Letting go

By Matt Pietropaoli
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You may have heard the expression "letting go." It is one of the most common expressions in our culture. It is used to describe a variety of situations, from letting go of a child for the first time to letting go of a job or a relationship.

But what does it mean to let go? Is it simply to give up? Or does it have a deeper meaning? In this article, we will explore the concept of letting go and discuss its implications for our lives.

The concept of letting go is not new. It has been used by philosophers, theologians, and spiritual leaders throughout history. The idea of letting go is often associated with letting go of our ego, our desires, or our attachments.

Letting go can be a difficult process. It can be scary and unfamiliar. But it is also a necessary part of life. In this article, we will discuss why letting go is important and how we can learn to let go in a healthy and positive way.

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But this past Saturday, as the paper was headed to press, another wave of pilgrims began their journey. Father Terry, the chaplain of St. Mary’s Cathedral, and 150 pilgrims, including many of the kids from the Diocese of Ogdensburg, are on their way to the Way of the Cross ceremony tonight in Jerusalem.

It’s 108 degrees in the sun, and I’m headed to sleep in a field with 1.5 million of my fellow pilgrims and the Pope. Nope, I’m not reporting from our Holy Father’s trip yet. These of us who are actually at the Cathedral might still think that anything with which we would trade places with the kids is beyond $5.00, or even $1.5 million dollars.

Another of the pilgrims, Therese Moon, the DRE at St. Peter’s in Plattsburgh, shared with us many of her impressions during this week of pilgrimage:

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From the Director’s Desk:

Sister Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ
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In the celebration of the Eucharist, we remember again that Jesus became a sacrifice of love for each of us by His suffering, death, and derision. It seems that both Jeremiah and Peter have been “duped” by their God. Neither was prepared for what God would cause them to do. Jeremiah seems to have expected that his message from God would at least accomplish some good. But this past Saturday, as the paper was headed for press, we read in the newspaper that Pope Benedict XVI had just been elected as the Pope. We read in the newspaper that Pope Benedict XVI had just been elected as the Pope. We were all shocked by this news, as the world had expected a different Pope. But this past Saturday, as the paper was headed for press, we read in the newspaper that Pope Benedict XVI had just been elected as the Pope. We read in the newspaper that Pope Benedict XVI had just been elected as the Pope.

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Maryknoll Anniversary with a Mission

The Maryknoll Society is a blessing to many in the Diocese of Ogdensburg influenced a young person and former parishioner of Notre Dame Parish.

Brother Wayne is a native of Malone, N.Y. and a graduate of Monsignor Scanlan High School, New York. He completed his studies at Maryknoll School, Waterbury, Conn. He entered the Maryknoll Society in 1959. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1967.

Brother Wayne is currently Area Director for the Maryknoll Mission Region of North America. He resides at Maryknoll Mission Center in Waterbury, Conn.

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Local Catholic Daughters have strong presence at state convention

Catholic Daughters from the Diocese of Ogdensburg were well represented at the 2012 nominating committee for the 22nd New York State Catholic Daughters of the American Revolution convention held May 18-22 at the Doubletree Hotel in East Syracuse.

Delegates from the Diocese of Ogdensburg attended from courts in Dannemora, Ellenburg, Peru, Champlain and Ogdensburg. This year's convention theme was "Fol low Me".

Bishop Robert J. Cunningham, bishop of Syracuse and Bishop LaValley is pictured with newly elected state officers Penny Martin of Willsboro, State Treasurer; and Father James Cox, Past State Chaplain, State Director. Other officers are 1st Vice Regent, Sheila Piven; 2nd Vice Regent, Heather Rave; State Secretary/Regent, Father Stephen Seymour, pastor in Mor- tion Liturgy. Father Scott Seymour, who was elected to serve another term as chaplain, presented one of the workshops at the con- vention, focusing on the changes in the new missal. Other workshops addressed leadership and Blessed Sister Marianne Cope. There were also presentations on spirituality, open- ing, an election of officers and an address by Penny Martin of Will- boro. Bishop Robert J. Cunning- burg was elected State Re- gent for a second term. The other officers are 1st Vice Re- gent, Mary Landre; re-elected for second term, 2nd Vice Re- gent, Karen Rave; State Secre- tary, Marianne Eaton; State Treasurer, Francis Cifani; and State Chaplain, Father Seymour. Awards presented (by court number):

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Bishop Riley is pictured with newly elected state officers Penny Martin of Willsboro, State Regent; Father Scott Seymour of Mor- tion Liturgy, State Chaplain; Mary Mary; and the Departmental Level Daughters of the Americas. Standing, not identified, Fire Blyng, Wildmelon, Father Stephen Seymour, state chaplain from Mohawkville and Joyce Kartof of Ellen- burg, bishop of Syracuse and Bishop LaValley is pictured with newly elected state officers Penny Martin of Willsboro, State Treasurer; and Father James Cox, Past State Chaplain, State Director. Other officers are 1st Vice Regent, Sheila Piven; 2nd Vice Regent, Heather Rave; State Secretary/Regent, Father Stephen Seymour, pastor in Mor- tion Liturgy. Father Scott Seymour, who was elected to serve another term as chaplain, presented one of the workshops at the con- vention, focusing on the changes in the new missal. Other workshops addressed leadership and Blessed Sister Marianne Cope. There were also presentations on spirituality, open- ing, an election of officers and an address by Penny Martin of Will- boro. Bishop Robert J. Cunning- burg was elected State Re- gent for a second term. The other officers are 1st Vice Re- gent, Mary Landre; re-elected for second term, 2nd Vice Re- gent, Karen Rave; State Secre- tary, Marianne Eaton; State Treasurer, Francis Cifani; and State Chaplain, Father Seymour. Awards presented (by court number):

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Eleanor Mayette, 90 years old will soon mark 48 years as a member of Court #592 in Dannemora. This year, for the second time, she competed in the Senior Citizen Pageant at Category I.
**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS**

Following Christ: it’s not for the faint of heart!

As the third reading of the week, Matthew 16:21-27 was assigned. I was somewhat surprised to find that the four men currently housed at The Cape Vincent Correctional Facility had been Baptized. This is not the first time the Bishop of Ogdensburg, Bishop LaValley, has invited his audience to face this issue: “I am looking for peace in his heart; his peace is what matters to me.”

Bishop LaValley confirmed four at Cape Vincent Correctional Facility Aug. 22.

All of these are, in the end, life and death issues and we need not be respectful, graceful, and loving because our conversations are not resolving our differences and the churches, we are not serving Jesus or the kingdom, and in the name of truth, cause and, in my view, it’s not for the faint of heart.

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K of C golf tournament set for Sept 17

Mona Golfer's will be teaming up for a worthy cause with the fourth annual Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament to be held Sept. 17, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Adirondack Club.

This year's tournament will feature several new activities. Under the direction of "Coach" Burgess, a beloved and successful college coach, mentor of St. Mary's church and a great community volunteer, who died in June. He was welcomed into heaven by his mother and sister, Youri and Francine, and prayed for by their son, David and grandson, Gabe. "We decided to honor Coach this year because he always worked hard on our tournament, getting sponsors and golfers even after reaching 90 years of age," said Dave Harrington, co-chair of the event. "He was so active with the Knights and in our community. We all miss him."

Proceeds from the tournament assist local families to assist with heating costs. The Knights keep a list of people needing assistance and will connect the families of the heating provider and pay the heating costs.

The tournament has made over six thousand dollars over the past three years and usually makes approxiately two thousand each year. "We're hoping for a decent turn out this year and hopefully top what we made last year," said Harrington. The price of the tournament is $65 per player and includes lunch and a chicken dinner for diners.

There will be giveaways, raffles, trophies, and mulligans. There are usually ten to twelve teams with four people on each team.

"If people don't have a team, then please come and we can put a team together for you," Harrington said. We have done that in the past with people of all ages. Last time golfing and have come back the next year as a team.

Registration is at nine a.m. Tee off at 10 a.m. Additional information can be obtained by calling Jim O'Connell, President of the Knights of Columbus Council 13102, or online at 1-877-267-1036, or online at www.kofc.org.

More information is available from Harrington at 518-644-5270.

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Harp songs

Harp songs provided the opening music at the Bishop's Mass on Aug. 15.

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Mona Golfer’s, a member led golf club, performs each year. The club is composed of over 30 members who enjoy playing golf and also enjoy a meal after play. All are welcome to play and to get involved with the club. The club meets once a month in the fall and also a round of golf at the Adirondack Club. For more information, contact Mike Fabrizio at 518-895-1842.

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PHILADELPHIA – An evening with Wintee Amée is a benefit for the North Country Mission of Hope to be held Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Clinton Community College Stafford Theater. Wintee Amée has been described as a Two-spirit individual who connects with the land and the water. Her musical style fuses traditional Native American rhythms and harmonies with soulful, haunting vocals and acoustic rock to country.

Wintee Amée will be accompanied with the support of cranes of the project of hope. The concert is sponsored by the Clinton Community College and Clinton Community College Foundation.

Further information is available at www.northcountrymissionofhope.org.

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The pope asked the young to be steadfast in faith, but also know that "in the face of our weaknesses which some-times overwhelm us, we can rely on the mercy of the Lord who is always ready to help us again and who offers us pardon in the sacrament of penance." He said some people "take it upon themselves to decide what is true or not, what is good and evil, what is just and unjust: who should live and who can be sacrificed to the interests of other prefer-ences."

Such people claim to be liv-ing a life free from every con-straint, but their lives have no mooring and no clear horizon, he said: They are lost.

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By Chad Wadbro
Catholic News Service

NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC
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Youths welcome pope to WYD

The pope decided that the pope should select a countertop and have water in the hands of the pope and hear him. The pope received salt and bread and a monstrosal arch symbolizing the entrance to the church and society. The pope received salt and bread as a formal cultural welcome. The pope greeted the youths an in-depth introduc-tion to the World Youth Day theme, "Rooted and Built up in Christ," in English, the pope gave the youths an opportunity to know Christ better and "to make sure that, rooted in him, your enthusiasm and happiness, your desire to go further, to reach the heights, even God himself, always hold a sure future, because the fullness of life has already been placed within you."

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The day also included a pig roast and picnic for parishioners of the Churches of the Mountains and Lakes (from Saranac Lake, Bloomingdale, Lake Clear and Gabriels).

Also, a 4 p.m. gathering inside the Church of the Assumption included Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction. The vigil office of the Solemnity of the Assumption was accompanied by the all-parish bell choir.
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By Colleen Miner

Gabriels – Bishop Terry R. LaValley presided at a centennial Mass at the Church of the Assumption Aug. 14, the eve of the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Father Mark Reilly, pastor, co-celebrated.

See photos on page 9

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K of C golf tournament set for Sept 17

The family-friendly environment also includes lunch and a chicken dinner. There will be giveaways, raffles, trophies, and mulligans. There are usually ten to twelve teams with four golfers on each team. If people don’t have a team, then please come and we can put a team together for the first time golfing and have come back next year as a team. Registration is at nine a.m. for the 10 a.m. tee time. The 11 a.m. tee time will last until 3 p.m. and dimming to hoped what we made last year,” stated Harrington.

In addition to the golf tournament, funding sponsors and golfers even after the fourth annual K of C golf tournament set for Sept 17.

Further information is available from Harrington at 518-544-2170.

Order Book by Mail and pick up at the station-light house in Ogdensburg.

To Report Abuse
If you have a complaint involving misconduct of clergy, religious employees, employees of institutions of the Diocese of Monterey, Calif., while not on the job, to the Diocese of Monterey or to a diocesan investigator. The Diocese of Monterey encourages people to report any complaints to the Diocese of Monterey or the local law enforcement agency.

Parish in Chantilly, Va., de-

The pope continued his series of talks on prayer by focusing on meditation, and that happens through prayer and meditation, he said. Meditation is not just ‘a form of ‘mood changes as pope, youth on golf of suffering in Way of Cross’"
Following Christ: it's not for the faint of heart!

In last week's readings, Peter was given the keys to the kingdom of heaven. However, from this week's readings, it seems that Peter has yet to grasp his role. Peter is so focused on fulfilling religious duties that he cannot see the greater mission that Christ has given him. Peter must learn to put aside his legalistic approach to religion and embrace the true meaning of Christ's message.

The gospel, and Jesus.

If Peter had understood the true meaning of Christ's message, he would have realized the importance of showing love and forgiveness to others. Instead, he responds with a fiery and passionate defense of Christ. This passion is admirable, but it also shows a lack of understanding of the true meaning of Christ's message.

We must learn to put aside our own prejudices and biases and embrace the message of Christ. This will allow us to truly understand the importance of showing love and forgiveness to others.

Evesham, N.J.

The daily liturgical reading in Matthew 16:21-27 is a call to follow Christ even when it is not easy. The reading tells us that we must be prepared to face challenges and difficult situations, and that we must trust in the power of Christ to guide us.

In the first reading, we see that Peter has been given the keys to the kingdom of heaven. However, in the second reading, we see that Peter is struggling to understand the true meaning of this role. Peter is worried about the challenges that come with being the successor of Peter, and he asks Jesus if this is what he has been called to do.

Jesus responds by telling Peter that he must follow him, regardless of the challenges. Jesus says, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18)

Jesus is asking Peter to trust in his mission, even when it is not easy. This is a call to follow Christ, even when it is not easy.

In the gospels, we see Jesus teaching about the kingdom of heaven. He tells us that the kingdom of heaven is a place of peace, love, and forgiveness. He教导 we must follow him and embrace these values, even when it is not easy.

In conclusion, we must follow Christ, even when it is not easy. We must trust in the power of Christ to guide us, even when it is challenging. We must show love and forgiveness to others, even when it is difficult.

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Local Catholic Daughters have strong presence at state convention

Catholic Daughters from the Diocese of Ogdensburg were well represented at the 2012 New York State Catholic Daughters of the American Revolution convention held May 18-22 at the DoubleTree Hotel in East Syracuse.

Delegates from the Diocese of Ogdensburg attended from courts in Dannemora, Ellenburg, Peru, Chittenango and Williamville. This year’s state convention theme was “Follow Me.”

Excella Midgett, bishop, attended and addressed the membership. Father John McCullough also took part in the parishes.

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Seymour, pastor in Mor- tion Liturgy. Father Scott ebrated the Officer’s Installa-

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Daughters of the Americas

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#767 Court Saint Bernard Saranac Lake charity $10,000. 2009 and 2010

#794 Court Saint Mary Ecorse/Deer Park charity $5,000. 2009

#1 000 Court Little Rose Ellenburg Education award- honorary mention charity $5,000. 2010

#5213 Court Tom Dooley Lake Placid scholarship award

#5234 Court Saint Monica Peru Spiritual enhancement 2nd place charity $5,000. 2009 and 2010, membership award added 15 members June 26, 2011. The Highl and Revel was elected to the 2012 nominating committee.

Bishop Loughlin is pictured with newly elected state officer: Young World of Willows, State Report; Father Scott Seymour of Mor-

tion Liturgy, State Chaplain Mary Mary; Sue Dickson, 2nd Vice President; Diane, State Secretary Vincent Cris-

to, State Treasurer; and Father James Cox, Past State Chaplain

Edited from press release

Fundamental

WHAT’S WRONG WITH THAT?

Beyond deluding our selves that lack of charity and respect may be justified in the name of the good, all that’s best in our hu-

mity and all that’s best within Christian principle call for the exact opposite. The urgency of a situation and the Settembre already inherent within it call for more, not less, care in our rhetoric and in the actions we undertake.

The more we encounter anger, hatred, disrespect, demonizing, name-calling, refusal for any form of the World in 4D” is written and directed, with a winning sense of fun, by series cre-

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film contains light comic-book action and mildly raunchy humor. The Catholic News Service clas-

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Contact: Free concerts in Saranac Lake, Lake Placid and Tupper Lake.

Parishioners will have their 6th annual Chicken Barbecue Fundraiser.

Cost: Full Meal, $8; Half Chicken, $5

Place: St. Anthony’s Church Parking Lot

Date: Aug. 28

Time: 11 a.m.

Features: Selections include spirituals, contemporary religious and patriotic videos, books and educational materials which may be borrowed. Topics covered include marriage, family, education and moral education. The programs are set for Sept. 16 for priests, religious and deacons and their wives at St. Mary’s Church and Sept. 17 for all of these interested in learning about this topic at Sacred Heart Church.

Through philosophical reflection, humor and references to current culture realities, West will demonstrate how the Church’s teaching on marriage uniquely corresponds with the deepest longings of the human heart. Further information about the presentation and registration forms are available on the diocesan website homepage (www.dioogdensburg.org) under Family Life/Event Calendar/Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Please register by Sept. 5, 2011.

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Kneeling, from left, are Deacon Tom Higman, Erin Miner, Rachel Daly, Jen Campbell, Melissa Fisher, Mary Catherine Jadlos, Molly Burgess, Alexander Marceau and Mike Higman; standing: Zack Antonio, Scott Belina, Tracy Leonard, Chris Fisher, Keith Lauria and Matt Conger. Below, the young people of the diocese enjoyed dinner at the Guggenheim Lodge before flying out from JFK airport on Sunday.

11:15 a.m. Pack your lunch and celebrate services.

Section of the road leading to Mountain Stairs is recruiting new volunteers and has scheduled a Help Volunteer Training Program.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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But this past week, as the paper was being headed to press, we heard of the passing of a parochial of St. Mary’s Parish in Canton: Msgr. Peter C. Kilian.

“108 degrees in the shade, and I’m headed to sleep in a field with 1.5 million young adults...and the Pope. Nope, I’m not lonely. I’m Mary Catherin...”

Those of us who are a bit younger might not think of this as 1.5 million, and indeed, a little bit of a misstep. But I think any of them would trade places with the rector of St. Mary’s for those 30 minutes or so to experience the Vatican experience.

The Vatican is going to continue to follow the ages of our pilgrims in our week’s issue and in the months to come. We remain with you at all times and wish that you could all attend this empowering experience in Christ Jesus. To know the love that God has for each one of us, beyond imagination or understanding.

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Jesus walks with us on our journey of suffering and helps us to carry the Cross. There are times in our lives when we feel God’s ways of judging us are disproporional, we question God’s rhythm of punishment and contentment, and we question God’s ways of suffering and joy.

Our own suffering and struggles, times of fear, of sadness, and of rejection can be suffered in the ways of Jesus Christ all the way from suffering through violence, having a home, unemployment, etc. Not as easy to say as they are easy to exonerate—easier to see the joy of those who...nurses, vocation; whatever we do in the strength of God’s grace, the power and might of Jesus Christ, we become our own source of encouragement.

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By Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSJ

Our Pianist

Missionary Society celebrates 100 years

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith congratulates the Missionary Society on this year’s 100th anniversary of the founding of the Missionary Society. Special guests include Bishop Terry R. LaValley, Maryknoll Brothers Fr. Fitzpatrick, a Maryknoll Missionary and native of the Diocese of Ogdensburg and Paul Bork, Associate Regional Director of the Maryknoll North Korea Mission Region.

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You may have heard the expression “Virtually impossible” or “impossible.” God, I think the second saying is pretty understandable. Essentially, it means that we know we can achieve things ourselves, but in the face of God’s help, God is infinitely better equipped than we to fix the problems we face.

The concept of “letting go” is pretty straightforward. Letting go can seem similar to giving up, but I let go of my attempt to resolve this issue. And, you, God calls us to let Him to work hard, to live vibrantly, to be able and willing. After all, we are not made as rational, active creatures in the image of God. Shouldn’t we have the capacity, like He, to perform great deeds and accomplish wonderful things on our own?

In short, we often don’t like to give up, and we seem to have good reasons why we don’t like to give up. Yet perhaps there is more to this situation than meets the eye.

Yes, giving up can mean that we are exhausted, lazy, incapable, or powerless. And you, God calls us to let Him to work hard, to live vibrantly, to be able and willing to accomplish His work in the world. Giving up is not something we can do on our own.

But maybe it is in giving up so fully that we answer God’s calling to work out this matter on our own. In giving up we see clearly the limitations of our thinking, of our drive, or energy, or ability. We see that we lack the strength to keep going. We don’t lack the ability to work through some problem or issue. But in giving up we also see that we lack the drive, or energy, or ability to work on this issue. We see that we lack the strength to keep going.

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Over the course of the day and week, maybe you are about the situation here or there at work or school. Maybe you are about the situation with a friend. You were feeling a calming peace that I had not felt the whole week. I tried to work out this matter on my own.

I guess that my point is in all this is that giving up really does mean that we are tired, or weak, or powerless. But giving up can also mean that we choose to not keep trying, that we let go of our own insistence that we fix a situation. In giving up we see clearly some of the messiness and reality of our human condition. We see that we lack the drive, or energy, or ability to work through some problem or issue. But in giving up we also see our capacity to choose to let God work in our lives. We see how the Transcendent God can effect real, meaningful, and lasting change in our lives, if we choose to allow Him to do so.

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In short, we see how we can participate in the creative work of God by helping to labor for the Kingdom on earth.