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**HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE**

Kathy Gallagher, a Florida youth minister and Chair of the NY State Catholic Youth Ministry Conference, will address the annual diocesan youth rally set for April 26 at IHC School. The program will be geared for youth in grades six through twelve, and will feature music by Ryan LaFlamme, grandson of Blessed Fusco. 

**10th Anniversary Run for Religious Vocations**

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On April 12, 2014, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Cheney Dining Room, the St. Mary’s Choir will present the annual Holy Hour for Vocations. 

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Lent to Easter in the Land

From the Director's Desk

Sister Mary Ellen Breat, SSI
Diocesan Mission Director

I am most grateful for your Easter sacrifice which is such an evident sign of your faith in the Lord’s Resurrection. It serves the poor of the Missions.

Throughout the world, day after day, we find suffering of many types: political, social, economic, sexual, environmental and more. There is also the suffering that comes from not knowing the great love of our Lord.

journey with us...and with the priests, religious and laity in the Missions who are spreading the Catholic faith and caring for God’s people in a world of need in the Mission lands, hospitals, religious institutes, brothers and lay Catholics reach out to the suffering in Jesus’ name, offering them His love and mercy. Is there a patient on whom God does not abandon us, helping them to experience in their “Good Friday” the joy of Easter Sunday. Christ wants all of us to welcome the light of truth by recognizing and empowering the poor. We ask you to allow God’s grace to open our hearts and ears, we will know His love and mercy in the person of the poor. If you have Jesus healed by offering our fidelity to Christ today and always.

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With gratitude and anticipation

This week’s BRC was printed a couple days before Pope Francis was crowned. It is almost as though they arereviving the five year ‘mutually shared vision’ for the diocese that Msgr. John O’Mara and the Devon Lacy and the Christus Mass. As we talk and work in the diocesan office, we’ve been living in a limbo of limbo and are not sure to hear what our particular ministries will be for the next five years.

We can trust that the vision we hear about the future will be an effective faith-building tool as we move forward together over the next five years. We should take a minute to thank these generous committees members for their incredible service: Father Kevin O’Brien, Gary Groyn and Doug Gerke, Sister Josephine Ellen Hackett, Nick McCollom, William Messitt, Barbara Boyle, James Capell, Kevin Plante, Patrick Marrone and, of course, our outstanding staff of Ogdensburg.

In a couple of weeks, we will hear the message of Bishop Lavalley’s installation as the shepherd of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. In his decision to ordain him as a humble servant to all God’s people, we are offered a wonderful message from our faith. It will be an excellent opportunity to uncover even more about Pope John XXIII, I discovered that he was a skier. I remember vividly the time I visited him at 58 years old and his story captivated us all.

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The event will be held at St. Mary’s Cathedral, 518 Main St., Ogdensburg, July 11-13, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The event is free to alumnae and their spouses, and for alumnae of 70 years or younger at their closure in 1947.

The event is being man- aged by Wadhams Hall Alumni Group on Face book. More information and a registration form for those not on Facebook can be obtained by contacting Mary’s Cathedral, 201 N. Main St., Ogdensburg, 315-393-2920, ext. 1440.

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Social service advocates seek to refrm how Americans view poverty

By Dennis Sadowski
Catholic News Service

March 27 — Concerned with widely held negative perceptions about people who live in poverty, advocates attending the National Poverty Summit pledged to refrm how Americans see their poor neighbors and to work to build stronger relationships across economic classes.

The advocates from sevral national organizations said April 2 it was unrealistic to characterize the 46 million people living in poverty as unwilling to work while pre- ferring to live in a cycle of dependence on government programs. They also pledged to col- laborate more closely when delivering social services and speak with a unified voice to delegates to the state and federal programs.

It’s time, said Susan Dreyfus, president and CEO of the Alliance for Children and Families, to view people in poverty as neighbors and see that in a prosperous society, poverty is unacceptable.

“We have to talk about the human capacity of the people we serve,” she said. “We have to talk about the hope, the faith, and integra- tion and what America needs to do for its poor. We have to really make sure to elevate the place and pres- sure of the very people we are talking about.”

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The measure of success, she said, must be deter- mined by whether people are able to move out of poverty, live healthy and secure lives and move down the path to education and employment. Dreyfus urged the 120 summit attendees to move “from program thinking to social change thinking.”

The call was welcomed by Father Larry Snyder, pres- ident of Catholic Charities USA, which convened the summit.

In recent years, Catholic Charities USA has led a na- tionwide effort to partner with other faith-based and secular social service agen- cies to reduce poverty, he said.

“The concept of social service needs to be reframed into the work of diocesan Catholic Charities agencies,” Father Snyder said. “It’s a concept that’s rooted in the teaching of the Church.”

The conference gave repre- sentatives from several or- ganizations the opportunity to review successful pro- grams that have helped peo- ple in poverty to explain how they have developed pro- grams that take a personal approach with families, guid- ing them to stable employ- ment, affordable housing and quality health care.

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By Carla Meliska
Catholic News Service

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VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The rite of canonization for Blessed John XXIII and John Paul II April 27 will use the standard formula for the creation of new saints, but the Mass will be preceded by the recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet and it is possible retired Pope Benedict XVI will also attend, the Vatican spokesman said.

“He is invited,” said Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the spokesman. “But there is still a month to go. We’ll have to see if he wants to be present and feels up to it.”

Discussing preparations for the canonizations with journalists March 31, Lombardi also said the pope’s tomb in St. Peter’s Basilica would not be disturbed to change the inscriptions from “blessed” to “saint.” Pilgrims can visit the tomb after the April 27 Mass.

Referring to the two popes will be present during the liturgy, the spokesman said.

The role of Blessed John Paul II, a vision of his blood encased in a reliquary featuring a silver statue of olive branches — will be the same that was used for his beatification in April 2011.

A matching reliquary has been created for a relic of Blessed John, said Mogi Galletti, the Italian official of the Diocese of Bergamo, where Pope John was born.

When Blessed John was beatified in 2000, no relic was present, the monsignor said, because no blood or body parts had been preserved for that purpose. However, when Blessed John Paul II was opened in 2001 and the remaining treatment from the canonization was preserved in St. Peter’s Basilica, some blood and bone fragments were removed.

Father Girolamo Pastore, an archivist of St. Mark’s Hospital, a medical history museum in Bergamo, said Pope Francis and Pope Benedict XVI will be preceded by the recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet, a series of prayers focusing on the gifts of God’s mercy, especially shown through the passion of Christ.

The Vatican, he said, is not issuing tickets for the Mass, although large sections of St. Peter’s Square will be reserved for official government delegations, for bishops and priests, and for members of the Vatican for the canonization of Blessed John.

Other than that, space in the square will be allotted on a first-come, first-served basis. Because the Vatican is not handling ticket requests, it cannot predict how many people will attend the ceremony, he said.

“We invite people to come to Rome with trust and serenity without excessive fear,” he said.

If people filled St. Peter’s Square and the main hour of the canonization Mass is April 27, Lombardi said, the Vatican will be open all night for prayer, meditation and preparations to welcome the crowds.

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Social service advocates seek to refocus how Americans view poverty

By Dennis Sadowski

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WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Concerned with widely held negative perceptions about people who live in poverty, advocates attending the National Poverty Summit pledged to refocus how Americans see their poor neighbors and to work to build stronger relationships across economic classes.

The advocates from several national organizations said April 2 it was unrealistic to characterize the 46 million people living in poverty as unwilling to work while pre-fearing to live in a cycle of dependence on government programs.

They also pledged to collaborate more closely when delivering social services and speak with a unified voice when shaping public policy when it comes to government support for programs that lift people out of poverty.

It's time, said Susan Dryfus, president and CEO of the Alliance for Children and Families, to view people in poverty as neighbors and see that in a prosperous society, poverty is unacceptable.

"We have to talk about the human capacity of the American people," she said. "You have a lot of people in your community and what America needs is to have people who have to make the right decision who have to have the responsibility.

"We're talking about changing people's lives, changing people's settings. That's where the poor are, not enough to measure how many shelters beds are filled. If that's your goal, we're not talking about getting people out of poverty," Father Snyder said.

He acknowledged that social workers must understand that social change is necessary if anti-poverty programs are to be judged successful.

During a panel discussion of top social service agency executives, Father Snyder stressed the importance of innovation in programming. While social service agencies can take credit for helping lift people out of poverty since President Lyndon Johnson declared a "war on poverty" in 1964, he noted new ideas and concepts that pool programming with hunger, homelessness and unemployment are necessary to reduce the country's poverty rate.

He also said that because social service agencies have spearheaded the decline in poverty over the past 30 years, they must be at the table when policymakers are determining what avenues to follow to address the country's 15 percent poverty rate.

"They are concerned if the Social Security Administration is making cuts, they are concerned if the minimum wage is going to be cut," he said. "So I think it's time that those who are working at the poverty line are heard at the table so that when they come up with new ideas and concepts that pool programming with hunger, homelessness and unemployment, we can make sure that day is necessary to reduce the country's poverty rates.

The conference gave representatives from several organizations the opportunity to review successful programs that have helped people in poverty to explain how they have developed programs that take a personal approach with families, guiding them to stable employment, affordable housing and quality health care.

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Fidelis Care opens Gouverneur office

Fidelis Care, the New York State Catholic Health Plan celebrated the grand opening of its Gouverneur Community Office March 26 with a ribbon cutting ceremony and reception.

Located at 101 East Main Street, the Community Office was established to make free or affordable health insurance coverage easily accessible to neighbors in an area that has historically lacked access to such insurance.

A more questionable exercise is PG-13 -- parents Strong sexual content with nudity. The Catholic News Service rating is R-15 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 15.

At the Movies

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Russell Crowe star in a scene from the movie, "Noah."
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Breakfast
Trophies – St. Alexander’s & St. Joseph’s Church will be having a Breakfast
Date: April 27
Time: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
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Cost: Adults, $8 Children under 12, $5
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Features: Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and an opportunity to make a special reparation to Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist.

CATHOLIC MASS GROUP
Sacra Luce – A Sacred Heart Group meets on the second Saturdays of the month for a time of fellowship, prayer, and discussions.
Tim e: 10
Place: St. Bernard’s Chapel
Features: Mass followed by coffee and refreshment, discussion and prayer.
Contact: Mark J. McNeil (802) 860-4616.

POUT DINNER POTROAST
Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation in Columbus 2723 will be having a Pot Roast Dinner.
Date: April 16
Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Place: Sacred Heart Parish Center
Cost: Adults, $8, Seniors $6, Children under 12, $3
Features: Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, and dessert.

CLASSIC CINEMA NIGHT
Elmira – “The Lost Sheep” will be shown at 7:30 p.m.
Tim e: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Sacred Heart Parish Center
Cost: $5
Features: Free popcorn and soft drinks.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
West Chazy – There will be an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast hosted by the St. Joseph’s Church
Tim e: 8-11 a.m.
Place: St. Joseph’s Parish Center
Features: Sausage, home fries, maple syrup, home baked goods all free.

HUMAN RITUAL
Eucharist – Eucharist Retreat. Discussion of Eucharist in life.
Date: April 15
Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Sacred Heart Parish Center
Features: $15.00 per adult, all new on-time registrants, free for those over 70.

KOF CHERNAY BREAKFAST
Tamworth – There will be a Pancake Breakfast.
Date: April 15
Time: 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Place: Kings of Columbus 5270
Cost: Adult $7, Kids $6 and $1.00 for Toddlers.
Features: Pancakes, real North Country sausage, home fries, 50/50 Raffle.

YOUTH RALLY Plans are set
WHITEWATER – Florida youth minister Kelly Colangelo will receive an up-close experience at the 2014 Rally to the Statehouse in Holyoke, Massachusetts on April 25 to 26.

Bishops of New York State disagree with budget
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FRENCH MYSSTY PLAYERS
The Franciscan Mystery Players of St. Mary’s in Watertown, and St. John’s in Clayton, a traveling ministry group, are performing the Live Nativity scene, “The Birth of Jesus Christ” on November 30 at the Immaculate Heart Central Catholic Church, 500 Main St., Watertown.

ASSEMBY DEDICATION
Potsdam – Sacred Heart Church will be having a Dedication of Assembly.
Date: April 13
Time: 10 a.m.
Place: Sacred Heart Church
Features: There will be an assembly, the blessing of new furniture, and the dedication of the new church.

EVENING DIVIN MERCY
Albany – Mary Divine Mercy to be celebrated on Thursday.
Date: April 17
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: Sacred Heart Parish Center
Features: Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

REFLECTION MEETING
Billings – Reflection Meeting.
Date: April 11
Time: 7 p.m.
Place: St. Joseph’s Church
Contact: 518-212-6098

BREAKFAST SUPPER
Batanon – St. Mary’s will be having a Breakfast Supper.
Date: April 13
Time: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Place: Sacred Heart Parish Center
Cost: Adults + $4 children 12 years old, $11 children under 12, $5 under 5.
• Free: Sundays of Fat Tuesday and Holy Week.
• Free-Will donations: Suggested.

LEVATION ADORATION
Plattsburgh – St. Peter’s Church will offer extended adoration during Lent.
Schedule: Holy Thursday 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.
During the Easter Holy Week Days and with Benediction at 9 P.M. on Holy Thursday.
W eekdays, Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday, Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Free-Will donations: Suggested.

SUGARSPITE SUPPER
Batonon – St. Anthony’s Altar Rosary Club will be having a Supper Supper.
Date: April 13
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: Sacred Heart Parish Center
Features: Chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, and desserts.

WATERFORD – Eucharistic Adoration is held throughout the year every Wednesday from 12:30-1:30.

MADONNA – Holy Family Church
Eucharistic Adoration Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
Date: April 14
Time: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Place: Holy Family Church
Features: There will be a display of statues of Jesus in a special room from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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FOOD PANTRY BREAKFAST
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Date: April 14
Time: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Place: Tamworth community Center
Cost: Adult $7, Kids $6 and $1.00 for Toddlers.
Features: Pancakes, real North Country sausage, home fries, 50/50 Raffle.

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will be “A Counselor’s Perspective on Grief”.


RECEIPTION MEETING
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Date: April 16
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: Sacred Heart Parish Center
Features: “Getting off the Cross” Talk approximately two hours.

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Lent to Easter in the lands

From the Director's Desk
Sierry Ellen Breit, S.S.
Diocesan Mission Director

I am most grateful for your Easter sacrifice which is a fulsome expression of your love for Jesus. It serves the poor of the Mission.

Throughout the world, day after day, we find suffering of every kind: hunger, poverty, illness, disease, war and violence. There is also the suffering that comes from not knowing the great love of our Lord.

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The Massena - The 2nd Annual Glory in our Hearts 5K Walk/Run to Remember will be held Saturday, April 26, at Immaculate Heart Central School, with registration beginning at 1:30 p.m. The race will begin at 2 p.m.

The event is aimed at raising awareness of the need for spiritual direction and the importance of having a spiritual director. It is open to walkers and runners of all ages and abilities and will include a variety of activities to celebrate the importance of prayer and reflection. The event is sponsored by the Sisters of the Divine Heart and the Immaculate Heart Community, with support from the Massena Diocesan Office.

The mission of the event is to encourage people to seek guidance and support in their spiritual journey. The event will also feature live music and other entertainment to make the day enjoyable for all participants.

The race will be held on the school grounds and will include a 5K course that will take runners through the beautiful Massena countryside. The course will be marked with signs and volunteers to ensure the safety and smooth flow of the race.

The event is open to individuals of all ages and abilities, and there will be both a 5K race and a 1-mile fun run for walkers. The registration fee is $10 for adults, and $5 for children under 12. The cost for the 1-mile fun run is $5 for all ages.

Participants will be encouraged to dress in their best attire, with special emphasis on colorful and creative outfits. The event will feature live music, food, and other entertainment throughout the day.

The event is organized by the Glory in our Hearts Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting spiritual direction and the importance of prayer in our daily lives.

For more information, please contact the sisters at your local parish or the Massena Diocesan Office.

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Bishops disagreed with budget

“The Bishops of New York State are extremely disappointed in the support of so many rank and file members of the State Legislature from both parties as well as religious, non-profit and labor leaders, the Education Investment Tax Credit. Tax Credit has not been included in the state budget package,” a spokesperson from the New York State Catholic Conference said.

This opens a new round of debate on March 31 when the Bishop’s Conference in Albany will meet to discuss the implications of the new budget and how it affects the state’s bishops and priorities.

The bishops are concerned that the lack of funding for the education investment tax credit will hurt New York’s Catholic schools and prevent them from providing the best education possible to their students. The bishops have been advocating for this tax credit for several years, and they are disappointed that it was not included in the final budget package.

The bishops are calling on the state legislature to reconsider its decision and include the education investment tax credit in the budget package. They are also calling on all New Yorkers to support their Catholic schools by contributing to their local parishes and churches.

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The Chrism Mass

Full coverage of the 2014 Chrism Mass, to be held Wednesday, April 23, at St. Mary’s Cathedral, will appear in the next issue of the North Country Catholic.

The Liturgy of the Chrism Mass will be celebrated by the Most Rev. Bishop Laval will deliver a homily and lead the Ordained Minister of the Sacred Heart in the Chrism Mass, which will offer a five-year vision for the diocese with key priorities for ministry that have been established for every phase.

The proclamation was written after a 13 month process to assess the priorities and priorities of the Catholic Church in the North Country. Since 2013, Bishop Laval has held monthly meetings with an 11-member External Consultative Team made up of representatives from the diocese.

As part of their work, the team conducted a series of “listening sessions” allowing for the establishment of the five year vision for the diocese.

For more information or to learn more about the upcoming Chrism Mass, please visit www.hailmary.org.