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## ... AND SO IT CAME TO PAST, THE DEDICATION OF A VERY PRECIOUS PLACE

The new Meditation Room located in Terminal C at Newark International Airport was dedicated by Archbishop Theodore McCarrick at a 10:30 A.M. Mass on Sunday, February 26, 1989.

The Archbishop gave special thanks to our Council for its unending support of Father Salvatore Malanga and the chapel idea which is now a reality. He also expressed his thanks to the Port Authority for its approval, Continental Airlines for providing the floor space and to Congressman Matthew J. Rinaldo who persured the proposal through Federal regulations and negotiations.

The bright and cheerful meditation room will be a place where millions of travelers - of all faiths - can come to pray and be closer to God, the Archbishop predicted. "I've been in a lot of other airport chapels, and I'm glad we now have this one in our New Jersey," the Archbishop said.

"We've ultimately reached the goals we set 13 years ago. It's phenomenal how it has all come together in the past few months," said Father Salvatore Malanga, who has served as airport chaplain since 1975.

Father Malanga said that acquiring the large Freedom Shrine Room in Terminal C took much negotiation because of "separation of Church and state" issues. The ministry lost its former chapel in Terminal B because of airport renovations.

The new room is a meditation room and not a "chapel" because it is open to people of all faiths, Father Malanga emphasized. "The more interdenominational use, the better!"

It was in the early 1970s that people began to realize the genuine need for a chapel at the airport, which sees passage of 28 million travelers each year.

Assisting the Archbishop in the Mass were our former Council Chaplain, Rev. Robert Fuhrman and Airport Chaplain, Rev. Sal Malanga. Grand Knight Mike Carr, Deputy Grand Knight Mike Gasser, Past Grand Knight Paul Sandy and Chapel Chairman John Peters served as lecturers and readers. The Mass was attended by many Brother Knights and their families. The room overflowed with airport employees and their families as well. All in attendance were captivated by moving a homily by the Archbishop.

Father Malanga noted that the Archdiocese has a special leader for his ministry in Archbishop McCarrick, who is chairman of the U.S. Bishop's Committee for the ministry for People on the Move, and was recently appointed to the Pontifical Committee for the ministry.

At the conclusion of the dedication the Archbishop was presented with a limited edition sculpture of a soaring eagle inscribed with a verse from Scripture. This gift was presented by the airport personnel.



### BROTHER KNIGHT REV. KEN HERBSTER INSTALLED AS ST. MIKE'S PASTOR

Sunday, February 26 also marked another special event...the Installation of Brother Knight Father Ken Herbster as new Pastor of St. Michael's parish. Most Reverend Bishop Marconi was the principle celebrant of the 12:00 Noon Installation Mass. The Bishop, Regional Bishop for Union County, was joined by the Dean of Union County North, Very Rev. Msgr. Loreti and Fr. Herbster in the concelebration of the Mass. Pictured below (1-r) Father Ken, Bishop Marconi and Msgr. Loreti. God bless you Father Ken!!



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No controversy this month! I learned how sacred Valentine's Day is to the ladies. Some of the wives, I thought, were going to force me into hiding like a fugitive from justice! As this is March, I will refrain from Irish jokes. I'll just say that Spring is here. (I hope we are not having a blizzard as you are reading this!!)

Soon the Council's "Boys of Summer" will be limbering up those rested winter muscles and awakening their gloves and spikes from a winter's hibernation. If you are interested in playing softball with us this season, contact the fellows listed in this "Digest".

With the coming of Spring there are plenty of activities planned. The Swim Club will start their work parties to get the pool in shape for the 1989 season. Remember if you are not a member of the pool, this is your chance to earn passes to use the pool, and the Swim Club will be glad to have your help. There is Irish Nite on March 18. On April 1 the members of Union Council will be taping the Mass for shutins to be televised on Channel 9 on Sunday morning. Looking further into April, don't forget the Retarded Citizens Drive - another of our important fund raisers.

Most importantly for March, I wish you and your families a Happy Easter!

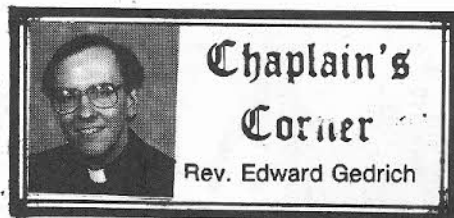
**GOLF OUTING '89'**

Organize your foursome for our 1989 Golf Outing. This event is planned for April 29 at Apple Mountain. For more information, call Jim Holzinger at 355-4858.

**SHAKE YOUR CAN?**

The 15th Annual Retarded Citizens Drive will be conducted on April 21, 22, and 23. TOGETHER, we have the POWER to make this Fund Raiser a success, as it has been in the past. Let's all work together by volunteering some of our time to this worthy cause. For more information, call Ed Waluk at 721-9457 or Bill Tyson at 964-7582.

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Easter is early this year. It's so early that, as you read these lines, it may look more like Groundhog Day out your window than Holy Week. Foolhardy tulips are pushing their way through a sea of mud; the lawn looks more like straw than the green, green grass of home; trees, though their buds are swelling, still trace their skeletal form against the sky. Spring has not yet delivered on its promise.

Late March may indeed be the most fitting time to celebrate Easter; while Spring is promised; its fullness has not yet come. Sort of like our lives. Jesus is indeed risen—the promise of new life is ours, the promise of a new heavens and a new earth where every tear will be wiped away "and there shall be no more death or mourning, crying out or pain" (Rv21:4). But those we love still die and we mourn. There is much pain still in this vale of tears. We proclaim at Easter that "Jesus is risen!", yet "we are afflicted in every way possible, but we are not crushed; full of doubts, we never despair...we carry about in our bodies the dying of Jesus so that in our bodies the life of Jesus may also be revealed" (2 Cor. 4:8,10).

As the world around us explodes in new life in the weeks ahead, let us be reminded that the glory of this transformation, while certain, is not easily won. The bud must be broken open if the blossom is to be revealed. The blades of grass must push towards the brightness of the sun through a dark and resistant earth. And the shell around our hearts must be shattered if the fullness of love is to be revealed.

May the deep and abiding joy of Christ's Easter triumph sustain us. May His love be revealed in us. Easter blessing!

**WWOR T.V. MASS**

Our Council has been invited to participate in the filming of the Sunday Mass at WWOR T.V. We were asked for approximately 40 attendees to film on April 1 in Secaucus. Bus transportation will be provided from the Council home. We will leave at 2:00 P.M. and return at (approximately) 6:00 P.M. For more details, contact Bob Gaitens 688-2760.

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

A Council scholarship is available to one student per year. The student must be the child, brother or sister of a member in good standing or a deceased member of Union Council.

The applicant must pass the Archdiocesan High School entrance exam and be accepted by a Catholic high school.

Preference for the scholarship will be decided by the scholarship committee on the basis of need and scholastic ability. If deemed necessary by the committee, an interview will be scheduled at which time the applicant must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Please apply as soon as possible and no later than April 15, 1989. Applications will be made available at the Council Hall or contact PGK Andy Popp at 688-6951.

All applications must be addressed to the Grand Knight and mailed to the Council Hall. The winner will be notified no later than June, 1989.

