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Pope: Baptism gives strength

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Baptism isn't just some formal ritual, it profoundly changes people, giving them unwavering hope and the strength to forgive and love others, Pope Francis said.

"With baptism, we are immersed in that inexhaustible source of life that is Jesus'

death, the greatest act of love in all of history," he said during his first general audience of 2014. The pope spent nearly two hours after the audience Jan. 8 greeting people, blessing the sick, speaking with newlyweds and receiving notes, letters and gifts from the crowd.

During his usual rounds through St. Peter's Square in the popemobile before the start of the audience, the pope caught sight of a friend in the crowd. The pope had the driver stop the popemobile and gestured for his friend to board the vehicle.

The friend, Father Fabian

Baez, sat in the back seat, then walked with the pope to a special seating section for guests. Passionist Father Ciro Benedettini, vice director of the Vatican press office, said the priest works in a parish in Buenos Aires and that the pope said Father Baez was "a great confessor."

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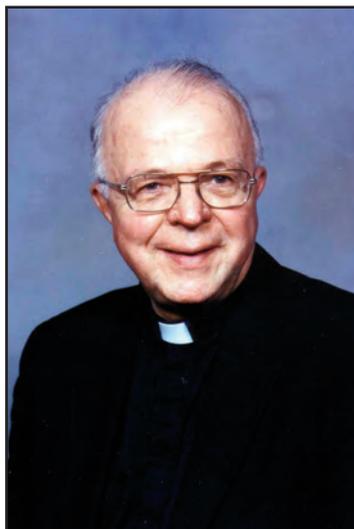
Presented in home parish



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK
Bishop Terry R. LaValley traveled to Holy Angels Church in Altona Jan. 5 to present the *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* award to parishioner Betty Lucia. The bishop had conferred the cross on 14 other individuals in a ceremony Dec. 8 at St. Mary's Cathedral but "I wanted to hold back one of the awards so that I could confer it in the parish in which the recipient performed her distinguished service to the church," the bishop said. "Holiness and discipleship take place every day on the parish level."

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A LESSON FOR EPIPHANY



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK
Father Gilbert O Boisvert, pastor of Holy Angels Church in Altona, is shown explaining the meaning of the Epiphany to the children of the parish during Mass Jan. 5. He gave them each a gift which they were to share with someone else. More photos from Holy Angels Parish are on page 5.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

In loving memory of pastor, teacher, friend

For one final time in 2013, Catholics of the Diocese of Ogdensburg faced the loss of a beloved priest.

Father Wilfred DeRoche died Dec. 27 in Plymouth, Mass., where had he lived since his 2002 retirement. After his ordination in 1965, the Maine native served the Diocese of Ogdensburg for 37 years as a parish priest and teacher.

During one of his parish assignments – as pastor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Crown Point, from 1983 to 1993 – Father DeRoche made a big impression on one of his little parishioners.

Young Bryan Stitt had just moved to Crown Point with his

family and learned to serve Mass under the tutelage of Father DeRoche.

The former altar server, now a priest, shared some of his memories with the *North Country Catholic*.

"When I tell people I grew up in a church where communion was distributed at the altar rail, altar boys used patens and we said the Prayer of St. Michael, they say I was too young," Father Stitt

said, "but that's the way Father DeRoche was.

"He was not in step with his contemporaries but he instilled in people a great love and awareness of the "last things – death, judgment, heaven, hell," he said.



Mary Lou
Kilian

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Surprise! God has amazing plans for you

"Embracing Coincidence" by Carol Lynn Pearson is just a little book, one of those coffee table kind of inspirational books. I noticed it recently while I was visiting my brother's home.

I didn't take the opportunity to read the book but the title intrigued me. It struck me that we should see something special in the many coincidences that happen in our lives. This little book calls upon us to look for meaning in everything that happens each day.

Personally, I remember learning on a retreat that I should see the hand of God in what happens in my life, things that many would consider only a coincidence. I consider such things as God's surprises for me. These are the wonderful happenings that often give me direction in life – even when I least expect it, often from someone or something that I least expect.

Someone comes along or something happens that's completely unplanned and truly surprising – and it brings me closer to the Lord OR, some-

thing happens that leads me to do something good in my life, often even spectacular – and always a complete surprise.

I believe that part of being a good Christian – a good follower of Jesus – is seeing the Lord in everything. So, I pray often for the gift of being always aware, always ready, so that I will not miss the surprises that the Lord has planned for me today.

Each evening – I like to look back over my day in gratitude for God's surprises for me that day.

I remember so many situations. I can think of the times I suddenly thought I should stop at the hospital for just an ordinary visit and, when I get there, I meet someone who had a real need, who truly wanted to see a priest. This would be a

Father Stitt remembers Father DeRoche's unique flair for church decoration.

"He tried to turn the little country parish church in Crown Point into an Italian basilica," Father Stitt remembers. "The more pictures, statues and candles in the church the better.

"I didn't share his taste but he hired local artists to do the work," he said, "and they were so honored to be asked."

Father Stitt also remembered how Father DeRoche loved to play the organ. "He would jump back and forth between the organ and the altar throughout the Mass."

"Most of all, he was a very faithful priest, very committed to making the Mass solemn," Father Stitt said. "And I was so touched when he came back to

the diocese for my ordination and first Mass. It was beautiful."

With three teaching degrees from Montreal University, Father DeRoche was a devoted teacher as well as pastor.

A fellow professor at Wadhams Hall, Msgr. Paul Whitmore remembers "Will" DeRoche as "a very friendly priest, who loved the students, and was a good teacher."

"He was a good conversationalist, and fit in well with the faculty 'banter,'" Msgr. Whitmore said. "He was truly pious and devout maintained a certain discipline in his bearing according to a certain French style of spirituality."

Thank you, Father DeRoche, for sharing your many gifts and talents with our church. May you rest in peace.

real surprise to me; I know it is one of God's surprises for me.

I have met some people who I needed in my life – in a most surprising way – and they are God's surprises for me.

This year, God's surprise – not only for me – but for all of us, as Church, is Pope Francis. I don't believe any one of us fully realized how exciting our Church would become for us Catholics when Pope Francis was elected.

The surprises began when Pope Benedict XVI decided to retire and then it was announced that he would begin his retirement in just two weeks. Then came the conclave – and I remember making a list of my favorites among the Cardinals to become the next Pope. My list did not contain Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio. I didn't even know who he was. However, along he came – our new Pope – Pope Francis.

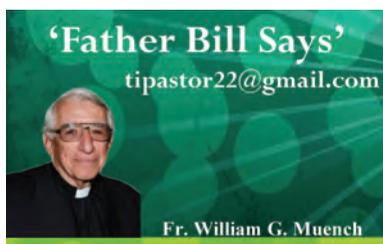
Since then, in less than a year Pope Francis has become a profound influence on our Church, bringing new life and new hope to all of us. His simplicity of life and his informal-

ity have been so refreshing and life giving to our Church and to me. His ideas and his clever way of expressing them have made a difference to us Catholics and to many of other Churches. I find it so wonderful that many who have given up on the Church – many Catholics who have left the Church – are suddenly listening and finding a renewed relationship with their Church.

Today, I am writing this on a very snowy day – actually, a very snowy week. They are telling me that parts of the Diocese of Ogdensburg are buried in snow. Talk about surprises! Many families are spending a great deal of time together and I bet this is a real surprise. I would hope it's a very good surprise, a wonderful time to be family, to be close together. I hope that the storm means a strengthening of family life in our North Country.

By the way, do you have some good surprises from the Lord to share? Let me know.

(Father Muench may be reached by email at: tipastor22@gmail.com)



Rites held Jan. 3 for Fr. Wilfred L. DeRoche, 86

PLYMOUTH, MASS. – A Mass of Christian Burial for Father Wilfred L. DeRoche, 86, was held Jan. 3 at St. Peter's Church. He died Dec. 27 in Plymouth.

A retired priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, he was a resident of Carver Mass., having moved to the area in 2004 following his retirement.

Father DeRoche was born June 14, 1927, the son of the late Lawrence and Josephine DeRoche. He and his four brothers, Melvin, Joseph, Henry and James, were raised in Mexico, Maine.

Father DeRoche entered into the community of the Brothers of Christian Instruc-

tion as a boy of 13 years of age and remained with the Brothers for over 20 years.



Father DeRoche

He taught in many of the schools of the community until his ordination to the priesthood in the Diocese of Ogdensburg May 22, 1965 by Bishop Thomas A. Donnellan.

After ordination, Father DeRoche was assistant pastor at St. Patrick's, Rouses Point; St. Mary's, Massena; and St. John the Baptist, Keeseville.

During that time, he also taught at Holy Family High School, Massena; and St. John's High School, Plattsburgh. In addition, he taught French and Latin at Wadhams

Hall Seminary-College in Ogdensburg.

He was pastor of St. Henry's in DeKalb, pastor at Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Crown Point NY and pastor of St. Patrick's, Rouses Point. Father DeRoche retired in June of 2002

In his retirement Father DeRoche served the local Catholic community in the Carver and Plymouth area and was of tremendous help to the parishioners of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Peter and St. Mary in his role as friend, advisor, confessor and spiritual director to many.

Donations in Father DeRoche's memory may be made to EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) 5817 Old Leeds Rd., Irondale, Alabama 35210.

Franciscan friar is named pastor

MOOERS FORKS- Bishop Terry R. LaValley has appointed Conventual Franciscan Father Adrian Gallagher to serve as pastor of St. Ann's Parish in Mooers Forks and St. Joseph's Parish in Mooers.

The appointment was effective Jan. 1 upon the retirement of Father Gerald A. Cerank.

Father Gallagher, a Franciscan Friar, has been given permission from his provincial to serve in the Diocese of Ogdensburg to be closer to his aging parents in Malone.

Father Gallagher was born June 8, 1963, and grew up in Malone as a parishioner of St. Joseph' Parish.

He studied at Wadhams

Hall Seminary-College in Ogdensburg for two years before entering the Conventual Franciscan order in Ellicott City, Md.

He was ordained to the priesthood in Baltimore by Cardinal William H. Keeler July 18, 1992.

Father Gallagher has served as a high school teacher in Baltimore in Buffalo, ran the friars' home for runaway teens in Buffalo and served as a parish priest in the Dioceses of Springfield, Mass., and Harrisburg, Penn.

His most recent assignment was as pastor of Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church in Coal Township, Penn.



Fr. Adrian Gallagher, OFM Conv.

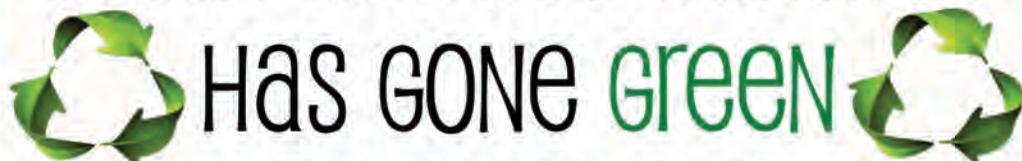
TEACHERS ARE STILL LEARNING



Diocesan teachers of Kindergarten and Grade 1 participated in a math workshop led by Joan Rufa, retired principal of Trinity Catholic School in Massena. The teachers are learning the new math instructional shifts and hands on application for the students in their classroom. Seated from left to right are Rachel Zaumer, St. Mary's, Ticonderoga; and Carol Broadfoot and Catherine Bemis from St. Agnes, Lake Placid

For all of your years of service and dedication to our Catholic Faith & Holy Angels Church; St. Louis of France Church & St. Alexis Church We thank you and congratulate you, **Betty Lucia.** By the Pastor and Parishioners.

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SNOW FUN IN THE NORTH COUNTRY



The Sisters of St. Joseph joined nearly everyone in Jefferson and Lewis counties Jan. 8 in digging out from a massive January snowstorm. Above, Sister Mary Eamon Lyng and Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin discover their buried cars. Meanwhile, the snow meant nothing but fun for Msgr. John Murphy and parishioners of the Church of the Visitation in Norfolk who celebrated Epiphany Sunday with their 11th annual Shiverfest. Below, Bella Slate, who challenged her pastor in a race down the hill, seems headed towards an easy victory.



ALTONA PARISHIONER HONORED WITH PAPAL CROSS

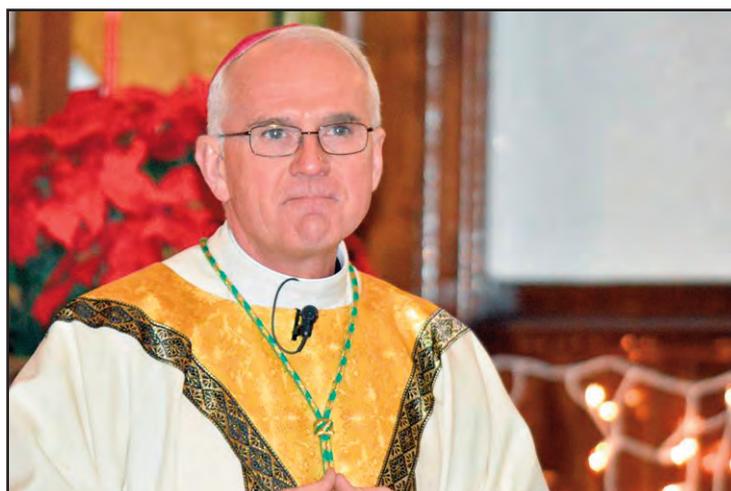
A HOLY DAY AT HOLY ANGELS



Members of the parish choir at Holy Angels lead song for the Mass



Betty Lucia, a parishioner of Holy Angels Church in Altona for more than 50 years, was honored with the *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* cross during a Jan. 5 Mass at her parish. She is shown above with members of her family. In front are daughter Ann (Lucia) Chauvin, Mrs. Lucia and her husband, Leward Lucia; in back are daughter in law, Laurie Lucia; grandson, Nicholas Lucia; and sons David Lucia and Father Douglas Lucia.



Bishop LaValley presided at the Jan. 5 Mass and conferred the papal cross on Mrs. Lucia. He had conferred the cross on 14 other Catholics of the diocese during a prayer service Dec. 8 at St. Mary's Cathedral.



Wanda LaFountain was the reader for the liturgy

PHOTOS BY PAT HENDRICK
 Shown above is the interior of Holy Angels Church. Altona, located in the northern part of Clinton County, was originally organized as a mission of Mooers Forks. The first resident pastor, Father Alphee Perron arrived in 1905. The current church, dedicated by Bishop Henry Gabriels in 1908, was built after the original church burned in 1906. Today, the parish is comprised of about 310 families; Father Gilbert Boisvert has served as pastor since 1991.

Through new book 'Paths of Compassion'

Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart tell their story

By Eileen Dickerson
Contributing Writer

The Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart have served in diverse ministries in Ogdensburg for many years, including education, health care, pastoral ministry and social services. Yet, the story of their journey from 18th century Canada to 21st century America is unknown to many.

That gap of knowledge has been corrected with the publishing of *Paths of Compassion, a History of the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart*. The book, written by Grey Nun Sister Patricia Geary (Sister Anne Edward), recounts the story of Marguerite d'Youville, the congregation's foundress, as well as the story of the women religious who have followed in her footsteps for four centuries.

A Grey Nun and educator for more than 50 years, Sister Patricia is a Professor Emerita of Education and holds a doctorate in Communicative Arts from Georgia State University.



Grey Nun Sister Patricia Geary is the author of a newly published history of the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart.

Paths of Compassion opens on the landscape of 18th century Canada and highlights the birth of one of the century's early arrivals, Marguerite Dufrost de Lajemmerais.

Author Geary recounts Marguerite's life from her childhood in Quebec through her unhappy marriage to the disreputable Francois d'Youville, her widowhood at age 29, her founding of a religious community to her 1990 canonization as a saint of the Catholic Church.

Marguerite's story is one of disappointment, an unhappy marriage and the deaths of her infant children as well as one of her deep faith, her compassion and her commitment to serve God and those in need.

The book tells a second story: how Marguerite's commitment, compassion and belief in Divine Providence continued after her death and into the present day through the thousands of women who serve in ministry as members of the six autonomous congregations of Grey Nuns. It also tells why Grey Nuns are so named.

Paths of Compassion focuses primarily on the good works of Sister Patricia's community, the only American congregation, the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart.

"Over the years, the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart founded and operated schools, hospitals, orphanages, nursing homes, and facilities for the poor and the abused," Sister Patricia says.

"The book provides a deeper understanding of the radical commitment of the sisters despite seemingly overwhelming obstacles, as they established one ministry after another," she said. "Like Marguerite, they worked hard, lived lives of compassion and placed their trust in Divine Providence."

Sister Patricia points out that Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart continue to carry on Marguerite's legacy of compassion as educators, guidance counselors and health care workers, in pastoral care and as ecological advocates.

Why is a 300 page history of a 300 year old congregation of women religious a relevant publication in 2013?

"Marguerite taught her sisters to labor not only with charity but also with practicality and purpose," Sister Patricia says. "These qualities are as relevant and significant as they were in 18th century Canada. There is inspiration for today in the story of these women, whose lives were dedicated to the needs of others."

Bishop's Schedule

Jan. 15 – 9:30 a.m., Diocesan Envisioning Team Meeting with the Catholic Leadership Institute at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

Jan. 16 – 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Jan. 17 – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

Jan. 19 – 11 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Jan. 20 – 22 March for Life in Washington, DC

Rest in Peace

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

Jan. 15 – Msgr. James J. Lacey, 1942

Jan. 16 – Msgr. James Alexander Fix, 1969; Rev. Herbert Skurski, O.F.M.Conv., 1996

Jan. 17 – Rev. Francis A. Menard, 2009

Jan. 18 – Rev. Hugh Shields, 1881; Rev. Telesphore Campeau, 1935; Rev. Paul Martin Hagan, 1980

Jan. 19 – Rev. Benjamin Desroches O.M.I., 1908; Rev. Arthur P. Condon, 1966; Rev. Aloysius R. Isele, 1974

Jan. 20 – Rev. William D. O'Byrne, 1928; Rev. Joseph Erhard, O.M.I., 1936; Rev. Victor Viaud, O.M.I., 1937; Rev. Joseph Ponture, 1940

Jan. 21 – Rev. Albert W. Giroux, 1991; Rev. Adam Zajdel, O.F.M. Conv., 1997; Rev. Patrick C. Callaghan, O.F.M.

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Environmental Stewardship

What is the Church Saying?

"We human beings are not only the beneficiaries but also the stewards of other creatures. . . Let us not leave in our wake a swatch of destruction and death which will affect our own lives and those of future generation."

Pope Francis on Jan. 1 . . .

"World Day of Peace"

Partnership for Global Justice states "The greatest temptation affecting many people is a feeling of being totally overwhelmed. It can justify excesses and lead to escapism." The Christophers' response is "better to light one little candle than to curse the darkness!"

What is the Church Doing?

Church of the Visitation, Norfolk is "lighting one light candle" to GO GREEN by:

- Uses only reusable mugs, dishes and silverware from their cupboards
 - Provides separate containers for recyclables in rectory, parish center main rm./ kitchen & each classroom
- Benefits: reduces amt. of trash in landfills and lowers cost of trash removal, reduces cost of purchasing disposable eating utensils, recycling reuses our natural God given resources

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 preregister 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 is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 1440.

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Jan. 30 – 8 p.m., Wakefield Recital Hall/SUNY Potsdam, Room C-224.

Feb. 6 – 6 p.m., Holy Family School, Malone

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Pope limits 'monsignor' honor for diocesan priests

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis has decided to limit the honor of "monsignor" among diocesan priests and grant it from now on only to those at least 65 years of age. The change, which is not retroactive and does not affect Vatican officials or members of religious orders, was announced in a letter from the Vatican Secretariat of State to nunciatures around the world, along with instructions to inform local bishops. Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States, informed U.S. bishops of the new policy in a letter dated Dec. 30. Of the three grades of monsignor -- apostolic protonotary, honorary prelate of His Holiness and chaplain of His Holiness -- only the last will be available to diocesan priests who meet the new age requirement. Bishops must resubmit any pending requests for papal honors in accordance with the new rules. Archbishop Vigano's letter did not give a reason for the change, but Pope Francis has often warned clergy against the temptations of careerism and personal ambition.

Catholic witnesses back No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Two Catholic witnesses at a Jan. 9 hearing on the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act endorsed the bill, one of them calling it "long overdue." One of those testifying at the hearing sponsored by the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice was Richard M. Doerflinger, associate director of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. Doerflinger said the bill, if enacted, would "write into permanent law a policy on which there has been strong popular and congressional agreement for over 35 years" with the adoption of the Hyde amendment in the annual appropriations bill for the federal department of Health and Human Services. "Even public officials who take a 'pro-choice' stand on abortion have supported bans on public funding as a 'middle ground' on this contentious issue -- in recognition of the fact that it is not 'pro-choice' to force others to fund a procedure to which they have fundamental objections," Doerflinger said. "And even courts insisting on a constitutional 'right' to abortion have said that this alleged right 'implies no limitation on the authority of a state to make a value judgment favoring childbirth over abortion, and to implement that judgment by the allocation of public funds.'"

Pope: Christian love isn't soap-opera swoon, it's generous, concrete

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Christians must love through concrete actions, not words, which are just whisked away in the wind, Pope Francis said. True love knows it's more important to give -- "give things, give life, give oneself to God and others" -- than receive, the pope said in his homily Jan. 9 during his morning Mass in the Domus Sanctae Marthae, where he lives. Christian love is generous and real, it's not some dreamy romantic notion and "not the love on soap operas," he said, according to Vatican Radio. When Jesus spoke of love, "he speaks to us of concrete things: feed the hungry, visit the sick," and more, the pope said. "When there isn't this concreteness, one can be living a Christianity of illusion because the person doesn't really understand the core of Jesus' message," he said. The pope said there were two things that make Christian love concrete. "First, love with actions, not with words. The wind whisks words away; today they're here, tomorrow they're not," he said. The second thing is "for love, it's more important to give than receive."

WASHINGTON LETTER

Ongoing humanitarian crises bring their own challenges

By Patricia Zapor
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Much has been said about the sheer enormity of the humanitarian crisis created by Syria's brutal civil war - 100,000 are dead, 6.5 million people are displaced inside Syria and nearly 2.5 million have fled the country - but in other ways as well, the situation presents atypical challenges. In a Senate hearing Jan. 7 and a panel discussion at the Brookings Institution Jan. 9, experts from humanitarian agencies spelled out the extent of the needs in Syria and elsewhere in 2013 and tried to forecast the demands of 2014.

Fighting in South Sudan and the Central African Republic have pushed those two countries to the list of urgent situations, for example, and ongoing efforts to help victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines continue to be critical.

Sophie Delaunay, executive director of Doctors Without Borders USA, said Syria presents the medical aid organization with the unusual situation of having had a modern medical system that now lies in ruins.

"This is a country where the health system was quite sophisticated," Delaunay said at the Brookings event. While Doctors Without Borders is accustomed to coping with malaria and other tropical diseases in crisis-stricken countries, Syria was a highly developed country where diabetes and cancer were the significant public health concerns. With the medical care system in tatters, aid organizations have had to step in to provide a different type of care than usual.

Add to that the thousands of people suffering from the effects of chemical weapons used in a Damascus suburb last year and the medical organization has had to rework its usual strategy of aiding victims of a civil war, she said.

"Our machinery was not prepared to deal with that," Delaunay said.

In prepared testimony for the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing two days earlier, Nancy Lindborg, assistant administrator for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance at the U.S. Agency for International Development, explained some of the challenges in trying to reach all those displaced Syrians. Lack of security, blocked access and insufficient resources mean that "despite a massive mobilization of assistance and funding, international aid has not reached 2.5 million people inside Syria," Lindborg said.

Fighting, security checkpoints and access routes deliberately cut off to humanitarian aid create what she called, "an unconscionable campaign of starvation."

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., chairman of the Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights, said in a statement to the committee that in a visit last year to Kilis, a refugee camp for Syrians in Turkey, he was especially struck by the plight of children, adding that "a generation of Syrian children is at risk."

Fighting in South Sudan and the Central African Republic have pushed those two countries to the list of urgent situations and efforts to help typhoon victims in the Philippines continue to be critical

"There are 1.1 million Syrian refugee children, 70 percent under the age of 12. Sixty percent of these children are not attending school. One in 10 Syrian refugee children are working to support their families, including some as young as 7 years old," he explained. "Thousands of children are separated from their parents. And we have heard troubling reports of boy refugees being recruited as combatants and girl refugees being forced into early marriages."

Durbin quoted one medical expert who had been examining underweight refugee children: "We have a middle income country that is transforming itself into something a lot more like Somalia," Durbin's statement said. "Aid workers report that signs are posted at regime checkpoints that say, 'kneel or starve.' This is a deplorable war crime and it must be stopped."

At the Brookings panel, Iain Levine, deputy executive director of programs for Human Rights Watch, said in another crisis situation, the escalation of violence in South Sudan should have been anticipated.

"They missed the warning signs, or at least didn't respond to growing tensions there," Levine said.

In the last month, tribe-on-tribe violence has killed more than 1,000 people and driven 180,000 from their homes, according to The Associated Press.

The AP Jan. 9 quoted Linda Thomas-Greenfield, assistant secretary for African Affairs at the State Department, as saying, "Each day that the conflict continues, the risk of all-out civil war grows."

Speakers at the Brookings event and the Senate hearing tried to give a sense of what to expect in those and other hotspots in the coming year, and several expressed concerns about aid organizations being able to keep up the huge financial commitments necessary to support such vast populations of needy people.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Ordinary time: it's not 'business as usual'

The lights of Christmas and Epiphany have all faded. We've come from last Sunday's feast of the Baptism of the Lord into seven weeks in "Ordinary" time. Watch out! Ordinary time in the liturgy never means going back to "business as usual".

True, Jesus has long since grown out of his swaddling clothes, grown through puberty to life as an adult "man with a mission". Certain words in the readings stand out—words like "servant" and "mission" and "follow me".

The first reading today is one of the Servant Songs, in which God calls Isaiah to bring unity once more to the divided kingdom of north and south, and to call the chosen people back to faithful observance of the

Law. It also refers to Christ whom the Father has called to be his "servant", redeeming all people from the sin of Adam and Eve.

In that same reading, God says "It is too little for you to be my servant...I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

In the Gospel, John gives eloquent testimony of what he

heard God say from the heavens as the water is poured over Jesus' head: "This is my Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

The very next day, John sees Jesus coming toward him. He turns to his own followers and declares Jesus to be the Son of God.

Using a common image, he cries out, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes

away the sins of the world". Why does John call Jesus a lamb? Because the world "lamb" connects Jesus with both the 'suffering servant' and with the mission of Jesus to die for the sins of the world..

Jesus acknowledges the truth of what John has said by beginning to gather his own followers. It's a major turning point in the story of our salvation

Andrew and his brother Simon became the first disciples of the Lord. How casual it all seemed. They ask Jesus where he lives, and Jesus simply says, "Come and you will see".

How attractive Jesus must have been to those seeking more from life. Older priests like myself find it puzzling that more young men today do not seek Him out as Andrew did.

Is it Jesus who fails to attract them? Or is it the life of the priest that doesn't ap-

JAN. 19

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6;
1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34

peal? Young people should "come and see", and ask their pastor for information and advice.

Of course, the underlying attraction is love. Unless a young man falls in love with Jesus as Andrew and Simon did, he will never pursue a vocation.

Only love can quiet the voices of protest from the world around them, and give them the courage to sacrifice the normal seeking out of a lovely woman with whom to have a family, and build a career.

Why should young men seriously consider priest-

hood as a lifetime commitment? Because priesthood leads not only to personal holiness and salvation, but because it brings this about through the priest guiding countless others to salvation through the sacraments of the church.

There is no other calling in life to equal it. It is a life of imitation of Jesus' life and mission in his great love for people, his willingness to search out the lost, to counsel and encourage, bless and forgive sins by God's power, to be a part of every family, yet belonging to none.

What does it take to become a priest? Priesthood takes sacrifice, generosity, common sense, adequate intelligence, piety, and a sense of humor. Know anyone that has those qualities? Then give them a nudge, pray for them, and encourage them..

The Holy Spirit will carry on from there!



Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore

MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

The violence of the 'famous violinist problem'

In her still-widely-read 1971 article, A Defense of Abortion, Judith Jarvis Thomson sets up a thought experiment known as "The Famous Violinist Problem" to argue that abortion ought to be morally justified when a pregnancy arises out of sexual assault:

"You wake up in the morning and find yourself back to back in bed with a ...famous unconscious violinist. He has been found to have a fatal kidney ailment, and the Society of Music Lovers has canvassed all the available medical records and found that you alone have the right blood type to help.

They have therefore kidnapped you, and last night the violinist's circulatory system was plugged into yours, so that your kidneys can be used to extract poisons from his blood as well

as your own.... To unplug you would be to kill him. But never mind, it's only for nine months. By then he will have recovered from his ailment, and can safely be unplugged from you."

Most people would share the intuition that they should be able to unplug themselves from the violinist, since they didn't consent to being hooked up in the first place. Others would suggest an analogy with becoming pregnant from rape, so the mother could "unplug" herself from the child by abortion.

At least two serious problems, however, exist with this analogy.

First, the famous violinist is not a good parallel for the child conceived by sexual assault. The violinist in Thomson's thought experiment is basically a stranger

to us. But the child conceived in rape is not, properly speaking, a stranger at all, and the analogy should probably be corrected to indicate this: "When the woman wakes up, she finds herself connected to a prodigy violinist who also happens to be her 12 year old son."

In such a scenario, she would far more easily admit an obligation to remain attached to him, even for an extended period of time.

Following a rape that results in pregnancy, a woman likewise finds herself connected to her own progeny, her own child in utero, with similar natural moral obligations to nurture and care for

her own flesh and blood.

The second problem with Thomson's analogy is that abortion is not like "unplugging" a tube connecting one person to another, and allowing the dependent individual to expire from a condition like kidney failure.

Instead, abortion invokes various surgical and obstetrical procedures that directly end the life of, and even dismember, the in utero child.

Norma McCorvey, the former "Jane Roe" of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision, herself once worked in an abortion clinic and later described what happened there:

"When a later abortion

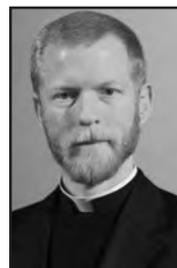
was performed, workers had to piece the baby back together, and every major part – head, torso, two legs, and two arms – had to be accounted for.

One of our little jokes at the clinic was, "If you ever want to humble a doctor, hide a leg so he thinks he has to go back in."

Please understand, these were not abnormal, uncaring women working with me at the clinic. We were just involved in a bloody, dehumanizing business, all of us for our own reasons.

Whether we were justifying our past advocacy (as I was), justifying a previous abortion (as many were) or whatever, we were just trying to cope – and if we couldn't laugh at what was going on, I think our minds would have snapped."

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Father Tadeusz
Pacholczyk Ph.D.

AT THE MOVIES

THE LEGEND OF HERCULES

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

An embarrassingly weak film about the personification of strength, the 3-D action adventure "The Legend of Hercules" (Summit) is nothing short of woeful.

Adult viewers may be too distracted by the film's aesthetic shortcomings to notice the mostly innocuous nature of its vulgarity-free script on which director Renny Harlin collaborated with three others: Daniel Giat, Sean Hood and Giulio Steve.

Co-starring with his own pectoral muscles, Kellan Lutz, veteran of the "Twilight" franchise, takes on the title role.

But first we get the background story: Tired of her power-hungry husband, King Amphitryon's (Scott Adkins) warlike ways, Queen Alcmene (Roxanne McKee) of the Greek city-state Tiryns prayed to the goddess Hera for peace.

Through a priestess, Hera

responded to Alcmene's plea by granting her permission to sleep with Zeus, Hera's own hubby, so that the pair could conceive a hero who would deliver the realm from Amphitryon's tyranny. Cut to Alcmene rolling around on her bed as thunder rumbles in the background, and nine months later, along comes baby Hercules.

Once grown and buff, Hercules falls for fetching foreign royalty in the person of Princess Hebe (Gaia Weiss). But mean old Amphitryon -- who knows that Hercules is not his son, though he's unaware of the lad's divine paternity -- has other plans. Namely, to contract a purely political marriage between Hebe and his heir, Hercules' cowardly half-brother Prince Iphicles (Liam Garrigan). Hebe, who knows a craven black hat when she sees one, doesn't like the idea one bit.

The better to get Hercules out of the way, Amphitryon sends him on a doomed military expedition. But, as the old saying goes, you can't

keep a good future deity down. So, despite such travails as being enslaved, branded and forced to fight as a gladiator, we know it's only a matter of time till Hercules makes a triumphant comeback.

Along the way, vaguely drawn and passing parallels are made between Hercules and Jesus. Thus the people of Tiryns repeatedly hail Hercules as their savior, and a climactic scene finds him offering his own life for those of his comrades while hanging in chains in roughly the posture of Christ on the cross.

While not offensive to Christian sensibilities, these sketchy allusions are as ineptly handled as every other element in Harlin's lump of mythological lead.

The dialogue displays a firm grasp of the obvious, falling flower petals signal that it's time for Hercules and Hebe to go all the way, while rain falls in sheets whenever a battle commences. As for the performances, they're uniformly as wooden as that horse the



CNS PHOTO/SUMMIT

Kellan Lutz stars in a scene from the movie "The Legend of Hercules."

Greeks gave the Trojans.

The film contains considerable but bloodless combat violence, a suicide, implied premarital sexual activity, scenes of sensuality and mature references. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults.

The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.



The violence

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McCorvey's comments remind us that abortion is essentially a violent and deadly act, not a euphemistic "unhooking" or "separating" of mother and child.

Thus we might wish to modify Thomson's analogy once again in order to maintain parallelism: "A woman wakes up in the morning and finds herself attached to a violinist.

To free herself from any further involvement with him, she asks a doctor to come in with a knife and to dismember the renowned musician."

The absolute wrongness of such direct killing would

remain beyond dispute, as would the wrongness of any direct killing actions by a raped woman directed against her unborn son because of the sins of his father.

In reflecting on the specifics of "The Famous Violinist Problem," we begin to appreciate the importance of never subjecting an innocent third party, whether a musician or an in utero child, to direct lethal harm simply because they find themselves in a state of radical dependence upon another human being.

Although we aren't obligated to use extreme or extraordinary measures to try to save the violinist in

Thomson's thought experiment, we shouldn't make the error of supposing that the state of pregnancy itself is somehow extraordinary or extreme, even in the tragic case of sexual assault, given that it objectively embodies the natural and familial line of duty to care for our own offspring.

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ADIRONDACK

FRIENDSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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

Date: Feb. 4 & 11, Lake Placid; Feb. 18 & 25, Tupper Lake

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Features: New volunteers will join Mercy Care's 90+ Friendship Volunteers from Tupper Lake, Saranac Lake, and Lake Placid who are helping elders stay connected to their communities.

Contact: Sheila Schneck at 518-523-5583

CLINTON

FREE THROW COMPETITION

AuSable Forks - AuSable Forks and Peru youths are invited to the Knights of Columbus Free Throw contest.

Date: Jan. 18

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: Holy Name School

Features: Boys and girls ages 9-14 are eligible to compete. Winners can advance to regional, upstate and state competitions. The New York State Championship Contest will be conducted at the West Point Military Academy.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Treadwell Mills - St. Alexander & St. Joseph's will hold a Pancake Breakfast.

Date: Feb. 2

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

Place: St. Joseph's Church Parish Hall

Cost: Adults, \$6; Children 12 and under, \$3; under 5, Free

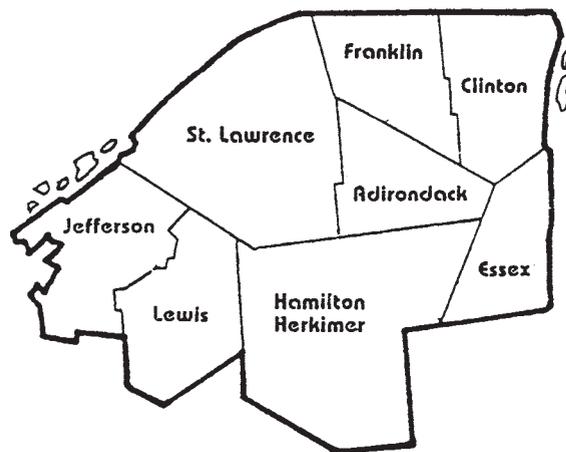
Menu: All you can eat pancake, real maple syrup, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, coffee, orange juice or milk.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Place: St. John's "Holy Family" Adoration Chapel, downstairs

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



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

Features: May be pre-ordered starting on Nov. 4 by calling 518-529-6580.

FRANKLIN

PARISH BREAKFAST

Brushton - St. Mary's is sponsoring a delicious breakfast.

Date: Jan. 19

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

Place: Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$7; Seniors, \$6; Children under 4, Free; Families of 4 or more, \$20

Menu: Eggs, bacon, pancakes, french toast, sausage, coffee, hash,

JEFFERSON

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Watertown - There will be an Ecumenical Bereavement Meeting.

Date: Jan. 27

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Hearthside Hospitality Center at the SSJ Motherhouse.

Speaker: Kathy Sheley, a widow who is a volunteer at Hospice. Her topic is entitled "New Beginnings".

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Watertown - Sister of St. Joseph will have a Social Justice program on the topic of human trafficking.

Date: Feb. 2

Time: 2 p.m. to 4

Place: Hearthside Center, SSJ Motherhouse

Features: "Human Trafficking in the North Country" presented by Mr. William Hall. This is a world-wide epidemic happening in our own backyard. Be informed; take action to stop this form of modern-day slavery. Public is invited.

Contact: Sr. Bethany, SSJ; 315-212-6592

SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER

Evans Mills - The Indian River Knights of Columbus Council 7471 will be sponsoring a spaghetti & meatball dinner.

Date: Jan. 18

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$7; Senior Citizens, \$6; Children under 12, \$5; under 5, Free

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Watertown - St. Anthony's Altar Rosary Church will be having Spaghetti Supper.

Date: Jan. 30

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7

Place: Msgr. Sechi Hall

Cost: Adults, \$8; children \$4.50; under 3, free; sauce, \$5 per quart meatballs are \$.75

Features: Take-out orders begin at 4 p.m. Please bring your own containers

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Watertown - Holy Family Church is hold-

ing holy hours of Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

Schedule: Monday through Friday following the 9 a.m. Mass at Holy Family Church (9:30 - 10:30 a.m.),

LIFERIGHT MEETING

Watertown - Liferight of Watertown meets third Wednesday of the Month.

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: 312 Sherman St.

Features: The office has materials on infanticide, assisted suicide, euthanasia and chastity.

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

LEWIS

K OF C BRUNCH

Lyons Falls - The South Lewis Knights of Columbus is planning a brunch with all-you-can-eat pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage and more.

Date: Jan. 19

Time: 8 a.m. to noon

Place: St. John's Church Hall

Prices: \$6 for adults, \$3 ages 5-12, free under five.

BUS TO WASHINGTON MARCH

The Lewis County Right to Life and Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to participate in their annual Right to Life Bus Trip to Washington DC.

Schedule: The bus will be leaving the evening of the January 21st and traveling through the night to Washington DC for the Right to Life March on January 22nd. The bus will be returning mid-morning on January 23rd.

Cost: Adults, \$50; Youth, Free

Contact: Paul Campeau at (315) 346-6575 or (315) 486-7928.

ST. LAWRENCE

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Massena - Sacred Heart/St. Lawrence holds a Bereavement Support Group last Tuesday of each month.

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: Sacred Heart Convent

Features: A gathering of those who have had a recent loss of a loved one.

Contact: 315-769-3137

NOVENA FOR MILITARY

Ogdensburg - Notre Dame Church is holding a Weekly novena for the safety of U.S. military personnel at a new time.

Date: Tuesday afternoons

Time: 1:30 p.m.

LATIN MASS

Potsdam - A Tridentine (Latin) Mass is

celebrated each Sunday with Msgr.

Robert H. Aucoin as the celebrant

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

COMMUNITY FREE LUNCH

Ogdensburg - The Knights of Columbus Council 258 is starting its community free lunch program again.

Date: Every Wednesday

Time: Noon

Features: Free hot lunch

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Massena - St. Mary's & St. Joseph's hold Benediction and Adoration every Friday morning.

Time: 9 a.m. to Noon

Place: St. Mary's Family Room

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

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

Date: Thursday before the First Friday

Time: 7 p.m. concluding with Benediction at 8 p.m.

Place: Deacon Winter Chapel

DIOCESAN EVENTS

PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN

Father Donald Robinson, pastor of St. Anthony's and St. Patrick's in Watertown, will be leading a pilgrimage "Best of Spain and Portugal".

Dates: Feb. 18-28, 2014

Cost: \$2899 per person from NYC

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Features: Madrid, Salamanca, Lisbon, Seville, Granada & Toledo

Contact: Fr. Robinson at 315-782-1190 or e-mail donrob4@twcnr.com

2014 BUS FOR LIFE

Plattsburgh - The Lake Champlain 2014 bus to Washington D.C. for the national March for Life is set

Date: Jan. 21-22

Schedule: Meet at St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Arrive in Washington, D.C. early Jan. 22; Free Time in the morning to attend Mass, sightsee, lobby representatives, etc; Rally and March start at noon on The National Mall; Meet at St. Peter's Church in Washington at 4:45 p.m. for the trip home

Cost: Reserve a seat on the bus is \$30

Contact: To reserve a seat or to obtain more information, contact Karen Smith at 518-566-6229. To make a donation: mail check to St. Peter's Church 114 Cornelia Street Plattsburgh, NY, 12901. Make a note on the memo line: "Bus for Life."

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Staying positive through faith

Winters in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, regardless of where you are located, are brutal, challenge our patience, compromise our health and safety and worse, drain our bank accounts as we pay the heat bill. So what makes the residents of the North Country stay here? What makes us persevere through three to four months of cold, snow, ice and discomfort? One word is what keeps us here: Faith.

We, as residents of the North Country, have faith that Spring will come, the snow and ice will disappear, the grass will turn green and our coats and boots will be put away until next November. The Sun will come out and bring the flowers up, the birds will come back and the children will go back outside to play. We know that all of this will happen and our faith in the inevitable springtime provides us with hope that all will be right again.

This same concept can apply to life in the Missions. Ask yourself, what makes the people who live in such adverse conditions of poverty, famine, and war get up and embrace each day? Could it be their Faith in God?

Pope Francis tells us, "Everyone should be able to experience the joy of being loved by God." As those who live in the Mission lands know, they may not have wealth or luxury in their lives, but if they give thanks to the Lord for His abundant love, then they will know the joy of His love and gifts in their lives.

We make sacrifices and gifts here in order to help bring hope to those in the Missions. Your help here provides for pastoral and evangelizing programs, for catechists and catechetical work, to build churches and chapels, for the work of Religious communities in health care and education, and for communication and transportation needs. Your help here helps to provide them with their Faith.

No matter where you are in this World, when it comes to God, our Faith and love are universal. The love of God we have here and the Faith and hope He brings us is no different than in the Mission lands. Some things are universal, like the love a mother has for her son, or the knowledge that the Sun will come up each day. These are things that make us strong and aware that life is good. God is good.

So when staying positive in the winter doldrums seems impossible at times, we always have our Faith. We know that winter is part our lives here and we will get through it. We accept and we move on.

Remember that this is what our counterparts in the Missions, thousands of miles away, contend with each day. They pray, have Faith, accept and move forward. Stay positive, move forward, have Faith.

-Molly Ryan

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OBITUARIES

Geraldine King

PLATTSBURGH—A Mass of Christian Burial for Geraldine M. "Gerri" King, 80, of Peru, wife of Deacon Robert King, was held Jan. 11 at St. Peter's Church.

She died Jan. 6 at the CVPH Medical Center with family by her side. Burial will be in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Mrs. King was born in Plattsburgh, April 26, 1933, the daughter of the late Eugene and Helen (Bruce) Germaine.

She was a member of St. Peter's and a member of the Carmelites. She had a love for art, especially painting and pottery.

In addition to her husband of 61 years, Mrs. King is survived by a daughter, Susan Forsman and her husband Steve of Cuba, Mo.; three sons, Rick King and his wife Louise of Plattsburgh, Christopher King and his wife Lydia of Glens Falls, Scott King and his wife Cristal of Columbia, Mo.; her grandchildren, Shane, Steven, Sarah, Stephanie, Robert, Katie, Lily, Breanna, Neil, Michael and Kimberly; a sister, Sandra Wodjenski and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her daughter, Jacqueline King. Online condolences and memorial candles may be offered at www.brownfuneral-homeinc.com.

Altona—Lester "Pete" Gardner, 82; Funeral Services Jan. 10, 2014 at Holy Angels Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Au Sable Forks - Lena F. Bruce, 91; Funeral Services Jan. 6, 2014 at Holy Name Church; burial in parish Cemetery.

Cadyville—Robert "Bob" R. Rule, 70; Funeral Services Jan. 9, 2014 at St. James Church.

Canton—Peter Alan Gilson, 60; Funeral Services Jan. 11, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Evergreen Cemetery.

Cape Vincent - Robert E. Yott, 88; Funeral Services Jan. 7, 2013 at St. Vincent of Paul Church; burial in St. Vincent of Paul Cemetery.

Carthage - Norma J. (Barker) Astafan, 75; Funeral Services Jan. 10, 2014 at St.

James Church; burial in New St. James Cemetery.

Chateaugay - Marie Anne (Harrica) Thomas, 93; Funeral Services Jan. 6, 2013 at Chateaugay Funeral Home; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Colton - Elizabeth A. "Betty" Tucker, 70; Funeral Services Jan. 9, 2014 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Copenhagen - Gertrude F. McNamara, 74; Funeral Services Jan. 11, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Elizabethtown - Anne (Mousseau) Pulsifer, 57; Funeral Services Jan. 9, 2014 at St. Elizabeth's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Fort Covington - Mary "Jean" Bashaw, 71; Funeral Services Jan. 10, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Bombay.

Glenfield - Mary Theresa (Middlemiller) (Korber) Hunt, 97; Funeral Services Jan. 4, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Boonville Cemetery.

Lake Placid - Harriet Edith Miller, 83; Memorial Services Jan. 12, 2014 at St. Agnes Church.

Lyon Mountain - Steven A. Wilson Sr., 53; Funeral Services Jan. 10, 2014 at St. Bernard's Church.

Malone - Patrick A. Douglas, 58; Funeral Services Jan. 9, 2014 at the Brusco-Desnoyers Funeral Home; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Chateaugay.

Malone - John F. Mahoney Jr., 82; Funeral Services Jan. 13, 2014 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Malone - Eileen (Cook) McCann, 87; Funeral Services Jan. 7, 2014 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Massena - William D. Spagnolo, 68; Funeral Jan. 11, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Mooers - Harold P. LaBarge, 84; Funeral Services Jan. 10, 2014 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Mooers Forks - John P. Surprenant, 67; Funeral Jan. 4, 2014 at St. Ann's Church; burial in Mooers Riverside Cemetery.

Ogdensburg - Blanche (Rolfe) Morley, 76; Funeral Services Jan. 10, 2014 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg - E. Marie (LaMere) Vinch, 90; Funeral Services Jan. 9, 2014 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Peru - Alvin A. McKinley, 54; Memorial Services Jan. 9, 2014 at the Hamilton Funeral Home.

Plattsburgh - Irene A. (Giovannangelo) Brown, 86; Funeral Services Jan. 8, 2014 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh - Helen Lucille (O'Connor) Donahue, 86; Funeral Services Jan. 8, 2014 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Mary's of the Lake, Cumberland Head

Plattsburgh - Nancy Joyce (Osborne) Douglas, 78; Funeral Services Jan. 9, 2014 at St. John's Church; burial in St. Mary's of the Lake, Cumberland Head

Plattsburgh - Raymond Vincent Dunlavy, 91; Funeral Jan. 8, 2014 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh - Elnor M. (Trombly) Gonyo, 74; Funeral Services Jan. 4, 2014 at St. John's Church; burial in Divine Mercy Cemetery, Cumberland Head.

Plattsburgh - Veronica May (Beaudin) Grom, 90; Funeral Services Jan. 10, 2014 at St. John's Church; burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Plattsburgh - Joyce M. (LaTour) Johnson, 80; Funeral Services Jan. 6, 2014 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh - Russell R. Mischler, 75; Funeral Jan. 11, 2014 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh - Mary McCullough Thomas, 91; Funeral Services Jan. 11, 2014 at St. John's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Port Henry - Robert F. Miller, 71; Funeral Services Jan. 4, 2014 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Moriah.

Port Henry - Richard E. Wallingford, 79; Funeral Services Jan. 11, 2014 at St. Patrick's Church.

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Rochester diocese installs first new bishop in 33 years

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ROCHESTER, N.Y. (CNS) - At 3 p.m. on Jan. 3, with applause ringing through a full Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bishop Salvatore R. Matano took his seat in the cathedra (bishop's chair), marking the beginning of his ministry as the ninth Bishop of Rochester.

The installation Mass was the first in Rochester since 1979, when Bishop Matthew H. Clark began his 33-year tenure. Bishop Clark, 76, retired in September 2012. Bishop Matano had been bishop of Burlington, Vt., for eight years.

After being installed by apostolic nuncio Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, Bishop Matano, 67, emphasized in his homily that "I'm not the only Catholic in this diocese. If I have challenges, then we all have challenges. It is the responsibility of every baptized Catholic to fulfill faithfully what Christ asks of us."

He stressed the importance of regular attendance at Sunday Mass: "All that we do as a people of faith stems from our attachment to the



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Bishop Salvatore R. Matano, right, thanks retired Bishop Matthew H. Clark for his service during Bishop Matano's Jan. 3 installation Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester, N.Y. Bishop Matano became the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Rochester.

holy Eucharist."

The ceremony on a frigid, snowy day was attended by bishops and cardinals from across the country. Others were kept away by the harsh conditions, including Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, who had been scheduled to preside.

Since Bishop Clark's retirement took effect, the Rochester see had been vacant, with Bishop Robert Cunningham of Syracuse, N.Y., serving as apostolic administrator.

In his homily, Bishop Matano alluded to the bitter weather, observing, "I asked, how could I make today memorable? I looked to the heavens and said, 'Let there be snow.'"

The native of Providence, R.I., thanked people who have supported him through

the years, including family, friends, brethren and people of the Burlington Diocese. In expressing enthusiasm for his new home, he took special note of Bishop Clark, extending his thanks for his warm welcome and observing, "you are a true canonical icon of stability in this office," and setting off a round of applause for Bishop Clark.

Bishop Matano also paid tribute to the many priests in attendance, saying, "Let us remember that without the priesthood, there is no Eucharist. And without the Eucharist, the Catholic Church loses its identity."

He also noted the importance of other vocations, including religious and married life. He said all Catholics play a key role in strengthening the church.

Bishop Matano said the current culture is often marked by indifference and even anger toward the church -- a drastic change from the 1950s, when Catholicism in the United States thrived on many levels.

For those who are estranged from the church, Bishop Matano implored, "Please come home. This is not the plea of Bishop Matano -- this is only his voice echoing the voice of Jesus."

He concluded his homily by asking Catholics to practice evangelization -- "because we are called to love another, we must tell them the truth of our Catholic faith" -- and to defend life and "the dignity of every human person from the moment of conception until natural death."

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