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Choosing good...

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VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Benedict XVI urged young people to be inspired by St. Maria Goretti's courage and strength and to always choose the good no matter what it costs.

This young virgin and martyr was "a girl who, despite being very young, knew how

to show strength and courage against evil," the pope said during remarks in Italian at the end of his weekly audience July 7.

No matter the cost

The 11-year-old girl was repeatedly stabbed by a young neighbor after she refused his sexual advances. She died in the hospital the next day, July 6, 1902, after

forgiving her attacker.

The day after the church celebrated her feast day, the pope called on young people to pray to St. Maria to help them "always choose the good, even when it comes with a price."

Speaking before a packed crowd in the Paul VI audience hall, Pope Benedict delivered his last weekly general audience talk for the month of July.

The pope was scheduled to leave for the papal villa in Castel Gandolfo, south of Rome, by helicopter July 7. All private audiences were to be suspended during the summer period, according to Vatican Radio.

The pope was to continue reciting the Angelus every Sunday in the courtyard of the papal villa, and the weekly general audience was to resume Aug. 4.

AT CAMP

Faith and fun at Guggenheim



PHOTO BY COLLEEN MINER

Bishop LaValley writes about the importance of physical and spiritual fitness in his "Follow Me" column this week. "The young women and men of our parishes who journey to our beautiful diocesan camp in the Adirondacks enjoy a whole array of fun activities that enhances their physical fitness," he writes. "I get tuckered out just watching their nonstop activity! But more than that, their spiritual well-being is nurtured, as well." Above are three of the campers who arrived at Guggenheim on July 4, Anna Izzo of Lake Placid and Emily Graham and Ellen Miner of Saranac Lake.

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St. Raymond's celebrates 50 years

Bishop LaValley presided at a May 30 Mass at St. Raymond's Church in Raymondville to mark the 50th anniversary of the church.

Bishop James J. Navagh, the sixth bishop of the diocese, dedicated the church May 29, 1960.

Until 1959, the parish had been a mission of Louisville and Norfolk.

The first resident pastor of St. Raymond's was Msgr. John M. Waterhouse. The current pastor is Father Andrew J. Amyot who also serves as pastor in Norfolk.

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A pilgrimage for life

French woman stops in diocese on her way from Quebec City to Mexico as she raises awareness of life issues

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OUTSTANDING CATHOLIC SCHOOL TEACHER



PHOTO BY VALERIE MATHEWS

Cathy Nason, kindergarten teacher at St. Bernard's School in Saranac Lake, has been named the 2010 Outstanding Catholic School Teacher for the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Mrs. Nason was honored on June 30th during a luncheon hosted by Bishop Terry LaValley. Shown, from left are, St. Joseph Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, diocesan superintendent of Schools; Father Thomas Kornmeyer, pastor of St. Bernard's Parish; Dorothy Altemus, academic coordinator at St. Bernard's School; Mrs. Nason, Bishop LaValley and St. Joseph Sister Shirley Anne Brown, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction. Full story, page 4.

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