HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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Religious jubilarians to be honored

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This week’s NCC features autobiographical sketches of the jubilarians including Missionary of the Sacred Heart Brother Pierre Marceau who is observing 70 years of religious life and St. Joseph Sister Jane Frances Cutting who is celebrating 65 years.

One other brother, two priests and 12isters are also profiled.

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Meeting Sept. 25 with about 1,500 Catholics involved in church ministries, lay movements and civic, political or social activities, the pope said he knows Germany is experiencing a decline in religious practice and is seeing many of its members drift away from church life. According to the bishop's conference, the number of Catholics in Germany was 28.2 million in 1990, and has dropped to about 24.6 million today.

Pope Benedict said he knows the numbers of Catholics leaving “prompts the question: Should the church not change? Must she not adapt her offices and structure to the present day in order to reach the searching and doubting people of today?”

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A month of milestones!

The mark of this week’s paper is faithfulness. Milestones such as the birth of a child, the marriage of couples for their wit- ness to God’s love, and the passing of a loved one. We honor reli- gious jubilarians who are celebrating forty, fifty, sixty, 60, 60 and 70 years of service. Sixteen Sisters, brethren and fathers have given a lifetime to the Church to bring the rest of us closer to God.

It’s always a pleasure to honor the men and women in our midst who have such witnesses to God’s love. From Frank and Kathleen Wagner of Sacred Heart Parish in Edwards who have been married 70 (!) years to Sister Diane Ollier who is honoring her 40th year as a Sister of St. Joseph. We say congratula- tions and thank you.

And, we say “thank you, God” for another magnificent milestone this week—the marriage of daughter Molly and her beloved TJ. Last Friday night, sur- rounded by the most important people in their lives, they prom- ised to love and honor each other forever.

While her mother warns it might not last yet- estard by 2011, 2019

mum to Molly’s First Christ- mas” in the pages of the NCC, our little girl girl is really all grown up and ready to take this brave and wonderful step. Molly and TJ know they can count on all of us – parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters-in-law, aunts, cousins and friends to sup- port them all along the way, as they head towards their own 20th, 50th and even 70th an- niversaries.

God bless our new parishioners and God bless our jubilarians. What a joy it is to have you all in our lives!

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A salutation to Sr. Mary Ellen Brett!

For over two years, I have had the honor of working for Sister Mary Ellen Brett, Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. She is a Sister who has been with us for fifty years as a Sister of St. Joseph. She does so much for many in our diocese. She is the person who knows about this amazing person, so full of grace and devotion to the missionary’s spirit.

Sister was born in Watertown and is the oldest of four children. She attended St. Joseph’s Academy and then Immaculate Heart Academy. She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph for a six month trial. In her 50th year as an SSJ, she says she is “forever grateful that the Lord captured my heart.”

Sister Mary Ellen Brett received her Bachelor’s and Master’s in Education from Plymouth State Uni- versity. Her path as an educator brought years of teaching in Catholic Schools and religious educa- tion programs in Guernsey, Lake Placid, Peru, Dan- namore, and St. John’s Seminary in Boston. She also attended the Institute for Pastoral Life in Kansas City, MO. and the Paulist Na- tional Catholic Evangelization Association (PNECA), Washington, DC. She ministered through the Offices of Pastoral Life in New York and Detroit.

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Caritas dinner set for Oct. 16

ODGENSBURG - Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg will hold its Annual Caritas Dinner Oct. 16 at the Gran-View Restaurant.

A highlight of the dinner will be the presentation of the 2011 Caritas Award to Deacon Ronald and Beth Marie, St Anthony of Padua Parish, Inlet.

This award has been presented each year since 1978 for 'devoted and unselfish service to the people of the North Country, exemplifying the spirit and ideals that Catholic Charities embodies in its mission, ideals of service and social action, justice and charity.'

Catholic Charities will also present its second Legacy Award to a young person exhibiting these ideals.

The 2011 recipient will be Joy Leider, daughter of Henry and Dayna Leader of St. James Parish, Gouverneur.

The first recipient of the Legacy Award was Rachel Daly, a 2011 graduate of Seton Catholic Central in Plattsburgh, now a freshman at the University of Dallas.

Catholic Charities will also honor the deacon community of the Diocese of Ogdensburg at the dinner.

Reservations are required and must be made by Oct. 10 by sending $40 per person to Caritas Dinner, Catholic Charities, 6866 State Highway 37, Ogdensburg, NY, 13669.

Checks should be made payable to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

The event starts with a cash bar at 4:30 followed by dinner at 5.

All proceeds from the Caritas Dinner will be used to provide aid to flood victims, financial assistance and counseling to individuals and families in need.

Further information is available from Catholic Charities at 315-393-2255.

THE BISHOP’S HERITAGE CIRCLE

The annual gathering of the Bishop’s Heritage Circle took place recently in Plattsburgh with a Mass at St. John the Baptist followed by a luncheon at Anthony’s Restaurant. Pictured, from front left, are Marielle LeFever, Morrisonville; Joanne Dewyer, New Jersey; Janet and James Murnane, Plattsburgh; and Arthur LeFever, Morrisonville; back, Bishop Terry LaValley and Patrick Murnane, Plattsburgh. Absent from photo but attending were Honorable Kevin Ryan, Plattsburgh; Dr. Celine Paquette, Champlain and Mark Barie and Christine Racine, Rouses Point. The members of the Bishop’s Heritage Circle assist Bishop Terry LaValley with additional sources of funding to meet particular needs that are not supported by Diocesan finances. For more information on becoming a member of this elite group, contact Janice Shoen at 315.393.2920 Ext. 330 or Email jshoen@dioogdensburg.org. See article on page 6.

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COUPLES GATHER SEPT. 25 AT THE CATHEDRAL

LOVERS AND EDGAR HIGGINS OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH IN CLAYTON ARE SHOWN DURING THE RENEWAL OF VOWS AS THEY CELEBRATE 40 YEARS OF MARRIAGE.

Deacon Gary and Gayle Frank, diocesan family life directors of St. Mary's Parish in Clayton, introduce the married couples during the Marriage Jubilee held Sept. 25 at St. Mary's Cathedral. The annual event is sponsored by the family life department and deacons of the diocese.

Deacon Mark and Theresa Bennett of St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh read from the scriptures during the Mass.

Laura and Edgar Higgins of St. Mary's Church in Clayton are shown during the renewal of vows as they celebrate 40 years of marriage.

Ray and Betty McIntyre of St. Agnes Church in Lake Placid participated in the Marriage Jubilee to celebrate their 40th anniversary.

Deacon Tyrone and Madeleine Rabideau of St. Ann's Church in Moores Forks smile for the camera with Bishop LaValley. The Rabideaus are celebrating 50 years of marriage this year.

Bishop LaValley is pictured with Ralph and Diane Cudworth of St. Peter's Parish in Plattsburgh on their 40th anniversary year.

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By Luke McDermott

Catholic News Service

Though presumably intended as a date movie for the high school set, the humdrum romantic adventure "Abduction" (Lionsgate) features scenes of violence and an amount of vulgar language that will likely give the parents of many a freshmen and sophomore pause.

On the plus side, director John Singleton's fast-fetched expedition mostly eschews gore—though not some bone-crunching martial arts encounters—while the youthful couple at the heart of the story successfully resists the temptation to turn the unexpected journey they share as the movie unspools into a premature honeymoon.

Perhaps on that basis, some upperclassmen at least can hope for a parental green light.

Said central pairing consists of party-loving Pittsburgh teen Nathan (Taylor Lautner) and his fetching neighbor Karen (Lily Collins). Initially burdened with a boorish football player of a boyfriend, cheerleader Karen is nonetheless unmistakably drawn to shy, brooding Nathan—maybe she's seen "Twilight"?—while he, in turn, silently longs to make her his girlfriend.

Assigned to collaborate on a sociology project about abducted children, the two stumble across evidence that Nathan himself may have been a victim of the crime, and that the strict but loving couple (Jason Isaacs and Maria Bello) who have raised him may not, in fact, be his real parents.

These revelations lead the youngsters into a web of international intrigue and they're soon on the lam, fruitily dodging a team of CIA agents (led by Alfred Molina) and evading a Serbian assassin named Kozlow (Michael Nyqvist), in between the shootouts and the narrow escapes, though they do manage to find time to kiss, cuddle and coo.

Given that the gunplay is kept stylized, and that Nathan and Karen do not make the use they could of their distance from home and their proximity to each other, the film possibly be acceptable for mature adolescents, the potentially objectionable elements listed below notwithstanding.

The film contains considerable, but largely bloodless, violence; brief nongraphic sensuality; at least one use of profanity and about a dozen crude or crass terms. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III—adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13—parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.
Mission of Hope and The Jamaica Project’s Day of the Walk for The North Country is free. Walk Rain or Shine (bring an umbrella). The event features the Blessing of the Animals, Eucharistic Adoration, and a Watercolor Workshop set at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine (behind St. Augustine’s Church). Immediately following the walk, participants will gather in St. Augustine’s Church. Immediately following the walk, participants will gather in St. Augustine’s Church. Immediately following the walk, participants will gather in St. Augustine’s Church. Immediately following the walk, participants will gather in St. Augustine’s Church.

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- **Place:** Meals (20, 56, 30, Under 5, Free; Take-outs, $9
- **Features:** Take-outs available. There will be a craft table, St. Ann’s Church, 5:30 to 7 p.m. A watercolor workshop will be held.
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**WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP**
- **Date:** Oct. 9
- **Time:** Noon to 3 p.m.
- **Place:** St. Joseph’s Church
- **Cost:** $15 per person. Emphasis on Vitreous Color and learning to maneuver capricious materials.
- **Contact:** Watercolor workshop@gmail.com or 518-932-8425. Materials list will be sent.

**PRAY ALWAYS RETREAT**
- **Date:** Oct. 9
- **Time:** 10 a.m.
- **Features:** Father Doug Doerker will present an overview of the prayer and living the prayer and the path toward true prayer. All are invited to pray the rosary with the presenter at 11:35 each morning and again at 10:35 each evening. A rosary will be given away at the start of the retreat.
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**CRAGS AND BAKE SALE**
- **Date:** Oct. 9
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**AT THE ORIGIN of every human person there is one, something haphazard our a chance, an, loving plan of God.” – Pope Benedict XVI**
The People of God who call Ogdensburg and the surrounding area, "home" possess rich and treasured heritage passed generation to the next, the territory of the North Country. "Home", is a place where one possesses a strong sense of belonging and a deep love for the place where one was born, raised, and has lived for all their lives. This love for one’s home is a gift that is invaluable and should be cherished. Catholicism, on the other hand, is a way of life that is rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ and is passed down from generation to generation. It is a source of strength and guidance for all who believe in it. The Bishop’s Heritage Circle was formed in 1995 to assist in funding specific extraordinary needs of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. The Bishop’s Heritage Circle is a way for individuals to give back to the Church and to help it continue to operate and provide for the needs of the faithful. The Bishop’s Heritage Circle, through its generosity, has helped to fund various projects and initiatives throughout the diocese. Some of these projects include the renovation of the Bishop’s residence, the construction of a new chapel, and the funding of seminarian scholarships. The Bishop’s Heritage Circle has made a significant impact on the Diocese of Ogdensburg, and its members continue to support the Church in their own way. The Bishop’s Heritage Circle is open to all members of the Catholic faith who want to contribute to the mission of the Church. Whether it is through financial contributions or through volunteering time and resources, everyone can make a difference. By joining the Bishop’s Heritage Circle, you are not only supporting the Church, but you are also helping to ensure that the legacy of Catholicism continues to flourish for generations to come. If you are interested in joining the Bishop’s Heritage Circle, you can contact the Diocese of Ogdensburg for more information. Thank you for your support of the Church and for helping to keep the legacy of Catholicism alive.
In pope's Germany, a test case for 'new evangelization'

The pope also clearly condemned the drift of 'secular' intellectuals from the church on issues such as marriage. He said, "That's why you would offer them the chalice of Communion under both kinds."

In reaction to the church's stance, the German government recently issued a declaration urging the church to give up holding Communion under both kinds. The church's response was that it was a sign of unity with the practice of the Holy See. The declaration was a response to the pope's words on the occasion of the Eucharist. The pope said, "It was a misunderstanding when they said the church needs to "set aside its worldliness" and stop adapting it - an event that he described as a "mistake.""
Religious Exemption to HHS Mandate: 'Whole Life' Adoption of Conscience Rights

Cardinal DiNardo issues message for Respect Life Month in October

‘Life Issues and Dismissal for Religion are Linked’

N O R T H  C O U N T R Y  C A T H O L I C

October 1, 2015

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, archbishop of Galveston-Houston and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, issued a message for Respect Life Month in October that focuses on the conscience rights of religious organizations. The message, titled “Life Issues and Dismissal for Religion are Linked,” is a response to the federal government’s proposed health care mandate that would require religious organizations to reimburse hospitals for services that violate their religious beliefs.

In his message, Cardinal DiNardo states that the federal mandate is a violation of conscience rights and religious freedom. He writes, “We believe that all human persons have an inherent and inalienable right to life and the protection of that right.” The archbishop goes on to say that the mandate would “force religious organizations to comply with federal law, even if the law conflicts with their religious beliefs.”

Cardinal DiNardo also notes that the mandate would have a “disturbing” effect on religious institutions, especially those that serve the poor and marginalized. He writes, “The mandate would force religious organizations to pay for services that are inconsistent with their religious beliefs, even if those organizations have a long history of serving the most vulnerable.”

The archbishop concludes his message by urging religious leaders to stand up for their conscience rights and to resist the federal mandate. He says, “We call on religious leaders to join together in advocating for conscience rights, and to resist the mandate if it becomes law.”

The full message from Cardinal DiNardo can be found on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ website.
OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

I came so that all might have life and have it to the full...

Respect Life

“Find the courage to proclaim Christ, ... and the unchanging truths which have their foundation in Him. These are the truths that set us free. They are the truths which alone can guarantee respect for the indwelling Trinity whose home and abode is in our world,” including the most defenceless of all human beings, the unborn child in the mother’s womb.” - Pope John Paul II

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Jubilarians

Sister Mary Adair Raymond, SSJ
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Fr. Richard has a brother Bill Kennedy living in Mansfield, Ohio, and a sister Dorothy Blackburn, living in Mansfield, Ohio, and a sister, Thelma Raymond, in New York City.

My immediate family consists of my parents, three siblings and a brother. I had many grandparents, aunt, uncles and cousins nearby. I was baptized in St. Joseph’s Church, Olmstedville, and St. Therese’s Church, built in Tahawus, New York, was home to worship and Sacraments.

After high school graduation I entered the Sisters of St. Joseph and Mater Dei College on September 8, 2012, at St. Peter’s High School in Maple Heights, Ohio. I earned a BA in English and a MS in Early Childhood. Advanced studies included summer courses at the Goodall Institute of Child Development in New Haven, CT.

In the Ogdensburg Diocesan Catholic Schools I taught first graders for 36 years. For the past nine years I have served in Diocesan Campus Ministry as College Chaplain at Jefferson Community College in Watertown, NY, and I also serve as an Instructor in Early Childhood Development.

In addition to teaching at the elementary and college levels, I have been a member of the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission, summer faculty at Mater Dei College, elementary school principal, volunteer as Prison Chaplain’s Assistant weekly for three years during the tenure of the late Fr. William Connor, MSC, and have participated on many committees in schools, towns and Community.

My early introduction to our earth as gift has been the inspiration for countless nature workshops, gardening, bread making, creative cooking, craft classes and in recent years, sharing my rich Adirondack heritage by teaching others how to make traditional Adirondack pack baskets.

My family, friends, Church and Community nourished my vocation. I am grateful! I am the daughter of Fred and Shirley Lynch Raymond. I was born in Tioga County, NY. I lived in Watkins Glen, NY, a small town in the heart of the Adirondacks.

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I entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Watertown in 1960, receiving my early college education at Mater Dei College. During those years, I earned a BA in Science from Potsdam State University (1964) and a MA in Music from Catholic University and SUNY Potsdam. I was awarded a Musician’s License from the Institute for Pastoral Life (PNCEA), Washington, DC in 2001.

My vocation was born in the Offices of Formation for the Institute of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (IHA) in 1961.

I was educated by the Sisters of St. Joseph’s and Immaculate Heart Academy. I received my B.S. and M.S. in Education at Potsdam State University as well as a B.S. in Music at SUNY Potsdam, a MM in Music at Boston College. There were 21 Sisters together, with 14 being in the MSC community. As I get older, I can see how God’s call to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Watertown, NY, the oldest of four children of my parents, Adolf and Richard Brown in Ft. Madison, IA, had a profound impact on my life.

At 17, I entered the Sisters of St. Joseph for a six month trial. It doesn’t seem possible that 50 years have passed since I received the Habit of Matrimony. For me, it was a solemn and joyful decision, an entrance into a new life.

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My ministry has been Catholic education. I have been blessed with many young people who were so eager to learn. There is no finer way to practice the spiritual and corporal works of mercy and serve my dear neighbors. As a teacher I have been in contact with so many gifted people and have learned much from them. As I said, God has been so good to me.

On the occasion of my jubilee, I am so happy for so many graces and blessings and call for mission for all those who have been a part of my life. God has been very good to me—very, very good! He blessed me with a wonderful family. My parents, Adolf and Anna Hermann, were the best in the whole world. He also gave me five very beautiful and lovable sisters. One of my sisters is also Sister of St. Joseph, Sister Helen. I have one other sister, Mary Jean, who is praying for us all as she wants to heaven to realize our vocation as an image of God.

Most of my days are happy at my vocation. I have had the joy to be in contact with so many wonderful people who have provided me with much information and have given me so many opportunities that I have not been called to the Blessed Virgin Mary. I have been a member of the religious Community of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

As Sister I have been given the opportunity to live the religious life and minister to the young people. I have been blessed in many ways, for I have never been happier than here in the mountains.

I used to be with children, and now I am mostly with the elderly. It is the “home bound”, the sick in the hospital, or in their homes. I bring them communion and I visit them. I am cared for spiritually and physically by the priests who have their roots in this area. I taught for many years in catechism classes with the Sisters of St. Joseph. I taught the young people and many have been blessed with this ministry. In 2005 I was assigned to St. Mary School in Watertown. This was the beginning of my journey as a Sister of St. Joseph. In 2009 I was assigned to the MSC community in Watertown, to be an member of the MSC ministry as needed. I continue to be joyful, and have much confidence in our Lord, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may we make the necessary sacrifices to be made for us to have a full life.

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In pope’s Germany, a test case for ‘new evangelization’

By John Thavis

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GERMANY: Pope calls for ‘new evangelization’

The pope met with 500 young people in Berlin's presidential palace, the Bellevue Palace, for a meeting that he opened with a speech intended to remind Germans of the ‘new evangelization’ imperative, a term that has been in vogue among Church leaders, but is still a work in progress.

As the pope pointed out repeatedly during the Sept. 22-25 visit, modern Germany is a citizenry in which atheism or religious indifference are widespread, where traditional moral values are eroding and where the church’s message seems to have less force and less appeal.

And yet Germany has a na
tive Catholicism, a point of pride for many Ger
tians, a tradition of in
tellectual debate. At the very least, Germany is a country in which social justice is a matter of public discourse and in which society respects the Catholic church or those who belong to it.

To Germans who have left the church or have pushed for a ‘dialogue’ within the church on issues like celibacy and the right to leave a church, the pope had some pointed words.

First, he said the root prob
tion is a lack of knowledge of the nature of the church.

It’s not just a social organization that people opt in or out of, he said. Benedict spoke of people who have no idea of the requirements of the Holy See and the pope’s position, the pope’s words are important but did not address what’s wrong with main Catholic’s minds.

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The banquet will include a liturgy and an address by Rev. Grady F. Hayford, secretary of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. The program will be followed by the festival dinner. The celebration will be a fitting tribute to the new saints of the Church. 

Those who wish to participate in the banquet need to register as soon as possible. The Alessandro Hall Banquet Center in Malone will host the event. The cost will be $35 per person. 

For more information, contact the Diocese of Ogdensburg at 315-376-1000 or info@dioogdenburg.org.
It’s a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you live as you wish. —Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

“At the origin of every human life there is nothing more sacred than something haphazard our children’s... a loving plan of God.” —Pope Benedict XVI

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And have it at the full.
MARRIAGE JUBILEE

Couples gather Sept. 25 at the cathedral

ABDUCTION

By Eve Koehler
Catholic News Service

Though presumably intended as a date movie for the high school set, the humdrum romantic adventure “Abduction” (Lionsgate) features scenes of violence and an amount of vulgar language that will likely give the parents of many a freshman and sophomore pause.

On the plus side, director John Singleton’s far-fetched expedition mostly eschews gore — though not some bone-crunching martial arts encounters — while the youthful couple at the heart of the story successfully resists the temptation to turn the unexpected journey they share as the movie unspools into a premature honeymoon.

Perhaps on that basis, some upperclassmen at least can hope for a parental green light.

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PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE

Deacon Gary and Gayle Frank, diocesan family life directors of St. Mary’s Parish in Clayton, introduce the married couples during the Marriage Jubilee held Sept. 25 at St. Mary’s Cathedral. The annual event is sponsored by the family life department and deacons of the diocese.

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BY JOHN MULDERIG

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Church will be having Spaghetti Supper.

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Date: Oct. 6

Place: Copenhagen Fire Hall

Features: Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ will

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Date: Oct. 15

Features: Raffle to be drawn at 3:00 p.m.

Date: Oct. 15-16

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BY THE EDITOR

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THE BISHOP’S HERITAGE CIRCLE

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A month of milestones!

The mark of this week’s paper is a celebration of love: love for family, love between husband and wife, love in the Lord. We honor married couples for their wit- ness to faith, love, and fidelity.

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Invitation to the Feast
(Have Mercy On Us, O Lord)
28th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Oct 9

From Frank and Katherine Wagner of Sacred Heart Parish in Malone, we are celebrating 40, 50, 65 and 70 years of religious jubilarians who have been such a blessing to the people in our midst who have known in their lives of God's grace. For over two years, I have had the honor of working with Sister Mary Ellen Brett, Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, to plan the celebration of this important day as a way to honor the men and women in the Diocese of Ogdensburg who are celebrating 40, 50, 65 and 70 years of service.

As a parish, we are invited to pray for these jubilarians and to reflect on the importance of their service. They have devoted their lives to the mission of the Church, to the proclamation of the Gospel, and to the spread of the Kingdom of God. They have been pillars of our faith community and their presence has been a source of inspiration and encouragement for all of us.

We are also invited to pray for our own lives and our relationships with our families and friends. As we celebrate the jubilarians, we are reminded of the importance of love, faith, and commitment in our own lives.

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Special events in October

Religious jubilarians to be honored

Twelve religious women and four religious men will be honored at the annual Religious Jubilee Mass Sunday. Bishop LaValley will preside at the liturgy at St. Mary's Cathedral at 2 p.m.

This week’s NCC features autobiographical sketches of the jubilarians including Missionary of the Sacred Heart Brother Pierre Marcoux who is observing 70 years of religious life and St. Joseph Sister Jane Frances Cutting who is celebrating 65 years. One other brother, two priests and 12 sisters are also profiled.

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FREIBURG, GERMANY (CNS) - The church must change to respond to the Gospel call and the needs of real people, but that change must be dictated by Christian values and not by greater adaptation to the values of the modern world, Pope Benedict XVI said.

Meeting Sept. 25 with about 1,300 Catholics involved in church ministries, lay movements and civic, political or social activities, the pope said he knows Germany is experiencing a decline in religious practice and is seeing many of its members drift away from church life.

According to the bishops’ conference, the number of Catholics in Germany was 28.2 million in 1990, and has dropped to about 24.6 million today.

Pope Benedict said he knows the numbers of Catholics leaving “prompts the question: Should the church not change? Must she not adapt her offices and structure to the present day in order to reach the searching and doubting people of today?”

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

About 125 couples were honored at this year’s Diocesan Marriage Weekend. Bishop Terry E. LaValley presided at the special Mass Sept. 25 at St. Mary’s Cathedral. The shortest and longest married couples are shown above, Matthew and Molly Manning of Holy Family Church in Watertown who have been married one year; and Frank and Katherine Wagner of Sacred Heart Parish in Edwards, married 70 years. See page 4 for more photos.

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