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Pope: prayer is essential

VATICAN CITY (CNS)- People don't really know who they are or what their life's purpose is unless they pray regularly, Pope Benedict XVI said.

Each day people need "to dedicate the proper amount of time to prayer, to this openness to God, to this journey to seek God in order to see him and find friendship with him so that we can

experience true life," the pope said Feb. 2 at his weekly general audience.

To know life's purpose

The pope's audience talk was dedicated to the life and teaching of St. Teresa of Avila, the 16th-century mystic and doctor of the church. "She teaches us to truly feel

the thirst for God that exists in the depths of our hearts, this desire to see God, to seek God, to speak to God, to be God's friend," the pope said.

"All of us need this friendship, which we must renew day by day," he said.

The pope said that after a series of talks focusing on women who made important

contributions to the church in the Middle Ages, he would begin dedicating his audience talks to St. Teresa and other doctors of the church, saints who made important contributions to understanding Christian doctrine.

"St. Teresa is a true master of Christian life for the faithful in every age," Pope Benedict told audience.

Strengthening parish families

A workshop "Being a Part of a Church: A Family of Faith" has been scheduled in sites across the diocese during the week of Feb. 20-26.

St. Joseph Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, diocesan director of evangelization, says that the workshop will offer participants the opportunity to "learn more about how we can all strengthen our parish family and to prepare for the changes in the Roman Missal."

Anne Scanlon from RENEW International will facilitate the workshop, beginning Feb. 20 at St. Peter's in Lowville.

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Why we march in Washington

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for making the challenging trip

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BISHOP'S FUND SURPASSES ITS GOAL



PHOTO BY MARY LOU KILAN

Bishop Terry R. LaValley and members of the staff of the diocesan Bishop's Fund office announced that the 2010 appeal has reached and surpassed its goal of \$1.2 million. From left are Msgr. John R. Murphy, episcopal vicar for pastoral services; Renee Grizzuto, office assistant; Valerie Mathews, Bishop's Fund director; Bishop LaValley and Janice Shoen, executive director of the development office. See pages 3,4 and 5 for more information.

NORTH COUNTRY MARCHERS

At annual DC March for Life



PHOTO BY COLLEEN MINER

Richard and Mary Franke from Champlain were among more than 100 North Country pro-lifers who traveled to Washington, DC, for the annual March for Life marking the 38th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion in the United States. For the past three years, the Frankes have driven Plattsburgh area students in their 12 seater van to the Albany bus but this year they were able to join the group for the entire pilgrimage. In addition to two youth buses with 94 passengers, groups traveled to the march from Lowville and Plattsburgh.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

HOORAY FOR US!

A ray of sunshine to brighten the dreariest winter day in the diocese – the Bishop's Fund has reached its goal!

Despite nearly 10 percent unemployment all across the North Country, we raised more than \$1.2 million to maintain the essential work of our church.

That's quite a nice ordination gift to offer Bishop LaValley in his first year to be the bishop in charge of the Fund with his name.

Now we can be confident that our kids can enjoy some time at Guggenheim and our seminarians receive the best education possible.

Parents can count on tuition support and every single one of us can benefit from the spiritual and educational resources funneled into our parishes.

Congratulations to Bishop LaValley, the staff of the Bishop's Fund office, pastors and, of course, the 10, 704 donors - so far - who made it happen!

We heard a lot about the work of the Bishop's Fund as the drive opened in September. Advertisements and articles galore reminded us about all that is accomplished with the money.

Five months later, as the goal is topped, we can offer a couple updates on where those dollars are going.

Our "senior" seminarian Tom Higman is inching closer to his ordination as a deacon. If all goes well, Bishop LaValley will ordain him May 28 at his home parish at St. James in Carthage.

The Evangelization Office isn't losing its stride as we move from Why Catholic? to how can we strengthen parish communities as a family of faith.

A new director – Casey Provost of Chazy - has been hired for Camp Guggenheim and an old friend – Shelly Rosteck, formerly of Ogdensburg and now of Lowville – will be keeping SportsCamp in line.

The spiritual needs of a slightly older crowd will be addressed when the diocese hires a director of young adult ministry. Applications are now being accepted.

This week we can read about the blessings of the Respect Life Ministry office and next week, for our annual wedding issue, we'll be updated about the important work of the Family Life office.

And, every day well-formed priests, deacons and lay ministers enrich the spiritual lives of all 140,000 Catholics across the North Country.

This is all thanks to the Bishop's Fund.

What would we ever do without it? I, for one, never want to find out!



Mary Lou
Kilian

By Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSJ

Director of Evangelization

CHURCH: A FAMILY OF FAITH
Teaching About the Law

Jesus came not to abolish the law, but to fulfill it.

Matthew introduces the "antitheses" of the Sermon on the Mount in the passage for the 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Matthew quotes the Old Law with a formula "you have heard that it was said . . ." followed by "but I say to you . . ." Jesus is about to say something that is important to the crowd before Him.

As a family of faith, the Church continues to guide its people with its teaching of Jesus' expectation that we be a people who are called to act with justice, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with God.

Matthew wanted his community to understand that Jesus did not obey the Law but transcended it so that He, not the Law, became the norm for every member of the Christian community.

What Matthew is saying to his community is that Christians are to be faithful to the law as reinterpreted by Christ for the life of the Church. Christians are not meant to be legalists like the Pharisees, but are meant to broaden and deepen the meaning of the term "righteousness" here in the sense of moral activity by doing God's will.

In the life of a true Christian disciple, justice must overflow with an abundance that defined the salvation that Jesus brought to us by His death and resurrection.

Often, we think laws bind us and hold us captive rather than guide us and lead us to greater freedom.

Children sometimes feel that the rules the parents set forth for them curtail their freedom to be who they are rather than understanding the role of the parents to help shape them into becoming mature adults.

This was the purpose of the Ten Commandments to help the People of God to live together in community as a family, as a Church, as a nation. Jesus did not disregard the Law but challenged His hearers to look more deeply into the fullness of the meaning of the Law.

Matthew's community struggled with this challenge of law and freedom. The Church continues with this challenge to continually uphold the dignity of every human person, to be a community of justice and compassion, to be trustworthy, and to be humble.

Discipleship is a radical gift of oneself to God and to one another in both in our inner thoughts and in outer actions.

This may mean speaking out for "justice" sake that goes beyond the law or the legalistic approach of the scribes and Pharisees.

True and authentic Christian justice is made explicit in the concrete examples given in the Gospel passage. Matthew is unsparing in his teaching to his community that there are no half-measures in being a Christian.

If Christians do not practice the radical morality that Christ proclaimed, then they, too, will be excluded from the Kingdom of Heaven.

As a family of faith, the Church continues to guide its people with its teaching of Jesus' expectation that we be a people who are called to act with justice, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with God.

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World Day of the Sick

Who among us has not either been sick personally or have loved ones suffering with serious health concerns? There is no escaping the physical weakness of the human condition.

We know that a major part of Jesus' mission among us was to heal the sick. You are familiar with the many Gospel stories of Jesus' healing. People's lives were made whole again. They responded with incredible joy to the healing Presence of Jesus.

While Jesus had great solicitude for all those who were hurting, He did not heal every sick person while He walked the earth. Jesus' resurrection did not remove pain, suffering and evil from our world. Suffering and illness have been tests of faith for women and men through the ages.

In 1992, Pope John Paul II designated February 11, the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, as *World Day of the Sick*. In his letter designating this day, the Holy Father desired to mark this as "a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church, and of reminding us to see in our sick brother and sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying, and rising, achieved the salvation of humankind" (*Letter Instituting the World Day of the Sick, May 13, 1992*).

Suffering is difficult to accept. Yet, how many brave family members and friends do we know

who suffer through cancer treatments, endure mental illness, or cope with diabetes every day?

Quietly, women and men struggle with Parkinson's disease, arthritis, allergies and asthma. Many of us have loved ones whose bodies and minds suffer disorders inflicted by accidents, strokes, abuse, violence, and terror. Hearts are broken and spirits depleted of those with family members suffering dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

Yes, we are all touched by suffering and illness. We know well that when one member of the Body of Christ suffers, all share in those sufferings.

Pope Benedict XVI, in his message for this *World Day of the Sick*, encourages us to become more sensitive to our sick

brothers and sisters so that "none of them feels forgotten." We, as members of a family of faith show our solicitude for those who are poor in health through personal and communal prayer. The Church reminds us that when we care for the sick, we serve Christ Himself in the suffering members of His Mystical Body.

Parishes throughout our diocese are so attentive to the sick in our families. Pastoral visits to the sick in our hospitals, nursing homes, and to our homebound are a regular part of parish life. Oftentimes, these visits include the distribution of Holy Communion—"Food for the Journey".

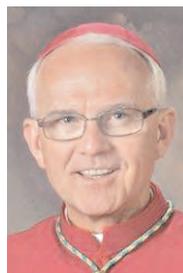
I encourage our sisters and brothers whose

health is seriously impaired to approach the Church for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. In many of our parishes, the anointing occasionally takes place within Mass that is celebrated in the local nursing home or the parish church.

As a local Church, let us keep in mind and heart all those who suffer, as well as those who give compassionate assistance to them in the health care field.

Our priests are also available for individual anointing of the sick in our hospitals, nursing homes, homes or wherever circumstances dictate. "*The prayer of faith will save the sick persons and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, they will be forgiven him.*" (James 5:14-15) What a great gift we have in this sacrament!

As a local Church, let us keep in mind and heart all those who suffer, as well as those who give compassionate assistance to them in the health care field. Pope Benedict has reminded us: "only a God who loves us to the extent of taking upon Himself our wounds and our pain... is worthy of faith." This World Day of the Sick we commend our hurting loved ones to the grace and power of our risen Christ. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on them.



Bishop
Terry R.
LaValley

2010 Bishop's Fund Appeal surpasses goal

By Valerie Mathews
Bishop's Fund director

"Share Your Blessings" is the theme for this year's Bishop's Fund Appeal and more than 10,704 households across the Diocese of Ogdensburg have done just that!

The 2010 Bishop's Fund Appeal has surpassed its goal of \$ 1.2 million.

The Bishop's Fund Appeal provides funding for many programs and services of the diocese that depend solely on the generosity of the North Country people.

The diocese is able to minister and provide service to over 100,000 people every year because of this continued support.

As of Feb. 3 the total received in cash and pledges is

\$1,203,876.91.

Included in the total is \$114,440.93 in outstanding pledges.

The Bishop's Fund Office will continue to receive payments on the 2010 pledges until the close of the fiscal year on June 30, 2011.

In responding to the generosity Bishop LaValley said, "What great news! I am deeply grateful to all those individuals who have shared generously their blessings in helping us surpass the goal set for the 2010 Bishop's Fund Appeal.

"On behalf of all those families who have benefited

from emergency grants and the thousands of beneficiaries of the diocesan programs funded by the Bishop's Fund: Thank You!" he said. "We all know that as we reflect on our lives, we realize that our God has blessed us so many ways. The sharing of our blessings strengthens our sisters and brothers and builds up our family of faith.

"God bless you all for such

a remarkable response to this year's appeal," Bishop LaValley said.

To date, 56 parishes have surpassed their Bishop's Fund Goal and 20 are at 90-99% of their goal.

A chart with parish totals appears on pages 4-5. Parishes listed in bold print have surpassed their suggested goal:

If you have not had the opportunity to make a gift to this year's Bishop's Fund Appeal, please prayerfully consider supporting this vital appeal.

Donations can be sent to: Bishop's Fund Appeal, PO Box 150, Ogdensburg, New York 13669 or to make a gift online, please visit www.diogodensburg.org/development and click on "Donate Now" in the column on the left.



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Parish ID	Church	City	2010 GOAL (Suggested Goal)	Total Paid as of February 3, 2011	Unpaid Pledges as of February 3, 2011	Total as of February 3, 2011 (if all pledges are paid by 6/30/2011)	Over Goal	Percentage of Goal Reached	# Donors
1010	St. Paul's Church	Bloomington	\$3,122.08	\$2,133.00	\$60.00	\$2,193.00		70.24%	33
1011	Church of the Assumption Gabriels		\$3,840.50	\$3,834.00	\$310.00	\$4,144.00	1	107.90%	25
1020	St. Brendan's Church	Keene	\$6,825.00	\$4,380.00	\$187.50	\$4,567.50		66.92%	26
1021	St. Margaret's Church	Wilmington	\$2,772.64	\$2,203.00	\$650.00	\$2,853.00	1	102.90%	18
1030	St. John in the Wilderness Church	Lake Clear	\$4,386.00	\$3,094.50	\$82.50	\$3,177.00		72.44%	27
1040	St. Agnes Church	Lake Placid	\$24,159.20	\$15,330.50	\$1,328.50	\$16,659.00		68.96%	100
1050	St. Bernard's Church	Saranac Lake	\$24,999.78	\$17,335.50	\$2,509.50	\$19,845.00		79.38%	193
1060	St. Alphonsus Church	Tupper Lake	\$15,780.96	\$13,346.00	\$795.00	\$14,141.00		89.61%	158
1070	Holy Name Church	Tupper Lake	\$11,396.32	\$10,565.00	\$475.00	\$11,040.00		96.87%	100
2010	Church of the Holy Angels	Altona	\$4,756.00	\$4,865.00	\$0.00	\$4,865.00	1	102.29%	95
2020	Church of the Holy Name	AuSable Forks	\$8,709.00	\$4,300.75	\$403.25	\$4,704.00		54.01%	64
2030	St. James Church	Cadyville	\$7,223.00	\$8,186.00	\$696.00	\$8,882.00	1	122.97%	112
2040	St. Mary's Church	Champlain	\$6,253.00	\$5,964.00	\$1,020.00	\$6,984.00	1	111.69%	76
2050	Sacred Heart Church	Chazy	\$13,400.92	\$12,737.00	\$811.00	\$13,548.00	1	101.10%	124
2060	Immaculate Heart of Mary Church	Churubusco	\$4,473.04	\$3,795.00	\$210.00	\$4,005.00		89.54%	36
2070	St. Joseph's Church	Coopersville	\$1,401.92	\$1,373.50	\$187.50	\$1,561.00	1	111.35%	29
2080	St. Joseph's Church	Dannemora	\$8,509.24	\$7,022.00	\$489.00	\$7,511.00		88.27%	122
2090	St. Edmund's Church	Ellenburg	\$6,918.70	\$5,278.00	\$150.00	\$5,428.00		78.45%	99
2100	Catholic Community of Keeseville	Keeseville	\$18,897.00	\$21,225.00	\$577.00	\$21,802.00	1	115.37%	178
2120	St. Bernard's Church	Lyon Mountain	\$5,543.00	\$3,883.50	\$268.50	\$4,152.00		74.91%	69
2130	St. Joseph's Church	Mooers	\$5,488.00	\$4,021.00	\$290.00	\$4,311.00		78.55%	70
2140	St. Ann's Church	Mooers Forks	\$12,696.50	\$9,120.00	\$752.00	\$9,872.00		77.75%	112
2150	Catholic Community of St. Alexander's and St. Joseph's	Morrisonville	\$18,924.58	\$16,956.00	\$706.00	\$17,662.00		93.33%	202
2160	St. Augustine's Church	Peru	\$13,348.40	\$13,524.00	\$1,479.00	\$15,003.00	1	112.40%	138
2170	St. Mary's of the Lake Church	Plattsburgh	\$9,896.64	\$8,835.00	\$260.00	\$9,095.00		91.90%	98
2180	Our Lady of Victory Church	Plattsburgh	\$10,267.40	\$9,116.50	\$1,470.50	\$10,587.00	1	103.11%	105
2190	St. John's Church	Plattsburgh	\$21,800.48	\$23,673.50	\$986.50	\$24,660.00	1	113.12%	188
2200	St. Peter's Church	Plattsburgh	\$3,029.50	\$45,772.25	\$3,089.25	\$48,861.50		92.14%	503
2210	John XXIII College Community Parish	Plattsburgh	\$4,667.50	\$5,005.50	\$381.50	\$5,387.00	1	115.42%	42
2220	Church of the Assumption	Redford	\$4,360.29	\$7,431.75	\$2,295.25	\$9,727.00	1	223.08%	95
2230	St. Patrick's Church	Rouses Point	\$11,398.50	\$9,026.75	\$1,083.50	\$10,110.25		88.70%	118
2240	St. Louis of France Church	Sciota	\$1,681.76	\$703.00	\$0.00	\$703.00		41.82%	19
2260	St. Joseph's Church	West Chazy	\$8,647.60	\$7,332.00	\$354.00	\$7,686.00		88.88%	109
3010	Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus	Crown Point	\$4,291.00	\$3,610.00	\$0.00	\$3,610.00		84.13%	35
3020	St. Elizabeth Church	Elizabethtown	\$5,987.00	\$5,062.00	\$0.00	\$5,062.00		84.55%	56
3040	St. Joseph's Church	Olmstedville	\$9,002.00	\$7,332.25	\$1,231.75	\$8,564.00		95.13%	46
3050	Catholic Community of Moriah	Port Henry	\$12,404.08	\$9,273.50	\$1,124.50	\$10,398.00		83.83%	132
3060	Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Schroon Lake	\$12,174.50	\$12,249.50	\$1,097.50	\$13,347.00	1	109.63%	92
3070	St. Mary's Church	Ticonderoga	\$16,966.00	\$17,987.00	\$2,292.00	\$20,279.00	1	119.53%	138
3080	St. Philip Neri Church	Westport	\$4,452.24	\$4,522.50	\$282.50	\$4,805.00	1	107.92%	28
3090	St. Philip of Jesus Church	Willsboro/Essex	\$10,848.00	\$8,262.50	\$572.50	\$8,835.00		81.44%	63
4010	St. Joseph's Church	Bombay	\$3,181.00	\$3,308.00	\$370.00	\$3,678.00	1	115.62%	42
4020	St. Mary's Church	Brushton	\$5,552.00	\$3,950.00	\$1,205.00	\$5,155.00		92.85%	46
4040	St. Helen's Church	Chasm Falls	\$8,153.21	\$4,088.00	\$1,315.00	\$5,403.00		66.27%	33
4050	Catholic Community of Burke & Chateaugay	Chateaugay	\$8,105.08	\$10,276.50	\$207.50	\$10,484.00	1	129.35%	107
4060	Catholic Community of Constable	Constable	\$5,645.12	\$3,991.00	\$287.50	\$4,278.50		75.79%	77
4070	St. Mary's of the Fort Church	Fort Covington	\$2,699.00	\$3,207.00	\$150.00	\$3,357.00	1	124.38%	66
4080	St. Patrick's Church	Hogansburg	\$5,438.00	\$5,182.00	\$320.00	\$5,502.00	1	101.18%	33
4090	Notre Dame Church	Malone	\$26,427.56	\$20,815.00	\$1,828.50	\$22,643.50		85.68%	220
4100	St. John Bosco Church	Malone	\$3,124.16	\$3,247.75	\$145.25	\$3,393.00	1	108.61%	39
4110	St. Joseph's Church	Malone	\$15,001.48	\$12,299.00	\$1,556.00	\$13,855.00		92.36%	137
4120	St. Augustine's Church	North Bangor	\$3,423.68	\$2,554.00	\$75.00	\$2,629.00		76.79%	51
4140	St. Ann's Church	St. Regis Falls	\$1,334.50	\$1,280.00	\$50.00	\$1,330.00		99.66%	27
5010	St. Mary's Church	Indian Lake	\$7,163.52	\$6,915.50	\$394.50	\$7,310.00	1	102.04%	63
5011	St. Paul's Church	Blue Mtn Lake	\$1,725.25	\$2,260.00	\$100.00	\$2,360.00	1	136.79%	16
5020	St. Anthony of Padua Parish of Inlet and Raquette Lake	Inlet/Raquette Lake	\$10,193.00	\$10,359.50	\$604.50	\$10,964.00	1	107.56%	61
5030	St. James Major Church	Lake Pleasant	\$5,592.00	\$6,545.00	\$50.00	\$6,595.00	1	117.94%	50
5040	St. Henry's Church	Long Lake	\$5,794.36	\$4,426.00	\$0.00	\$4,426.00		76.38%	30
5050	St. Therese Church	Newcomb	\$3,207.36	\$2,065.00	\$1,065.00	\$3,130.00		97.59%	22
5060	St. Bartholomew's Church	Old Forge	\$11,668.25	\$9,338.75	\$855.25	\$10,194.00		87.37%	86
5080	St. Ann's Church	Wells	\$4,808.00	\$3,426.75	\$1,311.25	\$4,738.00		98.54%	43
6010	St. Cecilia's Church	Adams	\$7,065.76	\$11,397.00	\$1,399.75	\$12,796.75	1	181.11%	91
6020	Catholic Community of Alexandria	Alexandria Bay	\$14,299.00	\$20,789.00	\$1,205.00	\$21,994.00	1	153.81%	115
6031	St. Joseph's Church	Philadelphia	\$2,526.00	\$2,821.00	\$41.00	\$2,862.00	1	113.30%	25
6040	St. Paul's Church	Black River	\$5,695.00	\$4,236.25	\$996.75	\$5,233.00		91.89%	55
6050	Catholic Community of Brownville & Dexter	Brownville/Dexter	\$14,006.72	\$15,333.50	\$2,345.50	\$17,679.00	1	126.22%	122
6060	Catholic Community of Cape Vincent Chaumont, Rosiere	Cape Vincent	\$16,420.04	\$13,038.50	\$1,462.50	\$14,501.00		88.31%	144
6070	St. James Minor Church	Carthage	\$17,157.92	\$14,745.00	\$1,748.00	\$16,493.00		96.12%	180
6090	St. Mary's Church	Clayton	\$17,287.58	\$15,171.26	\$954.05	\$16,125.31		93.28%	157
6100	St. Rita's Church	Deferiet	\$2,029.04	\$2,050.00	\$200.00	\$2,250.00	1	110.89%	22
6110	St. Mary's Church	Evans Mills	\$4,555.20	\$3,772.00	\$125.00	\$3,897.00		85.55%	35
6111	St. Theresa of Avila's Church	Theresa	\$940.68	\$610.00	\$0.00	\$610.00		64.85%	11
6120	St. John The Evangelist Church	LaFargeville	\$3,482.00	\$3,804.00	\$690.00	\$4,494.00	1	129.06%	50
6150	St. Andrew's Church	Sackets Harbor	\$15,903.68	\$11,567.25	\$1,097.75	\$12,665.00		79.64%	86
6151	Queen of Heaven Church	Henderson	\$5,500.00	\$6,640.00	\$165.00	\$6,805.00	1	123.73%	52
6160	Church of the Holy Family	Watertown	\$43,637.00	\$33,622.25	\$5,863.25	\$39,485.50		90.49%	310
6170	Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church	Watertown	\$16,686.80	\$15,252.00	\$1,911.00	\$17,163.00	1	102.85%	205
6180	St. Anthony's Church	Watertown	\$18,000.00	\$17,433.22	\$1,543.22	\$18,976.44	1	105.42%	212

Parish ID	Church	City	2010 GOAL (Suggested Goal)	Total Paid as of February 3, 2011	Unpaid Pledges as of February 3, 2011	Total as of February 3, 2011 (if all pledges are paid by 6/30/2011)	Over Goal	Percentage of Goal Reached	# Donors
6190	St. Patrick's Church	Watertown	\$30,914.00	\$24,075.50	\$1,447.50	\$25,523.00		82.56%	176
7010	St. Mary's Church	Constableville	\$3,797.25	\$3,559.00	\$0.00	\$3,559.00		93.73%	59
7020	St. Mary's Church	Copenhagen	\$2,013.44	\$2,019.00	\$164.00	\$2,183.00	1	108.42%	33
7030	St Stephen's Church	Croghan	\$17,771.62	\$15,796.94	\$1,069.06	\$16,866.00		94.90%	175
7040	St. Mary's Church	Glenfield	\$5,600.00	\$4,888.00	\$100.00	\$4,988.00		89.07%	55
7050	St. Francis Solanus Church	Harrisville	\$3,432.00	\$3,413.00	\$733.00	\$4,146.00	1	120.80%	62
7060	St. Hedwig's Church	Houseville	\$1,031.00	\$1,063.00	\$0.00	\$1,063.00	1	103.10%	26
7070	St. Peter's Church	Lowville	\$17,934.28	\$20,889.00	\$1,560.00	\$22,449.00	1	125.17%	193
7080	St. Martin's Church	Port Leyden	\$6,332.00	\$4,922.00	\$1,815.00	\$6,737.00	1	106.40%	66
7081	St. John's Church	Lyons Falls	\$4,913.48	\$4,255.00	\$343.50	\$4,598.50		93.59%	30
7090	St. Mary's Nativity Church	West Leyden	\$1,462.50	\$1,362.50	\$102.50	\$1,465.00	1	100.17%	30
8010	St. Mary's Cathedral	Ogdensburg	\$50,484.88	\$57,447.75	\$4,277.35	\$61,725.10	1	122.26%	300
8020	Notre Dame Church	Ogdensburg	\$23,936.64	\$20,877.25	\$4,744.75	\$25,622.00	1	107.04%	190
8030	St. Patrick's Church	Brasher Falls	\$11,443.64	\$8,050.00	\$1,259.00	\$9,309.00		81.35%	120
8040	St. Mary's Church	Canton	\$26,647.07	\$24,078.00	\$2,645.00	\$26,723.00	1	100.28%	204
8060	St. Patrick's Church	Colton	\$13,788.38	\$11,615.75	\$1,053.25	\$12,669.00		91.88%	148
8080	Sacred Heart Church	Edwards	\$1,973.00	\$1,176.00	\$205.00	\$1,381.00		69.99%	20
8090	St. James Church	Gouverneur	\$17,761.50	\$13,126.00	\$3,529.00	\$16,655.00		93.77%	100
8100	St. Peter's Church	Hammond	\$6,271.20	\$9,042.50	\$112.50	\$9,155.00	1	145.98%	31
8101	St. Patrick's Church	Rossie	\$2,141.62	\$3,325.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,825.00	1	225.30%	18
8110	St. Raphael's Church	Heuvelton	\$11,543.00	\$11,572.00	\$2,182.00	\$13,754.00	1	119.15%	75
8120	Church of the Holy Cross	Hopkinton	\$216.32	\$315.00	\$50.00	\$365.00	1	168.73%	8
8130	Ss. Philip and James Church	Lisbon	\$5,434.00	\$5,929.00	\$510.00	\$6,439.00	1	118.49%	42
8140	St. Lawrence Church	Louisville	\$4,767.36	\$3,774.75	\$278.25	\$4,053.00		85.02%	56
8150	St. John the Baptist Church	Madrid	\$8,157.76	\$5,712.00	\$2,500.00	\$8,212.00	1	100.66%	54
8160	Church of the Sacred Heart	Massena	\$29,936.50	\$31,213.76	\$4,244.74	\$35,458.50	1	118.45%	328
8180	St. Joseph's/St. Mary's Church	Massena	\$23,444.00	\$18,555.00	\$2,111.00	\$20,666.00		88.15%	220
8190	St. John the Evangelist Church	Morristown	\$15,655.00	\$10,646.50	\$1,742.50	\$12,389.00		79.14%	66
8200	Church of the Visitation	Norfolk	\$12,585.00	\$10,047.00	\$1,963.00	\$12,010.00		95.43%	82
8210	St. Andrew's Church	Norwood	\$8,007.00	\$10,653.00	\$370.00	\$11,023.00	1	137.67%	122
8230	St. Mary's Church	Potsdam	\$19,500.00	\$19,218.00	\$2,464.00	\$21,682.00	1	111.19%	159
8240	St. Raymond's Church	Raymondville	\$2,119.52	\$2,563.00	\$180.00	\$2,743.00	1	129.42%	23
8250	St. Hubert's Church	Star Lake	\$4,094.00	\$4,192.00	\$55.00	\$4,247.00	1	103.74%	56
8260	St. Mary's Church	Waddington	\$16,673.00	\$14,559.50	\$2,291.50	\$16,851.00	1	101.07%	88
8270	St. Lawrence Church	North Lawrence	\$2,429.44	\$3,160.75	\$851.25	\$4,012.00	1	165.14%	38
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Gospel of Matthew: building a church community, a family of faith

By Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSJ
Director of Evangelization

The purpose of Matthew's Gospel was to bring about the Kingdom of heaven.

Goals of February workshop: to strengthen parish families and prepare parishioners for changes in Roman missal

The way he did this was to have his community come to a better understanding of what it means to be the renewed people of God.

Matthew's Gospel dealt with the same issues that we as a church community continue to face today e.g. anger,

marriage, oath taking, justice, peace, juridical litigation, forgiveness, reconciliation, etc.

How do we continue to be church, a community of faith when so many of our Catholics no longer attend Sunday Mass, receive the sacraments, and do not understand the teachings of the Church?

Learn more on how we can all strengthen our parish family and to prepare for the changes in the Roman Missal by attending a workshop in your region called "Being a Part of a Church: A Family of Faith" during the week of Feb. 20-26.

The workshop is open to all the parishes especially for

the pastors, parish leaders, coordinators and facilitators of Small Community groups.

The topics for the Gospel of Matthew will include background and origin, Matthew's concept of and understanding of community, Jesus' deeds and words, and His preparation for His passion and death.

Preparation for the changes of the Roman Missal will be made available at the workshop. A representative from each of the parishes is requested to be present to receive the booklet called Welcoming the Roman Missal.

The booklet contains:

- Lenten Longing theme (theme fits for each of the Lenten Sunday readings)
- Reflection on the Eucharist

~ USCCB Bulletin Insert
~ Scripture reference from the Lenten Sunday readings
~ Reflection from Pope Benedict XVI
~ Question
~Parish Evangelization Strategies

Lent offers us the opportunity to celebrate the Liturgy inviting us to renew our decision and commitment to follow Christ as His disciple in faith on the path of humility and trust in order take part in His victory over sin and death.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE:

Lewis Deanery

Feb. 20, St. Peter's Church Hall, Lowville, 1 p.m. to 3

Jefferson Deanery

Feb. 20, SSJ Motherhouse, Watertown, 6 p.m. to 8

St. Lawrence Deanery

Feb. 21, Trinity Catholic School, Massena, 7 p.m. to 9

Franklin Deanery

Feb. 22, Holy Family School, Malone, 7 p.m. to 9

Clinton Deanery

Feb. 23, St. Peter's Emmaus Hall, Plattsburgh; to sessions are planned: 1 p.m. to 3 AND 7 p.m. to 9.

Adirondack Deanery

Feb. 24, Holy Ghost Parish Center, Tupper Lake, 6 p.m. to 8

Essex Deanery

Feb. 26, Patrick's Parish Center, Port Henry; 10 a.m. to noon.

Bishop LaValley's Schedule

Feb. 10 – 7 p.m., Nocturnal Adoration Society Mass at the Richard E. Winter Chapel in Ogdensburg.

Feb. 11 – 10 a.m., Mass and Visit at St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga.

Feb. 12 – 5 p.m., Mass and Dinner for Two at St. Mary's Church in Clayton.

Feb. 13 – 11 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

Feb. 14 – New York State Catholic Conference Board Meeting in Douglaston, NY.

Feb. 15 – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg.

Rest in Peace

This week marks the anniversary of the deaths of the following clergymen who have served in the Diocese of Ogdensburg

Feb. 9 – Rev. Joseph Weldon Barry, 1945; Rev. Howard Kennedy, 1971

Feb. 10 – Rev. Zephirin Peloquin, M.S.C., 1944; Msgr. William J. Argy, 2005

Feb. 12 – Rev. Richard O'Donnell, 1949

Feb. 13 – Deacon Edward F. McAuliffe, 1986

Feb. 14 – Rev. John McDonald, 1879; Msgr. Gerald F. Kellogg, 1979; Rev. Charles Joseph Richard, 2007

Feb. 15 – Msgr. James H. Driscoll, V.F., 1928

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults. Pre-registration online is required in order to participate. Participants may pre-register at www.virtus.org by selecting the registration button and following the directions. All employees and volunteers who participate in church sponsored activities with minor are required to participate in this training. Further information: Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, phone, 315-393-2920. Upcoming programs:

Feb. 10 – Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 16 – St. Bernard's School, Saranac Lake, 6 p.m.

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Lewis County Right to Life pro life pilgrims pose in front of Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception before heading to the 2011 March for Life in Washington, DC Jan. 24.



PHOTO BY COLLEEN MINER

Two women from the Diocese of Ogdensburg diocese help lead the Silent No More group at the DC March for Life. Elvia Cherniak with daughter Juliana, parishioners at St. Patrick's in Brasher Falls and Nancy Belzile from St. Philip of Jesus in Willsboro.

North Country pro-lifers report from the March

By Shan Moore
Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. - At 53, an overnight bus ride from Plattsburgh to the nation's capital wasn't Randy Smith's ideal form of travel.

"It was long and arduous," said the parishioner of St. Peter's Church, who took the Lake Champlain Life Bus to the Jan. 24 March for Life to make a pro-life stand.

He wasn't complaining, though, and not just because his wife, Karen, organizes the trip. In the midst of the massive crowd, surrounded by like-minded folks from all around the country, his mood was ebullient, joyful.

"The temperature's a balmy 29, 30 degrees," he said via cell phone. "There's probably 10 knots of wind; there's not a cloud in the sky."

The bus left Plattsburgh at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, reaching D.C. in time for an ecumenical service with Father Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life, held in a room at the U.S. Capitol. There, he honored

Mrs. Naomi King, sister-in-law to Martin Luther King Jr., with the National Pro-Life Recognition Award. Present was her daughter and Dr. King's niece, pro-life activist Alveda King.

Around Mr. and Mrs. Smith and their group, pro-lifers waited out the speeches on The Mall that preceded the March. Signs identified their home states: Ohio, Pennsylvania, Florida, Georgia, Oklahoma ...

Franciscan brothers in brown robes and sandals, despite the chill, mingled with priests and nuns garbed in habits.

"There are tons of Knights of Columbus groups," Mrs. Smith said. "(And) some women are carrying signs that say 'I Regret My Abortion.'"

The Smiths kept an eye out for the Bishop Paul S. Loverde, bishop of the Diocese of Arlington, Va., and a former Ogdensburg bishop.

Bishop Loverde's habit, they said, is to stand on a street corner in the midst of the March, greeting people as they walk by.

"We haven't seen him yet," Mrs. Smith said.

The presence of so many young people seemed to promise that message is getting through

There were young people everywhere, the Plattsburgh couple noted with delight. Children from the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh, N.C. wore large stickers that read "All Life Is Precious."

A crowd of about 100 across the street held signs reading "All Life Is Precious" and "I'm Glad My Mom Chose Life."

Ten children traveled with the Plattsburgh bus; a total 94 teens from the Diocese of Ogdensburg took part.

"There has always been youth here," Mr. Smith said. "But I think this year there's an explosion of youth."

"I was in shock and awe at how many young people are here," said Ricky LaDuke, who traveled on the Plattsburgh bus. "I thought it

would be an older crowd."

This was his first experience there; he signed on, he said, "because someone asked me to go.

"Abortion is just wrong," he said. "I'm the grandfather of four-and-a-half grandchildren. If my daughter had had abortions, I wouldn't have those little souls to look up to me."

The sight of the teens and children in Washington, singing, praying, laughing, hoisting signs high, left Mr. LaDuke choked up -- and hopeful.

Legalized abortion could be overturned, he said. "Maybe it could happen in my generation."

Tanya Rose was another Life Bus traveler whose heart was deeply touched by the solidarity.

"It's really beautiful," she said. "It's love of life. There's not enough of that in the world."

An American who lives in Quebec, she was grocery shopping at Hannaford Super Store in Plattsburgh when she saw a flier about Plattsburgh's March for Life.

It was taking place that very day, and she hurried to St. John's Church to hear Bishop Terry LaValley speak.

And she learned a bus would take pro-lifers to the March in D.C.

So she signed up. A friend of her family had been persuaded not to have her unborn child aborted, Mrs. Rose shared.

"She is so thankful. (Her baby) is a little angel."

Women need to know a crisis pregnancy can bring untold blessings, Mrs. Rose said.

"They have to know that they can survive."

The presence of so many young people seemed to promise that message is getting through.

"I think they're not buying the lies that my generation sold them," Mr. Smith said, who has attended nine or 10 Marches (this marked Mrs. Smith's 15th).

"They're the ones that are going to grow and lead the nation," he said. "It pumps me up.

It's the silent majority coming out."

RESPECT LIFE DIRECTORS ORGANIZE YOUTH BUSES FOR LIFE

YOUTH FOR LIFE

Ninety-four young people traveled from the North Country to Washington DC for 38th annual March for Life



PHOTOS BY COLLEEN MINER

Two buses - one from the east side of the Diocese of Ogdensburg and one from the west - took 94 teenagers to the annual March for Life in Washington March 24. The young people, shown outside the Immaculate Conception Basilica, also took part in a pro-life youth rally at the Verizon Center with 17,000 young people from across the United States.



Taylor Amo and Bethany and Allison Crowley, parishioners of St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg, traveled to the March on the bus from Watertown.



A Morrisonville mother and her daughters were among the marchers. From left are Allison, Abigail and Sara St. Louis of St. Alexander's Parish.



Father Bryan Stitt, diocesan vocation director, left, and Father Mark Reilly, pastor in Saranac Lake, are shown on the Verizon Center's "jumbotron" as they process into Mass for the pro-life youth rally.



On the Mall in Washington waiting for the March to begin are, front, Colette and Shannon Roberts of Saranac, and Jerry and Rachel Senecal, Morrisonville; back, Erin Miner, Saranac Lake; Dayna Leader, Gouverneur; Abigail St. Louis, Morrisonville; Deacon Brian Dwyer, Chateaugay; Richard, Mary, Mary Elizabeth and James Franke, Champlain; and Sara and Allison St. Louis, Morrisonville.

Diocesan young adults on the March for Life

'Pilgrims on a spiritual journey'

Father Timothy G. Canaan, pastor of St. John's Parish in Plattsburgh and director of campus ministry for the diocese, led a group of young adults from Plattsburgh to the March for Life in Plattsburgh.

Reactions from some of the participants follow:

This year's March for Life was a very special experience for me. I grew closer to old friends, and made new ones. Visits to places such as Mount St. Mary's seminary, the shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton, and the hallowed ground of Gettysburg all made for a very exciting spiritual journey.

The trip was filled with joyous laughter and prayerful silence. The Mass at the Basilica, the march itself, and all the support of the other youth gave me the strength to stand for life, knowing that I would never be alone.

**Christopher Fisher
West Chazy**

After battling hours in the frigid air of Washington, D.C., the chill never permeates my soul. Battling the cold is the least of my ails. Like thousands of others, I stood in a crowd of strangers for hours, but felt the strongest sense of community and purpose.

I met people, young and old, from across the country that traveled hundreds of miles to show and voice their support of the preservation of life.

In a mass of people so full of diversity, we came together as one body, one spirit.

Encountering barriers is a frustrating part of life; overcoming these barriers is a challenge. Every year thousands upon thousands of women have an abortion; they feel they have no choice but to preserve their life, instead of their unborn child's.



PHOTO BY COLLEEN MINER

Young adults who traveled from Plattsburgh to Washington, DC, for the Jan. 24 March for Life are shown in front of the Immaculate Conception Basilica where they took part in a Mass before beginning the march. In front, from left, are, Catherine Goulet of Jay, David Peter Lauzon, Ausable; Mary Catherine Jadlo, Potsdam and SUNY Plattsburgh; Erica Macalintal, SUNY Plattsburgh; and Maria Goulet of Jay; back, Christopher Fisher, West Chazy; Courtney Hanno, Lowville and SUNY Plattsburgh; Adham Kelley, Peru and SUNY Plattsburgh; Father Timothy Canaan, Pastor of St. John's in Plattsburgh and Mary Skillan, St. John's Campus Minister.

As a 22-year-old college student, I have never experienced what these women have gone through, but I possess the understanding and knowledge to recognize the terrible opportunities women are being given in the United States today. Abortion is not a choice; it's an irreparable decision.

I prayed and peacefully protested in the streets of Washington, D.C. this past weekend.

I voiced my support, like hundreds of thousands of others – a communal support to end abortion. But, the prayer and support must continue every day.

Like Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

The day we become silent about abortion is the day the cries of the unborn will be silenced.

**Courtney Hanno
Lowville**

This was my first time attending the March for Life. What moved me the most were the number of young people, their devotion to the Catholic Faith, their strong pro life stand and their enthusiasm. What also struck me was even with the all the people at both the Vigil Mass and the march people were happy and kind to one another.

**Mary Skillan
Campus Minister,
St. John's Plattsburgh**

The March for Life has been a personal and life

being choked, or on a rock unable to grasp the fertile soil, or those feeling and abundance of rich soil. No matter what seed you are when you leave you always come back as the latter seed. This is because the grace of God is like the air it is everywhere. It surrounds us, it engulfs us, and it takes a hold of us from within and makes us like Him as was shown by the sea of marchers that came from coast to coast and denomination to denomination

**David Peter Lauzon
Ausable**

As pilgrims on the journey we prayed for the respect of all life from the hallowed battle grounds of Gettysburg to the steps of United States Supreme Court Building.

At the center of our pilgrimage was a day of prayer at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception as we began this time of prayer we pilgrims prayed together:

"God of all creation may men and women of every time and place proclaim the Gospel of Life: a Gospel of God's love for us, a Gospel of human dignity."

Our pilgrimage was all about celebrating life: life as companions on a journey, life as people of God gathered around the table of the Lord, life as a people of justice, life as one body, one light, one dream, life in celebration of God's love for all, born or unborn.

The march for life was not about marching, or walking, or cheering, it was about acknowledging that one life, be it in the womb, a hospice bed or in a vast crowd is precious, sacred, loved and needs to be cherished always.

**Father Timothy Canaan
Pastor, St. John's, Plattsburgh and
diocesan campus ministry director**

changing experience for me. The March is like the cycle of Scripture readings. You may hear the same reading that you heard a few years ago but you have grown and changed since the last time that you have heard that reading.

The experience I have of the March has depended upon who I have been when I left. The trials, tribulations, and also the good times molded who I was. Throughout the pilgrimage I could feel more molding taking place. I felt as if the pilgrimage was rejuvenation.

As Father Timothy had said in his homily on the feast of Sts. Timothy and Titus, we all have times when we feel as if we are seeds amongst the thorns

A lost generation?

By Beth Griffin
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) - Catholic young adults aren't as attached to the church as their counterparts from the 1940s and 1950s, but they are hardly a lost generation and have not abandoned the faith, according to speakers at a two-day forum at Jesuit-run Fordham University.

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Consensus of speakers at Fordham University forum

More than 700 people registered for the Jan. 28-29 conference titled "Lost? Twenty-somethings in the Church," which was co-sponsored by the Francis and Ann Curran Center for American Catholic Studies and the Fordham Center on Religion and Culture. Participants included young adults, campus ministers, youth ministers and others.

Sociologist James Davidson, professor emeritus at Purdue University, said young Catholics "distinguish between the Catholic faith, which they identify with and respect, and the Catholic Church, which they are less attached to."

Quoting a wide body of research, including his own, Davidson said eight of 10 young Catholics believe there are many ways to interpret Catholicism and they grant more authority to their

individual experience than they do to the magisterium.

"They stress the importance of thinking for themselves more than obeying church leaders," he said. "Instead of simply embracing church traditions and teachings, they tinker with them. They distinguish between abstract beliefs and principles that they think are at the core of the Catholic faith, and more concrete norms and codes of conduct that they consider optional or peripheral."

In essence, Davidson said, "they believe that doctrines such as the Trinity, the Incarnation, Mary as the mother of God, Christ's real presence in the Eucharist and the need to be concerned about the poor are more important than teachings such as the need to limit the priesthood to men, the need for priestly celibacy, the church's opposition to artificial birth control and its opposition to the death penalty."

Catholic young adults are not immune to the complex encounter between the church and popular culture, said participants in a panel discussion on "Sex and the City of God."

Donna Freitas, associate professor of religion at Hofstra University, said her research among college students showed that "there's a lot of frustration, anger and alienation about the do's and don'ts of sex, because Catholic students feel their tradition has not given them anything of use regarding sexual behavior."

Author Colleen Carroll Campbell said trying to help young Catholics put Gospel values into practice is an age-



CNS PHOTO/KAREN CALLAWAY, CATHOLIC NEW WORLD

Young adults participate in a discussion on relationships during a 2009 gathering South Side Theology on Tap at St. Barnabas Parish in Chicago. Panelists at a recent forum said Catholic young adults today aren't as attached to the church as young people of earlier generations but they have not abandoned the faith.

old Christian challenge compounded by the current hypersexual culture. "Sex is little more than a contact sport, best played among strangers," even at Catholic colleges, she said.

Campbell said young adults who reject the "anything-goes ethos of popular culture" are a minority in their generation, but a majority among those active in the church.

She said those who successfully "fought and fumbled their way to a full embrace of Catholic teachings" were those who appreciated the countercultural nature of Catholic sexual ethics and combined a disciplined prayer life with a supportive community life.

Respondent Patrick Landry, a middle school teacher and graduate student at Northwestern University, said his young contemporaries struggle with church positions on which their personal experiences have informed them differently, including homosexuality, contraception and divorce.

"We need to listen to people and keep the dialogue open," he said. "Dismissing or ignoring these issues will only increase feelings of disconnectedness."

In a discussion on the intersection of Catholic culture and popular culture, Bill McGarvey, former editor-in-chief of BustedHalo.com, said, "Millennials don't really see religion as relevant to their lives." He said there is a perceived dichotomy between the church and the contemporary culture. The latter is valued as transparent, unfiltered, democratic and collaborative.

Nonetheless, he said people are "hard-wired" to seek deeper meaning in their lives and the church should use all the contemporary tools available to spread the unchanging message of the Gospel.

Marilyn Santos, director of youth and inculturation ministries for the Archdiocese of Atlanta, said young Latino Catholics wholeheartedly embrace the mission of the church as their own, but

move away from practice as they become part of mainstream American society. She said the church can retain 20-somethings "if parishes can be a community of communities, allowing people to create their own ecclesial space, while intentionally creating moments of unity."

Tami Schmitz, a campus minister at the University of Notre Dame, said young adults yearn for good catechesis, a connection with God and a place in a community. Many of the students she sees have a weak understanding of the basics, but are eager, open and curious to learn about the faith.

"We owe it to them to develop ways to feed this precious hunger in them. Catechizing them in ways that are creative and exciting and answering their questions is a good start," she said. "If we don't do it, where else are they going to get their answers? And how long will they keep searching?"

Schmitz said those in their 20s seek community. "They want someone to know, listen to and treasure their story. They want to know that being a part of a faith community makes a difference in their lives. When you are part of a true faith community, you can't be lost: Someone will come looking for you because they will miss you if you are not there."

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Religious called to show how doing God's will brings joy, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- As those who dedicate their lives most completely and publicly to following Christ, consecrated men and women are called to show the world the fullness of joy and beauty that comes from seeking to do God's will, Pope Benedict XVI said. Celebrating vespers with members of religious orders Feb. 2, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord and the World Day for Consecrated Life, the pope recited a special prayer to entrust members of religious orders and institutes to the protection of Mary "so that the church would be edified by their holiness of life." In his homily during the evening service in St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Benedict said that Mary and Joseph's devotional act of presenting the baby Jesus in the temple is an "icon" for the Catholic men and women who have presented themselves to God and vowed to serve him completely. "Consecrated men and women are called to demonstrate the primacy of God (and) passion for the Gospel lived as a form of life and proclaimed to the poor and the least of the earth," the pope said. Pope Benedict asked religious "to be careful listeners to the word" of God, to scrutinize and pray over Scripture and to live "the following of the chaste, poor and obedient Christ in such a way as to be a living interpretation of the word of God" for others. The pope said the modern world, especially the culture of the wealthiest countries, is "marked frequently by a radical plurality" where every possible lifestyle and choice is presented as having equal validity.

Pope's prayers: Could Internet increase spread of intentions?

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- If the pope used Twitter or Facebook to rally people together to pray for one intention, how many millions of prayers could be raised to heaven within minutes? In some countries, Facebook and the Internet already are being used by the Apostleship of Prayer to build community and distribute the pope's monthly prayer intentions. But in most places in the world, when the pope makes a special public appeal for prayers, people hear about it only through the Catholic media. For 167 years, members of the Apostleship of Prayer have begun each day offering their lives to God and praying for the needs of the universal church and the intentions of the pope. The offering and the prayers are the basic membership requirements, and in most places the apostleship has "no registration, no groups, no fees, no special meetings," so no one really knows how many people belong. Jesuit Father Claudio Barriga, who oversees the organization from the Jesuit headquarters near the Vatican, said he estimates there are about 50 million people fulfilling the membership requirements in the apostleship and its youth wing, the Eucharistic Youth Movement. The Jesuit said he was in Vietnam in January and discovered that there are Apostleship of Prayer groups in every diocese with an estimated 1 million involved. A government-approved bishop in mainland China reported that there is a group of people who makes the offering and prays for the pope's intentions each day in his cathedral, Father Barriga said. In the United States, he said, "it's mainly a digital community" thriving through the use of the website www.apostleshipofprayer.org -- which includes links to a daily audiovisual meditation posted on YouTube -- and through both national and parish-based Facebook pages.

Says religion's role is evident in Egypt's protests

By Mark Pattison
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Religion has had its role to play in the mass rallies in Egypt protesting the oppressive regime of President Hosni Mubarak, according to the head of the Arab American Institute.

"To date, you had Muslims guarding the Christian churches. You had Christians surrounding the mosques on Friday (Jan. 28) to keep the police from storming them," said James Zogby, author of "Arab Voices: What They Are Saying to Us, and Why it Matters."

"As folks used to say in the labor movement: 'On the line, allies get made.' I think there is a public coming together of at least some elements," he added. "We don't know enough, because America doesn't listen enough and isn't engaged enough in following the public discourse (in Egypt). So we don't know yet who the key players and what the key elements of this movement are going to be."

Inspired by a seemingly out-of-nowhere democracy movement in Tunisia early in January, Egyptians took to the streets of Cairo, the capital, en masse beginning late in January to oust the Mubarak government, in power for 29 years.

"Clearly there was a spark from Tunisia that set some folks in motion, but the opposition in Egypt has been in place for decades, and has been growing in some ways because of the economic situation, because of the collapse of the (Middle East) peace process, and the sense of the futility of the path of the current government has taken," said Zogby.

"When they saw these demonstrations in Tunisia they thought, 'Why not?' And they did (demonstrate). And I'm sure they were surprised at their success," he added.

On Feb. 1, Mubarak said he

would not run for re-election in September, but the tens of thousands of protesters who want political and economic reform were calling for him to step down immediately. On Feb. 2, bloody violence broke out between Mubarak's opponents and his supporters, and some observers blamed government forces for the violent clash.

Zogby, in a Feb. 1 telephone interview with Catholic News Service from Florida, said the Obama administration "gets points from me for trying to thread the needle. They've been very cautious, very cautious. They know the (Egyptian) military has to be protected. ... They don't know what the Middle East will look like" if the military is undercut.

He also lauded the Republican congressional leadership for being "very responsible in urging a more cautious approach."

"We have as much role in Egypt right now as Hugh Hefner would be giving Marriage Encounter classes," Zogby said.

It was unclear who might assume power if Mubarak resigns. Some fear it would be an Islamist fundamentalist regime, but Mubarak's opponents include both radical and moderate Muslim groups.

In a survey conducted last spring by the Pew Research Center's Global Attitudes Project, a 59 percent majority of Muslims in Egypt believed that democracy was preferable to any other kind of government.

About 22 percent, however, said that in some circumstances, a nondemocratic government could be preferable, and another 16 percent said it did not matter what kind of government is in place.

Egyptians were split on how big a role Islam played in the political life of their country. Among Muslims in Egypt, 48 percent said Islam played a large role in their

nation's political life while a nearly equal 49 percent said it played only a small role.

Egypt is 90 percent Muslim, mostly Sunni. But the country also is home to a Coptic Christians, who make up about the remaining 10 percent of the population. Of that number, about 90 percent are Coptic Orthodox, with the rest mostly Coptic Catholic. It is the largest Christian population in any Middle Eastern nation. Coptic was the principal language spoken in Egypt before the Muslim conquest. Most Coptic Catholics, who are part of the Eastern Catholic Church, are concentrated in Upper Egypt, although in recent decades there have been migrations to other parts of the country.

Yasser el-Shimy, a lecturer at The Catholic University of America in Washington and a former Egyptian diplomat, told the BBC World Service Jan. 31: "The regime is waiting to see how many people actually turn up to the (Feb. 1) protests, and if millions appear as the organizers are hoping, something will have to give. I think the Mubarak regime relies for domestic support on two institutions: the military and the police force. The police have been unable to protect the regime, and the military has been unwilling. Right now, they have no domestic pillars of support and they are in a very tough predicament."

In a Jan. 27 essay for Foreign Policy magazine, el-Shimy noted, "Income inequality has reached levels not before seen in Egypt's modern history. According to the United Nations Development Program, at least 23 percent of the population lives under the poverty line - earning \$2 a day -- and many more are just above it. By 2020, Egypt's population will reach 100 million, the majority of which will be young people under 30 years of age. This is a recipe for unrest."

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

The wisdom of Moses and of Jesus

In the Gospels, there is no mention of women being blind, or women being deaf, or women being dumb!

There is mention only of men who couldn't see, hear, or speak!

Is that perhaps the reason why Scripture speaks of wisdom as a woman?

True, justice is a woman who chooses to be blind, in order that she may not be biased by the forces of either power or pity.

Our readings this week show us the wisdom of both Moses and Jesus.

The writer of Sirach (formerly Ecclesiasticus), puts two choices before his audience - fire or water, life or death, just as Moses had done to the Israelites, about

to enter the Promised Land.

Fire is a symbol for the Spirit which breathes life and Wisdom, while water suggests death by drowning in sin and foolishness.

St. Paul, in the second reading, urges the new Christians to seek the Wisdom that comes from God's Spirit, a divine wisdom, a mysterious wisdom planned from eternity. This wisdom urges us to embrace

Christ's crucifixion, death, and resurrection. Faith in this mystery will reveal to us the meaning of our lives.

In the Gospel, which continues the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus amazes his listeners by declaring that He has come, not to destroy the law of Moses, but to fulfill

it. Then he proceeds to go beyond the law to its radical conclusion. He concentrates on two sins forbidden especially by the Law of Moses - murder and adultery.

He emphasizes in practical terms the sins that lie behind the commandments.

If we are to avoid murder, then we must root out the sin of anger which leads to murder.

If we are to avoid adultery, we must root out the sin of lust which leads to adultery.

If we want to be righteous, then we must take very strenuous efforts to go beyond the law - even anger against one's brother or sister is cause for severe judgment, if you want to offer your gifts at the altar, "leave your gifts at the altar, and go first to be reconciled to your brother... then come and offer your gifts."

He tells his followers that

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Sirach 15:15-20
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37

when one even looks at a woman with lustful eyes, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Jesus then departs from the literal, deliberately exaggerating his advice: "If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members, than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna (hell)."

He says the same about sinning with your hand.

Obviously, Jesus does not want us to physically carry

out his advice! But we certainly get the point!

The passage is a long one, forbidding divorce unless there are grounds for the invalidity of the marriage.

He warns against false oaths, urging us to use simple language. "Let your 'yes' mean 'yes', and your 'no' mean 'no'!"

As St. Paul tells us today, Jesus' wisdom is not the wisdom of this age, but a divine wisdom, meant for those who are mature.

How well we know how toxic is contemporary advice and often given to our young people by the media, corrupt business leaders, many educators, and even by their parents.

Our readings this Sunday give us strong medicine to counteract the poison of this age. It may not make us popular, but living the Gospel to the full never was!



Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore

FOR THE JOURNEY

Drain your mind of worry, fill it with 'still water'

By Effie Caldarola
Catholic News Service

My house has three big windows on the upper level. Several times over the past few years, some unsuspecting little bird, mistaking the trees' reflection in the glass for airspace, crashes directly into a window.

The "thud" is unmistakable, and occasionally, a feather remains plastered to the window as evidence of impact.

Sometimes, the bird will fly away immediately with who knows what kind of internal injuries. Sometimes, he'll lie on the ground, momentarily stunned, then

move on. But too often, I shovel a little corpse out of the flower bed.

Once, when I was worrying about something, the nun who was my spiritual director reminded me of Christ's words about the birds of the air. In Luke 12:22-32, Jesus admonishes us not to worry. "Notice the ravens," he said. "They do not sow or reap; ... yet God feeds them. How much more important are you than birds!"

My mind immediately went to the birds crashing into my window. If birds could worry, any bird aspiring to old age would lose sleep over that one.

And there's the conun-

drum, right? The birds of the air have no capacity to worry about the future or the potential for imminent disaster. They simply live in God's present moment. It is we humans with our intellectual ability to imagine all kinds of troubles who waste away our hours in anxiety.

We live in an anxious age, don't we? If it's not the madman in North Korea who troubles us, it's the image of the mentally ill citizen who guns down a congresswoman and the crowd around her.

We worry about new diseases and why we can't cure cancer, one of the oldest diseases.

We fret about our children and the price of gas and staying employed.

My father was a practiced worrier. His mother died when he was only 9, and it set him on a path of anxiety from which he never escaped.

He worried about we children a great deal, and his concerns naturally translated into our own concern. I suppose I inherited worry, but I don't believe it's a legacy to which I must necessarily cling.

In his wonderful poem "The Peace of Wild Things," Wendell Berry touches on the same nature metaphor which Christ used. Berry offers as an antidote to despair and fear the things of nature, "who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief."

How often I have wasted the beauty of a moment in time with "forethought of grief."

How utterly human it is to tax my own life with the "what ifs" and the harrowing possibilities, and yet how futile.

Berry says, "I come into the presence of still water."

How do we come into the presence of still water? For

Christians, the image of water has always been one of rebirth. "Still water," for me, becomes a metaphor for the kind of prayer that moves you deeply into the presence of Christ.

Bringing myself into the presence of still water often involves breathing techniques - breathing slowly, exhaling deeply, being conscious of my breath. It includes turning off the "noise" that bombards me. The words of Scripture, read slowly and savored, still the water. A brisk walk, emptying my mind of worry and filling it with the beauty of nature, calms me and leaves behind the churning and wild waters of future, unknown grief.

When you worry, a wise woman once told me, place your feet firmly on the floor and remind yourself, "I am living in the present moment, the only place where I can truly encounter God."

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AT THE MOVIES

127 HOURS

By Kurt Jensen
Catholic News Service

In certain respects, it's a shame that "127 Hours" (Fox Searchlight) is rated R -- although that rating is appropriate, given this fact-based drama's smattering of adult content and harsh language, as well as its inclusion of a gorily realistic amputation.

Yet, with a wider audience, the film might have launched many fruitful discussions with young people about the need for responsible behavior.

Though "127 Hours" avoids preaching, it's as straight up about moral consequences as any Sunday school lesson; it's also intelligently made and exciting -- if also, at times, difficult to watch. So, even with the R rating, and the classification below, mature adolescents may benefit from this ac-

count of mountain climber Aron Ralston's 2003 ordeal following an accident that trapped him in Bluejohn Canyon, a now-widely known landmark near Moab, Utah.

To their credit, in adapting Ralston's 2004 memoir "Between a Rock and a Hard Place," director Danny Boyle and his co-writer Simon Beaufoy don't try to make Aron (James Franco) appear any smarter than he actually was in getting himself into that terrible situation.

Instead, Aron is clearly shown to have been self-centered. And -- although able and experienced as a rock climber and canyoneer -- Aron neglected the essential safeguard of letting someone else know where he was going, despite several opportunities to do so.

Before his descent, for example, we watch as he encounters Kristi (Kate Mara)

and Megan (Amber Tamblyn), and the trio shares a swim in a natural pool. But his new acquaintances can't help noticing that Aron doesn't make much of an attempt to connect with others.

What takes this survival yarn to a deeper level than many others is that -- once Aron is squeezed into a slot canyon and immobilized by an 800-pound boulder crushing his right arm -- not only his skills but his values, too, come to the fore.

Thus he tries a climbing rope to move the rock, uses a knife to chip away at it, narrates his experiences into a small video camera, and doesn't succumb to panic even as his dwindling supply of food and water runs out. (Oh, and for you nitpickers, near the end, the movie addresses the question of how much good a cell phone would have done



CNS PHOTO/FOX SEARCHLIGHT

James Franco stars in a scene from the movie "127 Hours."

him if he'd brought one.)

More significantly, while harboring his strength between escape attempts, Aron has a lot of time to reflect on his isolation, on his relationship with a girlfriend who left him, and on the ethics his close and loving family tried to inculcate in him.

Sometimes these thoughts take the form of flashbacks; at other times, he hallucinates.

But even Aron's visions, it turns out, have something to teach him -- and us.

The film contains a harrowing scene of amputation, a nonmarital situation and fleeting rough and crude language.

The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

TV EYE

CBS comes under fire for violent crime dramas

By Mark Pattison
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- It's said all too often that you can't argue with success.

But you can.

The argument: CBS is doing a disservice by airing so many crime dramas.

The counter-argument: Doing a disservice to whom? CBS is the most-watched network in America.

Precisely the point. The more people who watch, the more people can get drawn into a worldview that we live in dangerous places in a dangerous society.

It's true that Marshal Matt Dillon gunned down some outlaw virtually every week on "Gunsmoke" -- another CBS program -- and that series ran 20 seasons.

But by the time the show premiered in 1955, the Old West was a thing of the past. All of CBS' crime series are set in the present day.

Let's look at all of the CBS crime shows that aired the week of Jan. 16-22: "CSI: Miami," "Hawaii Five-O," "NCIS," "NCIS: Los Angeles," "Criminal Minds," "Blue Bloods," "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," "The Mentalist," "The Medium," two installments of "CSI: New York" and two reruns as part of the network's "Crimetime Saturday" package.

That's 13 hours of crime out of 22 hours of prime time -- 59 percent of CBS' prime time. And that doesn't include legal-beagle shows, like "The Good Wife" and "The Defenders." By comparison, ABC, NBC, Fox and CW air 16 hours of crime shows over 69 com-

bined prime-time hours, or 23 percent.

CBS may be America's most-watched network, but it's also the network with the oldest average age of viewers. That's a problem for CBS, because advertisers prefer younger viewers.

But it's also a problem for America, because studies have shown that TV viewers grow more fearful the more crime they see on the tube; this includes the "if it bleeds, it leads" late local newscasts. And older Americans are more affected by this phenomenon than younger viewers.

These findings should come as no surprise. Studies have shown for many, many years that Americans are affected by what they see on TV, and cultural critics have taken the TV industry to task for just as long over it.

There's been a longtime animus over messages on TV. But the latest flap is over the new MTV series "Skins" with its depiction of teen sexuality.

In a Jan. 31 column, Catholic News Service reviewer John Mulderig said the show "follows a group of high school students who regard sexual activity, drinking and drug use as normal aspects of their lifestyle." Sponsors have withdrawn, the Parents Television Council has condemned it, and "some Catholic groups may also be mobilizing to oppose the show," he writes.

Well, if Americans believe that viewers will be affected by what is shown on "Skins," they should believe that viewers also will be affected by what they see on "Criminal Minds."

Does CBS even know how

to do warm, family-friendly programming anymore? The network does continue to air the "Hallmark Hall of Fame" made-for-TV movie series." But that program accounts for two or three hours a year out of 1,144 total hours of prime time.

CBS' reality series seem to specialize in duplicity and deceit, especially "Survivor" and "Big Brother." And one of its newest entries in its sitcom lineup has a bleeped-out obscenity as part of its title.

CBS can do better. But they won't bother unless viewers give them a reason to. You can complain to CBS directly. Gil Schwartz is the network's executive vice president in charge of communications. The best bet is to write to him: Gil Schwartz, CBS, 524 E. 57th St., New York, NY 10019.

ADIRONDACK

FRIENDSHIP VOLUNTEER'S WANTED

Tupper Lake – Mercy Care for the Adirondacks is recruiting new volunteers and has scheduled a Friendship Volunteer Training Program.

Dates: March 1 and March 8 (both afternoons are required)

Features: Mercy Care Friendship Volunteers help to relieve isolation and loneliness of their elder neighbors. Mercy Care's Friendship Volunteer Training Program is free of charge but pre-registration is required.

Contact: To request registration information, please contact Sheila Schneck at Mercy Care by calling 518-523-5583. Volunteers of all faiths are encouraged and invited to participate.

Information: For more information, visit Mercy Care's web site at <http://www.ad-mercy.org>

CLINTON

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Mooers Forks – St. Ann's Church is holding Sunday Breakfasts.

Dates: Feb. 13; March 13; April 10

Time: 8 a.m. to Noon

Place: St. Ann's Center

Cost: Adults, \$7; Children 5-12, \$4; under 5, Free

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE SERIES

Plattsburgh – St. Peter's Parish is presenting the Little Rock Scripture Series this Lent with "Praying the Scriptures".

Date: Beginning March 8, continuing every Tuesday through April 19

Times: 1 p.m. and 7:05 p.m.

Place: Chapel

Features: "This study explores the always relevant ways God has transformed history and invites participation through praise, thanksgiving.

Cost: A donation of \$10 is welcomed to help with the cost of the materials.

Registration: Call the Parish Office 563-1692 or filling out a registration form in the Atrium, by March 1.

PRAYER VIGIL

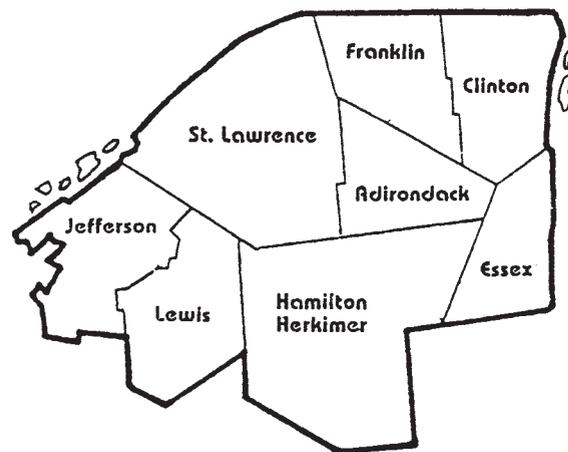
Plattsburgh – A Helper's of Gods Precious Infants prayer vigil will be held the first Sunday of the winter months.

Place: St. Peter's Chapel

Time: 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Plattsburgh – Plattsburgh area pro-life advocates will once again join together with people of faith and conscience from many other communities for the area's third 40 Days for Life campaign.



The North Country Catholic welcomes contributions to "Around the Diocese". Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:

North Country Catholic, PO Box 326,
Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 315-394-0670;
e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

Items must be received in the NCC office by the Thursday before publication.

Schedule: Kick off - Ash Wednesday, March 9, 10a.m.; Mid-point Rally - Sunday, March 20, 1p.m.; Closing prayer vigil: Palm Sunday, April 17, 1p.m.

Place: Plattsburgh Planned Parenthood
Features: 40 Days for Life is an intensive pro-life initiative that focuses on 40 days of prayer and fasting, 40 days of peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and 40 days of grassroots educational outreach.

Information: www.40daysforlife.com/plattsburgh

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Peru – St. Augustine's Knights of Columbus Council 7273 will host a spaghetti dinner.

Date: Feb. 19

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6:30

Place: St. Augustine's Parish Center; Take-outs are available.

Price: \$7.50 per person, \$3.50 for children 6 to 12, free for children 5 and under.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Plattsburgh – Eucharistic Adoration is held throughout the year every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Place: St. John's Adoration Chapel,

Time: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Theme: "Lord, we adore Thee! Lord, we believe in Thee! Lord, we hope in Thee! Lord, we love Thee! Jesus, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God! Thou art the Bread which came down from heaven!" (Lourdes novena devotions).

Contact: 518-561-5083 or email us at Sjohnsadoration@aol.com

HAMILTON-HERKIMER

HAM DINNER

Indian Lake – S.M.I.L.E. (Saint Mary's Indian Lake Energizers) invites all seniors 65 and over to be our guests at the 4th Annual Ham Dinner.

Date: Feb. 13

Time: 1 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church Hall

Contact: Call Millie Anzalone at (518) 648-5889 if you would like to join us.

FRANKLIN

BREAKFAST BUFFET

Brushton – St. Mary's Parish is holding a breakfast buffet.

Date: Feb. 20

Time: 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$7; Seniors, \$6; Children 6-12, \$4; under 5, free

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Malone – The Diocesan NFP Office will begin a series of Natural Family Planning Classes.

Date: Feb. 15

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Notre Dame Parish Center

Cost: \$35, pre-registration is required

Features: Natural Family Planning educates couples to identify and interpret the physical signs of fertility. This knowledge may be used to postpone pregnancy (99% method effectiveness) or to achieve conception. All couples, married or engaged, are encouraged to explore this way of living in harmony

with God's plan.

Contact: Angelo and Suzanne Pietropaoli (518)483-0459 or email: apietropaoli@dioogdensburg.org.

JEFFERSON

SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALL DINNER

Evans Mills – The Indian River Council 7471 Knights of Columbus to sponsor a Spaghetti Dinner.

Date: Feb. 12

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: Adults \$7.00, Senior citizens \$6.00, children under 12 are \$5.00 and children under 5 eat free.

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Watertown – An ecumenical bereavement meeting has been planned

Date: Feb. 28

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Sisters of St. Joseph motherhouse

Speaker: Roger Ambrose, Director of Community Services for Hospice of Jefferson County., on "Gaining Acceptance after Loss".

SILENT AUCTION

Fort Drum – The Officer's Spouse Club is holding a dinner and silent auction.

Date: Feb. 11

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: The Commons on Fort Drum

Cost: \$20 per person

Attire: Semi Formal

Contact: Please RSVP by Feb. 7th to Amanda Chadwick Email: Steveandamanda63@hotmail.com OR Camey McGurk Phone: 315-405-4511 Email: camey.mcgurk@us.army.mil

LIFERIGHT MEETING

Watertown – Liferight of Watertown will hold its monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of the Month.

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: 312 Sherman St.

Features: Liferight is a pro-life educational organization. The office has videos, books and educational materials which may be borrowed. Topics covered: infanticide, assisted suicide, euthanasia and chastity.

Contact: Phone 315-788-8480; website: www.liferight.org

LEWIS

MARDI GRAS DINNER

Constableville – St. Mary's Church is holding its 6th Annual Mardi Gras Spaghetti Dinner.

Date: March 8

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7

Place: Church Hall

Cost: \$7; under 5, Free; Take-outs available for \$7.50

Features: Chef for the evening will be Joe Scheve (of Marino's).

HOT SANDWICH DINNER

Lyons Falls – A hot roast beef or hot turkey sandwich dinner will be held

Date: Feb. 15

Time: 5 p.m.

Place: McManus Hotel; deliveries, 348-6738

Menu: Sides of French fries or mashed potato, cole slaw, dessert, beverage

Prices: \$8 for adults, \$4 for children, free for under five

ST. LAWRENCE

K OF C DINNER

Ogdensburg – The Ogdensburg Knights of Columbus will has rescheduled its pulled pork dinner.

Date: Feb. 8

Time: 4 p.m. to 6:30

Place: K of C Hall; Meals are open to the public and take-outs are available.

Cost: \$7 per plate, desserts are available for \$1

Dinner: Pulled Pork sandwiches, tater tots, and coleslaw.

K OF C BRUNCH

Norfolk – The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a brunch.

Date: Feb. 13

Time: 8:30 a.m. to Noon; Take-outs

Place: Visitation Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$6; Children under 12, \$4; Under 5, Free; Family, \$16

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Ogdensburg – St. Mary's is holding a monthly Holy Hour for Vocations.

Date: Thursday before the First Friday

Time: 8 p.m. to 9

Place: Deacon Winter Chapel

Features: Nocturnal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues through the night, concluding with Benediction at 7 a.m. Friday.

FRIDAY FISH FRY

Ogdensburg – Fish Fry Buffet will be held every Friday sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 258.

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6:30

Place: Knights of Columbus Hall; Eat in or take out, deliveries to the Towers.

Cost: Adults, \$9; Children 5-10, \$6; under 5, Free



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The Society of St. Peter the Apostle

From the Director's Desk,
Sister Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ, Diocesan Mission Director

In keeping with our recent efforts to answer questions you may have about the Missions, this week's focus is on the Society of St. Peter Apostle. It is one of the four societies that completes the Pontifical Mission Societies.

The goal of the Society of St. Peter then and now has been to invite individuals to support the education of candidates for the Catholic priesthood in the Developing World and to support the formation of men and women candidates for the Religious life in the Missions. In its first year, the Society of St. Peter Apostle sent help for some 2,700 seminarians in the Missions. Today, some 30,000 major seminarians, mostly in Africa and Asia, receive an annual subsidy of \$700 per student.

As a reminder, the questions and responses in this column are part of a number of Frequently Asked Questions that are found the Pontifical Mission Society webpage: www.onefamilyinmission.org/faqs.html

I hear that vocations are growing in the Missions. How many seminarians does the Society of St. Peter Apostle support?

Currently, more than 30,000 major seminarians in some 400 seminaries receive help from St. Peter Apostle. In addition, close to 10,000 men and women Religious novices receive assistance.

How can I help the Society of St. Peter Apostle?

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OBITUARIES

Carthage — Josephine (Pike) Oakes, 86; Funeral Services Feb. 2, 2011 at St. James Catholic Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

Ellenburg — Ethel M. (Boyea) Dupree, 89; Funeral Services Jan. 31, 2011 at St. Edmund's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Louisville — John G. Brainard, 37; Funeral Services Jan. 4, 2011 at St. Lawrence Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Lowville — John Salsburg "Jack" Flynn, 76; Funeral Services Feb. 5, 2011 at Iseneker Funeral Home, Inc.

Massena — Nellie M. Tessier, 76; Funeral Services Feb. 3, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena — Isabel L. (LeRoux) White, 88; Funeral Services Feb. 5, 2011 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Morristown — Dora N. (Hart) Barse, 82; Funeral Services Jan. 31, 2011 at St. John's Church.

Norfolk — Harold M. Wagstaff, 85; Funeral Services Feb. 1, 2011 at Church of the Visitation; burial in Visitation Cemetery.

Norwood — Nancy M. (Michaud) Jandrew, 68; Funeral Services Jan. 31, 2011 at Buck Funeral Home; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Ogdensburg — Douglas G. Hurteau, 84; Funeral Services Feb. 5, 2011 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

Ogdensburg — Jean E. McGuire, 86; Funeral Services Feb. 1, 2011 at Fox & Murray Funeral Home; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Peru — Robert Ralph "Chip" Hamilton, 64; Funeral Feb. 2, 2011 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in God's Acre Cemetery.



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Port Henry — Monica Elizabeth (Ezzo) Weston, 98; Funeral Services Feb. 4, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Union Cemetery.

Redford — Edward Brousseau, 82; Funeral Services Feb. 5, 2011 at Church of the Assumption; burial in St. Matthew's Cemetery, Black Brook.

Sackets Harbor — James F. Chiodi, 86; Funeral Services Feb. 5, 2011 at St. Andrew's Catholic Church; burial in Lakeside Cemetery.

Saranac Lake — Grace (VanCour) Douglass, 84; Funeral Services Feb. 3, 2011 at St. Bernard's Church; burial St. John's Cemetery.

Saranac Lake — Patricia E. (Quigley) Dupree, 75; Funeral Services Feb. 2, 2011 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Saranac Lake — Theola (Ross) Lamoy, 76;

Funeral Services Feb. 4, 2011 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in Harrietstown Cemetery.

Ticonderoga — Clifford Harold "Charlie" Backman Jr., 73; Funeral Services Jan. 31, 2011 at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Waddington — Elizabeth "Betty" F. (O'Brien) Condlin, 90; Funeral Services at St. Mary's Church.

Watertown — Dorothy A. (Walrath) Condino, 85; Funeral Services Feb. 1, 2011 at D.L. Calarco Funeral Home, Inc.; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown — Stanley A. Martin, 83; Funeral Services Feb. 4, 2011 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown — Patrick T. Patterson, 74; Funeral Services Jan. 31, 2011 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

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Why we march

By Zack Leader

Parishioner of St. James in Gouverneur and freshman at Franciscan University in Steubenville

Having traveled to the Washington DC March for Life for the past three years as a high schooler on the Youth Buses for Life, this year I had to find my own way due to the fact that I am now a college student studying in another state.

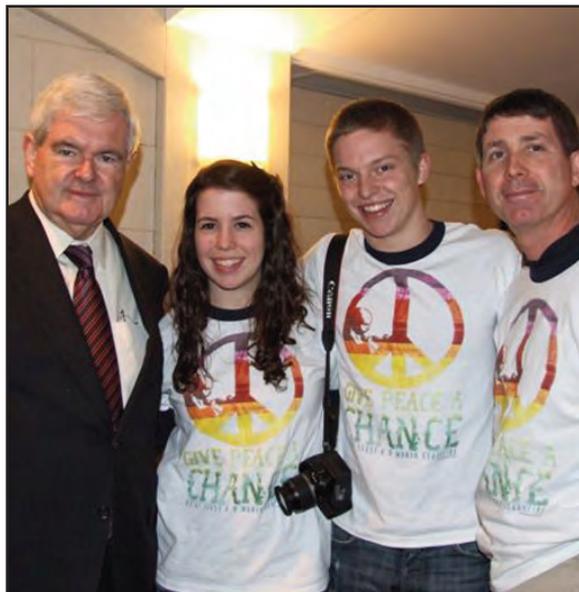
It was not as convenient for me but I knew it was as important.

Some question why I march – accusing pro-lifers of being judgmental and self-righteous. It can be difficult to understand if you have not participated and you can't learn from the news sources because the media ignores the DC March. It is counter-cultural but not judgmental. We are witnesses and defendants of the innocent lives we stand for. We support, comfort and love those dealing with the decisions of their past, as well as bring awareness of the importance of protecting every human life.

Students are reminded that this is not a trip - it is a pilgrimage, a spiritual journey. This proves to be true as we not only proclaim what we believe in both an organized and peaceful manner but, by doing so, learn a lot about ourselves, our beliefs, and grow tremendously in our faith.

We march for those who, unfortunately, are not given the opportunity to walk for themselves. We are the voice of those who cannot be heard. Our action is not self-righteous but is carried out with humility and integrity.

How can one not protest, object, or show at least the slightest disapproval towards the taking



Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the House, took a break from an interview and lunch at the Basilica cafeteria to pose with Erin Miner of Saranac Lake, Zack Leader, Gouverneur, author of this reflection on the March, and John Miner, Saranac Lake.

of innocent life?

The thought of people, not ignorant of the facts, being pro-choice puzzles me still today. Some say that they are against the March for Life because protests are negative acts. However, while I do agree that the word 'protest', in itself, generally has a negative connotation, famous protests in history such as, The Civil Rights Movement or the protests of Mahatma Gandhi, peacefully fight against oppression. It is good

trying to overcome a greater evil.

Pope John Paul II writes in The Gospel of Life that, "Abortion and euthanasia are thus crimes which no human law can claim to legitimize. There is no obligation in conscience to obey such laws; instead there is a grave and clear obligation to oppose them by conscientious objection."

Therefore, we, as Pro-Lifers, choose to stand up and confront these moral issues with bold opposition. This is exactly what we do when we March down Constitution Avenue to the steps of the Supreme Court.

The March is educational, supportive, loving, and peaceful. The gathering is held in opposition and objection to the murder of unborn children but also in support of and to celebrate life as a gift from God. You will hear prayers and singing as well as shouts of 'repent'. You will see colorful balloons and matching t-shirts as well as gruesome photos.

I pray that everyone, despite their religious beliefs or standpoints on other issues, can come to see the March for Life for what it really is. That it truly does offer truth, hope, and life to not only the babies being protected but also, to those who participate and grow in their faith due to the experience.

Bishop J. Peter Sartain of the Archdiocese of Seattle, Washington sums it up well: "To be Catholic means to be pro-life."

This is why we march. This is why we are called to defend innocent human life. This is why we do, what we do.

Through it all, it is because we are Catholic, we are pro-life, and this is what we believe to be true.

Director for Camp Guggenheim hired

The diocesan department of Youth Ministry has hired Casey Provost, of Chazy to serve as camp director for Camp Guggenheim in 2011, the 39th season of the diocesan summer camp in Saranac Lake.

Casey has called Camp Guggenheim "home" since the summer of 2002 when he was a camper. He graduated from Chazy Central School in 2006 and joined the summer camp staff in 2007 as a program floater.

The summers of 2008 and 2009 were spent primarily as the camp cook.

During the Camp Guggenheim season of 2010 Casey was the assistant camp director.

Casey earned a bachelor's degree in Mental Health from Franciscan University of Steubenville and is pursuing graduate studies in counseling at SUNY Plattsburgh where he is a parishioner at the Blessed John XXIII Newman Center.



Casey Provost

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