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Msgr. Scharfenberger, '65, Appointed Bishop of Albany

By Aiden Birth

Several weeks ago, Pope Francis appointed Msgr. Edward Scharfenberger, a priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn, bishop of the Diocese of Albany. Currently, he is the Episcopal Vicar for Queens. Bishop-designate Scharfenberger was from Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Ridgewood, attended Cathedral Prep and, later, the North American College in Rome.

After Msgr. Scharfenberger's ordination in 1973, he completed his graduate studies in Rome and at Fordham University. He holds a bachelor's and licentiate degrees in sacred theology. In addition, he holds



degrees in canon and civil law. As a priest, he has served as parochial vicar at St. Stanislaus Kostka, Maspeth, and St. Ephrem, Dyker Heights. For many years he was on the Diocesan Tribunal before becoming pastor of St.

Matthias, Ridgewood, and Vicar for Strategic Planning.

We all wish the best for Bishop-designate Scharfenberger as he becomes Albany's next bishop.

Immigration: A National Issue

By Brendan O'Leary

In recent events the U.S Chamber of Commerce has been trying to urge Congress to vote on an increase of immigrant fluctuation into the U.S. The president of the Chamber of Commerce, Thomas J. Donohue, believes it is in everyone's best inter-

est if more immigrants came to this country. He argues that it would increase the growth of local businesses and enterprises. It would also help create new jobs and bolster the economy.

The Chamber of Commerce is also trying to get Congress to vote on a bill that would make it easier to become a citizen of the U.S. There are already

about 11 million illegal immigrants in the U.S that do not have to pay taxes. The Chamber of Commerce argues that if more people became citizens it would increase tax revenue and bolster the economy. So far Congress has not made a decision.

"Give me the courage to strive for the highest goals, to flee every temptation to be mediocre."

The Situation in Ukraine

By Aiden Birth

The last few months have seen a tense situation in Ukraine. The state of affairs actually started in November when recently ousted President Victor Yanukovich refused to sign on to a European Union association agreement, instead seeking closer ties with Russia. This outraged pro-European Union Ukrainians. Many went to protest in Independence Square in Kiev, which is Ukraine's capital.

Recently, several months of long protest have ended as a result of the fleeing of Victor Yanukovich, charged with the "mass killing of civilians." A

recent rumor states that he has fled through Crimea into Russia and another rumor states that he has even suffered a heart attack and is in the hospital.

However, there is still a fight going on between Russia and Ukraine. The big battle is over the Crimean Peninsula. When Soviet Russia broke up in 1991, Crimea joined part of the newly independent Ukraine, which was formerly a Soviet State.

Russian troops have recently invaded the Crimean Peninsula. It is rumored that Russia wants to take the Crimean Peninsula back. Part of it possibly seems to be its signifi-

cance to the Russian Navy. In the winter, many of Russia's naval bases freeze over. However, they have a lease from Ukraine to use the Crimean base facilities. What Russia wants is full control over the naval base in Crimea; the one naval base that would most likely not freeze over all winter.

The situation within Ukraine is still very tense. There is still a hunt on for recently ousted President Yanukovich. Also, the Crimean regional parliament and the citizens of Crimea have voted to secede from Ukraine and join Russia. All we can do is watch and hope for the best.



Ukraine borders Russia to the east and northeast

"What Russia wants is full control over the naval base in Crimea. . ."

Battle Over Charter Schools

By Nicholas Telesco

Mayor Bill de Blasio has taken heat over the past few weeks because of his decisions regarding charter schools. A charter school is a school that receives public funding, but operates independently. Eva Moskowitz runs Success Academy Charter Schools, and has had a battle with de Blasio over the function of charter schools. De Blasio evicted three of the network's schools, and also wants the schools to start paying rent. Funded by the taxpayers, 63% of the charter schools use space in public

schools. Charging rent for charter schools is not unheard of, in fact a majority of the schools pay to use space in public school buildings. The battle over charter schools has grown more serious, with some parents, and Moskowitz, suing de Blasio. They claim that de Blasio violated students' civil rights by denying some charter schools the use of public space and by moving some students to other schools. This battle over charter schools doesn't look like it will be over any time soon.



Mayor Bill de Blasio takes a stand on the issues of charter schools.

Students from charter schools rally for their rights.



Extempers and Congressmen and Debaters, Oh My!



By Tyler Flannery

Welcome to our Saturdays. Filled with fast paced action, extreme competition, and lots and lots of talking. No, I'm not talking about the casual Saturday night dinner with your family. I'm talking about SPEECH, one of the most successful teams that we have here at beloved Cathedral Prep. There are a few misconceptions that have been made about speech, and within this article, I will confirm or deny these stereotypes for the "speech kids."

First, speech IS NOT just debating boring topics with boring people in boring rooms. Speech meets the interests of many people, encompassing acting, politics, de-

bate, and other activities of the such. Speech people are possible some of the coolest and nicest people you will ever meet, and I can tell you that on a first account basis. The topics you discuss, if you are in Extemp or Student Congress, are far from boring! You discuss social and political problems in today's world, and you have the ability to defend your own opinion in front of one (or more) judges. If you are the type of person who likes making your opinions known, and you like making other people feel like they are wrong, speech may be right in your path!

Secondly, speech is not at all time consuming. Although practice may seem tedious, you have the ability to work your practices into your own schedule, unlike most activities that require daily practice. Tournaments only occur once or twice a month, and, let me tell you, they are probably the most fun out of everything. Even though you have to risk your sleeping in on Saturday mornings, you get to meet and compete with so many different

people. The feel of competition is exhilarating. Nothing is more amazing that being able to come home with a first-place trophy, or just a trophy in general.

And lastly, people seem to forget the perks of being on speech. Not only do you get to make new friends, compete, win trophies, and represent your school, but you also get to learn so much about the world around you. In my experience with extemp, I have learned about, and become much more aware of, what is going on in our world today. And even if you are in an acting category, you become more aware of different acting techniques via watching your competition. Speech helps you build appreciation for both other people's talents, and your own.

There is one thing that I have to say: JOIN SPEECH! Even if you feel iffy about it, give it a try. There's nothing to lose.

(Please note: Mr. Russo did not pay me any money to write this article, T.F.)

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Changes Coming to the SAT

By David Brancale

Just recently, the College Board decided they were going to change the SAT so that it will be more related to material taught in high school. The redesigned SAT will be first given in spring 2016, and will be given in print and on computer.

There will be three sections: Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, Math, and the Essay. Scoring will return to a 200- to 800-point scale. The redesigned SAT will remove the penalty for wrong answers. Students will earn points for

the questions they answer correctly. This encourages students to give the best answer they have to every problem.

The math section will focus on three main areas: Problem Solving and Data Analysis, the Heart of Algebra (linear equations and systems), and Passport to Advanced Math (more complex equations).

The redesigned SAT will more closely reflect the real work of college and career, where a flexible command of the evidence—whether found in text or graphic—is more important than ever.

SAT Question of the Day
Can you answer it?
(63% who responded got it right!)

Choose the word that, when inserted in the sentence, best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

The "double feature," which featured two films for the price of one, became popular in the 1930s as a scheme to _____ former moviegoers who had begun to stay home since the _____ of the Depression at the beginning of the decade.

- (A) lure . . . advent
- (B) discourage . . . end
- (C) dissuade . . . dawn
- (D) perplex . . . onset
- (E) instigate . . . devastation

*"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."
—John Dewey*



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Sudoku

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6					8	1	7
	1	3					5
	3	8	7	1			
				5	9	3	2
5						2	1
1		7	8				6
	9			6		7	

Word Jumble

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LEEXP

DYIGD

SARPYT

TROHEB

Print your answer here:

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.