Pope: ‘don’t be bad Christians’

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The way Christians behave can either help and inspire others, or turn them away from ever following Jesus, Pope Francis said.

“Now many times we’ve heard in our neighborhoods, ‘Oh that person over there always goes to church, but he badmouths everyone, slams them alive.’ What a bad example to badmouth other people. This is not Christian,” the pope said at his weekly general audience in St. Peter’s Square Oct. 29.

Casting scandal and being a bad example turn people off, making them think, ‘Hey, if that is being Christian, I’ll be an atheist.’ That’s because our witness is what makes people see what it is to be a Christian,” he said.

The pope continued a series of talks on the nature of the Catholic Church, focusing on the visible and spiritual reality of the church.

The visible church can be seen in its many parishes, Christian communities and organizations as well as in its people, like the pope, priests and religious men and women all over the world, he said.

But the church — the body of Jesus — is also bigger than that because it is made up of the countless men and women who are baptized and “who believe, hope and love,” as well as offer “relief, comfort and peace” in the Lord’s name, Pope Francis said.

**NOW ON PAGE 9**

**Father Patrick O’Reilly, a native of Ireland, looks back on his life as a priest in the Diocese of Ogdensburg**


Dear Fathers,

Thank you for hearing the call of the Lord: “Come, Follow Me.”

“Serve one another.” And most especially: “Do this in memory of Me!”

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**Simpler living at a higher level**

Father Bryan D. Stitt, diocesan director of vocations, offers a unique reflection on vocations after his first experience with the sport of curling: “As Vocations Director, I try to help young people do something similar with their lives: live more simply and on a higher level.

“In a world of abundant complications: disease and war, financial instability and broken relationships, addictions, compulsions and sin, the call of the Lord stands in striking simplicity: ‘Follow Me.’” He writes.

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**PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE**

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The universal call to holiness

This month opens with Advent, a perfect time to remember that all of us are called to be saints.

We are not meant to err for Father or Sis-
ter. We are meant to press forward to a great faith of all the Saints on the day we were called to heaven.

Our various voca-
tions should be as we figure out how God wants us to live. In the North Country, these vocations are important to our local Church today.

We’re hearing a lot about voca-
tions in our diocese these days.

When Bishop LaValley proclaimed the Pastoral Vision of the Diocese of Ogdensburg at this year’s Christ Mass, he outlined several priorities meant to strengthen the Catholic faith of all of us in the North Country.

Priority number one is “creating a culture of Church.”

In his follow Me col-
umn on page 3, the bishop writes, “There are several things that are important to our local Church today but has to be the advertisements that would put personal mes-
tages to many of our priests who sometimes might be un-
aware of the incredible influ-
ence they have on others.”

The final November paper will be published as we join in the official open-
ing of the Year of Consecrated Life on the First Sunday of Ad-
vent. In between, we will look at the
topics of single life, marriage and the discourse with personal reflections from experts who live them.

I pray that we can do some-
thing for them. Now, I must

**For sharing the “Joy of the Gospel”**

From the Director’s Desk
Sister Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ, Diocesan Mission Director

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We appreciate our priests

If you have questions about vocation, please contact me!

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As you know, our diocese Envisioning Process has highlighted three key pastoral priorities that the Diocese of Og-登un is focusing on for the next five years. Creating a Culture of Vocations in Our Parish, Strengthening Faith Formation in Early Life, and Building Families with Living Fathers are these three priorities. Our ability to address these successfully will be directly related to the attention we give to the other two. I encourage all of us in our Diocese to participate in your parish’s efforts to address these priorities and meet the targeted goals. Yes, there are many challenges, calls to action, families, parishes and faces today. As a family of faith, we can and we will address these opportunities through sustained prayer and fo-cused action.

November 29, 2014 is Na-tional Vocations Awareness Week. Is there anything more important in our local Church today than creating a culture of vocations in our North Country? North Country priests have a special role to play. We are the beneficiaries of the fruitfulness of prayer, the Spirit, and the love and sacrifice of our predecessors. We are to respond generously to God’s call in our own lives and parishioners who share our faith. Our ability to address the continued need to build up the diocese is a telling indicator of our vitality and our ability to extend the Reign of Heaven.

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A Joy That Fills the Room

By Amanda Conklin
Contributing Writer

From the moment I met Tom Higman affectionately referred to as Tom Tom, I knew he would be a wonderful priest.

I worked with Tom before he was Father Tom for the last two end years at Camp Guggenheim. I was amazed by his faithfulness to follow his calling right out of high school.

I was especially lucky to be living outside of Philadelphia while he was studying at St. Charles Seminary and my husband and I often visited or had Father Higman and Father Belfina over for dinner. Father Tom Higman has a joy that radiates and he is “Father Tom” for several years at Camp Guggenheim. I was amazed by his personality and so many excited parishioners who were ready and waiting to celebrate Mass on Sundays. In fact, Father Higman recently baptised our newest edition, little John Allen. I always get excited when my son has the baptismal font, a text message with a picture of the baptismal font, and candle all ready to go with the caption, “All I need is a baby now!”

How beautiful it would be if every priest approached the sacraments with this jubilation. We are very blessed in the Diocese of Ogdensburg to have many devoted, faith-filled priests who go far beyond just celebrating Mass on Sundays. In fact, Father Higman recently baptized our newest edition, little John Allen. I always get excited when my son has the baptismal font, a text message with a picture of the baptismal font, and candle all ready to go with the caption, “All I need is a baby now!”

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As recipients of God’s bountiful gifts, we are called to: Receive those gifts gratefully, Cultivate those gifts responsibly, Share those gifts in justice and love, and Return with them increased to the Lord.

Stewardship Weekend November 8 & 9

Please contact your local parish to learn how you can share your gifts of Time, Talent & Treasure.
This is an unusual feast day in the liturgical calendar. It doesn’t celebrate a saint, or church doctrine, or an event in the life of Christ or His mother. It’s about a church building, the Lateran Basilica in Rome. This is the oldest of the four basilicas in Rome, and the official cathedral for the Pope.

Across from the Basilica is a statue of St. Francis. We’re told that, from a certain angle, behind this statue, you can see the basilica through the arms of Francis. Remember that St. Francis was told in prayer by the Lord, “Rebuild my Church.” The Lateran represents all churches.

Our present Pope Francis is trying to do the same as his namesake! At the same time, we are reminded in today’s second reading, St. Paul reminds us that “You are the Temple of God, and the spirit of God dwells in you.”

In the first reading today, Ezekiel the prophet has a vision in which he sees water flowing from all sides of the temple in Jerusalem. When he revealed this vision to the Israelites in exile, they took new hope that one day the temple, now in ruins, would be rebuilt and a source of prosperity for them once again.

The Gospel of John is all about Jesus cleansing the Temple. As we know, Jesus was very angry at the irreverence shown to His Father’s House, and referred to Himself as a “temple” which would one day resurrect from the dead.

In our union with Jesus, we are also temples, holy and sacred, meant for prayer and praise of God. We too shall rise from the dead. Today’s feast day reminds us of the great dignity and responsibility given to each of us on every level of Church life, even more than the magnificent building of St. John Lateran that we celebrate at Mass.

Father Martin Cline,
Thank you for your service to our Church, our Parish & our Council.
Congratulations on 9 years of Priesthood.

Your Brother Knights & their families
K of C Council 7364, Adams, NY
Simpler lives lived at a higher level

By Father Bryan D. Stitt

This past May I heard one of the recently transferred priests express this to Bishop Lalvey. To paraphrase him: “I don’t know what it’s like in the seminary, but I think a picture in a way that I can see. But what I want to know is that you trust me and the Bishop and Holy Spirit is at work.”

I encourage you to keep that in mind the next time a move happens that surprises or disappoints you? Is it possible you’re able to see the simplicity of obedience lived at a higher level.

Finally we all know that the priest promises celibacy. Again, all Catholics are to be chaste and pure—in whatever vocation they have been called to. There is absolutely nothing improper about the Pope, total, faithful, and fruitful love between a husband and a wife. But a priest forgoes marriage for the sake of the Church. He how can that be anything but simple?

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The Immaculate Heart School Family wishes to extend our sincere and heartfelt thank you to all of our priests for your support, prayer and inspiration. 

Monsignor Robert H. Aucoin

Please know that the parishes of St. Mary’s in Potsdam and St. Patrick’s in Canton deeply appreciate your commitment and dedication to the parishes of our parishes and diocese, as well as the Catholic schools you touch through your active involvement as a Middle States Examiners.

Thank you for being such a great example of what it means to “Follow Christ”.

We continue to pray for you and for vocations in our schools.
The Oregon law puts forward California woman gained national attention for her plan to use Oregon's assisted suicide law, after battling two surgeries, doctors delivered the news that the cancer had returned and that most patients die from such tumors in about a year. She decided against further treatment.

Maynard, 29, and her husband moved to Oregon, possibly to become residents of the state and be able to take advantage of its assisted-suicide law. She had planned to undergo an operation on Nov. 1. Now, though, according to her husband, she wants to wait and see how the disease progresses.

In an essay for CNS, Maynard said she had chosen hospice care but opted instead for assisted suicide. In late October, she and her husband visited their archdiocese's Canyon of the Marians in Oregon on Maynard's "bucket list" of places she wants to do before she dies.

"I want to die on my own terms," Maynard wrote in an October blog post. She announced her plan on YouTube and became a spokesperson for Compassion and Choices, the pro-assisted-suicide group that emerged from the Oregon debates of the 1990s.

Archbishop Sample said the church stands in solidarity with those who are suffering and dying and with those who are struggling to find meaning in life.

"Don't give up hope": Archbishop responds to woman's suicide plan

By Suzanne Pietropaoli

"Thank you, Father." Catholics of a certain age may recall a sing-song chorus of children's voices reciting the responses to the Eucharistic prayer. The inserted phrases are usually spiritual gifts and virtues, and their heavier burden made confession more important, and likely more fruitful. They certainly grew weightier and the burden of them more pressing. As each one left the confessional with a sense of inner peace, they were rewarded with the feeling of love of the Triune God. To them, and to all priests, without whom the sacraments could to help the victims of violence," he added in a statement to the U.N. Security Council, which held an open debate on the situation in the Middle East, "is not a gift, it is a duty. And to the priests who immerse themselves in the Word of God and put the words into the hearts of the people: we thank you. To those priests whose efforts lead them to preach the Gospel—With their demands as well as its rewards—in season and out, whether confident or inconvenient: thank you.

Amid growing cultural chaos, some priests pay special attention to the signs of the times and the people most affected by them. Not a few priests work to bridge marriages by personally preparing couples to love this sacrament, which by its nature is intended to reflect the love-giving love of the Trinity to God, and to bring them closer to God every day as they encounter difficulties along the way: thank you, Father.

To those priests who affirm families, and encourage couples to persevere in love, please know how much your efforts are appreciated. To those who champion the rights of the unborn, and so inspire the same in their people: thank you, Father. Among kind and generous priests are those who accompany, through spiritual direction, people who seek to the saving of their soul: God's love, thank you, Father, for so tenderly do a gift?

And to all priests, without whom the sacramental life of the church would be possible: thank you for saying yes to the day of ordination and every day since—to be a sign of the new life, a sacrifice of our self in love to Christ and to the Church. The blessings that come to us as your hands, and through your fatherly hearts, number as the stars. Language limits to that simple chorus: Thank you, Father! But nothing can limit the gratitude in our hearts, or our continued prayer that God will bless you as you have blessed us.

**Fr. Kevin McEwan**

*for the parish family of St. Mary’s, Tolland* for the children of St. Mary’s School

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**The Rascals**

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Funeral held Oct. 25 for Sr. Eileen Marie Chambers, RSM

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B y Carol Glatz

Patrick's Cemetery in Brasher Falls.

Sr. Eileen Marie died Oct. 22 at the Uihlein Living Center in Lake Placid.

She was born March 27, 1930, in Winthrop, the daughter of Paul and O. Irma (Partlov) Chambers.

She received a bachelor's degree in education from Pontiac State Teachers College and a master's degree in education from Buffalo State College.

She entered into the Sisters of Mercy in 1955 after her graduation. After her teaching career which spanned over 45 years. She taught in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, the Archdiocese of New York and in Jerusalem.

She is survived by two brothers and their wives, Gerald and Donna Chambers, of New Jersey, and many nieces and nephews.

She was(preceded by her brothers, Robert, Paul, and Daniel.

Sr. Eileen Marie Chambers

Yes, 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Church, 12:30 p.m., Catholic Charities Board Meeting at Wellness Hall of the Bishop's Residence.

Sr. Eileen Marie Chambers

Nov. 7 – 12 p.m., Development Round of Advisers Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg.

Sr. Eileen Marie Chambers

Nov. 10 – 12 p.m., Seton Academy, 315-393-2920, ext. 1440.

Sr. Eileen Marie Chambers

Bishop's Schedule

Nov. 12 – 1 p.m., Bishop at www.virtus.org by selecting the link to come into the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Nov. 13 – 12:30 p.m., Catholic Charities Board Meeting at Wellness Hall of the Bishop's Residence.

Nov. 14 – 10 a.m., Adult Education and Community Ministry Committee Meeting in Baltimore, MD.


Nov. 19 – 10 a.m., Council Meeting of the Diocesan Board of Directors.

Nov. 20 – 10 a.m., Team Reunion and End of Year meeting at Wadhams Hall in St. John's Parish.

Nov. 21 – 10 a.m., Pastoral Worker's Association Meeting at the Bishop's Residence.

Nov. 25 – 10 a.m., Coordinator of Volunteers Meeting at Seton Academy.

Nov. 26 – 12:30 p.m., Watershed Collaborative Meeting in Plattsburgh.

Nov. 29 – 10 a.m., Diocesan annual Board of Directors Meeting.

Nov. 30 – 10 a.m., Pastoral Worker's Association Meeting at the Bishop's Residence.

Sr. Eileen Marie Chambers

Nov. 12 – 1 p.m., Board of Trustees Meeting at St. Mary's Church.

Sr. Eileen Marie Chambers

Please report abuse

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving discipline, clergy, religious, employees, volunteers, contact Victims Advocates for Children. Our hotline is 1-888-241-1229.

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for protecting God’s Children for Adults. Pre-registration is required in order to participate. Participants may prepay at the time of registration or by selecting the registration button and following the directions. All employees and volunteers who participate in church sponsored events with minors are required to attend.

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Thank You Father Don and Father Patrick for all you do for us at St. Anthony’s and St. Patrick’s.

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**Bishop’s Fund supports vocations, seminarians**

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**Open Our Hearts**

The parishes of St. Mary’s, Clayton and St. Johns, LaFargeville are most grateful for the dedicated ministry, service and leadership of our pastor

Rev Arthur Labaff
Your faithfulness as a priest is an inspiration to us all!
My God continue to bless you

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**Sr. James Marie Kelly**

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**We Appreciate Our Priests**

With deep gratitude and blessings to our pastor,
Father Manfred
Elise Sreuggs and Family

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**Father Chris Looby, Many thanks from the O’Connor Family**

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**Father Gallagher, May God grant you continued strength and courage to guide us to an ever deeper and lively faith.**

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**The Parishioners of St. Ann’s and St. Joseph’s Move Forks & Movers**

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**We Thank you for all you do.**

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**Thank you**

Grateful for your spiritual guidance and compassionate support the parishioners of Church of the Visitation, Norfolk, St. Andrew’s Church, Norwood, and St. Raymond’s Church, Raynerville express appreciation to the caring priests in our parishes.

Monsignor John R. Murphy
Father Andrew J. Amyot
& Father Jack L. Downs

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Father O'Reilly's first assignment as a priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg was as a chaplain Good Samaritan Hospital Uihlein Mercy Center in Lake Placid. "There is something amazing society has on faith." When asked what advice he would give to those discerning the priesthood he shared the wisdom of his K-2 teacher. "Pay a visit to the chapel on the way home. Just sit down and say, Jesus (your name) is here," and realize that "God can't be out in your generation." Being a priest, he said, is "a complete life of faith."
Memorial Chapel in Uihlein was held Oct. 25 at the Reiss Residence in Ogdensburg, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy in Plattsburgh, NY, 12901; e-mail: terri@plattsburghcatholic.org. If you have a complaint of suspected child-sexual abuse or other form of abuse, call Children and Youth Protection Services, the office within the Archdiocese of New York and The Diocese of Ogdensburg, the Diocese of Ogdensburg. For further information is available following the registration button and follow the registration online is required in order to proceed further. In order to proceed further, these will be available for all.

Thank you Pastor Science, Priest and Father, Msgr. Riani and Father Gilbert Menard for all that you do for us here at the RCC of St. Alexander and St. Joseph! Your hard work and dedication does go unnoticed. From your Staff and all your parishioners.

The Bishop's Schedule

Nov. 5 – 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Academy, 120 N. Main St.
Nov. 5 – 10:30 a.m., Catholic Charities of the North Country
Nov. 6 – 11 a.m., Development Board of Advisors Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg
Nov. 6 – 12 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Academy, 120 N. Main St.
Nov. 7 – Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People in Baltimore, MD
Nov. 8 – 10 a.m., United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm, Sweden
Nov. 9 – 4 p.m., Seton Academy, 1500 South Brasher Ave., Ogdensburg
Nov. 10 – 1 p.m., Atonement Sister Ellen Occupy, Bishop's Meeting in Baltimore, MD

Environmental Stewardship

What are we waiting for? The Earth Day in the 21st Century to be a time of choosing and behaving by reducing my foot to the habit of use, the same energy conscious consume less and behave wisely in order to be live earthwise. It's a call for the action of current leadership. The Ecological Footprint is a measure of human demands on Earth's ecosystem services and the capacity to regenerate them. It measures the amount of biologically productive land and sea area necessary to supply the resources a human population needs, and to absorb associated waste. The footprint uses the three ecological factors – carbon footprint, water footprint and productive land – and the earth's biocapacity to calculate the Ecological Footprint as the area of biologically productive land and sea required to provide all the resources a human population needs, and to absorb associated waste. The footprint uses the three ecological factors – carbon footprint, water footprint and productive land – and the earth's biocapacity to calculate the Ecological Footprint as the area of biologically productive land and sea required to provide all the resources a human population needs, and to absorb associated waste. The footprint uses the three ecological factors – carbon footprint, water footprint and productive land – and the earth's biocapacity to calculate the Ecological Footprint as the area of biologically productive land and sea required to provide all the resources a human population needs, and to absorb associated waste.

Dr. Charles Darwin shed light on the origin of species. Now we are focusing on the most perplexing questions regarding the actual origin of life, a human being. How is it that just a cell is made up of, but how it works deep down, what really is it that makes us so smartly complex, he asked in his talk Oct. 25. Chemistry, biology and geology have been able to identify the greatest components and basic building blocks of living organisms, but there is something more than just what they are made out of what makes them living, he said in an interview with the Catholic newspaper, Avenue.

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The Big Bang theory and evolution do not overshadow God, who remains the one finite principle and the one who creates, Father Francis, Pope Francis told his audience. God’s existence does not have to be explained. Bill and Glenda Chambers; daughter of Paul and O. Erma (Partlov) Chambers.

October 24-28 to discuss “Evolution of Concepts of Nature.” The fourth step in the St. Francis of Assisi Academy of Science, philosophy and religion have to be careful not to make the mistake of trying to solve the mysteries in nature and assign God “the responsible for a natural process that es- tablishes itself through a process that is too complex to occur natu- rally, he said.

However, there is an argu- ment that the intelligent design, order and purpose observed in nature, he said, which is not to be confused with intelligent design and the “God of the gaps”.


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Don't give up hope: Archbishop responds to woman's suicide plan

By Suzanne Pietropaoli

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"Thank you, Father," Catholic of a certain age may recall a sing-song chorus of children's voices as the priest pronounced the words "I absolve you from your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Washed clean by grace, one answers "Amen" joyfully, for so great a gift. And to the priest through whom this forgiveness has come, only three words are possible: Thank you, Father.

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The Immaculate Heart School Family wishes to extend our sincere and heartfelt thank you to all of our priests for your support, prayer and inspiration.
This is an unusual feast day in the liturgical calendar. It doesn’t celebrate a saint, or church doctrine, or an event in the life of Christ or his mother. It’s about a church building, the Lateran Basilica in Rome.

This is the oldest of the four basilicas in Rome, and the official cathedral for the Pope. Across from the Basilica is a statue of St. Francis. We’re told that, from a certain angle, behind this statue, you can see the basilica through the arms of Francis.

Remember that St. Francis was told in prayer by the Lord, ‘Rebuild my Church.’ The Lateran represents all churches. Our present Pope Francis is trying to do the same as his namesake. At the same time, we are reminded in today’s second reading, St. Paul reminds us that ‘You are the Temple of God, and the spirit of God dwells in you.’

In the first reading today, Ezekiel the prophet has a vision in which he sees water flowing from all sides of the temple in Jerusalem. When he revealed this vision to the Israelites in exile, they took new hope that one day the temple, now in ruins, would be rebuilt and a source of prosperity for them once again.

The Gospel of John is all about Jesus cleansing the Temple. As we know, Jesus was very angry at the irreverence shown to His Father’s House, and referred to himself as a ‘temple’ which would one day resurrect from the dead.

In our union with Jesus, we are also temples, holy and sacred, meant for prayer and praise of God. We too shall rise from the dead. Today’s feast day reminds us of the great dignity and responsibility we have every time we enter our church, even more than the beautiful building of St. John Lateran that we celebrate at Mass.

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Father Martin Cline, Thank you for your service to our Church, our Parish & our Council. Congratulations on 9 years of Priesthood.

Your Brother Knights & their families K of C Council 7364, Adams, NY

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Father Riani,

Russell and Jean with you well.

God Bless

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Fr. Allen,
You are an inspiration to Deacon Jim & myself.

Love, Dcn. Jim & Chris

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Monsignor Paul Whitmore

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17
John 2:13-22

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To the Priests of the Diocesan Offices...our Colleagues and Friends:

Bishop LaValle • Father Morgan
Father O’Brien • Father Seymour
Msgr. Snow • Msgr. Aucoin
Father Lucia • Father Stitt
Father Belina

Giving Thanks

“We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers loved by God, how you were chosen.”

-From St. Paul’s Letter to the Thessalonians

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To Our Readers, Parishioners and Patrons:

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A Joy That Fills the Room

By Amanda Conklin
Contributing Writer

From the moment I met Tom Higman (affectionately referred to as Tom Tom), I knew he would be a wonderful priest.

I worked with Tom before he was Father Tom. For several years at Camp Guggenheim, I was amazed by his faithfulness to follow his calling right out of high school.

I was especially lucky to be living outside of Philadelphia while he was studying at St. Charles Seminary and later at the Pontifical North American College. A few of my family members and I often visited or had Father Higman and Father Belina over for dinner. Father Tom Higman has a joy that radiates and invites others to God every day.

Whether he is emulating a saint, a shepherd of Christ, a young priest! He is truly love him in return. This was most recently demonstrated when Father Tom reminded me several times how excited he was to welcome my son into the Church and how he brought such joy to the occasion.

On the day of John’s baptism, the words ran very late after realizing that we had forgotten John’s baptismal suit and I was very distraught. Unknowingly, Fr. Tom used my anxiety as he sent me a text message with a picture of the baptismal font, chrism and candle all ready to go with the caption: “All I need is a baby now!”

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By bedtime, she’s almost up to speed. In her dreams, Christine’s past reveals itself. She’d had an affair. Her husband — with his best friend Claire (Anne-Marie Duff). Yet now her spouse Ben (Colin Firth) seems so kindly and attentive.

If there’s a moral issue raised in this whodunit, which fans of the genre should explore, it might be the question of whether the illusion of a secure existence can effectively substitute for real family love.

The film contains occasional physical violence, an adultery theme, a few instances of profanity and crude language.

The Catholic News Service classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R— restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

CNS PHOTO/LAURIE SPARHAM, CLARIUS ENTERTAINMENT
Nicole Kidman and Colin Firth star in a scene from the movie “Before I Go To Sleep.”

We Love You Fr. Mark, Fr. Dan, Fr. Joe and Fr. Tojo Chacko.
Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love of Jesus we will ever increase in the course of their priestly lives. In their new novitiate, comfort them. In their sorrows, strengthen them. In their frustrations, point out to them that it is through suffering that their souls are purified, and show them that they are needed by the children, parents and staff of Trinity, they are needed by the Church, they are needed by souls, and they are needed for the work of redemption.

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For sharing the "Joy of the Gospel"

In reflecting upon Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation The Joy of the Gospel — I can think of no joy that I experience from our priests who join Bishop LaValley in ministering to us in the North Country.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Looking back on our family synod

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Dear Fathers,

Thank you for hearing the call of the Lord: “Come, Follow Me.”

“Serve one another.” And most especially: “Do this in memory of Me!”

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Pope: ‘don’t be bad Christians’

The way Christians behave can either help and inspire others, or turn them away from ever following Jesus, Pope Francis said.

“How many times we’ve heard in our neighborhoods, ‘Oh that person, over there always goes to church, but he badmouths everyone, shuns them alive.’ What a bad example to badmouth other people. This is not Christian,’ the pope said at his weekly general audience in St. Peter’s Square Oct. 29.

Causing scandal and being a bad example turn people off, making them think, ‘Hey, if that is being Christian, I’ll be an atheist.’ That’s because our witness is what makes people see what it is to be a Christian,” he said.

The pope continued a series of talks on the nature of the Catholic Church, focusing on the visible and spiritual reality of the church. The visible church can be seen in its many parishes, Christian communities and organizations as well as in its people, like the pope, priests and religious men and women all over the world, he said.

But the church — the body of Jesus — is also bigger than that because it is made up of the countless men and women who are baptized and “who believe, hope and love,” as well as offer “relief, comfort and peace” in the Lord’s name, Pope Francis said.

Father Bryan D. Stitt, diocesan director of vocations, offers a unique reflection on vocations after his first experience with the sport of curling:

“As Vocations Director, I try to help young people do something similar with their lives: live more simply and on a higher level.

“In a world of abundant complications: disease and war, financial instability and broken relationships, addictions, compulsions and sin, the call of the Lord stands in striking simplicity: ‘Follow Me,’” he writes.

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Pope Francis covers a child with a hood during his general audience in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican Oct. 29. The pope pleaded for the international community to take stronger coordinated steps to “annihilate” the ebola virus.

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