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Pope sets next WYD celebrations

CASTEL GANDOLFO, ITALY (CNS) -- After reviewing his trip to Madrid for World Youth Day, Pope Benedict XVI announced the themes he has chosen to guide the reflections of young Catholics next year on a diocesan level and in Rio de Janeiro in 2013.

The 2012 theme, he said

at his weekly general audience Aug. 24, will be, "Rejoice in the Lord Always."

The theme for the international gathering with the pope in Rio, he said, will be: "Go and Make Disciples of All Nations."

As is customary at the first general audience after

a trip abroad, Pope Benedict dedicated his talk to a review of the meetings and experiences of his trip Aug. 18-21 - "extraordinary days" - in Madrid.

"It was a very moving church event," he said. "Almost 2 million young people from every continent

joyfully lived the formidable experience of brotherhood, encounters with the Lord, sharing and growing in the faith.

"I thank God for this precious gift, which gives hope for the future of the church," Pope Benedict told those at the audience.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

From a local perspective



PHOTO BY ERIN MINER

A picture of the World Youth Day banner which welcomed 1.5 million young people from around the world was part of the collection of photographs taken by WYD pilgrims from the Diocese of Ogdensburg. More are on page 4. As the group headed back to the United States, Deacon Thomas Higman sent a message to the people of the diocese: "Thank you so much for your prayers for us this week- they have truly enabled us to follow Christ. Each of us is preparing to return to our everyday lives of college and work, where we will continue to discern God's will for our lives, and give witness to the faith that has sustained us throughout this last week!"

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It's that time of year again!

St. Joseph Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, diocesan superintendent of schools, shared a reflection to mark the opening of the 2011-12 school year.

As 13 Catholic elementary and two junior/Senior High Schools prepare to open their doors for the new academic year, Sister Ellen Rose shared some considerations that were discussed at the new teacher and principal orientation meetings.

They talked about the special marks of Catholic schools, answering the question, "What does the word *Catholic* add to the understanding of school?"

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THE LITTLEST LECTOR



Bishop LaValley had a little help during the Mass at Family Guggenheim Aug. 20 from Aubriana Giacovelli. The bishop and little lector are shown with altar server Samantha Flynn, Ogdensburg; Father Kris Lauzon, pastor in AuSable Forks and chaplain for the weekend; Paul Giacovelli of Tupper Lake, Aubriana's father; and Noah Arevalo and Lorraine Turgeon of Port Henry. One more Family Guggenheim Weekend has been scheduled for Columbus Day Weekend at the diocesan camp in Saranac Lake.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It's time for all of us
to go back to school!

We may not need to buy lunch boxes or a new pair of jeans (the number one back-to-school purchase!) but we grownups owe it to ourselves to join the kids in heading back to the classroom this fall.

For Catholics in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, there are two significant learning opportunities on the calendar.

First of all, we can hear Christopher West when he comes to Massena Sept. 16-17 to share his insights about the Theology of the Body.

North Country Catholic readers will remember Mr. West as the writer of our popular "Body Language" column that appeared in the paper a couple years ago.

These days, he's spreading the Theology of the Body message in person.

In September, he's with us; in November he's to speak at an International Theology of the Body Symposium in Rome.

Through philosophical reflection, humor and references to

current culture realities, West's goal is to "demonstrate how the Church's teachings on marriage sexuality make sense and correspond with the deepest longings of the human heart."

As I said, we owe it to ourselves to hear this.

See more information on page six of this week's *NCC* and register today!

Our second educational opportunity will come in all our parishes as we begin preparations for the implementation of the New Roman Missal on the first Sunday of Advent.

The diocese is offering support to parish efforts with special sessions to be held each Saturday morning in October in five different regions of the diocese. (See the schedule on page 3.)

Again, this is an opportunity for spiritual and educational enrichment that should not be missed.

The new missal will be part of our lives in December whether we're ready or not!

Let's be smart and do what we can to get smarter!

Mary Lou
Kilian

CORRECTION

In a photo of diocesan representatives at this year's New York State Catholic Daughters convention, printed in the Aug. 24 issue of the *North Country Catholic*, one of the women was unidentified. She is Linda Gonyo-Horne of Champlain. The *NCC* apologizes for the oversight.

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CHURCH: A FAMILY OF FAITH

The Presence of Christ in the Community
23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sept. 3-4By Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSJ
Director of Evangelization

"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

The Gospel of Matthew, a Church Gospel, reminds us how important it is to love one another, to forgive one another, and to pray together as a community of believers, as a family of faith.

Within a group, a community, a family, there is strength in numbers. Living and working within such groups is not always easy, but as a parish family and within our own family life, there is comfort in knowing that "we are in this together."

Jesus has promised us His presence when we gather in His name. However, life can be very difficult when there are disagreements, hurts, or angry words expressed!

St. Paul tells us from his letter to the Romans is that we should not owe anybody anything. But if there is anything owed, it is love. It is the law of love that we are bound by in living the Christian life.

In the readings from Ezekiel and Matthew, both are concerned with fraternal correction. As a family of faith, we have a responsibility for each other's well-being.

It seems in the reading from Ezekiel that only some are chosen for the mission of looking out for the sinner's well-being.

In Matthew's Gospel, the difference is that the whole community is affected by the sinner's actions.

We are brothers and sisters to one another. Correcting a brother or sister is not done with revenge or vindictiveness but with compassion and concern. It is a matter of sharing the goodness of God, of extending God's love to those who have allowed themselves to wander from His care.

We are called to love in the manner of doing God's will, His way of love.

As we begin to prepare for some of the changes in the Roman Missal, one of the changes will come in praying the Penitential Rite.

In the Rite, we acknowledge before our brothers and sisters that we have sinned through our thoughts and words. The change will be that we will *strike our breast* to admit humbly that "through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault."

Acknowledging our sinfulness before the community is a way of love and reconciliation where we become God's caretakers for one another. We are His children and we care how we love one another and how we forgive one another as a family of faith.

There is strength in numbers, especially when we gather as a community assembled to celebrate the Eucharist. We are the Body of Christ gathered in His name to become the Body of Christ for others.

To be true evangelizers calls forth from us to live the Gospel - loving our neighbor, following Jesus' way of forgiveness and healing.

It is our behavior, not any program that reveals the mystery of God in our community and world.

How can we as a community of faith dissuade someone from wrongdoing?
How can we work towards justice and reconciliation in a culture when the law of the land does not seem fair or equal?

How can we better live the way of love in this family of faith - one faith, one Lord, one baptism?

FOLLOW ME

Labor Day 2011

Labor Day, the symbolic end of summer, has too quickly pushed its way towards us as we wave goodbye to summer and make ready for the wonderful array of colors already beginning to paint our landscapes.

As you know, Labor Day is the occasion traditionally marked as a time to honor the American worker. I wasn't very old and I don't remember many of the particulars, but my father's labor union was on strike. He was president of one of the larger unions in the area and, for several weeks, no union workers showed up to work.

I remember the union leaders making up a schedule so that the pickets were manned all the time by those out on strike.

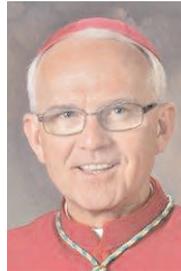
I recall, too, that this was the first time I heard phrases such as "fringe benefits," "strikebreakers," and "just wages for an honest day's work."

As did the other union families, my father (the only breadwinner) and my mother would manage to feed our family of eight from the meager monies collected from the union strike fund and from whatever savings that they had accrued.

For my father and his coworkers, the issue was justice in the workplace. At that time, the unem-

ployment rate hovered around 4-4.5%.

Times have changed. Labor Day 2011 sees that rate more than doubled, not counting those who have become so frustrated in their job search that they have given up looking.



Bishop
Terry R.
LaValley

This unemployment figure, as you know, does not take into consideration the many individuals who are working at jobs that don't tap into their capabilities and qualifications, earning minimum wages so as to stay out of the unemployment line and, hopefully, have some health insurance coverage. The latest statistics, also, indicate that forty eight percent of the public is now on food stamps.

There is a whole lot of partisan bickering and finger pointing as public officials try to tackle these and other economic woes that we all face today.

Our global economy is very complex and there are no easy solutions.

Particularly since the turn of the twentieth century with the promulgation of Pope Leo XIII's encyclical, *Rerum Novarum*, the Church has taught about the inherent dignity and rights of all workers (union and non-union).

In the midst of the current economic difficulties, the Church continues to insist upon this

teaching. In his encyclical, *Charity in Truth*, Pope Benedict XVI reminds us that the human person is "the source, the form and the aim of all economic and social life." (2009, 25)

Further, in that same document, the Holy Father describes the centrality of work to the whole human experience and the right to decent work as part of the Church's traditional teaching on the value of the human person and the dignity of each of us. Human solidarity and mutual respect are prerequisites for real human progress. Greed has no place at the table.

This Labor Day let us renew our prayers for all those who earn a living by the sweat of their brow and for all whose labors contribute to the good of our society. May they receive just and sufficient support for their families.

We ask God's special favor for all those who are unable to find jobs; for those who don't find meaning in their work; for those who are harassed or discriminated upon in the workplace; and for those whose jobs don't provide for a decent livelihood for them or their loved ones.

May the carpenter's Son bring his peace to all who are searching for employment or who are anxious and worried about their jobs.

Let us persevere in hope-filled prayer for each other as we seek to follow Him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Passing on the faith: changes in the Roman Missal

By Sister Mary Eamon Lyng
Director of Evangelization

Our Catholic Faith must be passed on. It needs to be proclaimed anew with courage, conviction, and joy. The Holy Father said that "if people forget God, it is partly because the Person of Jesus is often reduced to that of the figure of a wise man and His divinity weakened, if not denied". He also noted, "that thinking of Christ with only 'human ideas' is an obstacle to understanding the radical newness of Christianity."

A deeper understanding of the Person of Jesus Christ can come of the renewed efforts of understanding more prayerfully the meaning of the changes in the 3rd edition of the Roman Missal.

The Church takes this opportunity within the English speaking countries to understand more deeply the

meaning of the celebration of the Eucharist and our participation, especially our responses, as the Body of Christ, the Church.

The purpose of the changes in the Roman Missal is to deepen our faith, to nurture it, and to celebrate it. The main structure of the Mass has not changed, but some of the responses have changed to help us "remember" - "to make present" again the profound sacrifice Jesus did for us upon the Cross.

By our Baptism, we are baptized into Christ. We are the Body of Christ. We are members of the Church. When the Body and Blood of Christ, under the appearances of bread and wine, come down upon the altar by the power of the Holy Spirit, the Body of Christ, the Church, becomes visible for all to see.

The celebration of the Eucharist is meant to trans-

form us to be the Body of Christ and to see the Body of Christ in our brothers and sisters in whom we encounter in our daily lives.

The purpose of the changes in the Roman Missal is to deepen our faith, to nurture it and to celebrate it.

As a community of believers, we come together to celebrate Mass because our ordinary lives are taken up into God has a plan for all of us. He wants us, His Body, to be with Him for all eternity. The celebration of the Eucharist is the foretaste of where the fullness of God's peace will be revealed. We will be seated at table with "our brothers and sisters and those of every race and tongue...to share with them the unending banquet of unity in a new heaven and a new earth where the full-

ness of your peace will shine forth" (Eucharistic Prayer, Reconciliation II).

Some of the parishes will be using *Lifting Up Our Hearts* or some other resource to prepare for the Changes in the Roman Missal. Whatever the resource that is being used, some form of faith-sharing is encouraged as part of the preparation.

Regional reflections have been scheduled for Saturday mornings in October. (See box at right for dates)

Also, on the Diocesan homepage www.dioogdensburg.org, under What's New in the Diocesan Offices, there is a link Guide to Changes in the Roman Missal with more information.

What a wonderful opportunity for the Church: A Family of Faith to come together as the Body of Christ to be a stronger community of believers.

Regional reflections

Every Saturday during the month of October, the Department of Worship is providing mornings of understanding, reflection and prayer on the changes in the Roman Missal for the people of the Diocese. People in the parishes will also have the opportunity for prayer and faith-sharing experiences using the resource *Lifting Up Our Hearts* or another resource to deepen their understanding of becoming an active participant in the Liturgy. Dates for the Regional Saturday Mornings of Reflection, all scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to noon, follow:

- Oct. 1** - St. James Church, Carthage
- Oct. 8** - Wadhams Hall, Ogdensburg
- Oct. 15** - St. Patrick's Center, Port Henry
- Oct. 22** - St. Bernard's School, Cafeteria, Saranac Lake
- Oct. 29** - St. Peter's Emmaus Hall, Plattsburgh

FROM THE DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG TO THE CAPITAL OF SPAIN

AT WORLD YOUTH DAY

North Country young people on a trip of a lifetime



On a street corner in Madrid, Archbishop Timothy Dolan of the Archdiocese of New York is shown with many of the pilgrims from the Diocese of Ogdensburg including Erin Miner, Saranac Lake; Scott Belina, Watertown; Zack Leader, Gouverneur; Alexa Cosgro, Plattsburgh; MaryCatherine Jadlo, Potsdam; James Franke, Rouses Point; Deacon Thomas Higman, Carthage; Rachel Daly, Peru; Matt Conger, Ogdensburg; Melissa Fisher, Saranac Lake; Tracy Leonard, Watertown; Molly Burgess, Saranac Lake; Therese Moen, Plattsburgh and Jen Campbell, Plattsburgh.



Therese Moen of Plattsburgh captured this photo of Pope Benedict XVI as the popemobile arrived in the Plaza de Cibeles Square in Madrid.



The pilgrimage called for lots of walking in high temperatures for all the young people including Zack Leader of Gouverneur



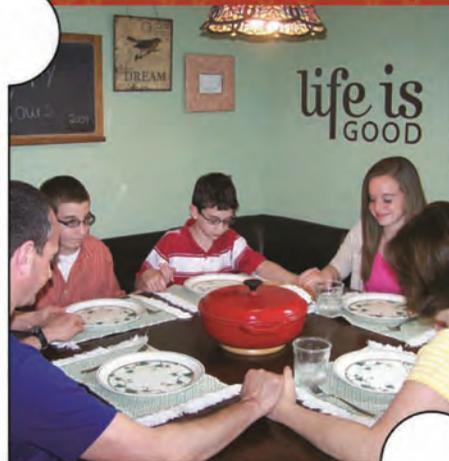
Diocesan seminarian Scott Belina of Watertown keeps Archbishop Dolan headed in the right direction.



Erin Miner and Katie Sloan met outside the World Youth Day Life and Love Center. Katie was on Guggenheim staff with Erin this summer but goes to school in Washington DC. She traveled separately but the two spotted each other at WYD among 1.5 million other young adults.



The Christian Formation team at St. Peter's in Plattsburgh, Therese Moen, director; and Jen Campbell, assistant director; got plenty of inspiration for their work in the coming year from their World Youth Day experiences.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Theology of the Body at Celebrate Christ

MASSENA – This year's Celebrate Christ program will feature noted speaker Christopher West offering two day-long presentations on the Theology of the Body.

The programs are set for Sept. 16 for priests, religious and deacons and their wives at St. Mary's Church; and Sept 17 for all of those interested in learning about this topic at Sacred Heart Church.

Through philosophical reflection, humor and references to current culture realities, West will demonstrate how the Church's teachings on marriage sexuality make sense and correspond with the deepest longings of the human heart.

Further information about the presentation and registration forms are available on the diocesan website homepage (www.dioogdensburg.org.) Click on the Christopher West Theology of the Body icon at the bottom of the page.

Registration also may be made through pastors.

*In order to secure adequate participant materials registrations must be received by August 31.

Serra Club Pilgrimage

LAKEPLACID - Bishop Terry R. LaValley will lead a Fall vocation pilgrimage to St. Agnes Church Oct. 4.

The trip is sponsored by the Serra Club and the Diocesan Vocation Office of Ogdensburg.

Bishop LaValley will celebrate Mass at 11 a.m. A buffet luncheon at the Crowne Plaza Hotel will follow Mass and a Holy Hour at 2:30 p.m. will end the pilgrimage.

Bus pick-ups will be in Watertown, Ogdensburg, Potsdam and Plattsburgh. The cost for the pilgrimage including bus travel is \$90 per person. For pilgrims arranging other transportation, the cost is \$50 per person.

Registration forms are available in all parishes and on this page of the *North Country Catholic*.

Further information is available from John or Sondra Castle at (315) 265-3578.

Altar Server Mass and Barbecue

OGDENSBURG – Altar servers from throughout the diocese are invited to a special Mass and barbecue Sept. 18

The Mass begins at 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral and the barbecue will follow at the Bishop's residence.

Registration may be made with pastors who should contact Jean Grizzuto at 315-393-2920 ext. 401 or e-mail jgrizzuto@dioogdensburg.org by Sept. 14 with the number of participants.

Marriage Jubilee

OGDENSBURG - Bishop LaValley will preside at the annual Marriage Jubilee Mass Sept. 25 at 2:30, honoring couples celebrating anniversaries and their families.

Registration should be made with pastors.

Further information is available from the diocesan Family Life Office at 315-393-2920, ext 420 or on the Website, www.dioogdensburg.org/familylife.

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Continuing ed. of priests supported

By Father Scott D. Fobare

Chair of the Committee for the Continuing Education and Formation of Priests

The priests of the Diocese of Ogdensburg are expected to take a week once a year for continuing education. In addition there are opportunities afforded to each of them to pursue ongoing formation in their priestly life. The Continuing Education and Formation of Priests works at providing these opportunities. Through the generous support of the people of Diocese of Ogdensburg I am able to work with my committee on providing these opportunities.

The Department of Continuing Education of Priests provides ongoing educational opportunities for the priests of the diocese. Our mission is to provide Spiritual, Theological, and Formational experiences for the human development and ongoing formation of the priests. On a yearly basis we provide opportunities to our priests for ongoing education and formation in their ministry to the diocese

Your support to the annual Bishop's Fund helps us to fulfill our mission.

Our committee has a fourfold purpose; 1) to stimulate an interest in and a desire for continuing educational and formation experiences, 2) to learn the needs of the priests of the diocese, 3) to design programs and workshops to meet these needs and 4) to arrange opportunities for short term study and sabbaticals.

It gives me great joy knowing that along with me the committee fulfills the purpose set forth in our mission statement. Working along with me are committee members, Fathers Martin Cline, Mike Gaffney,

Joseph Giroux, Kris Lauzon, Chris Looby, Shane Lynch, Raymond Moreau, Patrick Ratigan, and Jay Seymour. We meet several times a year to create the work that brings a great deal of opportunity to the priests of the diocese.

Something new that we are hoping will enhance the life of our priests is to invite them to participate in a book sharing group. The Continuing Education Committee has solicited the priests to invite them to join a book club. Priests will read and discuss books based on priestly spirituality throughout the diocese. Not only will this enhance the priestly spirituality of our priests but it will also benefit the already excellent fraternity that we share in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. I hope that many priests will take advantage of this opportunity.

We continue to offer the same programs we have been offering in the past. Our yearly Presbyteral Assembly is by far the highlight of our year.

Over 90% of our priests attend this three day event every year. In addition our annual Clergy Day of Prayer offers an opportunity for the deacons of our diocese to intermingle with the priests.

These and other programs offered by Continuing Education are all possible through the sacrifices that are made in the annual Bishop's Fund Appeal.

On behalf of the priests of the diocese allow me to say thank you. Thank you for your generous support of the Bishop's Fund Appeal. If it were not for the generous support you offer we could not do everything we do to enhance the formation and continuing education of the priests of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Bishop LaValley's Schedule

Sept. 3 – 4:30 p.m., Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Anniversary Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Watertown

Sept. 4 – 11:00 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

Sept. 6 – 11:00 a.m., Council of Priests Meeting in Tupper Lake.

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults. Pre-registration online is required in order to participate. Participants may pre-register at www.virtus.org by selecting the registration button and following the directions. All employees and volunteers who participate in church sponsored activities with minor are required to participate in this training. Further information: Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, phone, 315-393-2920. ext. 403. Upcoming programs:

Sept. 1 – 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's School, Canton

Sept. 13 – 6 p.m., St. Alexander's, Morrisonville

Sept. 15 – 6:30 p.m., St. Patrick's, Port Henry

Sept. 21 – 6 p.m., St. Bernard's, Saranac Lake

Sept. 24 – 8:30 a.m., Immaculate Heart Central Intermediate School, Watertown

Sept. 24 – 9:30 a.m., St. James Minor Church, Carthage

Nov. 17 – 6 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, Chazy

Rest in Peace

Aug. 31 – Rev. James J. Sherry, 1890; Rev. Albert R. Plante, 2000

Sept. 1 – Rev. Michael Guth, 1864;

Sept. 2 – Rev. Timothy J. Mahoney, 1938; Msgr. Claudius Sechi, 1966; Rev. Thomas G. Votraw, 2007

Sept. 3 – Rev. John S. Branche, 2003

Sept. 4 – Rev. Walter J. Charbonneau, 1982; Msgr. Robert H. Giroux, 2000

Sept. 5 – Rev. Arthur Tardiff, O.M.I., 1961; Rev. John Sullivan M.S.C., 1962; Rev. Louis C. Gardner, 2000

Sept. 6 – Rev. James Connor, 1930

BACK TO SCHOOL

It's that time again!

By Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, SSI
Superintendent of Schools

It is that time again! Soon our children and young people will be returning to school.

Recently, I had the opportunity to meet with the 26 new teachers and three new principals who will be working in our schools this year.

What does the word *Catholic* add to the understanding of school?

Both meetings addressed important topics for the teachers and administrators including the foundation principles of a Catholic school.

As our 13 elementary and two junior/Senior High Schools prepare to open their doors for the new academic year, I share some considerations that were discussed at the new teacher and principal orientation meetings that identify the special marks of our Catholic schools.

What does the word *Catholic* add to the understanding of school?

In our Catholic schools:
• Students encounter Christ. Our Holy Father, Benedict XVI, reminds us, "... every Catholic educational institution is a place to encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth" (*Address to U.S. Catholic Educators, Benedict XVI*).

In this encounter, students learn and experience what it means to live in relationship with Christ and with their brothers and sisters in Christ. We hope that they are drawn by the power of the Gospel to lead

a new life that is characterized by virtue.

• The academic program and environment address the whole person. The origin, purpose and destiny of the human person are understood in terms of Christ.

In the Incarnation, Christ has united himself to every human being. He is the perfect man who reveals to all human beings their own true nature and their eternal destiny in communion with God. As students seek to know themselves and the meaning of their lives they are lead to Christ, for "he worked with human hands, he thought with a human mind, he acted with a human will, and with a human heart he loved" (*Gaudium et Spes, # 22*).

• Community is important. The aim of the Catholic school community is the transmission of values for living. Its work is seen as promoting a faith relationship with Christ in whom all values find fulfillment.

An authentic personal relationship with Christ leads students to recognize Christ in others and to reach out to their brothers and sisters in the human family.

In the school community, children and young people learn that they are not isolated individuals who can live as if the world revolved around them. They are challenged to think and act beyond the "I" to the "we" of community.

Thus, service on behalf of others is recognized as a natural consequence to the community dimension of the school.

Knowledge is perceived as a call to serve and to be responsible for others, not primarily as a utilitarian and pragmatic undertaking.

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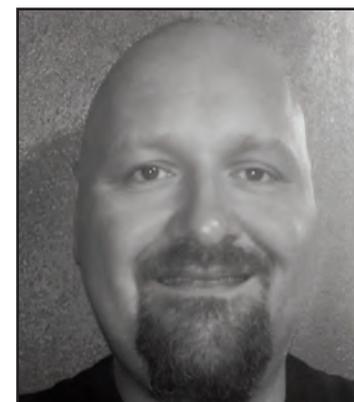
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GOUVERNEUR-St. James School has appointed J. Kyle Jacobs as its new principal.

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He is currently completing a Masters Degree in Education Leadership.

Mr. Jacobs and his wife, Dr. Jessica Jacobs, are the parents of three children who attend St. James School.

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• The doctrine, heritage and tradition of the Catholic faith are explicitly and systematically taught. This is accomplished not only in "religion" class but also through the integration of Catholic values throughout all subject areas and by the witness of administrators, faculty and staff that practice their faith.

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Sacred Congregation of Catholic Education).

I take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to the teachers, administrators and support staff in our Catholic schools.

Their dedication and commitment to our Catholic schools is a gift to the Church in the North Country. May God bless their efforts during the new school year.



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St. Bernard's School in Saranac Lake is one of 15 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Ogdensburg preparing to welcome children back to school in September. Last year's kindergarten class is pictured at the end-of-the-school year treat Field Day in June. From left, William Tromblee, Harrison Carliso, Dakota LaFever, Ethan Ferraro, Lisa Wilson and McKenzie Ryan are shown with Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Nason and Principal Ray Dora.

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Pope's message to young at World Youth Day:

'Build on your faith... share it with the world'

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

MADRID (CNS) - Pope Benedict XVI saw that 1.4 million young people could be buffeted by gusty winds and drenched by a driving rain and still fall silently to their knees to adore the Eucharist.

At the final Mass closing World Youth Day Aug. 21 in Madrid, the pope challenged the Catholic pilgrims to take that faith, make it grow and share it with the world.

Despite the hardships of getting to the Cuatro Vientos military air base in blistering heat Aug. 20 and the down-pour during the nighttime vigil with the pope, hundreds of thousands of young people from around the world spent the night on the open field, praying, singing and perhaps trying to snatch a few hours' sleep.

But they were up, ready and rowdy when the pope arrived for the morning Mass.

The pope noticed.

In his homily, he said, the vision of that sea of happy souls "fills my heart with joy."

"I think of the special love with which Jesus is looking upon you. Yes, the Lord loves you and calls you his friends," the pope told the young.

To the joy of the crowd, particularly the Brazilians present, at the end of the Mass, the pope announced that the next international gathering of World Youth Day would be held in Rio de Janeiro in 2013.

In his homily at the Mass, Pope Benedict said faith is not about understanding a bunch of facts, "it is an ability to grasp the mystery of Christ's person in all its depth."

Even if it feels like a struggle at times, faith is not primarily about people working out their thoughts about God; it starts with the gift of God's love and God's reaching out to each person, he said.

Faith entails "a personal relationship with Christ, a surrender of our whole person, with all our understanding, will and feelings," he said.

But the pope went even further, telling the young that a personal relationship with Jesus always must be transformed into action, service and love for others.

In addition, it must be lived within the church, the community of believers to whom Jesus entrusted his message and his mission of salvation.

"We cannot follow Jesus on our own," he said. Those who try "approach the life of faith with the kind of individualism so prevalent today" and risk not encountering the real Jesus or "following a counterfeit Jesus," he said.

Christ asks each person, "Who do you say that I am?" the pope said.

"Respond to him with generosity and courage, as befits young hearts like your own," he told the young.

"Let me urge you to strengthen this life of faith which has been handed down from the time of the apostles," he said. "Make Christ, the Son of God, the center of your life."

Pope Benedict told the young people, who had been texting, tweeting and posting Facebook updates about their adventures, that whenever we really "like" anything, we share it, and that must hold true for faith as well.

"You, too, have been given the extraordinary task of being disciples and mission-

aries of Christ in other lands and countries filled with young people who are looking for something greater," the pope said.

Share the faith, he said, and help them see they are right when "their heart tells them that more authentic values do exist" and they resist being "seduced by the empty promises of a lifestyle which has no room for God."

Canadian Bishop Donald Bolen of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, joined about 80 pilgrims from four groups in his diocese.

He said the pilgrims found the whole experience "enjoyable and meaningful, and in some instances, transformative. Will they pray daily, celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation frequently, help those who suffer, and take time to discern their vocation?"

"I think if you asked them now, many of them would say yes, they will try," he said. "It is my profound hope that the experiences of the past two weeks will stay with them, and that the experience of God's presence and of the church which they have felt here will be the seedbed for a deepening commitment to Christian discipleship. But as with all of us, time will tell."

"Many of the youth have already shown signs of serious commitment to a life of Christian discipleship; others are certainly searching. There is no doubt, however, that the experience of World Youth Day is a gift for both those already committed and those still searching," he said.

James Arblaster of Woodland, Australia, told Catholic News Service he struggles with the church's teaching on the theology of the body and



CNS PHOTO/TONY GENTILE, REUTERS

Pope Benedict XVI celebrates the final Mass of World Youth Day at the Cuatro Vientos airfield in Madrid Aug. 21. "The Lord loves you and calls you his friends," the pope told the 1.5 million pilgrims attending the finale.

the church's stance on homosexuality.

"I've been able to attend catechesis and learn about more of the in-depth arguments for different (teachings the church has). That has assisted in explaining a lot of positions, although I still remain unconvinced on homosexuality," he said.

Arblaster said one of the priests at confession also helped clear up some of the church's teachings on sexuality for him.

Brigitte Liss, a 26-year-old from Chicago, said she has a difficult time attending church every Sunday while working.

"This experience has helped me come back to Mass and see how important it is to keep up on your faith

and be sure that every day you take time out to pray and think of God," she said.

Liss said it was the catechesis and the witness of so many young people alive in their faith -- "wearing it on their sleeves" -- that helped her. She also went to confession for the first time in four years.

Yago de la Cierva, director of World Youth Day Madrid, told CNS the event was planned to be "more religious and less entertaining" than some previous youth gatherings.

"We are proud of our Catholic identity. This is who we are. It is what we wanted people to know and what we shared," he said. "It was really moving how people participated."

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

'Spiritual Communion': Youths learn a traditional concept the hard way

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- More than a million young Catholics learned the hard way about a venerable Catholic tradition: "spiritual Communion" or the "Communion of desire." After a wild storm Aug. 20 at World Youth Day in Madrid left six people injured -- including two with broken legs -- Spanish police collapsed the tents where most of the unconsecrated hosts for the next morning's Mass were being kept. Without the hosts in the tents, where organizers had 5,000 ciboriums holding 200 hosts each, Communion was distributed at Mass Aug. 21 only to pilgrims in the section closest to the altar. Distributing Communion to just 100,000 people wasn't a decision anyone took lightly, and apparently there were long discussions with World Youth Day organizers and Vatican officials trying to find a solution. In the end, it just wasn't possible logistically to locate another 1 million hosts. A couple of hours before the Mass, organizers announced that most of the people present would not be able to receive; they asked the pilgrims to offer up that sacrifice for the pope's intentions and told them they could receive Communion later in the day at any church in Madrid. The decision to cancel Communion for most Mass participants was reached "with the greatest pain," Yago de la Cierva, director of World Youth Day Madrid, told reporters Aug. 21. Whenever there is a huge crowd for a Mass, whether in St. Peter's Square or at a World Youth Day, there always are some people unable to get to the Communion distribution point in time to receive. But in Madrid, de la Cierva said, "almost everyone" was among those not receiving. Obviously, receiving Communion is the way to participate most fully in the Mass, but it's not always possible for everyone to receive at every Mass, nor do many Catholics in the world even have regular access to Mass. The idea of "spiritual Communion" -- inviting Jesus into one's heart and soul when receiving the actual sacrament isn't possible -- is part of Catholic tradition.

Damage from Virginia quake appears to hit churches hard

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Historic churches in Washington, Maryland and Virginia were among buildings with the most serious damage after the unusual Aug. 23 magnitude 5.8 earthquake shook the region. The temblor could be felt as far away as Detroit, north of Toronto and into Florida. The archdioceses of Washington and Baltimore each reported damage to several churches. But in the Diocese of Richmond, Va., where the quake was centered near the town of Mineral, that town's St. Jude Church had the only reported damage in the diocese, and that was relatively minor, according to its pastor, Father Michael Duffy. He told Catholic News Service a couple of hours after the quake that some pictures fell off the walls and smashed and holy oils fell out of the ambry. He said also said there were cracks in the plaster, a broken water pipe and some damaged light fixtures. Father Duffy said he felt the quake in the rectory, while he was meeting with an insurance adjuster about another matter. "The whole house shook," he said. He said there appeared to be no structural damage, but "a lot of messy damage" at the church and rectory. He said that the area's older mission church, Immaculate Conception in Bumpass, also appeared to be fine. It was built in 1876. Mineral itself is a tiny town, with a population of only a few hundred people. Thirty-six miles away in more sizable Culpeper, damage around town included toppled chimneys, cracked walls and bricks knocked out of walls. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church there had the walls of its narthex separate from the nave. The building was condemned, according to the Episcopal News Service.

Bishop urges greater attention to needs of poor in budget debates

HARTFORD, CONN. (CNS) - Warning that "budget cuts that negate assistance to our cities can end up costing the society much more in the long run," a retired auxiliary bishop of Hartford said such cuts could make urban areas "ripe for explosive riots such as those we saw in the 1960s."

Bishop Peter A. Rosazza said in an opinion piece that appeared Aug. 21 in The Hartford Courant newspaper that the budget cuts approved by Congress before its August recess seem to fall disproportionately on the poor and vulnerable members of society.

Catholic Charities USA has said, for example, that the cuts would eliminate 500 emergency food and shelter centers and reduce funding to 1,000 others, he said.

"One way of judging any society's moral worth is to evaluate how it attempts to empower or care for those in need," Bishop Rosazza wrote. "Now, even though we struggle through our worst recession in years, we have to pay up."

He said the present budget deficit has resulted from the tax cuts and "generous prescription drug benefit" enacted during the administration of President George W. Bush and funding for two wars by Bush and President Barack Obama.

"Only a small percentage of the deficit is due to spending on programs through which we as citizens assist those in need," the bishop said. "If we

consider ourselves a people with high moral standards, then we cannot slam the burden on the neediest persons in our society."

Cuts that negate assistance can end up costing the society much more in the long run

Bishop Rosazza said the discussions on raising the debt ceiling included "next to nothing about the common good."

"People old enough like me to have experienced the spirit of America during World War II recall how we came together and sacrificed to support those in the military who fought in our name," the 76-year-old bishop said.

"Hopefully that spirit once again can animate us as together we strive to deal with the growing deficit -- while taking into consideration the needs of the poor and unemployed who are our brothers and sisters," he added.

Poor people's needs also were on the minds of Michigan's Catholic bishops. On Aug. 24, the day the state Legislature passed a bill to reform welfare, an official with the Michigan Catholic Conference, said the impact of the measure "will be felt by poor and vulnerable Michigan residents and children for years to come."

The bill has gone to Gov. Rick Snyder, who was expected to sign it.

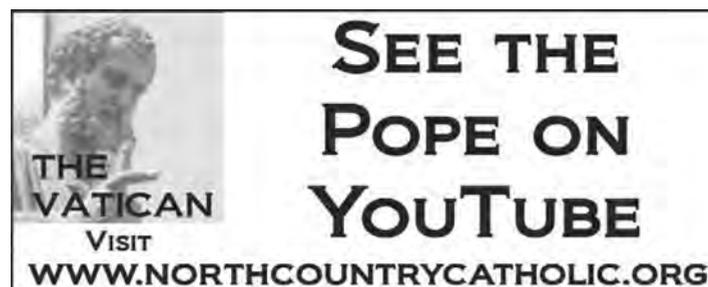
According to the Detroit

Free Press daily newspaper, more than 11,000 recipients are expected to lose benefits Oct. 1, the start of the fiscal year, under the new four-year limit on welfare.

In addition to cutting state benefits, the law calls for stricter enforcement of the 60-month lifetime limit on federal assistance funded by Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF.

The Catholic conference said about 25,000 children will be affected by the cut in benefits, adding that the bill was "fast-tracked through the legislative process while neglecting to address how the measures will impact destitute children."

"It is highly unfortunate and counterproductive to the state's future economy for the Legislature to casually dismiss the economic reality of thousands of Michigan children," said Tom Hickson, the conference's vice president for public policy and advocacy.



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We are 'keepers' of our brothers and sisters

"Am I my brother's keeper?" was the lame excuse Cain gave to God ages ago when asked where his brother Abel was.

At many different times, God tells that we are responsible for each other's well-being.

Each person on this earth can have an effect for the good or evil of our society, and He will call us to an accounting at the end of our lives.

In today's first reading, God says to Ezekiel, "You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel".

Then, by order of God,

Ezekiel is to draw a picture for his fellow countrymen showing what a watchman is like and what he is expected to do.



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He draws a picture for them of Israel at war. A watchman is chosen to be on the lookout for the enemy forces.

When he spots them, he is to sound a trumpet to warn them. If they heed his warning and

take shelter, then they will be saved, but if they ignore the trumpet alert and perish, it will not be held against the watchman.

He incurs no guilt, be-

cause he has done his duty. He has given them due warning. Now, it is the duty of each individual citizen to act accordingly; if he fails to do so, he bears the responsibility for whatever harm comes.

In an earlier chapter of Ezekiel, we find the same words, but with a shocking twist; God is seen as warning the people that He Himself may come at an unexpected hour to call them to judgment!

We are indeed our brother's keeper - we are watchmen for the Lord's coming!

In the Gospel reading from Matthew, we have the same message. Each one of us has a duty to warn our

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Ezekiel 33:7-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

brother and sister of the consequences when they sin. First, take them aside privately so as not to embarrass them. If they don't do anything about it, then take one or two witnesses with you when you warn them.

If all else fails, call the Church together (i.e., ask the pastor to help you out!). These are the rules for fraternal correction.

When are we "off the hook" from this procedure?

Spiritual writers say we're excused if we know the person will get extremely angry, or when we're certain that it won't work!

St. Paul, in the second reading, backs up this teaching when he says, "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another, for one who loves another has fulfilled the Law."

All ten commandments are fulfilled when we love God and our neighbor as we love ourselves.

We mustn't let ourselves off too lightly.

This is Labor Day weekend, a time for new beginnings. How will help my neighbor this Fall?

Catholic schools: to catch a glimpse of Jesus

By Brian Caulfield
Catholic News Service

Preparing my two boys for the new school year inevitably brings back memories of how things were when I was growing up. I'll leave to others the exaggerations of walking to school "10 miles uphill both ways" or the frightful demeanor of "Attila the Nun."

The overall feeling that I had while attending St. John the Evangelist School in Midtown Manhattan was one of love and security. I knew that my parents cared enough to send me and my two brothers to Catholic

school (which cost very little in the 1960s), and the teachers seemed to extend that sense of caring.

In the back of each classroom, there was a large picture of a brother and sister walking to school with a guardian angel watching over them, and that's just how I felt going to Catholic school.

My wife Maria and I are fortunate to have found a school where we live in Connecticut that reminds us of the ones we attended. We value a strong Catholic identity, commitment to sacramental life, first Friday Mass and regular confession times. Yet there are some

things that are different today.

When we were growing up, nuns filled most of the classrooms, with long habits sweeping the floor and full veils that made us wonder if they had any hair, save the one or two strands that sneaked out.

My children's school might be unusual since it has two nuns, one who is the principal and the other a teacher, but I still wish there was a convent with a vibrant religious community for the parish.

Before, during and after school, you knew the sisters were there all day for you. Some of the kids in my class would joke about how the sisters weren't married, but I always thought of their vow of chastity as a sign of commitment to the school and to us.

I'll never forget Sister

Elaine, my youthful first-grade teacher, grabbing the basketball at halftime, dribbling down the court -- her black habit flying and rosary beads jangling -- and making a perfect backboard layup as the crowd leaped from the wobbly bleachers.

Then there was Sister Helen in third grade, who asked students to get their parents to send in "plaid stamps" from the local supermarket so she could redeem them for coffeemakers or blenders for the convent.

There was also red-haired Father Sullivan, the youngest of three priests on staff. I was scared stiff one afternoon when I saw him at the mailboxes of my apartment building.

Trying to recall if I had done anything so bad that a priest would be looking for me, I walked slowly toward him.

He was looking for the buzzer for the disabled lady on the ground floor whom we all knew as Little Mary.

I showed him the button to press, and Little Mary

came to the door, limping with her braces, and invited us both in.

I sat quietly, watching Father Sullivan as he sipped tea, engaged in small talk and laughter, and then placed a stole over his neck, took the little pyx from his pocket and gave Communion to Little Mary.

It was one of the holiest moments I have ever known. Suddenly I saw that Jesus was with us even in the simplest settings of an ordinary day.

These are the moments that I hope my two boys will experience. These are the reasons why, despite the significant financial sacrifices today, we send them to Catholic school only, where they may have more than a passing glance at Jesus passing in their midst.

(Caulfield, who lives in Wallingford, Conn., is the married father of two boys and serves as editor of *FathersforGood.org*, an online initiative for men and their families by the Knights of Columbus.)

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AT THE MOVIES

CONAN THE BARBARIAN

By John P. McCarthy
Catholic News Service

Bringing 21st-century moviemaking techniques to the sword-and-sorcery sub-genre, the makers of "Conan the Barbarian" (Lionsgate) have delivered up a blood-saturated piece of hokum. Although visually dynamic, the 3-D action-adventure is exceedingly violent and bereft of any positive message.

In the role that brought Arnold Schwarzenegger to prominence back in 1982, Jason Momoa plays the eponymous warrior. Bent on avenging his father's murder, which he witnessed as a boy (after literally being born on the battlefield), Conan pursues the culprit, Khalar Zym (Stephen Lang), throughout the mythical land of Hyboria.

The stakes are raised when warlord Zym and his half-witch daughter, Marique (Rose McGowan), kidnap the last descendant of the House of Acheron, a martial arts maiden named Tamara (Rachel Nichols). Tamara's blood has the ability to reanimate an ancient mask, thus giving Zym supreme powers.

About two-thirds of the way in, Conan expresses his philosophy: "I live. I love. I

slay ... I am content." He's right about the slaying part, but the only values he upholds are filial loyalty and an antipathy toward slavery. Regrettably, he demonstrates the latter by urging freed slaves to kill their former captor in a distinctly cruel and inhumane manner.

With Marcus Nispel -- who specializes in directing remakes (such as 2003's "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" and 2009's "Friday the 13th") -- at the helm, the production values are quite impressive.

The expected cheesiness is minimized by solid cinematography and special effects; and the 3-D format proves more of a plus than is often the case.

As for the plot, the three credited screenwriters -- Thomas Dean Donnelly, Joshua Oppenheimer and Sean Hood -- attempt to ground the mayhem in a relatively detailed legend about the pagan milieu, based on the 1930s pulp fiction of Conan creator Robert E. Howard. Alas, with few respites from the brutality, the story quickly becomes irrelevant.

As one fight sequence fol-

lows another, blood appears to begin spurting even before the sword blows have landed.

No mercy is shown for anyone on, or off, the screen. And since no social or moral values, other than those mentioned above -- and, perhaps, brute physical courage -- are actually affirmed, the numerous objectionable elements listed below stand out all the more starkly.

The film contains pervasive graphic violence -- including decapitations, severed limbs and torture -- explicit nonmarital sexual activity, considerable upper female and brief rear male nudity, some sexual innuendo and one instance of crude language. The Catholic News Service classification is O - morally offensive. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.



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Jason Momoa stars in a scene from the movie "Conan the Barbarian."



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Place: Mid's Park

Features: The band "Placid" featuring Joey Izzo will be performing. Organizers will be collecting non-perishables.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Lake Placid – On the Feast of St. Francis a blessing of animals will take place.

Date: Oct. 4

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: St. Agnes School

VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM

Lake Placid – Mercy Care for the Adirondacks has scheduled a Friendship Volunteer Training Program.

Date: Saranac Lake, Sept. 13 and Sept. 14; Tupper Lake, Oct. 26 and Oct. 26 (both afternoons required for training)

Features: Mercy Care's Friendship Volunteer Training Program is free of charge but pre-registration is required.

Contacts: To request registration information, please contact Sheila Schneck at Mercy Care by calling 523-5583.

Mercy Care can be reached at 185 Old Military Road, Lake Placid, NY 12946, by calling Donna Beal, Executive Director, at 523-5581, or by e-mail at dbeal@adkmercy.org For more information, visit Mercy Care's web site at <http://www.adkmercy.org>

PARISH MOUNTAIN CLIMB ,MASS

Keene – All in St. Agnes Parish in Lake Placid and St. Brendan's Parish in Keene as Well as people visiting the Adirondacks are invited to celebrate Mass on top of Baxter Mountain.

Date: Sept. 18

Time: 11 a.m.

Features: Car pooling will take place in the parking lot of St. Brendan's church or you may go to the trail start on route 9N on the top of Spruce Hill near the intersection of the road leading to Mountain House (actual climbing will begin at 11:15 a.m.) Pack your lunch and celebrate the beauty of God's creation.

CLINTON

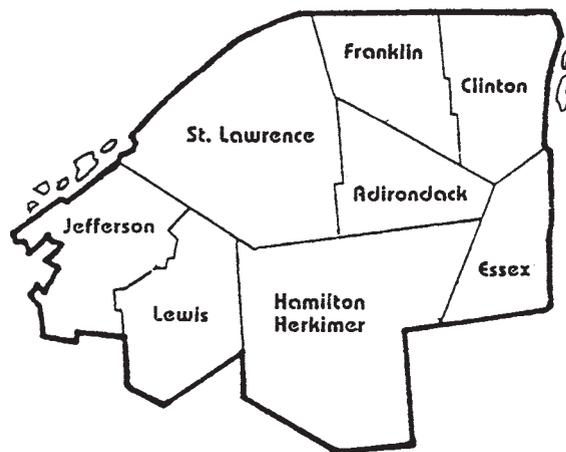
CRAFTS AND BAKE SALE

Moers – The Ladies of St. Ann will be holding their 24th Annual Crafts Plus and Bake Sale.

Date: Oct. 15

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place: St. Joseph's Center.



The North Country Catholic welcomes contributions to "Around the Diocese." Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:
North Country Catholic, PO Box 326,
 Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 315-394-0670;
 e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

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

Features: Lunch will be available. Many space still available for vendors. Call Marge Pombrio at 518-236-4577

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

Keeseville – The Keeseville Altar Rosary Society to sponsor Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Date: Every Sunday

Time: 1 p.m. to 4

Place: Immaculate Conception Church.

BINGO'S BACK

Champlain – BINGO is returning to St. Mary's Parish.

Date: Beginning Sept. 12 and the first Monday of the month there after.

Place: St. Mary's Academy
Time: 6:45 p.m. with 50/50 Early Bird (doors open at 5:15)

Features: No game under \$100 + \$1000 Jackpot. Full concession and pull tabs. Proceeds to benefit St. Mary's Parish.

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.

Contact: For more information about spending a special hour with Jesus weekly, or becoming a substitute, please call 518-561-5083 or email us at Sjohnsadoration@aol.com

ESSEX

ROAST BEEF HARVEST DINNER

Elizabethtown – St. Elizabeth's Church

will hold its annual Roast Beef Harvest Dinner.

Date: Oct. 9

Time: 2 p.m. to 6

Place: The Parish Hall

Cost: Adults, \$9; Children under 12, \$5

Features: Take-outs will be available after 1:30 p.m. Cash raffle tickets and for other items will be available.

JEFFERSON

SACRED HEART FOUNDATION

Watertown – The Sacred Heart Foundation will be holding its 38th Annual Benefit Dinner and Membership meeting.

Date: Sept. 21

Time: 6 p.m. social hour; 7 p.m. dinner

Place: North Side Improvement League

Cost: \$30 per person

Speaker: Bishop Terry LaValley

Contact: Foundation Office at 315-782-3344

24-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Evans Mills - The Knights of Columbus of Evans Mills, Philadelphia and Theresa are offering a bible study program featuring the Study of Matthew with Jeff Cavins, founding host of EWTN's Life on the Rock.

Date: The 24-week program will be held on Mondays, beginning Sept. 12

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Contact: Kim at 767-1613.

ROAST BEEF DINNER

Evans Mills – Annual Roast Beef Dinner to benefit the Indian River Council 7471 Knights of Columbus has been set

Date: Sept. 11

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$8; senior citizens, \$7; children under 12, \$5; under 5, Free

PARKINSON GROUP

Chaumont – The Parkinson Group meets every Tuesday at 11 a.m. at All Saints for exercise and lunch. All are welcome.

LIFERIGHT MEETING

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

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: 312 Sherman St.

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

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

LEWIS

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Houseville - Divine Mercy Devotions for the month of September will be observed.

Date: Sept. 4

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Features: The program includes: Vespers, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet (sung) and Benediction. All are most welcomed

Contact: Mary Ann 348-6260

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Harrisville – A pancake breakfast will be held at St. Francis Solanus Church.

Date: Sept. 4

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 10:30

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

ST. HEDWIG'S POLISH FESTIVAL

Houseville – St. Hedwig's Parish is holding its annual Polish Festival to raise funds for church repairs and restoration.

Date: Oct. 16

Time: Events begin after the 11 a.m. Mass

Features: Polish Food Platter, Theme Basket Raffles, White Elephant and Bake Sale, Ice Cream Sundaes. Donations of theme baskets, white elephant items and baked goods appreciated. Monetary donations to defray expenses also accepted. Workers needed to set up, cook and clean up.

ST. LAWRENCE

CHICKEN BARBECUE

Gouverneur – St. James School will hold its annual Chicken Barbecue.

Date: Sept. 11

Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cost: Adults, \$8; Children 12 and under, \$4; under 5, Free

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Ogdensburg – Sept. 11 marks the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States. The Knights of Columbus Council #259 will celebrate a World Day Prayer for Peace and a prayer for remembrance.

Date: Sept. 12

Time: Noon

Place: In front of City Hall

Features: This prayer will recall the tragic events of that day and honor the thousands who lost their lives.

K of C BRUNCH

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

Date: Sept. 11

Time: 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Place: Visitation Parish Center

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Massena - St. Mary's & St. Joseph's has Adoration every Friday.

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

Place: St. Mary's Church.

Features: First Friday of each month is preceded by Benediction.

NOVENA FOR MILITARY

Ogdensburg - Notre Dame Church is holding a weekly novena for the safety of U.S. military personnel

Date: Tuesday evenings

Time: 6:30 p.m.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

2012 LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

Father Donald Robinson, pastor of St. Anthony's and St. Patrick's in Watertown, will be leading a pilgrimage to scenic Europe, Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

Date: March 19-29

Cost: \$2189 (includes airfare, accommodations and most meals)

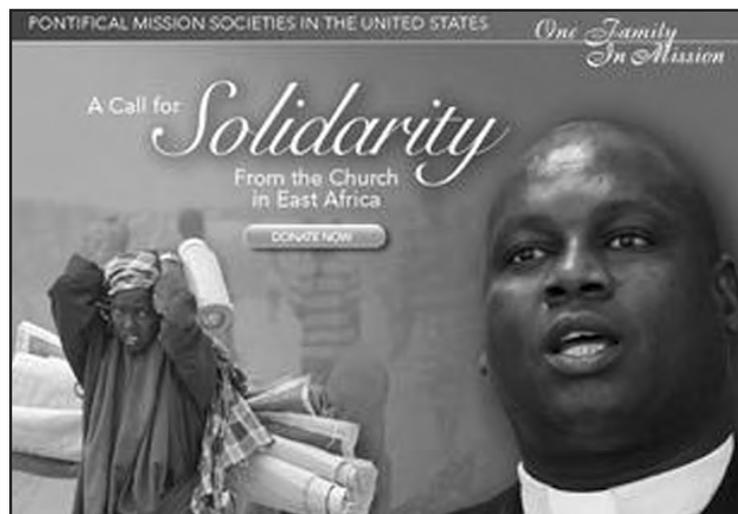
Contact: Cal Father Robinson at 315-782-1190 for brochure



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A solidarity fund for East Africa



A Message From the National Director Reverend Andrew Small, OMI, STD, Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States.

"The Pontifical Mission Societies (PMS) in the United States have established a solidarity fund for East Africa, responding to a call from the Church there to support its increased service in the face of the growing crisis in this part of the mission world.

"Pope Benedict XVI has called the Catholic community and the whole world to action, and everyone needs to play their part.

"On the ground, Father Celestino Bundi (pictured above), the National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in Kenya, has asked us for special help for the network of local priests and religious currently serving in the most affected areas. I am sure his request will not go unanswered as Catholics across our country want to respond. We have an immediate way of getting help through in this crisis, particularly through the network of Church personnel who are accompanying many of the suffering communities.

"Prayer remains our first response, and we ask the Lord to send His comfort and sustaining hope to those suffering in East Africa, as He strengthens and blesses those who are helping those in such urgent need.

"In this most devastating moment for our mission family in East Africa, the Church must continue with even greater effort its life-giving, hope-filled presence." The Pontifical Mission Societies, which include the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and the Holy Childhood Association, are the basic means of support for pastoral and evangelizing programs in 1,150 mission dioceses, including the dioceses of Kenya, Somalia, Ethiopia and Eritrea, the nations now affected by famine and drought.

**Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will.
www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice**

OBITUARIES

Altona — Theresa S. (LaFave) Spear, 75; Funeral Services Aug. 22, 2011 at Holy Angel's Church.

Cape Vincent — Marie R. (Griffin) Clickner, 96; Funeral Services Aug. 20, 2011 at St. Vincent of Paul Church; burial in Riverside Cemetery.

Carthage — Jakob K. MacCue, 19; Funeral Services will be held Aug. 27, 2011 at the Bossuot-Lundy Funeral Home, Inc.

Chazy — Dorothy J. (Jennette) Wilson, 92; Funeral Services Aug. 25, 2011 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Crown Point — Raymond Blair, 86; Funeral Services Aug. 23, 2011 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Crown Point — Rebecca Lynn Mydlarz, 22; Funeral Services Aug. 20, 2011 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Dekalb Junction — Kathryn (Alguire) Hamilton, 52; Funeral Services Aug. 22, 2011 at St. Henry's Church; burial in St. Henry's Cemetery.

Essex — Elizabeth Virginia (Richard) Wilkins, 88; Funeral Services Sept. 2, 2011 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery, Willsboro.

Lake Placid — Walter G. Clarke, 86; Funeral Services Aug. 22, 2011 at St. Agnes Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Malone — Carol Glazier Yankanich, 66; Funeral Services Aug. 26, 2011 at St. Joseph's Church.

Massena — Elma A. Claffey, 86; Funeral Services Aug. 26, 2011 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery, Norwood.

Massena — Karl B. Grow, 67; Funeral Services Aug. 22, 2011 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Brasher Falls.

Massena — Arthur Jandreau, 55; Funeral Services Aug. 24, 2011 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena — Ann M. (Pellegrino) Mayville, 86; Funeral Services Aug. 23, 2011 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Mineville — Robert G. "Bobby" DeSimone, 43; Funeral Services Aug. 23, 2011 at All Saints Church; burial in St. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Moriah.

Mineville — Joseph Herman Francis Snide, 87; Funeral Services Aug. 22, 2011 at All Saints Church; burial in Catholic Community of Moriah Cemetery.

Morrisonville — Gloria Jean (Trudo) Duso, 62; Funeral Services Aug. 27, 2011 at St. Alexander's Church.

Morrisonville — Laah Sears Sorrell, 82; Funeral Services August 25, 2011 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Morrisonville — Irene V. (Frederick) St. Germaine, 88; Funeral Services Aug. 20, 2011 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh — Sidney J. "Sid" Grube, 73; Funeral Services Aug. 24, 2011 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Port Leyden — Ruth E. (Mathill) Millick, 85; Funeral Services Aug. 24, 2011 at St. Martin's Church; burial in Wildwood Cemetery, Lyons Falls.

Potsdam — Doria M. (Tremblay) Capone, 80; Funeral Services Aug. 23, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Tupper Lake — Pauline F. Robillard, 87; Funeral Services Aug. 23, 2011 at Holy Name Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Watertown — Joseph P. Alteri, 63; Funeral Services Aug. 29, 2011 at St. Anthony's Church.

Watertown — Nancy M. (Morrison) Pul-torak, 75; Funeral Services Aug. 24, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

Prayer to Blessed Virgin
Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful wine splendor of Heaven. Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the sea, help me and show me, herein you are my Mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth. I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my Mother. Oh, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3x). Holy Mother, I place this prayer in your hands(3X).
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Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen
(With ecclesiastical approval)

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Offering of Sufferings
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Or whatever the Lord inspires you to offer Him

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