Share hope says the pope

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The same hope that moves people to seek a better life for themselves and their loved ones also moves the hearts of men and women to welcome migrants and refugees with open arms, Pope Francis said. "Those who come to our land and we who go toward their heart to understand them, to understand their culture and language" embark on a shared journey that "without hope cannot be done," the pope said Sept. 27 at his weekly general audience. "Brothers and sisters, do not be afraid to share the journey! Do not be afraid to share hope," he said.

During the audience, Pope Francis launched the "Share the Journey" campaign, an initiative sponsored by Caritas Internationalis, the global network of Catholic charitable agencies. The campaign encourages Catholics to understand, get to know and welcome refugees and migrants.

Meet the 16 men to be deacons

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Deacons and more deacons!

EDITOR’S NOTE

In this week's North Country Catholic, we’re beginning what will turn out to be a “Month of Deacons” in the diocesan newspaper. We’re starting with an introduction of the 16 men who will ordained on Saturday. As you read their short biographies, beginning on page 7, I’m sure you will take great hope in the desire of these men to serve God and the people of the North Country for the rest of their lives.

Mary Lou Kilian

We are greatly blessed! In the Oct. 11 issue of the NCC, we will continue our focus on deacons with a celebration of the 40th anniversary of the permanent diaconate in the diocese. When the first class began their studies in 1977 no one knew the impact that this newly established order would have on our local church.

Today, there are about 75 deacons enhancing the vitality of our Catholic faith in parishes, prisons and diocesan offices across the diocese. By Saturday afternoon, that number will top 90. One of these men, Deacon Fred Oberst who was among those who started on the diaconal road 40 years ago, shared a reflection (to be printed in its entirety on our anniversary issue) about what it takes to be an exceptional deacon.

It seems like good advice for those ordained for a couple of days or a couple of decades:

“To be a deacon, a really exceptional deacon requires a breadth of knowledge that spans the gamut from a full understanding of ministry, a heart that cares beyond a single cause, a broad biblical knowledge of church history and practice, a psychologists understanding of what makes people tick, a keen eye on current events, an ability to deliver prayers to suit countless environments and needs, the communication skills of a TED speaker and the business savvy of a company CEO”

Seems about right to me!

FATHER MUENCH SAYS

Blessed by days of autumn travel

The month of September was definitely a time of travel for me. It has been great fun – traveling around the diocese and also to Canada. I have piled up many miles especially through the Adirondacks. That has been rather enjoyable at this colorful time of the year.

I have covered two parishes and visited many friends and families. During two of those weeks, I covered St. Mary’s Parish, Ticonderoga. This was an opportunity for me to do some ministry that is not part of my life as a retired priest. I visited the grade school, giving me an opportunity to renew my friendship with Sister Sharon and her faculty. I visited the hospital and brought the sacraments to the sick. I made some home visits. And, of course, I celebrated many Masses.

These are the usual ministries a pastor does on a regular basis. It was so good for me to do these ministries. In addition, I also covered the weekend Masses at St. Peter’s Parish, in Lowville. I would like to tell you also of my trip to Canada to visit Madonna House in Combermere, Ontario, Canada. I believe I have written of this community before.

Madonna House is a religious community of lay men and lay women and priests – founded by Catherine Doherty – one of my favorite saints.

I must admit it is rather difficult to even try and describe this community, this family in words; it must be experienced. However, if I must describe it I would say that Madonna House is a life style of prayer and work leading to a finding and following of Jesus so that Jesus can live in us and we can live like Jesus.

This spirituality has its foundation in the words and teaching of Catherine Doherty. It is an effort to empty ourselves so that Jesus can live in us.

I went up to Madonna House this week to attend a meeting of the associate priests and deacons of Madonna House. As an associate priest, I strive to join in the spirit and life style of Catherine Doherty and Madonna House so as to discover the blessings of bringing Jesus more alive in my life. The associate priests and deacons continue their ministry in their home parishes while staying close to the life of Madonna House. This Associates Meeting is a unique opportunity to renew in our lives the experience of Madonna House and our friendships with the various members of the Madonna House community.

For me, many of the members have been friends since I visited Madonna House as a young priest. At this meeting, we join in the prayers and Masses of the community – as well as the meals and other activities.

At this yearly meeting, there is usually a series of presentations on something to do with Madonna House. This year the priest staff of Madonna House shared with us the Russian roots of Catherine’s spirituality.

You may remember that Catherine is Russian and much of her spirituality and religious background was influenced by Russian religious figures and saints.

I want to share with you that this Russian spirituality is very different from our Western approach and culture. A simple example is the note of simplicity in the Russian spirituality. Western religious writing and teaching can be rather legalistic, philosophical and complicated. That Russian approach emphasizes simplicity and the experiences of life.

Madonna House continues to have a profound effect on my life and my priesthood. The writings, talks and teachings of Catherine Doherty have touched me deeply. (By the way, many of her talks are recorded on You-tube.)

I remember well visiting and joining in the work and life of this family as a young priest. It was a very special part of my life. Catherine is an important saint in my life.

This annual visit is a magnificent opportunity each year to experience again the life and happiness of being a part of this family.

It is a time of gratitude for all that Madonna House has given to me.
A Diocesan Celebration of Marriage

Marriage Jubilee

PHOTOS BY JESSE SOVIE
Bishop LaValley greeted each of the couples who gathered at St. Mary’s Cathedral Sept. 24 for the 35th annual diocean Marriage Jubilee. He is shown above with Robert and Joan Howe of St. James Church, Gouverneur, who are celebrating their 65th Anniversary this year.

Neil and Dee Fuller of St. Mary’s Church in Clayton, hold hands as the bishop delivers a special blessing over the wedding rings of the jubilarians.

Rod and Donna Roca of Notre Dame Parish in Ogdensburg are celebrating their 40th anniversary this year. They are pictured during the renewal of vows.

In his homily, Bishop LaValley thanked the couples for “celebrating your milestones of wedded love as a family of faith here at your cathedral. Your witness of faith and married love inspire us all to expand our hearts as you continue to do with the graces you received on your wedding day.”
October is Respect Life Month: Be Not Afraid

By Colleen Miner
Diocesan director, Respect Life Office

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has chosen the theme “Be Not Afraid” for October’s Respect Life month. Its purpose is to provide encouragement and comfort in difficult times, as well as to inspire the motivation and courage to help others and stand for life. New materials are produced each year to help Catholics to understand, value and become engaged with supporting the God-given dignity of every person - which naturally leads to protecting the gift of every person’s life.

In this year’s packet, pastors received a beautiful poster with the artwork from a 17th century, Italian painting of The Ascension and the following informational brochures:

- What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion
- How to Build a Culture of Life
- Top Reasons to Oppose Assisted Suicide
- Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing
- Death Penalty: Catholic Q & A
- Understanding Conscience

Once again this year, Respect Life Month opened with LIFECHAIN across the diocese, in Saranac Lake, Schroon Lake, Massena, Plattsburgh and Potsdam. LIFECHAIN is a peaceful, prayerful, pro-life witness.

Youth buses for life

Online registration became available Oct. 1 for the Youth Buses for Life high school pilgrimage to the March for Life in Washington, DC.

Three coach buses will depart the North Country Jan. 18 and return January 20. Pick up locations include: Northern bus: Massena, Canton, and Gouverneur; Western bus: Immaculate Heart Central Jr/Sr. High School; Eastern bus: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Schroon Lake.

A $150 fee includes transportation, hotel, breakfast, dinner and t-shirt. In addition to participation in the annual March for Life, the teenagers will tour the Saint John Paul II Shrine, Holocaust Museum and National Basilica.

All chaperones must be Virtus: Protecting God’s Children trained.

This year, Bishop LaValley will join the Youth Buses in Washington. Sign up at www.rcdony.org/pro-life.
First steps to the priesthood for Kevin McCullough

By Cathy Russell
Diocesan Vocation Coordinator

Fourth in a series

Kevin McCullough hails from Holy Family Parish in Watertown. A resident of Black River, he graduated from Carthage Central School and attended Jefferson Community College. The son of Gary and Laurie McCullough, he has an older sister and a younger brother.

During high school, Kevin was a captain of his swim team. He was involved in the school’s musicals and was a member of a select chorus.

Attending Sunday Mass as a family was an important activity in shaping the person Kevin has become. At an early age, he became a server at Mass and soon discovered a special gift of working with young people. As a counselor at Camp Guggenheim, Kevin has been able to develop his gifts in youth ministry.

As far as priesthood is concerned, “I first began thinking about priesthood around the time I started serving at Mass,” he said. “In ninth grade, I spoke to the Vocation Director. From there, I continued to pray and develop my prayer life.

Now he is in his first year of seminary at the Pontifical College Josephinum where he continues to discern what God is calling him to be. Kevin’s faith heroes are St. Faustina and St. John Paul II. His favorite prayers include the Liturgy of the Hours and the rosary. When he reflects on the scriptures, Kevin is drawn to the parable of the lost son.

“I want to be a priest to provide the sacraments to the people and service in humble ways,” Kevin said.

When he needs to relax or have a little fun, Kevin enjoys bowling, riding his bike and ice skating.

When asked what advice he would give to a man thinking about priesthood, Kevin smiles broadly and says, “First of all, that’s amazing! We need more men to respond courageously to our Lord’s call. Keep praying and surround yourself with good Catholic friends who will support and pray for you.”

METE OUR SEMINARIANS

BISHOP’S FUND 2017: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, ONE FAMILY

Lay ministry: on becoming ‘Co-Workers in the Vineyard’

By Deacon Patrick Donahue
Coordinator, Formation for Ministry

It was only a couple of years ago that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) celebrated the tenth anniversary of the document ‘Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord.’ That document that was released in the fall of 2005 was influential to lay ministry formation programs in dioceses across the country. If it has been groundbreaking, it is because the document expressed the bishops’ strong desire for a meaningful and productive collaboration of ordained and lay ministers to serve side by side in “distinct but complementary ways” and continue the Church’s saving mission of Christ for the world.

‘Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord’ has become a common framework, especially for the Diocese of Ogdensburg, where the Formation for Ministry program tries to ensure that our forming lay ministers remain both continuous and consistent with the Church’s theological and doctrinal traditions, while at the same time effectively responding to contemporary pastoral needs and situations in the North Country.

The document appropriately references lay ministers as “Co-Workers” while it recommends concepts, goals, strategies, resources, and ideas that should reasonably be considered in developing and implementing a formation program. It invites local adaptations and innovations that improve such formation and better prepares the laity for more active and significant roles in their parishes, faith communities and a variety of other ministry structures within a diocese.

And so it is in the Diocese of Ogdensburg where our recent initiatives to build our parishes with living stones have underscored the need for more priests, deacons, consecrated religious... and commissioned lay ministers.

Formation for Ministry is a lay ministry program designed to provide academic, pastoral, and spiritual formation for lay ministers. With the support of the Bishop’s fund each year, Formation for Ministry prepares men and women for their chosen ministry and helps develop their ministerial skills. Once commissioned, these newly trained lay ministers provide pastoral care and ministry support to our parishes and Catholic communities across the diocese.

The Bishop’s Fund has been successful in fostering the development of the Formation for Ministry program which has resulted in the commissioning of over 1300 lay ministers since 1991. Now a staple program for ministry development in our diocese, lay ministers have become important “Co-Workers” lending help to a variety of ministries that include catechetical, youth, liturgical and parish and community outreach. Becoming a “Co-Worker” is becoming a disciple. Recent studies conducted by Georgetown University suggest that there are over 40,000 commissioned lay ministers; these are men, women; single, married and religiously working in pastoral ministry positions and being active contributors and vital participants to the ministry life of their parishes.

In the Diocese of Ogdensburg, where our own Bishop LaValley’s 2017 homily delivered at the June 25th commissioning of Pastoral Lay Ministers said: “We are blessed because you have decided to participate in the Formation for Ministry program. You are allowing the Lord, through His Body Blood, the Church to help equip you for discipleship. Today, on behalf of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, I send you out for more active discipleship in Jesus name but the formation must continue... Prayer must continue.”

And so, in our Diocese of Ogdensburg where our bishop calls for “Building Parishes with Living Stones”, there is good news that the Formation for Ministry program recently had 59 candidates become commissioned as lay pastoral ministers and currently has 85 candidates who have recently begun this two-year formation program that is currently being offered at three sites located in Lake Placid, Waddington and Carthage. Once commissioned these ministers will also continue the tradition of assisting their pastors and ordained clergy and religious in progressing Christ’s message of love and hope here in the North Country. For additional information please contact Dcn. Donahue pdonahue@rcdony.org or call (315) 393-2920 ext. 1412.
Funeral held Sept. 30 for Sr. Anne Marie Castle, GNSH

HUNTINGTON VALLEY, PENN. – A Mass of Christian Burial for Grey Nun Sister Anne Marie Castle, 93, was held Saturday in the Holy Redeemers Sisters Chapel. She died Sept. 22 at St Joseph’s Manor, Meadowbrook, Pennsylvania.

Born in Buffalo, NY, in 1924 Sister Anne Marie entered the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart on January 1, 1942. She received a bachelor’s degree in English from D’Youville College and the Catholic University of America. She awarded her an Master of Fine Arts degree with a minor in religion.

She held membership in the Catholic Fine Arts Society, St. Luke’s Art Guild, the Diocesan Art Teachers Association and The International Society of Art through Education.

A lifelong educator, Sister Anne Marie taught at Bishop Conroy Memorial School in Ogdensburg in 1952-3 and at St. Mary’s Academy in 1953-6 and 1959-60. From 1964 to 2001 she was a teacher at Holy Angels Academy in Buffalo.

Other assignments took her to Jackson Heights, Corona and Eden, NY and Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania. A gifted artist, she offered instruction in painting, calligraphy and photography over a span of almost 60 years.

Retiring in 2001 she moved to the Motherhouse in Yardley, Pennsylvania, where she became a driver for sisters in need of transportation.

She moved to St Joseph Manor in 2013 where she lived until the time of her death, enjoying bingo and visiting with residents.

In addition to her religious congregation, she is survived by her sister, Sally Anne Sheehan of Fresno, California and two nieces. Memorial donations may be made to the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart, 14500 Bustleton Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19116-1188 or www.grey-nun.org.

Local collections to assist victims of all recent disasters

Parishes of the Diocese of Ogdensburg have held second collections in recent weeks originally designated to support Hurricane Harvey victims in Texas and Louisiana. Before most collections were taken, Hurricane Irma devastated Florida and then Hurricane Maria flattened Puerto Rico.

All funds collected in the diocese for disaster relief in or near the United States are distributed through the local Catholic Charities office to the Catholic Charities USA Disaster Relief Fund. The CCUSA Fund supports local people through emergency grants requested by local dioceses, parishes and Catholic Charities offices without administrative overhead. CCUSA provides assistance from the fund before any collections are held. Any gifts given will be distributed to those requesting assistance regardless of which hurricane struck.

Additional donations may be mailed to Catholic Charities, 6686 State Highway 37, Ogdensburg, NY 13669, with a notation that the contribution is for the Disaster Relief Fund.

Announcement

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has been notified that it is in compliance with the data collection requirements for the 2016-17 audit period of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

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 pre-register at www.virtus.org by selecting the registration button and following the directions.

Upcoming sessions:
Oct. 12 - 6:30 p.m., Holy Name School, Ausable Forks

Environmental Stewardship

We are All Connected (Part 2)

St. Franc’s other great love was for the poor. He reached out to beggars, homeless and lepers. He came to see that when he and his brothers had more than enough, it deprived the poor of what they needed. So growing in what it means to us, today, and listening to Pope Francis in Laudato Si and what the Psalmist says in “The Lord hears the cry of the poor,” we come to know we are all connected.

It isn’t enough to be careful recyclers, that’s important; to turn down the thermostat or spend less on food or clothes. These all matter, but what really matters is how all of this affects our brothers and sisters who have a great deal less than enough.

Father Augusto Zampini Davis, an official at the Vatican Diocese for promoting Integral Human Development says “You cannot try to tackle poverty without caring for the earth and equally you can’t care for the earth without caring for the people who live on the earth” quoted from article “caring for creation means caring for the poor” NCC 9/6/17.

The final clause of our pledge is: “Advocate for Catholic principles of solidarity and stewardship of God’s creation in climate change discussions, especially as they impact those who are poor and vulnerable.” This calls us to pay attention to laws enacted and policies made that benefit or harm all of our resources and to have our voices heard by those who make and enforce these decisions.

So, this brings us back to our pledge and the call us to live it! To learn how to sign the Pledge and learn more about ways to live it, go to: www.Catholic climate covenant.org.

Mark Your Calendars

Oct. 15 - Religious Jubilee, Ogdensburg
Oct. 20-21 - Celebrate Christ, Crowne Point, Lake Placid
Oct. 25 - Catholic Charities Caritas dinner, Gran View, Ogdensburg
Meet Our New Deacons

Bishop LaValley to ordain 16 deacons Saturday

Bishop Terry R. LaValley will ordain 16 men as permanent deacons Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary’s Cathedral. Profiles of the new deacons follow:

Deacon Richard Lawrence Burns
St. Mary’s Parish, Potsdam

Deacon Burns was born June 18, 1964, in Watertown and grew up in Adams. He and his wife, Kathy (nee Steward) have been married 31 years. They are the parents of one son, Michael, 24, who currently lives in New York City.

Deacon Burns graduated from South Jefferson Central School in 1982; earned an associate’s degree in engineering science from Jefferson Community College in 1984; and a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from Clarkson University in 1986. He currently works as Manager, Community Customer for National Grid in Potsdam.

As a deacon . . . I look forward to more deeply sharing in the sacramental life of my parish, through proclaiming the Word, serving at the altar, and teaching others to live their faith.

Deacon Brent A. Charland
St. Andre’ Bessette, Malone

Deacon Charland was born at the family home in Malone July 17, 1962, has been married to his high school sweetheart Becky (McCai) for 32 years. They have a daughter Colleen who lives in Plattsburgh with their granddaughter Chloe, and a son Chadd and his wife Julie (Myre) who live in Bangor.

A graduate of Franklin Academy in Malone, he completed the University of Notre Dame STEM program and looks forward to continuing his education. Since 1983, Deacon Charland has worked as church sexton for St. Andre’ Bessette Parish in Malone. “As I start my 35th year working for the parish I give thanks to God every day for all the blessings I see, receive and live,” he said. “Working for the Church has been an awesome way to spend my life; I am truly blessed.”

As a deacon . . . I truly look forward to proclaiming the Gospel. I would like to meet with and bring people who have fallen away back to Church. If I had to pick a theme for my ministry it would be focused on forgiveness. It is such a beautiful gift that we are all capable of and once received can change a life.

Deacon David Lawrence Clark
St. John the Baptist, Plattsburgh

Retired as a colonel in the United States Air Force, Deacon Clark was born Aug. 20, 1948 in Bath, N.Y.

He and his wife Mary have been married for 46 years and have three children and four grandchildren. Matthew of Colorado Springs is married to Teresa (Galeb, age 2, Amelia, 1); Amy lives in Plattsburgh and Sarah lives in Lansdale, Pennsylvania and is married to Shawn Matthews (Brody, 4 and Kyle, 3).

A registered nurse for 29 years, Deacon Clark earned a BSN in nursing, an MS in nursing personnel management and an MSN in nursing administration.

He is retired from the Air Force, as nurse and also from New York State Department of Corrections (Altona CF).

As a deacon . . . I look forward to making a difference to those in need within and around Plattsburgh. I hope to find some method of providing charitable works for those who are suffering and have no other options. I don’t know what that will look like just yet, but I hope the Lord sends me some guidance. My job now is to listen for God’s gentle whisper inspiring me to take a pathway. I pray I can hear Him. I have spent my entire adult life as a registered nurse caring for others, now I want to expand that care to more people with a different focus.

Deacon James David Crowley
St. Mary’s Cathedral, Ogdensburg

Deacon Crowley, who serves as chancellor for the Diocese of Ogdensburg was born Feb. 3, 1964, in Buffalo.

He and his wife, Rita, have three daughters, Allison, Bethany, Margaret who will all serve at the Ordination Mass.

Deacon Crowley earned a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy and religious studies from Wadham Hall Seminary-College in 1991. Among his responsibilities as chancellor is communications director, delegate to pastoral ministers and executive director of the Family Life Office for diocese. He is the former owner of C3 - Crowley Computer Consulting.

As a deacon . . . I hope to continue exploring the path the Lord calls Rita and me toward and to use the gifts and grace God gives me to serve the Church and His people.

Deacon Demers
Notre Dame, Ogdensburg

Deacon Demers was born in Ogdensburg Aug. 1, 1959, and married Laurie Galvin on March 14, 1987. The couple have two sons, Alex of E. Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania; and Kyle of Ogdensburg; and one granddaughter June E. Demers, the daughter of Kyle.

He graduated from Ogdensburg Free Academy in 1976 and attended Seminole Community College in Lake Mary, Florida, obtaining a degree in fire science shortly after starting a career as a firefighter/EMT in Tamarac, Florida.

Deacon Demers moved back to Ogdensburg in 1986. He joined the Ogdensburg Fire Department in 1989 and retired in 2002.

As a deacon . . . through my love of God and His people I look forward as a deacon to serve Him and His Church.

John Anthony Fehlner
St. Brendan’s, Keene

Deacon Fehlner was born in Detroit, Michigan, April 16, 1957, and is retired from the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

He and his wife Maura (Hearden) have three children, Corey, Malachy and Mary and two grandchildren, Colleen and Ryland.

Deacon Fehlner earned a bachelor’s degree and currently operates WCLP Catholic radio station in Lake Placid.

As a deacon . . . strengthened by the grace of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, I pray that the Holy Spirit will infuse my thoughts words and deeds with new vitality as I participate in the liturgy, continue to operate WCLP Catholic radio in Lake Placid, and do all that I can to attend to the corporal and spiritual needs of my parish, community and the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

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Meet Our New Deacons

Deacon Timothy David Foley
St. Bartholomew’s, Old Forge
Deacon Foley, a native of Utica, was born Oct. 7, 1948. He and his wife, Patty are the parents of one daughter.

A practicing attorney, he is a graduate of Blessed Sacrament Elementary School, Notre Dame High School, Boston College, University of Mississippi Law School.

As a deacon . . . I most look forward to growing closer to God by following His will and serving His church.

Deacon Neil J. Fuller
St. Mary’s, Clayton
Deacon Fuller was born in Watertown April 8, 1958, graduated from Watertown High School (1976) and attended Jefferson Community College.

He and his wife, Mary, were married in August 1980, and have three children: Eliza­beth, Evan, and Brian who, with his wife, Anne is expecting their first grandchild in January.

Deacon John Haas
St. Andre Bessette, Malone
Deacon Haas was born October 10, 1960, in Port Jervis, New York, and was raised in Matamoras, Pennsylvania.

He and his wife, Mary, were married August 5, 1990, and have three children, Nicholas, Jr., Michael, and Rachel.

Deacon Morse was born in the Old Van Duurse Hospital in Malone Aug 3, 1946. On Sept. 5, 1965, he married Diane Lynde. They have four children, five grandchildren aged 20 to 31, and two great grandchildren Isabeau and Elijah.

After graduating from Gouverneur Central High School in 1964, he attended Mohawk Valley Community College and went to work for Mason Rossiter Smith, Inc., a commercial printing company. He later worked Sherwin-Williams in Saratoga Springs in June of 1966 and Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

He also worked as a bookkeeper for a Mobil dealer, for an auto parts store and for Hillcrest Educational Center of Pittsfield, MA, which is a residential treat­ment facility for children from 4 years to 18 years old, helping children in trouble.

In 1969, he began service as a volunteer fire fighter for the Lenox Fire Department. During his tenure he took several fire science courses, was a lieut­enant for seven years and an assistant chief for 15 years.

He resigned in November 2007, when his family moved back to Gouverneur but later volunteered with the Richville Fire Department for five years and eight months.

In 1979, Deacon Morse grew a beard and started a career playing Santa Claus from Black Friday until Christmas Eve in malls and for private parties.

As a deacon . . . becoming a deacon will enable me to proclaim the Gospel and work with Father (Shane) Lynch, our pastor and the members of our parish in ways helping them to get home with Jesus and God, His Father. I also am hoping to minister to the in­cercerated, increasing their belief and guid­ing them to the narrow gate. There are unlimited possibilities.

Deacon Michelle Joseph Howley
St. Peter’s, Plattsburgh
Deacon Howley was born in Platts­burgh Oct. 13, 1952, and married the former Joan Elizabeth Barnes on Nov 30, 1974. They have three children: Eliza­beth, Evan, and Brian who, with his wife, Anne is expecting their first grandchild in January.

A graduate from Mount Assumption and SUNY Plattsburgh, he received a law degree (Juris Doctor) from Western New England College School of Law in 1979.

As a practicing attorney, his current posi­tion is a support magistrate with the New York State Family Court, presiding in support cases in Clinton, Franklin, and (occasionally) St. Lawrence Counties. He practiced law in Clinton County for a number of years before becoming principal law clerk to two New York State Supreme Court Justices, Hon. Andrew W. Ryan, and his successor Hon. John A. Lahtinen.

As a deacon . . . I most look forward to helping others in new ways. I was taught by my parents and others that we should always help people, I will now have the opportunity to assist oth­ers in their journey towards eternal life with our Father. An awesome opportunity, but at the same time a great re­sponsibility!

Deacon Howley

Deacon Charles Morse
St. James, Gouverneur
Deacon Morse was born in the Old Van Duurse Hospital in Gouverneur Aug 3, 1946. On Sept. 5, 1965, he married Diane Lynde. They have four children, five grandchildren aged 20 to 31, and two great grandchildren Isabeau and Elijah.

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Deacons look ahead to their lives of service

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Deacon William Patrick O’Brien
St. Mary’s Cathedral, Ogdensburg
Deacon O’Brien was born in Syracuse, Aug. 27, 1957 and grew up as a parishioner of Most Holy Rosary Parish on the west side of Syracuse. He then attended Onondaga Community College majoring in Business Administration. He moved to the North Country in 1996 and worked in management for a local supermarket chain until retiring in 2004 after a back injury. He was married for nearly 25 years and has two children. His son Sean and his wife and three grandchildren live in Ogdensburg and his daughter Meghan lives in Portland, Oregon.

As a deacon . . . I hope that I am, through the grace and mercy of God, able to bring Christ to all I meet. I pray that I might be an “instrument of thy peace,” Oh Lord, “Just as St. Francis prayed. I love the bible and the Catholic faith and I hope to help others to see “again, for the first time,” the wonders of our faith and the divine mercy offered to each and every one of us by our Loving God—Father, Son & Holy Spirit. I would solicit your prayers for myself, as I promise to pray for you the Church of Ogdensburg. Thank you for your wonderful support both in my studies (financially) and your prayerful support throughout my four years of formation. God bless you all this day and always!

Deacon Philip James Regan
St. Andrew’s Church, Norwood
Deacon Regan was born in Potsdam Aug. 30, 1947. He graduated from Norwood-Norfolk Central School in 1967 and went straight into the work force. After a short time working in construction he was hired by Penn Central Railroad. Later Penn Central became the Consolidated Railroad Corporation from which he retired after 20 years as a clerk in Massena.

Deacon Regan and his wife, Linda, have been married for 49 years and are the parents of three children - Richard and his wife Nicole have a son Sean, Robert works at customs in Massena; and Ellie Prashaw and her husband Jeff have three children, Anthony, Vanessa and Chris.

As a deacon . . . . what I look most forward to as my life as a deacon is working under the direction of the bishop and assignments entrusted to me by my pastor. I have served on the altar as an adult server and Eucharistic minister for many years, now I am looking forward to assisting at Mass in the deacon’s role, and once I receive my faculties, preaching the good news of the Gospels.

Randal J. Smith
St. Peter’s, Plattsburgh
Deacon Smith was born Nov. 17, 1957 in Los Angeles, California.
He is a retired instructor boom operator from the United States Air Force and currently works as a sergeant for the Department of Corrections at Upstate Correctional Facility in Malone.

Deacon Smith and his wife, Karen, have three children, and five grandchildren.

He earned two associate degrees from the Community College of the Air Force.

As a deacon . . . I look forward to serving the Catholic community and the community I live in any way I can help. In serving the Lord in whatever role He calls me to. I also look forward to growing more closer to the Lord through my ministry.

Thomas John Yousey II
St. Peter’s, Lowville
Deacon Yousey was born April 4, 1948 in Lowville.

He and his wife, Linda who died in 2014, had two children and five grandchildren - Christopher and Pamela Yousey, parents of Emma, Jack and Henry; and Kimberly and Nathan Elsener, parents of Charles and Simon.

Deacon Yousey earned a bachelor’s degree at SUNY Potsdam and a master’s in education from St. Lawrence University. He is a retired high school and university educator.

As a deacon . . . Actually, I look forward to the unknown. With the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit, I look forward to serving God and His people wherever He leads me.
OGDENSBURG - The Annual Catholic Charities Caritas Dinner will be held Oct. 25 at the Gran View Restaurant. Each year, Catholic Charities presents two awards — the Caritas Award and President's Award to individuals, couples or groups who champion the building of compassionate and caring communities.

The 2017 Caritas Award will be presented to Msgr. Joseph G. Aubin of Plattsburgh and, posthumously, to Father Patrick W. Mundy, who died Sept. 4.

Both these priests served as regional directors for Catholic Charities; Msgr. Aubin directed the Plattsburgh office from 1958 to 1968 while Father Mundy worked at the Watertown office from 1967 to 1968 and then succeeded Msgr. Aubin in 1968. He held that position until 1981.

The President's Award will also be given posthumously to Alex Velto, who also served as director of Catholic Charities in Watertown from 1976 to 1986. Mr. Velto worked with Msgr. Robert Lawler to bring federally funded housing to the north country, raising nearly $30 million for housing for the elderly and handicapped.

The Caritas dinner program opens at 5 p.m. with a cash bar, entertainment at 5:30 and the dinner at 6. The cost is $45 per person. All proceeds from the dinner will be used to provide financial assistance to individuals and families in need.

Checks, made payable to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, may be sent to Caritas Dinner, Catholic Charities, 6866 State Highway 37, Ogdensburg, NY, 13669 along with names of those attending, address, phone number and dinner choice of prime rib, filet of salmon with mango sauce, roasted stuffed chicken breast or vegetarian.

Further information is available at 315-393-2255.

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WASHINGTON (CNS) -- With the Supreme Court’s new term starting Oct. 2, one person equipped to comment on it - Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg - hesitated to say too much but hinted that it would be interesting.

“There is only one prediction that is entirely safe about the upcoming term, and that is it will be momentous,” she told first-year law students Sept. 20 at Georgetown Law where she was invited to speak as the school’s 2017 distinguished lecturer.

Ginsburg made her remark about the upcoming term after highlighting a few of its major cases, including the court’s plan, at that time, to hear oral arguments Oct. 10 on the constitutionality of President Donald Trump’s executive order restricting travel from individuals from specified countries into the United States.

Just five days after her address – confirming that the term was already interesting - the Supreme Court announced it was canceling arguments on the president’s order, often described as the travel ban, “pending further order of the court.” That’s because the court wanted to consider the Sept. 24 revision to the ban - its third update - adding three more countries to its list including two that are not majority Muslim, a factor that could protect the order from charges that it showed religious discrimination.

The Supreme Court allowed the president’s order to take effect temporarily in June, blocking some federal appeals court rulings that would have increased the number of travelers exempt from the ban. After the order was revised again, the court asked both sides to file briefs by Oct. 5 to debate changes that could make the case moot or at least sent back to lower courts.

The religious aspect of the initial versions of the travel ban - barring people from some predominantly Muslim countries to the United States - is what the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops took primary issue with in its friend-of-the-court brief filed Sept. 16.

The brief said the president’s order had the purpose and effect of “discriminating against Muslims” since it singled out “the populations of six overwhelmingly Muslim nations for sweeping immigration restric-

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The need to recognize women as having equal worth as men and allow them to fully exercise their human rights is increasingly urgent due to the "resurgence of divisions in today’s world," a top Vatican official told the U.N. Human Rights Council in Geneva. "An increased fragmentation of social relations in our multicultural societies, with spontaneous acts and words of racism and xenophobia, social and racial discrimination, and political exploitation of differences, is evident in everyday experiences," said Archbishop Ivan Jurkovic, Vatican observer to U.N. agencies in Geneva. During a Sept. 25 speech regarding the impact of racial discrimination and intolerance on the human rights of women, the archbishop explained that women are "too often undervalued" and vulnerable to discrimination, not only when they are part of an ethnic, religious or linguistic minority, but for simply being women. He said that women provide "an irreplaceable value in political, economic and social life," and he emphasized the need to eliminate any form of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance toward women.

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Saying he was speaking "on behalf of our country and the children whose lives are at stake," Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York Sept. 29 urged members of the U.S. House to pass the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. The measure, H.R. 36, proposes a ban on abortions starting at 20 weeks after fertilization, about the time doctors have determined that an unborn child can feel pain. It is expected to come to the House floor the first week of October. It was introduced by Rep. Trent Franks, R-Arizona. "All decent and humane people are repulsed by the callous and barbarous treatment of women and children in clinics ... that abort children after 20 weeks," said the cardinal, who is chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities. He made the comments in letters to each member of the House. "While there are divergent views on the practice of abortion," Cardinal Dolan said, "it is widely recognized from public opinion polls that a strong majority of the public is consistently opposed to late-term abortions. Planned Parenthood's callous and disturbing practices of harvesting fetal body parts from late-term abortions, partial-birth abortions and the deplorable actions of late-term abortionist Dr. Kermit Gosnell ... have shocked our nation and led many Americans to realize that our permissive laws and attitudes have allowed the abortion industry to undertake these procedures," Cardinal Dolan said, calling the bill’s 20-week ban a "common-sense reform."
SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

How frightening and destructive recent hurricanes and tornadoes have been to the beauty and richness of Caribbean countries and our South and to the people who live there! Many ask to what extent are we responsible through abuse of the incredible world that God has given us?

The Scripture readings today contain a most important lesson for the world in which we live. In the first reading, Isaiah describes how his friend, God went to elaborate pains in constructing his vineyard, with ditches for irrigation, and a tower for protection, and a winery for squeezing out the precious grapes with juice that would make delicious wine. How proud God was with the beauty and richness of the work of His hands. How disappointed he was when the vineyard only produced wild, sour grapes. He resolved to destroy it. In the Gospel, Jesus also uses the image of a vineyard in which a king has lavished great care. Here, greedy tenants resolve to keep all the fruits for themselves, even killing those whom the King had sent to collect the fruits. They even murder the king’s son, thinking they will inherit the vineyard.

Preachers in the time that our nation was expanding, called the American West the “garden of the gods”, and affirmed that it was the will of the Creator for us to seize these lands from the natives who lived there, and use them for our own advanced society. They called it our “manifest destiny”. The often irresponsible greed that followed has brought much destruction of nature’s own system of protection and preservation. Pope Francis claims in his encyclical, Laudato Si, that modern society must take better care of “God’s garden.”

Pope calls on Catholics to embrace migrants, refugees

VATICAN CITY (CNS)- Christ calls believers to welcome migrants and refugees “with arms wide open, ready to give a sincere, affectionate, enveloping embrace,” Pope Francis said, launching the “Share the Journey” campaign of Catholic charities around the world.

Christians’ embrace of people fleeing war or poverty should be “a bit like the colonnade of St. Peter’s Square, which represents the mother church who embraces all in sharing a common journey,” the pope said at the end of his audience Sept. 27.

With hundreds of refugees and migrants present in St. Peter’s Square, Pope Francis said the Catholic charities’ staff and volunteers who assist them are “a sign of a church that seeks to be open, inclusive and welcoming.”

“Share the Journey” is a two-year campaign sponsored by Caritas Internationalis, the global network of national Catholic charities -- including the U.S. Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA -- to promote encounters between people on the move and people living in the countries they are leaving, passing through or arriving in.
AMERICAN MADE

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

"American Made" (Universal), the wild, fact-based story of airline pilot-turned-gun-runner Barry Seal (Tom Cruise), is far too turbulent for youngsters and even too bumpy for most of their elders.

That's a shame because, given a different treatment, this unlikely tale of a man playing several sides against the middle might have made an entertaining slice of recent history for a much wider audience.

Bored with his career ferrying passengers around the country for TWA, Barry reacts enthusiastically when approached by CIA operative Monty Schafer (Domhnall Gleeson) with the offer of a covert mission.

It's the early 1980s and the opening stages of the Reagan administration, and Schafer wants Barry to transport arms to the U.S.-backed contra forces fighting the Sandinista government in Nicaragua.

This turns out to be exciting, dangerous but straightforward work.

Yet Barry is soon diverted from it by the chance to smuggle cocaine for the leaders of the nascent Medellin drug cartel, Jorge Ochoa (Alejandro Edda) and Pablo Escobar (Mauricio Mejia).

Discovering, more or less simultaneously, that the contras would rather get rich than fight, Barry develops an elaborate scheme to supply the weapons to the gangsters and the narcotics to the guerillas -- all the while pretending to carry on with his original assignment from Schafer.

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The Catholic News Service classification is L -- limited adult audience, films whose problematic content many adults would find troubling.

The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R - restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

Pope seeks truth in age of 'fake news'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Given the strong divisions sparked and fueled by "fake news," Pope Francis is highlighting the importance of truth in his message for World Communications Day.

The message will call for studying the causes and consequences of baseless information and will promote "professional journalism," which always seeks the truth and therefore peace and understanding in the world, the Vatican Secretariat for Communication said, announcing the theme.

"The truth will set you free': Fake news and journalism for peace" will be the theme of the church's celebration of World Communications Day 2018.

The day's theme is announced every year on Sept. 29, the feast of the archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael.

The theme Pope Francis chose "relates to so-called 'fake news' - namely baseless information that contributes to generating and nurturing a strong polarization of opinions," the announcement said.

"It involves an often misleading distortion of facts, with possible repercussions at the level of individual and collective behavior"
PAINT AND SIP
Chazy — Sacred Heart Church will have a Paint and Sip Party. 
Date: Oct. 5 
Time: 6:30 p.m. 
Place: Sacred Heart Parish Center 
Cost: $10 payable at the door. Snacks and beverages provided free of charge. 
Contact: Reservations encouraged by calling 518-846-7650 or 518-570-7747

HARVEST DINNER
West Chazy — The 44th Annual All you can eat Harvest Dinner to be held. 
Date: Oct. 8 
Time: Noon to 5 p.m. 
Place: St. Joseph’s Parish Center 
Cost: Adults, $10; Children 5-12, $5; under 5, Free 
Features: Buffet Style Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. There will be a country store, Benefit drawing

CRAFT SHOW
Altona — The First Annual Craft show to be held. 
Date: Oct. 14 
Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 
Place: Holy Angels Parish Hall 
Features: Vendors and Crafters of all types. The kitchen will be open with homemade macaroni soup, Michigans, candy and refreshments a 50/50 raffle and a Chinese Auction Also.

PULLED PORK DINNER
Date: Oct. 14 
Time: 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. 
Place: St. Augustine’s Church 
Cost: Adults, $10; Kids 12 and over, $5; 12 and under, Free

WALK OF FAITH
Date: Oct. 15 
Time: Early Registration at 11:45 a.m., Ceremony will start at 12:30 p.m.

**ADIRONDACK**

**PANCAKE**
Lake Placid — Pancake and Sausage breakfast to be held. 
Date: Oct. 8 
Time: 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. 
Place: St. Agnes School 
Cost: Adults, $5; Children, $3 
Features: Raffle drawing on new Subaru Outback or $15,000 at 11:15 a.m.

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Wisdom on life from Pope Francis

As we head into October 2017, once again the Catholic Church throughout the United States will observe “Respect Life Month”. This annual tradition is now in its forty-sixth year. This is a time for all of us to renew our dedication to all human life.

Catholics observe October as Respect Life Month

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has always put forth as Catholics for us to perform acts of charity for the poor and those in need. Pope Francis would hope for us to be able to see the world as he does, through the eyes of those struggling on a daily basis.

God’s gift of life requires that every person, in whatever stage of life be afforded dignity, respect, and protection. During October, pray for victims of domestic violence, child sexual abuse, human trafficking or abuse of any kind to another individual.

The family is the first place where children learn to honor life. If Jesus came as a homeless person, or as a child from extreme poverty, a terminally ill person needing extensive care, or even an unborn child, how would we treat Him?

Pope Francis once said, “Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world’s rejection. And every elderly person...even if he be ill or at the end of his days, bears the face of Christ. They cannot be discarded, as the ‘culture of waste’ suggests!” (Speech to Catholic healthcare professionals and gynecologists Sept. 20, 2013)

We are all made to the image and likeness of God and therefore if we have met any of the people mentioned above we have met Jesus. Together, may we grow in love and respect for all and be more aware of how we honor life this month and every month to come.

To echo the message of Pope Francis, we pledge to bring God’s mission of salvation to all, preaching the Good News to the poor, the broken, the lost and the victims and to bring the dignity and respect to all, for we are all very deserving. While still Cardinal Bergoglio in 2005, Pope Francis stated, “Caring for life from the beginning to the end. What a simple thing, what a beautiful thing... So, go forth and don’t be discouraged. Care for life. It’s worth it.”

May Almighty God bless us all, bless Pope Francis and bless all life as we look together to celebrate all Life this October both here and far away in our Mission Lands.

Please remember “The Society for the Propagation of the Faith” when writing or changing your Will.

http://www.rcdony.org/mission-office.html

OBITUARIES

Bloomfield – Mary Ellen (Goff) Keith, 88; Funeral Services Sept. 30, 2017 at St. Paul’s Church; burial in Union Cemetery, Vermontville.

Bloomfield – Roger G. Oliver, 58; Funeral Sept. 28, 2017 at St. Paul’s Church; burial in St. Paul’s Cemetery.

Canton – Fred Feddersen, 72; Funeral Services Sept. 27, 2017 at St. Mary’s Church; burial in St. Mary’s Cemetery.

Carthage – Edward C. Brown, 72; Funeral Services Sept. 27, 2017 at St. James Church.

Carthage – Alice (Adner) Wilton, 81; Funeral Sept. 29, 2017 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

Champlain – Ruby M. Tetreault, 90; Funeral Services Sept. 29, 2017 at St. Mary’s Church.

Dannemora – Johan M. Corral, 75; Funeral Services Sept. 27, 2017 at St. Joseph’s Church; burial in Whispering Pines Mausoleum.

Heuvelton – Murray “Ed” Edwin Lumley, 81; Funeral Services Sept. 25, 2017 at St. Raphael’s Church; burial in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Louisville – Robert M. Murphy, 48; Funeral Services Sept. 27, 2017 at St. Lawrence Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Malone – Linda (Tatro) Bigness, 73; Funeral Services Oct. 2, 2017 at St. John Bosco Church.

Malone – Anita (Nicklaw) Goodman, 90; Funeral Services Oct. 3, 2017 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.


Massena – Catherine (Montgomery) “Nan” Barry, 92; Funeral Services Sept. 28, 2017 at St. Joseph’s Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena – Robert Manning, 81, Funeral Services Oct. 2 at Church of the Sacred Heart, Massena; burial in St. Alphonsus Cemetery, Upper Lake.

Moos – Bruce Sample, 76; Funeral Services Sept. 28, 2017 at St. Joseph’s Church; burial in parish cemetery.

North Bangor – Steven M. Baker, 56; Funeral Services St. Augustine’s Church; burial in St. Augustine’s Cemetery.

Norwood – Dorothy Marie Dixon Walsh, 97; Funeral Services Sept. 30, 2017 at St. Andrew’s Church; burial in St. Mary’s Cemetery, Potsdam.

Ogdensburg – Hector Hutt Jr., 85; Funeral Services Sept. 23, 2017 at Notre Dame Church.

Peru – Olivia May Plumadore, infant; Funeral Services Sept. 27, 2017 at St. Augustine’s Church; burial in Assumption of Mary, Redford.

Plattsburgh – Hattie G. Garnahan, 79; Funeral Services Sept. 26, 2017 at St. John’s Church.

Saranac Lake – John Patrick Duffy, 77; Funeral Services Sept. 26, 2017 at St. Bernard’s Church; burial in St. Bernard’s Cemetery.

Ticonderoga – Mary Arthur (Gunning) Stanley, 90; Funeral Services Sept. 25, 2017 at St. Mary’s Church; burial in St. Mary’s Cemetery.


Watertown – Luanne M. Toutant, 59; Funeral Sept. 26, 2017 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery, Watertown.

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ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA
Houseville – In honor of the 100th Anniversary of the last apparition of Fatima St. Hedwig's will be open to give the faithful an opportunity to gain a Plenary indulgence by praying before a statue of Fatima solemnly exposed for public veneration and there devoutly participate in some celebration or prayer in honor of Mary.

Date: Oct. 13
Schedule: Opening at 8 a.m., from 5 p.m. to 6, there will be a Holy Hour will include the recitation of the Rosary, Fatima prayers, Novena and silent adoration. At 6 p.m, the film “Finding Fatima”, a documentary by the producers of “The Thirteenth Day.”

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Lowville – A one hour of exposition, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, silent adoration, and benediction is set.

Date: Oct. 19
Time: 4 p.m. to 5
Place: St. Peter’s Church

TURKEY DINNER
Copenhagen – St. Mary’s Annual Turkey Dinner to be held.

Date: Oct. 5
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Place: Copenhagen Fire Hall
Cost: Adults, $9; Children 6-12, $4.50; Children under 5, Free; Take-Outs, $8
Features: Bazaar and Bake sale to be held. Raffle items and 50/50 Raffle

POLISH FEST
Houseville – St. Hedwig Church is planning its annual Polish Fest.

Date: Oct. 15
Time: After the 11 a.m. Mass
Features: Serving of a tasty Polish platter $10; bake sale, Polish hotdogs, $1; ice cream sundaes, $1; theme basket raffles, and 50/50 Raffle. Take outs are available. Volunteer workers, theme baskets, and baked goods needed. Proceeds to benefit church repairs.

ST. LAWRENCE
GUN AND KNIFE SHOW
Brasher Falls – A Gun and Knife Show to be held.

Date: Oct. 7, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Oct. 8, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Place: Shamrock Club
Cost: $3; under 12 free
Features: Many dealers will be present with all kinds sporting items. Concession stand open all day, breakfast served until 11 a.m. Come buy, trade or sell all guns must be checked in at door.
Contact: Phil Davis at 315-389-4627.

FATIMA ANNIVERSARY
Ogdensburg – The Legion of Mary in Ogdensburg invites everyone to join them in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun.

Date: Oct. 13
Time: 6 p.m.
Place: St. Mary’s Cathedral
Features: pray the Rosary, followed by a presentation of the film “The 13th Day”, a dramatic re-telling of the Story of Fatima through the memories of St. Lucia. No charge for this event.

CLM ASSOCIATION DINNER
Norfolk – Annual CLM (commissioned lay ministers) Association Dinner set.

Date: Oct. 11
Time: Begin with Mass at 5:15 p.m., followed by dinner catered by Sergis
Place: Parish of the Visitation
Cost: $22 per person
Features: Open to all commissioned lay ministers and their spouses in St. Lawrence, Franklin and Adirondack Deaneries. Bishop Terry R. LaValley is the guest speaker.
Contact: Register by calling Jeanne Grizzuto at 315-393-2920 or e-mail jgrizzuto@rdcony.org. No registrations at the door.

CARITAS DINNER
Ogdensburg – The Annual Catholic Charities Caritas Dinner is set.

Date: Oct. 25
Time: 5:30 p.m. Cash Bar; followed by dinner at 6
Place: Gran View Restaurant
Features: 2017 Honorees for the Caritas Award are Msgr. Joseph Aubin and (posthumously) Rev. Patrick Mundy, President’s Award (posthumously) Mr. Alex Velto.
Contact: 315-393-2255

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT
Saranac Lake – Students in grades 6-8 are invited to attend a free day-long vacations retreat

Date: Oct. 6 – Oct. 8
Features: weekend in the Adirondacks, family workshops, activities, liturgy special prayer services, outdoor activities like paddle boat rides, beach volleyball, and hiking.
Contact: Register online at http://www.rcdony.org/familylife.htm

CONSECRATION OF THE DIOCESE
Ogdensburg – In honor of the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima and in supplication for Our Lady’s intercession for the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Bishop LaValley will consecrate our Diocese of Ogdensburg to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Date: Oct. 22
Time: 2 p.m. Special Prayer and reflection to pray the Rosary, 2:30 p.m., Mass
Place: St. Mary’s Cathedral
Features: Novena during the nine days from the anniversary date of the last Fatima vision, Oct. 13 to the day of Consecration on Oct. 22.

YOUTH BUSES FOR LIFE
Washington D.C. – Registration for High School Pilgrimage to the March for Life in Washington D.C. to begin

Date: Jan. 18 to 20
Cost: $150, includes transportation, hotel, breakfast, two dinners and shirt
Features: Three coach buses will depart the North Country. Pickup locations: Northern bus - Massena, Canton and Gouverneur; Western bus - IHC in Watertown and Eastern bus - Our Lady of Lourdes in Schroon Lake. Bishop LaValley will be joining the buses in DC! (All chaperones must be Virtus/Protecting God’s Children trained.)
Contact: Online registrations open Oct. 1st www.rcdony.org/pro-life or call 518-524-0774/518-891-2309

SCOUT MASS AND AWARDS
Lake Placid – Scout Mass and Awards Ceremony to be held.

Date: Oct. 15
Time: 10 a.m.
Place: St. Agnes Church and school
Features: Mass will be followed by a luncheon and awards ceremony for all those who have earned a Catholic religious emblem this year.
Contact: Fr. Bryan Stitt at 518-593-6044 or bstitt@rdcony.org

OPERATION ANDREW
Two Operations Andrew dinners have been set.

Schedule: Nov. 8, at St. Anthony’s Church in Watertown; Nov. 30 at St. John Bosco Church in Malone
Time: 5 p.m.
Features: Prayer, dinner and discussion on vocations for young men, middle school age and older, and parents. Hour to know your vocation, vespers and dinner to follow with Bishop LaValley and area priests.
Contact: RSVP to: Cathy Russell, Vocation Coordinator at crussell@rdcony.org or 315-393-2920