On a pilgrimage for life

By Mary Burns
Corresponding editor

It was 3 years ago when my family and I went to Heuvelton to St. Raphael’s. I was six years younger. I saw God’s presence in the life of my sister, Jamie, as she was venturing on her trip to Washington D.C. I was in 7th grade and I wasn’t quite sure what the March For Life was. So my sister and I went to watch EWTN and look for her on the television.

It started off with many pro-life speakers. Never in my life had I ever paid so much attention to speakers. I started to look up things about Roe vs. Wade. As soon as I saw a picture of an aborted baby I was struck. It seriously felt like a car had smashed into me. My heart sunk into my stomach.

I was striked. It as I saw a picture of an aborted baby I was struck. It immediately made me cry to see the awesomeness of the Lord. I just made me cry to see the mothers womb. Whatever happened to the right to life that is stated in our Declaration of Independence?

This is what emboldened the fire in my heart. This time went on to watch about Roe vs. Wade. Being delivered on the Discovery Health Channel. I just made me to see the awesomeness of the Lord. And to see that God loves the parents eyes. And it was then I realized that I wanted to be a Catholic ob- server. I just can’t wait to welcome those babies into this world.

But what really saddens me is what about those that are lost to abortion? What about their choice? This is why I go to the March For Life in Washington D.C. This was my second year! I had so much fun, but the real reason we are there is to override Roe V. Wade. The first night we had a pro-life speaker who told us her story about being raped at a party and choosing to keep her son and how he is the joy of her life.

On Saturday we went to the basilica. All I can say is wow! You really feel close to the cross, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

God never abandons us

WORRY CRY (P. 14) -- God is near even though it may seem like he doesn’t hear people’s prayers. I had just abandoned my flock, Pope Benedict XVI said.

“Tacit with difficult and painful silence, God seems to not hear us, we must continue to have hope in him. Whatever the weight we carry in our heart, we should not be afraid to cry out to him about our suffering,” he said.

Speaking at his weekly general audience, Feb. 8, Pope Benedict continued his cate- chesis on prayer by high-lighting Christ’s prayer from the cross, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Jesus’ cry to the Father from the cross was not immedi- ately understood by those nearby, the pope explained.

Some thought he was call- ing Elijah. But he was pro- testing his God’s presence amid their suffering, the pope said. “Jesus is praying this psalm with the awareness of the Fa- ther’s presence,” he contin- ued.

Mary ask how this om- nipotent God could not inter- ven and save his own son? Because Jesus’ cry is not one of despair, but rather a prayer for his people and all those who are suffering, Pope Benedict explained.

Catholics invited to the Capitol

The Bishops of New York State will join hundreds of fellow New Yorkers at the annual Cathol ics at the Capitol public policy advoca-cy day March 23 at the Em- pire State Plaza Convention Center in Albany.

Participants will meet with state legislators to discuss a variety of issues including opposition to the “Reproduct- ive Health Act” which ex- pands abortion, support for preserving the Maternity & Early Childhood Foundation and preserving Catholic schools, among other topics.

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Trinity teacher is honored

Deanna McPherson, physical education teacher at the Massena school, is cur- rently being honored.

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Young Catholic Voice: On a pilgrimage for life...
It's easy being a Catholic these days: we have so many resources to help us grow closer to God. Over the past couple of weeks, we've been made dimples of the importance of speaking out in the name of all human life, from conception to natural death, and for the dignity of the human person extends also to the rest of creation, which is called to join man in praising God.

And, from Pope Benedict XVI, "Our voices lead us and we must listen if we want to survive."

For Catholics, Lent is also a time for personal reflection and renewal. One option would be to follow a program called Lent 2.0, which provides a new way of observing the 40 days, helping us care for God's creation by taking steps to use only our fair share of its resources.

If the earth were divided equally among all seven billion of us, each person would receive only a small fraction of what is necessary to maintain the American lifestyle we have adopted. But nobody can do everything to protect our planet, but everybody can do something. Christ has called us to keep up with the ACC. We can make a difference for all the life that God has entrusted to us.

No one has more to lose if caring for the earth is not a priority than our children and future generations.

The season of Lent begins this Wednesday when we will receive ashes to remember our mortality. Ashes are a symbol of our mortality and the beauty of our life, dedicated to God.

Lent is a time of penitence and renewal, a time to reflect on our relationship with God and our actions in the world. It is a time to make spiritual growth and to take steps to align our lives with the values of our faith.

During Lent, we are called to renew our commitment to our faith and to consider the sacrifices we can make to live more closely in accordance with the teachings of Jesus.

One of the most important sacrifices during Lent is giving up something for the Lenten season. This can be anything from food, to time spent on social media, or even a hobby. By giving something up, we are able to focus more on the things that truly matter in our lives.

Lent also provides an opportunity for personal reflection and prayer. We are encouraged to spend more time in prayer, meditate on the scriptures, or attend special Lenten programs.

Remember, Lent is not just about giving up something, but also about gaining something. By giving up something, we are able to gain a deeper understanding of our faith, a stronger relationship with God, and a greater sense of compassion and empathy for others.

Let us embrace this season of Lent with enthusiasm and dedication, and let us remember that it is not just a season of sacrifice, but also a season of growth and renewal.
SPAGHETTI DINNER
Pope St. Augustine’s Knights of COLUMBUS will present a spaghetti dinner for a fundraiser.
Date: Feb. 18
Time: 4 to 9 p.m.
Place: St. Augustine’s Parish Church
Price: $7.50 per person, $5.00 for children 3-11, no charge for children 2 and under.
Tickets are available at the door.

BREADFAST BREAKFAST
West Shreve Park Community Church presents West Annual Fast You Can Eat Pork Chili.
Date: March 11
Time: 8 a.m. to noon
Place: 2501 Fairview Avenue
Cost: $5.00, Children 5 and under, free.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
St. Mary’s Church
Time: 6:30 p.m.
RSVP: By Feb. 21 to olaprayerhouse@ Dioogsburg.org

LIVIN G W ATERS H EALIN G M INISTRY
Cost: $6; Children 5 and under, free.
Place: St. Augustine’s Parish Center
Time: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Date: Feb. 18
Date: Feb. 20
Date: Feb. 22
Date: Feb. 24
Date: March 1
Date: March 3
Date: March 11
Date: March 13
Date: March 20
Date: March 24

SPAGHETTI SUPPER
Watertown – St. Anthony's Villa Parish Church invites you to join St. Anthony’s
Date: Feb. 23
Time: 4 to 9 p.m.
Place: St. Francis Hall next to Parish Church
Cost: Adults, $5.00; Children 5-12, $3.00; under 4, free

LENTEN REFESSION BUNKER
Date: February 22, 2012
Time: 7 p.m.
Features: This is the time to come and be renewed in your spiritual journey.
Place: St. Augustine’s Parish

JEFFERSON
LIFESPAN MEETING
Watertown - St. Anthony’s Villa Parish Church invites you to join St. Anthony’s.
Date: February 22, 2012
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: St. Francis Hall next to Parish Church

EUC H ARISTIC AD ORATIO N
Place: Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse
Time: 11:45 a.m.
Date: Feb. 15
Date: Feb. 17
Date: Feb. 27
Date: March 19

ROAST BEEF AND CABBAGE
Watertown – CDA Court St. Monica will hold a Roast Beef and Cabbage.
Cost: Adults, $6; Children, $3; under 3, free.
Place: St. Augustine’s Parish Center
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Take-out orders will be available.
Items will be available.

GET OUT OF DEBT
(See the first Wednesday of each month)
Place: St. Peter’s Church

LIIFFHGT MEETING
Watertown - St. Anthony’s Villa Parish Church invites you to join St. Anthony’s.
Date: February 22, 2012
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: St. Francis Hall next to Parish Church

MEDITATION
Place: St. Mary’s Church
Time: 11 a.m.
Date: Feb. 4

EUC H ARISTIC AD ORATIO N
Place: St. Raphael’s Parish Hall
Time: 11:45 a.m.
Date: Feb. 27

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Trinity physical education teacher is honored by peers

Donna MacPherson, an experienced physical education teacher at the Diocese of Potsdam, received a sabbatical loan to the Diocese to continue with her permanent certification from SUNY Brockport and her permanent certification in health and physical education classes for faculty and staff.

Donna MacPherson received her bachelor's degree in physical and visual education from The College at Brockport, which awarded her permanent certification from SUNY Brockport.

At Trinity Catholic, she is a member of the faculty and staff of the School Health Center, and is involved in many school-related activities. She is also an American Council on Exercise Certified Group Fitness Instructor.

MacPherson and a colleague created computer-based student books about health and fitness, and essential physical education skills and later presented on the use of these portfolios along with suggestions for their implementation. She is also involved in the work of the PE. Proline assessment and curriculum development.

Dr. Kiefu, principal of Trinity Catholic, said, "It is no surprise to the faculty, staff, students, and parents of Trinity Catholic that Mrs. MacPherson is an amazing educator and teacher." The establishment of her second Wellness Week is only one of the hundreds of ways she promotes good health practices at Trinity Catholic School.

Jennifer DeJung, and Kearin Norahan, Cole Phillips, Carla Thomas, and Thomas Terrance, as well as the students of Valleyfield, Quebec.

A financial grant was made to Mrs. MacPherson to present a finely tuned presentation for the Kateri Hall in Hogans Arbour, and Mr. Irving Papineau, Mrs. Vickie Phillips, Mrs. Debbie Thomas, Ms. Donna MacPherson, Mrs. Minerva White, provided the liturgy.

In gratitude, the Confirmation Mass was celebrated by Father Jerome Pasquale of the Liturgy. Father Jerome Pasquale was the homilist and main celebrant of the Eucharistic Liturgy. Father Joseph F. Classen. St. Anthony of Padua, was the Altar Server.

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New spiritual reading options for Lent

NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC

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The Vow

By John Mulderig


Bill (Sam Neill), appear on the scenes, it develops that Paige has also lost all their memories from traumatic events that led her to stop being married. But, Leo sets out to win Paige’s heart back from Robin and Bill are angling to put their hands back on the path to a legal career and drive him back into the arms of convention. Joe Kohn, Marc Silverstein and Jason Katims, this romantic drama certainly celebrates the extras for the family’s mixed martial fidelity.

This recognition is based upon distinguished and notable accomplishments that have made a significant difference in the health and education of students.


Prayer Book: Heart to Heart” (Ave Maria Press [Notre Dame, Ind., 2011]). 96 pp., $3.99.


• A Place at the Table: 40 Days of Solidarity with the Poor” by Chris Seay. Baker Books (Charlotte, N.C., 2011). 244 pp., $12.95.


Today's readings should prepare us quite well for the beginning of the Lenten season this Wednesday. We've just gotten comfortable with a few relaxed weeks following the Christmas season. There have been very few challenges to our life-style as Catholics in the "ordinary time." We're hardly ready to make changes - and we may even be in danger of slipping back into some old sinful patterns. Human nature, when left without a challenge, is all too happy to settle for inertia. That was exactly the condition of the Israelites during the Babylonian captivity. In order to entice them to leave, the Lord had to take the straight road through the desert back to the promised land, rivers. "Make a way, in the waste land, springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert, I perceive it? In the desert, I perceive it? In the desert I perceive!"

Within a few years, this prophecy would be fulfilled when, during the Persian era, the new ruler of Babylon, released them from their slavery. Now, many of them were reluctant to leave. They weren't ready for change.

Fortunately, many of them did happily return and built a new Temple to the one God of Israel.

The positive tone of today's first reading is echoed in the second reading, when St. Paul assures the Corinthians that God never goes back on his promises. He is "yes" one moment, and "the" same "yes" the next. What a reassuring passage!

It provides a firm basis for our trusting God under all circumstances.

Today's Gospel narrates how the Lord, tired of the four friends of a paralytic, letting him down through the roof of the house where Jesus was staying in Capernaum. When the villagers heard that Jesus was "at home," they had all crowded into the house, making it impossible for any late-comers to enter. Imagine the astonishment of all in the house when a shower of straw and mortar comes raining down on their heads, followed by a paralytic on a pallet. When Jesus sees the enraged form in front of his eyes, he is filled with pity, and, addressing the man as "child," he tells him that his sins are forgiven. Immediately, the Pharisees accuse Jesus of blasphemy, for they rightly add, only God can forgive sins.

To back up the authority with which he makes this claim, Jesus then heals the paralytic before the eyes of all assembled. If only the Pharisees were not blinded by their own fear of Jesus, they might have given assent to Jesus' claim to be the "Son of God," early on in his ministry. What a difference that would have made! How deeply the paralytic was to have such loyal friends. We might ask ourselves this week if there are people in our lives that we are not "sitting in the room" with Jesus for healing? And, of course, we need to ask ourselves if we are ready to make changes in our lives this Lent. It's time for that wonderful hymn we will sing on Wednesday, "We rise again from ashes!"

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**Preparing for arrival of Lent on Ash Wednesday**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS**

**Februa ry 19**

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25*

*2 Corinthians 1:18-22*

*Mark 2:1-12*

**READINGS**

The Catholic Conference opposes this legislation and believes it is a direct cause of the number of divorces and all of the significant negative consequences that divorce brings.

**Conference Position**

The New York State Catholic Conference supports efforts to strengthen and preserve marriage, and divorce.

**Summary**

In 2010, New York State became the final state in the country to legalize no-fault divorce. The NYS State Catholics support: strong marriages flow to government and society as well.

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**NYS State Catholics support: strong marriages**

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**CHRIST IS THE LIGHT WHICH ILLUMINES ALL FAMILIES**

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**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY**

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**OUR COLLECTION DIOCESAN LIF**
Catholics at the Capitol! March 13
The Bills of New York State will join hundreds of other diocesan pro-life leaders at the annual Catholic Public Policy advocacy day March 13, at the New York State Capitol in Albany.

Cardinal-designate Dolan will be joined by the 40 Days for Life Campaign director, said more than 4,000 cases of sexual abuse with swift and effective programs is an effective child-protection program, Msgr. Rossetti said.

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After President Obama announces new plan for contraceptive coverage:

**Bishops renew call for religious liberty**

By Catholic News Service

In a statement released Friday night on President Barack Obama’s most recent attempts to require health insurance coverage in health insurance plans for religious employers and of the new plan.

He said the rescission of the mandate for all employers of all faiths and beliefs, and self-insuring religious employers, is not supported in the law and some degree, and the coverage would be provided as a part of the employer’s policies.

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Second, we explained that the mandate would impose a burden of unprecedented reach and severity on the consciences of those who consider such “services” immoral.

The law thus forces religious employers and employees to choose between their faith and their jobs.

The second statement is a much more detailed analysis of the new plans.

The first statement on Friday night, appears on this page.

The form’s grotesque against the silent sky.

A Sonnet

CHAMPLAIN

The other form is the “Reproduction Species Act.”

It is a challenge to respect a writer’s right to be wrong. The editorial in question states: “In 1972, amendments to this law further imposed (and I quote) ‘…prohibits the killing of the innocent…’”

Although this law was passed illegally by the Supreme Court (documented in the pro-lifers’ book, “A Choice Too Many”) under Bush Sr., a women’s reproductive rights, and no延伸 than in the field of human rights. Thereafter, therefore he/she qualifies as being ‘pro-life’.

No matter that they are many tend to twist the facts to suit their own purposes.

So, what these voters are saying is “I’ll let you abort (kill) the unborn if you keep me from going to church.”

No more right to life for the unborn.

No more right to life for the unborn, and individual employees, and subsidize the coverage; employers and employees would be forced to fund and pay for coverage; insurers forced to consider such “services” immoral; this is both a grave moral concern.

We just received information about this proposal for the first time this morning, we were not consulted in advance.

Some information we have in writing is and is oral. We will, of course, continue to press for the important protection against government coercion we can provide for the Family.”

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- Demonstrate the strength and unity of the Catholic voice to state lawmakers.
- Learn about and advocate on critical social issues impacting our state.
- Worship at Mass with the State’s Catholic Bishop’s.
- Meet with Legislators, attend Senate and Assembly Committee meetings, watch your lawmakers in action.

Issues in brief...

Radical Abortion Bill: Oppose Abortion and Support Pregnant Women.
Preserving Catholic Schools: Accountability to Catholic schools and equity for all school children.
Protect the Poor: Support emergency food programs, affordable housing and increased employment opportunities for low-income families and individuals.
Community Reintegration: Support programs that prepare and assist incarcerated individuals to successfully return to the community.
Assistance for Immigrants: Support English as a Second Language instruction, direct legal services and assistance to recent immigrants on the path toward citizenship.

Other Issues include:
- Religious Liberty
- Respect Life
- Marriage and Family Life
- Human Services
- Criminal Justice
- Health Care

Join the Network!

Love Implies Justice
Catholics at the Capitol

You are invited to join your voice with those of the Bishops of the New York State and over 1,000 Catholics in Albany. Your participation is needed to demonstrate the strength of Catholic convictions to your state lawmakers.

The day will include delegations to speak with legislators, workshops on the issues, a special prayer gathering with the Knights of Columbus, and a Rosary Procession from the Convention Center to the Cathedral for Mass. You can find information about the 2012 Legislative Agenda, review the YouTube template and register at www.nyscatholic.org.

Schedule of Events
8:30 a.m. Registration Opens (Outside Convention Center)
New York State Catholic Conference staff will be at registration tables to check you in, provide materials and answer questions.
9:00 a.m. Legislative Meetings Begin (Legislative Office Building and State Capitol)
Some participants will attend pre-scheduled meetings with elected representatives throughout the day.
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Workshop Training on the Issues
Meeting Room 6, Empire State Plaza
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Rosary/Prayer Rally (Convention Center)
Bishops will welcome participants and the New York State Council of the K of C, who will be praying the Rosary for all those advocating with lawmakers. Come join them!
11:30 a.m. Lunch Available
1:00 p.m. Rosary Procession
From the Convention Center to the Cathedral led by the Knights of Columbus
1:30 p.m. Mass (Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Madison Ave)
3:00 p.m. Buses Depart Madison Avenue
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U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

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Preparing for arrival of Lent on Ash Wednesday

Fourth in a series

Feb. 15

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NYS State Catholics support: strong marriages

Summary

In New York State, the Catholic Conference urges the state to legalize no-fault divorce. The NYS Catholic Conference opposed this legalization and believes it leads to an increase in the number of divorces and all of the significant negatives consequences that divorce brings.

Conference Positions

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Trinity physical education teacher is honored by peers

DONNA MacPherson, Trinity’s physical education teacher at St. Regis, was recognized by fellow physical education teachers in the Northern Ontario Catholic School Board at the St Regis, Que., “Annual Person Award” ceremony on Feb. 15.

Utilizing her fitness expertise, Mrs. MacPherson started an after school physical education club and Zumba Gold class, as well as a fitness group for faculty and staff. She presented on a diocese wide superintendent’s conference on the use of the PE Profile assessment and on elementary standardized testing.

Mrs. MacPherson is an amazing role model for students and, in the diocese for the advancement of quality health and education policies throughout the diocese.

Along with the above roles, Mrs. MacPherson is a certified Spinning Instructor, fitness specialist, and certified Zumba and Zumba Gold instructor.

Donna MacPherson received 2017 Annual Person Award

New spiritual reading options for Lent

The VOW

by Joa Malacky

Poor Charming Tatum

Though he isn’t gone, he is forgotten. Recent films (Scream Queens, director and co-writer Scream Queen, in which she played the role of a well-intentioned but flawed love story based on real events.

Tatum plays Chicago recording engineer Leo (Channing Tatum) who, along with his fiancée (Rachel McAdams) in Chicago, as well as a local girl (Jenna Coleman) and their bewildered daughter (Bill (Sam Neill), appear on the scene, it develops that Paige has also lost all hope. This dramatic events that led her to separ- ation from her husband.

Leo sets out to win Paige’s heart all over again. But Rita (Poor Channing Tatum) is only one of the hun- dreds of ways she promotes good health practices at Trinity Catholic School.

by John Mulderig

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


**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Place: St. Augustine’s Knights of Columbus

Find out to serve about a spaghetti dinner

Date: Feb. 18

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 846-5400

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

West Side Christian Church will present West Side A la Carte Pancakes.

Date: March 11

Time: 7 a.m.

Cost: $3 at the door

**ASH WEDNESDAY FISH FRY**

Wednesday, February 15

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Place: Holy Name Church School Gym.

Cost: Adults, $8; Children under 12, $5; $1 off with RSVP.

**ASH WEDNESDAY FISH FRY**

Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to: Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 315-394-0670; e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

**LENTEN REFLECTION SERIES**

Our Lady of the Adirondacks Parish: St. Mary’s Parish Council will be sponsoring their Lenten Reflection Series the Fridays of Lent.

**ST. PATRICK’S DAY DINNER**

Feast Day: March 17

Time: 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Place: St. Augustine’s Parish Hall

Cost: Adults, $12; Children under 12, $6

**MASSAUGA SOUP MEAL**

Feast Day: March 17

Time: 11 a.m.

Place: Parish Center.

Contact: Helen Bisallion at 643-2638 or sjohnsadoration@aol.com

**ST. LAWRENCE**

Several political themes have been the focus in columnist Fr. Thomas Williams, LC, a professor at the Regina Apostolorum Pontifical Institute, and Fr. Robert A. Cunningham; Mike Piazza, major league baseball catcher and former世界一流选手; and Fr. Thomas Williams, LC, a professor at the Regina Apostolorum Pontifical Institute, and Fr. Robert A. Cunningham;

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Protecting all life

It’s not easy being a Catholic these days: we have so many re- sponsibilities and so little time to fulfill them. Over the past couple of weeks, we’ve been made dimly aware of the impor- tance of speaking out for all human life, from conception to natural death. We’ve proudly watched as Glacier National Park voices led the chorus. And as we have done these past few days, we’ve heard a great variety of concern and criticism from people in our nation.

In these pages of this week’s edition, we offer a number of helpful tools to live out these obligations. There’s contact information for our various organizations, as well as details about the annual Catholic meditation retreat at Crystal Lake. There’s also plenty of back-ground information to help us better understand what our programmers of Catholic teachings are asking us to do.

The challenge is to do everything in our power to pro- tect every human life. We need your help. We need your active participation in these programs.

As Pope John Paul II reminded us in 1980, “We are bounded by this...” We are bounded by this. We are bounded by the need of the earth. We are bounded by the need of our own minds, homes, clothing and gadgets. Moving in the direction of 4.5 is everything for anyone walking in the footsteps of Jesus. Nobody can do everything to protect our planet, but everybody can do something.

Church is where we need to keep up with the ACC. If we do it right church can be a difference for all the life that God has entrusted to us.

TheJourney (www.thel Journey.org) is a ministry that promotes a new way of observing the 40 days, helping us care for God’s creation by taking steps to use only our fair share of its resources.

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On a pilgrimage for life

By Mary Burns
Commuter writing

It was 10 years ago when my family and I went to Heuvelton to St. Raphael’s to say goodbye to my sister, Jamie, as she was venturing on her trip to Washington D.C. I was in 7th grade and I wasn’t quite sure what The March For Life was. So my sister, Jamie, and I decided to watch EWTN and to look for her on the television.

It started off with many pro-life speakers. I never thought my life had I ever paid so much attention to speakers. I started to look up things about Roe V Wade. As soon as I saw a picture of an innocent child in the womb. Whatever happened to the right to life that is stated in our Declaration of Independence? This is what enthralled the fire of my heart. Time went on I started to watch the March For Life being delivered on the Discovery Channel. I just made me cry to see the awesomeness of God and how He created all of us parents eyes. And it was then I started to question myself. I wanted to be a Catholic, a Christian, to welcome those babies into this world.

But what really saddened me in what those that are lost to abortion? What about their choice? This is why I go to the March For Life in Washington D.C. This was my second year! I had so much fun, but the real reason we are there is to reverse Roe V Wade. The first night we had a pro-life speaker who told us her story about being raped at a party and choosing to keep her son and how he is the joy of her life. On Saturday when I went to the Basilica, I can say I went wrong. You really felt close to the there.

What I loved the most was the youth Mass, Matt Maher concert and adoration. Being in a place with thousands of teenagers, all praying for an end to abortion, it really gives you hope!

Do pro-choice people try to help their best to down them but we will continue that fight because we have God on our side. Let us pray that we will find a way gathering in Washington not for a hope that abortion will be illegal but for a celebration that it is legal.

We look forward to the day that the Supreme Court will get it that “A person’s a person no matter how small, from the very moment of their conception.”

Editor’s note: Mary, a junior at Ogdensburg Free Academy, is a parishioner of St. Mary’s Catholic Church.

Catholics invited to the Capitol

The Bishops of New York State will join hundreds of fellow New Yorkers and New York Catholics in Washington at the Capitol public policy advocacy day March 13, 31, at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center in Albany.

Participants will meet with state legislators to discuss a variety of issues including opposition to the “Reproductive Health Act” which expands abortion, support for preserving the Maternity & Early Childhood Foundation and preserving Catholic schools, among other topics.

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God never abandons us

WEDN CRY (1v): God is near even though it may seem like he doesn’t hear people’s prayers. My brother has abandoned his flock, Pope Benedict XVI said.

“Taced with difficult and painful situations, even when God seems to not hear us, we must trust and believe in him all of the weight we carry in our heart, we should not be afraid to cry out to carry about our suffering,” he said.

Speaking at his weekly general audience Feb. 8, Pope Benedict continued his catechesis on prayer by highlighting Christ’s prayer from the cross, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Jesus’ cry to the Father from the cross was not immediately understood by those nearby, the pope explained. Some thought he was calling out to his own father. Because Jesus’ cry is not one of prayer, but rather a prayer for his people and all others, Pope Benedict explained.

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