for his teaching responsibilities at various Catholic universities, and for a wide variety of administrative services that he has managed, including that of vicar general in the Diocese of Brooklyn. We know that he will be an invigorating leader here in the State of Connecticut and look forward to working with him. May God bless him and all the people of Bridgeport abundantly for many years to come.



**Dr. John Petillo, president
of Sacred Heart University:**

During this historical year when the Sacred Heart University community is celebrating its 50th anniversary, we are delighted by the appointment of Bishop Frank J. Caggiano as the fifth bishop for the Diocese of Bridgeport. We believe that his experience both as an educator and as a parish priest will serve him well in Bridgeport. We warmly welcome Bishop Caggiano to the Diocese of Bridgeport and extend our best wishes, prayers and enthusiastic support to him.

Sacred Heart was founded as a result of the pioneering spirit of the second Bishop of Bridgeport, Bishop Walter W. Curtis, who was inspired by the focus on laity that came out of the Second Vatican Council. Ever since, Sacred Heart has had a strong partnership with the diocese and its leaders. We look forward to continuing that tradition with Bishop Caggiano. We are excited to personally welcome him to the university in October for what we hope will be the first of many visits.



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Bishop's Outreach to Youth

Observing a modern bishop through veteran eyes

By **FRANK DEROSA**

"Bishop, you were so inspiring, you rock!"

Such was the charmingly unvarnished reaction on Facebook of an Irish lass on hearing the new Bishop of Bridgeport, Frank Caggiano, preach the Gospel in contemporary terms at Ireland's Youth 2000 Festival in August.

Described as a gathering of hundreds of young people over age 18 who are set on "spreading the Good News of the Catholic faith," the event marked a return visit by the former Brooklyn auxiliary bishop, who was invited back by the festival organizers to be the principal speaker after energizing enlightened millennials at the evangelizing get-together three years ago.

Another participant, reflecting on a message of spiritual encouragement Bishop Caggiano posted on Facebook during those days, wrote: "Even as I read this, I can

hear it only in your New York accent! You are truly an inspiring man and one that I shan't forget." He made the festival "one to remember," she said.

For the bishop, it was his second encounter with masses of young people this year. In July he was a catechist at World Youth Day in Brazil, where a blogger from the United Kingdom said his dynamic words about faith made such an impact on the English-speaking pilgrims in Rio that he was "interrupted several times with spontaneous ovations and shouts of appreciation," and added that his talk was "extremely powerful and heart-lifting, indeed."

Bishop Caggiano's track record—including World Youth Day talks in Sydney in 2008 and Madrid in 2011—underlines the fact that he responds enthusiastically to invitations to meet with young people, too many of whom regardless of chronological age are

still in the cradle stage of understanding the faith introduced to them at Baptism. "Young people will be a priority for me" as diocesan bishop, he has said. "I have in my mind and my heart a special place for them."

He recognizes the challenge in reaching out to them. A cacophony of discordant messages blasted by the electronic and social media penetrates their consciousness. It's "the wild, wild West," he says. He knows that they need to hear the Church's more substantial message. He's also in tune with the times, aware that social media can be used to help break through the sound barrier that stalls the message as it tries to push through.

Many young people "are searching in the electronic world for a word of hope in their troubles, a word of consolation in their fears, a word of welcome in their loneliness," he said in a talk at the Eucharistic Congress



in Dublin last year. He urged their already evangelized peers to be "heralds of the word of God in the electronic world" by being present on the Web.

Acknowledging that he's fairly competent with the new media, he said young people "are formed by it," and for the Church to be relevant to them it "needs to baptize the venue."

But the bishop also knows

he comes to the Diocese of Bridgeport with an episcopal mandate to serve not just the young but people of all ages, and whether of strong faith, wavering faith or lost faith. Given his pastoral history as a parish priest, pastor and leader of programs, he'll do his work with the kind of gentle and compassionate heart that Pope Francis exhibits every day of his papacy.

I say that with conviction, having had the singular good fortune of working with him before and after he became an auxiliary bishop in his native diocese. During those years, as I headed the diocese's public information office, I witnessed firsthand the ministry of a happy priest at work.

Like others, I admired what I saw. He's prayerful, a holy priest. His homilies and words at other events leave his hearers with a message to take home. He knows how to laugh and his smile is

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Respect Life Month

Bishop Caggiano presides at Respect Life Mass

By PAT HENNESSY

The packed church at St. Joseph Parish, Shelton, hosted Bishop Frank Caggiano on October 6 when he presided at the Respect Life Mass, the kick-off for Respect Life observances throughout the month of October.

Bishop Caggiano's homily emphasized the value of all human life and pointed out the consequences that come from casting aside human values. "When an unborn child is reduced to a choice, when the ill and disabled are viewed in terms of dollars and cents, when the elderly are viewed as a burden, we are not choosing life, we are not choosing Christ," he told the congregation.

The bishop emphasized respect for life in its widest sense. "We all know people who are struggling," he said. "It is the responsibility of each one of us to walk with them, to let them know they are loved. Unite yourself to that person; be mindful of them in your daily prayers."

"He was down to earth, straightforward and thoughtful," says Mary Balog, who heads St. Joseph's Respect Life Committee. "He told us that it's our responsibility to be witness to life."

St. Joseph's is proud that its Respect Life Committee, like that of many parishes around the diocese,

is active throughout the year.

"There are quite a number of things going on," says Maureen Ciardiello, director of the diocesan Respect Life Ministry. "It's exciting to see the different activities parishes are doing." Some parishes, she notes, are getting

Undeterred by the soggy drizzle, they gathered together to form a Life Chain. A peaceful, prayerful public witness, the Life Chain presents



at young ages, and it is reinforced in their homes through activities and prayer and in their churches through youth groups, these children generally favor abstinence and would never consider abortion. Their minds and hearts become set on the right track, and their social immune system is strong."

On October 9, St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Trumbull

presented another side of the Respect Life issue with "Fighting Porn in Our Culture ... and Winning!" with Dr. Peter C. Kleponis. The United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has encouraged Catholics to understand and address the issue of pornography and to recognize the emotional and spiritual effects it has on families and individuals.

The commitment of Gospel of Life Society continues throughout the year with speakers and newsletters on a broad spectrum of pro-life issues, including stem

cell research, challenges to family life, care for the fragile elderly and natural family planning.

"The Gospel of Life Society is a great resource," says Ciardiello. "They bring awareness of the need to create an atmosphere of respect for human dignity in many different areas, not just about the abortion issue." She notes that they have presented speakers on children with special needs, end of life issues, and the value of chastity in the lives of teens and young adults. "They also put out information on issues that come up in legislation, both locally and on a national level, which can impact the right to life."

Toward the end of the month, on Saturday, October 19, a Pro-Life Living Rosary will be prayed at St. Margaret Shrine in Bridgeport starting at 11 am. The tranquil setting of the Shrine will provide a peaceful backdrop to morning of heartfelt prayer.

(To join the Living Rosary or for more information, call St. Margaret's Shrine: 203.333.9627 or go to prolifelivingrosary@gmail.com. For a Gospel of Life schedule of events, contact Eileen Bianchini: 203.847.5727 or stmarygols@aol.com.)

Giving women choices for life

To help women before they succumb to the pressures for an abortion, a Connecticut website, ct4women.com, offers women "One Stop Shopping"—with all essential information on women's choices in one place. It was designed to help young women make critical decisions by putting them in touch with helpful information and local resources throughout the State.

The most popular pages include information on 17 different pregnancy care centers located throughout CT to help women quickly find private and free pregnancy testing and the right care

center and solution for their needs. In addition to location and phone numbers, the information includes whether a care center offers ultrasounds of the baby, has Spanish-speaking counselors, provides referrals to doctors, abuse centers, housing, lawyers or adoption centers, and whether they provide supplies to help support the baby.

The baby development page is another popular site. Women can also explore dating strategies and find support groups for women and men suffering after an abortion.

(Explore the site at www.ct4women.com.)



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St. Mary Respect Life - Ridgefield

Watching Over Her "Little" Brother

Antonia Caggiano: A Brooklyn girl to the core

By PAT HENNESSY

Although she was born in Italy, Antonia Caggiano describes herself as a "Brooklyn girl" to the core. With her brother, she attended Saints Simon and Jude Elementary School. For high school, she went to St. Brendan's Girls High School in Brooklyn. Like Catholic school girls down to the present day, the students were instantly identifiable, displaying St. Brendan's green plaid skirts, white "Peter Pan" collared blouses and hunter green vest.

When he headed for high school, Frank, four years behind her in age, took the train to Manhattan to attend Regis, a Jesuit high school for boys.

Antonia, a self-described "numbers person" who now works in the finance division of Coney Island Hospital, remembers their growing-up years fondly. "Everybody in our neighborhood knew everybody, everybody looked out for everyone," she recalls. "Our block had a lot of kids to play with. Both of us have friends from the block that we're still close to. Our lives may go in different directions but when we get together, time drops away and

it's like we saw them yesterday."

Their father, Arnaldo, was an avid Mets fan, and the entire family—starting with his wife, Gennarina—followed his lead. "I'm still a fan," says Antonia, displaying the charismatic wide smile that seems to be a family trademark.

Her brother announced his continuing allegiance to the Mets at the press conference announcing his appointment as Fifth Bishop of Bridgeport, joking, "I'm a man of hope."

He and his friends used to play impromptu baseball games at a neighborhood park, Antonia recalls. When his studies at Regis allowed him time, they'd go take in a game at Shea Stadium in Flushing, the Mets' home park.

Although Antonia met her husband-to-be, Adolfo, in Brooklyn, his family had come from the same small town—Caggiano, in southern Italy—that her parents were from. In a twist of chance, he had the same last name. "We got married there," she says. "My husband's family were there, and my grandparents. We were married in the Church of St. Anthony, the same church where I had been baptized."



BISHOP CAGGIANO is proud of his family, including his sister Antonia (above), and niece Pasqualina (below, left).

After their marriage, Antonia and Adolfo moved into the upstairs apartment of their family's two-family house and raised their two children there. Frank lived downstairs with his parents while he completed his studies at Yale and at Immaculate Conception Seminary and began working for McGraw Hill Publishing Company in Manhattan.

She wasn't entirely surprised when Frank announced that he wanted to become a priest. "I had always sensed something spiritual about him," she says.

"My mother and I were thrilled, but my father wasn't too receptive at first. You have to remember where he was coming from. He was an immigrant who had worked hard to put his kids through school and fulfill the American dream. Seeing his son become a priest hadn't been part of the plan."

Arnaldo worked as a long-shoreman, a hard, labor-intensive job. He wanted better for his children. As he saw his son's happiness and fulfillment, though, Arnaldo became not only reconciled but supportive of Frank's decision. The glow of pride on his face at his son's ordination tells its own story of his transformation.

Arnaldo died in 2002 and Gennarina in 2011.

Although their parents have passed away, and Antonia's husband died five years ago, the close-knit family atmosphere that Antonia and Frank enjoyed

as children continues into the present. Bishop Caggiano officiated at the wedding last year of his niece, Pasqualina, and Cesar Espejo.

"Bishop Di Marzio was there, too," adds Antonia. "It was beautiful. You can't help thinking about your parents and your husband at a time like that. They were there in spirit."

The bishop's nephew, Dominic, was on hand for the bishop's first press conference. The family came up Labor Day weekend to help Bishop Caggiano move into his new home on Daniel's Farm Road in Trumbull.

The whole family, along with many of their relatives and friends from Brooklyn, were up again for the evening Vesper Service and the Installation Mass.

"It's beautiful here, and everybody was so welcoming," says Antonia. "They were happy to meet him, and that made me happy. This diocese will be good for him."

She's pleased that the Diocese of Bridgeport is so close. It will be easy for friends and family to come up for a visit. "And if he wants a little craziness," she adds with her wide smile, "he can always drive down to Brooklyn." ■

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sincere. He's a people person. In a word, he's real.

Bishop Caggiano is respected by the priestly and lay confreres he is leaving behind in Brooklyn. He's organized, willing to work tirelessly with details to solve a problem. He's disciplined, whether about maintaining good health or solving a thorny parish or school issue, and the record shows he took on his share of those. If he asks you to walk a mile along a challenging pastoral path, he'll walk with you.

While I write in superlatives about his leadership, we don't live in a Pollyanna world. As a diocesan bishop, he'll meet issues both predictable and unanticipated. Road bumps will crop up unexpectedly. When he consults, he'll be an attentive listener, and he'll make thoughtful decisions, drawing on the enormous power of his faith and of prayer to find the right answers.

If I sound effusive, it's not because we share the eternal—some say misguided—hope that one day the Mets will rise again. It's the result of having confidence in what I've seen, supported by what others whom I respect have said.

Bridgeport's new spiritual leader comes to his new diocese with talent, energy and a commitment to do God's will and to serve his people. And he arrives bearing a quality that might explain why Pope Francis chose him.

In a talk to apostolic nuncios about a month before appointing him, the Holy Father said a bishop should be "wed to his diocese." He will find that Bishop Caggiano and the Diocese of Bridgeport will make a good marriage.

(A member of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Wilton, Frank DeRosa worked in communications in the Diocese of Brooklyn from 1958 until retiring in 2008.) ■



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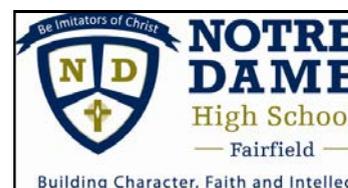
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✠ The Most Reverend John J. Myers
Archbishop of Newark

First Hundred Days

Active schedule fills Bishop Caggiano's days

A busy schedule has filled Bishop Frank Caggiano's days since his installation on September 19 in St. Theresa Church. By the time he celebrated the Respect Life Mass at St. Joseph Parish in Shelton on October 6 he had already been to nine parishes, administering the Sacrament of Confirmation at three of them. He headed to Sacred Heart Parish in Georgetown that same afternoon for another Confirmation ceremony.

In addition, he had opened the International Festival at St. Augustine Cathedral; blessed the new Capella Shrine at St. Margaret's Shrine in Bridgeport and the renovated altar at St. Mark Parish in Stratford; visited the students at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Greenwich;

presided at two funerals; was at a Mass and dinner for the Order of Malta in Darien; and attended a Knights of Columbus Mass honoring Msgr. Robert Weiss at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Newtown.

The bishop's schedule for the rest of the month demonstrates a similarly busy timetable. It includes, in part:

October 12: Confirmation at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Norwalk

October 13: Mass and Blessing of the Renovation at St. Joseph Parish, Shelton

October 18: Confirmation at Christ the King Parish, Trumbull

October 19: Morning and afternoon Confirmations at Our Lady of Assumption Parish,

Fairfield

October 20: Fall Wedding Jubilee Mass at St. Theresa Parish, Trumbull

October 26: St. Augustine Medal Ceremony at St. Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport

October 27: Morning Mass at St. Pius X Parish, Fairfield; 1:30 pm Mass for Children With Special Needs at Holy Cross Parish, Fairfield; and 7 pm Student Liturgy of the Eucharist at Sacred Heart University

During November, Bishop Caggiano is already scheduled to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at five more parishes and attend the Catechetical Congress at Sacred Heart University. More commitments are expected to be finalized in the near future. ■



Convent of the Sacred Heart welcomes bishop

GREENWICH—Students at Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich, enthusiastically welcomed Bishop Frank J. Caggiano into the Sacred Heart family on September 24 when he celebrated the Mass of the Holy Spirit at the school.

Bishop Caggiano was formally installed as the Fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport on September 19. CSH was thrilled and honored when he accepted the invitation to celebrate the opening liturgy of the school year so soon after his installation. The opening liturgy is a tradition for all 22 Sacred Heart



IN ONE OF HIS EARLIEST, and most joyful, stops around the Diocese of Bridgeport, Bishop Caggiano, joined here by Head of School Pamela Juan Hayes, commissioned 36 Eucharistic ministers at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Greenwich.



THE BISHOP SHARED the spotlight with honorary alumna Ann Mara.

Heart Schools, founded by the Society of the Sacred Heart, a religious order of

schools in the United States. The Greenwich school is part of the international network of Sacred

women begun in France more than 200 years ago by St. Madeleine Sophie Barat.

During the Mass, Bishop Caggiano commissioned 36 senior girls—more than 50 percent of the 60 students in the Class of 2014—as Eucharistic ministers, who will serve at all school Masses during the school year.

Bishop Caggiano shared the spotlight with Ann Mara, a Sacred Heart mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

The bishop blessed a CSH school ring and presented it to Mara, who was made an honorary alumna. In honoring her, Head of School Pamela Juan Hayes said, “Ann and her late husband, Wellington, support and live by the Goals and Criteria of this school and are outstanding examples of what it means to be an active participant in spreading the love of the Heart of Jesus.

We honor her today as the mother who has sent more daughters, granddaughters and great-granddaughters here than anyone else, and because she is the model of Catholic motherhood.”

Mara, whose late husband, Wellington, was co-owner of the New York Giants football team, presented the bishop with a gift—a Giants hat, which was given to the bishop by student body president D’Nea Galbraith along with a Sacred Heart athletic team jacket.

Bishop Caggiano used his homily to speak about the importance of family on a global scale, beginning with a tale from his own childhood. He spoke about CSH as a family and urged the Class of 2014 to look upon the role they will play after graduation and college in transforming the world and reflecting the Gospel. “The diocese needs you. I need you,” the bishop told the seniors.

Founded in 1848, Convent of the Sacred Heart is an all girls’ school from kindergarten through twelfth grade with a new coed preschool and prekindergarten called The Barat Center for Early Childhood Development. CSH is located at 1177 King Street in Greenwich and enrolls 637 students. ■

Getting to Know His Diocese

Shrine dedication one of bishop's first stops

BRIDGEPORT—The community of St. Margaret Shrine was pleased to welcome Bishop Frank Caggiano to the dedication

of a new shrine on its grounds on September 22, the weekend after the bishop's installation as Fifth Bishop of Bridgeport.

"The visit shows the character and caring of Bishop Caggiano," says Deacon Don Foust, St. Margaret's administrator of finances, facilities, and functions. "He did not have to take the time to come to our Shrine, but not only did he come, he shook hands and blessed everyone with whom he spoke. We were honored that he would make the dedication of the new St. Pio Shrine one of his first events following his installation. He exemplifies Pope Francis' call

for bishops to tend to their flock, and I believe he will do wonderful things for the diocese."

St. Margaret's Shrine, whose basic construction was finished in 1942, is named after Margaret of Antioch, the second-century shepherdess who is the patron saint of pregnant women and childbirth. The statues and grottos rambling over the site's rocky hills and vales give the Shrine its distinctive charm. They took shape over the past 70-plus years.

Visitors to the Shrine are greeted by the Stations of the Cross and a faithful reproduction of Michelangelo's Pieta. "There are shrines and statues from all over the world—Mexico, Vietnam,

Cuba, Italy, and so many others," says Deacon Foust.

The Padre Pio Shrine is St. Margaret's newest element. Acclaimed for his great sanctity and his healing powers, St. Padre died in 1969 and was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2002. The St. Pio shrine project took three

years to complete.

During his visit, Bishop Caggiano took time to personally thank the Shrine's children's choir, who added their sweet voices to the blessing ceremony.

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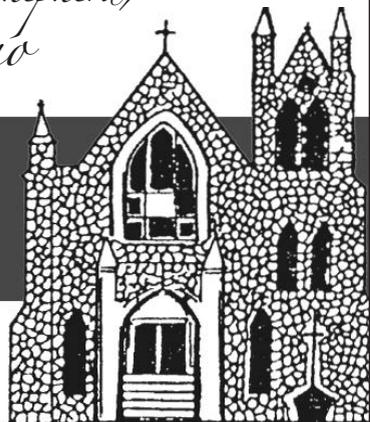


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Getting to Know His Diocese

Bishop blesses St. Mark's restoration

STRATFORD—One of Bishop Frank Caggiano's most pleasant duties in his hectic first weeks in the Diocese of Bridgeport was the re-dedication of St. Mark's Church, a milestone in the life of the parish.

"This project was ten years in the making and a dream come true," says Fr. Donald Guglielmi, St. Mark's pastor. "Bishop Lori had asked me to do this when he appointed me pastor in 2003, but it took this long to secure the funds, and now it is done."

St. Mark's has undergone a major interior renovation: new floor, sanctuary, light fixtures, new altar and baptismal font, and refinished pews and new kneelers. The walls have been sheet-rocked and painted, and the church looks stunning. The baptismal font was fashioned in Italy.

To keep a sense of parish his-



tory, the top of the original altar was retained for the new one and its sides and front became part of the new ambo (pulpit).

ArTech Church Interiors, Inc., were the project's general manag-

ers. Silverstone Electrical Co. and Pascom Sound contributed their expertise.

St. Mark's was fortunate to have the services of Susan Lenahan, the parish's business manager, who spent tireless hours to shepherd the process to completion. Deacon Thomas Masaryk painted the Holy Spirit dove above the Marian shrine, and parishioner Michael Lutz painted the Stations of the Cross and holy water font decorative panels.

Bishop Caggiano blessed the new church at the Saturday Vigil Mass on October 5. The ceremony was enhanced by a Knights of Columbus color guard and the voices of the combined St. Mark and St. James parish choirs, under the direction of Peter Nelsen.

A parish reception followed the Mass.

(PHOTO BY GARY TENNYSON)

Golf outing for seminary

More than 70 golfers and guests turned out for the first St. John Fisher Seminary Golf Outing held on September 30 at the Brooklawn Country Club in Fairfield. Some of the players also got to meet Bishop Frank Caggiano, who stopped in to greet golfers before play began. The event raised over \$10,000 for the seminary, which is celebrating the 25th anniversary of its founding by Cardinal Edward Egan when he served as Bishop of Bridgeport.

"We're off to a very successful start and we plan to do it again next year," said Fr. Robert Kinnally, director of vocations and rector of the seminary. "We're grateful to all who played, participated and sponsored the event." The St. John Fisher Seminary in Stamford provides men a setting of prayerful community life in which to discern the possibility of priestly service in the diocese.



Bishop's Mass for the Order of Malta



The Order of Malta in Connecticut held their annual Bishop's Mass and dinner on September 26. They were thrilled that Bishop Caggiano was able to officiate at the Mass just one week after his installation as bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport. Concelebrating the Mass with Bishop Caggiano were Msgr. Peter Cullen and Fr. Paul Murphy, both deputy chaplains in the Order of Malta, and Msgr. William Scheyd, Msgr. Frank McGrath, Fr. Ian Jeremiah, Fr. William Platt and Fr. Greg Markey. Fr. Frank Gomez acted as master of ceremonies.

Shown above (l-r): Anne Celeste O'Rourke, Mary Beth and William Fessler and Michael O'Rourke.

A dinner at the Country Club of Darien followed the Mass.

(PHOTO BY MICHELLE BABYAK)

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Dear Bishop Caggiano,

Speaking on behalf of the entire Fairfield University community – faculty, staff and students and alumni – we join our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Bridgeport in offering to you warmest congratulations and welcome to Connecticut and the Diocese. Your appointment on July 31st, the feast-day of St. Ignatius, the founder of the Society of Jesus – was most auspicious for our Jesuit University community, and we were delighted to learn of your experiences as a student and scholar in Jesuit institutions here in the United States and in Rome.

On August 22, 2006, the day of your ordination to the episcopate at Our Lady of Angels Church in Bay Ridge, the congregation prayed, “Lord, be moved by our prayers. Anoint your servant with the fullness of priestly grace, and bless him with spiritual power in all its richness.”

We, in the Fairfield University community look forward to your presence and leadership in the Diocese of Bridgeport, and pray that God continues to bless you and those whom you serve in the years to come.

Rev. Jeffrey P. von Arx, S.J.
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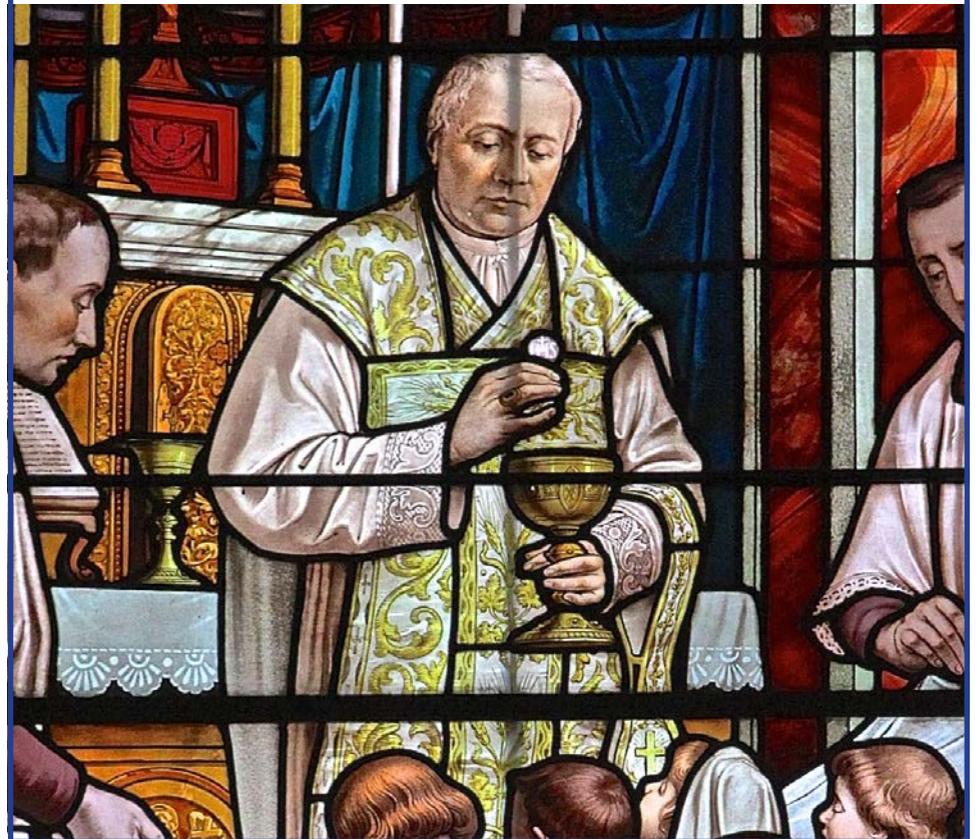
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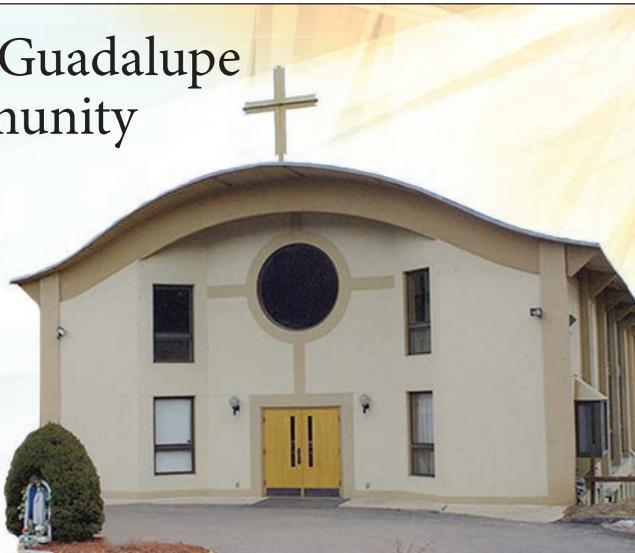
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POR SONIA BURNS

La Catedral de San Agustín de Bridgeport después de muchos meses de espera por un nuevo obispo que tocara a la puerta, finalmente se cumplió. El pasado 18 de setiembre el Obispo Frank J. Caggiano tocó a la puerta como el Quinto Obispo de la Diócesis de Bridgeport. Este día se convirtió en un tiempo de alegría, esperanza y bendiciones para la diócesis.

Fieles, sacerdotes, seminaristas, diáconos, órdenes religiosas poco a poco fueron llenando las bancas de la Catedral en una expectativa ansiedad para conocer al guía espiritual que el Santo Padre Francis ha escogido para la Diócesis de Bridgeport.

A la entrada de la catedral se reunieron un grupo de neocatecúmenos formado de adultos, jóvenes y niños, representando

las parroquias de San Carlos y San Rafael-Santa Margarita en Bridgeport, Santa María de Stamford y miembros de la comu-

cantos de regocijo, mientras que los padres cargaban a sus pequeños durante la vigilia que duró más de tres horas.



nidad polaca de la Parroquia de Holy Name of Jesus in Stamford, también habían feligreses de Port Chester, New London y Norwalk. Todos acompañados con guitarras, panderetas y güiros, cantaron

“Es importante darle la bienvenida y decirle que estamos dispuestos a seguir al Señor. Es un acontecimiento de fiesta” dice Marilyn Melgar de la Parroquia de San Carlos.



A LIVELY GIFT OF MUSIC AND SONG greeted Bishop Caggiano the evening of the Vespers Service at St. Augustine Cathedral. The group, drawn from throughout the diocese, are members of the Neocatechumenate Way, an organization within the Church that focuses on deeper spiritual formation of adults. “Having a new bishop is a reason to celebrate, a time for fiesta,” said Marilyn Melgar from St. Charles Parish in Bridgeport.

(PHOTOS BY AMY MORTENSEN)

“Es mucho gusto sentir el amor y el apoyo que le venimos a dar” dicen Sara y Martin Limón de Santa Margarita en Bridgeport.

Los neocatecúmenos es una organización dentro de la iglesia católica que se enfoca en la formación de adultos cristianos. “Venimos a darle la bienvenida, es lo mejor que nos ha pasado, lo hemos estado esperando”, afirma Guisselle González de la Parroquia de San Carlos.

No sorprendido por la alegría y regocijo que se reflejaba a la entrada de la Catedral el Obispo Frank J. Caggiano los saludó a su llegada. “Son unas personas maravillosas, yo he trabajado mucho con ellos en Brooklyn”, dijo el Obispo Caggiano acerca de la comunidad.

Con una Catedral llena de sacerdotes, diáconos, seminaristas, religiosas y fieles, el obispo expresó su felicidad de que la puerta se abrió y le dio la bienvenida como el Quinto Obispo de la Diócesis de Bridgeport en su 60 Aniversario de su fundación.

En su mensaje el Obispo Caggiano exhortó a los presente enfocarse en la pregunta que Jesús hizo a los apóstoles sobre “que dicen ustedes quien soy Yo”. El obispo pidió por oraciones en los años por venir, para poder contestar a esta pregunta, un capítulo nuevo se abre en la Diócesis de Bridgeport, y el obispo quiere que todos juntos trabajen para poder contestar a la pregunta respondiendo “Usted es el Señor, y el Salvador”.

El Obispo Caggiano hizo el llamado a los sacerdotes de la diócesis, a los diáconos, a las religiosas, a los seminaristas, y a los fieles de la diócesis señalando el trabajo de cada ministerio. “Para construir el cuerpo de Cristo y contestar a la pregunta del Señor, debemos enfocarnos en la vida

que vivimos, la evangelización y la santidad, yo ofrezco mi servicio y pensamiento para servir, para así poder conseguir la buena nueva del Señor”, dijo el obispo a los presente. “El camino por



recorrer, y este capítulo nuevo de la vida de esta diócesis, nos dará la respuesta del Señor con confianza para decirle “Usted es el Señor, el Hijo de Dios”.

Después de escuchar el llamado del Obispo Caggiano la percepción del nuevo líder de la Diócesis de Bridgeport brilló en las caras de los diocesanos. “Nos ha traído una renovación espiritual, un baño de agua viva nueva, una expectativa de lo que va a traernos, es una persona de gente, su inspiración nos ha acogido, él es una renovación espiritual”, dice el Diácono Santos García de la Parroquia Catedral en Bridgeport.

“Él habla mucho de ser parte de la comunidad, él es un Obispo del pueblo”, dice Gloria Miranda de la Parroquia de San Jorge en Bridgeport.

“A mi primera impresión, el Obispo Caggiano es una persona amable, sencilla que es el símbolo de un buen pastor”, dice Esmeralda Brew de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe de Danbury.



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Bishop Caggiano



INSTALLATION

Celebrating the fifth **Bishop of Bridgeport!**

Photos by Michelle Babyak



A. Msgr. Jerald A. Doyle, episcopal vicar for administration, confers with Bishop Caggiano as they prepare for the Installation Mass at St. Theresa Church **B.** Fr. Francisco Gomez-Franco helps Bishop Caggiano vest for Mass **C.** The Knights of Columbus form an honor guard to salute the new bishop **D.** Patricia Hansen, Diocesan Chancellor Anne McCrory and Pam Rittman work behind the scenes to make the Installation a success **E.** Pam Rowella of the School Finance office enjoys a laugh with Bishop Frank **F.** The press gathers around Bishop Caggiano for a quick interview outside of St. Theresa's **G.** Bishop Caggiano welcomes 101-year old Newark Archbishop Peter Gerety, the oldest bishop in the United States.

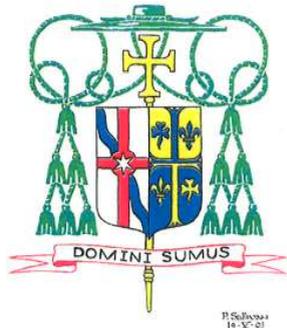
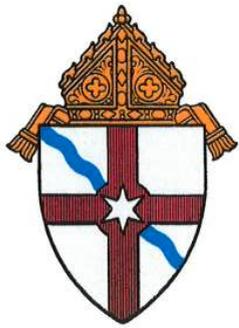


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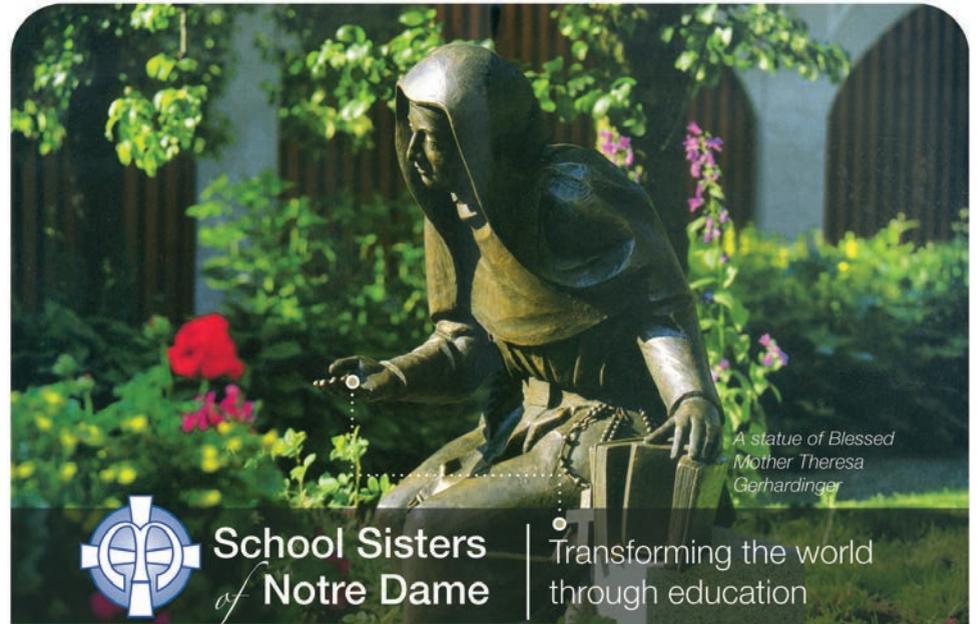


H. The Sisters Minor of Immaculate Mary in Stamford seek the new bishop's blessing **I.** Bus service from Trumbull Mall shuttled hundreds of worshippers to St. Theresa Church **J.** Barbara and Bob Scinto of Fairfield enjoy a light moment with the bishop **K.** New Cathedral Academy Principal Larry DiPalma meets new Bishop Frank Caggiano **L.** Stefano and Krista Santilli of Christ the King parish bring greetings from Trumbull **M.** Salvatore "Sam" Cingari and Judge James Stapleton share a moment of introduction with the bishop **N.** Pianist Peter DeMarco tickles the ivories at the reception held at St. Catherine of Sienna in Trumbull **O.** Archbishop William E. Lori, Edward Cardinal Egan, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Bishop Caggiano and Papal Nuncio Bishop Carlo Maria Viganó spent a quiet moment before the installation Mass.





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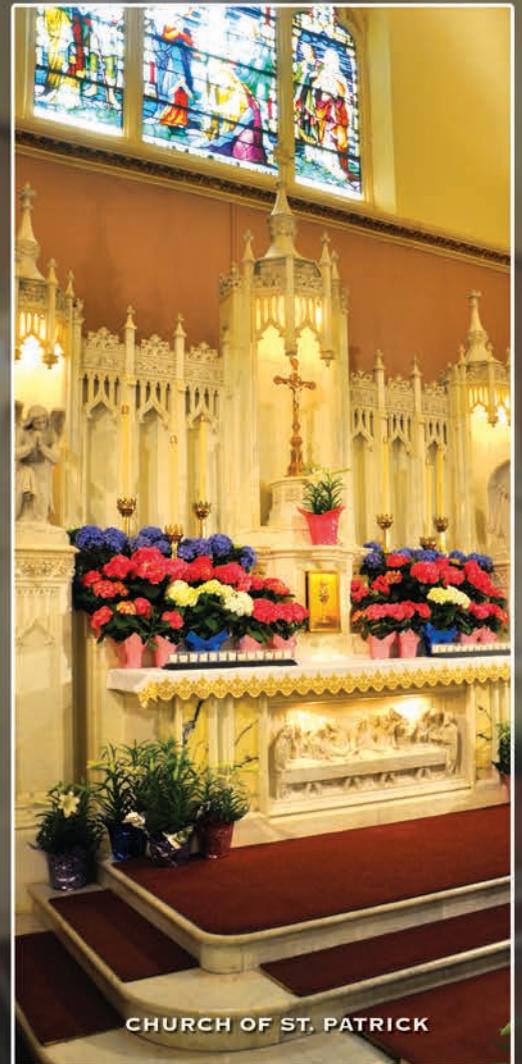
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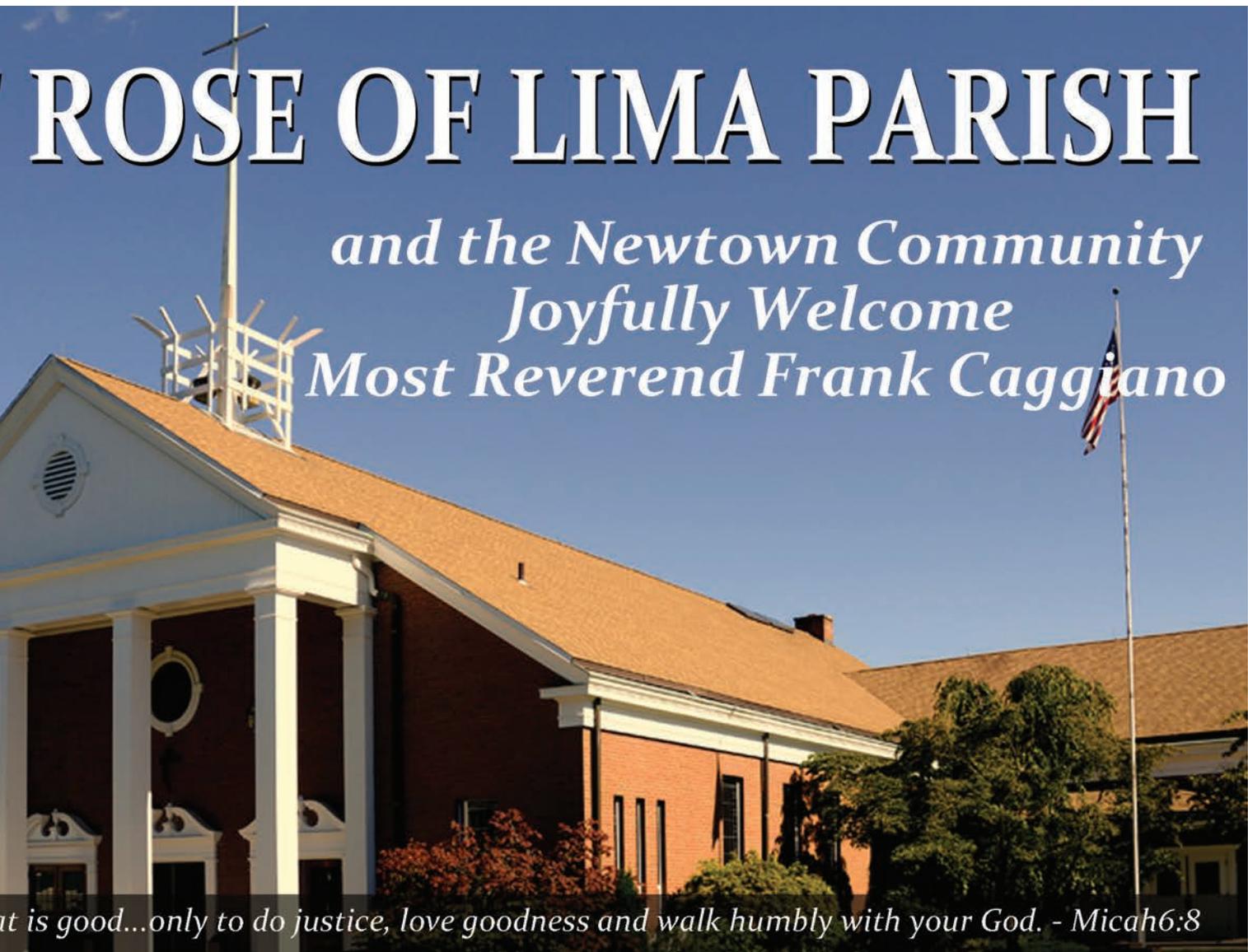
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From Brooklyn to Bridgeport

Bridgeport lucky to get Bishop Frank

By ED WILKINSON

When news came that Bishop Frank Caggiano had been named the fifth Bishop of Bridgeport, it was not really a shock. It was expected that Bishop Frank, the vicar general of the Diocese of Brooklyn, would someday become the ordinary bishop of a diocese. A priest with the talent and abilities of Bishop Frank is a natural to lead a flock. As a matter of fact, many people wondered what took so long. Since his ordination as an auxiliary bishop of Brooklyn in 2006, it was really a question of how long he would remain here.

There was great joy in Bridgeport when it was announced that the New England See would again have a bishop after a year and a half had passed since Bishop William Lori was transferred to the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

In that time of vacancy, the diocese was the site of the Sandy Hook School shooting incident



in which 20 elementary school children and six school personnel had been gunned down by a local disgruntled 20-year-old. Bishop Caggiano requested to celebrate Mass as soon as possible following his installation in the town of Newtown where the incident occurred. He also was quick to

praise the local pastor and priests who responded so pastorally to that tragedy.

That type of pastoral concern will endear Bishop Caggiano to the people of Bridgeport. Not only is he bright and a great organizer, but he also genuinely cares about people. As an example, he

walked throughout the Catholic Center in Bridgeport after his initial press conference and greeted each employee individually. He just has to be himself, and he will be greatly loved by the people of his new diocese.

The loss of his presence will be felt immediately in Brooklyn and Queens. It will not be easy to replace him in everything he did. A tireless worker, he led the diocesan programs that restructured our schools and parishes. He faced problems head on. When those affected by his decisions had questions, he went directly to the scene and answered them. He never sugarcoated the situation. He always supplied the facts and information needed to understand



the problem and solution and presented them in as gentle a way as possible. In an interview last week, he explained that ministry is the willingness to be present to people.

We know that Bishop Frank is up to the task.

(Ed Wilkinson is Editor of *The Tablet*, the newspaper of the Diocese of Brooklyn.)

Diocese of Bridgeport

The Diocese of Bridgeport includes more than 460,000 registered Catholics in Fairfield County, Connecticut, representing 45% of the total population.

Diocesan Fact Sheet

The Diocese of Bridgeport was established on August 6, 1953, as an offshoot of the Diocese of Hartford.

In addition to its 82 parishes, the diocese sponsors 30 regional elementary schools, along with St. Catherine Academy for children with special needs and five diocesan high schools. These schools, along with three high schools directed by religious communities, educate nearly 10,000 youth.

seven Bishop Curtis Homes for the elderly in Bethel, Danbury, Greenwich, Stamford, Fairfield, and Bridgeport; and a multitude of charitable institutions, including the Cardinal Shehan Center for inner-city children and the Thomas Merton House of Hospitality in Bridgeport and the New Covenant House of Hospitality in Stamford, both of which serve the homeless, elderly and working poor.

Catholic Charities of Fairfield County, with 25 program offices throughout the county, provides the largest private network of social services in southwestern Connecticut. In 2011, 1.3 million meals were served to the hungry; 40,000 counseling sessions.

Official Newspaper: *Fairfield County Catholic* is mailed free of charge to 101,700 homes.

One Catholic Hospital: St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport serves 213,000 patients.

There are 14 Catholic Cemeteries in the Diocese of Bridgeport.

Three Catholic universities with 11,000 students call the diocese home: Sacred Heart University and Fairfield University, both in Fairfield, and St. Vincent's College in Bridgeport. In addition, St. John Fisher Seminary Residence in Stamford offers vocations discernment for priests, religious and deacons.

The diocese also sponsors



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Date of 2013 St. Augustine Medal of Service set

BRIDGEPORT—The St. Augustine Medal of Service prayer service and awards ceremony will be held at St. Augustine Cathedral on October 26, beginning at 1 pm. A reception will follow.

Bishop Frank J. Caggiano, the newly-named fifth Bishop of Bridgeport, will lead the prayer service and present medals to the recipients.

"The St. Augustine Medals are a great diocesan tradition, and I look forward to meeting the recipients and their families and recognizing their outstanding service to parishes and the diocese," says Bishop Caggiano. "The faith and love of the medal winners is spoken eloquently in their Christian witness in so many different settings throughout the diocese."

Their pastors, priests and deacons accompany the recipients as they come forward to be presented the medal by Bishop Caggiano. More than 100 medals will be awarded to individuals and couples from every parish and several diocesan ministries.

Bishop William E. Lori instituted the medal service in 2005 to recognize the 'unsung heroes' who unselfishly give of their time and talents to build up parish communities. On one side of the medal is an image of St. Augustine of Hippo, patron saint of the diocese. The reverse features the coat of arms of the diocese.

(For more information, contact Jean Talamelli: 203.416.1358 or jtalamelli@diobpt.org.)



A Special Feast Day

San Gennaro—September 19

By FR. GREG MARKEY

In 1932, the Pucciarellis gave birth to a beautiful baby girl on the feast of San Gennaro in Caggiano, Italy, and they named her Gennarina after the bishop-martyr from nearby Naples.

Little did the couple realize that their little Gennarina would one day have a son who would be installed as a bishop in the New World on the same feast of San Gennaro. More than 80 years later, Bishop Frank Caggiano was installed as the fifth Bishop of Bridgeport on September 19, the feast of St. Januarius (more commonly known as San Gennaro), and this saint from Naples now takes on special historical importance for the Bridgeport Diocese.

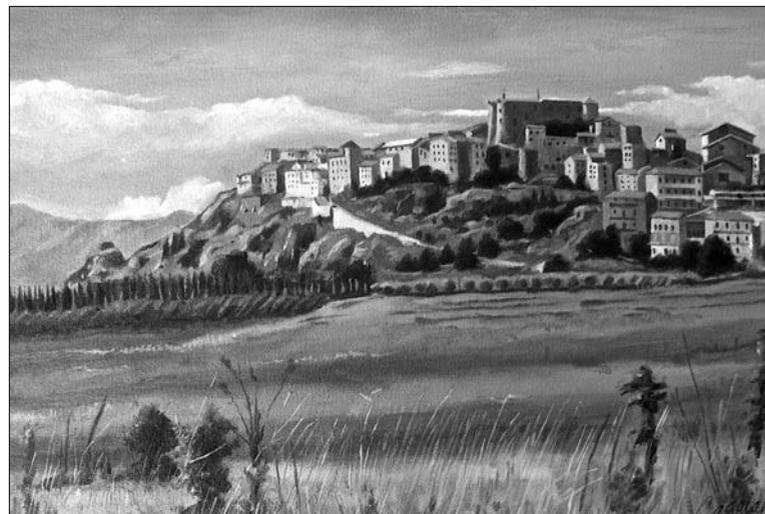
There is little known of the early life of San Gennaro except that he was born in the latter half of the second century, some say a native of Naples. Gennaro was ordained a priest and then became the Bishop of Benevento when the infamous Diocletian persecution began.

The reign of Emperor Diocletian (284-305) marked the last and most terrible of all the ten persecutions of the early Church. Beginning in 303, a series of edicts were issued, "to tear down the churches to the foundations and to destroy the Sacred Scriptures by fire; and commanding also that those who were in honorable stations should be degraded if they persevered in their adherence to Christianity." Clergy and laity who persevered in the faith were to be arrested, tortured, and even put to death.

In the nearby city of Pozzuoli, a group of deacons and lay people who were dear to Bishop Gennaro were thrown into prison for their Christian witness. This faithful pastor determined to visit them even though there was a danger of being caught. He travelled to Pozzuoli and was able to visit them in prison, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. However, the bishop was spotted

and the authorities were notified. Gennaro, too, was caught and thrown into prison with his fellow Christians. They were all condemned to be devoured by wild beasts.

According to the tradition, San Gennaro and other Christians were placed in an amphitheater full of hungry animals but the beasts would not harm them. The authorities were convinced that he had performed some kind of magic and the Christians were condemned to be beheaded. Led by San Gennaro,



VILLAGE OF CAGGIANO—This painting was submitted by John Caggiano of Westport, a retired advertising executive. Mr. Caggiano's grandfather, Angelo, was born in the village of Caggiano, but he does not believe the family is related to the bishop. His beautiful painting was made from a photograph of the village taken by his cousin after a recent visit.

they all persevered till death in the fidelity to Christ.

The local Christians had the custom of gathering the relics of the martyrs, including collecting the blood that was spilt. The precious relics made their way to Naples where they were venerated for centuries.

In 1349, a striking development occurred during the San Gennaro feast day procession. The blood within the glass vial began to liquefy and froth. The astonished crowd venerated the relic with great piety. Since that time, the feast day of San Gennaro has been a standing miracle for all to see.

The miracle actually occurs on 18 different occasions every year, but with special solemnity on the feast of San Gennaro. The Cardinal Archbishop of Naples brings the relic of coagulated blood out surrounded by a privileged group of poor women known as the Zie di San Gennaro

(the Aunts of St. Januarius). The blood is brought close to the relic of San Gennaro's head and the people recite prayers, waiting in anticipation. Miraculously, the blood liquefies and flows like the blood of a living man. Once it has occurred, the cardinal announces, "The miracle has happened," and the "Te Deum" is sung.

When the miracle has failed to occur on various occasions, the failure is always followed by disease, war, or natural disasters. Therefore, the people always rejoice after the miracle occurs. The blood liquefied this year on September 19 once again.

The evidence documenting this miracle goes back many centuries and perhaps no relic in the entire history of the Church has been so thoroughly examined by scientists as the blood of San Gennaro.

There is no disagreement that it is truly blood in the sealed glass vial and that it appears to liquefy and bubble. What is unclear



THIS STATUE from Precious Blood Church is used for the celebration of San Gennaro in Little Italy in lower Manhattan. Immigrants from Naples brought their love of San Gennaro to this country, and the Festival of San Gennaro is a lively celebration drawing thousands of people.

is how this happens. The temperature does not play a factor. Sometimes when the temperature is hot, it liquefies very little. Sometimes when it is cold, the blood liquefies a great deal.

What is even more mysterious is how sometimes not only the volume of the blood will change, but the actual weight of the blood will change, defying the laws of science.

When immigrants from Naples came to New York and settled along Mulberry Street in the Little Italy section of New York City, they brought with them their love of San Gennaro. In 1926, the San Gennaro festival began and it is still today a lively celebration drawing thousands of people.

At the end of Bishop Caggiano's installation on September 19, he not only wished everyone a happy feast of San Gennaro, but also a happy birthday to his mother, Gennarina, who had gone to the Lord in 2011. May San Gennaro pray for Bishop Caggiano and the entire Diocese of Bridgeport that the people of this diocese would also remain faithful in their witness to Christ. ■

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The Bishop and the Blessed Mother

“Take these very special Rosary beads”

By **JOE PISANI**

Shortly before Bishop Caggiano was installed, I had the opportunity to hear him describe his vision for the future of the diocese. He talked about young people and their role in the Church. He talked about the need to proclaim the Gospel forcefully in a secular society that's often hostile to believers.

I was moved by his personal commitment, and when I got up to leave, I took out my Rosary beads and asked, “Bishop Caggiano, would you bless these please?”

“I have the same case,” he said. I knew he was devoted to Our Lady, and I told him my mother had given me the beads shortly before she died.

They came from Garabandal, Spain, site of one of the 20th century's most famous Marian apparitions, and the inscription on them reads, “BESADO POR LA ST. MA. VIRGIN GARABANDAL,” which means, “KISSED BY THE MOST HOLY (BLESSED) VIRGIN OF GARABANDAL.”

From 1961 to 1965, the Blessed Mother allegedly appeared to four

young girls in the tiny mountain village with an important message for humanity about the need for a conversion of heart and the importance of prayer and making visits to the Blessed Sacrament. During these apparitions, Our Lady was



said to have kissed holy objects such as rosary beads, prayer books, wedding rings and medals, which were returned to their owners and have become objects of veneration. These Rosary beads, kissed by Our Lady and given to me by my mother, were now blessed by the new bishop of Bridgeport.

A week later, I was talking to a friend whose daughter has a terminal illness that has kept her confined to a wheelchair most

of her life. Tears came to the woman's eyes when she told me that three months ago the girl had been assaulted and almost died.

Sometimes the suffering good people endure seems to pass human comprehension.

Confronted by the enormity of their pain, I realized everything I've ever complained about in my life has been miniscule by comparison.

All I could say was “I promise I'll pray for you both.” Then I asked, “Do you pray?”

“All the time, especially to the Blessed Mother for strength.”

At that moment, a small voice in my head told me what I had to do. Those Rosary beads were meant to be given away. I'm a selfish man, but that day making a personal sacrifice was easy. I took them out of my pocket and handed them to her.

“Take these. They're very special Rosary beads,” I said and told her the story. She listened silently, never questioning or doubting, and when I left, I said, “Please say a Rosary for me, too.”

That was the second time I've given those beads away. Several years ago, I gave them to a friend who had stage four brain cancer, and he used them every day until he died. A few years after he passed away, I met his mother, and she said, “Greg loved these Rosary beads, and now that he's gone, it's only right you have them back.”

I never expected to see them again, and I realize I was meant to pass them along a second time.

As I was driving home, I said a prayer to Our Lady and asked, “If it's possible, may I have another set?”

That night I searched the Internet to see if I could find any, but after hours of looking, I came up empty-handed and figured I wasn't meant to have another pair. After all, a sacrifice has to be a little painful for it to have any meaning.

A week later, my wife, Sandy, and I were traveling through the White Mountains of New Hampshire, when we stopped in a small antique shop to pass the time. I wandered through the

aisles, thinking I might find a vintage cribbage board but there was nothing. As we were leaving, I saw Rosary beads on a table near the door and paused to examine them.

There were two sets of plastic beads, and a third that had a Knights of Columbus emblem.

“There's a relic here, but I can't read what it says,” I said to Sandy. She went to the owner and got a magnifying glass and moved toward the window for better light and then slowly read, “BESADO POR LA ST. MA. VIRGIN GARABANDAL.”

There are occasions in life when our prayers are answered so decisively that it emotionally short-circuits us, and we come face-to-face with the reality of God's infinite love. I was speechless with joy and disbelief.

So many times I've wondered if my prayers are being heard, and then when they're answered



in such an astonishing way, it's as if God is shaking some spiritual sense into me and saying, “Oh you of little faith.”

Our Lady answered my prayer in an unbelievable way . . . and now all I have to do is return to Bishop Caggiano for another blessing. ■

Mater Ecclesiae Foundation



Months before being named Bishop of Bridgeport, Bishop Caggiano and 12 of his colleagues and friends banded together and created a not-for-profit foundation in New York, the *Mater Ecclesiae* Foundation, an outreach to young people.

It is related to a proposed project at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. If approved, the group will erect an image of Our Lady of Fatima and the three visionaries at the entrance of the Rosary Garden.

The foundation is going to work to create the statue in honor of Our Lady and it hopes to ask the young people of the country to sponsor that project. It will be the first shrine at the basilica that will not be put up by an ethnic group but by young people—with Our Lady is at the center of it. ■

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St. Theresa's Shines for Big Day

“Preparations went full-throttle”

By FR. BRIAN GANNON

The installation of Bishop Frank Caggiano here at St. Theresa in Trumbull was immense! Over 1,200 people swarmed into our beautiful church, including hundreds of laity, almost 300 priests, many deacons and their wives, over 40 bishops, two cardinals, and the papal nuncio, to witness a beautiful tradition.

The installation of a bishop is momentous; deeply embedded in Catholic tradition. The first bishops were the Apostles; thus Bishop Caggiano and all bishops are direct successors to those 12 men personally chosen by Jesus Christ as the first Pope and bishops to shepherd His Bride, the Church of Christ.

A bishop's installation conjures up the magnificence of our Catholic history. We recall early bishops such as Ignatius of Antioch, who was fed to wild animals by the Romans for refusing to renounce the faith in 107 AD, and who first coined the term “Catholic” for the Church. St. Justin Martyr, a pagan philosopher



“THE INSTALLATION OF A BISHOP IS MOMENTOUS,” says Fr. Brian Gannon (second from left), pastor of St. Theresa Parish in Trumbull. Bishop Caggiano's Installation Mass was indeed a momentous occasion for St. Theresa's, which hosted 1,200 people, including over 300 priests and deacons, 40 bishops, two cardinals and a papal nuncio. Among those present were two past Bishops of Bridgeport. (l-r) Archbishop William E. Lori of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Fourth Bishop of Bridgeport; Fr. Gannon; Edward Cardinal Egan of New York, Third Bishop of Bridgeport; Msgr. Jerald A. Doyle, administrator of the Diocese of Bridgeport; Bishop Caggiano; and Archbishop Henry Mansell of the Archdiocese of Hartford. (PHOTO BY MICHELLE BABYAK)

who became Catholic because philosophy alone could not explain the powerful love he witnessed in the martyrs of the second century. There are so many other great bishop-saints, including Augustine, Thomas Becket, and John Fisher. In the last hundred years we have Pope St. Pius X and John Paul II, great men who served God with the last full measure of their fiery love for Christ.

Thus, the great dignity of hosting Bishop Caggiano's Installation Mass meant history here. We full-throttled plans to physically prepare our beautiful church. While the diocese planned its logistics of liturgy, invitations, VIP's, food, off-site

parking to accommodate cars and many other details of the day, St. Theresa Parish expedited plans to make the church shine better than ever. Earlier in the summer we had already begun ripping up sidewalks and curbing to replace them. We planted loads of grass after having taken down trees to enable greater view of the church from Main Street and more sun on the parish center.

Beautifying the flower beds greatly intensified. An attractive sidewalk was built on the inside circle in front of the church, as well as new fencing to hide our dumpsters. Plus a beautiful pedestal for a bench was donated to the church. Parking lines were

repainted and refreshed to facilitate at least some traffic order!

We are very indebted to Tony Salce (capitano!), our trustee and building expert who was invaluable for his love of the parish, construction advice, volunteer work and acquiring vendors who did so much good work!

Inside the church we retuned the organ, wholly recalibrated the sound system with new software. Through a very kind parishioner, the church rafters and high roof trusses were dusted with a team of men and a 35 foot boom! Beautiful new carpets for the Marian and Joseph chapels were laid, with the incredibly kind help of another parishioner. New rugs for the doors greatly enhanced the beauty of the church. The church floors were stripped and re-polished to a mirror finish. A beautiful new altar cloth was sewn. Electricians fixed several lighting problems in and outside.

We retained a professional audio expert who surveyed the audio throughout the broadcast, while lighting people made sure the church was presented as brightly as possible (without necessitating sunglasses). I am grateful for the good people from the Brooklyn diocese and Fairfield University who broadcasted the Mass through internet and television. They kept us in the loop and were very kind.

A special thank-you to our own Dr. Carolina Flores, who prepped and conducted magnificent music for the Mass.

The day of the installation saw even more incredible generosity from many parishioners. Especially our new Knights of Columbus, along with our Sons of St. Joseph, contributed about 20 men, many of whom took a day from work to assist with the installation. The diocese organized a plan to deal with parking, and our guys leaped to help. Under the leadership of John Angiolillo and Mark Smith, our men's groups jumped in to help both guests and diocesan volunteers less familiar with the grounds and buildings.

We had men covering the rectory where cardinals and archbishops vested, the parish center where bishops vested, and the school where priests and deacons vested, as well as men helping direct the traffic and parking in the lots and field. Our guys patrolled the parish grounds answering questions and assisting diocesan volunteers in making best use of the property; they were invaluable. Several drove golf carts to assist priests who could not walk. To know that our excellent volunteers were fanned out all over the grounds was to ensure confidence that all would be well, and indeed it was!

My final note is but a small token of the enormous gratitude we all owe to incredible men and women who helped in so many ways: Joe Trovarelli, Don Epifano, Tom Brown, John Connaughton, Steve Sinise, Richard Hill, Steve Hodson, David Cox, Joe Scalzo, Steve Pelak, Nelson LaDue, Steve Miller, Gary Raytar, Tom Monks, J.J. Gleason, Phil Reardon, Kevin Drake, Isabella Boccuzzi, Clarissa Cincotta, Steve Grosso, John Ndou, Wilson, Toni and Cathy in the office, and Tony Salce!

Lastly, special thanks to our new shepherd Bishop Caggiano, who entrusted St. Theresa's with such an historical and blessed honor, and for his deep appreciation for our volunteers. Fr. Matthew Krankall, Fr. Michael Flynn, and I are profoundly grateful for the incredible work and sacrifice from all.

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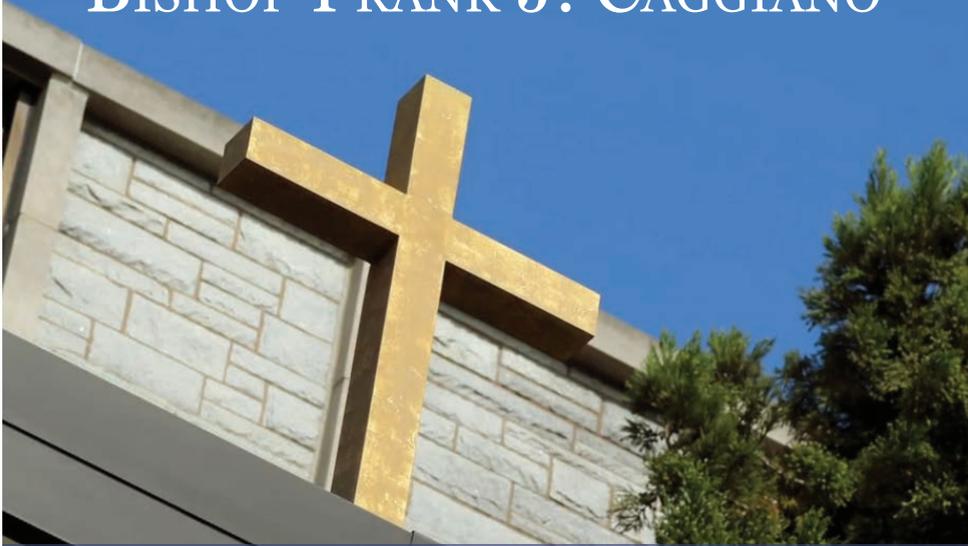
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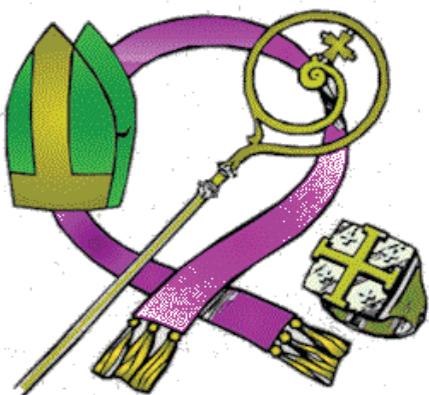


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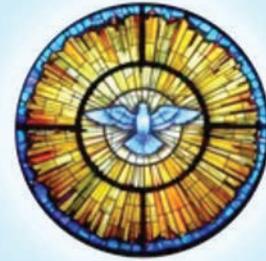
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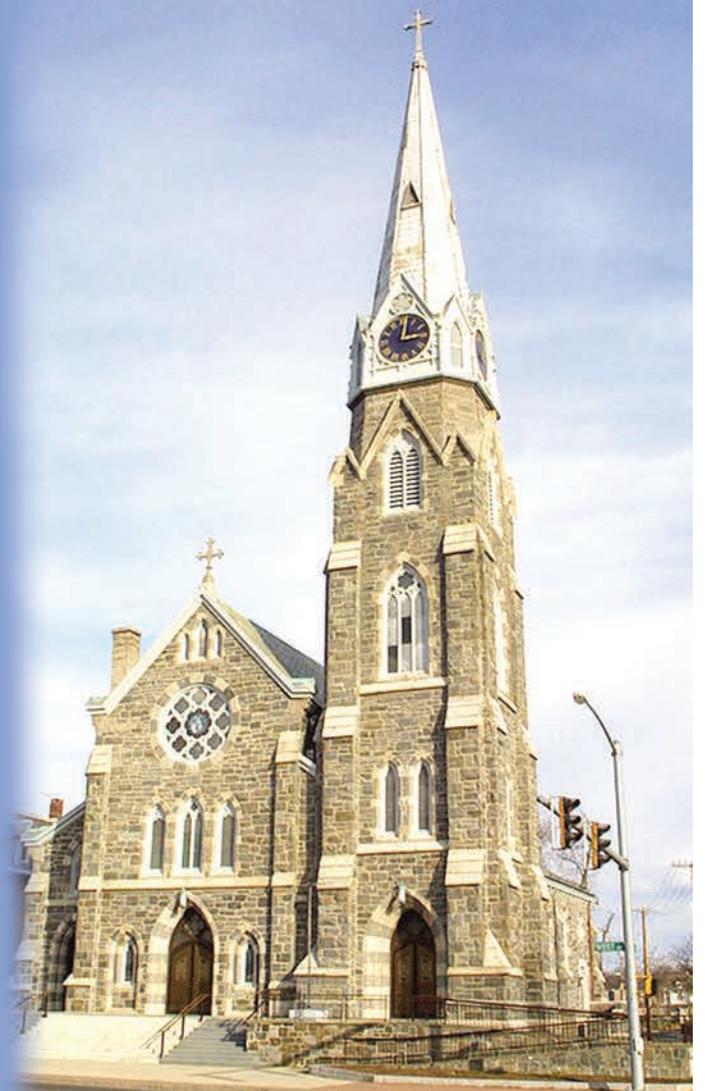
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Interview: Youth and Faith

Witness is powerful vehicle for conversion

(Before his installation on September 19, Bishop Caggiano spoke with Trumbull resident and National Catholic Register reporter Joseph Pronechen about youth, the New Evangelization and spiritual matters.)

As one of the bishops catechizing at World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, how did you find today's youth?

Rio was my third experience catechizing at World Youth Day. I went to Sydney, to Madrid, and now to Rio de Janeiro.

In Rio de Janeiro, I came away absolutely enthused at the level of energy and joyful enthusiasm I saw in the young people ... their attentiveness, their reverence at Mass.

It was phenomenally exciting. No one could argue: "Well, that's the Holy Father and the excitement of being there." The proof occurred 12 days ago.

I had the privilege to go to Ireland to preach at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Tipperary. There were over a thousand young people from every corner of Ireland—enthusiastic, joyful, reverent, prayerful. It surpassed in some ways what I experienced in Rio de Janeiro. So then



it's not a question of being excited simply because of the WYD event, because none of them went to Rio.

There's a great hunger among young people. The challenge the Church needs to face is how we effectively interact, encounter and communicate with young people in the very different world that is evolving in an Internet, Web-based, social-media-based experience.

There is no reason for us to be anything other than hopeful when it comes to the youth, but we

must apply ourselves. This is the moment when the Church has to become courageous, creative, innovative in the methods by which we evangelize.

What barriers do we need to overcome?

There's also another impoverishment, too. Not only do many not come to Mass, but they don't have the benefit of growing up in what I grew up with. The neighborhood was overwhelmingly Catholic, which meant there was a culture to life, a rhythm to life that taught, even if you were not sitting in a religion class.

Because we were overwhelmingly Italian in the neighborhood, there was a rhythm to the festivals, the street fairs, the holy days, the Sunday meal and the patron saints people had devotion to—even to the point they'd put statuary in their back yards and front yards.

That culture is gone in many places. But that, in many ways, taught the faith as effectively or more effectively than intellectually teaching the faith, which comes in a classroom.

So we had great advantages growing up that way. These young people don't have those advantages.

They have to encounter the person of Jesus Christ and fall in love with him. So part of the outreach to young people is to create a contemporary culture of Catholicism that resonates with their experience and can help them to be formed, not just educated. Education is not enough. It is formation that we need to do.

Then this also ties into today's

is the need to overcome indifference. It is one thing to hate the Church, to be violently opposed to the Church, because if you are that emotionally invested, you still have a relationship with the Church. But if you are indifferent, then you are far away.

What do you see causing this indifference?

One of the great effects of this world that is evolving is it creates a numbness in life. To the young people in Ireland, I called it being a "spiritual zombie." There is a



major problems in the culture and world.

If the Church were united, and Catholics were really alive, on fire with their faith, much that society is proposing would not even be proposed. But politicians sense that the Church leadership may be united in teaching, but many Catholics do not necessarily follow what the Church is teaching.

We have to ask the Holy Spirit to really bring a new fire into the lives of believers.

Witness is the most powerful method of conversion. Not confrontation. Witness. If Catholics by the millions were able, in every walk of life and in every community, to clearly witness to the fullness of the faith that rises like the person of Jesus Christ, whose mystical presence is the Church in the world, society would be taking a whole different trajectory.

What are your impressions of how Pope Francis is battling indifference?

Many people point to the Holy Father's humility and his openness, and rightfully so. But I would point to something else. One of the greatest challenges the Church faces in evangelization

lack of engagement in life simply because everyone lives in overload—sensory overload, information overload and, quite frankly, relational overload.

When I grew up, we had guys on the block who were like the little gang that we formed. But out of that gang, there were probably three, four who were really close-knit friends.

Now you go on Facebook—you have a thousand friends. What does that mean? How do you keep up with a thousand people? Why do a thousand people need to know what I had for breakfast?

Everybody is spread so thin that relationships almost become vacuous. And what does that do in the end? It creates a lot of anxiety, fear, loneliness, detachment. "Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee, O God," as St. Augustine said.

The only answer to that is the Lord. But the very methodology of life is leading people to other answers. That is why we have to get into it and eventually baptize that media for the real evangelization of young people.

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