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Young Catholic Voice Call to Women

Nov. 16, 2011

So, while exploring a ministry-type course for women called Woman of Grace, created by EWTN's Johnnette Benkovic. I was very surprised when it informed me that men are equal but different, and not only physically. Our very souls are different. According to Johnnette, "Our femininity is as essential as our masculinity is to us as humans."

Our gender reveals and defines us. As women, our bodiliness abilities mirror our soul's, we, like our hearts, are also meant to be spiritual life bearers. This brings me to our special relationship and role for the world. Our Council Fathers said in the closing speeches of the Second Vatican Council: "Each men with life and above all, we believe, watch carefully over the future of our race. Hold back the hand of man, who, in a moment of folly, might attempt to destroy human civilization... Women of the entire universe... you to whom life is entrusted at this grave moment in history, it is for you to save the peace of the world."

Blessed Pope John Paul II in his writing "Mother of the Redeemer," speaks about the call of women as workers. "In the light of Mary, the Church sees in the face of women the reflection of a brotherhood which mirrors the image of the human heart is capable: the self-offering totality of love, the strength that is capable of bearing the greatest sorrows, limitless fidelity and untiring devotion to work, the ability to combine penetrating intuition with words of support and encouragement."

These beautiful words express how the church views us, and more importantly - our involvement within it. Like Mary, to carry God to others, to bear spiritual life to the world as a source of help, healing, and new hope. The Church in her case, is a place for us to be meant to bring joy, love, longing and beauty to those who are in need of it. As consecrated in our pattern and model, we are called to be saved to God. Oh - how I find myself in this.}

Obey - a difficult word for me. I think before we can wrap our minds around it, we need to first master another word: trust. If we can find it within ourselves to trust God, then obedience becomes easier. After all, if we trust that God does everything in our best interest and sometimes our best interest are not what we want, but what we need, then we can start to bring our minds around to obeying Him. And obeying Him is not being led like a dog on a collar. Obeying is choosing to follow what God wants for us, trusting that it will bring us to everlasting life with Him in the end.

Ladies - we are called to take our place next to our brothers and husbands - as equals who are able to give what we can offer to the world. Our divine task is to make up our hearts and souls conveyors of spiritual life - we need to diffuse all the world with peace and love.

May we as women find the strength to follow the Blessed Mother's example of bearing God to others. May we trust God's plan and in our hearts, through God's grace, bring us all our beautiful role as Catholic women of the Church.
Thanks to all of you throughout our North Country who have so generously opened your hearts and brothers and sisters in other dioceses.

I give thanks to Almighty God when I reflect upon your generosity in prayer and sacrifice for the missions Reaching out to offer our prayerful support to our brothers and sisters in other dioceses, I believe that the Lord and the church as the Body of Christ is really happening outside our own diocese.

Traditionally in the Catholic Church, November has been dedicated as a time of special prayer for our deceased and remembering fondly the joy they brought into our lives.

It is indeed an opportune time the Mission Office to give thanks for our benefactors who were witnesses to the Gospel by their prayers and sacrificial offerings to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

We remember in prayer especially the faithful deceased in our North Country for their love and sacrifice for the Propagation of the Faith.

As our Church Liturgical Year ends and we begin anew, we pray that all of the faithful be prepared for the coming of Christ the King at the end of time.
**THANKSGIVING DINNER**

**Black Rock Center – 170th of the Adorers**

For their third Annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

**Date:** Nov. 24

**Time:** Noon - 3 p.m.

**Place:** Black Rock Center

**Contact:** Betty Buffett (518) 536-6640 or Msgr. Sechi Hall

**Details:** In the spirit of sharing, please share meals with a friend, relative or a neighbor in need.

**LIVE STREAM ADORATION**

**St. Lawrence Parish – Poughkeepsie**

On Thanksgiving Day.

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

**Contact:** Reservations for the sit down dinner can be made at the School Office by Nov. 22. No names need to be given. To make reservations and to arrange for deliveries, call the School Office at 315-386-3572.

**EXTRAVAGANZA!**

**Johnstown Catholic Lay Healers and Evangelists**

In support of Adoration and Saturday Novena.

**Date:** Nov. 19

**Time:** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Place:** Immaculate Conception Church

**Contact:** Betty Domerick (518) 579-2738 or 518-661-6432

**Details:** Breakfast will be served.

**CANTON: Annual Auction Night at St. Francis de Sales**

**Date:** Nov. 18

**Time:** 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

**Place:** St. Francis de Sales School Auditorium

**Contact:** For more information, please email StFrancisSchoolCanton@ihcschools.org or call the school at 315-386-3572.

**Details:** They need about 30 helpers. If you can help, please call the School Office at 315-386-3572.

**DUTCH HILL - St. Mary’s Academy**

In support of Adoration and Sat. Nov. 19.

**Date:** Nov. 19

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**EVE OF THANKSGIVING**

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**UPSTATE DIOCESE**

**Blessing of Catechists**

**Herkimer Diocese**

On Fri., Nov. 18.

**Contact:** For more information, call (315) 866-7275 or email herkemerhs@herkimerhs.org

**Details:** The annual Blessing of Catechists is a beautiful tradition that recognizes the work catechists do teaching the love of Christ and preparing their students for the Eucharist. It symbolizes their students receiving the sacrament of Holy Baptism. The tradition originated with the Council of Ephesus in A.D. 431 when the catechumens of the Church were bid to Christ when he spoke to the catechist, “By the grace of the Holy Spirit, you have given me Christ, the Teacher of the Church.”

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**KINGDOM OF GOD RETREAT**

**St. Joseph’s Catholic Church – Plattsburgh**


**Contact:** Betty Domerick (518) 579-2738 or 518-661-6432

**Details:** Breakfast will be served.

**HOBOKEN MARCH FOR LIFE**

**Date:** Jan. 22

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

**Place:** St. Cecilia's in Adams at 7 p.m.

**Contact:** Kevin Whelan (518) 566-6229

**Details:** A Day of Fasting, Prayer and Penance for the peaceful ending of all abortion acts.

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS**

**Ogdensburg - St. Mary’s is holding a special Holy Hour for vocations.**

**Date:** Thursday before the First Friday

**Time:** 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Place:** Downtown Winter Market

**Contact:** Pastoral Team

**Details:** Please make a reservation and make your donations to assist St. Mary’s in its ongoing mission to call all men and women to Christ and His Church.

**LATERAL CHALLENGES FOR LIFE**

**Plattsburgh - The Latin Challenge 2012**

For the better care of our parents suffering from Alzheimer’s”.

**Date:** Nov. 24

**Time:** 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**Place:** St. Vincent de Paul Chapel

**Contact:** Betty Domerick (518) 579-2738 or 518-661-6432

**Details:** Breakfast will be served.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Rome Catholic Diocese of Rochester**

**Date:** Nov. 13

**Time:** Noon - 3 p.m.

**Place:** St. Joseph’s Catholic Church

**Contact:** Betty Buffett (518) 536-6640

**Details:** Breakfast will be served.

**SACRAMENTAL ADORATION**

**Suffolk Catholic Diocese**

On Thanksgiving.

**Contact:** Betty Buffett (518) 536-6640

**Details:** Breakfast will be served.

**EVE OF THANKSGIVING**

**Waterford - Lifteright of Waterford will be holding an early evening event on Thanksgiving night.**

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**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** Waterford Baptist Church

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**PHOTO BY ARM CHARLEBOIS**

Bruce Lynch of Holy Family Church in Watertown, father of Father Shane Lynch of Lake Placid, is pictured with a display of four hand-carved crosses he received from his local parish priest to thank him for helping the diocese in a time of need.

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Celebrating the Feast of Christ the King

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brate the Feast of Christ the King. It’s true that His
kingdom extends to every nation on
earth, for He is Lord of Lords, and King of
Kings. But what a differ-
ent kind of king!
And what a price He paid for His victory!
Born in a barn as a poor car-
penter, opposed by the
enemies of evil earthly kings
who have sought their own glory and
at the expense of their subjects.
In effect, those who have
behaved as despots and
thieves.
God says, in effect, “Move
over! I myself will shepher-
d my people. “The lost I will
seek out, the strayed I will
bring back, the sick I will
heal…” Nevertheless “I will judge between one sheep
and another, between rams
and goats.”
In the second reading, St. Paul
reminds us of the bat-
Over! I myself will shepherd
men in our midst as Jesus was!
born to die as a criminal,
but raised as a poor car-
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READINGS
Ezekiel 34:1-12, 15-17
1 Corinthians 15:20-26
Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus Christ fought against all enemies to be supreme over all
Kings.
His credentials?
The price He paid by His
death on the Cross.
And, at the end: He will turn all His
Triumphs over to His
beloved Father!

What a tremendous final vision.
The Gospel is the master-
piece of all. God is seated
on His Throne. Before Him
we can not avert our eyes.
It is Judgment Day.
The test for each person
on earth will be how closely
they acted toward their brothers and sisters in this
world as Jesus Himself
acted.
Here is indeed a King of
mercy and justice!
Our only appropriate re-
response is to get down on
our knees and cry, “O King
of Kings, we praise You! Be
merciful to me, a sinner-


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Over the past year and a half since the Holy Father selected me to be your Bishop, I have met with hundreds of faith-filled people of the North Country. It is inspiring to witness our commitment to your parishes, schools and ministries in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. It is in the same commitment that was the inspiration for the founding of The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg, NY, Inc. in 2007. The mission of The Foundation is “to pass our living faith to future generations by financially supporting the charitable, spiritual, educational and temporal works of the Catholic Church of the Diocese of Ogdensburg in the furtherance of his foundations or endowments from donors and the administration of these.”

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Thank you, and your families will be abundantly blessed.

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY STATEMENT

We recognize and understand that as a Catholic Foundation entirely separate from the Diocese but in all ways accountable to both the Diocese and our donors, we are committed to provide and lead the way on matters of integrity and transparency around the Catholic Church. We further understand that this responsibility can be met by full, open and public disclosure of all our affairs.

HOW THE FOUNDATION WORKS

The Foundation seeks and receives planned gifts to benefit the people and communities of the Diocese as designated by donors. The Mission of the Foundation is to pass our living faith to future generations by financially supporting the charitable, spiritual, educational and temporal works of the Catholic Church of the Diocese of Ogdensburg in the furtherance of his foundations or endowments from donors and the administration of these. Assets are managed by investment professionals.
Endowments Established in the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg, New York, Inc.

Reverend Norman Pounore Endowment – Support of Priests’ Disabilities
Catholic Charities Endowment – Corporate purposes
Society of the Sisters of St. Joseph Endowment – Corporate purposes
Society of the Propagation of the Faith Endowment – Corporate purposes
St. Joseph’s Home Foundation Endowment – Corporate purposes
Catherine Aurell Endowment – Bishop’s Charities and Religious Works
Reverend Anthony A. Mills Endowment – Support of the Diocesan Archives
Building For Tomorrow Endowment – Operating expenses of the Catholic Community of Alexandria
Education of Seminarians Endowment – Funding to the annual operating budget
Faylene LeRoux Endowment – Support of Catholic Education
Formation For Ministry Endowment – Parish financial assistance and annual operating budget
Guggenheim/Hughes Endowment – Support of capital needs of Guggenheim Center
Leona Schaffy Endowment – General purposes of the Diocese of Ogdensburg
Reverend James Meehan Endowment – Special care of priests
St. Mary’s Cathedral Endowment – Support of general operations
Joseph & Joyce Sylvester Endowment – General operating needs of St. Anthony’s, Watertown
Guggenheim Maintenance Endowment – Maintain the main camp building, boathouse and grounds
Spratt Memorial Endowment – Support capital needs
St. Alexander’s Catholic Education Endowment – Support of Catholic education at parish
Alice Austin Trust Mass Endowment – Masses at St. Andrew’s Church, Sackets Harbor
Lawrence K. Robinson Trust Mass Endowment – Masses at St. Andrew’s Church, Sackets Harbor
St. Augustine’s Church Endowment – General purposes
Margaret Brothers Endowment – General purposes of St. Patrick’s Church, Roses Point
Victor West Endowment – General purposes of St. Patrick’s Church, Roses Point
St. Mary’s Champlain NY Endowment – Support of St. Mary’s Academy and St. Mary’s Church
Reverend W. Cyril Rapin Endowment – Support of disabled priests
Good Samaritan Endowment – Christian charity to the people of the North Country
Holly Family Strauss Educational Endowment – Promote Catholic education
Deacon Adam Crowe Scholarship – Education of Seminarians
William Cornoish Endowment – St. Henry’s Church, EWTN, Diocese
Donald J. Grant – General purposes of RC Community of Brownville & Dexter
St. Lawrence Church – General purposes of St. Lawrence Church in North Lawrence
St. Patrick’s Church Shamrock – General purposes of St. Patrick’s Church in Brasher Falls
ME Walton Good Samaritan – Needs of parishioners at St. Cyril’s and St. Francis Xavier
Special Care of Priests – Funding for annual operating budget
Alice Austin Mass Endowment – Masses at Queen of Heaven Church, Henderson
St. Francis of Assisi – 50% Diocese, 50% Covenant House
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Catholic College Survey Revisits Consumption of Alcohol

The study, led by Dr. John Schulenberg of the University of Michigan and Dr. Thomas S. Waller of the State University of New York at Oswego, examines alcohol use among young adults and looks at the long-term effects of drinking as young adults on health-related behaviors, such as smoking and drug use. The researchers focused on the years 2002-2008, the same period as the Monitoring the Future Study.

The study found that young adults who consumed alcohol during their college years were more likely to smoke cigarettes and use illicit drugs than those who did not consume alcohol. The researchers also found that young adults who consumed alcohol during their college years were more likely to have higher levels of binge drinking and more frequent drinking days than those who did not consume alcohol.

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The researchers concluded that the findings of the study suggest that college students who consume alcohol during their college years are at risk for negative health-related behaviors and lower levels of educational attainment and employment.

New Army chief of chaplains, an Albany priest, says:

"Chaplains care for soldiers' religious, moral needs"

Military officials and religious leaders expressed relief Monday that a new Army chief of chaplains, a Roman Catholic priest, had been selected for the position. The new chaplain general, Father Donald Rutherford, is the first Catholic in the Army's history to hold the position.

"We are taking care of people," Father Rutherford said, explaining that the military has a legal obligation to provide chaplains for soldiers of all faiths. "Our job is to support those soldiers who are there for us, and help them get through the times when they need us the most."

The new chaplain general is a native of New York and has served in the Army for over 30 years. He has also served as a chaplain in Iraq and Afghanistan, and has been involved in the development of religious programs for soldiers in both countries.

"We are going to do just what we did for 253 years," he said, "take care of the soldier and their family."
Celebrating the Feast of Christ the King

On this last Sunday that ends the Church Year, we always cel ebrate the Feast of Christ the King. It's true that His kingship extends to every nation on earth. For He is Lord of Lords, and King of Kings. But what a different kind of king!

And what a price He paid for His victory! Born in a barn, raised in a poor car penter, opposed by the great ones of this world. It is true that His reign can end all Kings. But in the end, He will turn all His enemies to be supreme over all Kings.

Ezekial portrays God's anger with evil earthly kings who have sought their own glory and gain at the expense of their subjects. In effect, those who have regained their despots and thives.

God says, in effect, "Move over! I will shepherd my people. The last I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the sick I will heal..." Nevertheless "I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats." In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us of the bar conditions to die as a criminal, but raised up to His kind of king! Every nation on earth will be how closely we act toward our brothers and sisters in this world as Jesus Himself acted.

Here is indeed a King of mercy and justice! Our only appropriate response is to get down on our knees and cry, "O King of Kings, please You be merciful to me, a sinner..."

Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters from readers of the North Country Catholic. Due to space limitations, we ask that the number of words be limited to 300.

“Members of the Church who accept the teachings of the Catholic Church...”

We cannot just be judge and jury without believing in "the other side". Here is an opportunity to get answers to questions that you don’t understand about the Catholic Faith. You owe it to yourself to watch this series and get the story from the “horse’s mouth”... instead of some media commentators, or your neighbor, or a regular layman, or the man on the street. Thanks for listening to the rant. God Bless you at North Country Catholic!

Sincerely Yours,
Bill O'Brien
Editor-in-Chief

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You are invited to watch the whole Series on DVD! Be sure to return this form to your parish office.

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This is the 2011 EWTN series telling OUR story about a series that will be coming to television stations across the country. Actu ally it has already started, just not in our viewing area here in Ogdensburg. On November 19 through the 24th EWTN will be airing five episodes of the much anticipated CATHOLIC TV series by Father Robert Barron. With the blessing of his Bishop of the Diocese of Chicago, Fr. Barron has traveled to 15 different countries around the world for more than 3 years filming this dynamic series depicting the Catholic Faith in an UNPRECE DENTED way.

This series is filmed in High Definition and is not only an artful masterpiece, but addresses even the tough topics - like the so-called ‘first Church’, the Sacraments, and it addresses creation, the ‘big bang’ theory. It covers marriage and the family as well. I would like to add --- that like me, many have traveling to the Church, or are said to be practicing, our people are not only artful masterpiece, but addresses even the tough topics - like the so-called ‘first Church’, the Sacraments, and it addresses creation, the ‘big bang’ theory. It covers marriage and the family as well.

I know that being open-minded and CHANGE and become more so. I would like to add --- that like me, many have...
A vote to maintain 9% contribution rate

Lay Employees Retirement Committee holds meeting

By John Mulvey
Catholic News Service

Over a career that began during World War II and endured almost until the era of Watergate, famed founding director of the FBI J. Edgar Hoover (1883-1972) battled communists, gangsters, Nazis, spies, the civil rights movement and black mail and corruption in an era when the FBI was the only federal intelligence agency.

But Hoover had another career. You’ve probably seen the man in a suit, with a starched shirt and tie, looking very stern. He was a star of the screen. And if you haven’t, you will be crisscrossing your fingers very tight because the release of “J. Edgar” — now playing in theaters across the country — is the film, directed by Clint Eastwood, that will put the man on the map.

Edgar, as the character is called, is a small boy living in the 1930s. He’s a boy with a big dream. He wants to be the agent in the bureau who is given the job of tracking down bank robbers.


The film is based on an approach from a writer who thought there was a story about J. Edgar that hadn’t been told. And if you’re anything like me, you immediately thought of the book by Lance Black, “J. Edgar: His Life and Times.”

The movie opens with a scene from the film “Lolita,” starring James Mason and Sue Lyon. It’s the first scene we see of J. Edgar and it’s a touching moment. He’s a man who has just lost his son. He’s trying to find the answers to the crime.

The movie then shows us the early years of J. Edgar’s career. He’s a young agent and he’s trying to make a name for himself. As he rises through the ranks, he becomes more and more involved in the world of politics. He’s a man who is known for his integrity and his dedication to his country.

As the movie progresses, we see J. Edgar deal with a variety of problems. He’s a man who is always on the lookout for trouble. He’s a man who is always looking for a way to solve the problems that are presented to him.

The film is a steep climb, but it’s worth it. This is a movie that will keep you on the edge of your seat. It’s a movie that will make you think. And it’s a movie that will make you smile. So don’t miss out on “J. Edgar.”
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SETON DINNER & AUCTION
Plattsburgh — in a few hours, it will be Thanksgiving Day. The Seton Academy, 300 Center Ave, is hosting an auction to benefit the Academy. The Seton Academy Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. at Seton Academy. The silent auction will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. All proceeds benefit Seton Academy and its children. Call 518-594-3253 for information.

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CHRISTMAS EXPRESS
Lake Placid — St. Agnes School will be hosting a Christmas Bazaar and Silent Auction featuring turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Dec. 4: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Space is available, please call 518-523-3774 for information.

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LARGE CHAMPIAN BUS FOR LIFE PLATTSPURGH — The Lake Champlain 2012 Bus will offer convenient riders to an eventful day at Washington D.C. Dec. 6: A box lunch will be waiting for St. Peter’s Church in Plattsburgh Jan. 22 at 3 p.m. For the Jan 23 National Life Mass and annual retreat at Plattsburgh early Jan. 24.

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Church news - even in the very new diocese - focuses on events around the world in the Church. We face the world across the diocese.

This is, we're devoting four pages to the diocese next week. We're covering the annual diocesan financial report. And we're reporting on the bishops' annual meeting in Washington, D.C. - and our own bishop's first meeting in Washington, D.C. and Rome.

This is all important - and we hope, sometimes, compelling. But we can't do it all. We can't write about a national or even diocesan level.

That's the purpose of our parishes. In our parishes, we pray to one another, meet God in the sacraments and follow the commands to feed the hungry, care for the sick, clothe those who are in need and teach our children the faith.

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The church was old-fashioned, chauvinistic. I stood before God’s altar and thought the church was telling me that I had to be subordinate, to be a woman of the household, to be a source of help, healing, and new life. Women are meant to bring joy, love, laughter and healing to those who are in need of it. As conduit of our pattern and model, we are called to be like God. Oh how I find that mindset.

Obedience - a difficult word for me. I think before we can wrap our minds around it, we need to first master another word - trust. If we can find it within ourselves to trust God, then obedience becomes easier. After all, if we trust that God does everything in our best interests, and sometimes our best interests are not what we want, but what we need, then we can start to bring our minds around to obeying Him. And obeying Him is not being led like a dog on a collar. Obedying is choosing to follow what God wants because we trust that doing so will bring us to everlasting life with Him in the end.

Ladies - we are called to take our place next to our brothers and husbands - so equals who are qualified to offer any comfort we can offer to the world. Our divine task is to make our hearts and souls conveyors of spiritual life. We need to infuse all the world with peace and love. May we as women find the strength to follow: Blessed Pope John Paul II in his writing “Mother of the Redeemer,” speaks about the call of women and work of grace above all, we besoin you, watch carefully over the future of our race. Hold back the hand of man, when a moment of folly, might attempt to destroy human civilization....Women of the entire universe...you to whom life is entrusted at this grave moment in history, it is for you to save the peace of the world.

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