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GATHERING TO CELEBRATE



PHOTO BY MARY BETH BRACY/NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC

Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod gathered at St. James Church in Cadyville to celebrate the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. Bishop Terry R. LaValley celebrated the Mass. He was joined by priests and deacons from around the diocese. Full story on Page 4.

LEARNING TO BE LEADERS



PHOTO BY CHRISTIAN GRATTO

Teens at the annual diocesan Leadership Weekend, held at Camp Guggenheim, show the items they collected as part of a scavenger hunt.

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Pope: Pornography is 'language of the devil'

By Hannah Brockhaus
Catholic News Agency

Pope Francis at his general audience on Wednesday called pornography a work of the devil and warned Christians to reject this and other temptations accessed through the internet.

"Any cellphone has access to this brutality, this language of the devil," the pope said at the weekly audience in St. Peter's Square on Sept. 25.

While modern technology has many positive resources to appreciate, he noted, it also gives the devil an opportunity to tempt us, "and many people fall for it."

"Think of internet pornography, which there is a thriving market behind," he continued. "We all know the devil works

there."

Pope Francis during the 500th general audience of his pontificate spoke about pornography and how to avoid the temptation to sin.

Addressing thousands at the Vatican, he said pornography "is a very widespread phenomenon, but one that Christians must be very careful to guard against and strongly reject."

At the Wednesday audience on the eve of a four-day trip to Luxembourg and Belgium, the pontiff spoke softly and had to pause occasionally to cough after canceling two meetings on Monday morning due to suffering from "flu-like" symptoms, according to the Vatican.

The pope's catechesis was the latest in a series of reflections on the Holy Spirit as a guide and took inspiration

from the beginning of the fourth chapter of Luke, when, "filled with the holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil" (Lk 4:1).

"In the wilderness, Jesus freed himself of Satan, and now he can deliver from Satan," Francis underlined, noting that by going into the wilderness Jesus was following an inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Pope Francis offered advice for avoiding sin when tempted by the devil, including not to believe in superstition or to become involved with occultism, spiritualism, astrologers, sellers of spells and amulets, and satanic sects, which are prevalent despite modern society's denial of the existence of Satan.

He also said, when temptation hits, to ask the Virgin Mary for help and to immediately send the devil away — "do not dialogue with the demon."

"Be careful because the devil is clever, but we Christians, thank God, are smarter than he is," the pope reminded.

While it is true, the pontiff continued, that the devil is present and working in extreme forms of evil and wickedness in human history, do not be discouraged.

"The final thought must be, also in this case, of trust and safety," he said. "Christ overcame the devil and gave us the Holy Spirit to make his victory our own. The very action of the enemy can turn to our advantage, if with God's help we make it serve our purification."

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What am I sharing?

They call him "the Red Rifle."

Andy Dalton is a football player, a quarterback in the NFL, who has bright red hair. After leading the team that drafted him - his first pro team - to the playoffs for five consecutive years, the team had a handful of bad years, and they cut Dalton.

Since then, he's been what's referred to as "a journeyman" in pro football - a competent player who can give a team a chance to win but who isn't a star. Oftentimes, journeymen are backup players, and they're some-

times expected to mentor younger quarterbacks.

Recently called off the bench to replace a struggling young player, Dalton went into his first NFL start of the season playing for a team that hadn't won a game, the Carolina Panthers. No one expected much..

Through most of the team's first couple games, games they lost in ugly fashion, the players looked defeated. Heads were down. Morale appeared to be low.

Then, in that third game, the Red Rifle, a QB many had written off, went out and played an outstanding

game.

I didn't watch the game, but in video highlights and still photos I've seen, one thing was clear: The Red Rifle was having fun.

Dalton had a huge smile on his face. He was celebrating. He had a bounce in his run between plays.

And it was contagious. This team that looked so demoralized the two prior weeks looked like a completely different team. The rest of the team was having fun, too.

It's amazing how one person can change attitudes. I've worked on projects with people who exude joy, fun and energy. It's contagious. It's almost hard not to catch the joy, the fun and the energy when around

them.

As I smiled watching videos of Andy Dalton flashing a huge smile, it occurred to me: I'm not always the most joyful Catholic.

We have this beautiful joy, the love of Christ, and we're called to reflect that to others. I know no one can be joyful all the time, but I'm kind of a grump lately. Walking around grumpy isn't reflecting the joy of Christ, and it's proof of the fact that I'm not looking to see Christ's love and joy in my life enough. It's always there if I look for it. Who can be a grump seeing that?

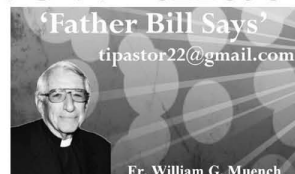
And when we have that joy and share it, it could be contagious.

I'm glad the Red Rifle reminded me.



**Darcy L.
Fargo**

Now that's an order



es that there is a collection of all the "rites" involved bringing a person to enter the Church.

To show you what this means, I recently discovered in a parish bulletin an announcement that this parish's program was beginning. It read like this - "OCIA (the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) formerly called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which one becomes a full member of the Roman Catholic Church. Full membership in the Catholic Church involves a whole formation process which includes the reception of the Sacraments of initiation, Baptism, Confirmation, and the Most Holy Eucharist. While coming to know Jesus and His invitation to become a disciple, the OCIA involves the journey of faith and conversion.

A person is introduced to the beliefs, the liturgy, and the apostolic works of the Catholic Church."

So, this change wants to show that the Church's program to prepare and guide a person for entrance into the Church is extensive and transformative. I want you to know how impressive and unforgettable this program is for a parish community. The hope is that those seeking entrance into the Catholic Church will become active Catholics and that they will become active members of a parish. I have had the honor of welcoming many into the Church and can tell you they were actively involved in parish life.

I want to share with you that each year when I announce the beginning of our program (now to be called OCIA), I encourage the people of the parish to invite anyone that they know who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic. I always add that it is important for them to promise to walk with this friend or family member throughout the whole OCIA

program.

I still remember one of my favorite converts. It was early on a Saturday morning years ago. The ringing of the doorbell surprised me. When I opened the door, the man looked me in the eye and said, "I want to join up." So, we sat down and talked a while and made a plan. He was an active learner through the whole program, asking many questions. He became an active Catholic, involved in the parish life. I was able to tell his story at his funeral.

Let me close by sharing with you how often my life and my spirituality has been influenced by converts to our Catholic faith. I have often written here of how Thomas Merton and his writings had a profound effect on me and my vocation as a priest. Merton writes of his story and conversion that led him to become a Trappist monk; he wrote in "The Seven Story Mountain." I was encouraged to read this when I was in high school, and it certainly led me to becoming a priest.

Bringing the light of Christ to the world

High School students grow skills, faith at annual Leadership Weekend

By Darcy Fargo & Jacob Fargo
North Country Catholic

Laughter, song and prayer filled the Camp Guggenheim campus once again from Sept. 20 to 22, as the facility hosted the annual diocesan High School Leadership Weekend.

"Leadership Weekend brings together high school students from around the diocese who have demonstrated leadership qualities in their parish and school communities," said diocesan Youth Ministry Director Anita Soltero. "The weekend is a 'retreat' opportunity for them to come together with like-minded peers to share their thoughts in small-group environments, to learn and grow leadership skills and to come together in prayer and worship."

Organized by Soltero and a group of volunteers led by former Camp Guggenheim Director Michelle Watkins, the weekend included a series of workshops, prayer opportunities and social/fun activities aimed at helping the students in grades nine through 12 to be youth leaders anchored in prayer.

Soltero said the weekend was summed up well in a logo that included a lighthouse, an anchor and a boat.

"A lighthouse lights the way," she said. "And Christ is our light and our guide. We're anchored in our faith, which is anchored in prayer. And then the boat; we take that light,

anchored in our faith and prayer, out into the world. (The teens) spent time looking at their strengths and weaknesses, looking at how the image and the light they project into the world. They looked at prayer and different ways to pray and how to develop their prayer lives, and they looked at how do they bring all that into their communities."

Each teen attending the weekend was given a jar, which they decorated with their name and other images.

"The jars were kept on the mantle," Soltero said. "(The teens) were given packets of slips of paper. They wrote affirmations on them about each other. So if there was someone they knew, they could write about them, or if they saw someone do something nice, they could write about it. Affirmations were put in the jars all weekend."

At night, lights were added to the jars.

"As they went to Adoration and praise and worship, all the jars of light lined the path as they brought their prayers and themselves to Jesus," she said. "And we had Adoration and praise and worship outside."

The event also included more traditional camp type activities, like a scavenger hunt and fort building.

Youth attending the event said they enjoyed the experience.

"The best part of leadership was Ad-



PHOTO BY ANITA SOLTERO FOR THE NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC

Stephen Dwyer, who served as a camp counselor at Camp Guggenheim for the past two years, leads a workshop at the annual diocesan Leadership Weekend for students in grades nine through 12. See additional photos on Page 12.

oration on the point followed with spending time with camp friends," said Natalie Wargo, 17, of Buffalo. "I truly believe the Holy Spirit works through every camp friendship I have and that was very evident at this past leadership weekend. If you are looking for evidence of God working through people, just go to camp, and you'll understand the true beauty of a friendship from God."

Soltero noted that some youth in attendance had never been to Camp Guggenheim, and the event was an opportunity to introduce them to the facility. Other teens there have been attending camp for years.

"My favorite part of leadership weekend was not only seeing some of my old friends and making new friends but experiencing how in just two days you can get so much closer to God and everyone

else but also still have fun while doing so, like the fort building," added Kate Finnegan, 17, of Massena, a parishioner of St. Peter's Parish. Building the fort in the woods was such a good experience and it brought all of us so much closer together.

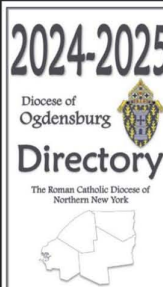
Tristan Russell, 17, of Brushton, a parishioner of St. Mary's Church in that village, said he enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with people he knows from

camp and to learn leadership skills.

"One of my favorite parts of the weekend was reuniting with the amazing people at camp," he said. "I took away that everyone is called to be a light in the lives of others."

At the weekend's closing Mass, the students, grouped by grade level, prayed for one another as they prepared to take the light of Christ and their leadership skills into their communities.

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Celebrating the sisters' feast day

By Mary Beth Bracy, consecrated virgin
Contributing writer

On Saturday, September 14 the Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod celebrated their congregational Feast of the Triumph of the Cross with a special Mass at St. James Church in Cadyville. The Mass was offered by Bishop Terry R. LaValley and concelebrated by a dozen clergy from around the diocese.

Sisters of the Cross from across the North Country participated in and hosted the event. Following the Mass, the Sisters served a special luncheon, including Indian dishes.

Sister Jackie Sellappan, SCC, superior of the local convent, shared about the significance of the feast for their congregation in her remarks before the Mass.

"This feast holds special importance for our congregation as it is our patronal feast," she said. "We are privileged to have sisters representing us in 16 countries, including us who are currently on mission in the Ogdensburg diocese. We are privileged to be part of such a diverse and widespread congregation."

The importance of this feast also reminds each of us of the universal Call for Holiness, she said.

"The fundamental spirituality of the Sisters of the Cross is centered around the Cross of Jesus Christ," said Sister Jackie. "This is our cornerstone because it was through the Cross that the paschal mystery, which encompasses the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus, was realized and made possible according to God's plan. Through our baptism, we become connected to this paschal mystery, and it is something we must embody every day."

It is also in the cross that we find our freedom and hope for new life, the local superior said.

"As Sisters of the Cross, our charism is based on the liberating power of the paschal mystery, and we are called to live it daily, as our Mother Foundress [Mother Claudine Echerni-



PHOTO BY ANITA SOLTERO/NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC

The Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod from around the diocese gathered at St. James Church in Cadyville to celebrate the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross.

er) emphasized that the Cross is our way of life," Sister Jackie said. "Every hardship and suffering we face ultimately leads us toward resurrection, and it is through this cycle that the hope of the paschal mystery resides for each one of us. Recognizing and experiencing paschal hope during times of suffering is an art.

"The Cross is paschal hope — Ave crux, spes unica (Hail O Cross, the only hope). The theme chosen for our General Congregation for 2025 is Pilgrims and Prophets of Paschal Hope. The paschal mystery is at the heart of our faith, representing the hope and transformation brought about by Jesus' resurrection. This transformation is evident in the stories of Mary Magdalene and the disciples on the road to Emmaus, whose lives were forever changed by encountering the paschal mystery."

This life-changing encounter is open to us all, Sister Jackie said.

"As followers of Christ, we too can experience the liberating power of the paschal mystery, bringing new life and empowering us to change our perspectives," she said. "The Apostles' radical change in perspective after receiving the Holy Spirit exemplifies the transformative impact of the paschal mystery,

offering hope as seen in Peter's experience. The church tradition teaches that the penitent thief's plea, 'Remember me in your kingdom,' opened the door to hope for all, giving us hope for the next world."

"The paschal hope is found in turning back to the person and mission of Jesus," Sister Jackie reminded attendants. "Mary Magdalene turned to Jesus, not just the idea of resurrection. Similarly, the disciples turned to Jesus' mission on the road to Emmaus. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, they continued their mission after returning to Jerusalem. When Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him, He instructed Peter to feed His sheep, emphasizing the importance of returning to His mission. We need to ask ourselves whether the paschal mystery has given us hope and strive to be a source of hope for our families, society, and the Church."

During the Mass, the sisters led the faithful in their "Holy Cross Anthem." Some of the lyrics read: "Filled with the ever-growing joy of living/The love of Jesus our Crucified Savior and King/We go into the world sharing His love/His life bringing all people to serve the Risen Lord." And, "To the will of the Father in total surrender/We vow genuine humility/The Cross is our Book and the

Cross will be our Glory/In the footsteps of Christ on Calvary."

In his homily, Bishop LaValley spoke about the importance of "self-emptying" to have "availability to the Lord and His holy people . . . We seek to follow Christ in complete selflessness."

"On the day you made your commitment, you said 'I'm ready, I'm ready to proclaim the message and walk the path,'" Bishop LaValley said, addressing the sisters. "Do I make an offer to Christ? God wants from us something, only a love only you and I can give, a love renewed and renewed and renewed."

"These times are ripe for us to be bitten by the loss of the virtue of hope," Bishop LaValley cautioned. "This can be toxic to your identity. Such a love of the virtue of hope causes us to lose enthusiasm . . . So, we look to the Cross. Today the Church celebrates the triumph, the exaltation of the Cross . . . On this feast we should remember, putting aside any ideas of self-sufficiency, allowing Christ to take us by the hand and lead us into the mystery of love."

We are called to "ongoing conversion, transformation, communion. There is no room for self-centered faith," Bishop LaValley proclaimed. "The Eucharist expresses our mystery of gathering and uniting in communion. Hope and joy grow from the confidence we possess as the Body of Christ."

"What our people expect of you and me is that when they meet us they do not encounter another agitated person but something of the peace, joy, and hope that comes from following Jesus . . . We are mighty glad that you've taken that path and are here with us," concluded Bishop LaValley. "Thank you for your witness to the Gospel. As sisters and brothers we gather around this altar . . . we can entrust ourselves to Him . . . Lord, take me as I am, I trust . . . We adore you a Christ and we praise you because by your holy Cross you redeemed the world."

What to do during Eucharistic Adoration

Editor's Note: In celebration of the Eucharistic Revival, Father Bryan Stitt, director of Worship for the Diocese of Ogdensburg, will answer questions about worship, the Eucharist and related topics. To submit a question, email bstitt@rcdony.org.

I'm trying to understand a little more about the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It's hard for me to imagine what I could/should do during an hour of silence.

Great questions. Thanks for asking. I still remember the first time I heard of someone making a "holy hour" and thinking must be one of the most boring ways to spend 60 minutes. Not true.

There are many things that a person can do during their time of adoration. That's one of the reasons Adoration is so appealing. As long as we are focused on Jesus, we really can't do it wrong.

First of all: posture. After genuflecting (or at least bowing) on our way in, people pray kneeling, sitting or standing. Some have even been known to lie down before the Lord (though that can be a bit confusing to others who see us and think that maybe we've fallen ill). People use whatever posture is most beneficial to their prayer.

During their holy hour, some people pray a rosary; others read over one or all the readings for the next Sunday's Mass; some pray



FROM WONDERING TO WONDER IN WORSHIP

With Father Bryan Stitt, Diocesan Director of Worship

with a favorite passage of the bible; still others, repeat the Jesus Prayer slowly, "Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me a sinner."

The main thing is not

what we do, it is who we are - a son or daughter of God in quiet stillness with our Lord upon the altar. It's a great time to unplug and receive His grace!



Father James Teti

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Environmental Stewardship**Pondering the book of creation with Christ**

As we conclude the Season of Creation with the Feast of St. Francis on Oct. 4, let's walk with Jesus through the Scriptures and consider some of the lessons for life taken from the earth. We are all familiar with the Beatitudes taught on the Mountain in Matthew's Gospel. But are you familiar with "beatitudes" that come from the book of creation?

Environmental Beatitudes

Blessed is the tree which takes time to sink deep roots; it shows us what we have to do in order to withstand the storm.

Blessed is the seed which falls on good soil and so produces a rich harvest; it shows us what happens when we take the Word of God to heart.

Blessed is the vine, which having been pruned, becomes all the more fruitful; it shows the benefit of self-denial.

Blessed are flowers of the fields; their beauty bears witness to God's extravagant ministry.

Blessed are the ever-present sparrows; their carefree attitude to life give us a lesson to trust in Providence.

Blessed is the wind, coming from where we do not know, to set sails in motion, to breathe life into dying embers; it reminds us of the mysterious workings of the Spirit of God.

Blessed is the rain which falls without favor on all fields; in it we see a reflection of God's indiscriminate love for all God's children.

Blessed are the leaves that know when to let go, and do so in a blaze of color; they show us how to die.

Can you name the Scripture texts these teachings are based upon? See next week's edition and compare your responses! Can you add any lessons you have learned from some aspect of the earth? As Mary Oliver advises: "Pay attention. Be amazed. And share it with someone."

Bishop's Public Schedule

Oct. 2 — Meeting of The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg, New York, Inc. followed by Lunch at Bishop's Residence

Oct. 3 — 11 a.m. — Diocesan Deacon Retreat at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

Oct. 4 — Noon — Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

6:30 p.m. — Deacon Candidates Class on Canon Law at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

Oct. 5 — 11 a.m. — Memorial Mass for the Catholic Daughters of America Past Regents at St. Bernard's Church in Saranac Lake

Oct. 6 — 8 a.m. — Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

11 a.m. — Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Oct. 7 — 9 a.m. — Mass at Bare Hill Correctional Facility in Malone

Oct. 8 — 9:30 a.m. — Mass at Adirondack Correctional Facility in Ray Brook

Oct. 9 — 9:45 a.m. — Episcopal Council Meeting at Bishop's Residence followed by Lunch

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If you have a complaint of suspected sexual abuse or related misconduct by the bishops, contact the **Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service** at 800-276-1562 or www.ReportBishopAbuse.org

OBITUARIES

Altona — Dorothy Mae (LaFave) Pelkey, 102; Mass of Christian Burial Sept. 30, 2024 at Holy Angels Church burial in parish cemetery.

Brasher Falls — Alex Sienkiewicz, 91; Mass of Christian Burial Sept. 24, 2024 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Chaumont — Frank J. Barbara, 89; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 19, 2024 at All Saints Church.

Constableville — Isadore Paluck, 95; Mass of Christian Burial Sept.

Rest in Peace

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

Oct. 2 — Msgr. Joseph D. Creedon, 1944; Rev. Ambrose Raphael Hyland, 1954; Most Rev. James J. Navagh, 1965

Oct. 4 — Rev. George Drummond, 1839; Rev. Daniel F. O'Reilly, 1946; Rev. Thomas P. Fogarty, O.S.A., 1950

Oct. 5 — Rev. Victor Balcerak, O.F.M.Conv., 1960; Rev. Eugene Beaucage, O.M.I., 1984

Oct. 7 — Rev. Jean N. Laverlochier, O.M.I., 1884

Oct. 8 — Rev. Edward Letourneau, 1898

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled Protecting God's Children training sessions. This required training addresses child abuse, the methods and means by which abusers commit abuse, and the five steps to prevent abuse from occurring and stop it from continuing. Pre-registration is encouraged at www.virtus.org. Upcoming sessions:

Oct. 7 — 1 p.m. — Diocesan offices, Ogdensburg

28, 2024 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Ellenburg — Lyman "Gill" Miller, 93; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 1, 2024 at St. Edmund's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Fort Covington — David V. Reardon, 80; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 1, 2024 at St. Mary's of the Fort; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Bombay.

Gouverneur — Margaret Ann (Rocca) Hill, 82; Private Services held.

Hogansburg — Michael L. Jackson, 72; Mass of Christian Burial Sept. 27, 2024 at St. Regis Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Hogansburg — Trinity A. Kerberg-Cole, 14; Mass of Christian Burial Sept. 27 at St. Regis Church.

Lake Placid — Catherine Suzanne (James) Smith, 85; Mass of Christian Burial Sept. 30, 2024 at St. Agnes Church; burial in North Elba Cemetery.

Malone — Gertrude M. Rousell, 92; Mass of Christian Burial Sept. 24, 2024 at Notre Dame Church; burial in new St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Norwood — Pedro Jugo, 73; Funeral Services at the Buck Funeral Home; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Ogdensburg — Mary Ellen (Story) Haggerty, 88; Mass of Christian Burial Sept. 30, 2024 at St. Mary's

Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg — David D. Lauson, 59; Funeral Services Sept. 30, 2024 at Frary Funeral Home.

Ogdensburg — James E. Osgood, 68; Funeral Services Sept. 27, 2024 at the Fox & Murray Funeral Home.

Plattsburgh — Scott Barber, 55; Funeral Services Sept. 24, 2024 at Brown Funeral Home; burial in Ingraham Cemetery.


Schroon lake — Virginia M. (Milligan, DeZalia) Kugler, 92; Mass of Christian Burial Sept. 27, 2024 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church; burial in Schroon River Cemetery, North Hudson.

Tupper Lake — Samuel Amoriell, 85; Funeral Services Sept. 25, 2024 at Frary Funeral Home; burial in Holy Name of Jesus Cemetery.

Watertown — Natale "Nate" G. Carbone, 96; Mass of Christian Burial Sept. 27, 2024 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

West Leyden — Marjorie J. Nellenback, 96; Graveside services Sept. 26, 2024 at St. Peter and Paul Cemetery.

Willsboro — MarySue (LaVallee) Arnold, 92; Mass of Christian Burial Sept. 28, 2024 at St. Philip Church; burial in Franklin Falls Cemetery.




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Vatican secretary of state calls out United Nations for promoting abortion

By Peter Pinedo
Catholic News Agency

In an address to the United Nations' "Summit of the Future" in New York, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the Holy See's secretary of state, emphasized the need for promoting the dignity of the human person and voiced the Vatican's disapproval of the assembly's promotion of abortion and gender ideology.

Parolin addressed U.N. members gathered for the summit on Monday. Though praising summit attendees for engaging in dialogue, Parolin commented that there is a "need to rethink actions in a number of areas."

The cardinal voiced the Vatican's concerns with a document titled "Pact for the Future," which was passed by summit attendees on Sunday. He said that "in conformity with its nature and particular mission, [the Holy See] wishes to express its reservations" regarding the assembly's promotion of abortion and gender ideology.

The Holy See retains the status of a nonvoting "permanent observer" in the United Nations.

What did Parolin say?

Parolin emphasized the need to promote the dignity of the human person across the world. He praised the summit as a "reason for hope" amid a time of crisis in which there is an ongoing "erosion of trust between nations, as evidenced by the growing prevalence and intensity of conflict."

"Today, the sense of belonging to a single human family is fading, and the dream of working together for justice and peace seems outdated and utopian. This need not be the case, if there is a will to engage in genuine dialogue," Parolin said. "If dignity is the foundation and integral human development is the goal of our future, dialogue is the necessary means."

Though the "Pact for the Future" passed by the summit does not mention abortion explicitly, it states the summit's goal to "ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights." "Reproductive health" and "reproductive rights" are terms used to refer to an array of primarily women's health services, often including abortion.

"Regarding the terms 'sexual and re-

productive health' and 'reproductive rights,' the Holy See considers these terms as applying to a holistic concept of health, which embrace, each in their own way, the person in the entirety of his or her personality, mind, and body, and which foster the achievement of personal maturity in sexuality and in the mutual love and decision-making that characterize the conjugal relationship between a man and a woman in accordance with moral norms," Parolin said.

"The Holy See does not consider abortion or access to abortion or abortifacients as a dimension of these terms," he clarified.

"With reference to 'gender,'" Parolin continued, "the Holy See understands the term to be grounded in the biological sexual identity that is male or female."

What other issues did Parolin emphasize?

Parolin went on to emphasize the Vatican's belief that the "eradication of poverty" through global development must be the "overarching goal of all future action."

He also stressed the need for the pursuit of peace through global disarmament and the "total elimination of nuclear weapons," saying that "narrow geopolitical considerations must be put aside and strong economic lobbies must be resisted in order to uphold human dignity and ensure a future in which all human beings can enjoy integral development, both as individuals and as a community."

Finally, Parolin also said there is an "urgent need" for governments to regulate the development of artificial intelligence to promote "AI ethics that encompasses the life cycle of AI and addresses, inter alia, data protection, accountability, bias, and the impact of AI on employment."

"Above all," Parolin said, "thinking of the future should take into account the needs and interests of future generations. It is imperative that a dignified future is guaranteed for all, ensuring the provision of the requisite conditions - including a nurturing family environment - to facilitate flourishing while simultaneously addressing the myriad challenges that impede this, including those resulting from poverty, conflict, exploitation, and addiction."

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Harris calls for end to filibuster to pass 'abortion rights'

Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris this week called for an end to the Senate procedure known as the filibuster, saying the change should be made in order to pass federal legislation protecting access to abortion. In an interview with Wisconsin Public Radio (WPR) that aired Sept. 24, Harris said eliminating the filibuster rule - which sets a 60-vote threshold in the Senate to advance legislation - would allow for the passage of "protections for reproductive freedom" with votes by a simple majority of 51 senators. The 60-vote filibuster rule means that Democrats, who hold a slim majority in the Senate, cannot pass legislation without some Republican support. In order to end the filibuster rule, a procedure known as invoking cloture, a two-thirds majority would have to agree on the rule change, the Senate website notes. Harris' idea is not a new one - in 2022, as vice president, Harris said she looked forward to casting a deciding vote to "break the filibuster." And as a candidate for president in 2019 when she was a U.S. senator, she also said she would support ending the filibuster to pass environmental legislation known as the Green New Deal, WPR reported. Critics have warned that eliminating the filibuster would cause additional political polarization by giving the majority party in the Senate the power to pass whatever legislation they want while flipping that same power to the other party if they gain a majority.

Pope offers asylum to Myanmar's imprisoned leader

Pope Francis said he has offered Myanmar's imprisoned prime minister Aung San Suu Kyi to come to the Vatican. In a meeting with Jesuits in Indonesia earlier this month, the pope said he "called for the release of Mrs. Aung San Suu Kyi and received her son in Rome. I offered the Vatican as a place of refuge for her." The prime minister, who has been in prison since she was ousted in a military coup in February 2021, "is a symbol, and political symbols are to be defended," Francis added. The pope commented on the situation in Myanmar in a private meeting with about 200 Jesuits at the apostolic nunciature in Jakarta during his Sept. 2-13 trip to four countries in Southeast Asia and Oceania. The transcript of Pope Francis' three meetings with Jesuits - in Indonesia, East Timor, and Singapore - were published in the Jesuit journal *La Civiltà Cattolica* on Sept. 24. Myanmar has been wracked by violent conflict since Aung San Suu Kyi, a 1991 Nobel Peace Prize winner elected in a November 2020 general election, was ousted in a military coup three years ago.



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COMPASSIONATE COMPANION TRAINING

Plattsburgh — Compassionate Companions of Clinton County to have a Volunteer training.

Date: Oct. 9

Time: 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Place: St. Joseph's Community Outreach Center

Features: Compassionate Companion Trained Volunteers carry out errands of mercy to help their neighbors age in place more successfully by providing their gifts of companionship and friendship, easing isolation and loneliness by establishing and strengthening meaningful social relationships between older adults and their family, friends and volunteers.

Contact: To learn more or to register for the training please contact Starr at 518-825-0697 or Starr@stalexanders.org

HARVEST DINNER

Altona — Harvest dinner to be held to help heat the churches.

Date: Oct. 13

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

Place: Holy Angels Hall

Cost: Adults, \$15; Children 6 to 12, \$8; Under 5, Free

Features: Turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Basket Raffle, Bake Sale and 50/50.

ROSARY AND MOVIE

Ellenburg Center — Come and enjoy praying the Rosary and watching a movie on Fatima (Oct 13, 1917).

Date: Oct. 13

Time: 3 p.m. to 5

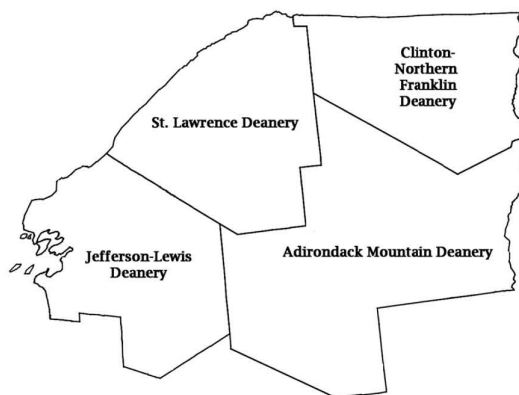
Place: Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer

Features: Cider, donuts, popcorn, and other delicious fall offerings will be served.

Contact: Call Sarah at 518-534-9976 or 518-594-3253 for more information.

HARVEST DINNER

West Chazy — St. Joseph's Church will hold its 49th Annual Harvest Dinner.



The North Country Catholic welcomes contributions to "Around the Diocese".

Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:

North Country Catholic, PO Box 326,
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

Items must be received in the NCC office by the Wednesday before publication.

Date: Oct. 13

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

Place: St. Joseph's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$15.00 each, Children 6-12 \$8.50, Children 5 and under FREE; Take-outs available \$15 each.

Features: Roast Turkey with all the trimmings, Homemade Pies, Big Ticket Raffle, Country Store and much more.

Contact: For information, please call St. Joseph's Parish Office at 518-493-4521.

JEFFERSON-LEWIS**HOLY HOUR AND DIVINE MERCY**

Houseville — Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be observed the first Sunday of the month.

Date: Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1

Time: Following 11 a.m. Mass

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Contact: 315-348-6260

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Evans Mills — The Indian River Council 7471 Knights of Columbus will be having a spaghetti & meatball dinner.

Date: Oct. 12

Time: 4 p.m. to 7

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$9; Seniors, \$8; Children 12 and under, \$5; under

5, Free

Contact: For more information call 315-629-4678

ROSARY RALLY

Turin — Lewis Country Rosary Rally to be held.

Date: Oct. 12

Time: Noon

Place: Fatima Garden, Spirit-walk, West Main Street

Features: The Chapel of Peace will be open for quiet reflection. Enjoy a walk around the Stations of the Cross walkway. The event will be held rain or shine. Bring a lawn chair. Enjoy a glass of cider and snacks after the rosary. Everyone is welcome.

Contact: Call (315) 272-6168 for directions or questions.

HARVEST DINNER

Constableville — St. Mary's Altar Rosary will hosting their Annual Harvest Dinner.

Date: Oct. 13

Time: 10:30 a.m. until gone

Place: Drive Thru St. Mary's

Cost: \$15 per dinner.

CLMA ANNUAL DINNER

Clayton — The CLMA of Jefferson and Lewis Deanery will have their annual dinner.

Date: Oct. 16

Schedule: Welcoming Remarks 5:15 p.m.-Mass at

5:30 p.m., Dinner; Immediately Following & Concluding with the Program "Breathing Life Into Your Parish".

Place: St. Mary's Church

Cost: \$12 per person if attending dinner, no charge if registering for the program only.

Contact: Register at <https://www.rcdony.org/clm-event>

ST. LAWRENCE**FALL BAZAAR**

Norfolk — Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond to have a Rummage sale, Cabbage Rolls and Bazaar.

Schedule: Oct. 3, in tents on parish center side yard, rummage sale; Oct. 4, Food Sale, Country Store, Candy Sale, Christmas Table, Hand Made Crafts and Religious Items; Oct. 4 & 5, Cabbage roll sale

Time: Oct. 3-4, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Oct. 5, Morning till Noon

Place: Fr. Amyot Parish Center

Cost: Cabbage rolls are \$4 each

Contact: Pre-order Cabbage Rolls by calling 315-384-4242 by Sept. 27.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Canton — The Knights of Columbus will hold a pancake breakfast.

Date: Oct. 6

Time: 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: Donation only

Menu: Pancakes, sausage, eggs, toast, fruit, coffee, tea and juice.

r 315-212-5166.

SLFA CLM ANNUAL DINNER

Norfolk — The Annual SLFA Deaneries Commissioned Lay Ministers Association presents the CLM Annual Dinner.

Date: Oct. 16

Time: Mass at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m.

Place: Fr. Andrew Amyot Parish Center

Cost: \$20 per person

Features: Join us for an evening of prayer and reflection with a celebration of Mass and presentation entitled: Pope Francis "Year of Prayer" the Lord's Prayer, with guest speaker The

Most Reverend Terry LaValley, Bishop of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Also speaking will be Hattie Taylor, Campus minister for St. Mary's church in Potsdam and St. Patrick's church in Colton.

Contact: Register here: <https://www.rcdony.org/clm-event>

DIOCESAN EVENTS**PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT**

Discernment is a call, listen with others. It is a journey of faith, traveling with companions. Are you a single Catholic man, of high school age or older, who is hearing the Lord's call to the Priesthood? You are invited to join fellow discerners and Father Howard Venette for the following gatherings.

Schedule: St. Bernard's Church, Saranac Lake Nov. 23, March 22, 2025

St. Mary's Church, Canton Jan. 25, 2025, May 3, 2025

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Features: Lunch will be provided at each of the church locations.

Contact: Registration required, please go to www.rcdony.org/priesthooddiscernment. For more information **contact:** Father Howard Venette — hvenette@rcdony.org

LIFECCHAIN

Lifecchain to be held at various locations across the diocese. Join in the annual peaceful, prayerful, public pro-life witness to the sanctity of life.

Schedule: Oct. 6 - Massena, Main Street & Rt 37 at 2:30 p.m.; Plattsburgh, Smithfield Blvd at 1 p.m.; Potsdam, Market Street at Main street at 1 p.m.; Saranac Lake, Bandshell Park at River Street at 2:30 p.m.; Oct. 5 - Watertown at Public Square, Noon to 3 p.m.

Features: Rain or shine. Signs will be provided.

Contact: For more information about Lifecchain in your area visit www.lifecchain.org.

'Chosen' creator plans future, other shows

By Francesca Pollio Fenton
Catholic News Agency

Dallas Jenkins, the creator, director, and writer of the hit series "The Chosen," made several big announcements regarding the future of the show and the launch of new projects during the second annual "Chosen" fan convention, ChosenCon, on Sept. 20 at the Orlando World Center Marriott in Orlando, Florida.

The announcements included details about several new shows, ranging from an animated children's series to a reality show in partnership with celebrity survivalist and adventurer Bear Grylls, as well as the creation of a new production studio.

5&2 Studios, created by Jenkins, is the new independent studio that

will oversee the production of "The Chosen" franchise and will produce future film and television projects set in the biblical world. 5&2 Studios is currently in production of "The Chosen Adventures" and "The Chosen in the Wild with Bear Grylls."

"The Chosen Adventures" is an animated series following 9-year-old Abby in the city of Capernaum and her friend Joshua and features the voices of actors Paul Walter Hauser and Yvonne Orji as well as Grammy-nominated artist Jordin Sparks and cast members from "The Chosen" including Jonathan Roumie, Paras Patel, Elizabeth Tabish, and Noah James.

"This is a show that kids are going to love, parents are going to love watching it with them,

grandparents are going to love watching it with them," Jenkins told CNA in an interview at ChosenCon. "We're taking the stories of Jesus, the stories of the Gospels, the biblical concepts and truths and showing you them through the eyes of children."

"The Chosen in the Wild With Bear Grylls" is a six-episode, unscripted adventure series where Grylls takes one cast member from the show into the wild to explore their personal stories of faith and dive deeper into their perspectives on the series and the characters they portray.

"It's a really exciting partnership bringing together what I do, which is 'Running Wild' and taking Hollywood folk into the wild, and then 'The Chosen' and what they do, and we've nev-

er done a partnership where we actually do like a bespoke version of 'Running Wild' for a TV show, but it felt like the right time, with the right partners," Grylls told CNA in an interview at ChosenCon.

Four out of the six episodes have been filmed so far and their "stories are beautiful and empowering," Grylls said.

He added that he believes fans of the show will enjoy getting to know "the actors as people, what they're

really like, their journeys, their journeys of faith through the whole thing, from different backgrounds, different cultures, and the friendships they've made, to get to know them in a real way."

5&2 Studios is also developing three new shows including a three-season series about Moses, a limited series following the story of Joseph, and then, following "The Chosen," a series about the Acts of the Apostles.

Around the diocese

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MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREATS

The Vocation Office and the Office of Youth Ministry is sponsoring a Middle School Retreat (Grades 6-8)

Date: Clinton-Northern Franklin & Adirondack Deaneries, Oct. 4 at Holy Cross Parish Center, Plattsburgh; Jefferson-Lewis & Adirondack Deaneries, Oct. 9 at IHC, Watertown; and St. Lawrence & Clinton-Northern Franklin Deaneries, Oct. 16 on at St. Mary's Social Hall, Massena.

Time: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Features: The purpose of a Middle School Retreat is to guide young women and men to prayerfully consider God's plan for their lives. Open to students in Grades 6-8 both in the Catholic schools and public schools. This is a retreat day for the students and is considered a legal absence.

Contact: Your pastor, Catholic school principal, or Religious

Education Coordinator for a registration form.

FALL LEAD WORKSHOP

Lake Placid — Fall LEAD Workshop to be held with the theme "Moving the Needle on Family Faith Formation" for all Pastors, Catechetical Leaders, Catechists, Sacramental Prep Catechists, Youth Ministers and Families are invited to attend.

Date: Oct. 12
Time: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Place: St. Agnes School
Cost: \$25

Speaker: Dr. Kathie Amidei

Features: In this workshop you will learn: Why Family engagement is essential; Strategies and models you can implement; Practical ways to encourage families; How to coach and accompany parents.; Please bring a bag lunch.

Contact: For more information contact Cathy Russell at crussell@rcdony.org. To register go to

www.rcdony.org/needle

FAMILY GUGGENHEIM

Saranac Lake — Family Guggenheim to be held with the theme "Trailblazers for Jesus."

Date: Oct. 11-13
Features: Yee Haw! Come join us for a rootin' tootin' good time at Family Guggenheim, a place to play and pray together as a family.

Contact: For more information and to register, go to <https://www.rcdony.org/newsevents/family-guggenheim.html>. Questions? Call Steve Tartaglia at 315-393-2920.



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SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE

A covenant, not a contract

A fundamental principle of life tells us that we are created with a desire to love and be loved. In fact, the more we love, the more we become like God because, as John articulates, God is love. There are many ways to love. Marriage and family, consecrated celibacy, chaste single living are the three principal ways to exercise the vocation of love. All three vocations are pathways to holiness, but all three vocations have their difficulties, challenges and their pitfalls.

Today's scripture readings address specifically the relationship between husband and wife.

Let's start with this principle: A wedding is an event; marriage is an achievement. Let that sink in. A wedding is an event; a marriage is an achievement. Is that statement still vibrant today in our current understanding and practice of marriage?

We often hear about a marriage contract or a pre-nuptial agreement. But marriage is not a contract. It is rather a covenant founded in love between a man and a woman. For that covenant to be complete, a third component is needed - God. A contract protects the parties in advance by spelling out the expectations for each person. On the other hand, a covenant proclaims an unconditional mutual pledge between the man and the woman to love and serve one another forever; for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, in good times and bad until death sep-

arates them from this life. This commitment also extends to their children whom they promise to raise as Catholics. Of course, for this covenant to flourish the couple must allow God's presence to permeate their lives.

A contract requires a person to be smart; a covenant requires a person to be dedicated. You don't have to be a rocket scientist to figure out that a covenant requires maturity and should never be entered upon lightly. As a Church, we take very seriously marriage commitment.

However, we also recognize that conflict is part of the human condition. In fact, conflict can be part of most people's lives. The individual has a conflict, but that conflict often takes place in the context of a relationship with another, especially the marriage

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READINGS

Genesis 2:18-24

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16

relationship. The management of the conflicts in marriage will be the barometer to measure the extent of one's commitment and maturity.

The painful reality in life tells us that some marriage relationships, despite all prayer and all human intervention, fall apart. The causes of the deterioration are as varied as the number of people involved. The victims of divorce must pick themselves up, re-commit to their fundamental vocation to love, and get on with their lives that will be different after a separation or divorce. Likewise, contacting the local pastor to seek an annulment should be element in the recovery process.

We often hear a quote

from Paul read at weddings, words often spoken, but words that come to life only with direct human intervention with God's help. Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but happy with the truth. Love never gives up... Love is eternal.

Our understanding of Christian marriage

finds its roots in our basic teaching of mutual respect of one for the other - respect for life. In October a prevailing theme is Respect for Life. In our current environment our commitment to life, from conception to natural death, must be stronger than the commitment of those who do not promote life. Promote life, pray that all life be respected, speak openly about the value of life. Foster the value of life in every way possible.



Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin

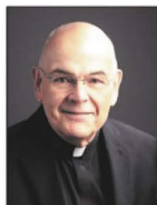
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Troubles in Haiti

"Although the international spotlight on Haiti has long since faded, newspapers and media no longer report on it, the situation has not changed or improved in any way." This is what the Italian Camillian Father Massimo Miraglio says to *Fides* about the reality he found upon his return to Haiti after a forced break.

"Despite the intervention of the UN units led by the Kenyan force, which arrived on the island on June 25 and which have been reinforced in recent days by additional soldiers from Jamaica and Belize, the situation is still disastrous," said Father Miraglio, who has lived in Haiti almost 20 years. "It can be said that the presence of these troops in Haiti is almost ineffective. They complain of a lack of material, fear of loss of life and restrictive rules of engagement. In fact, the capital, Port au Prince, remains in the hands of armed gangs that spread terror among the population. All activities remain almost paralyzed. The entrances to the south and north of the capital are completely blocked, with various groups demanding bribes from people who stop them on the way. But this only applies to public transport and trucks, which in many cases are confiscated instead of letting them through. The exit to Jeremie, 200 km south of the capital, is also closed; it is practically impossible to get there by land. In this sad situation for the majority of the Haitian population, the new school year begins on October 1."

"Many children will not go to school, and many schools will be closed, especially in Port-au-Prince, due to the presence of armed gangs," the priest said. "Many children will not be able to go to school because they do not have the money to buy the minimum school supplies."

In Jeremie, where the Camillians have a parish, many children are unlikely to start school on time.

"Books, like all school materials, are prohibitively expensive and difficult to get from the capital," said Father Miraglio. "The same goes for uniforms and school bags... In short, it promises to be a very difficult school year for children in Haiti."

"The aqueduct, the schools, the kindergarten, the mobile clinics, all these are important aspects to revive the hope of the population and ensure that their living conditions improve and prevent people from leaving these rural towns to concentrate in the metropolis or in the provincial towns that, like Jeremie, are already overcrowded and where there is no possibility of giving work and hope to these people who leave the countryside to come to the city. With courage and determination we continue our commitment alongside these rural populations, we try to support them in their faith, to accompany them so that one day they can have a decent standard of living," [Father Miraglio] concludes. *Article from FIDES mission-ary news service of the Pontifical Mission Societies.*

Be part of the solution

"There's no toilet paper in the bathroom!"

Off the top of my head, I would say that is the most common complaint about the church building I've heard over my 21 years since being ordained a deacon. It is followed by "the kneeler in my pew is broken."

Both complaints are rare, but they do bubble up to the top of the list.

We take the appearance of our place of worship for granted. Many of us also take the execution of a liturgy for granted.

Mass or other liturgical ceremony and even the appearance of the church building are constantly on the mind of your pastor. He directs a staff of employees and volunteers to make sure everything is ready for you whenever you enter the church.

It struck me with priesthood Sunday just passed and deacon Sunday to be celebrated October 13 that this would be a good time to write about all the other ministries that make our places of worship welcoming and our liturgies prayerful.

Let's start with the building.

Most churches have a team or teams of people who dust and clean the

worship site. The cleaners might wash and wax the floors occasionally or the parish might hire someone to do that work.



Deacon
Kevin Mastellon

Some churches have an appointed sexton. The sexton is responsible for the church building and grounds. The sexton is the one who receives the complaints about peeling paint or persistent spider webs. The sexton will take the com-

ment to the pastor or a Building and Grounds Committee of the Parish Council.

Absent a sexton, anyone is fair game to listen to your observation from the parish secretary to the deacon or priest. A good response is, "Have you done anything about the problem? It is your church too." But we rarely say that.

At the end of any event in church, the place needs to be straightened up. Hymnals should be stacked at the end of a pew or re-placed in the racks.

Some of us who are prone to such habits make sure the hymnals are all facing the

same direction and are placed just so in the racks. Those same people worry about whether the toilet paper rolls from the top or bottom. There is nothing in the liturgical books about the proper placement of hymnals in the racks. It is just a thing.

I like being alone in church with Jesus in the tabernacle. It gives us another chance to chat about things. We talk while I straighten up the hymnals.

Every once in a while, a parishioner will take it upon herself or himself to make things right in the pews. They return kneelers to the upright position, gather up the bulletins left behind or the tissues someone dropped on the floor. Those people are to be thanked for caring.

A lot of work goes into the liturgy you participate in. The church building is just a part of the work. I'll bet you could do something for your church if you are not already. More opportunities next week.

Deacon Kevin Mastellon ministers in Watertown. He is the Director of Permanent Deacons for the Diocese of Ogdensburg



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The Miraculous Prayer

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked for many favors.

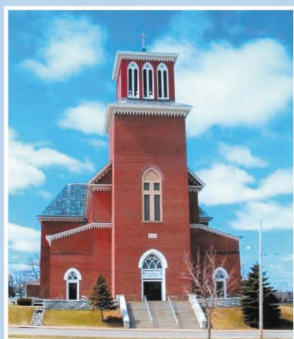
This time I ask you this very special one. Take it Dear Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in our merciful eyes it will become your favor, not mine. Amen KM

LEARNING TO BE LEADERS



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(Left) Two high school students pray during outdoor Adoration, held as part of the annual diocesan high school Leadership Weekend. The weekend, Sept. 20-22, was held at Camp Guggenheim. (Above) Leadership weekend participants gather in the fort they constructed with branches gathered at the camp.



Congratulations

Deacon Mark Lalonde on celebrating his 25th year of ordination as a Deacon for the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Ordained on October 9, 1999 by Bishop Paul S. Loverde.



We are grateful to Deacon Mark for the many ways he has served our Catholic Parish here in Ogdensburg. God Bless Deacon Mark and his wife Vicky. We love you and appreciate you!