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Labor Day support for young

WASHINGTON (CNS)-- In their 2014 Labor Day statement, the U.S. bishops denounced the fact young adults have "borne the brunt" of unemployment and underemployment in this country and around the world.

"Our younger generations are counting on us to leave them a world better than the

one we inherited," wrote Miami Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development.

Writing the statement on behalf of the bishops for Labor Day, which is Sept. 1, the archbishop spoke of Pope Francis' teaching

against an "economy of exclusion" and applied it to the millions of unemployed young adults in the U.S.

Some Americans, he said, have found "stability and security" in an economy that has seen some improvements. There are signs the country "may finally be healing economically after years

of suffering and pain. For those men and women, and their children, this is good news," he said, but a little digging shows there is an "enduring hardship for millions of workers."

And the poverty rate remains high, he said, with 46 million Americans struggling "to make ends meet."

POPE FRANCIS IN KOREA

Shows church interest in Asia



CNS PHOTO/L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO Pope Francis poses for a selfie while eating lunch with youth at the major seminary in Daejeon, South Korea, Aug. 15. During his first Aug. 14-18 visit to Asia, Pope Francis urged South Korean political and civic leaders to seek peace on their divided peninsula and strengthen their nation's commitment to democracy and social justice. Pope Francis also beatified 124 Korean martyrs Aug. 16, celebrated the Aug. 17 closing Mass for the sixth Asian Youth Day, and celebrated a Mass for peace and reconciliation Aug. 18 among other planned activities for the visit.

Back to School time

Bishop LaValley and Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, superintendent of schools, share messages as young people prepare to begin another academic year.

Sister Ellen Rose said, "the most important aspect of a Catholic school is its foundation in Christ. Our schools are first and foremost places where students meet Christ. From Him flows the unique marks of a Catholic school, namely a supernatural vision of life, an awareness of the dignity of the human person, the experience of a faith community, a curriculum which acknowledges the relationship between faith and culture...."

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From Potsdam to Phoenix

North Country woman follows her dream to serve God by helping children, families at Maggie's Place
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A PROFESSION OF VOWS



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Bishop Terry R. LaValley celebrated the Rite of Religious Profession Mass Aug. 16 at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Watertown as Sister Suanne Marie Johnson made her first profession of vows. From left are Bishop LaValley, Sister Suanne, St. Joseph Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, major superior; and St. Joseph Sister Constance Marie Sylver, formation director. Joining the bishop in the celebration of the Mass were Father Leo Wiley, Msgr. Paul Whitmore, Msgr. Robert McCarthy and Father John Cosmic as celebrants. During the coming year, Sister Suanne will be teaching at Augustinian Academy in Carthage.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Joy - yes, joy - in our world

These days, we need to make and abundant fruit.

an extra effort to be the joyful kind of Catholics that Pope Francis has encouraged us to be.

The news around the world couldn't be more horrifying.

We may wonder if it is even right for us to be joyful when so many are facing starvation, brutality and murder.

But as the pope said earlier this month, "If you follow Jesus and his Gospel, your freedom will blossom like a plant in bloom and will bring good



Mary Lou
Kilian

"You will find authentic joy," he said, "because he wants us to be men and women who are happy and fulfilled."

So where can we find reasons for joy in this diocese of ours during this summer of misery?

Here are just a few possibilities:

- In the extraordinary generosity of our young people: the men who are returning to or entering the seminary, the women

moving forward in religious life, Kelly Donnelly and the talented staff who served at Guggenheim this summer, and 20-somethings like MaryCatherine Jadlos (see her story on page 4)

- In a bishop who works tirelessly to build the faith life of the people in his charge, even writing for the diocesan paper after spending day after day on the road

- In our priests who cheerfully (at least as far as we can tell!) add more and more responsibilities to their already overwhelming schedules

- At parish picnics, chicken

barbecues and church festivals

- In the people who staff our Catholic schools, including Kathy Behrans, principal of Trinity Catholic in Massena, who has made a mark on a national level. (See page 8)

- For our summer weather - which may not be as hot and sunny as some may like - but comes without hurricanes or tsunamis.

- For faraway family and friends who know that summer is the time to come home, if only for a couple of days.

- For corn on the cob and ice cream.

I feel more joyful already!

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Remember when: a very special reunion

Remember when! Remember the time when we...!

So, what have you been doing the last thirty years?

Tell me about your family...!

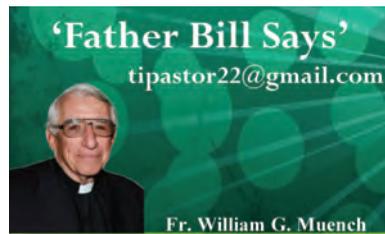
I know - sounds like a reunion - and it was. In fact it was called a "mega-reunion."

Hundreds of Holy Family graduates and faculty members return to Massena for a 'mega-reunion'

I was rather surprised almost a year ago when I received an announcement of this gathering. One fellow, Ray, in Massena decided to organize a reunion of all the former students and teachers of Holy Family High School in Massena.

Holy Family High School had its start in 1962. The Diocese of Ogdensburg had been assigned a new bishop, Bishop James Navagh, and he considered Massena a great place for a Catholic high school to complement the two Catholic elementary schools there. The whole process got underway, the building was built and the faculty found.

Bishop Navagh had ordained me a priest in 1959 and then he decided I would be a perfect chemistry teacher. So, my



teaching career began just shortly after my becoming a priest. I must admit that my years in the classroom was a happy time in my life.

Holy Family High School had a rather short existence with just 14 graduating classes, but it was a very special place. It was truly an excellent school.

Holy Family High School had only one principal, Father Griffith Billmeyer, and his leadership made Holy Family the extraordinary school it was.

At this year's reunion, I heard innumerable great stories: stories about the great start the graduates received at Holy Family - as well as many interesting stories from their high school days. I was also rather pleased to hear their stories of success in life.

The organizers told me that they were uncertain how many would respond but they were rather successful as this mega-reunion drew more than 600 former students and faculty from near and far. I had a con-

versation with Denny from San Francisco, Bill from Chicago, Brian from Burlington, Jim from Boston.

The organizers did involve me. Linda and Dan Case called asking me to celebrate a Mass that was planned as part of the reunion. One of the activities of the reunion was an open house at the former Holy Family School building, now a junior high of the public school. They decided to plan a Mass in the gym there just as we use to do when they were students.

The Mass proved to be a very moving experience for me. I was thrilled to see and visit with so many former students - there were plenty of memories and stories.

As we talked, another name would come up, names that brought up many more memories and, unhappily, names of some who had died.

As an introduction to the Mass, I shared that my biggest and deepest memory of Holy Family High School was the group of outstanding and talented teachers that I taught with in those days at Holy Family High School. Sadly, many of them were now with the Lord. I wanted to make them my intention for this Mass. I also wanted to remember and pray for the many former stu-

dents from the school who have died. Finally, I knew that many there had lost spouses, and some children - they would also be intentions for the Mass.

As a homily for the Mass, I decided to speak about faith - faith in God's help, support and constant strength, especially in difficult times. I told them that I was certain that the greatest gift that Holy Family High School gave to all of its students - besides a great education - was a strong faith in God. I believed that this faith has had a profound influence in the lives of each of them.

Many at the reunion shared with me many stories, including those of difficult crises in their lives and families, times also of unhappiness caused by sickness and death. Many told with me that they could not have faced those times without their faith in God.

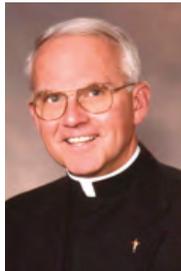
I do want to add that the experience of this reunion was a strengthening moment for my own faith. The faith of these former students was truly great to experience.

You know, even at the party after I experienced a unique faith in their lives. I recognized something that I like think began at Holy Family High School.

FOLLOW ME

As school doors open for another year...

A lot can happen in forty years. A few days ago in Rouses Point, I joined many of my classmates of the Northeastern Clinton Central Class of 1974 for an evening of reminiscing, dining, and great 1970's music. It was a wonderful celebration.



Bishop Terry R. LaValley

During our school years, memories are formed that last a lifetime. While in school our teachers give us the lessons and then we take the tests. When we leave the confines of the classroom, life itself administers the tests from which we later learn life's lessons. Either way, life is about learning.

As the 2014-15 school year approaches, it is good that we all recommit ourselves never to become content with what we know,

either about our world or our God. To know God is to love God. When we stop learning, we stop loving, we stop living.

One of the diocesan priorities that we have established as part of our diocesan envisioning process is to strengthen faith formation in family life—enhancing youth ministry and providing family catechesis for the seven Sacraments.

This is a concerted effort to engage all family members in the life-long process of: learning more and more about our God and His teachings; developing an ever closer relationship to Jesus Christ; and giving witness to that relationship in our service to neighbor.

As the school doors open for yet another academic

year and as we focus our energies on strengthening faith formation in our families here in the North Country, we pray for renewed spirit and determination to learn more about the richness of our faith.

Let us give prayerful support to all students, particularly our youth, college students, seminarians, deacon aspirants, and those studying in the Formation for Ministry program.

We recommit ourselves to participating in the adult

faith formation classes that our parish offers and to sharing our faith with our children and grandchildren.

When we stop learning, we stop loving, we stop living

We thank our teachers, catechists and parish staff as they prepare for the new opportunities to help form our sisters and brothers.

Every time we gather at

Mass, we are attending a reunion of sorts. The Communion of Saints (loved ones who have died) join us in this Mystical Reunion where we listen to our faith story through the Word spoken and reminisce about God's goodness to us through the generations.

We dine at the Lord's Table and worship in song. It's all there: reminiscing, dining, and great music - What a wonder-full celebration!

Forty years? A lot can happen in an hour!

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Massena native Sister Cindy Sullivan, a Sister of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is pictured back, center, with other members of the board of directors of the Working Boys' Center in Quito, Ecuador. Sister Cindy has served at the WBC for 40 of the 50 years of its existence. Also shown are the two co-directors of the center, Sister Miguel Conway, front left and Jesuit Father John Halligan, back right, who founded the center in 1964. Sister Cindy spent several weeks in the diocese this summer speaking at parishes and with the *NCC* about the work of the center.

Moving families from poverty to prosperity

By Mary Lou Kilian
Editor

When Cindy Sullivan graduated from Massena High School in the early 1970's, she had just one dream – to become a professional golfer.

After earning degrees from Onondaga Community College and Clarke University in Dubuque, Iowa, the young woman traveled to California to follow her dream.

But, she said, when playing golf became *work* rather than *fun*, it was time to reassess her life plan.

Trading in the golf course for the Peace Corps, Ms. Sullivan traveled more than 3000 miles to Quito, Ecuador.

Forty years later, she still calls Quito home.

In the bustling capital city

of this South American country, she discovered the Working Boys Center and met Jesuit Father John Halligan who had founded the center in 1964.

And, she found her vocation.

The girl who talked her parents into letting her attend Massena Central instead of Holy Family High School so she could play on a golf team, became Sister Cindy Sullivan, a Sister of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

At the Working Boys Center, Sister Cindy – called Madre Cindy – is part of a team celebrating 50 years of transforming families from poverty to prosperity every day.

When Padre John Halligan arrived in Quito, he saw boys working on the streets shin-

ing shoes, earning as much as 85 percent of their families' income.

At the Working Boys Center in Ecuador

He opened the Working Boys' Center to address the educational needs of these boys. Soon afterward, the program was expanded to include the entire family.

In 1967, Sister M. Miguel Conway, also a Sister of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, joined the priest as co-director.

Sister Cindy spent four years as a Peace Corps volunteer at the WBC before joining her religious community. She has served as a director of the WBC Family of Families staff since 1981.

Since its opening, the WBC has served 6,000 families with about 30,000 people, offering three meals a day, medical care, dental care, spiritual support – with Mass every day – and education from day care programs through technical school.

With training in carpentry, metal mechanics, industrial mechanics, auto mechanics, sewing, baking, sales and marketing or cosmetology,

graduates of the program have left poverty forever.

Sister Cindy spent several weeks in the Diocese of Ogdensburg this summer, visiting her family in Massena and speaking at parish Masses as part of the Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

In an interview with the *North Country Catholic*, Sister Cindy explained that the center was founded on ten core values: loyalty, personal formation, family, religion, education, economy, work, recreation, health and housing.

"The center attacks poverty as a spiritual problem, not an economic one and that's key," she said. "People need self-esteem and, through our educational programs, they get it. They can get themselves out of poverty and help others."

Members of the WBC are taught that work is good and that it's critical to save for the future. They are required to have savings accounts which ultimately allows most to buy their own property.

Through the "minga" program, each family spends one Sunday a month helping another family build a home. That means that within five

Editor's note

Donations to the Working Boys Center may be sent to CFWF, 12605 W. North Ave., #130, Brookfield, WI., 53005-4629. Further information about the center and opportunities for volunteering and charitable giving is available at www.c4wf.org.

years, families who have been living in single rooms could expect to move into their own homes and own their own land.

The cost to transform the lives of impoverished families is \$4 per person per day. The center has flourished with the support of charitable donations and volunteers, including groups of college students from across the United States.

To mark the 50th anniversary Sister Cindy, Father Halligan and Sister Miguel were joined by more than 600 supporters at Marquette University for a three-day celebration in early August.

In a video prepared for the event, Sister Miguel summed up the reason for the WBC's existence: "The world becomes a better place person by person."

JOB OPENING

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.

Potsdam woman follows her heart to help pregnant women in Phoenix

Finding a place at Maggie's Place

By Kristina Dean
Staff writer

Following her heart led former Potsdam resident MaryCatherine Jadlos across the country to Phoenix, Arizona, to a place where, like a puzzle, she fits into the lives of troubled pregnant women, helping them to live within God's plan.

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The 23-year-old began in her position as a Mission-Corps member with Maggie's Place in August of 2013, after finding it during a search on the internet.

Miss Jadlos said she always knew she wanted to work with youth.

"I had a bucket list of things I wanted in my dream position," she said. "But in the end, it's not about me, it's about how God wants me to serve."

Passionate pro-lifer

"I wanted a Catholic organization," she said. "I've always been passionate about the pro-life movement; I was raised with those values. I started to look at programs for teen pregnancies and young women. That's where I've been drawn. That and family life. The concept of a strong family foundation was important to me."

According to Miss Jadlos, God was definitely leading her to Maggie's Place.

During college at SUNY Plattsburgh, majoring as a communication disorders major for speech pathology and audiology, she struggled to discern whether that was what God was calling me to do with my life," she said. During her senior year she began to search, looking into areas such as social justice.



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Potsdam native MaryCatherine Jadlos left her summer job as assistant camp director at Guggenheim to return for a second year on the staff of Maggie's Place in Phoenix, Arizona which provides support for pregnant women in need. She is shown above with one of the Maggie's Place babies at the center's Christmas party.

Her search included a night on the internet on a Catholic volunteer network. One click led to another click on a link that took her to Maggie's Place.

"I very randomly stumbled on the Maggie's Place website after aimlessly clicking through links on the internet, and immediately upon finding it, I could not contain my excitement," she said.

"From that point on I knew," she said. "This is the place. It has a dynamic community, solidarity, a Eucharistic chapel in every home. That's exactly what I was looking for."

Miss Jadlos lives in one of three hospitality homes in the Phoenix area where food,

clothing, and shelter are provided to pregnant mothers.

Additionally, Maggie's Place establishes a supportive community and safe environment while they develop the skills they need to live independently eventually.

The women are also connected to appropriate agencies and resources including prenatal care, health insurance, low-cost housing and educational programs.

Days rooted in prayer

Miss Jadlos' day is rooted in prayer, through the Liturgy of the Hours said at morning and evening, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and the Rosary.

"If I need a break or a

minute to myself, we have a chapel," she said. "I love being able to have a moment with God, and to ask, 'How best can I serve you today?'"

Miss Jadlos said God is working through everyone, both volunteers and the mothers who live there.

"I am continually amazed and humbled every day at how God is moving in the lives of everyone who lives in Maggie's Place, everyone in the coordinating office, the donors, volunteers, corps members, everyone who said yes to this call to love even when it's tough or uncomfortable or difficult," she said.

"Working with the moms is also quite an experience," she said. "There's a lot of laughs, but tough times and sad times. There is a time every day when I say, 'Wow. Thank you God for being a part of our everyday lives and for (being a part of) the moms' lives.'"

"We love as much as we can, and do as much as we can for them. It's humbling and inspiring, as well as exciting," she said.

Welcoming community

Designed to be a welcoming community, the hospitality homes allow women who meet the criteria to live there at any stage of their pregnancy, until their child is six months old, although they can stay longer depending on individual circumstances.

Often these mothers come from complicated situations, and can have backgrounds that include previous drug use, rape, abusive relationships, and can have limited education, little understanding of self-worth, no employment history and mental illness.

Maggie's Place creates a safe environment for the mother and baby to focus on healing, taking care of themselves and their babies, and matching the mothers up with skills they need to live

independently eventually.

"Since I've been here, I've seen a lot of successes," Miss Jadlos said. "We have a community celebration, and recognize every little gift we've been given. That's kind of what makes us unique. One mom said we're just like puzzle pieces, we all come together. We are pieces that don't make sense, but Maggie's Place makes the puzzle pieces fit together."

Most of what Maggie's Place provides for the mothers are met through donations, said Miss Jadlos. Citing Divine Providence, she attributes God for providing everything. Trusting God not only provides the houses with food and clothing, but with anything else needed such as the correct words to say and energy to do their jobs, she said.

"It's about trust and saying, 'I believe you will provide.' It's such a call, a vocation to love. This is a different and new way. It's always exciting to see how God moves," she said.

In the North Country

Miss Jadlos served as assistant director at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake this summer but is now back in Phoenix to work another year at Maggie's Place.

She eventually plans to pursue a master's degree in social work and counseling. She'd like to focus on family life and possibly working more with women.

Miss Jadlos attended St. Mary's School in Potsdam, and was a parishioner at St. Francis of Assisi Newman Center in Potsdam, then St. Mary's Catholic Church in Canton. During college, she was part of the Newman Center and St. John the Baptist parishes and worked at St. Alexander's as youth minister. Miss Jadlos is a former camper at Guggenheim from the time she was 12, and has been a staff member since 2010.

Memorare Legacy Society invites new members

By Scott Lalone
Executive Director, Development Office

August is National Make-A-Will Month. If writing a will has been in the back of your mind but you keep putting it off, now is the time to take care of this important step in life planning.

Do not let state laws determine who will inherit your property/assets. And if you have been thinking of leaving a legacy, you may want to consider designating a portion of your assets to pass at death to the Diocese of Ogdensburg, your parish or school, a diocesan program/ministry, the Bishop's Fund Appeal or to the Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Over the years many individuals have remembered the Diocese of Ogdensburg, its parishes or the above mentioned charities in their estate planning, especially in their wills.

In 2008, the Memorare Legacy Society was established to honor and recognize the generosity and

vision of those who have chosen to leave a legacy to the Diocese of Ogdensburg through estate or deferred gifts.

One qualifies for membership in the society by designating a portion of his or her assets to pass at death to the any of the above mentioned organizations.

This may be accomplished by a simple statement that you have remembered the Church in your will or similar document such as a trust, life insurance policy, charitable gift annuity, designation of an IRA or 401(k) or any other more complex transactions.

Members of this society are those who have informed the diocese of a planned gift that, in the future, will benefit the Diocese of Ogdensburg or any of its parishes or programs. This ensures a continuous commitment of care to their Church, to the Church's vision and to the charitable works that flow from her missions through their thoughtful planned gift.

Members' names will not be made public unless they

specifically give their consent to do so.

Current members of the Memorare Legacy Society are: Msgr. Joseph Aubin of Plattsburgh, Therese Bruyere of Ogdensburg, Father Douglas Comstock of Alexandria Bay, Marguerite Giroux-Eckman of Waddington, Elizabeth Kelly of Plattsburgh, Judith Kelly of Lady Lake, Florida; Father Gilbert Menard of Plattsburgh, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Pearson of Watertown, Msgr. Leeward Poissant of Keeseville, Deacon and Mrs. William Frances Raven of Black River, Deacon Bernard Slate of Clayton, Kathleen St. Denis of Plattsburgh, Father Bryan Stitt of Malone, Father Richard Sturtz of Schroon Lake, Joseph Tebo of Ogdensburg and Father Arthur LaBaff of Clayton, as well as several who prefer their intentions to remain anonymous.

A membership form for the Memorare Legacy Society is printed on this page.

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Bishop's Schedule

Aug. 27 – 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

5 p.m., St. Lawrence Deanery Bishop's Fund Reception at the Bishop's Residence

Aug. 28 – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence

Aug. 29 – 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg

Aug. 30 – 4 p.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Church in Philadelphia
5:30 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Church in Evans Mills

Aug. 31 – 8 a.m., Installation Mass of Rev. Garvin Demarais as Pastor of St. Mary's of the Fort Church, Fort Covington and St. Joseph's Church, Bombay at St. Joseph's Church
10:30 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's of the Fort Church in Fort Covington

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.

Aug. 27 – 6 p.m., Pregnancy Center, Plattsburgh

Aug. 28 – 6 p.m., St. Joseph's Church, West Chazy

Sept. 4 – 8 p.m., Wakefield Recital Hall/SUNY Potsdam

Sept. 6 – 10 a.m., Seton Academy, Plattsburgh

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

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

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Environmental Stewardship

Environmental Beatitudes???

In his August 6 General Audience Pope Francis urges us to memorize the Beatitudes which Jesus taught as the path to true happiness. Our Creator also teaches us valuable lessons about how to find happiness through His created world.

We see Jesus often using the natural world around him to teach spiritual lessons about the Kingdom, like the mustard seed, the vine and branches, etc.

During these remaining days of summertime, take a few minutes each day to pay attention to some aspect of God's creation that attracts you. Look at it again, and be amazed at the mystery of it. Ask yourself what it might teach you about your life. Here are some "beatitudes" someone has discovered:
"Blessed is the tree which takes time to sink deep roots; it shows us what we have to do in order to withstand the storm.

Blessed is the seed which falls on good soil and so produces a rich harvest; it shows us what happens when we take the Word of God to heart.

Blessed is the vine, which having been pruned, becomes all the more fruitful; it shows the benefit of self-denial." Source: Flor McCarthy, "Windows on the Gospel!"

If you have any lessons from nature that you have learned and would like to share, email srbethssj@gmail.com

Rest in Peace

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

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Aug. 30 – Rev. Bartholomew McLaughlin, 1914

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

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BACK TO SCHOOL TIME

Forming minds and hearts

By Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, SSI
Superintendent of Schools

Although summer will not officially end until September 23, for students returning to school it unofficially ends with the beginning of the school year. Beginnings are important. Often they are accompanied by renewed enthusiasm, refreshed dreams and the promise of new possibilities.

What does the Catholic school offer that is unique and proper to its mission that cannot be found in public education?

Pope Francis recently spoke about the importance of Catholic education. "I would ask you to be concerned in a special way for the education of children, supporting the indispensable mission not only of the universities, important as they are, but also Catholic schools at every level, beginning with elementary schools, where young minds and hearts are shaped in love for the Lord and his Church, in the good, the true and the beautiful, and where children learn to be good Christians and upright citizens" (Address to Bishops of South Korea, August 14, 2014).

Our Catholic schools offer quality academic programs, but quality academic programs are available in public schools as well. Our schools' programs address the whole person, but more and more public schools are addressing components of the whole person, the most notable addition being their acknowledged commitment to character education and ethical behavior. Our Catholic schools are often close knit "communities" where a safe, secure and orderly environment support student learning. Many of the public school districts where our schools are located are relatively small and offer the same benefits.

Thus, the question becomes why does the Church support Catholic schools? What does the Catholic school offer that is unique and proper to its mission that cannot be found in public education?

The primary answer that that question resides in a "who" rather than a "what." The most important aspect of a Catholic school is its foundation in Christ. Our schools are first and foremost places where students meet Christ. From Him flows the unique marks of a Catholic school, namely a supernatural vision of life, an awareness of the dignity of the human person, the experience of a faith community, a curriculum which acknowledges the relationship between faith and culture and the personal witness of teachers and administrators.

Catholic schools require dedicated administrators and teachers. I want to take this opportunity to thank them for their commitment to our schools which more often than not is accompanied by a personal financial sacrifice.

We depend upon them almost entirely for the accomplishment of our mission: to form the minds and hearts of our students in the love of Christ and His Church.

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Forming

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ministrators and teachers are called demands that, in imitation of Christ, the only Teacher, they reveal the Christian message not only by word but also by every gesture of their behavior" (The Catholic School, #43). We are indeed blessed to have administrators and teachers who are willing to assume this noble task.

Diocesan talent recognized

The commitment of our administrators and teachers often involves taking advantage of professional development opportunities.

Mrs. Kathy Behrens, principal at Trinity Catholic in Massena attended the ACE Principals Academy at Notre Dame last summer. The Principals Academy brings

together a group of Catholic elementary school principals from across the country to strengthen leadership and build community while engaging in professional development.

This past October Mrs. Behrens was offered the opportunity to serve on the design team for this summer's academy. Working with colleagues from across the United States via phone, email and an on-site meeting at Notre Dame, Kathy was an integral part of the planning and implementation of the Principals Academy this summer.

The NCEA offered superintendents the opportunity to nominate teachers of mathematics in grades K-12 to participate in its Common Core Catholic Identity

Initiative workshop to develop units for Math that infuse elements of our Catholic faith.

Mary Ann Margery from Augustinian Academy, Carthage and Karen Reynolds from Seton Catholic, were nominated and chosen to participate in the workshop in July.

The NCEA expects that participants take the information they learn back to their local areas and assist others in learning how to implement the strategies and ideas gleaned from the workshop.

More good news

One more piece of good news. Three of our schools, Seton Catholic, Plattsburgh, St. Mary's in Ticonderoga and Holy Family in Malone were recipients of \$18,000 technology grants. The schools will use the grant money to expand the vision and use of technology within their respective schools through the purchase of technology equipment and professional development for teachers.

During this school year I am confident that our Catholic school students will begin, whether new to our schools or returning for another year, to build upon their knowledge of and love for Christ.

The ideas and values we want our young people to experience are not abstractions. They are found in a person, Jesus Christ.

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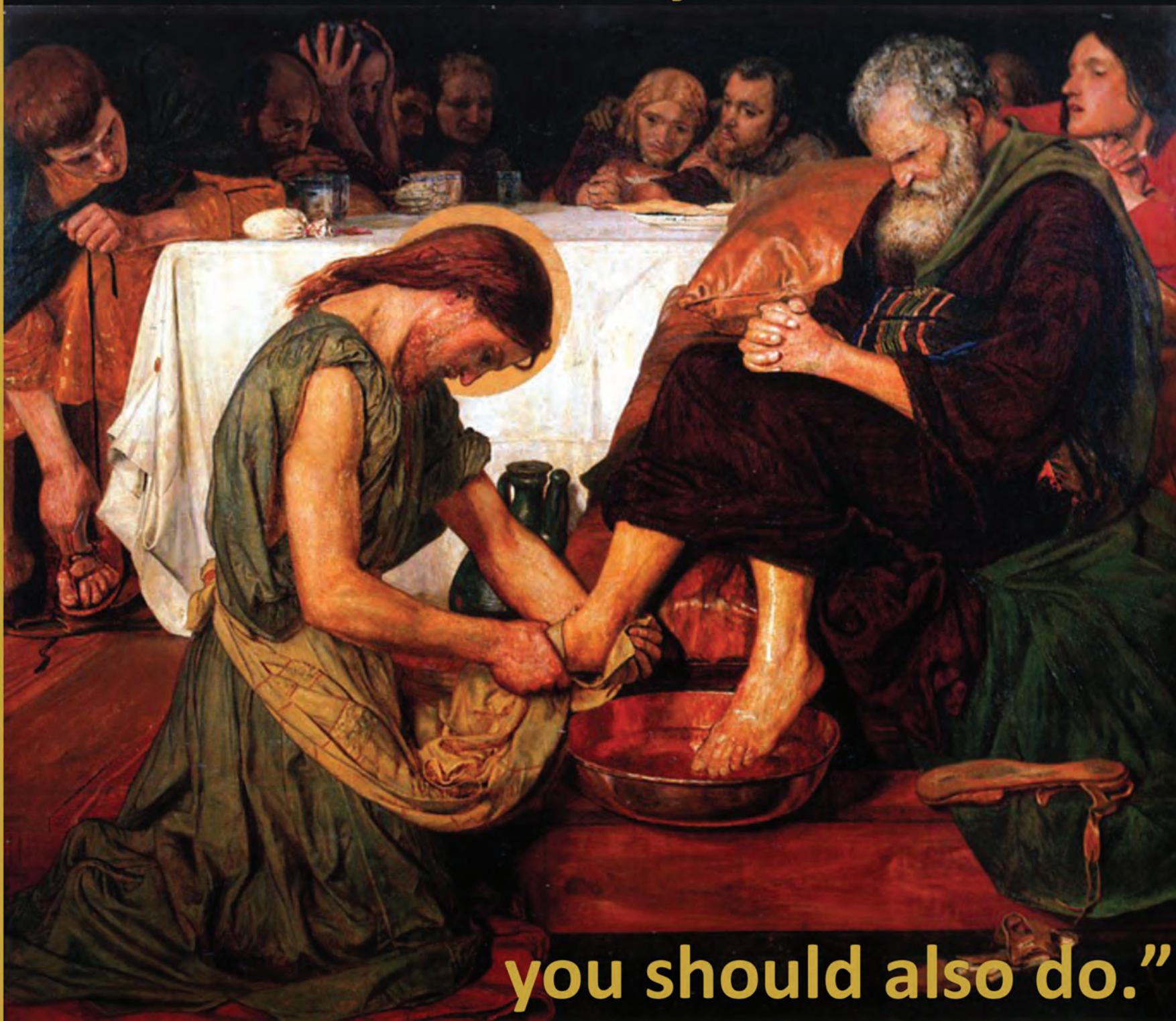
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Faith: source of strength for slain journalist

ROCHESTER, N.H. (CNS) -- In April 2013, the parents of slain U.S. journalist James Foley attended a prayer vigil at Marquette University in Milwaukee to pray for their son, who at that time had disappeared in Syria.

Before Diane and John Foley had confirmation that spring that their son was missing, Diane said she just felt it - he had missed one of his usual phone calls home -

- and once they knew for sure, the couple said they were relying on their Catholic faith to cope and leaning on prayer to bring him home.

"Faith has been part of family life, but this has deepened my faith because there is our hope. Our hope is that God will take care of Jim," she told the Catholic Herald in Milwaukee at the time.

That strong faith will likely

help the couple, who are members of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in Rochester, get through the fact that their 40-year-old son was beheaded by militants with the Islamic State extremist group, known as ISIS.

According to an AP story, U.S. officials confirmed a graphic video released Aug. 19 that showed ISIS fighters beheading Foley, a 1996 graduate of Marquette who

had been a freelance journalist for the past several years, mostly in the world's trouble spots. In 2011, he was kidnapped on a Libyan battlefield and held captive in Tripoli for 45 days.

Sometime in late 2012, he went missing in Syria. The last time the Foley family heard from him was before Thanksgiving that year.

A statement about his death attributed to Diane Foley was posted on a Facebook page originally set up to urge James' release. Family members "have never been prouder of him," it said.

"He gave his life trying to expose the suffering of the Syrian people," the statement said, which also urged the militants to release others they are holding hostage. "Like Jim, they are innocents. They have no control over American policy in Iraq, Syria or anywhere in the world."

ISIS said they killed James Foley in retaliation for U.S. airstrikes on the militants' strongholds and the group said it would kill another U.S. hostage.

News of his grisly death has sent shock waves around the world, eliciting prayers and statements of support for the family from Catholic leaders, the Marquette community, reporters' organizations, fellow journalists and many others.

"The brutality of this act is itself evidence of an unspeakable evil that is rampant and inhuman," Bishop Peter A. Libasci of Manchester. "To the prayers that have been offered since his captivity almost two years ago, we now add our prayers for James' eternal rest and, in Christ Jesus Our Lord, James's future resurrection to eternal life."

"Our prayers also must accompany a sorrowful mother, a grieving father, a deeply pained family and countless friends who have kept vigil all this time," he said. "May we also pray for those who have embraced the way of darkness and death, that they may turn away from this terrible evil now and forever."

Besides Facebook, his family has been using Twitter and other social media to express their sorrow and ask for privacy.

In her statement on Facebook, Diane Foley said: "We thank Jim for all the joy he gave us. He was an extraordinary son, brother, journalist and person. Please respect our privacy in the days ahead as we mourn and cherish Jim."

In 2011, after he was let go by his kidnappers in Libya, James Foley wrote an article for Marquette magazine on how prayer, specifically the rosary, got him through captivity in a military detention center in Tripoli.

He had been captured with two colleagues, he said. "Each day brought increasing worry that our moms would begin to panic. My colleague, Clare, was supposed to call her mom on her birthday, which was the day after we were captured. I had still not fully admitted to myself that my mom knew what had happened. But I kept telling Clare my mom had a strong faith."

"I prayed she'd know I was OK. I prayed I could communicate through some cosmic reach of the universe to her."

Foley began to pray the rosary.

"It was what my mother and grandmother would have prayed. I said 10 Hail Marys between each Our Father. It took a long time, almost an hour to count 100 Hail Marys off on my knuckles. And it helped to keep my mind focused," he wrote. "Clare and I prayed together out loud. It felt energizing to speak our weaknesses and hopes together, as if in a conversation with God, rather than silently and alone."

Foley also describe his experience at Marquette University, which he said "has always been a friend to me. The kind who challenges you to do more and be better and ultimately shapes who you become." He added that Marquette had never been "a bigger friend to me than when I was imprisoned as a journalist."

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Pope thanks people for prayers for his family after deadly crash

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis, in mourning for the deaths of his nephew's wife and two small children, thanked people at his weekly general audience Aug. 20 for their prayers. After each of the priests who translate the pope's words offered him condolences for the tragedy that struck his family, Pope Francis explained to the people: "The pope has a family, too. We were five siblings, and I have 16 nieces and nephews. One of these nephews was in an accident. His wife died along with his two small children -- one who was 2 years old and the other several months." The pope said that after the crash in the early morning hours Aug. 19, his 35-year-old nephew, Emanuel Horacio Bergoglio, "is in critical condition right now. I thank you, I thank you very much, for your condolences and prayers."

Pope phones family of slain U.S. journalist

NEW YORK (CNS) -- Pope Francis phoned the bereaved family of James Foley, a U.S. journalist killed by Islamic State militants in Syria. In an Aug. 22 interview on NBC's "Today" show, John and Diane Foley briefly described the previous day's discussion with the pope, in which they spoke of shared grief at the death of loved ones. "Pope Francis was so dear because he is grieving himself, having just lost three members of his family and (with) his nephew critically ill," Diane Foley said on the program. "Here in the midst of his tremendous grief, he took the time to call. Our whole family was there, one of our beloved priest friends ... was there, my brother-in-law spoke in Spanish to him. He was just so kind." The wife and two young children of the pope's nephew, 35-year-old Emanuel Horacio Bergoglio, were killed in a car crash Aug. 19 in Argentina. Bergoglio was critically injured. John Foley said on the "Today" show that "we felt very comforted and supported" that the pope offered his personal prayer.

800,000 watch as 124 Korean martyrs moved closer to sainthood

SEOUL, South Korea (CNS) -- Pope Francis placed 124 Korean martyrs on the last step toward sainthood in a beatification Mass Aug. 16 that brought elation to the 800,000 people in attendance. The sun was searing as Bishop Francis Ahn Myong-ok of Masan, president of the commission for the beatification, asked the pope to pronounce the martyrs blessed. After hearing a brief collective biography of 124 of the original founders of the Korean Catholic Church, Pope Francis pronounced the formula of beatification. With his words, trumpets blared and a huge swath depicting a watercolor of the newly blessed martyrs in heaven was unfurled on the side of a large building facing the square where the faithful gathered. People laughed and cheered as the image also popped up on the giant video monitors along the more than one-mile stretch. "It was very great to see Papa Francis," Sophia Moon, 26, told Catholic News Service. "He was very touching to us because in Korea there have been very hard times and there were (people who became martyrs)." The 124 were killed for their beliefs, setting off a 100-year period in the 18th and 19th centuries when the Korean government went after about 10,000 faithful who pledged filial piety to God, not the king of Joseon. Among this group was Paul Yun Ji-Chung, the very first Korean to be executed for his faith after he buried his mother using Catholic rites that completely went against the norms of the heavily Confucian society.

Priest says that he was shocked at condition for Iraqis displaced in Irbil

By Doreen Abi Raad
Catholic News Service

BEIRUT (CNS) -- As secretary to Melkite Catholic Patriarch Gregoire III Laham, Father Rami Wakim has met scores of Syrian refugees, but said he was shocked at the flood of displaced Iraqis he encountered in Irbil, Iraq.

The Melkite priest accompanied the Aug. 20 delegation of Catholic and Orthodox patriarchs to Irbil, the capital of the Kurdish region of Iraq, on a mission to show their support for the persecuted Christians and other minorities who sought refuge there after being expelled from their homes by the Islamic State fighters.

The delegation visited the displaced at three different churches, and Father Wakim described mattresses scattered around church altars. Various rooms in the churches were filled to capacity -- up to 50 people sleeping in areas the size of a single bedroom -- with the overflow spreading onto church grounds, parking lots and streets, now dotted with makeshift tents in the 105-degree heat.

"The people are angry because the government just gave up on them. They told us that, in Mosul, where there had normally been a presence of 60,000 soldiers, after the onslaught of ISIS, in only a matter of hours, these soldiers abandoned them, laying down their weapons," Father Wakim said.

Mosul is now completely empty of Christians as is Qaraqosh, a town dating back to 1,000 years before Christ and inhabited by mostly Christians for 2,000 years. More than 100,000 people are displaced from Mosul alone.

"They all fled at the same



CNS PHOTO/COURTESY OF MELKITE CATHOLIC PATRIARCHATE

Melkite Patriarch Gregoire III Laham of Damascus, Syria, embraces Father Rami Wakim during his Aug. 16 ordination in Damascus. Father Wakim accompanied Patriarch Laham and other Catholic and Orthodox patriarchs to visit displaced Iraqi Christians and other minorities in Irbil, Iraq, Aug. 20.

time without taking anything" with them, Father Wakim told Catholic News Service.

Expelled from their ancestral lands by the militants of the Islamic State, the displaced Iraqis have put their trust in church leaders and are leaning heavily on their own faith.

This was evident, Father Wakim said, in the way swarms of people crowded around the patriarchs, kissing the crosses and medals adorning their vestments, asking the prelates for blessings and to pray over the sick.

"It was very touching. The (Melkite) patriarch cried many times when he saw these people. He was hug-

ging and kissing them as he cried. Of course, I cried, too. I think all the patriarchs cried because they felt helpless, there was nothing they could do at that very moment," even though they came laden with funds from church collections and donors, Father Wakim said.

One of the major objectives of the visit was for the patriarchs, as a unified voice, to plead together for help, not just because most of those affected are Christians but because they are human beings and they are being eradicated.

Patriarch Laham had just ordained Father Wakim a few days earlier, Aug. 16, in Damascus, Syria.

Seeing the situation in Irbil "made me realize that the mission of a priest is very difficult, and very heavy at this time," particularly in the Middle East, Father Wakim said.

"People look up to priests and bishops as the only solution, the only help they can get at a time where -- of course we need to pray with them -- but at this time prayer alone doesn't seem enough and actions are required."

The displaced Iraqis pleaded with the patriarchs to find a solution for them; many asked to either help them leave the country for the West, or to arrange for a safe return to their homes.

The patriarchs tried to encourage them to not be afraid, Father Wakim said. The prelates encouraged the displaced to be patient and to try to stay in Iraq, where Christianity dates back 2,000 years.

Father Wakim said the prelates promised to do everything possible for the displaced Iraqis and to speak for them internationally, wherever they visit, in their name and for their cause.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Our faith demands great courage from us

As we approach the end of summer and a new season, we hear the words of St. Paul in this Sunday's readings, "Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect."



Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore

For one thing, we all need a shift in our thinking as to what that will of God is for us Christians.

In today's Gospel, Jesus very clearly spells it out for Peter, and for all of us. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me" We don't need to go looking for crosses, for our lives are chock full of them

- being patient with all the challenges of "back to school," sports demands from our children and grandchildren, illness and accidents sprinkled in, and generously helping to relieve the cries of refugees, war victims, and children pouring in at our borders.

Listen to Christ, speaking through the Pope and the Bishops, to know how to respond. Our Bishop is calling for active help for all parishioners in creating a new level of apostolic life in our

diocese. It is all found in Jesus in the Gospel correcting Peter as to what kind of Messiah He really is, and what he demands of his followers.

AUG. 31

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS

Jeremiah 20:7-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

He is a Messiah who suffers. Like Himself, we must expect to suffer for witnessing to God's truth and justice.

God demands courage from us in witnessing to His commandments, reaching out to a world seeking happiness in the wrong places. We know that lasting joy comes from surrendering ourselves to God and His Way, and urging others to do the same.

We have to broadcast our faith loud and clear.

OUR READERS WRITE

Enjoys Msgr. Whitmore

I just wanted to let you know that I enjoy reading your paper. I live in Westchester county and Msgr. Whitmore is a friend of mine and I guess he is the reason that I subscribe.

I so enjoy reading his meditations weekly. They are inspiring and very well written. I guess I am a little prejudice because of our friendship. Just to let you know what a difference his meditations make and what an asset he is to your paper.

May God give him the strength and health to continue his ministry and writings.

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RESPECT LIFE

On the death of Robin Williams

By Kathleen M. Gallagher
Director of Pro-Life Activities
New York State Catholic Conference

The recent suicide death of actor Robin Williams has prompted a renewed national conversation about depression, mental illness and the care and treatment of persons who suffer from these diseases.

I know something about this. My father struggled with severe depression and other anxiety disorders for much of his adult life. At times they were absolutely paralyzing for him, render-

ing him incapable of performing the simplest of tasks. As a child I did not understand the depth of his suffering; I selfishly focused more on the inconveniences I had to endure rather than the anguish of my father.

My memories are not pleasant: I recall rows and rows of pill bottles up on my father's dresser and multiple hospitalizations. Following one round of electroshock therapy, the doctors told us that Dad might have some short-term memory loss; the next day, Dad forgot my name.

As a college student, I studied the behavioral sciences, perhaps in attempt to better understand my father and to atone for the way I had treated him. The knowledge I gained, together with maturity, certainly helped.

We could all use a greater

awareness and a better understanding of mental illness. Because, while treatment modalities have dramatically changed over the past forty years (thank God), some of the stigma surrounding mental illness persists. Persons living with the disease continue to be labeled, feared, and isolated. They are ridiculed, laughed at, discriminated against.

The stigma will only be erased with understanding, patience, and love.

Earlier this year the New York State Bishops issued a pastoral statement entitled "For I Am Lonely and Afflicted," a statement urging compassion for those living with mental illness.

In it they ask a series of questions prompting us to examine our attitudes and our response to those who are suffering. They ask us to look to the example of Jesus in the Gospels and to mirror His love and mercy for all.

Persons who suffer from mental illness are – first and foremost – persons. Each one is made in the image and likeness of God and deserves our care, attention

and respect. Each person has inherent dignity and value.

As people of faith, we are called to welcome them, embrace them, and include them in our parish, school and community activities. More than anything else, they need our acceptance, love and prayers.

When he was alive, my father always carried a crumpled prayer card in his front pants pocket. It was the prayer to Saint Dymphna, patron saint of those who suffer from mental illness.

As we collectively grieve the tragic loss of a multi-talented entertainer, let us offer this prayer for those we may know who seek peace and liberation from their inner demons.

"Lord God, who has graciously chosen Saint Dymphna to be the patroness of those afflicted with mental and nervous disorders, and has caused her to be an inspiration and a symbol of charity to the thousands who invoke her intercession, grant through the prayers of this pure, youthful martyr, relief and consolation to all who suffer from these disturbances, and especially to those for whom we now pray."



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AT THE MOVIES

THE GIVER

By Joseph McAleer
Catholic News Service

Hollywood continues to make the future a dangerous and challenging place to be a teenager.

Arriving on the heels of "The Hunger Games" and "Divergent" is "The Giver" (Weinstein), another futuristic thriller where young people find themselves running for their lives.

This time, however, the tone is softer, and the overall meaning more profound, with a welcome pro-life message that will resound with viewers of faith.

Directed by Philip Noyce ("Salt"), "The Giver" is based on the best-selling 1993 novel by Lois Lowry about a utopian world that, on the surface at least, is free from suffering, hunger, and violence. A daily injection of every member of "the Community" ensures that memories and emotions are suppressed, along with freedom, choice, individuality, religion -- and temptation.

"When people have the freedom to choose, they choose wrong, every single time," intones the Chief Elder (Meryl Streep).

Everything in this Orwellian world is identical and monochromatic: homes, clothes, even the family unit. Just two children per household, one boy and one girl, each genetically engineered and born to designated birth mothers.

When the children come of age, they receive their vocation, the role they are to play in the Community. The

time has come for Mother (Katie Holmes) and Father (Alexander Skarsgard) to present their son, Jonas (Brenton Thwaites).

Sensing something unusual about the teen, the Chief Elder selects Jonas to inherit the esteemed position of Receiver of Memories, a kind of repository of the past, warts and all.

The current Receiver, known as the Giver (Jeff Bridges), is weary, shopworn, and ready to pass the baton. He's haunted by the failure of a recent designee, Rosemary (Taylor Swift), and is determined to succeed with Jonas.

Like Yoda taking on Luke Skywalker, the Giver begins Jonas' training, passing on memories of the "real" world.

Jonas is overwhelmed by newfound emotions and memories. He experiences love and happiness for the first time, but also cruelty, war and death -- and all in glorious Technicolor. When the fog clears, he reaches an epiphany: without the knowledge of suffering, one cannot appreciate true joy.

"If you can't feel, what is the point?" he asks. That belief is reinforced by his growing love for a fellow teen, Fiona (Odeya Rush), along with the Giver's wisdom that "with faith comes love and hope."

Jonas' determination that everyone in the Community should share in his knowledge is accelerated when he uncovers a dark secret: the Elders sanction euthanasia to eliminate imperfect babies and the frail elderly.

Filled with outrage, he joins forces with the Giver to restore the proper balance to society.

There is a disturbing scene in "The Giver" involving euthanasia that may upset younger viewers. For mature teens and their parents, however, it can spark a necessary conversation about the sanctity of life at all ages, winningly endorsed by this worthy film.

The film contains mild action violence and a disturbing scene of euthanasia. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II -- adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America



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Brenton Thwaites and Odeya Rush star in a scene from the movie "The Giver."

rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some

material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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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.

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ADIRONDACK

ANNUAL CHARISMATIC RETREAT

Saranac Lake – The Annual Charismatic Retreat to be held.

Date: Aug. 30 – Sept. 1

Place: Guggenheim

Features: Fr. Bryan Stitt will be presiding. There will be a healing Mass Aug. 31. Everyone welcome

Contact: For more information call the Resurrection House at 518-891-1182

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)

Theme: Discovering the Wisdom of the Lord tucked in the season of autumn
Presenters: Paul Gibaldi, wilderness guide & nature photographer, and Sister Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ, retreat director and adult faith educator.

Features: Retreat will include presentations, 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

LOST SHEEP QUILT SHOP

Ellenburg Center – The Lost Sheep Quilt Shop at Our Lady of Adirondacks House of Prayer is open

Sew Together: any Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 3. This is a quilting group designed to share ideas, teach beginners. Bring projects to sew.

Place: Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer (The shop is open Tues. – Sat, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Evenings and other times by appointment.)

Contact: 518-594-3253 Website: thelostsheepquiltshop.weebly.com;

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.

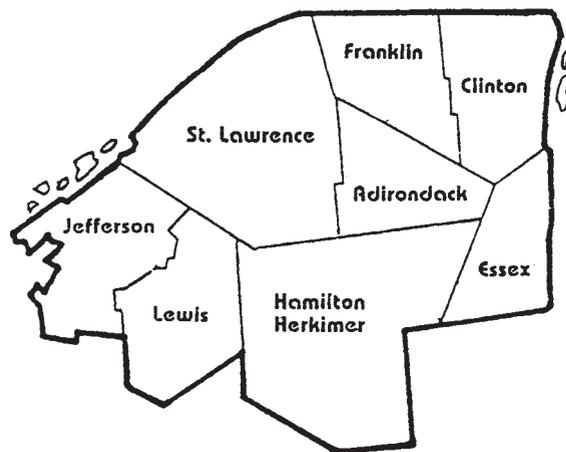
Contact: call 518-561-5083 or email Sjohnsadoration@aol.com

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

Keeseville – There is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday.

Time: 1 p.m. to 4

Place: Immaculate Conception Church



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, 1-866-314-7296; e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

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

HEALING MINISTRY

Morrisonville – The Catholic Community of St. Alexander's and St. Joseph's holds Living Waters Healing Ministry

Date: First Thursday each month

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: St. Alexander's Church

Features: Mass, Anointing of the Sick, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, individual prayer.

FRANKLIN

LATIN MASS

Constable – A Tridentine (Latin) Mass is celebrated each Friday at 5:30 p.m. with Fr. Howard Venette as the celebrant. Mass will also be celebrated every first Saturday at 9 a.m.

Place: St. Francis of Assisi Church

JEFFERSON

END OF LIFE DECISIONS

Watertown – The Faith Community Nurses of Holy Family Parish are presenting "Are You Ready?"; a program on end of life decisions.

Date: Sept. 7

Time: 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Place: Holy Family Church

Presenter: Rev. Leon (Toby) Schilling, Director of Pastoral Care at Samaritan Medical Center. Ryan Tyler, M.D. and Rev. Leo Wiley will be present for questions.

Features: Information on Advance Directives and Health Care Proxy will be discussed.

HOLY HOUR

Adams/Henderson – Parish holy hour s

to be held.

Schedule: Aug 28, 5:30pm – Queen of Heaven; Sept 3, 6:30pm – St. Cecilia; Sept 25, 5:30pm – Queen of Heaven

Features: Praying for vocations and the needs of our Church.

LIFERIGHT MEETING

Watertown – Liferight of Watertown, a pro-life educational organization, meets the first Wednesday of the Month.

Time: 1 p.m.

Place: 312 Sherman St.

Features: The office has a wide variety of videos, books and educational materials which may be borrowed. Topics include infanticide, assisted suicide, euthanasia and chastity.

Contact: Phone 315-788-8480

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Watertown – Holy Hour for vocations to be held.

Date: Mon. – Fri.

Time: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Place: Holy Family Church

Features: Eucharistic Adoration & personal prayer

Contact: 315-782-2468

LEWIS

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Houseville – Divine Mercy Devotions for the month of September to be held.

Date: Sept. 7

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Features: Vespers (Evening Prayer), Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, The Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benedic-

tion. All are welcome. Refreshments will follow in the church hall.

Contact: 315-348-6260.

RUMMAGE SALE

Lowville – St. Peter's Rosary-Altar Society will be having a rummage sale.

Date: Sept 4, 3 p.m. to 6:30 pm. And Sept. 5, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with bag sale starting at noon and a buffet lunch starting at 11:30 a.m., \$5

Place: St. Peter's Church

ST. HEDWIG'S POLISH FEST

Houseville – Save the date for St. Hedwig's Annual Polish Fest.

Date: Oct. 19

Time: Noon after the celebration of the 11a.m. Mass.

Features: Events include: the Serving of a tasty Polish Platter, Theme Basket Raffles, Bake Sale, Ice Cream Sundaes and a 50/50 Raffle. Donations of Theme Baskets, Pies and Monetary Donations to defray the cost of the food appreciated. The event is a fundraiser for church repairs and restoration.

Contact: Joann 348-8735, Mary 348-8836 or Mary Ann 348-6260.

ST. LAWRENCE

GRIEF WORK MINISTRY

Massena – Maria Farrell of Omaha, Neb., director of the Servants of Mary Grief-Work ministry, will present a day of training on issues dealing with grief and loss.

Date: Sept. 10

Time: 9 a.m. to 2:30

Place: Sacred Heart Convent

Program: Sponsored by Sacred Heart/St. Lawrence Parishes Grief Support Group, topics will include grief in the workplace, grief and the holidays and special anniversaries, the effects of grief, different types of grief, rituals to remember the deceased, loss through divorce, etc. The second half of the day will consist of a strategy session to help faith communities and other organizations develop a new program, or expand an existing consolation ministry.

Contact: To Register, contact: Gloria Horan at 764-1161 or e-mail at jhoran2@twcny.rr.com or Elsie Scruggs at 769-3137 or e-mail at cscrugg613@gmail.com. Registration deadline is Sept. 1. Lunch provided.

CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE

Gouverneur – St. James School will hold their annual chicken bar-b-que.

Date: Sept. 7

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

Cost: Adults, \$9; children under 12, \$5; under 5, free

TRAIN EXHIBIT

Gouverneur – All Aboard! One of a kind train with exhibit sponsored by the Gouverneur Museum.

Date: Aug. 30

Time: 1 p.m. to 3

HARVEST WALK/RUN

Ogdensburg – Annual Harvest Walk/Run to be held.

Date: Oct. 5

Time: Registration 12 p.m.; Walk begins 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

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

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

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: Sacred Heart Convent

Contact: 315-769-3137

JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ogdensburg – St. Mary's Cathedral is beginning the RCIA process for 2014-2015. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the Church's process to prepare adults for admission into full communion in the Roman Catholic Church. It is designed for non-baptized persons and those who were baptized into another faith tradition and would like to seek full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. The program is also appropriate for those Who were baptized as a Catholic, but have not received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation.

Contact: St. Mary's Cathedral at 393-3930 to give name, address, and phone number.

LATIN MASS

Potsdam – A Tridentine (Latin) Mass is celebrated each Sunday

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

Celebrant: Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Time: 9 a.m. to 10

Place: St. Mary's Family Room



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Time to get back to school (again)

By Molly M. Ryan
Diocesan Mission Office

As the school year gears up for another go, the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) too is gearing up for another year of raising much needed funds and mission awareness with the children in our Diocese. Summer's fleeting days remind us that all too soon the children will be heading off into another year of sharing and learning. Each year, the MCA program promotes a different theme in their campaign. The theme for the upcoming 2014-2015 school year is "God's Gift of Forgiveness".

As baptized Catholics, we all know that God's Gift of forgiveness is the ultimate gift. This gift of sacrifice is what the MCA program aims to achieve each year by showing children both young and old that prayer and sacrifice here in the present, can only help those far away in the future. Prayer and sacrifice are a part of what it means to be a Catholic. Through our baptism, we are called upon to all be missionaries each day. That can be a difficult life lesson to teach on a day to day basis in a part of the world where we can take so much for granted. The MCA program teaches us to not take anything for granted and to be aware of the struggles children around the world face each moment.

As we pack our kids backpacks full of supplies and snacks this September, remember that those living in war torn, drought riddled, famine starved places do not have these luxuries that our children can gain access to affordably and safely. One may ask the question, who would call a back pack and some new pens or paper a luxury? A child living in the developing lands would indeed, or a child that may not even have a school to attend, a church to worship in or worse, or one that has no parents to love and encourage them.

Each year the much needed funds that children in our Diocese and others as well provide things like school supplies, healthcare, shelter and education to children in the developing lands. The children are actually quite eager to learn and hear about the plight of the developing lands and how they can help. The Missionary spirit must start young. It is a gift. Much like the Gift of Forgiveness that God gives us all we must remember that each day. Current events on the television tell the tale of how bleak things are in places ravaged by disease, war and natural disasters. It is up to us here and now to help make the difference through prayer, sacrifice, forgiveness and awareness.

Good luck to all the students, educators and parents as we embark on another school year together.

God Bless.

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will.

OBITUARIES

Adams - Madden James Patrick Mooney, 8 months; Funeral Services Aug. 13, 2014 at St. Cecilia's Church; burial in St. Cecilia's Cemetery.

Adams - Frank J. Rubik, 87; Funeral Services Aug. 16, 2014 at St. Cecilia's Church.

Alexandria Bay - Heather L. Brayen, 30; Funeral Services Aug. 16, 2014 at the Costello Funeral Home.

Carthage - Christopher Scott Getman, 28; Funeral Services Aug. 22, 2014 at St. James Church; burial in Fical Cemetery, St. Johnsville.

Carthage - Evelyn M. (Knapp) Intorcchia, 74; Funeral Services Aug. 11, 2014 at St. James Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Chateaugay - Lucille (Peacock) Demarse, 87; Funeral Services Aug. 14, 2014 at St. Patrick's Church.

Chazy - Charles M. Brunelle, 60; Funeral Services Aug. 20, 2014 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Dannemora - M. Eleanor (Easton) Gilroy, 93; Funeral Aug. 12, 2014 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Edwards - Kathleen A. (McFerran) Cassidy, 54; Funeral Services Aug. 16, 2014 at the Sacred Heart Church.

Ellenburg - Yvonne (Malark) LaBarge, 75; Funeral Aug. 18, 2014 at St. Edmund's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Gouverneur - Ray J. Zira, 81; Funeral Services Aug. 23, 2014 at St. James Church.

Louisville - Robert D. "Bob" Girard, 78; Funeral Services Aug. 15, 2014 at St. Lawrence Church; burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Lyon Mountain - Jeannette (Cayea) Miller, 88; Funeral Services Aug. 16, 2014 at St. Bernard's Church.

Massena - Bertha Armstrong Horne, 89; Funeral Services Aug. 11, 2014 at the Donaldson Funeral Home; burial in Kateri Cemetery.

Massena - James J. McDermott, 90; Funeral Services Aug. 20, 2014 at the Donaldson Funeral Home; burial in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Cheektowaga.

Massena - Eunice V. (Lamica) Villnave, 89; Funeral Services Aug 11, 2014 at Sacred

Heart Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Norfolk - Frances M. Neer, 27; Funeral Services Aug. 21, 2014 at the Church of the Visitation; burial in Visitation Cemetery.

North Bangor - Lealton "Lee" Joseph Trombley, 83; Funeral Services Aug. 22, 2014 at St. Augustine's Church.

Norwood - Donald F. "Pete" LePage, 79; Funeral Services Aug. 18, 2014 at St. Andrew's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Ogdensburg - John E. McCabe, 82; Funeral Services Aug. 19, 2014 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Ogdensburg - Kathryn A. (Barr) Polniak, 84; Funeral Services Aug. 21, 2014 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh - Anne M. Begor, 46; Funeral Services Aug. 18, 2014 at St. John's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh - Richard C. Gilman, 94; Funeral Services Aug. 21, 2014 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Alexander's Cemetery, Morrisonville.

Plattsburgh - Gloria M. (Trombley) Morrow, 82; Funeral Services Aug. 18, 2014 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh - Carmelea E. (Burdo) Pantton, 89; Funeral Services Aug. 19, 2014 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Port Henry - Anna Marie (Daniels) Mandy, 87; Funeral Services Aug 21, 2014 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in South Moriah Cemetery.

Potsdam - Margaret Rose (Cameron) Bourcier, 88; Funeral Services Aug. 18, 2014 at the Seymour Funeral Home; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Potsdam - Olga (Kropelnicki) Hassler, 89; Funeral Services Aug. 13, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.



Redford - Isabelle (Collins) Lamkins, 83; Funeral Services Aug. 11, 2014 at Church of the Assumption; burial in Whispering Maples Memorial Gardens Mausoleum.

Sackets Harbor - Eleanor (Fields) Gilday, 76; Funeral Services Aug. 18, 2014 at St. Andrew's Church; burial in Union Cemetery.

Saranac Lake - Mary Catherine Fitzpatrick McCarthy, 68; Funeral Services Aug. 12, 2014 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Ticonderoga - Edward A. Kroner, Sr., 96; Funeral Services Aug. 22, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Watertown - Toney Catania, 93; Funeral Services Aug. 16, 2014 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown - Myrna A. (Soules) Denny, 74; Funeral Services Aug. 21, 2014 at Holy Family Church.

Watertown - Shirley A. (Shettleton) Kehoe, 73; Funeral Services Aug. 13, 2014 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown - Gordon D. Silverthorne, 67; Funeral Services Aug. 20, 2014 at St. Anthony's Church.

West Chazy - Beulah (Trombly) Lavarnway, 105; Funeral Services Aug. 12, 2014 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Willsboro - Cheryl Ann (Reiss) McGlinchy, 70; Funeral Services Aug. 20, 2014 at St. Philip of Jesus Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Willsboro - Grace Provost Mitchell, 88; Funeral Services Aug. 18, 2014 at St. Philip of Jesus Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.



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For Vocations

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ST. LAWRENCE

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

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

Date: Thursday before the First Friday
Time: 7 p.m. concluding with Benediction at 8 p.m.

Place: Deacon Winter Chapel

NOVENA FOR MILITARY

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

Date: Tuesday afternoons

Time: 1:30 p.m.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

END OF LIFE WORKSHOP

Ogdensburg - Father Tad Pacholczyk will present a workshop "Death, Dying and Decisions at the End of Life"

Date: Sept. 6

Time: from 9 a.m. to 5

Place: Wadhams Hall

Features: The event, sponsored by the diocesan Respect Life Office, will include a morning and afternoon presentation by Father Pacholczyk as well as a question and answer panel with Kathleen Gallagher, director of Pro-Life Activities for the New York State Catholic Conference; Bishop LaValley will celebrate the closing Mass. The \$20 registration fee in-

cludes lunch, workshop materials.

Contact: Registration forms are available from pastors, at the diocesan website's pastoral documentation or respect life pages: www.rcdony.org/pro-life.

CARITAS DINNER

Lake Placid - Save the date to honor Catholic Charities Caritas Award Honoree (Posthumously) Mrs. Penny Martin and President's Award Catholic Daughters of America, Ogdensburg Diocese.

Date: Oct. 26

Time: Cash Bar 3:30 p.m., Dinner 4 p.m.

Place: Crowne Plaza

Contact: 315-393-2255

JOURNEY TO EASTERN EUROPE

Father Amyot will be leading a pilgrimage visiting the land of St. John Paul II.

Date: November 3-14

Cost: Only \$3129 from Montreal (Air/land price is \$2449 plus \$680 government taxes/airline fuel surcharges)
Visiting: Warsaw, Krakow, Budapest, Vienna, Prague

Features: First Class/Select Hotels, most meals with comprehensive sightseeing

Contact: Fr. Andrew Amyot at (315) 384-2064 or mail: P.O. Box 637, Norfolk, NY 13667 e-mail: fraamyot2@twcny.rr.com.

10 DAY ADVENT PILGRIMAGE

Father Donald Robinson, will be hosting a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Date: Dec. 1-10, 2014

Cost: \$2997

Features: Haifa, Tiberias, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem.

Contact: 782-1190 for brochure

NEIGHBORING DIOCESES

IGNATIUS RETREAT

Paradox, NY - A directed retreat giving an introduction to Ignatian Spirituality has been planned

Date: Sept. 5 - 7

Place: Pyramid Life Center

Cost: \$130 per person

Director: Brian Evers

Contact: www.pyramidlife.org or call 518-585-7545

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MEN OF FAITH IN THE NORTH COUNTRY



Fathers Justin Thomas and Tojo Chacko, two priests of the Heralds of Good News Mother Theresa Province in India who are now serving in the diocese, were surprised by a visit from their vice-provincial July 15. From left are Father Roy, the vice provincial; Father Tom Higman, parochial vicar in Saranac Lake, Father Howard Venette, pastor in Constable, Father Chacko, parochial vicar at Sacred Heart in Massena and St. Lawrence in Louisville, Father Thomas, parochial vicar of St. Andre Bessette in Malone; and Father Baiju, another visiting priest.



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

Father Bryan Stitt, diocesan vocation director, led a summer retreat at the Guggenheim Lodge for the diocesan seminarians. From left are Michael Jablonski who is entering his second year of theology at Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio; Todd Thibault, third theology at the Josephinum; Father Stitt and Matthew Conger, fourth year college, at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania. Missing from the photo is Leagon Carlin, a parishioner of St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh, who is beginning his first year of seminary studies at the Josephinum.



Participants of the Diocese of Ogdensburg Men's Cursillo are shown during their gathering which took place Aug. 16-17 at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle LaMotte, Vt.

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