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'Jesus was a refugee'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Jesus was a refugee - a fact that should be remembered as societies deal with modern issues of emigration and immigration, Pope Benedict XVI said.

"Migration today sometimes is voluntary and at other times, unfortunately, is forced by wars or persecu-

tion, often in dramatic conditions," the pope said Jan. 16. From its very beginnings, the church has taken an interest in these situations, he said.

"The parents of Jesus had to flee their own land and take refuge in Egypt, in order to save the life of their child: the Messiah, the son of God,

was a refugee," he said.

Throughout the centuries, he said, Christian populations have at times suffered the necessity to leave their homelands, impoverishing the countries where they and their ancestors had lived.

On the other hand, the pope said, the voluntary mi-

gration of Christians through the ages has increased the church's missionary dynamism and ensured that the witness of faith reaches new frontiers.

The pope made the remarks at the Vatican on the World Day for Migrants and Refugees.

HAITI: ONE YEAR LATER

Challenges of rebuilding



CNS PHOTO/PETER FINNEY, CLARION HERALD

A Haitian boy and others drop money into the collection box during a Mass celebrated Jan. 12 in Port-au-Prince to mark the first anniversary of the massive earthquake that devastated the country. The Mass was celebrated outside what was the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption before it was destroyed by the 2010 quake. The magnitude 7 earthquake claimed 230,000 lives, displaced more than 1 million people and buried the economy of the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere beneath another layer of intractable debt.

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Plattsburgh parishes to see changes

Parishioners in the four churches in Plattsburgh heard a statement from Msgr. Dennis Duprey, Father Timothy Canaan, Father Garvin Demarais and Father William Reamer, outlining the changes they should expect in June.

Among the announcements was that St. Mary's of the Lake Church in Cumberland Head will be named an oratory with parishioners joining St. John's Parish.

Also, the pastor of Our Lady of Victory Will also be hospital chaplain for CVPH.

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Save the date: Celebrate Christ

Diocesan gathering will feature well-known author Christopher West speaking about *The Theology of the Body*, Sept. 16-17 in Massena

ON THE MARCH FOR LIFE



PHOTO BY COLLEEN MINER

Among the participants at the 37th annual Plattsburgh March for Life Jan. 16 were Karen Smith, parishioner of St. Peter's Church and bus captain for the Plattsburgh DC Bus for Life; Jim Akey, parishioner of Holy Name Parish in Ausable Forks and grand knight of the 2301 K of C Assembly and Mark Holt, deputy grand knight in Ausable Forks. The marchers gathered at the Newman Center in Plattsburgh and walked to St. John's Church for a pro-life program. Bishop Terry R. LaValley served as guest speaker at St. John's. His presentation has been printed in the *North Country Catholic*, beginning in the Jan. 19 issue and concluding this week on page 3. More photos on back page.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Is it still January?

I really ought to have a better attitude about January than I do.

After all, two of the most important people in my world were born this month – the man who made me his wife and the boy (well, now the man) who made me a mom..

And, in the middle of the month, there's a holiday with my name on it. (That would be MLK Day!)

But, alas, when the days of frozen bathroom pipes and an "un-startable" car start to multiply, this winter wimp gets downright cranky.

In the house of my growing up, cold weather complaints were mostly ignored.

Winter was a time for skiing, basketball games and plenty of comfort food from mom.

"Put on your snowpants, go out and play," we'd hear. "And have fun!"

My parents reminded us that we lived in the best place in the world and winter was just part of the deal.

When the temperatures drop to 20 below, though, that deal seems a little raw!

Still, it's not hard to count the blessings that come from winter life in the North Country:

- We definitely learn to toughen up! If everything from

walking the dog to driving the car is a challenge, we have no choice.

We've all earned our hardy reputations!

- There's no question that we have a perfect excuse to hibernate every so often with a warm blanket, good book and cup of hot chocolate. Such simple and exquisite luxury...

- We are certainly enriched by the beauty of our part of the world.

The seasons may not be as balanced as we'd like, but there are definitely four of them. Each has its own magnificence – even

winter!

- And skiers and snowmobilers - and hockey fans - don't need any convincing from me!

Most importantly, though, January offers peace and quiet and time.

With the Christmas season behind us and the warmth of Spring before us, we can truly embrace the blessings of ordinary time, in our church and in our homes.

Without the distractions of the holidays, we have homebound hours to build our relationships with God and with our loved ones.

That's a pretty good January resolution for all of us... although I can't guarantee that my own conversations with God won't include a prayer or two for a thaw!



Mary Lou
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CHURCH: A FAMILY OF FAITH

A Happy Way to Live

By Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSI

Director of Evangelization

Everyone wants to be happy. Every mother and father wants their child to be happy. Every family strives to build their life on being happy. God desires that each of His children to be happy.

The Gospel reading this Sunday from Matthew's Gospel is the way to happiness called the "Beatitudes."

Jesus' preaching begins with a cry of joy, as good news, that the kingdom of heaven is near. The teaching of the Beatitudes is most beautiful and inspiring but also most challenging.

The word "beatitude" means or "blessed" or "happy." Properly the participle form is used only of God and is an invocation or wish e.g. "Blessed be God . . ."

The adjective is used only of human beings and recognizes an existing state of happiness, represents an approving proclamation of fact e.g. a form of "congratulations"; as in living the beatitudes, one has come upon the deep secrets of how to live a human life.

The most fully alive and happy are "the poor in spirit, those who mourn, etc." The first line of the beatitude is congratulations and the second line is reason for the congratulations: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God."

The way to being a happy family, especially, a family of faith is to learn how to live the way of the Beatitudes as Jesus laid it out for the disciples and for the Church.

The Beatitudes are the way to holiness. Holiness has nothing to do with race, color, creed, culture. But it has everything to do with the way we live as a Christian, as a member of our family, as a member of our parish family.

How do we live a holy life?

How do we become a saint?

Are we willing to participate in poverty, mourning injustice, being humble?

Do we hunger and thirst for justice' sake?

Are we ready to forgive and to offer mercy to those who have injured us in some way?

How do we seek integrity while enduring persecution for the sake of promoting the "the uprightness" that the Law and the Prophets and the Gospel describe?

Jesus' preaching of the Beatitudes prepares us for the fullness of living in the Kingdom of God. Living the Beatitudes is a process of being transformed and what it means to be fully the person God created us to be.

The Beatitudes describe what a fully human being looks like, what a family of faith looks like, what the Church: A Family of Faith looks like.

We are not there yet. But we are on the way, the way of being a family of faith that is "blessed" and "happy" because we are poor in spirit, meek and humble, ready to suffer for justice, peace and harmony in a world whose culture speaks of a culture of death rather than a culture of life.

Living the Beatitudes is living the many paradoxes of life.

In what ways do the beatitudes call you to think in terms of gospel paradoxes—strength in weakness, wisdom in foolishness, victory in failure, life in death?

When have I experienced these paradoxes in my life?

How may you reach out to others to help them to walk through their pain and come to befriend your own?

"Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven" (Matthew 5:12).

FOLLOW ME

'Be a herald of the culture of life'

Editor's note: This article concludes Bishop Terry R. LaValley's two-part reflection on building a culture of life, written to mark the 38th anniversary of the Roe vs Wade decision legalizing abortion in the United States.

What else can we do to build a culture of life? Continue what you have been doing so faithfully - encourage people to write to our legislators, sign up online with the New York State Catholic Advocacy Network.

If you're able, participate in the annual March for Life in Washington. Consider participating in peaceful prayer vigils where abortions are being performed. Be faithful.

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The Pro-Life ministry is working on many, many fronts because the mission is not an easy one today.

For instance, back in 1998, our nation's bishops wrote that bringing a respect for human dignity to practical politics can be a daunting task. There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity.

Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: *We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem.* In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image. Direct abortion is never, never a morally tolerable option (US Bishops, *Living the Gospel of Life*, 1998, n.21).

We need to reawaken the spiritual energy that seems to have lain dormant over the last generation or two. We Catholics need to make a life-long commitment to religious education and formation. It is no secret that so many Catholics of the last couple of generations are ignorant of the Catholic faith, of the very basics.

Parents, adults must first look to our own faith formation in order to better prepare our young people with their own faith. It is our sacred responsibility.

We began an adult education series in a couple of my previous parishes entitled: LIFE MATTERS. I presented Church teaching on life issues such



PHOTO BY COLLEEN MINER

Bishop LaValley and Michael Hamilton an eighth grader and parishioner of St. Alexander's in Morrisonville, led the 37th Annual Plattsburgh March for Life Jan. 16. Bishop LaValley served as guest speaker for the event. His presentation has been featured in the *North Country Catholic*, beginning in the Jan. 19 issue and concluding on this page.

as abortion, contraception, capital punishment, euthanasia, stem cell research, cloning, among other current life issues because life matters.

Why Catholic? sessions in our parishes were another excellent opportunity for our parishioners to learn about the essential teachings of our faith using the Catechism of the Catholic Church as the source book.

Perhaps, too often we have lacked the courage to live and proclaim our faith. Why? We don't know it. We are not educated in the truths of our faith. We either don't know it or we have an incomplete understanding of why the Catholic Church teaches what it does.

For many of the faithful, our education in the faith ended on the day of our Confirmation. So, when, as adults, we are questioned about our faith, we are silent because the answers we learned in grade school seem inadequate or we are silent because we just don't know the answer.

Our Catholic Church must be more than something we just attend on the weekend. It must inform my behavior once I leave the sacred walls on Sunday.

For instance, with the great advances in medical technology, comes the responsibility to apply Church teaching to the proper use of this technology. Because we can do something doesn't mean we ought to.

And, again, I must not only seek to learn

Church teaching, but, most importantly, its motivation, the reasons behind the teaching.

Years ago, in 1995, Pope John Paul II, in *Evangelium Vitae*, wrote: *Every individual, precisely by reason of the mystery of the Word of God who was made flesh, is entrusted to the maternal care of the Church. Therefore, every threat to human dignity and life must necessarily be felt in the Church's very heart; it cannot but affect her at the core of her faith in the Redemptive Incarnation of the Son of God...*

The end result of this is tragic: not only is the fact of the destruction of so many human lives still to be born or in their final stage extremely grave and disturbing, but no less grave and disturbing is the fact that conscience itself, darkened as it were by such widespread conditioning, is finding it increasingly difficult to distinguish between good and evil in what concerns the basic value of human life. (3) Adult faith formation helps us to form correct consciences.

Our prophetic responsibility of forming the culture has been hijacked. Instead, we are clearly being conditioned, "formed" if you will, by today's societal "values." In his book, *Credo for Today* (2009), Pope Benedict provides an insight as to why this hijacking is taking place. Our culture today insists: "It's all about me!"

The Pope tells us: *We all necessarily find ourselves, time and again, construing and seeing other things and people solely in relation to our own selves, regarding them as satellites, as it were, revolving around the hub of our own self. Becoming a Christian is something quite simple and yet completely revolutionary. It is just this: achieving the Copernican revolution and no longer seeing ourselves as the center of the universe, around which everyone else must turn, because instead of that we have begun to accept quite seriously that we are one of many among God's creatures, all of whom turn around God as their center.*

Being Christian means having love; it means achieving the Copernican revolution in our existence, by which we cease to make ourselves the center of the universe, with everyone else revolving around us. Who among us would not have to admit that he is more or less living in the pre-Copernican illusion and looking at other people, seeing them as real only in their relationship to our own selves? (pp 11-12)

My sisters and brothers, every day a new opportunity presents itself to witness to the faith and to be a herald of a Culture of Life.

Every day we can be instruments of a revolution - conversion - where we recommit ourselves to again making God the center of our lives, not ourselves. The heart of our society is gravely wounded. The heartbeats of millions of unborn babies have been extinguished in the guise of freedom of choice.

The heartbeats of future babies depend on such a personal commitment and ongoing conversion.

It's time for such a revolution!

February workshop begins yearlong preparation for Advent implementation

Workshop to aid in preparation for Missal

By Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSJ
Director of Evangelization

In December 2009, the United States Bishops approved a pastoral plan to guide their work for a number of years.

The theme of their plan is "Deepen Faith. Nurture Hope. Celebrate Life."

One of the goals is to prepare for the implementation of the Roman Missal. The implementation of the third edition of the Roman Missal will take place the First Sunday of Advent.

Every diocese across the United States is creating its own year plan to guide the parishes and parishioners to prepare them for the changes.

This year of planning is an opportunity to examine and to renew our celebration and understanding of the Eucharistic Liturgy which is the source and summit of our Christian life.

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has begun its plan of catechesis under the direction of the Department of Worship and its Committee and in collaboration with the Departments of Education, Christian Formation, and Office of Evangelization.

Implementing the plan requires the whole parish community to learn, to understand, to reflect, and to pray together for this period of time.

The Office of Evangelization is facilitating its first remote preparation for the Roman Missal with the Workshop called "Being A Part of A Church: A Family of Faith" in each of the deaneries Feb. 20-26. To be a family of faith is to come together to understand more deeply our reason for being a worshipping community, to be Church.

This is an opportunity to reflect on the Lenten Sunday readings that tell the story of God's plan of salvation from the time of Moses leading his

people out of the desert towards the unfolding mystery of His Son's death and resurrection.

This story is revealed in the context of the celebration of liturgy where the people gather together to hear the Word of God proclaimed and to be united as the Body of Christ as they eat and drink of His Body and Blood. "We remember, we celebrate, we believe."

The workshop will focus on building a Church Community of faith and on the Gospel of Matthew, whose community of believers becomes the foundation of what it means to be Church: A Family of Faith.

At the workshop, a supplemental resource from the Department of Worship will be handed out to all the parishes for their parish members and small faith communities to assist them to reflect on each of the Sunday readings, meaning of the changes in the Roman Missal

from the USCCB, words from Pope Benedict XVI, a question to ponder, and parish evangelization strategies.

The purpose of this supplemental resource is for parishes and small faith sharing groups to deepen their faith in their understanding and appreciation of the Liturgy, to nurture liturgical practices that will lead to fuller liturgical participation, and celebrate the Liturgy with renewed purpose.

Being a part of the Church Community is essential if the renewal of the Liturgy is to be accomplished. Our active participation in the Liturgy is more than exterior; it is interior as well.

It flows into our everyday life to witness the Gospel that we have heard and celebrated together.

Let us come together as a diocese to deepen, nurture, and celebrate our Christian life at the workshops and retreats being offered through-

out the year so that we may be a more fruitful Church: A Family of Faith.

Workshop schedule:

Lewis Deanery

Feb. 20, St. Peter's Church Hall, Lowville, 1 p.m. to 3

Jefferson Deanery

Feb. 20, SSJ Motherhouse, Watertown, 6 p.m. to 8

St. Lawrence Deanery

Feb. 21, Trinity Catholic School, Massena, 7 p.m. to 9

Franklin Deanery

Feb. 22, Holy Family School, Malone, 7 p.m. to 9

Clinton Deanery

Feb. 23, St. Peter's Emmaus Hall, Plattsburgh; 1 p.m. to 3 AND 7 p.m. to 9.

Adirondack Deanery

Feb. 4, Holy Ghost Parish Center, Tupper Lake, 6 p.m. to 8

Essex Deanery

Feb. 26, Patrick's Parish Center, Port Henry; 10 a.m. to noon.

CHARITABLE GIVING FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Msgr. Morris Dwyer Knights of Columbus Council #255 in Plattsburgh held its annual Charitable Gifts Night Jan. 1. Over \$51,000 dollars was distributed for the ministry of various local and national causes. Primary among these were local parish ministries, including Seton Academy and Seton Catholic (receiving at left, principals Catherine Russell of Seton Catholic and St. Joseph Sister Mary Helen Hermann of Seton Academy) and a gift to the diocesan Camp Guggenheim (receiving, above, Deacon Brian Dwyer, diocesan director of youth ministry.)

Plan revealed for Plattsburgh parishes

By Shan Moore
Staff writer

PLATTSBURGH- Among the members of the St. John the Baptist's Parish Council who met here Thursday evening were newcomers from Blessed John XXIII just down the street.

Changes were laid out in a letter read Jan. 15-16 at Masses at all the Catholic churches in Plattsburgh: St. John's, Blessed John XXIII, St. Peter's, Our Lady of Victory and St. Mary's of the Lake on Cumberland Head.

That parish (known as the Newman Center) and St. John's have suppressed their charters and formed a new parish with the legal title of the Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist.

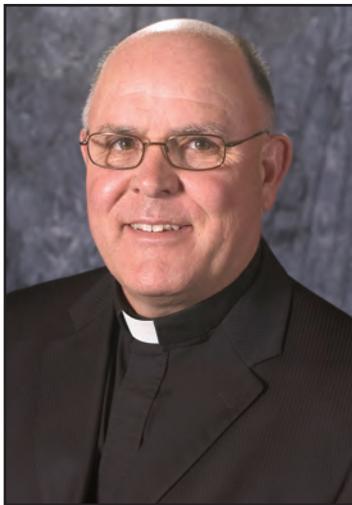
"Before this happened, we were two different parishes sharing a pastor," said Father Timothy Canaan. "Now we are one parish with one pastor and two worship sites."

More changes were to be discussed at Thursday's session laid out in a letter read last weekend at Masses at all the Catholic churches in Plattsburgh, also including St. Peter's, Our Lady of Victory and St. Mary's of the Lake on Cumberland Head.

By June, St. Mary's of the Lake will join St. John's Parish, becoming an oratory where only occasional Masses will be celebrated. Also, a pastor will be assigned to Our Lady of Victory who will also serve as chaplain at CVPH Medical Center.

Now, Father William Reamer holds the latter responsibility; Father Garvin Demarais is administrator at Our Lady of Victory, where no official pastor is assigned.

Just who the new pastor will be is up to Bishop Terry LaValley, said Msgr. Dennis Duprey, who chairs the committee of priests that has



Msgr. Dennis Duprey, pastor of St. Peter's Parish: "St. Peter's should certainly share as much as possible in the efforts to prepare this (Catholic Church) for the future. Whatever we're able to do, we will."

been working on how to implement the plan.

"We're dealing with structural questions here," he said.

And that particular aspect of the plan allows Our Lady of Victory to continue to have its own pastor; earlier propositions had the parish merging with another one in Plattsburgh.

Every parish will contribute in some way to making the plan work, Msgr. Duprey said.

Local deacons will pitch in at Our Lady of Victory as needed, helping with administration of church ministries.

St. Peter's will assume extra parochial responsibilities, for example, more nursing-home outreach than it does now. And the parish will assist, as well, at CVPH.

Some weekend and weekday Mass times will be adjusted, he continued.

"The bishop doesn't want us to have - especially on Sunday morning - all the Masses at the same time."

By far the largest of the parishes, with 1,808 families, St. Peter's is least affected by the changes. The thought is merging another parish into it under one pastor would not be as feasible as the plan set forth now. But it will do its part, Msgr. Duprey said.

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Father Timothy Canaan, pastor of the Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist: "The consolidation is for the good of the parishes. We're continuing to be a growing community - we're just readjusting the parish lines."

share as much as possible in the efforts to prepare this (Catholic Church) for the future," he said. "Whatever we're able to do, we will."

And St. John's will continue to serve Plattsburgh State students at the Blessed John XXIII site, Father Canaan said, with the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass there to suit their schedules. "For some people, it's the middle of the day, but for our college students, it's a nice way to begin their day," he said.

A shortage of priests signaled the need to consolidate, twin and close parishes throughout the diocese, beginning several years ago.

The total 119 parishes in 2002 has been reduced to 105.

There are 71 active priests, though not all are in parish ministry, according to a recent interview with the diocesan Vicar for Clergy Father James Seymour.

One and maybe two retirements are expected to happen this year. And within a decade, he expects, the roster of priests will diminish by 20 or so.

Bottom line, the kind of changes happening in Plattsburgh are going on all around the diocese.

"I think it's something that's necessary," said David Clark, a member of the St.



Father William Reamer, chaplain at Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital: "We know this will not be easy."

John's Parish Council. "There has been a lot of speculation on what might happen - this was one of the better ideas that were being pushed around."

To have St. Mary's of the Lake be absorbed by St. John's seems fitting, Msgr. Duprey said, because the Cumberland Head church began as a mission of the city parish.

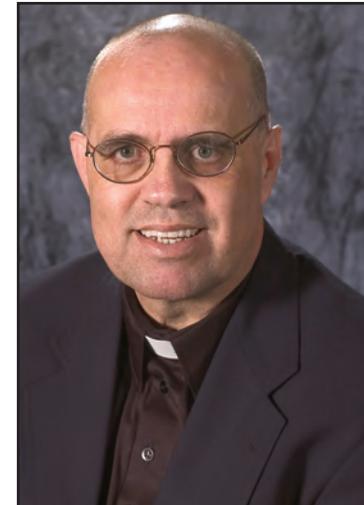
Also, said Father Canaan, the sale of some property adjacent to the cemetery at St. Mary's is just about complete.

St. John's Mount Carmel Cemetery no longer has available lots, and so the church needed to expand elsewhere. As part of the deal, St. John's will take over upkeep of St. Mary's burial ground.

"That works out pretty well," Clark said.

It is distressing to some that parishes are dissolved or merged with other ones, Msgr. Duprey knows. And that was addressed by the letter, copies of which were made available after Mass.

"We know this will not be easy," was the collective statement of Msgr. Duprey, Father Canaan, Father Demarais and Father Reamer to the parishes. "Over the next several months your parish council will assist in this implementation. ... You can expect from us the best that we have to offer."



Father Garvin Demarais, administrator at Our Lady of Victory: "You can expect from us the best that we have to offer."

The plan, Msgr. Duprey said, was not arrived at lightly. "These are not new ideas. These are ideas tossed around over many years of discussion."

And parishioners are encouraged to submit thoughts of their own as the parish councils work on how best to implement the plan.

"Not all ideas will be utilized, but all will be welcome," Msgr. Duprey said.

While there are fewer priests and religious, the Catholic churches in Plattsburgh are "very strong and vibrant," St. Peter's pastor said, noting the many lay people who contribute, both as staff and volunteers.

The hospital and nursing homes are well served by the church, he said. The schools in Plattsburgh, Seton Catholic Central and Seton Academy, "are very good schools, a real blessing to the community."

While Msgr. Duprey wasn't pastor at St. Peter's when the local committee brainstormed the plan, he sees it not only as an answer to the clergy shortage.

"There's no question - that's the catalyst," he said. "And I think it's better to plan for the future as well."

"The consolidation is for the good of the parishes," Father Canaan said. "We're continuing to be a growing community - we're just readjusting the parish lines."

NYS Catholic health care plan expands

Fidelis Care to serve St. Law. County

ALBANY—Fidelis Care, The New York State Catholic Health Plan, serving more than 675,000 members in 58 counties across the State, recently received approval from the State Comptroller's Office to serve St. Lawrence County residents through the Child Health Plus, Family Health Plus and Medicaid Managed Care programs.

"Fidelis Care looks forward to serving residents of St. Lawrence County," said President and CEO Mark L. Lane. "Working with Bishop LaValley and the Diocese of Ogdensburg, it is our goal to make a difference in people's lives and to provide them with convenient access to the quality care and services they need and deserve.

"We want local residents to know that Fidelis Care is here to stay," Lane said, "that we care about the lives of local children and families, and that we will work tirelessly to be an invaluable community health care partner."

The need in St. Lawrence County is considerable: 2008 figures indicate that more than 14,000 of the county's 100,000-plus residents are uninsured, including more than 2,900 children and teen-agers. In neighboring Franklin, Hamilton, Lewis, and Herkimer counties, Fidelis Care is already operational.

On behalf of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, I am pleased to welcome Fidelis Care to St. Lawrence County," said

Bishop LaValley. "Our Diocese has a long history of advocating on behalf of the poor and vulnerable, and we continue to be keenly aware of the struggles that are unique to residents of the North Country.

"Helping to provide access to quality health care is one of our main areas of responsibility and concern, and we look forward to continuing our work with Fidelis Care as our partner in reaching those most in need," the bishop said.

Local providers such as Claxton Hepburn Medical Center, Claxton Medical, P.C., E.J. Noble Hospital of Gouverneur, and Peter Dargie, M.D., in addition to other key primary care physicians and specialists throughout the County, participate with Fidelis Care.

To reach local residents who need health insurance, Fidelis Care will work closely with its growing provider network and a variety of

local community agencies and leaders. Through local events, health fairs, open houses -- even visiting residents at their homes to help them apply -- Fidelis Care representatives make it as easy as possible for people to apply for enrollment.

Fidelis Care is founded on the belief that all New Yorkers should have access to affordable, quality health insurance.

Through the Child Health Plus, Family Health Plus, and Medicaid Managed Care programs, Fidelis Care members are covered for regular checkups, preventive care, hospital and emergency care, eye exams, dental care, and more.

Fidelis Care also offers disease management programs to help treat and control chronic conditions such as asthma and diabetes and innovative programs to help new mothers and their babies get off to a healthy start in life.

Fidelis Care members have access to a provider network of more than 43,000 health-care professionals statewide. Regional offices are located in Amherst, Syracuse, Albany, and Rego Park (Queens).

Individuals seeking affordable health insurance coverage should contact Fidelis Care toll-free at 1-888-FIDELIS (1-888-343-3547).



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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. All employees and volunteers who participate in church sponsored activities with minor are required to participate in this training. Further information is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, phone, 315-393-2920. ext. 403.

Upcoming programs:

Jan. 25 - Diocesan offices, Ogdensburg, 12 p.m.

Jan. 27 - St. Mary's School, Canton, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 9 - St. Patrick's Church, 6 p.m.

Feb. 10 - Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 16 - St. Bernard's School, Saranac Lake, 6 p.m.

Bishop LaValley's Schedule

Jan. 24-27 - Catholic Leadership Institute Workshop in Orlando, FL.

Jan. 30 - 9 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Church in Canton; 11 a.m., Mass at St. Lawrence University in Canton.

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Jan. 28 - Rev. James A. McKenna, 1895; Deacon Richard E. Winter, 2004

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Jan. 30 - Rev. John T. Sullivan, 1884; Rev. Eusebius Schlingmann, O.F.M., 1937

Jan. 31 - Rev. B.J. O'Connell, O.S.A., 1925; Rev. James S. McGowan, 1961; Rev. Timothy M. Ladden, 2003

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Carrie Ann Ford

Youth conference is planned

MASSENA – A diocesan youth conference will be held April 2 at Trinity Catholic School.

The keynoter will be led by Carrie Ann Ford of Buffalo.

The program will also include workshops and a Mass with Bishop Terry R. LaValley presiding.

Ms. Ford, a singer, songwriter, presenter and teacher, has been sharing her message of God's unfailing love with audiences across the globe for nearly 20 years.

She spent seven years touring the United States, Europe and East Africa using drama and music to communicate the power of God in her life.

Originally from the Buffalo area, Ms. Ford returned home and began sharing her original music, along with personal testimony and stories in as she has led retreats, given workshops, spoke at conferences and conventions and has been actively involved in parish ministries.

A wife and mother of two, Ms. Ford currently works as an elementary school music teacher and children's choir director for her parish.

The diocesan office of youth ministry will announce further details about the youth conference in the coming weeks

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VATICAN LETTER

Is seeing believing?

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)-- When the bishop of Green Bay, Wis., recently recognized a series of Marian apparitions from 1859, it marked the first time apparitions in the United States received official approval.

How the church faces claims of Marian apparitions

That's quite an achievement considering that more than 1,500 visions of Mary have been reported around the world, but in the past century only nine cases have received official church approval as being "worthy of belief," said an expert in Marian apparitions.

The church has made very few judgments on apparition claims. "It's not always possible to ascertain if they are true or false because the phenomenon is much bigger than us," said Marianist Father Salvatore Perrella, assistant dean at the Pontifical Theological Faculty Marianum and a theologian who also serves as an expert for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

The enormous job of determining the veracity of an apparition falls to the local bishop, said Father Perrella.

To help with that task, the Vatican's doctrinal congregation established a set of norms in 1978 to guide the process of discernment and the investigation of reported apparitions and revelations.

The process "is never brief," said Father Perrella. For example, the Green Bay apparitions received approval 151 years after the first apparition was reported, but that's just half of the nearly 300 years it took the church to approve



CNS PHOTO/SAM LUCERO

Rosaries and a poster showing an image of Adele Brise hang from a wall in the crypt at Our Lady of Good Help Shrine in Champion, Wis., in December. Green Bay Bishop David Ricken announced that Mary's appearances to Brise on the shrine's site in 1859 were worthy of belief. Very few reported Marian apparitions are given that distinction by the church.

the apparitions of Our Lady of Laus in France, he said.

The process is lengthy because visionaries and witnesses must be questioned and "the fruits of the apparitions, such as conversions, miracles and healings" must be examined, he said.

The local bishop sets up a commission of experts, including theologians, canonists, psychologists and doctors, to help him.

According to the norms, the bishop and his commission "must determine the veracity of the facts and the mental, moral and spiritual wholesomeness and seriousness of the visionary and his or her testimony," he said.

Father Perrella said that when the bishop's investigation is complete, he can come to one of three conclusions: he can determine the apparition to be true and

worthy of belief; he can say it is not true, which leaves open the possibility for an appeal; or he can say that at the moment he doesn't know and needs more help.

In the last scenario, the investigation is brought to the country's bishops' conference, Father Perrella said. If the body of bishops cannot come to a conclusion, then the matter is turned over to the pope who delegates the doctrinal congregation to step in and either give advice, send a commissioner and/or set up a commission to investigate.

At every step of the investigation, "the person in charge of everything is the bishop," he said.

The alleged apparitions at Medjugorje in Bosnia-Herzegovina are an example of a situation in which the country's bishops requested the Congregation for the Doc-

trine of the Faith to intervene.

The congregation established an international commission in 2010 to investigate the claims of six young people who said Mary appeared to them daily beginning in 1981.

The apparitions apparently are continuing and thousands of people travel to the small town each month to meet the alleged seers and to pray.

Father Perrella, who is a member of the Vatican commission to study the alleged Medjugorje apparitions, told CNS the work is only just beginning.

"The pope wants a decisive conclusion made," he said, adding that it will be a very long process.

The case under study "is a serious thing" that is "very complex" though not impossible to resolve, he said.

For the past 30 years, people have claimed to see apparitions of Mary at Medjugorje.

Such an extended duration of alleged apparitions in one place is no longer "something that generates suspicion," he said. That's because there are similar precedents such as the apparitions of Our Lady of Laus, which lasted 54 years and received formal church recognition in 2008.

The church approaches each claim "with the maximum prudence, investigative rigor and an invitation to live out the Gospel rather than follow the apparitions," he said.

In fact, the church never requires the faithful to believe in the Marian apparitions, not even those recognized by the church, he said.

But "by believing in the resurrection of Christ, one can believe in the apparition of Mary" in which Mary is actually present in her body and can be seen on earth, he said.

The Catholic Church affirms that Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven and that she, like Christ, defeated death and triumphs in heavenly glory with the totality of her being. For that reason, Father Perrella said, Mary can appear in bodily form while the saints or other deceased can't.

"Mary never comes on her own accord; she is 'God's ambassador'" charged with a specific message for a specific time and place, he said.

He said that while the apparitions and messages are never the same, in general, Mary appeals for people's conversion and seeks to assure men and women that they are not alone in the world and can depend on God's loving mercy.

Her appearance is not meant to result in her glorification, but of God's, he said.

For veteran leader of Catholic Relief Services:

'Rebuilding Haiti is an unprecedented challenge'

By Peter Finney Jr.
Catholic News Service

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI (CNS) -- During the past 40 years - from his first engagement as a Peace Corps volunteer to his three decades spanning the globe with Catholic Relief Services - Ken Hackett has witnessed and responded to human misery.

At 63, Hackett, who will retire as CRS president by the end of this year, laughs a lot and tells captivating stories. As a straight-shooting realist, he has dedicated his life to the calculus of pain and suffering.

But he has never seen anything like this.

As Haiti marked the first anniversary Jan. 12 of the magnitude 7 earthquake that claimed 230,000 lives, displaced more than 1 million people and buried the economy of the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere beneath another layer of intractable debt, Hackett said the enormity of the rebuilding task dwarfs anything in his experience.

"In terms of challenge, this rivals anything that I've seen in 40 years and probably supersedes it," Hackett said before an anniversary Mass celebrated Jan. 12 by Cardinal Robert Sarah, president of the Pontifical Council Cor Unum, the Vatican's humanitarian relief agency, outside the ruins of Port-au-Prince's national cathedral. "This is really complicated."

The complexity of solving Haiti's rebuilding crisis revolves around three major challenges, Hackett said.

"The biggest challenge is getting the government to allocate land in a reasonable location so that property can be reconstructed," he said. "The second biggest challenge is basically removing the rubble.

"And the third biggest chal-

lenge is peace, stability and, hopefully, finding someone with a leadership vision that is going to benefit the country."

That leadership piece is especially fraught with uncertainty, given the disputed results of the Nov. 28 presidential election in which a governing-party candidate, Jude Celestin, appeared to have made the runoff election despite low popular support.

Supporters of the popular third-place candidate, carnival singer Michel "Sweet Micky" Martelly, cried foul because he was eliminated from the runoff. Former first lady Mirlande Manigat finished first. A report on the election by the Organization of American States alleges widespread fraud.

"You had a government prior to the earthquake that was reasonably dysfunctional, inept and somewhat corrupt -- not pervasively, but there were elements of it," Hackett said. "Then you had the earthquake and, sadly, a number of government workers died. That had to do with the fact that the earthquake hit just before 5 p.m. and they were still in their offices."

Governmental red tape has affected the CRS rebuilding plan. Six days after the earthquake, the agency received a contract from the U.S. government to rebuild homes. It has completed about 1,300 small, sturdy homes thus far, each capable of housing five to six people. CRS wants to complete 8,000 homes by the end of 2011.

The construction projects have been especially challenging because of land title issues and the difficulty removing massive amounts of rubble.

CRS also made the tactical decision to work with families in rebuilding homes rather than dictate where

and how they should be rebuilt because, Hackett said, that provides a true partnership.

As for the rubble, CRS is providing hand-cranked crushing machines that can pulverize concrete and turn it into reuseable foundation material. CRS will buy back the material from the families, and the families can sell rebar retrieved from the concrete on the secondary market.

"People can use that material as the foundation on their new homes," Hackett said.

"We provide the basic frame of the home. It's not big, but it's a wooden frame. We provide the design and the roofing, but they have to do the work. Then they can add anything they want to the home. So, they have to participate in the rubble removal," he said.

Hackett said it is important for CRS to work with families rather than, for example, bringing in bulldozers and building tract housing.

"This is intentional on our part," Hackett said. "We made the decision that we're not going to make all the decisions for the Haitians. We could have brought in big, giant concrete removal equipment and bulldozed and then rebuilt. But we said, 'No, they've got to be involved in their own future.' If they're not, they're going to sit and wait for somebody to do it."

Hackett said the Haitian earthquake, which devastated a highly populated, poverty-stricken urban area, was far different than the Asian tsunami in 2004, which affected fishing villages along the coasts of Indonesia and Sri Lanka but did not greatly impact any major urban areas.

That's why solving the Haitian crisis has been so difficult.

Catholic Charities USA Centennial Prayer

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Through the covenant to the cross,
The movement of your Spirit in history

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Voiced liberation for your people through the prophets,
And gave life through the suffering and death
Of your Son Jesus Christ.

Through the birth of your Church,
The movement of your Spirit in time
Brought forth a Body of faithful people,
Shaped by the story of your great love,
And commissioned for the service of justice and peace.

We ask you to send this same Spirit upon us
As we celebrate the centennial of Catholic Charities USA.

Form and fashion us to be the movement of your Spirit,
Bringing your love to a weary and worn world.
Renew us in heart, home and heritage.
Deepen our commitment to serve those most in need
With the gifts and passion of staff, volunteers and benefactors.

Bless and bring all of us to the fullness of your love
That celebrates the life and dignity of all your people.

We ask this through our Savior Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with you
In the movement of your Spirit,
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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Vatican did not tell bishops to cover up abuse cases, spokesman says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- A Vatican official downplayed a 1997 Vatican letter to Irish bishops about handling cases of clerical sex abuse, saying the letter did not tell bishops to keep the cases secret from the police. Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman, said the letter aimed at ensuring the bishops fully followed church law for dealing with accusations in order to avoid a situation in which an abusive priest could return to ministry on the technicality of his bishop mishandling the process. The letter, brought to public attention Jan. 17 by Ireland's RTE television and published by the Associated Press, was written by Archbishop Luciano Storero, then-nuncio to Ireland. The letter summarized the concerns of the Congregation for Clergy regarding proposed Irish norms for dealing with the sex abuse crisis. Archbishop Storero said that according to the congregation, "the situation of 'mandatory reporting' gives rise to serious reservations of both a moral and a canonical nature." Father Lombardi said, "One must note that the letter in no way says that the country's laws must not be followed." He told Catholic News Service Jan. 19 that the Vatican "does not have a universal, specific position on mandatory reporting because the laws and situations are so different from country to country."

Pope John Paul II named patron of World Youth Day

MADRID (CNS) -- The future Blessed Pope John Paul II will be the official spiritual patron of World Youth Day 2011, which will be Aug. 16-21 in Madrid. The Vatican announced Jan. 14 that Pope Benedict XVI would beatify his predecessor, the pope who founded World Youth Day and presided over many of its largest gatherings around the world. The same day the Vatican announcement was made, about 200 representatives of bishops' conferences and youth groups were meeting in Madrid to prepare for the August gathering. Cardinal Stanislaw Rylko, president of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, told the representatives in Madrid the news of Pope John Paul's upcoming beatification. Auxiliary Bishop Cesar Franco Martinez of Madrid, general coordinator of World Youth Day 2011, then announced that the future Blessed Pope John Paul would be one of the official patrons of the gathering. The other patrons are Sts. Isidore, Maria de la Cabeza, Teresa of Avila, Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier, John of the Cross, John of Avila, Rose of Lima and Rafael Arnaiz.

Faith leaders hold 'service of cleansing, healing' at site of shooting

TUCSON, Ariz. (CNS) -- Gathering at the site of the Jan. 8 mass shooting outside a Tucson Safeway, a group of community faith leaders performed "a service of cleansing and healing" Jan. 20, sprinkling the area with blessed water "to reverence and reclaim the space." Tucson Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas, one of eight who spoke briefly and offered prayers, noted how faith leaders responded to tragedy in other communities, such as the 9/11 attack, the Columbine High School shootings and the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. When the Tucson faith leaders met to pray together, Bishop Kicanas said, they reflected on how other communities responded in solidarity "to offer consolation and healing" and they decided to visit the site of the Tucson tragedy together to pray. It was a bright sunny day, an observer noted, very much like the day the gunman struck. The prayer service was unannounced to the public, to minimize disruption to the shopping center, which was shut down for several days for the investigation.

Religious leaders call for action on New York City's high abortion rate

By Claudia McDonnell
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) - New York City has one statistic in particular that it can't be proud of and needs to change, according to local religious leaders: 41 percent of pregnancies in the city end in abortion, almost double the national rate.

In the Bronx, the borough with the highest rate, the figure is 48 percent -- nearly half of all pregnancies. The statistics were among those released in late December by the New York City Department of Health, which also reported that 87,273 abortions were performed in the five boroughs in 2009.

New York Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan was among a group of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish religious leaders who gathered at a Jan. 6 news conference at the Penn Club in Manhattan to focus attention on the city's abortion rate and to call for efforts to reduce it.

"That 41 percent of New York babies are aborted - a percentage even higher in the Bronx, and among our African-American babies in the womb - is downright chilling," Archbishop Dolan said.

"The New York community is rightly celebrated for its warm welcome to immigrants, for its hospitality, sense of embrace and inclusion, and gritty sensitivity for those in need," he continued. "But we are tragically letting down the tiniest, most fragile and vulnerable: the little baby in the womb. ... I invite all to come together to make abortion rare, a goal even those who work to expand the abortion license tell us they share."

The news conference was sponsored by the Chiaroscuro Foundation, a private, nonprofit organiza-

tion, and was led by its president, Sean Fieler. He said that the organization will spend about \$1 million this year to aid pregnant women.

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New York Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan

Archbishop Dolan, in his remarks, stated that the archdiocese continues its commitment to help expectant mothers.

"A quarter-century ago," he said, "Cardinal John O'Connor publicly stated, 'Any woman who is pregnant and in need can come to the church and we will help you,' a pledge Cardinal (Edward) Egan, and now I, reaffirm."

He listed the ways that the church helps: through Catholic Charities, adoption services, lobbying on behalf of pregnant women and the mothers of infants, support for alternatives to abortion, health care and "education of youth for healthy, responsible, virtuous sexual behavior."

Responding to a question, he summed up the message of the church to pregnant women: "If we can help, let us know. We're here. You're not alone."

Also among the speakers were Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio of Brooklyn; the Rev. Michel Faulkner, founding pastor of the New Horizon Church and president of the Institute for Leadership, both in Harlem; Rabbi Chaim Dovid Zwiebel of Agudath Israel of America; and Leslie Diaz, a spokeswoman for Democrats for Life, wife of state Sen. Ruben Diaz and pastor with him of the Christian Community Neighborhood Church in the Bronx.

Speakers noted the disproportionately high abortion

rate among black and Hispanic women. Rev. Faulkner said, "All New Yorkers need to know that abortion has become the leading cause of death among African-Americans."

The abortion rate in the black community in the city is 60 percent, he noted.

"My people, the African-American people, did not ... endure 300 years of slavery and 100 years of Jim Crow law to face genocide in the 21st century," he said.

Expressing alarm at the overall abortion rate, he said, "We as moral and religious leaders need to stand together for life."

Diaz noted that in her home borough of the Bronx, the abortion rate is 48 percent for all pregnancies, 49 percent among Hispanic women. She added that those statistics "should not be tolerated in a civilized society, not even by those who call themselves 'pro-choice.'"

"It is the members of the minority community -- my community -- that are greatly impacted and affected by abortion," she said. She added that it is "black and Hispanic women who turn to abortion as their only choice." She called for women to be given information that will help them to make "better and healthier choices." The ultimate goal, she said, must be "ending the practice of abortion."

Bishop DiMarzio mentioned that New York City in 1986 introduced sex education in schools "perhaps devoid of any moral content" and started handing out condoms in schools in 1991.

That approach "will not stop abortions" and may have increased them, the bishop said. Young people must be given reasons "not to engage in sex outside of marriage," Bishop DiMarzio said.

THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL

Changes to missal capture original meanings

By James Breig
Guest columnist

Casual observers of the Roman Catholic Church often remark that it hasn't changed in 2,000 years. Actually, just like any living institution, it is constantly changing.

People will listen more attentively to the various prayers proclaimed by the priest and these will convey a much deeper richness, which can be the basis for meditation and prayer for the enrichment of one's spiritual life."

Msgr. Anthony Sherman,
Executive director of the U.S. bishops'
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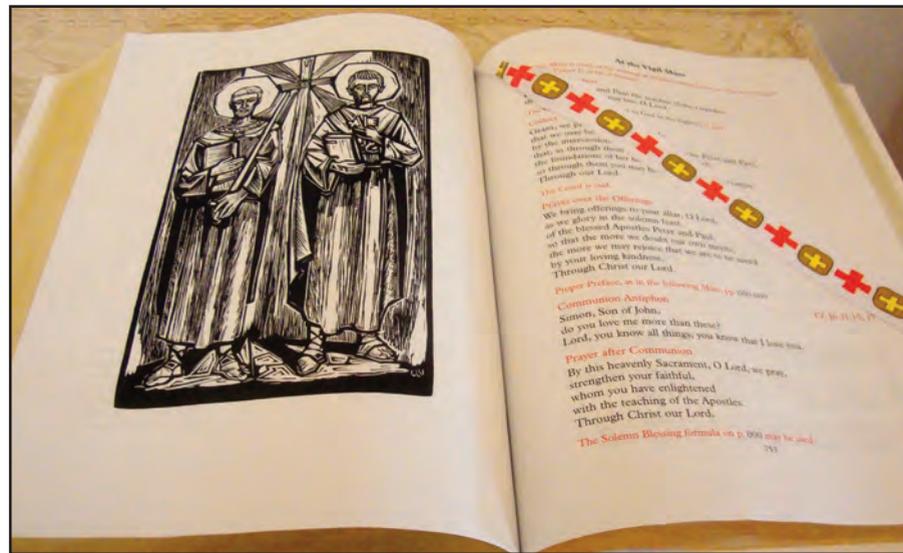
Over the centuries, where and when the Mass is celebrated, how saints are chosen, and the method of electing popes are some of the ways the Church has adjusted its traditions and policies.

Now come changes to the Roman Missal, the book containing the prayers for the Mass.

For years, the Church has been working to more accurately translate those prayers from the Latin in which the original Missal is promulgated into modern languages, including English.

Msgr. Kevin Irwin, dean of the School of Theology and Religious Studies at The Catholic University of America in Washington, says those alterations were necessitated by two factors.

"First, the Committee charged with the English translation of the Roman Missal issued the post-Vatican II translations very quickly," he notes, referring to the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s. "They realized, after a few years' use of the Missal, that some translations should have been more accurate.



CNS PHOTO/ARCHBISHOP TERENCE PRENDERGAST

The new English translation of the Roman Missal is seen at its presentation to Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican April 28. The new translation is to be implemented in parishes in the United States on the first Sunday of Advent. The diocesan evangelization office is holding a Workshop Feb. 20-26 to aid parishioners in the North Country. See page 4

"Second," he said, "some feasts have been added to the Church's liturgical calendar in recent years, for example, St. Padre Pio's. Those Latin Masses need to be translated into English."

Peter Finn, associate director of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL), compares the changes "to the cleaning of an old painting whose images are brought to clearer light in the cleaning process. ...The translations have sought to achieve a suitable balance between the word-for-word, literal meaning of the Latin and the demands of good proclamation, style and intelligibility."

One of the most significant changes, Msgr. Irwin says, involves the familiar phrase, "And also with you," which the congregation recites after the celebrant of the Mass says, "The Lord be with you."

He explains that "the congregation will now say, 'and with your spirit.' This places the English translation in line with most other languages. The response is not to the person of

the priest but to the Spirit of God, who ordained him to permanent service in the Church. It is an acknowledgment of the 'spirit' and grace which is in him."

Msgr. Anthony Sherman, executive director of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat of Divine Worship, offers another example: Instead of saying "we believe" at the beginning of the Creed, Catholics will soon recite, "I believe."

The reason for the shift, he says, is "to underline the fact that, although we share our belief together with our brothers and sisters, each one of us is called to make an individual profession of faith."

As the changes are introduced, parishioners will have many guides to help them learn their new responses.

"Plans are underway by a number of publishers to print up Mass booklets or cards containing the changes," Msgr. Irwin notes.

Adds Msgr. Sherman: "Eventually all participation aids and hymnals will include the new responses of

the people."

Finn notes that "today, the people's responses can be made more readily available not only in printed editions but also on websites, CDs, iPhones etc."

One Web site already available to help people become familiar with the new translation of the Roman Missal is sponsored by the U.S. Bishops: www.usccb.org/romanmissal

Average Catholics may not immediately grasp the necessity and benefits of the changes, Msgr. Irwin admits, but the familiarity that comes with time should lead people to comfort with and understanding of the words.

"All of us – laity, clergy and religious – will need to take time to review the changed words and come to appreciate what we may not have understood or appreciated before," he says. "There are layers of meaning to liturgical texts, not just one meaning.

"These translations and the education we shall receive before they are implemented will offer us a chance to 'brush up' our knowledge of the Mass and of our beliefs," he said.

Msgr. Sherman believes the changes "will invite the faithful to pause and reflect on what, after so many years, we may have taken for granted. "People will listen more attentively to the various prayers proclaimed by the priest and these will convey a much deeper richness, which can be the basis for meditation and prayer for the enrichment of one's spiritual life."

(James Breig, a long-time editor of the Catholic Evangelist in Albany, and freelance writer, has written hundreds of articles for Catholic magazines and newspapers. For 25 years, he also authored an award-winning column on the media which was carried in the North Country Catholic. Now retired, he is working on a book on World War II.)

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

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Living the ordinary Christian life with humility

The readings for this Sunday are about living the ordinary Christian life in humility of heart and mind.

There are no sweet angelic voices in the sky this Sunday, no thunder from the clouds or doves descending.

It's about what we should be doing every day, humbly and without fanfare.

The first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who prophesied in the seventh century B.C. in the reign of King Josiah.

Zephaniah coined the phrase, "the faithful remnant" by which he meant a few faithful Israelites who would turn away God's wrath on the day of the Lord: "Seek the Lord, all you

humble of the earth, who have observed his law; seek justice, seek humility; perhaps you may be sheltered on the day of the Lord's anger".

Is it stretching things too much to compare our own Pope Benedict XVI to a modern-day prophet calling today's "faithful remnant" back to the values preached by Jesus Christ?

What does our Holy Father tell us? He tells us that Christ is present in the weak and the poor, the powerless and the lowly.

In our second reading today, St. Paul warns the Corinthians against boasting, for "God chose the foolish of this world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame

the strong... so that no human being might boast before God."

The first two readings prepare us well for Jesus' teaching on the Beatitudes which we find in today's Gospel.

They are teachings which turn the world's values upside down, and help us to form our attitudes toward people and situations according to God's way of thinking.

The Beatitudes challenge us to action. After listening again to that series of "Blesseds", we might see them as challenges to the opportunities in our own lives. Have you ever in your life written to your congressman about unjust rental practices for the poor, or unjust treatment of those on disability, or witnessed for life issues?

Have you ever taken the time to visit a home for the

JAN. 30

Fourth Sunday of the Year

Zephaniah 2:3, 12-13

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Matthew 5:1-12a

elderly, or volunteer your time as an auxiliary at your local hospital, or....?"

Have you ever asked your pastor for the names of some shut-ins who need a phone call, or a note, or a sick person who could use a bowl of soup, or someone to bring them Holy Communion?

These are actions which live out the Beatitudes.

And what are the rewards? Zephaniah says the faithful remnant will live a life of peacefulness, and Jesus says such a person is "blessed", and will have

unimaginable rewards in the kingdom..

It would be impossible to assess the influence of the Sermon on the Mount on the history of Christianity.

Those who have taken seriously the "option for the poor" have suffered great loss economically, politically, and personally.

Jesus told us to expect that treatment. After all, He is the prime example for the martyrdom that results when Truth confronts Power.

Only God's grace can give us the courage to imitate the Lord in whatever ways our circumstances will suggest.

But we need not wait very long to experience the solace, the peace, and the joy of heart flowing into our souls from defending the poor and the powerless of this world.



Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore

OUR READERS WRITE

The brutality of abortion

There seems to be a lot of talk these days about the cruelty of the death penalty and ongoing efforts to abolish it. But, when the brutality of abortion is discussed, the media and its allies refuse to show what actually happens during an abortion because it's "too graphic." What an anomaly.

In observing the tragic thirty-eighth anniversary (01/22/11) of the Supreme Court's legalizing killing pre-born babies throughout all nine months of pregnancy, comparisons regarding abortion and capital punishment are glaringly dishonest and disproportionate.

The saddest comparison is that victims of abortion are totally innocent of any wrong doing but, have no one to

defend that innocence; death row inmates have been found guilty of committing felony murder(s) after being represented by legal counsel and adjudicated by a judge and jury.

To be clear, the "death penalty is the act of killing a person via a judicial proceeding for retribution of a heinous crime committed, such as aggravated murder, felony killing or contract killing."

On the other hand, abortion is the act of killing an innocent pre-born baby by simply making the "choice" to do it.

It's hard to discern why the Supreme Court would ban capital punishment in 1972 (reinstated 1976) while legalizing abortion in 1973. Killing pre-born children is legal in all fifty states – while capital punishment has been abolished in the District of Columbia and sixteen other states.

Some staggering statistics: the total number of executions via the death penalty since 1976 is just over one-thousand; executions via abortion since 1973, just over fifty-million. That's 44-thousand innocent babies killed for every single convicted mur-

derer in the same period of time. Do the math.

More unconscionable numbers come in the form of dollars and the money trail. Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest abortion provider. Since 1973, Planned Parenthood has received \$4.9 billion in taxpayer money. In the past fiscal year, Planned Parenthood received \$363-million in government grants and contracts, while its president (Cecile Richards) annual salary exceeded \$385-thousand and an additional \$12,000 in benefits and deferred compensation in 2008 alone.

America will stop killing her children when its citizens want it to stop – and the money trail ends. Until then, nothing will change.

MICHAEL & DONNA MAREK
OGDENSBURG

Greater threat than terrorism

Abortion claims more lives than terrorism

Since the beginning of the War on Terror in Iraq and Afghanistan, thousands of American soldiers have been

killed. This has been a tragic loss. Another war, however, has taken an even greater amount of American lives – over 50 million to be exact.

When did this war start and where does it take place?

It started with the Jan. 22, 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision which legalized abortion and the war is taking place directly on our own soil.

Terrorism is a growing threat. Not a day goes by without hearing of the deaths it causes. Perhaps a greater threat than Islamic terrorism, though, is the abortionist's scalpel.

This terror often goes unnoticed, because the screams of the victims are silent. Today, we rightly fear the threat of losing our freedom.

But, if we cannot as a nation defend our most basic right, that of life, for our own citizens, how can we ever defend ourselves from the threats against national security?

As precious as Americans view freedom, how can we deny that freedom to the future children of our nation, the future that comes from a mother's womb?

According to science, a baby's heart starts beating 20 days after conception.

If America does not defend her children at home, how can we expect to defeat terrorism abroad?

On the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, January 22, let us stand together and put an end to the silent screams.

Once we defeat the enemy within, then we can face the enemy without more effectively.

CHRISTOPHER LAROSE
NORTH LAWRENCE

Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters from readers of the *North Country Catholic*.

•Due to space limitations, we ask that the number of words be limited to 300.

•We cannot accept letters which support ideas which are contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

•Send letters to North Country Catholic, PO Box 326, Ogdensburg, NY, 13669 or e-mail to news@northcountrycatholic.org

• Join the conversation!



AT THE MOVIES

THE GREEN HORNET

By Kurt Jensen
Catholic News Service

Comedy gone rancid is so painful to watch, especially when the audience is asked to believe that the hero of the piece is a lovable, good-hearted guy when, in fact, he's an incompetent and amoral dimwit.

Such is the potty-mouthed botch that is "The Green Hornet" (Columbia), an update of the familiar story of the masked crimefighter with his Asian sidekick Kato and tricked-up car nicknamed Black Beauty.

Director Michel Gondry -- working from a script by Seth Rogen, who stars, and Evan Goldberg -- melds unlikable characters, occasional racist outbursts and a numbing procession of car crashes into a fetid stew.

The problem goes back to the original conception of the titular character, the

central figure in a long-running franchise that began as a Golden Age radio drama in the 1930s and went on to include movie serials, a 1960s television show (with Bruce Lee as Kato) and a flurry of comic books issued across the decades.

By day, the Green Hornet is respectable newspaper publisher Britt Reid; by night, he's a disguised vigilante crimefighter who works outside the law.

The police think he's a criminal, but in reality the Green Hornet pits bad guys against one another, leading to their mutual destruction.

This setup requires a straightforward presentation with great finesse from both script and actor. Both incarnations of the character should have a certain suave appeal.

Instead, Rogen plays both as an overprivileged, vulgar-tongued doofus.

When he's not leering at

his secretary, Lenore (Cameron Diaz), and bullying subordinates at the Los Angeles newspaper he inherited from his father, he's spouting demeaning and immature comments at sidekick Kato (Jay Chou).

Stereotyped Kato, an expert kung fu fighter, goes from making incredible capuccino to inventing all manner of high-tech crime-fighting gear.

The standout among these is a 1965 Chrysler Imperial rendered bulletproof and brandishing every explosive weapon short of an atomic bomb.

But when unsuspecting police give chase and Black Beauty leaves them wrecked all over the highways, the result is cynical nihilism, rather than the kind of care-free fender-benders that might evoke, say, "Smokey and the Bandit."

Even the villain Chudnofsky (Christoph Waltz) -- a



CNS PHOTO/SONY

Jay Chou and Seth Rogen star in a scene from the movie "The Green Hornet."

gangster attempting to take over the city's drug trade -- is played for laughs, and corrupt district attorney Scanlon (David Harbour) equally so.

By the time the film descends to a lengthy road chase that ends in the newspaper pressroom (print is still king in this movie!), it's an insensate mess.

The film contains much gun and martial-arts violence, a vigilantism theme,

one scene of implied premarital sex, occasional profanity and pervasive crude and crass language. 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 PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

Exorcisms still pique Hollywood's imagination

By Sheila Dabu Nonato
Catholic News Service

TORONTO (CNS) - The exorcism began after Mass as the exorcist and several parishioners gathered around a troubled young man and started praying over him, recalls Father Joseph Muldoon, episcopal vicar of the Ottawa Archdiocese.

Father Muldoon, who oversees the work of Ottawa's lone official exorcist, is not an exorcist himself, but this was one of two exorcisms he assisted over the years. Both occurred outside of Canada.

Father Muldoon joined in praying for the young man who dabbled in drugs and the occult.

The man exhibited one of the signs of demonic possession: a supernatural strength requiring him to be re-

strained by several people to prevent harm to himself and others around him.

The priest performing the exorcism, trained under the ancient rite, blessed the man with holy water.

He then placed a crucifix and Bible on his chest, some of the norms of the rite established in 1614.

"The priest gradually, slowly commanded the evil spirit to leave him and never to return, to be placed at the foot of the cross," Father Muldoon said.

The young man was invited to say Jesus' name and pray the Our Father with the community.

He was freed from the devil's grasp, said the priest.

Exorcisms have always piqued the Hollywood imagination and provided a steady source of material for filmmakers in the horror



CNS PHOTO/WARNER BROS

Anthony Hopkins stars in a scene from the movie "The Rite," a new movie set to be released Jan. 28.

genre. And with a new movie set for release Jan. 28, plus a reality-TV series on exorcists, Hollywood is once again entering the battleground of good vs. evil.

"The Rite," a film featuring

Anthony Hopkins, is based on a book by journalist Matt Baglio about the accounts of an American exorcist. Meanwhile, the Discovery Channel is reported to be working on a reality show called "The Exorcist Files."

Father John Horgan, a scholar on exorcisms and pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Vancouver, British Columbia, was a consultant to the 2005 movie "The Exorcism of Emily Rose," a movie loosely based on an actual case in Germany.

He cautions that Hollywood versions of exorcism usually provide a liberal interpretation of the actual rite.

A scene of "being chained and tied up has nothing to do with the Catholic rite of exorcism," he said.

"Ours is very sober, reverent. Heads do not turn around" as was made famous

in a scene from the 1973 film "The Exorcist," the most profitable horror film of all time.

An exorcism is the ritual of evicting demons or other spiritual entities from a person or place believed to be possessed.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, an exorcism is performed by an exorcist who asks "publicly and authoritatively" in Christ's name "that a person or object be protected against the power of the Evil One and withdrawn from his dominion."

This power comes from Jesus, who exorcised demons in the Bible.

While Hollywood may play up the drama of exorcisms, the key message about them is not how evil takes over, Father Horgan said: It's how the power of God always triumphs in the end.

CLINTON

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Mooers Forks – St. Ann's Church is holding Sunday Breakfasts.

Dates: Feb. 13; March 13; April 10

Time: 8 a.m. to Noon

Place: St. Ann's Center

Cost: Adults, \$7; Children 5-12, \$4; under 5, Free

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE SERIES

Plattsburgh – St. Peter's Parish is presenting the Little Rock Scripture Series this Lent with "Praying the Scriptures".

Date: Beginning March 8, continuing every Tuesday through April 19

Times: 1 p.m. and t 7:05 p.m.

Place: Chapel

Features: "This study explores the always relevant ways God has transformed history and invites participation through praise, thanksgiving, and the many other ways Scripture teaches prayer. You do not have to have completed any previous study; each study stands on its own."

Cost: A donation of \$10 is welcomed to help with the cost of the materials.

Registration: Call the Parish Office 563-1692 or filling out a registration form in the Atrium, by March 1.

ABOUT CHRISTIAN FAITH

Ellenburg Center – Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer will be having a 10-week practical introduction to the Christian faith beginning with Who is Jesus?

Date: Mondays, Beginning Feb. 7 and ending April 4

Time: 6 p.m. to 8:30

Features: Started as an outreach from Holy Trinity Church in Brompton, England, it has spread worldwide as a tool to reach all people for Christ by presenting the basic beliefs of Christianity in a non-threatening fellowship setting. A weekend retreat is included in these dates. A video presentation and small group sharing follow dinner.

Contact: RSVP to 518-594-3253 by January 22 so that books can be ordered. Cost is \$10 for book. Bring your Bible.

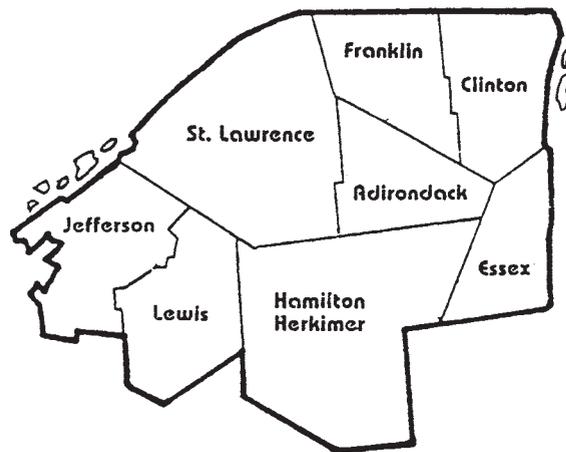
PRAYER VIGIL

Plattsburgh – A prayer vigil will held the first Sunday of the winter months.

Place: St. Peter's Chapel

Time: 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Features: Helper's of Gods Precious Infants prayer vigil will be held. We may not be able to save their lives, but can we not plead on their behalf?



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; fax, 315-394-0670;
e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE IN 2011

Plattsburgh – Please mark your calendars for Spring 2011 40 days for life! Ash Wednesday, March 9 to Palm Sunday, April 17.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Plattsburgh - Eucharistic Adoration is held throughout the year every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Place: St John's Adoration Chapel,

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

Theme: My dear ones, the visit to the Blessed Sacrament is an extremely necessary way to conquer the devil. Therefore, go often to visit Jesus and the devil will not come out victorious against you" (St. John Bosco). Pray for vocations!

Contact: 518-561-5083 or email us at Sjohnsadoration@aol.com

FRANKLIN

"B.I.N.G.O SPELLS MURDER"

Brushton – St. Mary's Catholic Church presents an interactive dinner theater presented by North Franklin Theater Group.

Date: Jan. 28

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: \$25 per person; Pre-paid reservations only. Call 529-7713 (limited seating, call early). No refunds 72 hours prior to show

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Malone – All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local competition for the 2010-2011 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship.

Date: Jan. 29

Time: Doors open at Noon for Registration, competition starts at 1 p.m.

Place: Holy Family School

Features: The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually with the winners progressing through local, district, state or province competitions. Inter-National champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

Contact: For entry forms or additional information contact: Nicholas J. Haas, (518)483-1628.

JEFFERSON

SILENT AUCTION

Fort Drum – The Officer's Spouse Club will be holding a dinner and silent auction.

Date: Feb. 11

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: The Commons on Fort Drum

Cost: \$20 per person

Attire: Semi Formal

Features: This event is open to the public. There will be a choice of three different meals. All proceeds will be given to local military groups in the form of Welfare Grants and to military family members for Education Scholarships, both awarded in May.

Contact: Please RSVP by Feb. 7th to Amanda Chadwick Email: Stevean-

damanda63@hotmail.com OR Camey McGurk Phone: 315-405-4511 Email: camey.mcgurk@us.army.mil

LIFERIGHT MEETING

Watertown - Liferight of Watertown will hold its monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of the Month.

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: 312 Sherman St.

Features: Liferight is a pro-life educational organization. The office has videos, books and educational materials which may be borrowed. Topics covered: infanticide, assisted suicide, euthanasia and chastity.

Contact: Phone 315-788-8480; website: www.liferight.org

LEWIS

MARDI GRAS DINNER

Constableville – St. Mary's Church is holding its 6th Annual Mardi Gras Spaghetti Dinner.

Date: March 8

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7

Place: Church Hall

Cost: \$7; under 5, Free; Take-outs available for \$7.50

Features: This dinner is sponsored by St. Mary's Parish Council. Your Chef for the evening will be Joe Scheve (of Marino's).

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Lowville – St. Peter's Rosary-Altar Society will serve a spaghetti dinner.

Date: Feb. 3

Time: 5 p.m.; Take-outs will be available at 4:30

Place: The Church Hall

Cost: \$7; Children 5-10, \$3.5; children under 5, Free

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

Turin/Houseville – St. Hedwig's Church plans to host a Divine Mercy Conference.

Date: Feb. 6

Time: 3 p.m.

Features: Vespers, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Silent Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet (to song), Benediction, talk on Divine Mercy by the Marian Fathers. Featured Speaker is Br. Chris Alar, MIC. Coffee Hour will follow.

Contact: For more information contact Mary Ann Lepkowski at 315-348-6260 or see www.thedivinemercy.org.

ST. LAWRENCE

K OF C BRUNCH

Norfolk – The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a brunch.

Date: Feb. 13

Time: 8:30 a.m. to Noon; Take-outs available

Place: Visitation Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$6; Children under 12, \$4; Under 5, Free; Family, \$16

COLTON WINTERFEST

Colton – A Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by St. Patrick's & St. Paul's Altar Rosary Society, will be held during Colton's annual Winterfest

Date: Jan. 30

Time: 8 a.m. to Noon

Place: Colton Pierrepoint Central School

Cost: Adults, \$5; children under 12, \$3; under 5, Free

K OF C BREAKFAST

Ogdensburg – The Ogdensburg Knights of Columbus will be having a breakfast buffet; Eat in or take-outs available.

Date: Jan. 30

Time: 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Cost: Adults, \$6; Children 5-10, \$3;

under 5, Free

ST. JAMES GALA

Gouverneur – St. James Parish is planning its annual Gala.

Date: Feb. 12

Features: Tickets available at the school, 287-0130.

NOVENA FOR MILITARY

Ogdensburg - Notre Dame Church is holding a weekly novena for the safety of U.S. military personnel

Date: Tuesday evenings

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Notre Dame Church

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Ogdensburg - St. Mary's Cathedral is holding a monthly Holy Hour for Vocations.

Date: Thursday before the First Friday

Time: 8 p.m. to 9

Place: Deacon Winter Chapel

Features: Nocturnal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues through the night, concluding with Benediction at 7 a.m. Friday.

FRIDAY FISH FRY

Ogdensburg - Fish Fry Buffet will be held every Friday sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 258.

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6:30

Place: Knights of Columbus Hall; Eat in or take out, deliveries are available only to the Towers.

Cost: Adults, \$9; Children 5-10, \$6; under 5, Free

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About Pauline Jaricot

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



Pauline Jaricot

Continuing with our endeavors to answer some frequently asked questions about the Pontifical Mission Societies, this week I would like to cover the topic of Pauline Jaricot.

Both the questions and responses in this column are part of a number of Frequently Asked Questions that are found the Pontifical Mission Society webpage: www.onefamilyin-mission.org/faqs.html

Who was Pauline Jaricot?

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith was founded in Lyons, France, in 1822 by a young French laywoman, Pauline Jaricot. Inspired by stories she heard about missionary work in China, she felt called by the Lord to help the Catholic Church's worldwide missionary work.

Pauline herself never traveled to the Missions, which, during her lifetime, consisted of the Missions in China - and young dioceses in the United States. Pauline gathered friends and workers in a family silk mill into "circles of ten," asking each person to pray daily for the Missions and sacrifice a penny-a-week (at that time, quite a large sacrifice!).

From this idea emerged the Propagation of the Faith. Today the General Fund of the Propagation of the Faith, which gathers gifts from Catholics all over the world - a concept that originated with Pauline Jaricot and her desire to help all the world's missions - is the basic means of support for the Catholic Church's worldwide Missions.

Has a "cause for sainthood" been established for Pauline Jaricot?

In 1962, 100 years after her death, Pope John XXIII signed the decree that proclaimed the virtues of Pauline Marie Jaricot declaring her "venerable."

Pope John wrote: "It was she who thought of the Society, who conceived it, and made it an organized reality."

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

Adams – Joan C. (Christy) Naklick, 76; Funeral Jan. 18, 2011 at St. Cecilia's Church; burial in St. Cecilia's Cemetery.

Canton – Peter Emerson Bartman, 95; Memorial Services June 11, 2011 at St. Mary's Church.

Chazy – Ora E. (Bechard) Matott, 94; Funeral Jan. 17, 2011 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Keeseville – Marion V. "Mickey" (Miccio) Cahill, 78; Funeral Services Jan. 22, 2011 at St. John's Church; burial in Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

Lowville – Pauline Agnes (Detlefsen) Anderson, 94; Funeral Services Jan. 21, 2011 at St. Peter's Catholic Church; burial in Lowville Rural Cemetery.

Lowville – Theresa M. Brockert, 31; Funeral Services Jan. 21, 2011 at Isenecker Funeral Home; burial in West Lowville Rural Cemetery.

Massena – Josephine Marie (Germano) Austin, 85; Funeral Services Jan. 22, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena – Lucille M. (Borey) Dunn, 81; Funeral Services Jan. 17, 2011 at St. Mary's Catholic Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena – Richard L. Langevin, 60; Funeral Services Jan. 19, 2011 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Moers – Edith D. Melloh, 88; Funeral Services Jan. 15, 2011 at the Ross Funeral Home.

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Norwood – Geraldine M. (Heyer) Lang, 82; Funeral Jan. 17, 2011 at Buck Funeral Home; burial in Visitation Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – James Arthur Maneely, 79; Funeral Services Jan. 20, 2011 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Foxwood Mausoleum.

Ogdensburg – Kenny W. Wood, 59; Funeral Services Jan. 19, 2011 at Fox & Murray Funeral Home; burial in St. James Cemetery, Madrid.

Peru – Ruth Irene "Poochie" (Blaise) Barber, 88; Funeral Services Jan. 21, 2011 at the Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in St. John's Cemetery.

Peru – Jane T. (Moynihan) Kelley, 88; Funeral Services Jan. 17, 2011 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Peru – Joseph J. Martineau, 58; Funeral Services Jan. 17, 2011 at the Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in the Peasleeville Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Pauline M. (Gamache) Dupee, 83; Funeral Services Jan. 17, 2011 at St. John's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Memorial Garden.

Redford – Jean C. (Tormey) Hamel, 82; Funeral Jan. 17, 2011 at Church of the Assumption; burial in parish cemetery.

Redford – Margaret D. (Soucy) Latour, 93; Funeral Services Jan. 18, 2011 at Church of the Assumption; burial in Assumption Cemetery.

Rouses Point – Simonne Denise (Bilodeau) Dessureault, 84; Funeral Services Jan. 19, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Saranac Lake – Janet Ann (Scanlon) Ten Eyck, 79; Funeral Services Jan. 17, 2011 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Watertown – Sharon L. (Jones) Galluccio, 64; Funeral Services Jan. 15, 2011 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – Bradley M. Short, 29; Funeral Services Jan. 22, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church.

West Chazy – Adrienne P. (Bechard) Gonyo, 95; Funeral Services Jan. 22, 2011 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

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PRAYER SUGGESTION

O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live in (name a priest), act in him, speak in and through him. Think your thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Give him your own dispositions and feelings. Teach, lead and guide him always. Correct, enlighten and expand his thoughts and behavior. Possess his soul; take over his entire personality and life.

Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving; pray in and through him. Let him live in you and keep him in this intimate union always. O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Mother of Jesus and Mother of priests, pray and intercede for (...) Amen.

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37TH ANNUAL EVENT IN PLATTSBURGH

MARCHING FOR LIFE

Pro-lifers brave snow and frigid temperatures in walk from Newman Center to St. John's Church to mark the 38th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion



PHOTOS BY COLLEEN MINER

Angelo and Suzanne Pietropaoli, parishioners of Notre Dame Church in Malone and diocesan directors of Natural Family Planning, walk into St. John's Church for the program.



Bishop LaValley and Michael Hamilton led the marchers out of the Newman Center. When asked how Michael got to lead the march with the bishop, he said "I give Bishop LaValley a Diet Mountain Dew every time I see him."



Bishop LaValley was the guest speaker for the program at St. John's Church. His presentation has appeared in the *NCC* this week and last.



Olaf and Christina Carlson, parishioners at St. Agnes Church in Lake Placid traveled to Plattsburgh to participate in the March for Life with their three young children, Grace, age 5; Alida, 3; and Jesse, 1.



St. John's Choir, under the direction of George Cantin, led the music for the pro-life event. The program conclude with a reception at St. John's.