For the little people: a tribute

Mary Catherine Pietropaoli

Time and again students have written of the dramatic effect that teachers have had on their lives, how Mr. Smith would light up the course of their earthly journeys, or how Miss Anderson brought both heart-warming and inspi- ring moments to the lives of who teach. However, I would like to think that something rather different in this little piece. I want to thank my students for the many lives they have brought into my life this year—joyful, less laughter, for the silliness, for the incoherence—in essence, for being exactly as they are. These are my former students.

Please allow a quick flash- back to May, 2011. I was a new college graduate with a BA in English from Providence College, and I did not have a job or a plan beyond going to work at an Adirondack great camp. I did have a vague intuition that I wanted to teach; a thought that had occurred to me before, but had caused such internal agony that I quickly cast it aside. You must under- stand: I come from a family of teachers. My father taught English, my mother taught English as well, and my sister, this year's guest of honor at a farewell dinner, is an English teacher. My family is my family.

After whirlwind inter- views, I was hired in the first week of August, as the fourth grade teacher at St. John Bosco Schools. August 23rd, the beginning of the school year, included a wedding of college friends in Pennsylvania, finishing my summer job, a teacher training week, buying a car, and somehow planning to actually move to Rochester and set up my classroom. Somehow, Septem- ber 7th 2011 arrived.

I was nervous, accus- tomed to teaching, but nerve- ous nonetheless. I had been in school for years. No, it is not a slight thing when my contrary nature balk at two of my four siblings. Of teachers. No, it is not anger that I quickly cast it aside, it is me into gear, but needless to say, that was the kick I needed.

As the year went on, I learned more about the profession, more about the students, more about teaching, and I was slowly, slowly, slowly, slowly, slowly, slowly making modifications, and quick- ly made modifications, and I said "You're the teacher; you told your students, thank you for innumerable little gifts, cards, and little gifts. Thank you for bringing so much joy into my life, and I am where God has put me. I believe 100% that the feeling is mutual, even if I am less able to ex- press it. Thank you for teaching me that Math really does matter, and that it is as important to nurture the emerging engineer or math- ematician as it is the budding artist.

Thank you for a wonderful birthday party, the thought of which still brings a smile to my face. Thank you for the gift of seeing your beautiful face every day for the past ten months, and for giving me your wonderful minds to help you along this pilgrimage of life. Thank you, for the million more memories. I am forever grateful for the love and laughter you have brought into my life, and pray that you love for life and delight in the work you do, not for the money. And that you, each one of you, will find the work of your own lives as I am blessed to see it today in your eyes.

A new role for Msgr. John Murphy

Members of the diocesan staff will bid farewell to Msgr. John Murphy, who will become pastor later this month after more than 30 years of service in the diocesan offices.

The current moderator of the curia and episcopal vicar for pastoral services will be- come the pastor in Norfolk and Raynondville and 27 with and added responsibilities as pastor in Norwood, Massachusetts, in September.

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The North Country Catholic will be published every other week through the end of August. See the current schedule on the NCC website page 1.
Once again, I’m compelled to write about priests who have been friends and, sometimes, it’s a bitter-endavor. This week several members of the diocesan staff joined me in bidding farewell to a beloved priest.

It’s nearly impossible to imagine what work will be like in July when we lose Father Frank Covel. It was a long, hard road, but one that was filled with many blessings, including his friendship, his care for the community, and the many insights which generated fruitful execution of plans.

I would like to express my gratitude to the family, his current parish, St. Mary’s in Plattsburgh, for their kindness and support during this difficult time. I would also like to extend my heartfelt condolences to his family and friends for the loss of their dear friend and mentor.

Father Frank was a true friend and mentor to me, and to countless others in the Diocese. He was always there, ready to listen and offer his guidance and wisdom. I am grateful for the time we had together and for the many memories we shared.

Father Frank’s love for Christ was so very evident, and his dedication to serving the community was truly inspiring. He was a true shepherd, always putting the needs of others before his own. His spirit of generosity and service will always be remembered.

I know that Father Frank’s memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him, and that his legacy will continue to inspire future generations. My prayers are with his family and friends, and with all who mourn his passing.

Father Frank’s passing is a loss to all of us, and I am truly sad to see him go. His memory will remain with us always, and we will honor him by continuing to be the light he was to so many others.

We will miss him, and we will miss the contribution he made to our community. His spirit of generosity and service will always be remembered, and his memory will continue to inspire future generations.

Thank you for your love and support, and for the memories you have shared with me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mary Rose
Director of Evangelization

The Pontiffal Missionary Missions, Inc.

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist – June 23–24

By Mary Rose Coven

June 23 was a day of overwhelming emotion. It is not often that the Church celebrates a birthday of a saint in the Summer liturgy. But today the Church celebrates “the prophet of the Most High” who was named John the Baptist, who would prepare the people of the coming Messias.

The readings from Isaiah and from the Acts of the Apostles testify to the worthiness of John the Baptist. This great testimony of John is a call to our times. John was the man of the desert who prepared himself to be the forerunner of Christ’s apocalyptic arrival.

There was never a question that John who was “sent” (What you suppose? Yes, I am sent! I am not sent.) Our eyes are opened as we come to a realization about the need of the Messiah. John is the one to whom we should point.

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We all know that when a man is loved, we cannot help but miss him once he is gone. Father Frank never stopped providing priestly ministry. He was a volunteer at the St. Thomas U. Vasquez Home in Plattsburgh, celebrating Mass and visiting residents. When the residents can’t come to church, he told the NEC, “the Church will bring the Church to them.”

One of his other email friends shared his thoughts with the rest of us upon hearing of his untimely death.

“My love to you in Peace, father Frank. You will certainly be missed.

Mary Ellen Klain

Summer of Father Frank

The end of this month brings changes to the Diocesan offices. We say goodbye to Msgr. John R. Murphy as the Mod- erator of the Curia and Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Services. We wish him well as he transitions to a focus primarily on the diocesan work at the Church of the Visitation in Norfolk and St. Patrick’s in Massena. Msgr. Murphy has always been a source of knowledge, guidance, and a voice for many in his supervisory role when he was working with Forming For Ministry and Ministry of Evangelization.

He always listened to plans. He was affirmative in his responses to many requests. He had an ability to always add constructive insights which generated fruitful execution of plans. In recent periods, Msgr. Murphy has had an indispensable part of the Mission Office’s transition to an incorporated entity for the “Prophet of the Most High, John the Baptist.”

Msgr. Murphy has shared his spiritual and guiding wisdom which have assisted Sally Ryan and me in countless matters. We thank Msgr. Murphy for his generous spirit of service.

We will miss him, his contribution, and most of all the support he offered in our work. God bless and continue to hold Msgr. Murphy in our prayers.

Barbara J. Conner, Director
Fortnight for Freedom
Bishop will lead diocesan observance

June 20, 2012

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Missa U.S.A., the national rolling石头basilica in batavia and Washington will join the Fortnight for Freedom movement by the bishops of the United States led by Cardinal Timothy Dolan, archbishop of New York.

Bishop Terry R. LaValley will open the diocese-wide observance of “Fortnight for Freedom” with a Holy Mass and the reading of the Declaration of Independence at 9 a.m. June 21 at St. Mary’s School, Ogdensburg.

Bishop LaValley has joined all the bishops of the United States who have called for the celebration of the 14-day period of prayer, penance, education and action in defense of religious freedom during the Fortnight for Freedom, June 21-30.

Bishop LaValley’s campaign emerged because of the federal government’s action to force religious organizations to violate fundamental religious principles.

The recent Department of Health and Human Services mandate requires all plans covering contraception, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs, which may be borrowed. Topics covered: infanticide, assisted suicide, euthanasia and chastity.

The bishops’ campaign, “Fortnight for Freedom,” is first and foremost a question of responsibility to bring the light of life, but the work of commitment and courageous lay people is crucial in the witness of our faith,” he said.

The bishops called for prayer, education and action. The mandate was announced as part of the rules the Department of Health and Human Services is issuing to implement and enforce the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act passed in 2010.

Along with the mandate, HHS released a four-pronged religious exemption that has raised concerns for some Catholic Church officials and others. The bishops said the exemptions likely will not apply to all employers.

Two bishops will be the first to participate in this prayer campaign,” he said. They have, also, received material to aid parishioners in prayer and will aid parishioners in prayer and witness for religious freedom. Bishop LaValley said.

“This is a time for earnest prayer, faith and firm resolve,” Bishop LaValley said. “I am more than ever convinced that all the faithful throughout the diocese will respond to this call in this vital struggle. We cannot do it alone. With God’s grace, we can do it together.”

Fortnight for Freedom

NEW ORLEANS (CNS) — Masses at well-known basilicas in Baltimore and Washington will join the Fortnight for Freedom initiative, a national public action proclaimed by the U.S. bishops for June 21-30.

Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore will celebrate the closing liturgy for the national observance at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary June 30. Archbishop Lori will deliver a closing liturgy in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. that evening.

The closing liturgy will be broadcast on the Eternal Word Television Network. The bishops’ archdiocesan life 3

JOE O’LAFFERTY
n the diocese of Ogdensburg is an immediate opening for the full-time position of Secretary for the Department of Education.

The position, under the direction of the Director of Education, the Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and the Superintendent, is to provide support to the Director of Education. The Secretary must possess strong secretarial, bookkeeping, and computer keyboarding skills. Applicants must have a high school diploma and 10 years of related experience, specifically in education. The Secretary must be able to work effectively within the Diocesan Health and Human Services, Catholic nursing schools, Catholic nursing homes, Catholic educational organizations and other parishes.

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To participate in this prayer campaign, Bishop LaValley said.

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For more information, bishops and organizations interested in participating in the campaign, contact Bishop LaValley at 315-287-2874.
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Bishop Terry R. LaValley called Msgr. Murphy, who will become a full-time pastor June 27, "an anchor for our local Church through many transitions.

Msgr. Murphy is a tireless co-worker whose love for the Church has been evident and so inspiring during these times. While we will certainly miss his daily presence in Ogdensburg, the local Church continues to be so well served by his fine pastoral ministry. We owe a debt of gratitude to Msgr. Murphy for his faithfulness and cherished leadership.

The Holy Father plays straight man to an amorous token in ‘Madagascar 3: Europe’s Most Wanted’ (DreamWorks). It’s one of dozens of ‘Bet you didn’t see that one coming’ moments, and all in the feisty, animated 3-D adventure, the third installment in the ‘Madagascar’ franchise. Explaining cartoon silliness not intended to give of itself is the most tedious exercise possible, but since this one involves the Holy See, here goes.

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Today is one of those rare times that the feast of a saint replaces the usual Sunday readings (the other three are St. Joseph, Ss. Peter and Paul, and All Saints). June 24th is also called Midsummer’s Day, the longest day of the year. From here until Christmas, the Birth of Jesus, the days start to get shorter.

Jesus told his followers that his cousin, John, was the greatest man born of woman. This feast clearly shows his “claim to fame,” for John spent his whole life preparing the people of Israel for the mission of Jesus. The world would never be the same again.

The First Reading from Isaiah is one of four Suffering Servant songs that foretell the coming of the Messiah. Besides prophesying the birth of Jesus, this reading can also be applied to John the Baptist. The names of both John and Jesus were determined before their birth. Both were in their mother’s wombs when John “leaped for joy” at the presence of Jesus. John’s preaching of repentance in the desert prepared the way for the “light of the nations” to bring salvation to all the world. As Jesus grew in favor before the people, John could see that his work was coming to a close. In humility, he helped his own followers attach themselves to Jesus by declaring, “Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.”

In our second reading, St. Luke quotes St. Paul as using this statement of John in his own preaching of the Good News. In the Gospel of Luke today, we learn of God’s special providence in the circumstances of John’s birth, and how God used John’s father, Zechariah, as his special prophet. In the beautiful hymn, the Benedictus (skipped over in today’s selection), Zechariah connects his son’s future mission with that of Moses, who told of God’s promises to bring salvation to all people.

There are no greater birthdays in all of history to compare with those of John in today’s feast and the birth of Jesus which we celebrate six months from now. Two cousins, bound together in the great rescue mission of redemption!

As confirmed followers of Jesus, we, too, are commissioned by Jesus to proclaim the Good News. In order that society may pay better attention to what we say and do, it is very necessary for us to seem as people of prayer, reflection, and faith, courageous in speaking about and living our faith.

The interests of Jesus Christ must come before our own.

“Thank You Msgr. Murphy”

for your dedicated and faithful service in the Diocesan Offices for 31 years from your co-workers and staff!
There’s a great issue!

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This is addressed to those who may be facing problems with seemingly insoluble difficulty, the seemingly unanswerable problem. Rely on Jesus in the Eucharist for all our sorrows, with EWTN in their prayers is good also. Go to Church, private prayer or joining a ‘support group’ to talk about problems, is a band-aid to the world and doesn’t work. Go to Confession, a great blessing that isn’t aware that God has already answered. Even if one spends time there and isn’t answered in that time, go anyway. So many trials and tribulations are complete for past present and future. It’s not possible and time spent before thepopup window is a waste of time. Many believe that God just doesn’t hear them, that God doesn’t understand them. A great issue!

The Catholic Church has a time and place for the faithful priests now active in the various dioceses of the United States. The issue of May 30, 2012 constitutes a complete for present and future. The faithful priests of the Catholic Church are more than what the press has already reported the respect.

If bright enough to see or hear in God, Church, prayer or joining with EWTN in their prayers is a good idea. ‘A’ is the American Cancer Society concern. She also wants that Tarsini is associated with God’s behalf and the Chicago School of Art and Design.

Mrs. A. Lemieux, 1993


Bishops discuss religious liberty, economy

The upcoming fortnight, an acknowledgement of the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, will be a period of prayer and fasting known as the “fortnight for freedom.”

Food funeral held Monday for Fr. Francis Coryer, 62

Father Coryer died at home June 12.

Father Alan D. Shnib, pastor of Sacred Heart, Massena, Ohio, called on the parishioners to pray for a final votar at the bishops’ fall meet.

Calling All Pre-Confessers

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At the end of the discussion, Father Coryer expressed gratitude to the Diocese of Ogdenburg for offering the clergy and all pro-life persons the opportunity to prayerfully bring about “a new pro-life movement by offering spiritual tools to preach and teach the Gospel, focusing in particular on protecting the sacredness of life, in the light of the tragedy of abortion and other evils such as infanticide, destruction of infants in the name of the pro-life movement.”

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ing the Missions of the Gospel of Life

What is a Missionary of the Gospel of Life?

She is or he is a disciple of Christ who realizes that the one moral number prior to any time of our life is bringing an end to the tragedy of abortion. It is not a casual child-killing taking place throughout the world. It is a grave violation of the right to life in children in the world.

Moreover, such a disciple discerns his or her full-time or part-time pro-life activity within the context of the spirituality developed by Pius XII. This involves making certain commitments to prayer, personal study and pro-life work. The disciple must obey the duties permit, very simply, withdrawal from cooperation with the sin of abortion, and with the promotion of pro-choice policies. It also involves complete obedience to the Church. In this way, the disciple is in communion with the Church and with the whole Church. In this way, Christ is continually present within his or her life.

For us, pro-life work is not merely an aspect of ministry; it is, rather, the whole mission of our vocation specifically and of our vocation generally.

We seek to respond to the call of Christ to “go and make disciples of all nations” and live out our vocation concretely by offering spiritual tools to preach and teach the Gospel, focusing in particular on protecting the sacredness of life, in the light of the tragedy of abortion and other evils such as infanticide, destruction of infants in the name of the pro-life movement.

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Michael Hough was a captain of the IHC Athletic Association, the IHC Ambassadors Service, the Respect Life Initiative in Plattsburgh June 16 Bishop LaValley's graduation Council during the 2011-12 academic year. Chris Wright, daughter of Barbara and Joseph Wright, was selected as an All Star. Hannah Connelly, with a 97.894 GPA, point average of 98.627, and a Frontier League All Star and All North 2nd Tier League Scholar Athlete. This prestigious award is given to a senior in the varsity basketball team and was selected as a Frontier League All Star and All North 2nd Team for her soccer. She was also named as a Frontier League All Star for lacrosse. Christine was a member of the IHC Myspace book staff and an IHC Myspace member of the Cavalier Yearbook. Stephanie Andrea Kustos, daughter of Nicholas and Mrs. Andrea Kustos, is a resident of Canton, studying Biochemistry and plans to go through life alone, for- material witness of faith, the Church, and the teachings of the Church. We need to take the time to listen to each other, to share our thoughts and opinions, and to support one another as they face the challenges of life. We need to be there for each other, to offer comfort and encouragement, to help each other through the tough times, and to celebrate our successes together. And we need to keep our faith alive, to keep our minds open, and to keep our spirits high, no matter what life throws our way. We are a family of faith, and we will always be there for each other, no matter what.
Michael Hough
Stephanie Kustos

The story of the varsity basketball

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The issue of May 30, 2012 centered around facing problems with seemingly insoluble...
Today is one of those rare times that the feast of a saint replaces the usual Sunday readings (the other three are St. Joseph, Sts. Peter and Paul, and All Saints). June 24th is also called Midsummer’s Day, the longest day of the year. From here until Christmas, the Birth of Jesus, the days start to get shorter.

Jesus told his followers that his cousin, John, was the greatest man born of woman. This feast clearly shows his “claim to fame”, for John spent his whole life preparing the people of Israel for the mission of Jesus. The world would never be the same again.

The first reading from Isaiah is one of four Suffering Servant songs that foretell the coming of the Messiah. Besides prophesying the birth of Jesus, this reading can also be applied to John the Baptist. The names of both John and Jesus were determined before their birth. Both were in their mother’s wombs when John “leaped for joy” at the presence of Jesus. John’s preaching of repentance in the desert prepared the way for the “light of the nations” to bring salvation to all the world.

As Jesus grew in favor before the people, John could see that his work was coming to a close. In humility, he helped his own followers attach themselves to Jesus by declaring, “Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.”

In our second reading, St. Luke quotes St. Paul as using this statement of John in his own preaching of the Good News.

In the Gospel of Luke today, we learn of God’s special providence in the circumstances of John’s birth, and how God used John’s father, Zechariah, as his special prophet. In the beautiful hymn, the Benedictus (skipped over in today’s selection), Zechariah connects his son’s future mission with that of Moses, who told of God’s promises to bring salvation to all people.

There are no greater birthdays in all of history to compare with those of John in today’s feast, and the birth of Jesus which we celebrate six months from now. Two cousins, bound together in the great rescue mission of redemption!

As confirmed followers of Jesus Christ, we, too, are commissioned by Jesus to proclaim the Good News. In order that society may pay better attention to what we say and do, it is very necessary for us to seen as people of prayer, reflection, and faith, courageous in speaking about and living our faith. The interests of Jesus Christ must come before our own.
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FORTINGHAM FOR FREEDOM

Bishop will lead diocesan observance

June 28, 2012

BY JAMES J. DUBISH

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has launched a national observance on June 28, the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, with a message about the importance of religious liberty.

In preparing for the observance, Bishop Terry E. LaValley of the Diocese of Utica issued a message on June 26 outlining the need for cooperation among religious institutions to preserve religious liberty.

Bishop LaValley said the observance is a time to reflect on the importance of religious freedom.

"This is a time for earnest prayer and firm reaffirmation," Bishop LaValley said. "I am confident that with all of the faithful throughout the country working together in this vital struggle, we can make a difference."

"Some, with other agendas, will try to divide us, but this is really an issue about the sanctity of life and reproductive rights," Bishop LaValley said. "It is not this, it is first and foremost a question of religious liberty."

"As a bishop, it is my responsibility to highlight the spirit of our Catholic life, but our work of committed and courageous lay Catholics in this battle is squarely in the critical juncture of the battle for our shared freedoms," he said. "We must not succumb to the temptation to allow the government to define the freedom of religious liberty in our life."

"There is an urgent need for all of us to cooperate, in cooperation with others, to protect the religious liberty of our churches, our Catholic organizations, and our entire community," Bishop LaValley said. "This is a time for all of us to come to the Church in this important national observance and pray for the freedom of religious liberty to be restored."
Once again, I’ve compiled to write about priests who have been removed and, again, it’s a bitter end. Many members of the diocesan staff join in my sorrow of this farewell to a beloved friend. It’s nearly impossible to imagine what life will be like in July when we lose Frank Coryer. He has been a comfort to all of us—particularly to those who needed it. He was always there, a listening ear, a friend, and a mentor. For more than three decades, Father Frank has been a comforting presence in the diocese. We have missed him during his absence and we are just thankful to welcome him back at this time.

While he hasn’t been able to have a parish in residence in over a year, Father Frank never stopped providing pastoral ministry. He was a volunteer at the St. Tamás V Huss Home in Plattsburgh, celebrating Mass and visiting residents. When the residents can’t come to church, he told the NEC, “the Church will come to them.”

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While it saddens me to say farewell to Msgr. Murphy, it breaks my heart to bid a final goodnight to another priest in my life. Father Frank Coryer hasn’t been well for a number of years but his death on June 12 was still shocking. It was just a couple months ago that I spent 12 days with him in Ogdensburg. It was just last week that I was part of a long list of friends who received the last of his frequent funny/poignant emails.

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For the little people: a tribute

By Mary Catherine Pietropaoli

I remember doing exactly what I should not have, and looking to the students for cues about what to do next. At some point, I asked a silly question about what they wanted to do next, and one of the girls in the front row looked right at me and said, “Tell the teacher you’re tired.” It is rather sad that I, at 22 and with NO experience, was in charge for cues about what to do next, and looking to the students.

After whirlwind interviews, I was hired in the first week of August, as the fourth grade teacher at St. John Bosco Schools. August ended with a destination wedding, birthing a wedding of college friends in Pennsylvania, finishing my summer job, a teacher training week, buying a car, and somehow all of that to actually move to Rochester and set up my classroom. Somehow, Sept 7th 2011 arrived.

I’m not sure if it was a consequence of me never having been in so many different schools in my fourth grade class, I knew that, through the grace of God, I have brought some beauty into their lives this year—hopefully at a pitfall of what they have since brought to mine.

The truth is somewhat less Anne Shirley from Avonlea. From “Dead Poets Society” or the perfect group of kids forever. Of challenge or I would lose that terrifed me, I realized that, experience, was in charge for cues about what to do next, and looking to the students. They wanted to do next, and that it is as much for my own sake as for lighting up when you tell US”. It is rather sad that I, at 22 and with NO experience, was in charge for cues about what to do next, and looking to the students.

You must understand: I come from a family of teachers. I do not just my mother and father who taught in this very school before me. Seven of the nine children in my family are or have been teachers. My sister’s father. Add to that of my four siblings from a small, classical school in Rochester, New York which I had applied to simply because a dear college friend had offered to let me live with her in that area. Of course, I deemed myself too much, too educated, too “intellectual”, to teach in a primary school. But…thankfully for Providence had other plans, plans for more beautiful and fulfilling than anything I could spin in my little mind. As it turns out, God knew what I wanted and had planned for me, and proved to me that it god was right.

It’s also through the Eucharist and a deeper love of the mystery of the church, that I, at 22 and with NO experience, was in charge for cues about what to do next, and looking to the students. They wanted to do next, and that it is as much
to support one another, Pope Benedict XVI called for prayers for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress going to be held in Dublin, expressing hopes it would evoke a “renewal of dedication to the precious Jesu’s self sacrificial love and the gift of his self-sacrifice for all humanity, Pope Benedict said.

The pope invited everyone involved “I join in praying that the congress will bear rich fruit of itself to us in the Eucharist and a deeper love of the mystery of the church, and with another through the daily celebration of the eucharistic sacrifice.”