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Bold witnesses of Christ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Iraqi Christians are true and courageous witnesses of Christ's message of hope, forgiveness and love, Pope Francis said.

"The church suffers with you and is proud of you, proud to have children like you," he said Sept. 3, in a greeting to Arabic-speaking

pilgrims, especially those from Iraq.

The pope spoke at the end of his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square.

He told the pilgrims that the church is a mother who knows how to help her children most in need, "pick up the child who falls, heal the sick, seek the lost, wake up

the sleeping, and also defend her defenseless and persecuted children."

The pope said he wanted to assure Iraqis, and all those helpless and persecuted, of his closeness. "You are in the church's heart," he said, as he asked God to bless and protect them. The church is proud of those who perse-

vere through such hardship, he said, because "you are the strength and real and authentic witness of her message of salvation, forgiveness and love. I embrace you all, all of you!"

The pope's words to Iraqis came after a catechesis on the maternal nature of the church.

Fire at St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga

Investigation into a fire at St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga was continuing at presstime Saturday.

According to a report in the *Times of Ti*, emergency dispatch received the call around 11:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, of a fire at the Catholic elementary school.

"One of my teachers was in the building and called it in," said Father Kevin McEwan, pastor of St. Mary's. "Nobody got hurt, thank God."

Ticonderoga Police Department Patrolman Mark Belden said he could identify three separate points of origin when he arrived on scene.

Rest in Peace

During the past week, funeral Masses were held for Rev. Theodore Gillette and Filippini Sr. Giacinta Basile

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THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

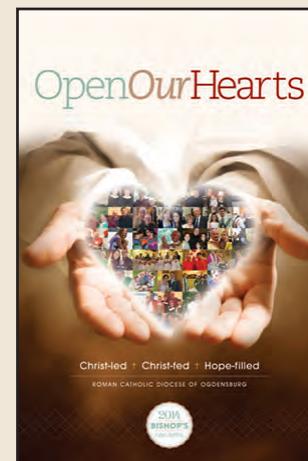


Kindergarten is an important step in the education journey but Seton Academy students in Plattsburgh are ready for it. Theodore Raut, Sofia Bleeker, and Colby Chase meet the first day of school with a smile. These "Future Seton Knights" are ready for a great year.

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BISHOP'S FUND 2014

Starts this weekend



The annual Bishop's Fund Appeal will begin in all parishes across the diocese the weekend of September 13-14. Bishop LaValley said, "our continuing generous support of the annual Bishop's Fund Appeal will be critical in providing the ministries and programs that will help us address the newly established diocesan priorities." With generous participation in this annual appeal, he said, "our journey of faith will be Christ-fed, Christ-led and hope-filled." This year's goal is \$1.275 million. Gifts received after the goal is reached will be added to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund. Donations can be mailed to: The Bishop's Fund Appeal, PO Box 150, Ogdensburg, New York 13669 or made online at www.rc-dony.org/development.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It's that time of year again!

If it's September in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, there are a few things we can count on: the doors of our Catholic schools will be open, parish bulletins and the diocesan newspaper will be overflowing with upcoming events and the annual Bishop's Fund Appeal will begin.

This week's *North Country Catholic* is filled with information about the critical work accomplished by the Bishop's Fund.

Valerie Mathews, director of the Bishop's Fund, starts with a summary of the goals for this year's appeal in

her article on page 3.

The special centerfold section fills in the details with a message from Bishop LaValley and portions of testimonies from members of our diocesan family who have benefitted from the appeal.

The beauty of the Bishop's Fund is that every one of us could offer similar testimonies of appreciation.

If we've enjoyed the blessings of Guggenheim, a Catholic school or faith formation program, OR if we've enjoyed the blessings of a diocesan priest, we have been personally sup-

ported by the Bishop's Fund. And, while this week's *NCC* reads more like the *Bishop's Fund Times*, every issue of the diocesan paper is filled with reports of events and programs funded by this annual appeal.

This year's Bishop's Fund takes on added importance because of the newly established diocesan priorities.

As Bishop LaValley said, "With generous participation in this annual appeal, 'our journey of faith will be Christ-fed, Christ-led and hope-filled.'"

That's exactly what it's supposed to be!

And as we "open our hearts" for the Bishop's Fund, we cannot forget about members of

our diocesan family who are experiencing a great loss. On Saturday morning, the small community of Ticonderoga woke up to the news that fire had destroyed much of the beloved St. Mary's School.

Fire investigators were working at the scene as the *NCC* went to press so the cause and full extent of damage weren't known. What could be known is that there are broken hearts throughout the North Country.

To Father Kevin McEwan, the pastor; Sister Sharon Anne Dalton, who has served as principal of St. Mary's for so many years; and all the students, families and alumni: know you have our prayerful support during these devastating days.

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

No. 2...Blessed are those who mourn

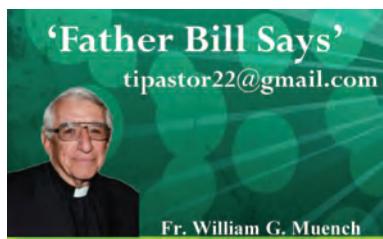
The Beatitudes. Have you memorized the first – "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Now for the second, "Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted."

The first thing I think of is the grief that comes from the death of a loved one. This is definitely a time of mourning – of loss – of the personal loss of an important person. Here Jesus promises that we will be comforted by God's love in such a moment. In such situations, there is the danger that in grief some may do something negative. Such losses are times to seek the comforting love of God that keeps us from giving up – from stopping to live.

The Beatitude tells us that we will find happiness and peace in such difficult times when we turn to the God who loves us so much. Here, I would like to suggest to you other times of real mourning – times when we all need the Lord's comforting, strengthening help, not to give up, not to stop trying.

Consider the many personal times when we mourn. There is the moment when you learn that you have health problems – maybe serious health prob-



lems. These are times when we need the comforting strength of our God to face this new challenge in life. There is a time of peace, a comforting time, because we know the Lord with us.

Again, there are also the times of mourning when we have to deal with our own personal mistakes, our own failings. These are times of grief that may cause a person to want to quit, to stop trying. The comforting strength from God can make the difference. We can find a new and stronger faith from the strength of God's love that will help us to recover and to get back into the swing of things.

There are other times when we mourn also. Think of the times when someone in your family fails, sins – it may be a father or mother, a sister or brother. This is truly a time of grief and unhappiness, a time

of mourning. Again, this is a time to turn to the Lord Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear he wants to be part of our lives – especially, in these difficult times – to give us his comforting strength, helping us in such difficult times. With the Lord, it can be a time to make things better, keeping us from giving up, giving us the strength to somehow make a difference.

There is a time of mourning when someone becomes disturbed, upset, with our own country – with our country's leaders. Again, these are time of mourning. I think each of us has hopes and dreams for our own country. I know only too well that there are times that we may be filled with grief when we believe that our country has failed, that our country should have done better.

These are time of personal mourning – unhappy times – times when we need the understanding help and the strength of will of the Lord. Jesus promises us comfort, comfort that will bring strength to lead us find the correct path to follow, a path to try and understand better and strength to do something good ourselves.

Let me add one more situa-

tion of mourning. I am thinking here of the times of grief when our Church – our Church leaders – have failed, even sinned. It may just be a simple slight or it may be a very major failing. These are times of personal mourning. For many, such times have resulted in quitting – in rejecting the Church completely. I want to say that these are times when we truly need the Lord. We need the comforting strength of the Lord so that we can do what we should to bring God's love into our lives and into the life of our parishes, our church. This may demand the strength of love and forgiveness in the spirit of Jesus. With Jesus, we can find faith and hope for the future that can only come from the Lord. With Jesus, we can make a difference.

So – one more personal note. I don't know about you but I have times I just can't forget – times of real grief – maybe not hugely important however, at the time, it seemed so important.

I was twelve years old and still can see the ground ball go through my legs into the outfield. I am still mourning that moment.

2014 Bishop's Fund Appeal set to begin

Open Our Hearts

By Valerie Mathews
Diocesan Bishop's Fund Director

Three days before Thanksgiving, as Patrick and Abby were preparing to welcome their children home for the holiday, they were faced with an emergency situation; they completely lost their home to fire.

In reflecting upon this devastating event in their lives, Abby shared, "in the past several months, we have truly found the definition of kindness and the meaning of gratitude. Our pastor showed up the next day (after the fire) with a gift from the Bishop's Fund and prayers from Bishop LaValley. It meant so much to us to know that our parish and our diocese were there for us both spiritually and financially. It helped us to regroup and start getting back on track.

"This kindness, this blessing has strengthened our spirit and helped us heal and for this we will always be grateful," she said.

From its roots beginning in 1959 with Bishop James Navagh, the annual Bishop's Fund Appeal has a long history of supporting essential ministries and reaching out to those in need in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Last year, because of the generous support of more than 10,500 households, the Bishop's Fund Appeal ex-



Among the critical ministries supported by the Bishop's Fund Appeal is Catholic education. Catholic schools across the diocese receive support through matching gifts to Catholic schools and the Tuition Assistance Program. Above Augustinian Academy in Carthage welcomes the old and new faces to the 2014-15 school year. Pictured in front of the school's theme for the year are, from left, Katie LaGrange, Gretchen and Brigid Duffy, Logan Sadler, St. Joseph Sister Suanne Johnson and Holli Campeau. New additions are Brigid and her mother Gretchen and Sister Suanne. Art teacher Anne McCarty created the artwork.

ceeded its goal by more than \$20,000. This generosity will help and give hope to people like Patrick and Abby.

Again this coming year, it is our hope to reach a goal of \$1,275,000 with any additional funds to further supplement the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund.

This past spring, Bishop LaValley announced the newly established diocesan priorities focusing on Creating a Culture of Vocations, Strengthening Faith Formation in Family Life and Building Parishes with Living Stones.

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To learn more about the Appeal and to view the 2014 Bishop's Fund Video, please visit our website at www.rc-dony.org/development.



JOB OPENING

Secretary/Bookkeeper

The Catholic Community of Burke and Chateaugay is seeking a highly motivated self starter for the position of Secretary/Bookkeeper in the parish office. Duties will include reception, bookkeeping- knowledge of Quickbooks desirable, parish record keeping and submission of diocesan forms. The ability to understand the need for compassion and confidentiality are imperative. For a complete job description including application requirements contact Jo Ann Stumpf, Parish Council Representative at 518-353-1515.



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CAR RAFFLE

Our Annual Car Raffle is underway. Tickets will be sold after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. They are also available at the rectory Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The drawing will be held after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday October 12, 2014 and the winner may choose the car or \$15,000 in cash.

The price for the ticket is \$20 or six (6) tickets for \$100 with all proceeds going to St. Agnes School.

The car this year is a 2015 Subaru Outback fully equipped from Jerry Strack of Central Garage here in Lake Placid.

If you wish to buy tickets by mail, please fill out the page & enclose your check made out to **St. Agnes Church**

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Volunteers sought to assist long term care residents

OGDENSBURG - Winny Sachno, coordinator of the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, is seeking volunteers in St. Lawrence, Jefferson and Lewis Counties.

Mrs. Sachno, who works in the diocesan office of Catholic Charities, said, the local program is looking for volunteers who are "empathetic, diplomatic and good communicators."

"The ombudsman help res-

idents improve their quality of daily life by empowering them, or by advocating on the resident's behalf to solve problems they are unable to resolve on their own," she said.

Ombudsman volunteers are certified. The local program coordinator and staff from the New York State Ombudsman Program will provide the necessary certification training and

also on-going training and support.

Volunteers dedicate about four hours per week at the facility to which they are assigned.

Further information and a volunteer application may be obtained from Mrs. Sachno, at the Catholic Charities office in Ogdensburg, at 393-2255 or Cristina Perez at the Catholic Charities office in Watertown at 788-4330..

Funeral held for Rev. Gillette

WATERTOWN - Bishop Terry R. LaValley celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial for Rev. Theodore M. (Ted) Gillette, 61, Sept. 4 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church.

He died at Buffalo General Hospital Aug. 30, due to complications with pneumonia. Burial Was in Glenwood Cemetery.

He was born on September 16, 1952 in Watertown, the son of Donald and Veronica (Weston) Gillette. Both his parents are now deceased. He attended Sacred Heart Elementary and Immaculate Heart Central High School in Watertown.

After high school Rev. Gillette attended Wadhams Hall Seminary College in Ogdensburg and then Christ the

King Seminary in East Aurora, New York graduating in 1977.

He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg on May 6, 1978.

Following ordination, Rev. Gillette was assigned in 1978 as assistant pastor to St. John the Baptist Church in Keeseville and then later that year as assistant to Holy Name Church in Ausable Forks until 1981.

He then served as associate pastor at St. Bernard's Church in Saranac Lake until 1983 and as associate to Notre Dame Church in Ogdensburg until 1987 when he was named pastor of St. Cecilia's Church in Adams.

This was followed by a brief period of service at St. Augustine's Church in Peru before being named administrator of St. Hubert's Church in Star Lake in 1988.

In 1993 he was named pastor of St. Raphael's Church in Heuvelton followed by an assignment as pastor of St. Paul's Church in Black River before he resigned from active ministry in 2002.

Rev. Gillette is survived by his siblings: William and Doris Gillette of Maryland; Terry and Gail Gillette of Chaumont; Suzanne Gillette of Watertown; Cathy and Bruce Mothersell of Lacona, New York; and Randy and Debbie Gillette of Watertown. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

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Above, first grader Jocelyn White prayed with classmates from Mrs. Bogdan and Mrs. Doe's classes at Trinity Catholic in Massena after a special story. At right, second graders Madison Macauley and Gwen Austin gear up for a friendly game of tic-tac-toe on their first day of the new school year at Trinity.



Plattsburgh pastors Father Timothy Canaan of the Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist, left, and Msgr. Dennis Duprey of St. Peter's are shown blessing the backpacks, students and staff on the first day of school at Seton Catholic in Plattsburgh.

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Funeral held for Sr. Giacinta Basile, 93, Watertown native

MORRISTOWN, NJ – A Mass of Christian Burial for Filippini Sister Giacinta Basile, 93, was held Sept. 5 at Villa Walsh. She died Sept. 2 at Saint Joseph Hall, Villa Walsh. Burial was in Ave Maria Cemetery

Born in Watertown, the daughter of the late Leo Basile and Mary Frances (Agnesina) Basile, Sister Giacinta entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in 1939. She received the habit in 1940, and made her religious profession in 1943.

Sister Giacinta was awarded a bachelor's degree with a major in French and a minor in English from Notre Dame College, Baltimore, Maryland. She also took graduate courses in administration and guidance from Catholic University, Washington D.C., Johns Hopkins, Maryland, and Loyola University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sister Giacinta taught at Villa Walsh College and at high schools in Baltimore, Bristol, Connecticut and in Hammonton, New Jersey. She was principal and vice principal at Paul VI Haddonfield, and principal at: St. Joseph in Hammonton; Villa Victoria Academy, Trenton, New Jersey; and Villa Walsh Academy Morristown, New Jersey.

Since 1998, Sister Giacinta has been involved in pastoral ministry in Dunmore, Pennsylvania, St. Joachim, Trenton, New Jersey, and her last 14 years were spent at St. Mary Mt. Virgin (Parish of the

Visitation) New Brunswick, New Jersey.

On July 27, Sister Giacinta was honored by the parishioners of St. Mary Mt. Virgin upon her retirement from the parish.

Sister Giacinta held many administrative positions in the Religious Teachers Filippini as a local superior in various sites, as Provincial Councillor (1984-1988; 2001-2007) and from 1969 has been an elected delegate to the Provincial and General Chapters of the Institute.

Sister Giacinta, together with Sr. Geraldine Calabrese (deceased), authored *Forever Yes*, the story of the life of St. Lucy Filippini, Foundress of the Religious Teachers Filippini. The book, published in 1978, will have its third reprint this year.

Sister Giacinta and Sister Geraldine also formed the Associates of Saint Lucy Filippini, a group of women committed to prayer and to the study of the life of St. Lucy in order to perpetuate St. Lucy's spirit in today's world. They were also given the responsibility to provide a program "Empowering the Mission" for teachers who teach in schools administered by the Filippini Sisters. Its purpose is to educate teachers on the philosophy and mission of Catholic schools in the spirit of Saint Lucy.

Sister Giacinta retired and became a resident at St. Joseph Hall Infirmary, Villa Walsh, in July.

She is survived by her sis-

ters Mary Navarra and Josephine Basile both of Syracuse, NY, and nieces and nephews. Her parents, sister, Sandy Priolo, and brothers Anthony, John, and Joseph Basile died previously

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Sister Giacinta will be accepted to the St. Joseph Hall Infirmary, c/o Sister Ascenza Tizzano, MPF, Provincial Superior, Villa Walsh, 455 Western Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960-4928.

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.

Sept. 10 - 6 p.m., Seton Academy, Plattsburgh

Sept. 11 - 6 p.m., St. Mary's School, Canton

Sept. 15 - 2:45 p.m., Seton Catholic Central, Plattsburgh

Sept. 17 - 6 p.m., Trinity Catholic School Massena

Sept. 17 - 6 p.m., St. Bernard's School, Saranac Lake

Sept. 18 - 5:30 p.m., St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga

Bishop's Schedule

Sept. 10 - 12:05 p.m., Bishop's Heritage Circle Mass at St. Peter's Church, followed by a luncheon meeting in Plattsburgh

2:45 p.m., Bless Pregnancy Center in Plattsburgh

Sept. 11 - 12 - Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocations Society Pilgrimage to Capde-la-Madeleine

Sept. 13 - 4:30 p.m., Installation Mass of Rev. Martin Cline as Pastor of St. Cecilia's Church, Adams and Queen of Heaven Church, Henderson in Adams

Sept. 14 - 8:30 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Church in Olmstedville
10:30 a.m., Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Schroon Lake

Sept. 15 - 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg

Sept. 16 - 5:30 p.m., Diocesan Review Board Meeting and Dinner at the Bishop's Residence

Rest in Peace

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

Sept. 11 - Rev. J. A. Langlois, 1872; Rev. Hyacinth Rueberg, 1913

Sept. 12 - Rev. Vincent Skiba, 1984

Sept. 14 - Rev. Russell Charles O'Neil, 1951

Sept. 15 - Rev. George Lessard, O.M.I., 1978

Sept. 16 - Rev. Henri Victor Lecompte, O.M.I., 1892; Rev. Alphonse Nolin, O.M.I., 1936

Environmental Stewardship

Solar Panels

What do solar panels have to do with our Faith??

In Bishop LaValley's words at the Blessing of the solar panel in the backyard of his residence in July, he stated that "they are good economically, environmentally and spiritually... Caring for the world and being good stewards of God's gift is central to Catholic spirituality. The major motivation for going green is to give witness to what can be done to create a more sustainable future that is consistent with God's intention for a world that can be judged to be 'very good' by present and future generations."

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Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer is looking for a lay resident director for our rural community in Northern New York. Our House provides opportunities for people to come for silence, prayer, healing, private and communal retreats. Benefits include stipend, room and board. Apply by resume to 7270 Star Road, Ellenburg Center, NY, 12934, or email olaprayerhouse@gmail.com for more information. Please include a brief summary on your call to live in a lay community and past ministries.

NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC HAS GONE GREEN



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Let us **Open Our Hearts!** The faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg have set out on a five year journey with our eyes and hearts focused on *Creating a Culture of Vocations, Strengthening Faith Formation in Family Life and Building Parishes with Living Stones.*

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Gratefully yours in Christ,

Terry R. LaValley

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

Bishop's Fund Prayer

O Loving God, fill the hearts of our diocesan family with the spirit of your charity.

As we seek to follow in the way of your Son, may our hearts be like His heart in showing your love to all people.

Help us to be the nurturing and nourishing hands of Christ open to all people in their needs.

Through the 2014 Bishop's Fund Appeal, may hope be cultivated anew for the people of the North Country.

Fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit and renew within us your gift of perfect love for others.

Through these efforts may the Church of Ogdensburg be Christ-led, Christ-fed, and hope-filled as we seek to respond to Christ's call: "Follow me."

Amen.



We presently have a shortage of priests, deacons and religious in our North Country. We, the lay people have to encourage vocations. Lately we found ourselves asking, "What would you have me do Lord?" We realize that there is a huge hole that needs to be filled, Father can't do it all. We, as disciples of Jesus, need to show the beauty of the Gospel to others and be equipped to defend and pass on our faith. Therefore, we took the two year course in Formation for Ministry and became Commissioned Lay Ministers in 2013.

The Formation for Ministry Program enabled us to immerse ourselves into all the beauty and richness of our faith and be able to share it with others, hopefully using the gentleness and compassion so important to our Holy Father Francis. It helped us focus and fine-tune our faith in a way that we could not do on our own. We have to offer our time and talents to keep the Catholic faith alive and vibrant in the

Our parish, the Roman Catholic Community of St. Alexander and St. Joseph is fortunate enough to have 79 children and 10 catechists involved in our Religious Education program. It is our job to provide those young minds with the very best tools to take with them on their spiritual journey. Together with my catechists we have created a program in the hopes of not only teaching these children about their faith but also educating and supporting their families. Even though we try to provide these children with as many church related experiences as we can, reality is that we only spend a very short time with them. That is why I truly believe that family catechesis is equally as important as the work we do with our students. In our parish, we work very hard to form personal relationships with the families of our students. We want parents to feel confident in the work that we do and we also want them to feel comfortable enough to come to us with questions or concerns. To achieve this goal, during sacramental years, we host parent meetings several times throughout the year to let the parents know exactly what their children are working on in class and to let them know how they can help prepare their child for the very important step they are preparing to take in their faith. Also, we provide



North Country.

Our Formation classmates have become life-long friends in faith. These friendships will be an invaluable source of help, reassurance and reinforcement. We are also very blessed to have our pastor, Father Arthur LaBaff's support in the Formation for Ministry Program. We encourage you to take the two year course, you will never regret it.

Cab & Jan of Clayton, New York



activities and suggest topics for the parents and children to work on at home. Parents are the most important and influential teachers in a child's life, it is so important that we relay that message to our families and also provide them with several ways to take an active role in their child's religious education.

I am grateful that I am able to rely on other DRE's (Director of Religious Education) in our area for direction and inspiration. I am also grateful for programs such as CORE and Faith Formation that are provided by our Diocese for education and support. I would truly like to thank those who support the Bishop's Fund Appeal which enables these ministries to be present in parishes across the Diocese.

Krystle of Morrisonville, New York



The generosity of the Annual Bishop's Fund Appeal, throughout the first three years of my Priestly Formation at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, has been of extraordinary assistance to me. Each semester, a scholarship from the Bishop's Fund is given to our seminarians to assist them with the cost of books, supplies, travel, and other related expenses. As a result of the scholarships received, I am able to engage in seminary formation and to be able to listen to God's voice in my heart. For this I am very grateful. With every scholarship we receive, the Bishop assures us of his thoughts and prayers for us and along with those of the whole Diocese. I pray daily that the Diocese will be blessed with more vocations to the priesthood. The scholarship is much more than a monetary donation: it becomes a message of love. I hope one day to be able to serve the Diocese as a priest and to show how grateful I am for your generosity.

Matthew of Ogdensburg, New York



Thankfully I have been as involved with this Diocese as I have been. For the past six summers, I attended camp Guggenheim and even had to chance to be a part of the Teen Vision program that is offered there. To say every amazing way that my experience at camp has made me into the person I am today could take days. While I was there I made friends, met awesome role models, and had so much fun, all the while strengthening my relationship with Christ while surrounded by others who felt the same way I did. It was a very nurturing environment. The Leadership weekend is another event sponsored by the Diocese that I am glad to have attended. During these two days, I was able to build my leadership skills through activities with friends I had already made, and new friends that I made along the way. While I was there I was also able to experience the sacrament of reconciliation, which I am so glad was offered. Before we left on Sunday we all celebrated Mass. This event really energized me, and I went back to church and school ready to be the leader I should be.

I have also attended the Youth Rally for the past couple of years. This was always a fun time, listening to speakers like Chris Stefanick or Christopher Padgett, and attending workshops taught by priests or people from this Diocese. I always came away from the event better than when I had arrived. It's safe to say I would not be the person I am today without my involvement in these programs.

Katherine of Heuvelton, New York



In the past several months we have truly found the definition of kindness and the meaning of gratitude. Three days before Thanksgiving, I received a message at work that a structure fire had been called in by my husband. A friend drove me home and there was fire shooting from both ends of the house. After finding my husband safe at a neighbor's house, we waited with friends and family throughout the day until the fire inspector declared our home a total loss.

Our pastor, Father Chris Carrara, was out of state the day of the fire but showed up the next day with a gift from the Bishop's Fund and prayers from Bishop LaValley. He said there was no hesitation when he called Ogdensburg about helping us.

It meant so much to us to know that our parish and our Diocese were there for us both spiritually and financially. It helped us to regroup and start getting back on track. This kindness, this blessing has strengthened our spirit and helped us heal and for this we will always be grateful.

Pat & Abby of Lowville, New York

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Peres: Pope is only leader respected enough to end today's wars

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Former Israeli President Shimon Peres asked Pope Francis to head a parallel United Nations called the "United Religions" to counter religious extremism in the world today. "In the past, most wars were motivated by the idea of nationhood. Today, however, wars are incited above all using religion as an excuse," Peres told the Catholic magazine, *Famiglia Cristiana*, ahead of the papal meeting Sept. 4. Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, confirmed that Peres, who ended his presidential term in July, had requested the meeting and told the pope about his idea. The pope, however, did not commit himself to the proposal. "The pope listened" to the idea just as he always does with any peace initiative, "showing his interest, his attention and encouragement," Father Lombardi said. But "the pope made no personal commitment" and reminded Peres that the Vatican has the Pontifical Councils for Interreligious Dialogue and for Justice and Peace -- two offices "that are suitable" for supporting or following such initiatives, Father Lombardi said.

Cardinal backs St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee as gay ban is lifted

NEW YORK (CNS) -- Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York said he continues to support the city's St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee after it lifted a ban prohibiting gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender groups from marching openly in the annual event. The cardinal, who will be the grand marshal of the 254th St. Patrick's Day parade in March, said in a statement Sept. 3 that neither he nor his predecessors determined who could or could not march in the parade. He said he has "always appreciated the cooperation of parade organizers in keeping the parade close to its Catholic heritage. My predecessors and I have always left decisions on who would march to the organizers of the individual parades," the cardinal's statement said. "As I do each year, I look forward to celebrating Mass in honor of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland and the patron saint of this archdiocese, to begin the feast, and pray that the parade would continue to be a source of unity for all of us." The parade committee's decision comes in an effort to defuse the controversy that arose prior to this year's parade over the exclusion of gay banners in the celebration of Irish and Catholic heritage.

Pope says Gospel brings new life, new freedom; don't fear change

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Do not be afraid to change and let go of obsolete structures, Pope Francis said during an early morning Mass in the chapel of his residence, the Domus Sanctae Marthae, because Jesus has brought new wine that needs fresh wineskins. "The Gospel is newness. The Gospel is celebration. And one can live the Gospel fully only with a joyous and renewed heart," he said in a homily Sept. 5. The pope's homily centered on the day's Gospel reading in which the scribes and Pharisees questioned Jesus about his disciples not following laws concerning fasting. Jesus answered, "Can you make the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?" He continued with a parable underlining the need to use new vessels or wineskins to hold new wine -- a new message of renewed life. Pope Francis said Jesus brought a new freedom in which the Christian is not "the slave to many tiny laws," but follows with an open heart a new commandment of love and the rules of the beatitudes. The Pharisees and scribes created "small laws" that they were custodians of but also prisoners, he said. "This law by these people wasn't bad," he said; the people were just imprisoned, "in wait for the faith to come," the faith, the "definitive freedom" that was revealed in Jesus Christ.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen's sainthood cause suspended indefinitely

By Mark Pattison
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - The canonization cause of Archbishop Fulton Sheen has been suspended indefinitely, according to a statement issued Sept. 3 by the Diocese of Peoria, Illinois, where the archbishop was born.

The suspension was announced "with immense sadness," the diocese said. "The process to verify a possible miracle attributed to Sheen had been going extremely well, and only awaited a vote of the cardinals and the approval of the Holy Father. There was every indication that a possible date for beatification in Peoria would have been scheduled for as early as the coming year."

Archbishop Sheen, who gained fame in the 1950s with a prime-time television series called "Life Is Worth Living," died in New York in 1979.

The diocesan statement said the Archdiocese of New York denied a request from Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of Peoria, president of the Archbishop Sheen Foundation, to move the archbishop's body to Peoria.

Deacon Greg Kendra, in a Sept. 3 posting on his blog *The Deacon's Bench*, said the reason for the request was for "official inspection and to take first-class relics from the remains."

A Sept. 4 statement from Joseph Zwilling, communications director for the New York Archdiocese, said Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York "did express a hesitance in exhuming the body" absent a directive from the Vatican Congregation for Saints' Causes and family approval. The statement added that Archbishop Sheen's "closest surviving family members"

asked that the archbishop's wishes be respected and that he had "expressly stated his desire that his remains be buried in New York."

Zwilling said Cardinal Dolan "does object to the dismemberment of the archbishop's body," but, were it to be exhumed, relics that might have been buried with Archbishop Sheen might be "reverently collected" and "shared generously" with the Peoria Diocese.

If the Peoria Diocese's decision is final to suspend Archbishop Sheen's cause and to assign it to the Vatican congregation's historical archives, Zwilling said, "the Archdiocese of New York would welcome the opportunity to assume responsibility for the cause in an attempt to move it forward."

"After further discussion with Rome, it was decided that the Sheen Cause would now have to be relegated to the congregation's historic archive," the Peoria diocesan statement said.

Bonnie Engstrom, whose delivery of a stillborn baby in 2010 provided the basis for a possible miracle attributable to Archbishop Sheen, expressed sadness and confusion over the delay in the sainthood cause.

"We are very disappointed that the cause to canonize Venerable Fulton Sheen had to be closed, especially because it had been progressing so well," she told the *Catholic Herald*, a British Catholic newspaper. "We are incredibly saddened and confused by the Archdiocese of New York's decision to not

cooperate with the Sheen Foundation on the cause. We trust in the goodness of God."

Engstrom's son James had no recorded heartbeat for 61 minutes after delivery. Then, as doctors were about to pronounce the child dead, James' heart started beating. He has defied doctors' predictions that he would not survive, or that he would have severe physical and developmental limitations. In March, a seven-member team of medical experts convoked by the Vatican reported there is no natural explanation for the boy's survival.

"Countless supporters especially from the local church in Central Illinois have given their time, treasure and talent for this good work with the clear understanding that the body of Venerable Sheen would return to the diocese," the Peoria statement said. "Bishop Jenky was personally assured on several occasions by the Archdiocese of New York that the transfer of the body would take place at the appropriate time. New York's change of mind took place as the work on behalf of the cause had reached a significant stage."

Archbishop Sheen, after his years in the TV limelight, retained a high profile by running the Society for the Propagation of the Faith out of New York City.

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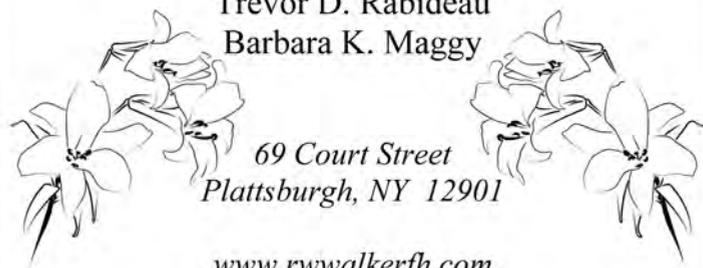
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And why is it such a powerful and even a good thing for us to accept the "crosses" that come our way?

To prepare us for insights into the mystery, the first reading goes back to the Israelites' flight for freedom across the desert. They had hardly begun when the

rebelled against Moses and against God.

In punishment, God sent poisonous servants whose bite killed many. When they repented of their sin, God had Moses make a bronze serpent and lift it on a pole. All who gazed on the serpent were healed.

It was a sign of something astounding that was to come later.

Jesus in the Gospel, refers to this incident when he's talking with Nicodemus. "...just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

What follows is the most quoted verse in John's



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Exultation of the Holy Cross

READINGS

Numbers 21:4b-9

Philippians 2:6-11

John 3:13-17

Gospel: "for God so love the world that he gave his only Son...."

The cross on which Jesus was "lifted up" redeemed us from punishment we all inherited through Adam and Eve's sin in the garden.

In this way, Jesus has transformed the meaning of the cross from one of the worst forms of humiliation ever devised by humans, to a glorious sign of victory over death.

Just as Jesus suffered and died on a cross, so do we. He asks that everyone who follows him will share in his experience with sufferings and "crosses" of our own. All we have to do is to humbly accept those trials which are so inevitable—those which no medicine or counseling can cure—terminal illness, abandonment, loneliness, to mention a few.

It is never too late for us to accept our crosses in love and faith. In so doing, we will find healing and forgiveness, often a sense of joy, and a new ability to love ourselves and others.

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AT THE MOVIES

THE IDENTICAL

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

Although they may be sociologically fascinating, in the cultural scheme of things, Elvis Presley impersonators are not widely deemed to occupy a particularly exalted position.

Yet no one can deny the

enduring appeal of an entertainer who, close to 40 years after his death, still has not only legions of fans but hosts of followers devoted enough to settle for myriad attempts at imitation now that the real thing is no longer around ... at least, not officially.

Moviegoers' attitudes toward the former occupant

of Graceland will likely shape their reactions to the reality-related drama "The Identical" (Freestyle).

Director Dustin Marcellino's film takes its premise from the historical fact that Elvis was a twin. Sadly, though, his brother Jesse was stillborn.

But what if it had been otherwise? In the fictional version of events pursued by screenwriter Howard Klausner's script, the newborn brothers' impoverished parents, William (Brian Geraghty) and Helen (Amanda Crew) Hemsley, are in desperate straits as a result of the Depression. So they make the traumatic decision to give one of their sons up for adoption.

They find suitable foster parents in circuit-riding revivalist preacher Reece Wade (Ray Liotta) and his wife Louise (Ashley Judd).

The Wades are a happily married couple whose principal cross in life so far has been their childlessness.

For reasons that are not really made clear, however, the Hemsleys are at pains to conceal this arrangement from the world.

Accordingly, they swear the Wades to secrecy and give out a cover story that one of their boys has died.

They even hold a funeral for him.

Flash forward to the 1950s and Drexel (Blake Rayne), the lad the Hemsleys kept, is rocketing to musical stardom. His obscure but equally talented lookalike Ryan Wade (also Rayne), meanwhile, is being pressured by his father, now a settled pastor, to follow him into the ministry.

But, in a sort of evangelical riff on the old dilemma Al Jolson faced in "The Jazz Singer," Ryan prefers belting out tunes to thumping the Scriptures. Eventually, Ryan gets the opportunity to pursue his favored career by impersonating his long-lost counterpart under the moniker of the title. Defied

Dad is, needless to say, disappointed.

Wholesome and faith-friendly, "The Identical" is a homespun piece of entertainment with a good-hearted but naive tone that will not be to the taste of city slickers. As for its suitable audience, a single vague reference to the connection between romantic passion and the arrival of babies may debar those who are still members of the stork club.

The Catholic News Service classification is A-I -- general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.



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Blake Rayne stars in a scene from the movie "The Identical."

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OLA RETREAT

Ellenburg Center – Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer to have a retreat.

Date: Sept. 20
Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Speaker: Fr. Jack Downs
Cost: Suggested donation \$20
Features: Begin with Mass followed by talks on suffering, loss, accident, catastrophe, and natural disaster. Lunch.
Contact: RSVP to olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or 518-594-3253 by 9/15.

PARISH MISSION

Lake Placid – St. Agnes in Lake Placid and St. Brendan's in Keene will be hosting the renowned Redemptorist preacher Fr. Eugene O'Reilly.

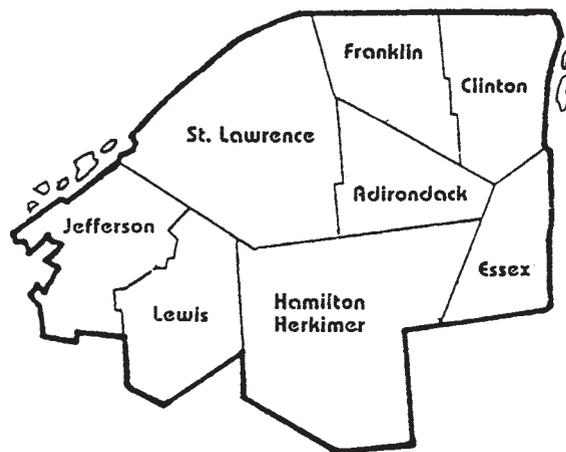
Date: Sept. 21 to 24
Time: 7 p.m. each night
Place: St. Agnes Church
Topics: "Intimacy with God", "Living the Reign of God", "Reconciliation," and "Discipleship."

MOUNTAIN CLIMB AND MASS

Cascade Lakes – St. Agnes and St. Brendan's will be sponsoring a Mountain Climb and Mass.
Date: Sept. 28
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Place: Owl's Head on Route 73
Features: Bring a lunch.

AUTUMN RETREAT

Saranac Lake – An autumn 24 hour retreat for adults to be held.
Date: Sept. 19 – 20
Time: 6 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Place: Guggenheim Lodge
Cost: \$75 (Limit to 10 participants)
Features: Retreat will include presentations by Paul Gibaldi, wilderness guide &



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nature photographer, and Sister Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ, nature hike in Lake Placid area, with time for reflection, group prayer, Father Paul Kelly will offer Mass on Sat. afternoon.

Contact: Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ at srbethssj@gmail.com. or 315-212-6592.

CLINTON

TURKEY DINNER

Lyon Mountain – St. Bernard's Church will be having annual Turkey Dinner.
Date: Sept. 14
Time: Noon to 5 p.m.
Place: American Legion Post #1623
Cost: Adults, \$10 all you can eat; Children 6-12, \$7; 5 and under, Free

TENT SALE

Peru – St. Vincent de Paul will hold a tent sale of fall and winter clothing.
Schedule: Sept. 15 to 19, 9 a.m. to 3

p.m.; Sept. 18, 7 p.m. to 9; Sept. 20 to 21, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Contact: Jean Ryan at 518-643-9386

FRANKLIN

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Burke – Catholic Community of Burke, Chateaugay to have Spaghetti Supper.
Date: Sept. 13
Time: 4 p.m. to 7
Place: St. George's Church
Cost: Adults, \$7.50; Children \$4; under 5, free
Features: Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, rolls and dessert and beverage. 50/50 Raffle and Chinese Auction.

HOLY HARVEST FESTIVAL

Malone – St. Andre Bessette Parish will hold its 6th annual Holy Harvest Festival.
Date: Sept. 14
Time: Noon to 3 p.m.
Place: Holy Family School
Features: Harvest dinner, raffle, harvest table, free children's activities and music by the Old Timer's Band. Dinner tickets will be sold at the event. Adults, \$10; Seniors, \$8; Children 6-12, \$6; and Children under 5 are free.

SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Brushton – The Square 'M Up Modern Square Dance Club invites dancers
Date: Sept. 15
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8
Place: St. Mary's Parish Center.
Features: All ages, Couples & Singles, Beginners & Experienced.
Contacts: 518-529-7726 or 315-250-1904

JEFFERSON

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Watertown – The Altar Rosary Society will be having a spaghetti supper.
Date: Sept. 25
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7
Place: St. Anthony's, Msgr. Sechi Hall
Cost: Adults, \$8; Children, \$4.50; under 3, Free; Sauce, \$5 per quart; Meatballs, \$.75 each
Features: Take-outs begin at 4 p.m., please bring your own containers

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Watertown – There will be a bereavement meeting.
Date: Sept. 22
Time: 7 p.m.
Place: Hearthside Hospitality Center at the Sisters of St. Joseph
Speaker: Mr. Derek Mattarn, Bereavement Coordinator/Councilor at Hospice of Jefferson County. His topic will be "Coping Skills for Dealing with Grief".

HOLY HOUR

Henderson – A parish holy hour is set
Date: Sept. 25
Time: 5:30
Place: Queen of Heaven Church

ST. LAWRENCE

MUSICAL PARISH MISSION

Potsdam/Colton – St. Patrick's Church in Colton and St. Mary's Church in Potsdam will be hosting a 3-day mission with the theme "Come closer to a loving God."
Dates: Oct. 6-8
Schedule: 9 a.m. and St. Patrick's; 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's.
Features: Donna Cori Gibson, a Catholic singer and evangelist, will lead the concert series. She has been sharing her songs, sung prayers and meditations for 18 years in Catholic churches, prayer groups and on TV. Free music downloads, samples and videos are available at www.DonnaCoriGibson.com

HARVEST WALK/RUN

Ogdensburg – Annual Harvest Walk/Run to be held.
Date: Oct. 5
Time: Registration 12 p.m.; Walk, 1 p.m.
Place: Dobisky Center
Features: Sponsor sheets available at Catholic Charities, 716 Caroline St, or the Neighborhood Center/City Hall
Contact: 315-393-2255

CABBAGE ROLL SALE

Norwood – The Norwood Knights of Columbus Council 2309 will be having a cabbage roll sale (take-out only).

Date: Sept. 20

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: St. Andrew's Church Hall

Cost: \$3 each

Contact: Pre-sale orders 353-2796 (Jim Murray) or 353-8821 (Mark Tebo) or 353-9917 (Phil Regan)

DIOCESAN EVENTS

LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

Saranac Lake – The annual leadership weekend for high schoolers is set

Date: Oct. 3-5

Place: Guggenheim

Cost: \$40

Features: The weekend will consist of leadership building and helping teens to take active roles in their parishes.

Contact: Deacon Brian Dwyer at bdwyer@rcdony.org or visit www.rcdony.org/Youth

CATHOLIC SCOUT RETREAT

Malone – Scouts and scouters of all faiths are invited to the Catholic Scout Retreat.

Date: Oct. 19

Schedule: 9 a.m., Retreat at Holy Family School; 11 a.m., Mass at Notre Dame Church

Features: Learn the skills of the game from an Olympic Curling Coach on Oct. 18 and on Oct. 19 work on a community service project, explore the type of vocations people can live their faith through, meals are provided with a patch for the registration fee. It is possible to camp out on October 18th – tentatively Jam-boree on the Air, group Rosary, and a Campfire program will be provided.

Contact: Scott Quinell at 315-261-4154 or quinells@canton.edu.

MARRIAGE JUBILEE

Ogdensburg – Diocesan Celebration of Marriage, "A time to gather and celebrate marriage with Bishop Terry R. LaValley".

Date: Sept. 21

Time: 2:30 p.m. to 3:30

Place: St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: All couples and their families are welcome.

HARVEST MASS

Mooers Forks – Bishop Terry R. LaValley invites you to join him for our annual Harvest Mass of Thanksgiving.

Date: Sept. 28

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: St. Ann's Church

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Support each other

By Molly Ryan
Diocesan Mission Office

It occurred to me today as my two children started back for another school year of just how important the support I receive in my world is to me. I have the good fortune of a wonderful husband who provides for our family and despite his career taking him around the world, he is here in spirit showing his love and support for our kids. I have a very supportive neighborhood that pitches in with all the kids by driving them to places like school or sports, by watching each other's kids while we run to the store or do a quick errand or even by taking care of a pet while someone is away for the day. It occurs to me how blessed I am to have the support of my parents who in a pinch run my son to soccer or my daughter to dance when I am tied up at work. I am fortunate to have the support of a solid community where my children go to school, play sports, catechetical lessons, take dance lessons, play in bands and act in plays. As a mother of two, the phrase "it takes a village" has never meant so much. I thank God every day for the support that keeps my "village" up and running.

We know that we have support in our lives. So why not apply this is the same principal to the Mission world? In the Mission world, the village is not just the small settlement on a dried up lake in Africa, a frozen tundra settlement in Mongolia or a ramshackle hut in Southeast Asia, the Village is the entire Global Community of the Universal church. I recognize how blessed I am to have the support I have to help with my family. Yet I am all too aware that in the Global Village, not all are getting the support they need each day for simple and basic needs. There are children hungry, sick who need assistance and homelessness. There are those disenfranchised. There are those who are persecuted. Cut off from the world and all it can offer for help and support.

This is where we as Catholics are called to step up and support. The Village needs our help. Whether it is prayers, financial sacrifice or a pitching in to make the world a better place, the support you can send, donate, give or offer is always appreciated and does not go unnoticed. In fact, the Pontifical Mission Societies have special responsibility in the Universal Church. They are under the direct canonical jurisdiction of the Pope who reminds the faithful of their Baptismal call to Missions, to give basic support for more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and Latin America.

So support and be grateful. Accept the support and love of your family, friends and neighbors. Don't forget to return the favor to those who help you but especially don't forget those in the Mission lands. World Mission Sunday is coming in October. Remember this fact "it takes a village" to make this all work out. Thank you and God bless!

OBITUARIES

Chateaugay - Patricia Ann (Ornstedt) Lampson, 83; Funeral Services Sept. 6, 2014 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Harrisville - Nancy (Cowles) Clyde, 63; Funeral Services Sept. 6, 2014 at St. Francis Solanus Church; burial in St. Francis Cemetery.

Massena - Alice M. (Bissonnette) Kwasney, 96; Funeral Services Sept. 3, 2014 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Newcomb - Mary Leona (Beulah) Helms, 97; Funeral Sept. 3, 2014 at St. Therese Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Ogdensburg - Vincent G. Montroy, 92; Funeral Aug. 30, 2014 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Olmstedville - Thomas C. McNally, 69; Funeral Services Sept. 1, 2014 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Peru - Lealton Trombley; Funeral Services Aug. 22, 2014 at St. Augustine's Church.

Plattsburgh - William "Bill" Derrick, 85; Funeral Services Sept. 5, 2014 at the Hamilton Funeral Home.

Plattsburgh - Edmund G. Sherman, 93; Funeral Services Sept. 4, 2014 at Heald Funeral Home.

Port Henry - Stella (Kudlacik) Harvish, 96; Funeral Services Sept. 2, 2014 at St. Patrick's Church.

Potsdam - Arnold Maurice Dunn, 80; Funeral Services Sept. 4, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Alphonsus Cemetery, Tupper Lake.

Raymondville - Lola C. Germano, 83; Funeral Services Sept. 6, 2014 at St. Raymond's Church.

Schroon Lake - Donald W. Dezalia Sr., 83; Funeral Services Aug. 30, 2014 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Watertown - Thomas G. Raphaelz, 76; Funeral Services Sept. 5, 2014 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

West Chazy - Alton R. Seymour, 80; Funeral Sept. 2, 2014 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Willsboro - Dale Lashway, 78; Funeral

Services Sept. 6, 2014 at St. Philip's of Jesus Church.

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YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

Satisfied in Christ

By Tracy Leonard
Contributing Writer

It has been awhile since I've written, as God has abundantly blessed me with busy times; however, I've been moved to slow down and share with you the joys of some recent transformative moments in my life.

This weekend is just an example of something that has helped me to realize that having Jesus means you have it all

Last month, my sister was home from Texas for a visit. While here, the five of us (my sisters and I) shared dinner together at Ryan's Lookout in Henderson Harbor.

As usual, it was an incred-



Tracy Leonard of Watertown, second from left, is shown with family members and friends during a recent Women of Faith conference held in Rochester. She writes about the experience here.

ible time as we laughed and shared stories, but there was something unique that took place that night. Conversation towards the middle of our three-hour dinner shifted to one of serious contemplation and dialogue related to our faith journey. We shared our hopes, our

worries, our questions, or joys and our understanding of what it means to be in relationship with Jesus Christ.

It became very evident to me that there was something serious happening around the table that night – God was at work! Although some of us sat quiet, just listening, God was working to pull at our heart strings. He was calling his five daughters to speak the truth or to ponder the majesty of His love and work in our lives.

Since dinner that evening, I have been carefully and thoughtfully considering my identity in Christ. I have had a yearning and desperate thirst for God to do new things in and through me.

I find myself longing for a safe, engaging relationship with Him; one which allows me to more deeply and fully experience His everlasting and transformative love not just at church on Sundays, but every day. While there is often other hard work to do and counsel to seek, the core of happiness I desire is a relationship that is grateful and graceful – one that knows the blessings we have in Him and with each other. Just like a glass of cold, ice water on a hot afternoon, or a swim after a long hike, I want to be satisfied, to have my thirst quenched, and to be re-

freshed.

This past weekend particularly, I was blessed to be satisfied in Christ.

Upon returning home from the Women of Faith conference in Rochester, NY, I find myself unceasingly reflecting on this experience – one that gave me just a glimpse of what it means to be filled and to want nothing more.

As my mom, sister, some friends and I joined thousands of other women, we celebrated the theme "From Survival to Revival." The revival we shared was one of restoration, strength and awakening.

Whether walking with Jesus for a long time, or experiencing Him for the first time, the women at this conference realized they were not alone. It was very clear that we all have struggles and heartaches, but through an encounter with the living Christ, this conference had us desperately wanting more.

Together and individually, we were seeking for His mercy, His love, His forgiveness, and ultimately for a deep, real, and tangible relationship with our Father.

Nationally known speakers and musicians helped us to experience this encounter in an incredible way. It was truly transformative!

As the weekend comes to

a close and I must return to work on Monday, I feel a sense of restoration, but also one of obligation. I am very grateful for the spiritual high I am experiencing for when our faith is revived, our relationship with God becomes deeper than ever, yet I am also feeling called to pour back into the local church and community the substantial graces I have been given.

As I share this story, I hope it inspires you to set your heart's compass on Christ. He is our hope, our joy, and our security. We need Him in the highs and lows of our lives and when our hearts are filled with the Gospel truth, we have the strength to face whatever comes our way. We can minister to our family and friends. We can counsel those in need. We find that our existence in Christ is so much more than just surviving each day.

This weekend is just an example of something that has helped me to realize that having Jesus means you have it all. To trust Him means that your needs are met. To know Him is to realize that He is your dearest, most faithful companion.

Yes, so often many of us feel overwhelmed to make time for the Bible, for church, for faith or for fellowship, but we need to realize that God wants to meet us where we are. He wants to be in relationship with you during your lunch break, while you're waiting for an appointment, or even when you're catching a quick breather from the craziness of your day.

Are you ready and willing to join God's army of beautiful sons and daughters? Whether you are male or female, size 2 or 2x, age 18 or 81, the time is now.

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