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## Pope gives his blessing to *INSPIRE*

Bishop Terry R. LaValley received a letter from the office of the Secretariat of State of the Vatican June 8 in which Pope Francis offered an apostolic blessing on the diocesan vocation summit *INSPIRE: Called to Love*.

The letter begins:

His Holiness Pope Francis

was pleased to learn that on Sunday, 25 September 2016, the Diocese of Ogdensburg will convene a Vocations Summit centered on the theme *INSPIRE: Called to Love*. He asks you kindly to convey to all present his cordial greetings and good wishes for this significant

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Gospel. As he emphasized in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, "the new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized", precisely as a grateful response to God's saving love made known in Christ Jesus (No. 120).

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## Jennifer Fulwiler

One of the *INSPIRE* speakers talks to the *NCC* about her journey from atheism to Catholicism

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## THE CHALICE FOR *INSPIRE: CALLED TO LOVE*



CNS PHOTO BY PAUL HARING

Pope Francis lifts a chalice at his Sept. 25, 2015 Mass at Madison Square Garden in New York City that will be used again, exactly one year later, at the closing liturgy of the Diocese of Ogdensburg's *INSPIRE: Called to Love* summit in Lake Placid. Silversmith Adrian Pallarols of Buenos Aires, Argentina, a personal friend of Pope Francis, crafted the chalice. Through a mutual friend, Father Garry Giroux, pastor in Brasher Falls and chair of the planning committee for *INSPIRE: Called to Love*, had the opportunity to meet Pallarols who agreed to bring the chalice to Lake Placid for display and use in the Mass. Pallarols also shared information about *INSPIRE* with Pope Francis during his recent visit to Rome resulting in the papal blessing for the day. A copy of the letter from the Vatican is on page 4; the full story about the papal chalice is on page 7. Pictured above with the pope is Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Bishop Barron to come from L.A. to L. Placid



CNS PHOTO/JEFFREY BRUNO

Los Angeles Auxiliary Bishop Robert E. Barron, shown above as he addressed the 2105 World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, will be the keynote speaker at *INSPIRE: Called to Love*, the diocesan vocation summit to be held Sept. 25 in Lake Placid. The creator of the *Catholicism* series, Bishop Barron will speak on the call to holiness for all people, whether married, single, consecrated religious or ordained deacons and priests. Other speakers during the day will be Bishop Christopher Coyne, George Weigel and Jennifer Fulwiler.

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

## Be inspired... register today!

Readers don't need to skim past page one to realize that there's a singular focus for this week's *North Country Catholic*.

We're offering page after page of information about *INSPIRE: Called to Love*, the diocesan vocation summit set for Sept. 25 in Lake Placid.

We hope the articles and personal reflections encourage every Catholic in the Diocese of Ogdensburg to register for this extraordinary day.

It's not hard get excited about a diocesan event when

we hear it's received the stamp of approval from the pope.

Mary Lou  
Kilian

What a thrill then to read the letter from the Vatican sent to Bishop LaValley last week and know "the Holy Father commends all assembled for the Vocations Summit to the loving intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, and cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in Jesus her divine Son."

I wish I could say that Pope Francis read all about *INSPIRE* in the *NCC* but it took a few

conversations between a friend of a friend - starting with our own Father Garry Giroux - to make it happen.

Father Giroux barely completed his work for the 2014 Year of Faith event, before assuming the chair of the vocation summit planning committee. Even from the outside looking in, one can see the extraordinary amount of work that's already been undertaken for *INSPIRE*.

One of the committee members, who also worked on the Year of Faith team, explains why the time is well spent.

"The Year of Faith Closing Mass in Lake Placid two years ago showed the power of faith

in our Diocese," said Robert Main of Malone. "The *INSPIRE* summit, focusing on the call to holiness that we all share, whatever our vocation, offers the possibility of showing that power of faith in an even more dynamic and lasting way.

"May the power of the Spirit gather us together in even larger numbers; may the Spirit inspire us with the words and witness of outstanding speakers; and may the Spirit send us forth as renewed witnesses to our universal call to holiness," he said.

This is a very good reason why everyone should visit [www.inspirecalledtolove.org](http://www.inspirecalledtolove.org) and register today!

## A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

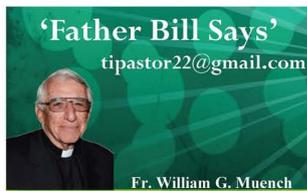
## Looking forward to a day of discovery

I want to join in the message of the *North Country Catholic* in praying for the success of next September's summit "*INSPIRE: Called to Love*." So, the focus of our diocese for next few months will be on "vocation" - all vocations from the Lord.

Lake Placid will be full of Catholics on September 25. This summit is meant to be a day of prayer and discovery - discovering who we are as the People of God. We are a loved people, called and challenged by our God to live out our own particular vocation gifted as we are by our God. Some follow their vocation in the married life, living the call to family, some as single in the world, some as dedicated religious, and some as ordained priests and deacons.

As the title of this summit indicates each of us is called to love and holiness. Through that call to love and holiness our morning prayer for each day will be "Lord, help me to be an instrument making your will happen this day."

I subscribe to the magazine, "Human Development," a publication of Guest House. This month the entire issue is dedicated to "vocation" and each ar-



ticle centers on the subject of a particular vocation within the Church.

We, Catholics believe that life is a vocation - everyone's life is a vocation. We are each called by our God to make our life more meaningful, each called to make this world a better place by the way we live out our vocation.

The lead article in the magazine this month is written by Msgr. John Lenz who begins by defining vocation. He sums everything up by saying God wishes to partner with us in life - complementing our unique gifts and talents, limitations and challenges.

So, from the start of my life journey to becoming a priest, God wanted to be my partner in all that I would accomplish as a priest.

I am certain that, as a young person, I did not understand or recognize this in those early

years. I had listened to many talks about vocation in those years however, it took me many more years before I truly recognized God's vocational pull and push.

Now, as I look back I can honestly say I recognize how loving and protective God was to me. I must again admit I worried more about how I looked as a priest before I finally got the message of how important was the way I accomplished my ministry as a priest, especially each time I celebrated the Holy Mass.

So, God is my partner but also your partner. God is a partner for you, married, a partner for you who chose to be single, a partner for you who have dedicated your life as a religious, a partner for you who have been ordained as priests and deacons.

God's love for us challenges us all to bring that love of God to all that we are asked to help and serve as Church. So, each day, I believe we all must pray that we will recognize God's call to be our partner. Think of it, such a gift, God wants to be involved with us all. May we be open to his loving guidance and inspiration.

Msgr. Lenz carefully adds

this to his message on vocation: God has a particular purpose for everything and everyone. This is God's dream for this Catholic Church. Oh, yes, too many times I resist God's lead. I get too busy or preoccupied with my own personal program. When will I learn to trust the Lord?

I am absolutely certain that each day the Lord has a plan to me, that God needs me so that something special, something extraordinary will be accomplished because I was willing and ready to follow the Lord's lead. Each day we are a part of God's plan, not that we can plan it. It is God's plan. Our God is a God of surprises. So I make my prayer each day that I will be open and willing to do what God plans for me, needs from me.

Remember always, when understanding your vocation for each day, that God works through secondary sources - through people, sometimes the strangest people or through apparent chance occurrences. May you or I never resist the invitation of the Lord even for the most ordinary of tasks.

Remember that sanctity is doing ordinary things extraordinarily well.

# INSPIRE: Called to Love:

*On Sept. 25 in Lake Placid... Celebrating our universal call to holiness*

By Marika Donders

Diocesan director of evangelization

Registration is well on its way for *INSPIRE: Called to Love*. We are three months out from the deadline for registering and already around 650 people have registered for this awesome opportunity to be inspired by world renowned speakers about how to live out our universal call to holiness.

People from surrounding dioceses are also starting to hear about our Summit in Lake Placid and many are planning to organize buses to take the long journey to our magnificent Adirondack mountains from as far away as Montreal, Kingston, Syracuse, Burlington and Albany.

There are folks from as far away as South Carolina, New

Hampshire and New York City planning to attend.

Have you registered yet? You don't want to miss this amazing opportunity to be part of this great event in our own diocese of Ogdensburg!

*INSPIRE: Called to Love* will be a day long summit featuring a keynote by Bishop Robert Barron, auxiliary bishop of Los Angeles, the creator and host of the *Catholicism* series. He is an amazing speaker about how to boldly live out our faith whether we are married, single, consecrated religious or ordained deacons and priests. We are all called to a deeper relationship with Jesus no matter what our state in life.

The other speakers include Bishop Christopher Coyne, the new bishop of Burlington, Vermont.

Bishop Coyne is a member of the Committees on Evangelization and Lay Ecclesial Ministries and the is the Chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Communications.

The second break-out speaker is Jennifer Fulwiler, a prolific author and radio show host. She is a convert from atheism and has spoken at many conferences like the Atlanta Eucharistic Conference and the World Meeting of Families and has appeared on shows like EWTN's *The Journey Home* and *Life on the Rock*. She is married and a mother of six kids under the age of 12 and a wonderful story teller.

Our third break out speaker is George Weigel. Most might know him as the author *Witness to Hope*, the Biography of Pope (now Saint!) John Paul II. He is

one of America's leading theologians and public intellectuals who often speaks about faith in the public square, religious freedom, evangelization and the mission of the Church.

In addition to this great opportunity to listen to amazing speakers, we will start the day praying together with Bishop LaValley and all our priests, deacons and the whole North Country Catholic Family of Faith and end the day with the celebration of Mass, the source and summit of our faith. The guest homilist for the Mass Will be Bishop Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau, Québec

The annual Youth Rally for teens from sixth to twelfth grades will be a component of the summit and to make the event even more family friendly there

will be child care available for children ages 3 up to 5th grade.

Also, normally the diocese recognizes married couples in the annual Marriage Jubilee held at the Cathedral in September. This year we will be celebrating all vocations at the Inspire Summit and we will recognize married couples there.

Many parishes are arranging buses (see article on page 8) to help parishioners attend this unique event. Parishes are adjusting their Mass schedules so that all people can attend.

For more information about how to register see the article on page 6 or head over to [www.inspirecalledtolove.org](http://www.inspirecalledtolove.org).

We look forward to see you in Lake Placid on September 25. Doors open at 9 a.m.

"Catholics. . . .

*Whether you're young or old, married or single, religious or ordained,*

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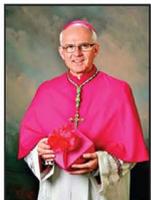


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The Most Rev. Terry R. LaValley  
Bishop of Ogdensburg, NY



George Weigel  
Author, Catholic Theologian



The Most Rev. Christopher Coyne  
Bishop of Burlington, VT



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Keynote Speaker

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or at your parish during  
the sign-up weekend  
July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>



# Annual diocesan Youth Rally to be part of *INSPIRE*

By Kelly Donnelly  
Diocesan director of youth ministry

On September 25, the annual diocesan Youth Rally will take place in Lake Placid. While the Youth Rally is always an event that teens across the diocese look forward to, this year is sure to be especially exciting, as the rally will be part of *INSPIRE: Called to Love*, the vocations summit being held in Lake Placid.

**This event is a tremendous opportunity for teens to grow in their faith, have fun and experience the vibrancy of the Church**

Teens attending the rally can look forward to attending Bishop Barron's keynote address, a performance from Full Armor Band, an interactive park, and the closing Mass. Full Armor Band is known for its engaging performances, having played at a variety of youth events, including the Washington D.C. Youth Rally at the March for Life.

The interactive park will consist of a variety of activities. From adventure and leadership games (including Life Sized Foosball) to service opportunities (such as making bird houses) to artistic opportunities (such as making wrist rosaries and posing in a Bible photo booth), there will be something for everyone.

The youth rally is open to youth in grades 6-12. Registration for the youth rally component is on the same page as the adult registration for Inspire (<http://www.inspirecalledtolove.org/register.asp>); there is a place on the registration form to indicate the participant is a youth. Registration is required. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the youth rally, please contact Kelly Donnelly at [kdonnelly@rcdony.org](mailto:kdonnelly@rcdony.org).

This event is a tremendous opportunity for teens to grow in their faith, have fun, and experience the vibrancy of the Church.

Not only will they have a chance to meet other teens and see renowned speakers and performers, but they will be a part of a unique experience, learning about and growing in the universal call to holiness.

# Pope Francis imparts Apostolic Blessing on vocations summit



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From the Vatican, 30 May 2016

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In a particular way, the Holy Father asks everyone to pray fervently for vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life, confident that the Lord's voice will make itself heard and raise up a new generation of priests and religious committed to the spread of the Gospel, the renewal of the Church and the building of a society more fully imbued with the values of God's Kingdom.

With these sentiments the Holy Father commends all assembled for the Vocations Summit to the loving intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, and cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in Jesus her divine Son.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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*INSPIRE: Called to Love, the speakers... first in a series*

# Journey towards faith is one of joy

By Suzanne Pietropaoli  
Staff writer

Radio talk show host. Former atheist. Wife. Mother of six. Best-selling author. Faithful Catholic. Jennifer Fulwiler's unique experiences will enrich the vocation summit, *INSPIRE: Called to Love*, where she will speak on Sept. 25.

**Jennifer Fulwiler reflects on her journey from atheism to Catholicism, the life and family she never expected to have, and the transforming power of faith**

In a recent interview with the NCC, Mrs. Fulwiler discussed her journey from atheism to Catholicism, the life and family she never expected to have, and the transforming power of faith.

## Raised as an atheist

A sixth-generation Texan and a beloved only child, Jennifer was raised with a scientific world view in which God was a fantasy of the weak.

Nearing adolescence, Jennifer intuited that she would someday die. This terrifying thought soon led to a frantic pursuit of happiness. Early experiences with those seeking to convert her had created a real antipathy towards Christianity; Jennifer transferred out of Texas A&M when religion seemed too much a part of the school's culture. After graduating from University of Texas/Austin, she landed a

good job at a high-tech firm, continued her frenetic socializing, and thought she had it all.

Then Joe Fulwiler walked into the firm and into her life.

The young woman who considered herself uninterested in marriage was, in short order, married and expecting her first child. With his birth, everything changed - not only the routines of life, but the manner of understanding life itself. Clearly there was more to life than atoms.

For Jennifer, "Becoming a wife and mother exposed me to a different type of love, one that had power to alter everything within me. Atheism could not account for the bond that Joe and I shared. It offered no lexicon for capturing what I saw in my son."

## Search for the truth

So began a search for the truth, nourished by serious reading, careful thinking, and constant internet conversations with other truth-seekers.

Writer C.S. Lewis, too, was especially significant, notes Jennifer, "because he was a former atheist. When I started looking into Christianity, I found that life-long Christians spoke an entirely different language from mine. Their whole framework for evaluating life was different.

"For instance," she said, "they were always talking about 'sin' and feeling freed from their sins after they accepted Jesus. At that time, 'sin' did not resonate with me; I was a good person who tried to do the right thing. Awareness of sin would come later, as I came to know God.

"Lewis, though, knew how to frame the big ideas in a way that was accessible to me as an atheist," she said. "I love it that God gives each of us a unique way to get back to him, and to reach people with his truths."



Jennifer Fulwiler

Soon Jennifer was reading the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*; it made sense, and she wanted to try to live by it if she were honest about seeking God.

"I was pro-choice at the time, and assumed that everybody was pro-contraception," she said. "I could never have imagined agreeing with Catholic teaching on marriage and sexuality, but now I recognized the truth of it. I had known too many young women who ended up in abortion clinics, feeling like they had no choices in a pro-choice world.

"Sadly," Jennifer said, "they accepted the great lie of our culture, that the act of intercourse does not have life-changing consequences, that you can engage in the act that makes babies even if you are not ready to be a mother."

## Church teaching becomes personal

Soon Church teaching on life and love became intensely personal.

While expecting her second child, Jennifer experienced symptoms of deep-vein thrombosis, a potentially life-threatening problem. But before heading to the ER, she first had to make a phone call - to enroll herself and her husband in RCIA at the Catholic parish

they had begun attending.

"I knew that if I were diagnosed with DVT, my whole life could be sent in a different direction," she said. "I had a strong sense that I wanted to set the Catholic track in motion before I got the diagnosis I was pretty sure was coming."

Come it did: Jennifer learned that she had inherited two genes for this serious blood clotting disorder, making pregnancy very high-risk. With medication, her second baby was born healthy, but the Fulwilers were told: "No more babies!"

They declined sterilization/contraception, preferring natural methods.

"We were not as well informed as we should have been," says Jennifer, "and I had to go back to the doctor who had diagnosed the clotting disorder and tell him I was pregnant. Interestingly, now that I actually was pregnant, his attitude was less gloomy. The medication worked well once again—and again, and again.

"During my sixth pregnancy, however, I developed bilateral pulmonary embolisms while on blood thinners," she said. "Then we got serious about NFP, which has worked very well for us. This helps me to talk to folks about contraception and NFP: even though I am the worst-case scenario, I still consider this teaching to be good and true."

In fact, Jennifer views this experience as a blessing.

"I have grown so much as a person, and am so grateful for the life I have today," she said. "My old mentality would have told me that someone with my temperament could barely handle one child. Now, though, I am living the truth that God does not call the equipped, but equips the called.

"With my faith and God's help, I am doing what I thought was impossible," she said, "and it is a more beautiful life than I could ever have

imagined!"

"Having a relationship with God, and knowing him as a loving person active in my life, really changed everything," Jennifer observes. "Of course he was always present, but I did not know it. It also took the Catholic Church to open my eyes to see that life is a blessing—not only in the presence of my own children, but in the value of every person.

"In addition, being part of a world-wide family, the Church, has been absolutely life-changing for me," she said. "What a gift for an only child of an only child, married to an only child, to gain this enormous family!"

## On Catholic Radio

Her daily radio show (on Sirius XM Channel 129, weekdays, from 2 p.m. to 4) puts Jennifer in touch with what others are thinking about the Church, too.

"Lots of Catholics love their faith, but struggle with the level of sacrifice that comes with living the difficult teachings," she said. "Also, many cradle Catholics feel isolated from the mainstream of society, especially on issues of marriage. Above all, modern Catholics have a great desire for a stronger sense of community, the need to connect with others who love their faith and take it seriously."

In person, on air, or in print, Jennifer Fulwiler delights in speaking of the goodness of God and the joys of faith.

"One of the things Pope Francis has brought us is new awareness of the joy of giving of yourself," she said. "Our culture misunderstands sacrifice and service as negative things: avoid them and you will have a good rich life. But Francis has revolutionized the world's mindset: great joy and great closeness to God are actually found through sacrifice. Thinking of others and serving them is actually the best life of all."

## Editor's Note

This is the first in a series of interviews of the main speakers of *INSPIRE: Called to Love*. Profiles of Bishop Barron, Bishop Coyne and George Weigel will be printed in upcoming issues of the NCC

# Here's how to register for *INSPIRE: Called to Love*

INSPIRE: Called to Love It is a free event, but registration is required.

All registration for the event will be online which is open now through Sept. 15.

For those who are uncomfortable with online registration or simply don't have internet access, there will be several registration drives scheduled in parishes, the first of which is scheduled for the weekend of July 9-10.

Also, each parish will have a designated person or team to assist with registrations. Check your parish bulletins for details.

For those who would like to sign up online, here is a step-by-step instruction:

1. Go to <http://www.in->

[spirecalledtolove.org/](http://www.inspirecalledtolove.org/) and click on REGISTER at the top of the page. (You will also find a step-by-step video on this page.)

2. Click on the Orange "Register Now" button which will take you to the registration page.

3. Click the Green REGISTER button:

4. You will see a pop up Register box. Click the dropdown box to indicate the number of people you are registering and then click the green CHECKOUT box:

5. This will bring you to the form where you enter your information and the information for everyone you are registering.

The system times out after

eight minutes, so if you are registering a large group, register only four or five people at a time

If you have any questions about registering, please contact your parish liaison or our information line by emailing [info@inspirecalledtolove.com](mailto:info@inspirecalledtolove.com) or calling Marika Donders (315) 393-2920, ext. 1380.

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## Rest in Peace

*This week marks the anniversary of the deaths of the following clergymen who have served in the Diocese of Ogdensburg*

**June 15** – Rev. Francis C.A. Cornish, 1960

**June 16** – Rev. James L. Meehan, 2004; Deacon John Dwyer, 2007

**June 17** – Rev. Thomas J. Thottumkal, 1992

**June 19** – Rev. Gerard Chouinard, O.M.I., 1955; Deacon David F. Moltz, 2011

**June 20** – Rev. James O'Hara, 1949

**June 21** – Msgr. Joseph F. Luker, 1972

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## Bishop's Schedule

**June 11-17** – United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Spring Assembly in Huntington Beach, CA

**June 18** – 2 p.m., Graduation Ceremonies for Immaculate Heart Central in Watertown

5:30 p.m., Mass at Notre Dame Church in Ogdensburg & Retirement Reception for Father Jim Shurtleff

**June 19** – 11 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

**June 20** – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

7:15 p.m., Novena and Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

**June 21** – 10:30 a.m., Diocesan Finance Council Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

**June 22** – 11 a.m., Meeting with the Priests of Hamilton-Herkimer Deanery at St. Mary's Church in Indian Lake

**June 23** – 11 a.m., Meeting with the Priests of Franklin Deanery at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Constable

## Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults. Pre-registration online is required in order to participate. Participants may preregister at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) by selecting the registration button and following the directions. All employees and volunteers who participate in church sponsored activities with minor are required to participate. Further information is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 1440. Upcoming sessions: **June 20** – 9:30 a.m., Camp Guggenheim, Saranac Lake

## Environmental Stewardship

### What is Integral Ecology?

How often have you heard a debate that seems to view the needs of humans and the needs of the environment as though they were two separate identities?

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"When we speak of the "environment," what we really mean is a relationship existing between nature and the society which live in it. Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live... We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature."

"Today... we have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach. It must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor." (Para. #49) He does not offer us answers, but challenges us to dialogue together to find the best solution that will serve the common good of all life on the planet.

This is no small task that the Holy Father places before us personally and as a world community! So where might we begin? Suggestion: consider your everyday choices, i.e. about food, household products, lawn and garden care and how they impact the environment and the lives of others locally and globally. What choices do I feel good about? Where do I feel the need to change?

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*A sign of church unity between Pope Francis and the Diocese of Ogdensburg*

# The pope's chalice

The promotion and preservation of Church unity is critical to the ministry of the pope and the diocesan bishop.

Every day, during the celebration of Holy Mass, we are reminded of the significance of our Catholic unity when the priest-celebrant declares the local Church gathered to be in communion of mind and heart with Francis, our pope, and Terry, our bishop.

This sense of our unity as a diocesan Church is clearly tangible when we gather at the celebration of the Eucharist with our bishop.

How might the awareness of our unity with Pope Francis be made more apparent?

An attempt will be made to address this important reality at the concluding Mass of the Vocations Summit, *INSPIRE: Called to Love*.

A special chalice was made for Pope Francis to commemorate his visit to New York City last September. The chalice was made by a silversmith from Buenos Aires, Argentina who is a close friend of Pope Francis; his name is Adrian Pallarols.

Pope Francis, when he was the Archbishop of Buenos Aires, officiated at Adrian's marriage to his wife and



Silversmith Adrian Pallarols of Buenos Aires, Argentina, a personal friend of Pope Francis, crafted a chalice to commemorate the pope's visit to New York City in September. After the Madison Square Garden Mass, Pope Francis entrusted the chalice to Pallarols, asking that he see to it that the chalice be used at special celebrations of the Eucharist around the world. Through a mutual friend, Father Garry Giroux, pastor in Brasher Falls and chair of the planning committee for *INSPIRE: Called to Love*, had the opportunity to meet Pallarols who agreed to bring the chalice to Lake Placid for display and use in the closing liturgy of the Sept. 25 vocation summit.

also at the baptism of his daughter. Adrian and his family periodically visit Pope Francis at the Vatican.

Adrian, 44 years of age, made the chalice from melted down silver pieces (jewelry, coins, etc.) donated

by Americans from across the United States.

Mr. Pallarols mentioned that the silver pieces were of varying grades and values; but once melted down, the pieces formed one silver ingot from which the chalice

was fashioned. The chalice features red, white, and blue jewels, a gold-plated map of the United States, and an intricate design inspired by the architecture of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

The chalice was first used

at the papal Mass at Madison Square Garden last year; the chalice has not been used since that Mass. After the Madison Square Garden Mass, Pope Francis entrusted the chalice to Adrian, asking that he see to it that the chalice be used at special celebrations of the Eucharist around the world.

Father Garry Giroux, chair of the *INSPIRE: Called to Love* committee, and Adrian Pallarols have a mutual friend who is the director of development at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York; their friend arranged a meeting between Adrian and Father Giroux.

After learning about the scope, goals and specifics of *INSPIRE: Called to Love*, Adrian agreed to bring Pope Francis' chalice to Lake Placid for the Vocations Summit; Mr. Pallarols will display the chalice at an exhibit on the mezzanine of the 1980 Arena prior to the beginning of the morning session and during lunch time.

The pope's chalice will then be used by Bishop LaValley at the concluding Mass of the Vocations Summit, underscoring our union of heart and mind with Pope Francis.

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What excites me about Inspire: Called to Love? I guess it would be easier to say "what doesn't?" I am so moved at the prospect of something of this magnitude coming to our modest, but humble diocese. Such an inspiration and it is for US!

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## Bishop LaValley requests that parish Mass schedules for Sept. 24-25 be modified

The goal of the Vocations Summit, *INSPIRE: Called to Love*, is by no means insignificant.

We look to the Vocations Summit to feed the fires of holiness among our people, recapturing the vision and call of Gospel living.

Sunday, Sept. 25, will be a full day for the Diocese of Ogdensburg. But, how will the clergy and pastoral ministers hear what their parishioners will hear at the Vocations Summit?

How will they experience, first hand, the energy and dynamism of *INSPIRE* if they have to remain back at the parishes, taking care of the usual Sunday schedules?

Bishop LaValley, aware of this dilemma, decided that

parishes should modify their weekend Mass schedule for Sept. 24 and 25 to permit clergy and pastoral ministers to participate in the Vocations Summit along with their parishioners.

Clearly, this is an extraordinary measure. But, the nature and scope of this opportunity requires accommodation in a variety of ways.

One such way is the modification of the weekend Mass schedule.

Last Aug. 15, Bishop LaValley wrote a letter to all the priests of the diocese asking them to develop a modified Mass schedule for the weekend of Sept. 24 and 25, 2016 so they could participate in *INSPIRE: Called to Love*.

In September of 2015, the Priests' Council of the diocese unanimously supported Bishop LaValley's request for a modification of the weekend Mass schedule for the Vocations Summit.

Commitment to our future as a Church involves occasional inconveniences and growth pains; the modification of the weekend Mass schedule for the Vocations Summit will undoubtedly be an inconvenience for some. But, Bishop LaValley is trusting in the good will and generosity of all.

Parishes will soon begin publicizing the modified Mass schedule for the weekend of Sept. 24 and 25 to give their people advance notice.

## Get on the bus!

The morning of Sept. 25 buses from across the diocese and beyond will be making their way to *INSPIRE: Called to Love*. Many of our parishes have already contracted with bus companies and others are planning to do so.

Here are three reasons to sign up for a local bus.

- On that Sunday morning there will be thousands of people converging on the Olympic conference center between 9 a.m.

and 10 am. Parking will be at a premium. How much better it will be to step off the bus at the doors of the conference center than to have to find a spot in a distant parking lot and then climb aboard a shuttle?

- Second, the bus will offer leisure to gaze upon the beautiful foliage or even to take a nap as you like.

- Most importantly is the comradery that is available to those on the bus.

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Here are the particulars...

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A VOICE OF FAITH

# The universal call to holiness

By Suzanne Pietropaoli  
Staff Writer

No doubt he meant well, but he could not have been more wrong. When, nearly 40 years ago, my future husband and I told our pastor that we wanted to be married, he responded: "I thought you two loved the Lord."

**Because the vitality of the Church depends upon the faithfulness of her members, "INSPIRE: Called to Love" seeks to remind everyone of the universal call to holiness.**

Through the goodness of God, we did and we do. After all, "Married couples and parents should follow their own proper path to holiness by faithful love, sustaining one another in grace throughout the entire length of their lives" (Lumen Gentium, 41).

Not only married people of course, and not only priests and religious, but "all ... are able to make great contributions toward holiness and apostolic endeavor in the Church" (Lumen Gentium 41).

"This holiness of the Church is unceasingly manifested, as it ought to be, through those fruits of grace that the Spirit produces in the faithful. It is expressed in multiple ways by those individuals who, in their walk of life, strive for the perfection of charity and help others to grow" (LG39).

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Just as no one is excluded from the love of God or from his providential care, no person is excluded from

the call to holiness. The God who has created each of us in his own image has made us to know ourselves loved by him and to love him in return. Scripture is addressed to all who seek God; the Ten Commandments are given for all who would walk in his ways; the sacraments are channels of grace for all who are members of his Church.

There are, as the Second Vatican Council (Lumen Gentium, 40-41) makes clear, no exceptions or exemptions for those who would follow Jesus: "In the various types and duties of life, one and the same holiness is cultivated by all who are moved by the Spirit of God, and who obey the voice of the Father, worshipping God in spirit and in truth... All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and the perfection of charity."

Offered to everyone, the call to holiness first invites us to union with God, to

draw close to the One who became one of us in the Incarnation. This is clear in Matthew 22:36-40, when Jesus is asked to identify the greatest commandment of the law. Immediately Jesus responds: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, your whole soul, and your whole mind."

Rather than merely presenting a dry and demanding law, this commandment actually contains the most profound promise, a precious invitation to know God personally—not for God's sake, but for our own.

After all, as the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* makes clear, "Man is by nature and vocation a religious being. Coming from God and going toward God, man lives a fully human life only if he freely lives by his bond with God (44) ... so as to find life and happiness (30). Spiritual progress tends toward ever more intimate union with Christ. This union is called 'mystical' because it participates in the

mystery of Christ through the sacraments—the 'holy mysteries'—and in him, in the mystery of the Holy Trinity. God calls us all to this intimate union with him... (2014)."

In fact, the deepest purpose of our lives is to know and love the Lord who made us and redeemed us - the God in whom "we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17, 28).

This primary love relationship is ours for the asking: in prayer, through Scripture, in the sacraments, in every moment. Indeed, "God is near to all who call

upon him, to all who call upon him in truth" (Psalm 145:18).

It is a truth of human nature that we become like what we love; it is a miracle of grace that God wills to draw us into relationship with himself and to make us holy as he is holy.

No wonder that loving God is the first and greatest commandment!

Yet there is, Jesus reminds us, a second commandment like unto the first: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Once we have known the goodness of God and experienced his love, we are commanded to share that love with others. The holiness in which we have been privileged to share is, after all, God's and not our own. "... The faithful should use the strength dealt out to them by Christ's gift, so that... doing the will of the Father in everything, they may wholeheartedly devote themselves to the glory of God and to the service of their neighbor. Thus the holiness of the People of God will grow in fruitful abundance..." (CCC2013).

Responding to the universal call to holiness is the work of a lifetime. In the words of the Catechism (2015), this journey "passes by way of the Cross [yet] gradually leads to the joy of the Beatitudes: 'He who climbs never stops going from beginning to beginning, through beginnings that have no end. He never stops desiring what he already knows.'



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# Value of a H-U-U-U-G-E event

Father Bryan Stitt  
Vocations Director

A couple Weeks ago, I returned to my family's home in Crown Point. I knew that a pre-Memorial Day celebration was underway, but since I didn't arrive until close to 8 p.m., I never expected to see what awaited me. When I pulled into the neighbor's driveway (ours had long since been over-filled) and made my way into the house, hands waved from the windows, hugs enveloped me, and a crowd of 60 people gently swallowed me alive.

I was home. I'm no stranger to big events. My mother is one of ten children, so I'm used to big family parties. On top of that I've been to rallies, concerts, conventions, and canonizations where I've experienced the effect of a huge crowd.

What's more, these days I'm helping plan a day-long

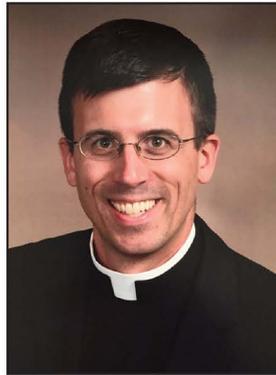
Summit at the Olympic Arena in Lake Placid for 7,000 people that will take place in September.

As you probably know, in April of 2014 Bishop Terry LaValley announced that we would be putting on a free event in September of 2016. The goal is to help each of us rediscover that God calls us to holiness—that every man woman and child is called by God to follow Him through his or her respective vocation. He calls some to be priests or religious, He calls others to be married or single, but He calls each and every one.

Now that dream is becoming a reality in the event called *INSPIRE: Called to Love*. See [www.inspirecalledtolove.com](http://www.inspirecalledtolove.com) for more details and to register.

Here's the point I'd like to ponder with you today: what is the value of a big event?

It isn't the most efficient, comfortable or cost-effective way to get a message



Father Stitt

out. Sure, back in the days of the Gettysburg address, the St. Crispin's Day speech, or the Sermon on the Mount, the crowd was the way to go.

But in a day of social media, why bother getting together anymore?

Yet think of Woodstock. There were and are much better ways to listen to the music, but anyone who was there will never forget the

experience. Think of the Selma to Montgomery March. There were and are more articulate arguments for equal rights, but the witness the marchers gave was world-changing.

For that matter think of any professional sporting event. You can follow the game much more closely from the comfort of your own home, and yet there is something exciting about the roar of the crowd.

As a rising high school junior, I was with the hundreds of thousands of young people in Denver, Colorado, to greet Pope John Paul II for World Youth Day 1993. I will never forget my awe at that moment: in every direction as far as the eye could see there were people united in faith.

It was a foundational moment in my own vocation to be a Catholic priest because I realized then and there just how big the universal Church was.

In a world of great isola-

tion, we need the power of these big events. To shake us from the YouTube watching, comfortable couch-sitting, I'll-have-it-my-way world we live in, we need a little awe in something bigger than ourselves.

In July millions will gather with Pope Francis in Krakow, Poland for this year's World Youth Day; in September, thousands will gather with Bishop LaValley in Lake Placid for *INSPIRE: Called to Love*; and this Sunday, hundreds will gather with their priests in parish churches to worship their God. None of these events will be very efficient, notably comfortable, or exceptionally entertaining. Big crowds never are. But maybe that's just what the doctor ordered.

The Divine Physician did say, "where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

How much more so when it is hundreds and thousands?

## Planners share their excitement about *INSPIRE*

*Members of the INSPIRE planning committee share their hopes for the event:*

Without exaggeration, I am stoked for the *INSPIRE: Called to Love* Vocations Summit in September in Lake Placid! This is an event the likes of which we have not seen in our diocese, and it promises to bear much fruit in the lives of those who attend.

So, why am I personally excited? Because we have some of the most sought-after evangelists of our time coming to our home to share with us their own stories, their thoughts on the universal call to holiness, and encouragement to live this call in our daily lives. Both clergy and lay people, these speakers are incredibly gifted and zealous in living their faith in Jesus Christ.

Bishop Robert Barron, an

auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and founder of Word on Fire, a well-known global media ministry, will give the keynote address. Break-out sessions will also be given by Mrs. Jennifer Fulwiler, Dr. George Weigel and Bishop Christopher Coyne of the Diocese of Burlington, VT. To see more about who they are for yourself, go to [www.inspirecalledtolove.org](http://www.inspirecalledtolove.org). The whole event, leading to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist that afternoon, promises to "fan into flame the gift of the spirit" that each of us has received in Baptism.

I sincerely hope that many from our diocese will register quickly and make an effort to participate in the *INSPIRE: Called to Love* Vocations Summit!

Father Scott Belina  
Malone

What excites me about *INSPIRE: Called to Love*? I guess it would be easier to say "what doesn't?" I am so moved at the prospect of something of this magnitude coming to our modest, but humble diocese. Such an inspiration and it is for US!

I hope that all who are affected by this event, help to carry such an important message not to some but to every member of this diocese and beyond. This summit is just the beginning where the seed of love will be planted.

"Others are like the seed planted in the good ground. They hear the teaching and accept it. Then they grow and produce fruit—sometimes thirty times more, sometimes sixty times more, and sometimes a hundred times more." Mark 4:20  
As we move with the

changes that have and are about to take place with the linkage and combining of many of our parishes that we pay heed to these words of encouragement and hope and continue to be the church Jesus gave to us.  
Grace and blessings,

Carol O'Brien Gonthier  
Norfolk

*INSPIRE* is just what I'm hoping for from the Vocations Summit. With thousands of Catholics gathered in the Olympic Center, the power of the Holy Spirit is bound to be extraordinarily strong.

My hope is that the power of the Holy Spirit will help me to live my vocation more fully and inspire me to be a better husband and father.

I pray that *INSPIRE, Called to Love* will strengthen our

Diocesan families, and help them to assist in creation of the Culture of Vocations as proclaimed in Bishop LaValley's Pastoral Vision.

Patrick Murnane  
Plattsburgh

What excites me about *INSPIRE: Called to Love* is the energy and hope given when many people gather in Jesus' Name.

Life is so busy and schedules tight—but when so many put aside everything to travel even a distance in order to unite with others to gain inspiration from wonderful speakers and to share Eucharist, it speaks volumes about our beautiful faith being alive in our world and gives me and so many hope in the future "reign of the Lord."

Sister Marie Cordata Kelly, SSJ  
Watertown

# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## L.A. archbishop calls law allowing physician-assisted suicide 'unjust'

LOS ANGELES (CNS) -- With California now allowing doctors to prescribe lethal medications for terminally ill patients who ask for them, "we are crossing a line," said the archbishop of Los Angeles. With the state's new "End of Life Options" law legalizing assisted suicide, the nation has crossed "from being a society that cares for those who are aging and sick to a society that kills those whose suffering we can no longer tolerate," said Archbishop Jose H. Gomez. "Our government leaders tell us that granting the right to choose a doctor-prescribed death is compassionate and will comfort the elderly and persons facing terminal and chronic illness," he said in a statement June 8, the day before the law took effect. "Killing is not caring," Archbishop Gomez said. "True compassion means walking with those who are suffering, sharing their pain, helping them bear their burdens. Loving your neighbor as yourself is not a duty we fulfill by giving our neighbor a lethal dose of pills." California becomes the fifth state in the nation to legalize physician-assisted suicide for terminally ill patients. Oregon was the first state, in 1994, followed by Washington and Vermont. The Montana Supreme Court has ruled that physicians in that state may prescribe lethal drugs to the competent terminally ill.

## Five-year renovation planned for Montreal's St. Joseph Oratory

MONTREAL (CNS) -- Canada's most visited Catholic shrine is about to get a facelift. St. Joseph Oratory, managed by the Congregation of the Holy Cross, will see \$80 million (\$63 million U.S.) in upgrades and new installations in a five-year project set to begin in 2017. The project includes a 360-degree observatory that will allow visitors to see as far as the American border 40 miles away. Upcoming changes also include a new pavilion to welcome visitors, a re-designed garden, new outdoor lighting, installation of mechanical transports to help people climb the hill to reach the basilica and the restoration of the museum. A spokesman for the congregation said the modifications will modernize the oratory founded by St. Andre Bessette, who was known as Brother Andre. Founded in 1904 and built atop Mount Royal, the oratory welcomes 2 million pilgrims and visitors each year.

## Pope elevates memorial of St. Mary Magdalene to feast day

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Recognizing St. Mary Magdalene's role as the first to witness Christ's resurrection and as a "true and authentic evangelizer," Pope Francis raised the July 22 memorial of St. Mary Magdalene to a feast on the church's liturgical calendar, the Vatican announced. A decree formalizing the decision was published by the Congregation for Divine Worship June 10 along with an article explaining its significance. Both the decree and the article were titled "Apostolorum Apostola" ("Apostle of the Apostles"). In the article for the Vatican newspaper, Archbishop Arthur Roche, secretary of the congregation, wrote that in celebrating "an evangelist who proclaims the central joyous message of Easter," St. Mary Magdalene's feast day is a call for all Christians to "reflect more deeply on the dignity of women, the new evangelization and the greatness of the mystery of divine mercy. Pope Francis has taken this decision precisely in the context of the Jubilee of Mercy to highlight the relevance of this woman who showed great love for Christ and was much loved by Christ," Archbishop Roche wrote.

# Church agencies looking for answers in response to new overtime rule

By Dennis Sadowski  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Rosemary Miller, executive director of Catholic Social Services of Montana, has long tried to ensure that the four social workers on her staff earn a fair wage, but a new federal rule governing overtime pay is giving her concern that the operation is going to take a big financial hit.

Set to take effect Dec. 1, the new Department of Labor rule roughly doubles the salary threshold at which workers would be exempt from overtime pay from \$23,660 (\$455 weekly) to \$47,476 annually (\$913 weekly) with a review every three years beginning in 2020. The social workers earn about \$35,000 and under the current rule do not have to receive overtime pay.

With the rule under the Depression-era Fair Labor Standards Act though, each of the social workers will see their pay bump up to about \$40,000 including overtime, Miller estimates. Right now, there's little padding in the agency's budget to absorb the extra \$20,000, she said.

The social workers cover the entire state, driving up to five hours to meet a client who is giving birth. They stay with a mother and her newborn for 72 hours, clocking in 12 hours a day for three days. That's where the overtime would come into play come December.

"I'm going to have to send them all into hourly pay," Miller told Catholic News Service after the rule was announced May 18 by Department of Labor Secretary Thomas E. Perez and President Barack Obama. Miller said it will be less costly to go that route than to raise each social worker's salary to

the new overtime-exempt threshold.

"I think it's way too much of a jump," Miller said. "I know that there's a lot of employers that are affected than just us. In Montana, the salaries are low and I don't think they (federal officials) took that into consideration."

For tens of thousands of employees nationwide, the overtime pay rule is welcome. In some cases, employers are not overly concerned and expect to be able to adjust budgets by raising salaries to the revised threshold, budgeting overtime pay for lower-paid workers or having managers approve overtime hours.

The rule covers employees in settings such as factories, schools, offices and nonprofits. Exemptions for ministers and teachers will remain, but certain employees -- in parishes, schools, homeless shelters and the like for example -- will have to track their hours and their employers will have to change the way pay records are kept.

## In the Diocese of Ogdensburg

Michael Tooley, diocesan fiscal officer in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, New York, said the rule could significantly affect budgets because people who now are exempt from overtime pay will be classified as nonexempt in December. Even with some anticipated overtime pay, he expects the diocese can "absorb a very modest" increase in salary expenses.

The diocese is looking at helping parishes revise job descriptions so that workers would be considered ministers, making them exempt from overtime pay.

"It is a very gray area because there's no reference as I understand it in labor law," Tooley told CNS.

In the Archdiocese of Seat-

tle, Mary Santi, chancellor and executive director of human resources, said her office is focused on making the overtime rule work. "We have to do it," she said.

Santi expressed concern, however, that some parishes may be forced to cut hours of some employees, making full-time workers into part-timers because of budget constraints. Other options are being explored as well, she said.

"You've got a lot of dedicated people devoting themselves to ministry for many years and they don't necessarily have a lot of transferable skills into the marketplace," Santi said. "We've got to make sure we take care of our employees."

At dioceses and archdioceses, the pending rule has been monitored for months and officials have started helping parishes understand how it affects their lay staff, some of whom who have fluctuating work schedules.

Rob Reid, director of human resources in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, cited the job of a parish music director who works plenty of extra hours during Holy Week and the Christmas season but has steady hours for much of the rest of the year. For people close to the new threshold it may make sense to raise their salary to avoid overtime pay, he said.

"So you look at what might be available for a particular employee and what makes sense businesswise," Reid said. He already has advised parishes and other entities to begin tracking hours to see who may work more than 40 hours a week.

"If someone never works overtime, it's pretty easy. But if someone works overtime, (the employer) must set an hourly wage to account for the overtime premium, Reid explained.



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## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# The joys and challenges of life as a disciple of Jesus

Every Sunday we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. It is a day that is supposed to be different from the other days of the week, with time for worship with the parish community, and a time for family.

All in all, it should be a time for remembering that we are followers together of Jesus Christ with all its mixture of joy and suffering.

Today's readings reflect this combination of victory with Christ, as well as our identity with His suffering.

Jesus' words to Peter and the other disciples say it all: "If anyone wishes to come

after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

Love from Jesus brings us daily joy, and our loyalty to that love can bring us real suffering, whether in defending our faith, or battling to uphold Christian values. There it is.

When we celebrate the Resurrection each Sunday, we must also recall the wounds of Jesus, the price He paid, and make new resolutions to courageously face our own sufferings and challenges that we have ac-



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JUNE 19

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time'

READINGS

Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1

Galatians 3:26-29

Luke 9:18-24

cepted for Jesus' sake. Zechariah's prophecy in the first reading is a mixture of mourning and victory, foretelling the pattern that Jesus asks of us in the New Covenant.

Paul, in the reading from Galatians, assures us that we are all in this together, without distinction of any kind of race or background.

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-Patrick Murnane of St. Peter's Parish in Plattsburgh.

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AT THE MOVIES

# NOW YOU SEE ME 2

By Kurt Jensen  
Catholic News Service

There's a moral underlying the magic-themed thriller "Now You See Me 2" (Summit). It concerns being true to yourself while not always believing in what you see. Such, it seems, is the code magicians live by.

We know this because Thaddeus Bradley (Morgan Freeman), the magic debunker and secret friend of the versatile crime-fighting "Four Horsemen" -- the central ensemble of this franchise -- invokes it both at the beginning and the end of the film.

The densely constructed plot with rat-a-tat dialogue is based on a series of elaborate con games involving hypnotism, card manipulation, illusions, escape tricks and lots of technology.

All of this leads to a gigantic sting involving a computer circuit known as "the stick," which can de-encrypt any system into which it's plugged. Since the magicians are all performers, the big reveal occurs in front of a cheering worldwide audience.

Language issues push this sequel toward adult territory. But it's probably acceptable for older adolescents.

Returning are group leader J. Daniel Atlas (Jesse Eisenberg) skilled at both illusions and card tricks, hypnotist Merritt McKinney (Woody Harrelson) and sleight-of-hand artist Jack Wilder (Dave Franco), joined by fast-talking illusionist Lula (Lizzy Caplan). She replaces Isla Fisher's Henley, the escape artist of the original.

This time, FBI agent Dylan Rhodes (Mark Ruffalo), who's chasing down the Horsemen but is another of their secret pals, has a back story. He saw his escape-artist father drown in a botched stunt in 1984, and he somehow blames Thaddeus, who was there, for his dad's death. He breaks Thaddeus out of prison just to take some form of revenge on him.

One of the Horsemen's quick escapes, meanwhile, has similar consequences. They find themselves kidnapped, taken to Macau and delivered into the hands of smirking evil genius Walter Mabry (Daniel Radcliffe). Walter wants them to steal "the stick" from a massive, well-guarded vault.

This comes as a bit of a shock, if only because the Horsemen thought Walter, who is being backed by their former manager, billionaire capitalist Arthur

Tressler (Michael Caine), was dead. As Walter observes, however, "In a world of surveillance, the only real value is in not being seen."

Fortunately, the circuit is flat and the dimensions of a playing card, and can easily be concealed and flipped around in the film's brilliantly choreographed set piece. Joining the villains is Merritt's fey twin brother, Chase (Brick Patrick). But he's not given much to do other than heckling the magicians at key points.

The Horsemen are highly competitive by nature, yet must learn to work as a single entity to pull off their sting. So add cooperation to self-confidence in the roster of values being promoted amid the razzle-dazzle.

The film contains mild action violence, some profane and crude language and a vulgar gesture. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned.



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Jesse Eisenberg stars in a scene from the movie "Now You See Me 2."

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## CLINTON

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Peru** - St. Augustine's Knights of Columbus Council 7273 will host its 30th annual charity golf tournament.

**Date:** June 17

**Time:** 10 a.m.

**Place:** Adirondack Golf and Country Club  
**Cost:** \$300

**Features:** The four-person scramble, awards dinner in the clubhouse.

**Contact:** Obtain entry forms and information from Greg Lombard at 643-0242 or email gnetlombard@charter.net

## 12TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

**Plattsburgh** - The Roman Catholic Community of St. Alexander and St. Joseph is hosting its 12th Annual Golf Classic.

**Date:** July 8

**Time:** Shotgun start at Noon

**Place:** Barrack's Golf and Country Club

**Features:** Team registration will include the following, green fee, cart, complimentary welcoming gifts and awards dinner featuring "Delores" Famous Chicken BBQ.

**Contact:** To register send four person team info and check for \$240 payable to R.C.C. St. Alexander & St. Joseph Golf Classic, 1 Church Street, Morrisonville NY 12962 no later than July 1. Barracks members welcomed, please call for details. Business Sponsorships and Family Memorial. Sponsorships are available, call for details. Forward all inquiries to Cheryl Dodds at 518-572-4622 or Jackie Black at 518-561-5039.

## FRANKLIN

## ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

**Malone** - St. Andre's Parish is holding its GIGANTIC Annual Garage Sale.

**Date:** June 8-20 (Closed Sundays)

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Place:** Notre Dame parking lot

**Features:** Furniture, tools, baby items, toys, books, bedding, miscellaneous.

## FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

**Brushton** - St. Mary's Father's Day breakfast buffet to be held.

**Date:** June 19

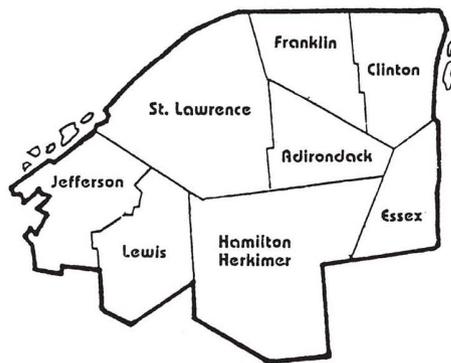
**Time:** 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's Parish Center

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Seniors, \$7; Children 6-12, \$4; under 5, Free; Immediate Family of 5 (mother, father, and school age children) or more, \$25

**Features:** Sponsored by St. Mary's Catholic Church events committee.

**Contact:** Take-outs available call 518-529-6580



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## HAMILTON-HERKIMER

## WMOF FAMILY MISSION

**Old Forge** - The team that represented the Diocese of Ogdensburg at the World Meeting of Families is presenting a day of Adoration.

**Date:** July 8

**Time:** 8 a.m. to Noon

**Place:** St. Bartholomew's Parish

**Features:** The Day of Adoration follows the 8 a.m. Mass. There will be a breakfast from 9 a.m. to 10 with a short presentation, the opportunity to meet the team members, ask questions and receive resources from the World Meeting of Families. There will be exposition and adoration from 10 to 11 ending with a Holy Hour from 11 to noon.

**Contact:** Those wishing to attend the free breakfast should contact the parish office to register 315-369-3554.

## CHICKEN BBQ

**Indian Lake** - The Knights of Columbus to have a Chicken BBQ

**Date:** July 17

**Time:** Noon to 5 p.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's Church

**Cost:** \$10

## SUMMER HEAT GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Wells/Speculator** - The 5th Annual St. Ann's & St. James' "Summer Heat" Golf Tournament will be held.

**Date:** July 23

**Time:** Shotgun start at 8 a.m.

**Place:** Lake Pleasant Golf Course

**Cost:** \$65 per person. includes a cart

**Features:** The format is Foursomes/

Scramble. All the proceeds go towards supporting neighbors in Lake Pleasant, Piseco, Speculator and Wells needing heating assistance next winter. Lunch and prizes will be provided. Sign-up is at the ClubHouse, St. Ann's or St. James Churches. Donations and Sponsors graciously accepted to St. James Church, PO Box 2214, Speculator, NY.12164

**Contact:** For further information, call Richard at 548-3635/ rsnyder304@hotmail.com or Sue at 924-5557/ spsail@citlink.com

## JEFFERSON

## MOUNT CARMEL FEAST

**Watertown** - St. Anthony's Church will celebrate its 100th Annual Mount Carmel Feast in honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

**Date:** June 24, 25 & 26

**Schedule:** On the grounds traditional Italian foods will be served throughout the Weekend. Ontario Rides and \$1700 cash raffle after the fireworks. Bingo Game Friday at 7 p.m. Great entertainment each night. Friday: Lis Scrivani-Tidd and Sons, 5 p.m. to 6:30. The "Infamous" Les Gates, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30; Saturday, Michael Beyette, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Chuck Ruggiero, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Nick Mulpagano, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, La Banda Rossa, 4 p.m. to 5 & 6 p.m. to 7; Fred & the Ed's, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30. Unlimited rides for \$13 Sunday 1 p.m. to 4. Religious Procession Sunday at 5 p.m. Giant fireworks Sunday night at 9:30 p.m. All days' end at 10 p.m.

**Contact:** For information, contact St. Anthony's parish office at 315-782-1190

## BEREAVEMENT MEETING

**Watertown** - An Ecumenical Bereavement meeting to be held.

**Date:** June 27

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse Hearthside Room

**Features:** Hope for the Bereaved" of Syracuse, NY; Mr. Walter Stein - Group Facilitator and Counselor; Bonnie Tucci - Group Counselor, specializing in widows and widowers on "Sharing Our Grief

## SPAGHETTI SUPPER

**Watertown** - The Altar Rosary Society will be having a spaghetti supper.

**Date:** June 23

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 7

**Place:** St. Anthony's Msgr. Sechi Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Children, \$4.50; under 3, Free; Sauce, \$5 per quart; Meatballs, \$7.5 each

**Features:** Take-outs begin at 4 p.m., please bring your own containers.

## IHC OPEN HOUSES

**Watertown** - Immaculate Heart Central Intermediate is holding open houses.

**Dates:** July 19 and Aug. 9

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** Intermediate school, 733 South Massey St.

## LEWIS

## DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

**Houseville** - Divine Mercy Devotions for the month of July will be held.

**Date:** July 3

**Time:** 3 p.m.

**Place:** St. Hedwig's Church

**Features:** The program includes: Vespers (Evening Prayer), Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction.

## SUMMER SOCIAL

**Constableville** - St. Mary's Church will be holding their 10th annual Summer Social.

**Date:** July 13

**Time:** 5 p.m. to 7

**Features:** No price changes, same delicious picnic menu with ala carte pricing. Come and enjoy an inexpensive and fun evening out with games and raffles

## PARISH BUS TRIP

**Lowville** - St. Peter's is sponsoring a bus trip to benefit Loaves and Fishes.

**Date:** Oct. 10-12

**Place:** Samson the biblical being presented at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster PA.

**Cost:** \$389 for 40 or more and \$404 for

less than 40.

**Features:** This trip includes The performance of Samson, 2 nights stay, 2 breakfast, 2 dinners, Guided tour of the Amish Countryside and more. We will pick up in Lewis and Jefferson County.

**Contact:** For more information or to sign up call Nadine Logan 315-376-7391. Nlogan@twcny.rr.com

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Lowville** - All are invited to worship the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chapel, Silent Adoration, and Benediction.

**Dates:** June 16

**Time:** 4 p.m. to 5

**Place:** St. Peter's Church

## ST. LAWRENCE

## FEAST DAY OF ST. PETER AND PAUL

**South Colton** - Please join us for the Vigil Mass for Feast Day of SS Peter & Paul.

**Date:** June 28

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Place:** St. Paul's Oratory

**Features:** Father Howard Venette, pastor of St. Patrick's Parish and St. Mary's Parish, will be celebrant of the Vigil Mass and lead a procession to the Sacred Heart Shrine. An ice cream social will follow. Bring a lawn chair.

## SUMMER PRE-CANA CONFERENCE

**Norfolk** - Summer Pre-Cana conference to be held.

**Date:** July 9

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Place:** Church of the Visitation

**Features:** If you are getting married in the fall, or anytime next year, and you haven't made your Pre-Cana Conference, there is one available this summer!

**Contact:** Deacon Henry and Dayna Leader, diocesan Pre-Cana coordinators, 315-323-0827, dleader@rcdony.org

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

## FAMILY PILGRIMAGE

**Isle La Motte, VT** - Join us for a Family Pilgrimage to St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte on nearby Lake Champlain.

**Date:** July 16

**Time:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Features:** Bring a picnic, bring swimsuits, participate in a family craft, enjoy the walking Stations of the Cross, celebrate Mass with Bishop La Valley. The Event is free, but a freewill donation will be collected.

**Contact:** Steve Tartaglia, diocesan family life director, startaglia@rcdony.org, 315-393-2920



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# Vocations at a summit called INSPIRE

A diocesan priority is "Creating a Culture of Vocations." The goal of this priority is to work with the parishes of our diocese and create fertile ground for the various Church vocations. This September 25, 2016, Lake Placid will be home to a fruit of this priority, a Vocations Summit, INSPIRE: Called to Love. This wonderful event will commemorate the universal call to holiness and its manifestation in the vocations of Christian marriage and family life, the single state, the consecrated religious life, and the ordained priesthood and diaconate.

Vocations in the Mission Lands are a major priority for the Pontifical Mission Societies as well. The Society of St. Peter Apostle is one of four pillars the organization is built on. St. Peter Apostle Society represents a call by the Holy Father to support with both prayer and sacrifice all seminarians and religious candidates in the developing lands. Their work is an essential component as they prepare for lives of work in the spreading the Gospel of Joy.

As the Mission Office transitions to its summer of St. Peter Apostle and campaigning for the support of Vocations in the Mission Lands, I offer you a prayer for Vocations. This prayer may be offered for all those about to embark on creating the culture of vocations. Pray that we should offer our thoughts and sacrifices for those off to Inspire: Called to Love Summit. The Mission office sends its prayers and hopes that the Inspire Summit is a success and brings much love and joy to all as they follow their hearts through a call to holiness in our vocations.

**A Prayer for Mission Vocations**

*God our Father,  
 You will all men and women to be saved and come to the knowledge of Your Truth.*

*Send workers into Your great harvest that the Gospel may be preached to every creature and Your people,  
 Gathered together by the Word of Life and strengthened by the power of the Sacraments,  
 May advance in the way of salvation and love.*

*I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You  
 And the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will.  
<http://www.rcdony.org/mission-office.html>

## OBITUARIES

**Adams** – Elizabeth J. (Doroha) Vaadi, 89; Funeral Services June 6, 2016 at St. Cecilia's Church.

**Au Sable Forks** – Ava Louise Tuttle Douglas, 76; Funeral Services June 7, 2016 at Holy Name Church; burial in Holy Name Cemetery.

**Lyon Mountain** – Tammy J. Gregory, 45; Funeral June 10, 2016 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Malone** – Marthe Poirier Fountain; Funeral Services June 10, 2016 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**Malone** – Arlene M. Landry; Funeral June 13, 2016 at St. John Bosco Church; burial in St. John Bosco Cemetery.

**Massena** – Jerry Joseph Laneville, 43; Funeral June 8, 2016 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** – Timothy Jack LaShomb, 54; Funeral Services June 6, 2016 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Morrisonville** – William R. Irwin, Sr., 78; Funeral Services June 11, 2016 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Mausoleum, Plattsburgh.

**Norwood** – Emmett Gerald Duprey, 78; Funeral June 6, 2016 at St. Andrew's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – Louise M. (Neumann) Madill, 73; Funeral Services June 14, 2016 at the Fray Funeral Home.

**Peru** – Theodore F. Soucia, 84; Funeral Services June 4, 2016 at St. Augustine's

Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Chateaugay.

**Potsdam** – Rita M. Hiter, 92; Funeral Services June 10, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Potsdam** – David L. Narrow, 67; Funeral June 4, 2016 at the Garner Funeral Home; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Star Lake** – Pamela Jean Pickering; Fu-

neral Services June 7, 2016 at St. Hubert's Church; burial in Cranberry Lake Cemetery.

**Watertown** – Anne (Dekutoski) Kramer, 49; Funeral June 9, 2016 at Holy Family Church; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

**Watertown** – Eleanor M. (Memolo) Marra, 87; Funeral Services June 10, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

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# GUGGENHEIM 2016

## MEET THE STAFF



Ellen Miner

Hi, my name is Ellen Miner and this will be my second summer serving on Camp Guggenheim staff! I have lived in Saranac Lake my entire life and I am a parishioner of St. Bernard's Church. I am going into my junior year at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland where I am studying for a major in French and a minor in history.

Camp Guggenheim has been a part of my life and faith formation for as long as I can remember, and I can't wait to share more of the Catholic faith with all the campers this summer!



Ashlee Fairchild

My name is Ashlee Fairchild and I am a first year graduate student at SUNY Oswego, in the School Psychology program. I graduated from Le Moyne College in May 2015 with a degree in Psychology. I am currently living in Syracuse and I grew up in Plattsburgh, where my home parish is St. John's. This will be my fourth year on the Guggenheim staff and my second year as Assistant Director!

I am beyond excited to be working at camp again with the new staff of 2016! I am thrilled to have the opportunity once more to lead youth to a life of faith and help them see a love for Christ!



Kevin McCullough

Hi, my name is Kevin McCullough and I am 19 years old and live in Black River. I am a parishioner at Holy Family Church in Watertown where I like participating in the Mass as an altar server. I just finished my first year at Jefferson Community College with an emphasis on general liberal arts.

This is my first year to work on staff at Camp Guggenheim and I can't wait to see what God has in store for a fantastic summer at Camp. I can't wait to meet all the campers and help each of them grow in their journey closer to our Lord.

Get ready, campers, to Hike, Swim and Praise



Joy Leader

My name is Joy Leader, and I am from St. James Parish in Gouverneur. I am currently at school in Steubenville, Ohio, studying Spanish and Theology at Franciscan University with the hopes of becoming a Catholic missionary after college.

This is my first summer on staff as a Teen Camp counselor, and I could not be more excited for this opportunity! I have loved going to Camp every summer to learn more about the faith and to strengthen my relationship with the Lord.

Camp Guggenheim has always had a special place in my heart, and I look forward to being able to serve the youth of our Diocese at this incredible place.



Leagon Carlin

Hello! My name is Leagon Carlin, and I am a second year seminarian for the Diocese of Ogdensburg, studying at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. While there studying to be a priest, I am currently double majoring in Philosophy and Humanities.

I love Hiking, Swimming and Praising, and I cannot wait for camp this summer! It is going to be a faith-filled, fun-filled season! I'll see you there! God Bless

More profiles in next week's NCC

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