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2012 Year in Review





Our New Bishops

The Diocese of Brooklyn received two new auxiliary bishops on Wednesday, July 11. Clockwise from top right: Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, center, was the principal consecrator who ordained Bishops Raymond F. Chappetto, left, and Paul R. Sanchez, right... In the line of procession were about 300 priests, Knights of Malta, Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre, representatives of different faiths, seminarians, superiors of religious orders and deacons... Auxiliary Bishops Frank Caggiano and Octavio Cisneros were the main coconsecrators... In attendance were 25 bishops, along with retired Cardinal Edward Egan, former Archbishop of New York, pictured at a post-ordination press conference with Bishop DiMarzio and the new bishops. Also in attendance were Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, who read the papal bulls naming the new bishops, and Archbishop Francis A. Chullikat, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations... The ordination ceremony, which lasted almost three hours, was held at Our Lady of Angels Church, Bay Ridge.









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Superstorm Sandy

From Breezy Point, Belle Harbor and the Rockaways to Red Hook, Canarsie, Coney Island and Gerritsen Beach, Hurricane Sandy caused widespread devastation around the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens. The destructive impact she had on churches, homes and individuals is captured in these images. The day after the storm, Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio was out visiting the people in the affected communities, listening to their concerns about relocation, insurance and schooling for their children. He asked all parishes to take up a special collection for all in distress as a result of this natural disater. Relief funds are being administered through Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens. Parishes and individuals throughout both boroughs and beyond continue to reach out to provide for those in need.











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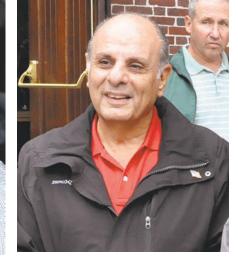




















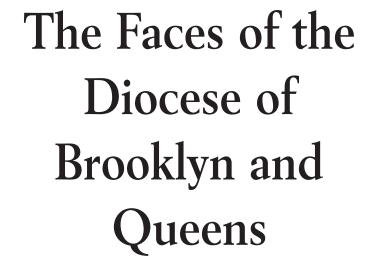






































Travels with Benedict

Pope Benedict XVI made a six-day pastoral visit to Latin America, with stops in central Mexico and Cuba in late March. He then spent two days in the Middle Eastern country of Lebanon in mid-September to promulgate his post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation summarizing the conclusion of the 2010 Synod of Bishops for the Middle East. Clockwise from top, left: Pope Benedict prays in front of a replica of the statue of Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre at the seminary of St. Basil the Great in El Cobre, Cuba... A girl receives Communion from the pope during Mass at Antonio Maceo Revolution Square in Santiago de Cuba, Cuba... The pope greets a gathering of youths from a balcony overlooking Peace Square in Guanajuato, Mexico... From his popemobile, the pope waves to the crowd as he arrives in Revolution Square to celebrate Mass in Havana... Pope Benedict dons a sombrero, a traditional Mexican hat, in Leon, Mexico... The pope signs his apostolic exhortation on the Church's concerns in the Middle East during his visit to St. Paul's Basilica in Harissa, Lebanon, Sept. 14. The document was presented by Archbishop Nikola Eterovic, general secretary of the Synod of Bishops, left... A young woman presents the pope with a gift as he arrives at Rafiq Hariri International Airport in Beirut to begin his three-day visit to Lebanon. Looking ahead to 2013, the Holy Father is gearing up to join young people from around the world at the 28th World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 23-28.





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Milestones

During 2012, the local and universal Church celebrated several significant moments, including, clockwise from top, right: Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York joining the College of Cardinals when Pope Benedict XVI placed a red biretta on his head in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican... Pope Benedict sends his first tweet via his Twitter account @Pontifex... A Native American woman holds up an image of St. Kateri Tekakwitha before the canonization Mass for seven new saints, including St. Kateri, a Native American born in upstate New York... Regina Pacis Church,

Bensonhurst, is elevated to the rank of a minor basilica, the third church in the

Brooklyn Diocese to be so designated... Pilgrims attend a candlelight vigil in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Oct. 11 to mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the beginning of the Year of Faith... The newly installed Cardinal Dolan visits his titular church, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Rome, and meets Msgr. Franco Mammoli, pastor.













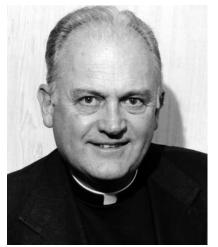
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Those Who Left Us

Among those who died this past year were, below, from left, Brooklyn-born Cardinal Anthony J. Bevilacqua, 88, who led the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from February, 1988, to October, 2003; Nellie Gray, 84, a pro-life leader who founded the March for Life in 1974; Msgr. James King, 91, who served as chancellor of the Diocese of Brooklyn from 1965 to 1976; and Dr. Frank J. Macchiarola, 71, chancellor and past-president of St. Francis College, Brooklyn Heights, and former N.Y.C. public schools chancellor.









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