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'Church must move to Gospel'

FREIBURG, GERMANY (CNS) - The church must change to respond to the Gospel call and the needs of real people, but that change must be dictated by Christian values and not by greater adaptation to the values of the modern world, Pope Benedict XVI said.

Meeting Sept. 25 with about 1,500 Catholics involved in church ministries, lay movements and civic, political or social activities, the pope said he knows Germany is experiencing a decline in religious practice and is seeing many of its mem-

bers drift away from church life.

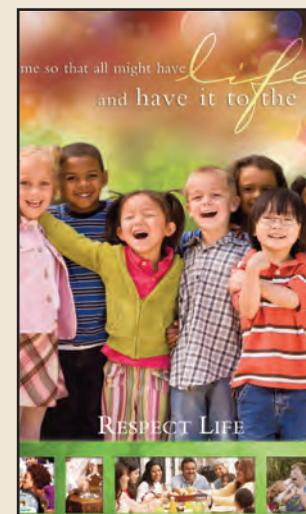
According to the bishops' conference, the number of Catholics in Germany was 28.2 million in 1990, and has dropped to about 24.6 million today.

Pope Benedict said he

knows the numbers of Catholics leaving "prompts the question: Should the church not change? Must she not adapt her offices and structure to the present day in order to reach the searching and doubting people of today?"

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Special events in October



Special events have been scheduled across the diocese to mark October as Respect Life Month. The month started with Life Chains on Sunday in Plattsburgh, Potsdam, Saranac Lake and Willsboro. Also, the 40 Days for Life Campaign has begun in Plattsburgh and a Liferight educational luncheon will be held in Watertown Oct. 22. In a message for Respect Life Month, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, chair man of the US Bishops' Committee on Pro-life Activities said, "Increasing attempts to expunge God and religious discourse from public life" are contributing to a growing disrespect for the unique status of human beings."

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Religious jubilarians to be honored

Twelve religious women and four religious men will be honored at the annual Religious Jubilee Mass Sunday. Bishop LaValley will preside at the liturgy at St. Mary's Cathedral at 2 p.m.

This week's NCC features autobiographical sketches of the jubilarians including Missionary of the Sacred Heart Brother Pierre Marceau who is observing 70 years of religious life and St. Joseph Sister Jane Frances Cutting who is celebrating 65 years.

One other brother, two priests and 12 Sisters are also profiled.

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NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

The next issue of the *North Country Catholic* will be printed Oct. 19: the focus of that issue will be the observance of World Mission Sunday

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



PHOTO BY GAYLE FRANK

About 125 couples were honored at this year's diocesan Marriage Jubilee. Bishop Terry R. LaValley presided at the special Mass Sept. 25 at St. Mary's Cathedral. The shortest and longest married couples are shown above, Matthew and Molly Manning of Holy Family Church in Watertown who have been married one year; and Frank and Katherine Wagner of Sacred Heart Parish in Edwards, married 70 years. See page 4 for more photos.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

A month of
milestones!

The mark of this week's paper?

Milestones!

Today we honor married couples for their witness of love and faithfulness.

And we honor religious jubilarians who are celebrating 40, 50, 60, 65 and 70 years of service.

Sixteen Sisters, Brothers and Fathers have generously shared autobiographical reflections in which they tell us about the growth of their vocations and the joy they've known in their lives of bringing the rest of us closer to God.

It's always a pleasure to honor the men and women in our midst who have been such witnesses to God's love.

From Frank and Katherine Wagner of Sacred Heart Parish in Edwards who have been married 70 (!) years to Sister Diane Ulsamer who is observing her 40th year as a Sister of St. Joseph we say congratulations and thank you.

And, we say 'thank you, God' Our family is also thanking God for another magnificent milestone this week – the marriage of daughter Molly and her beloved TJ.

Last Friday night, surrounded by the most important people in their lives, they promised to love and honor each other forever.

While her mother swears it was just yesterday that Mom wrote "Molly's First Christmas" in the pages of the NCC, our little girl

really is all grown up and ready to take this brave and wonderful step.

Molly and TJ know they can count on all of us – parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters-in-law, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends - to support them all along the way, as they head towards their own 20th, 50th and even 70th anniversaries.

God bless our newlyweds and God bless our jubilarians.

What a joy it is to have you all in our lives!



Mary Lou
Kilian



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CHURCH: A FAMILY OF FAITH

Invitation to the Feast
(Have Mercy On Us, O Lord)

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Oct. 8-9

By Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSI
Director of Evangelization

"The feast is ready . . ."

The image of God's kingdom as a wedding feast, expressed so beautifully from the readings of Isaiah and Matthew, gives us hope. It is the hope of gathering all peoples to the great feast on the Lord's mountain. Isaiah wants his readers to be aware that God's providence is not limited to the Israelites.

Jesus wants His hearers to understand that all are invited and welcome but also that God's kingdom carries with it responsibilities.

These responsibilities are gifts from God's banquet - the rich food and choice wines are the Scriptures, the sacraments, the Church, the love that we share with our brothers and sisters in Christ, the individual providence that God exercises over each one of us.

The Eucharistic Liturgy we celebrate each Sunday is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, the wedding feast of the Lamb as described in these readings. Wow, it seems as if God cannot do enough for us. God is a God of abundance.

God is also a God of universality. Both Isaiah and Matthew speak about the meaning of Church - the universality of salvation.

As we gather as One Body, the Body of Christ at the Eucharist, we foreshadow the great moment when all peoples will be present in God's kingdom. At this Eucharistic table, all are equal.

There must be no division of wealth, race, or nation. All who believe must join in giving praise and worship to the Father through the Son and in the Spirit.

We all have to be dressed appropriately with the wedding attire or else we will be cast out from the kingdom of God.

We must come with our hearts and minds prepared to participate fully in the Liturgy, that is, conscious, whole and entire.

God invites us to His feast, giving us His salvation. We are not there yet, and so, we have the opportunity as God's people to be a reconciling community of love and forgiveness.

God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of His mercy with humility and love.

As we prepare to welcome the Third Edition of the Roman Missal, in praying the new Penitential Rite, we can be the people of hope to help our parish family restore the hopeful and prayerful anticipation of the heavenly banquet by sharing this vision of unity and fullness of God's love with the people we meet. It is at the banquet table where all are welcome.

The parish community is a place where hospitality grows and thrives. All people are meant to feel welcome and to experience a faith community they can call home.

The next time you attend Mass, look around to see who is alone or new to the parish. Make a point of introducing yourself and welcoming them to the parish.

"The feast is ready . . ."

Invite a friend to come to one of the Regional mornings of Reflection and Prayer in your region on Saturday from 9:30 am-12:00pm to prepare for the Third Edition of the Roman Missal. Check the bulletin or page six of this Week's *North Country Catholic* for the location of the Reflection and Prayer in your region.

Caritas dinner set for Oct.16

OGDENSBURG - Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg will hold its Annual Caritas Dinner Oct. 16 at the Gran-View Restaurant.

A highlight of the dinner will be the presentation of the 2011 Caritas Award to Deacon Ronald and Beth Ste-Marie, St Anthony of Padua Parish, Inlet.

This award has been presented each year since 1978 for "devoted and unselfish service to the people of the North Country, exemplifying the spirit and ideals that Catholic Charities embodies in its mission, ideals of service and social action, of jus-

tice and charity."

Catholic Charities will also present its second Legacy Award to a young person exhibiting these ideals.

The 2011 recipient will be Joy Leader, daughter of Henry and Dayna Leader of St. James Parish, Gouverneur.

The first recipient of the Legacy Award was Rachel Daly, a 2011 graduate of Seton Catholic Central in Plattsburgh, now a freshman at the University of Dallas.

Catholic Charities will also honor the deacon community of the Diocese of Ogdensburg at the dinner.

Reservations are required and must be made by Oct. 10

by sending \$40 per person to Caritas Dinner, Catholic Charities, 6866 State Highway 37, Ogdensburg, NY, 13669.

Checks should be made payable to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg

The event starts with a cash bar at 4:30 followed by dinner at 5.

All proceeds from the Caritas Dinner will be used to provide aid to flood victims, financial assistance and counseling to individuals and families in need.

Further information is available from Catholic Charities at 315-393-2255.

THE BISHOP'S HERITAGE CIRCLE



The annual gathering of the Bishop's Heritage Circle took place recently in Plattsburgh with a Mass at St. John the Baptist followed by a luncheon at Anthony' Restaurant. Pictured, front from left, are Marielle LeFevre, Morrisonville; Joanne Dwyer, New Jersey; Janet and James Murnane, Plattsburgh; and Arthur LeFevre, Morrisonville; back, Bishop Terry LaValley and Patrick Murnane, Plattsburgh. Absent from photo but attending were Honorable Kevin Ryan, Plattsburgh; Dr. Celine Paquette, Champlain and Mark Barie and Christine Racine, Rouses Point. The members of the Bishop's Heritage Circle assist Bishop Terry LaValley with additional sources of funding to meet particular needs that are not supported by Diocesan finances. For more information on becoming a member of this elite group, contact Janice Shoen at 315-393-2920 Ext. 330 or Email jshoen@dioogdensburg.org. See article on page 6.

Celebrate!
PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY
 October 30, 2011

Join the North Country Catholic in honoring the special priests in your life. Priesthood Sunday 2011 is set for Oct. 30
The NCC will join in the celebration in the Oct. 26th issue of the paper.

We invite you to send a message to your pastor, spiritual advisor or priestly friend.

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COUPLES GATHER SEPT. 25 AT THE CATHEDRAL

MARRIAGE JUBILEE



PHOTOS BY BETTY STEELE
Deacon Gary and Gayle Frank, diocesan family life directors of St. Mary's Parish in Clayton, introduce the married couples during the Marriage Jubilee held Sept. 25 at St. Mary's Cathedral. The annual event is sponsored by the family life department and deacons of the diocese.



Deacon Mark and Theresa Bennett of St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh read from the scriptures during the Mass.



Laura and Edgar Higgins of St. Mary's Church in Clayton are shown during the renewal of vows as they celebrate 40 years of marriage.



Bishop LaValley is pictured with Ralph and Diane Cudworth of St. Peter's Parish in Plattsburgh on their 40th anniversary year.



Deacon Tyrone and Madeleine Rabideau of St. Ann's Church in Mooers Forks smile for the camera with Bishop LaValley. The Rabideaus are celebrating 50 years of marriage this year.



Ray and Betty McIntyre of St. Agnes Church in Lake Placid participated in the Marriage Jubilee to celebrate their 40th anniversary.

I came so that all might have October is Respect Life Month

The 39th Annual RESPECT LIFE PROGRAM

Sunday, October 2, 2011

Eternal life awaits those who embrace the Gospel of Life and seek to bring truth and life and beauty to the vineyard God has planted for us.

That is why we celebrate this Respect Life Sunday each year. It's to save our lives and the lives of the most vulnerable among us. Let us proclaim that life, preserve it, and devote ourselves to its protection.

~Respect Life Liturgy Guide 2011~

Life

And have it to the full

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**"It is a poverty to decide
that a child must die
so that you live as
you wish."**

~Blessed Mother Teresa of
Calcutta

**"At the origin of
every human life
there is not
something haphazard
or chance, but a
loving plan of God."**

~Pope Benedict XVI

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- ◆ St. Mary's Parish, Waddington
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- ◆ St. Raphael's Parish
- ◆ Ss. Philip & James Parish

We invite you to visit the
RESPECT LIFE OFFICE website at:
www.dioogdensburg.org/pro-life

Bishop's Heritage Circle assisting Bishop LaValley

By Janice Shoen, Executive Director
Development Office

The People of God who call the North Country "home" possess rich and treasured heritage of faith. From one generation to the next, the local Church has been enabled to meet the spiritual and temporal needs of countless individuals through the generous commitment and sacrifice of so many.

Today, our beloved Diocese of Ogdensburg continues to be challenged to meet certain extraordinary needs.

Bishop Paul S. Loverde, after extensive consultation with clergy, religious, and lay leaders, formed the Bishop's Heritage Circle in 1995 to assist in funding specific extraordinary needs of the Diocese and to enhance the invaluable heritage passed on to us.

The generous support of the Heritage Circle since its inception continues under Bishop Terry R. LaValley.

The special needs for the 2011 fiscal year are:

(1) Special Care of Diocesan Priests,

(2) Seminarian Endowment,

(3) St. Mary's Cathedral Baptistery, and

(4) the continued upkeep of our historic Bishop's Residence.

One of the original extraordinary needs has been Bishop's Residence.

The Bishop's Heritage Circle is asked to make the upkeep of the residence a high priority, while preserving the operating funds for the mission of the Church of Ogdensburg.

Originally a duplex for two families and land office for the Parish iron and lead mines in Rossie, the Bishop's Residence at 624 Washington Street has been a residence

for all 14 bishops of the Diocese of Ogdensburg since 1879.

Built just before the Civil War at the cost of \$25,000, the building was purchased from Mr. George Parish for \$5,475. Not only did it house the Bishop's Residence, but it was also the site of the first Chancery Office.

Beginning in 1994, substantial work has been done to update and preserve the residence.

The members of the Bishop's Heritage Circle have over the years refurbished Bishop's Residence by installing 73 energy efficient windows and completing interior preservation work and room rehabilitation.

Also, the Bishop's Chapel has been renovated.

This small group of individuals has also made a large contribution to the renovation of St. Mary's Cathedral's Chapel, a beautiful space for prayer and worship for the public.

Each member of the Bishop's Heritage Circle is to be a practicing Roman Catholic or the spouse of a practicing Catholic. It is expected that the individual or couple will have made and will continue to make generous contributions to their local parish, the Diocese and the Universal Church.

If you wish to have more information on becoming a member of the Bishop's Heritage Circle, you may contact Janice Shoen at 315-393-2920 or Email jshoen@dioogdensburg.org.



Sister Judy

Thank you for leaving your "peaceprints" throughout our school and in our hearts. You have changed the world one child at a time. God bless you. Your Trinity Catholic Family

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

The next issue of the *North Country Catholic* will be dated Oct. 19

TOM DUDA

The Polka Beat

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Bishop LaValley's Schedule

Oct. 6 – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg.

Oct. 9 – 8:30 a.m., Mass at St. Helen's Church in Chasm Falls; 10:30 a.m., Mass at St. John Bosco Church in Malone. 2p.m., Religious Jubilee at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

Oct. 10-14 – Annual Retreat

Oct. 15 – 4:30 p.m., Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Watertown; 6 p.m., 130th Anniversary Celebration for the Sisters of St. Joseph at Immaculate Heart Central School in Watertown.

Oct. 16 – 2:30 p.m., Diocesan Scouting Mass at St. Mary's Church in Massena; 5:30 p.m., Catholic Charities Caritas Dinner at the Gran View Restaurant in Ogdensburg.

Oct. 18 – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg.

Oct. 19 – 4:30 p.m., Mass and Visit to St. Charles Seminary, Wynnewood, PA.

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: Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, phone, 315-393-2920. ext. 403. Upcoming programs:

Oct. 13 – 6:30 p.m., St. James School, Gouverneur

Oct. 19 – 6 p.m., Trinity School, Massena

Nov. 5 – 1 p.m., Holy Ghost Academy, Tupper Lake

Nov. 9 – 6 p.m., Holy Family School, Malone

Nov. 17 – 6 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, Chazy

Regional reflections

Every Saturday during the month of October, the Department of Worship is providing mornings of understanding, reflection and prayer on the changes in the Roman Missal for the people of the Diocese. People in the parishes will also have the opportunity for prayer and faith-sharing experiences using the resource *Lifting Up Our Hearts* or another resource to deepen their understanding of becoming an active participant in the Liturgy.

The dates for the Regional Saturday Mornings of Reflection follow. All the programs are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. to noon, :

Oct. 8 – Wadhams Hall, Ogdensburg

Oct. 15 – St. Patrick's Center, Port Henry

Oct. 22 – St. Bernard's School, Cafeteria, Saranac Lake

Oct. 29 – St. Peter's Emmaus Hall, Plattsburgh

Rest in Peace

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

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

Oct. 8 – Rev. E. Letourneau, 1898

Oct. 9 – Rev. William Joseph Normandeau, 1892; Rev. Francis Xavier Chagnon, 1911; Most Rev. Leo R. Smith, 1963

Oct. 10 – Rev. Robert Duford, 1949; Rev. J. A. Sirois, O.M.I., 1950

Oct. 11 – Rev. William Burns, 1837

Oct. 12 – Rev. Francis Pelletier, 1881; Rev. P. Joseph Mullins, O.S.A., 1960

Oct. 13 – Rev. Francis X. Campbell, O.S.A., 1984

Oct. 14 – Rev. James Alexander Hagarty, 1903

Oct. 15 – Rev. James Haffey, 1918; Rev. Mark Collins Liebler, 1975; Rev. Robert Fleig, S.J., 1986; Most Rev. Thomas Andrew Donnellan, 1987

Oct. 17 – Rev. Antoine Anselm Thomas, 1900;

Oct. 18 – Rev. Edwin A. Kennedy, 1990; Deacon Chester Lloyd Price, 1991

CONGRATULATIONS, RELIGIOUS JUBILARIANS

ABOUT THE JUBILARIANS

Twelve religious Women and four religious men are celebrating significant anniversaries this year. They will be honored at the annual Religious Jubilee to be held Sunday at St. Mary's Cathedral. In recognition of their 70, 65, 60, 50 and 40 years of religious life, the *North Country Catholic* presents autobiographical profiles of the jubilarians.

70 YEARS

Brother Pierre Marceau, MSC

Pierre Marceau was born in East Brighthton, Quebec, on Jan. 31, 1922. He was one of nine children, three of whom are still living.

He joined the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in 1938. He made his first profession of the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience in 1941.

Brother Peter accepted a transfer to Watertown, NY in 1943. He was given the posi-

tion of custodian of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart church and school. He performed this job until the 1961, when he became the custodian and maintenance man for the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Seminary and community residence on Thompson St.

He recently retired from these duties and now enjoys retirement and cares for the community's camp near Cape Vincent.

65 YEARS:

Sister Jane Frances Cutting, SSJ

I am celebrating sixty-five years as a Sister of St. Joseph this year. I entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in Watertown, NY on September 8, 1945. Sister Mary Louis was Novice Mistress at the time I entered religious life. Sister's example taught me the importance of living for God and neighbor.

Most of my religious life has been in the ministry of Catholic education. I taught

for fifty-two years in grades three through six in our diocesan Catholic schools. These years were happy because I love children and the challenge of teaching them. I also did parish work in Adams for a short time.

After I retired, I continued to live in Gouverneur. I visited the Kinney Nursing Home residents and some of the elderly in the Gouverneur community. Occasionally I volunteered in St. James School where I taught for sixteen years.

At the present time I live at our Motherhouse in Watertown and enjoy being with the Sisters. I visit our infirmary and help with various household duties.

During my free time I enjoy reading, playing cards and doing crafts. When the weather is nice I often take a walk and enjoy the beauty of nature in our North Country.

There have been many more blessings in my religious life than sacrifices. God's abundant love has car-

ried me over the difficult times. Sixty-five years have gone quickly.

I pray that many more women will answer God's call and enter religious life. It is a life of love, joy and peace that the world cannot give.

Sister M. Carolyn Madden, RSM

Sister M. Carolyn Madden was born in Saranac Lake, the daughter of Francis and Lil-

lian (Calburn) Madden. She has two living sisters, Betty and Eileen and a deceased sister Helen and brother Thomas. Her elementary education was with the Sisters of Mercy at St. Bernard's School in Saranac Lake. She attended Saranac Lake High School and entered the Sisters of Mercy on Aug. 6, 1945 in Tarrytown, NY.

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The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart,
The Members of Watertown Parish
"Our Lady of the Sacred Heart" &
The Catholic Community of
Cape Vincent, Rosiere and Chaumont

*Wish to extend their
Congratulations to our Jubilarians*

Br. Peter (Pierre) Marceau, MSC

70 Years

Br. John (Jean-Paul) Paradis, MSC

60 Years

Fr. David DeLuca, MSC

50 Years

Fr. Richard Kennedy, MSC

50 Years

Saint Mary's Cathedral Parish Family congratulates

Sister Mary Teresa LaBrake, GNSH

On the occasion of her 60th Year of religious life

We are so grateful, Sister, for the many ways you share the life and love of the Lord with us.

God bless you always!



Religious jubilarians

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After her novitiate formation, she received a BS from Fordham University and a MS from State University, Plattsburgh and further education in Public Relations, Drug Education and Administration Supervision.

Her teaching and administration ministries have been at St. John's Academy, Plattsburgh; St. Patrick's, Rouses Point; St. Bernard's, Saranac Lake; in the Archdiocese of New York at Camdr JJ Shea and St. Cecilia's in Spanish Harlem; Transfiguration and Our Lady of Victory, Tarrytown; St. Margaret Mary's, Bronx; Our Lady of Victory Academy, Dobbs Ferry.

She was principal at Camdr JJ Shea, St. John's Academy, Transfiguration and St. Agnes School, Lake Placid.

In 1977 Sister became the Director of Arts in Education/Summer Sampler at the Lake Placid Center for the arts in Lake Placid and North Country Community College in Saranac Lake.

Presently Sr. M Carolyn is a

volunteer at AMC/Uihlein and High Peaks Hospice. She serves on the Diocesan Council of Religious and has for many years. She is also on the Board of Mercy Care for the Adirondacks.

She enjoys gardening, walking, reading, music, cross-country skiing, and the great beauty of the Adirondacks.

Sister is grateful to God for allowing her to God for allowing her to serve Him and His people for so many years and hopes to continue for many more.

60 YEARS:

Sr. Mary Teresa LaBrake, GNSH -

I, Sr. Mary Teresa LaBrake, GNSH, am one of 14 children born to George and Hilda LaBrake. My parents raised my seven sisters, six brothers, and me on a dairy farm in the town of Lisbon, NY.

After graduating from St. Mary's Academy, Ogdensburg, NY, I entered the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart, Philadelphia, P A, where I re-

ceived three years of formation.

My teaching years were spent as an elementary teacher in Jackson Heights, L.I., Atlanta, GA, and Ogdensburg, NY. The years involved in Elementary Administration were in Eden, NY, Buffalo, NY, and Ogdensburg, NY. I earned an undergraduate degree from D'Youville College, Buffalo, NY, a Masters in Education and a Masters in Educational Administration from SUNY Plattsburgh, NY.

These 36 years of experience equipped me to serve as Assistant Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Ogdensburg for 7 years. In 1997 I left the field of education to become Pastoral

Associate in St. Mary's Cathedral Parish, Ogdensburg, NY, where I continue in full time ministry today. Along with my other duties I have been one of three Directors who officially represent the Grey Nuns' mission perspective on the Board of the Claxton Hepburn Medical Center.

I have seen God visible through the shining eyes of children, through the faith of teachers in my role as Principal and Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and in those who have come into full membership in the Catholic Church through the RCIA process.

My deep love of the Eternal Father, my growing trust in Divine Providence, and an awareness of the Holy Spirit alive and active in my life have carried me through these many years.

Brother Jean Paul Paradis, MSC

Jean Paul was born at Mont Carmel, Quebec, on Sept. 25, 1931. His parents and seven brothers and sisters are deceased.

Jean Paul joined the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in 1947, making his first profession of vows on May 31, 1951.

Br. Jean Paul has served in several MSC communities in Quebec. He has worked as a secretary and printer at the

community's residence in Watertown and for several years was the Director of the Archconfraternity of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

From 1987 to 1994, Br. Jean Paul was on the staff at the MSC General House in Rome, Italy.

Returning to Watertown Br. Jean Paul attended a Clinical Pastoral Education course to prepare him to be Catholic Chaplain at Samaritan Medical Center. He retired from this position in 2009 and now helps with cooking and bookkeeping for the community in Watertown.

Sister Mary Denise Wilke, RSM

I was born and raised in the Inwood section of upper Manhattan in New York City. In growing up, the Good Shepherd Parish was the center of our lives, and the Paulist Fathers, the Sisters of Mercy and the Christian Brothers were all present for us.

I was introduced to the Sisters of Mercy in CCD class, as I went to public grammar school. I attended the academy of the Sacred Heart of Mary in high school.

The Sisters of Mercy continued to attract me and I entered on September 8, 1951, right after high school. Our novitiate was in Tarrytown, New York.

My professional career was that of social work. I graduated from Marymount College and Fordham School of Social Services.

I worked for 12 years in child care at St. Michaels Home on Staten Island and for 37 years in Health Care including St. Francis Hospital in Port Jervis and what is now Adirondack Medical Center-Uihlein where I have had two tours one as social worker and now working part-time in Pastoral Care.

My ministries each brought their own joy and blessings. When I had to leave the children at St. Michaels and go from Staten Island to the Adirondacks, it was very difficult.

However, in a very short time I loved the beauty of the

mountains and my elderly residents.

My 22 years in hospital ministry were always a challenge. You are serving age spans from the new born to the elderly. There were simple problems and very crucial ones to be handled, but I always felt God's presence with me.

I spent four years in leadership in the New York region of the Mercy Sisters and administered our assisted living facility for our Sisters in Yonkers for five years.

I am presently involved with Mercy Care for the Adirondacks as a Board Member and a volunteer.

It was a privilege to serve my Sisters through leadership and administration. I always received more than I gave.

God has bestowed many blessings on me for the last sixty years, and for this I am very grateful.

50 YEARS

Fr. Richard Kennedy, MSC

Father Richard was born Feb. 6, 1941, in Mansfield, Ohio. He attended St. Peter's Grade School in Mansfield until the completion of his 8th grade. He then entered Sacred Heart High School Seminary in Geneva, Illinois, from 1955-60.

After an additional year of seminary college in Geneva, Illinois, he entered Sacred Heart Novitiate at Youngstown, Ohio. In 1961 he professed temporary vows as a Missionary of the Sacred Heart.

Fr. Richard attended Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Shelby, Ohio, for three years of philosophical education and four years of theological education. He professed perpetual vows as an MSC on Sept. 13, 1964. He was ordained a priest at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Mansfield, Ohio, on Sept. 30, 1967.

In August 1968 he was appointed Vocation Director for the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

In the spring of 1973 Fr. Richard transferred to the

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MSC Religious Education Center in Shelby, Ohio, to become business administrator and part-time high school religion teacher at St. Peter's High School in Mansfield, Ohio.

From August 1976 - July 1988 he was stationed at the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Residence in Watertown, NY.

From 1976-81 he worked as a full-time religion teacher at IHC.

From 1977-81 he was religious superior of Watertown MSC community. In 1980 he became parochial vicar for Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Watertown. From 1981-88 he was pastor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Watertown.

In 1988-89 Fr. Richard took a sabbatical year at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, IL. Then he accepted a foreign mission as-

signment.

In 1990-91 he was a teacher on New Ireland Island in Papua New Guinea at Mongop High School. He returned to the United States, and from 1991-98. He was High School Principal at St. Peter's High School, Mansfield, Ohio.

He then returned to Papua New Guinea, and from 1999-2003 he was Rector of Chanel College Seminary, Kokopo, East New Britain, Papua New Guinea.

On Jan 1, 2004 he became administrator and then pastor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Watertown. He continues in this ministry in Watertown.

Fr. Richard has a brother Will Kennedy living in Mansfield, Ohio, and a sister Dorothy Blackburn, living in San Antonio, Texas, and numerous nephews and nieces. His parents and two brothers are deceased

Sister Mary Juliana Raymond, SSJ

The first daughter of Frederick and Shirley Lynch Raymond, I was born in Ticonderoga, NY and lived in Tahawus, NY, a small mining town in the heart of the Adirondacks.

My family, friends, Church and Community nourished my vocation. I am grateful!

I attended Newcomb Central School K-12, with K-3 being in Tahawus and 4-12 in Newcomb. Classes were small and great emphasis was placed on local high peaks history, the source of the Hudson River and our Adirondack environment.

My immediate family consisted of my parents, three sisters and a brother. I had grandparents, aunt, uncles and cousins nearby. I was baptized in St. Joseph's

Church, Olmstedville, and St. Therese's Church, built in Tahawus and moved to Newcomb when the mines closed, was home to worship and Sacraments.

After high school graduation I entered the Sisters of St. Joseph and Mater Dei

College on September 8, 1960. From there my education continued at SUNY Potsdam where I earned a BA in English and a MS in Early Childhood. Advanced studies included summer courses from the Gesell Institute of Child Development in New Haven, Ct.

In the Ogdensburg Diocesan Catholic Schools I taught first graders for 36 years. For the past nine years I have served in Diocesan Campus Ministry as College Chaplain at Jefferson Community College in Watertown, where I also serve as an Instructor in Early Childhood Development.

In addition to teaching at the elementary and college levels, I have been a member of the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission, summer faculty at Mater Dei College, elementary school principal, volunteer as Prison Chaplain's Assistant weekly for three years during the tenure of the late Fr. William Connor, MSC, and have participated on many committees in schools, towns and Community.

My early introduction to our earth as gift has been the inspiration for countless nature workshops, gardening, bread making, creative sewing, craft classes and, in recent years, sharing my rich Adirondack heritage by teaching others how to make traditional Adirondack pack-baskets.

My family, friends, Church and Community nourished my vocation. I am grateful!

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*Congratulations to Sr. Mary Denise Wilke, RSM
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Sr. Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ

I was born in Watertown, NY, the oldest of four children to Mary and Kenneth Brett. My siblings are John, Kenney and Jane Brett Scott. My family was a member of Holy Family Parish. I graduated from Holy Family School and Immaculate Heart Academy.

I entered the Sisters of St. Joseph for a six month trial. In my 50th year as an SSJ, I'm grateful that the Lord captured my heart.

I received my Bachelors and Masters Degree in Education from Potsdam State University. I enjoyed my years of teaching in the Catholic Schools in St. James, Gouverneur, St. Agnes, Lake Placid, St. Augustine's, Peru, St. Joseph's Dannemora and Sacred Heart, Watertown. I always looked forward to teaching in the Religious Education programs in those respective parishes.

Further training through

the Institute for Pastoral Life in Kansas City, MO. and the Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association (PNCEA), Washington, DC enabled me to minister through the Offices of Formation for Ministry and Evangelization.

A highlight of my life was my visit to St. Martin de Porres Parish, Mollendo, Peru at the invitation of Fr. George Maroun, Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. The Peru experience has helped me in my current ministry in the mission office.

Most of my days are happily spent at our motherhouse responding with the sisters to the Lord's surprises that daily come into our lives.

Sister Cecilia Marie Hermann, SSJ

It doesn't seem possible that 50 years have passed since I received the Habit of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Time passes quickly when one serves the Lord.

God has been very good to me - very, very good! He blessed me with a wonderful family.

My parents, Adolf and Anna Hermann, were the best in the whole world. He also gave me five marvelous brothers and three delightful sisters. (One of my sisters is also a Sister of St. Joseph, Sister Mary Helen). I have one more sister, Mary Jean, who is praying for us all as she went to her heavenly reward as an infant.

Family has always been very important to each of us and always will be. I have many nieces and nephews. They have added a great deal of joy to my life.

My parents gifted me with 12 years of Catholic education at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School and Immaculate Heart Academy. That is one of the greatest gifts they gave me because I truly believe that the gift of a Catholic education is one that lasts forever.

I am grateful to my Mother and Father and to the Sisters of St. Joseph who taught me (they were the best). I also want to extend my gratitude to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart who were a major influence in my early years, to the diocesan priests, and the very dedicated lay teachers with whom I have been privileged to work.

It has been a blessing for me to live with the Sisters of St. Joseph for 50 years. They have provided me with valuable friendships and so many opportunities that I would never have had if I had not been called to the Religious Life. It is a grace filled life!

My ministry has been Catholic school education. I am happy to pass on to our young people what was given to me. In my opinion there is no finer way to practice the spiritual and corporal works of mercy and serve the dear neighbor.

As a teacher I have been brought into contact with so many gifted people and have learned much from them. As I said, God has been so good to me!

On the occasion of my jubilee, I thank God for His many graces and blessings and pray for all the people who have been a part of my life.

Sister Judy Adams, SSJ

Sister Judy Adams, is a member of the Watertown Sisters of St. Joseph. An Ogdensburg, native, and daughter of John and Jean Adams. She attended Bishop Conroy School, St. Mary's Academy, Mater Dei College, SUNY Potsdam and Manhattan College.

She taught in various schools throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg and served as principal of Sacred Heart School in Watertown, St. Peter's School in Lowville, and has been involved in the General Administration of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Currently she is the Science and Technology Coordinator at Trinity Catholic School in Massena.

Sister Shirley Anne Brown

Blessing and gift are the dominant words for the celebration of the 50th Jubilee.

The original blessing was my family of origin. Born as the middle child to Catherine and Richard Brown in Ft. Covington, NY, I grew up in a family with 10 siblings.

This domestic church family was the source of my introduction to God through prayer and sound family life values.

It was family that taught me to pray, brought me to the sacraments of youth at St. Mary's Church, to catechism classes with the Sisters of St. Joseph in the parish and later to boarding school at Immaculate Heart Academy. I graduated from IHA in 1961.

My vocation was born in and nurtured by my family.

Blessings continued as I entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Watertown.

It was here that the opportunities for a deepening spirituality were provided along with an appreciation of the charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the ways that could and would be lived out in my life in the Church in the years that followed as a vowed member of the community.

I was also blessed and gifted by the Sisters with an excellent academic education with opportunities to study and earn degrees at Potsdam and Plattsburgh State Universities as well as Boston College.

Blessings and gifts continued to flow during my 47 years of engaging in Catholic Education in the dioceses of Ogdensburg and Syracuse. Through the years as teacher, principal and assistant superintendent of schools, I have journeyed with countless students, parents and colleagues and parishioners.

All of them I credit with the richness and quality of my life.

For all of them I give thanks for giving me the glimpse of the multi-faceted beauty of God in our midst.

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Sr. Mary Ellen Brett

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We thank you for your missionary service to

the diocese and to the missionary needs

of the universal Church.

God Bless!



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Sister Carol Kraeger, SSJ

I was born on a dairy farm in Port Leyden, the third oldest of 10 children. I went to a public school, but both parents instilled in us the importance of religion and caring for others.

At 17, I entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in Ogdensburg. We were the first group to enter the novitiate at Mater Dei College. There were 21 who entered that year; fifteen received the habit on June 24, 1961.

I've traveled throughout the diocese teaching in the elementary grades. I thank God every day for the gift of my vocation. I received it very young.

As I get older, I can see how He's been my faithful spouse throughout these years. I feel He has saved the best till last for me. I've never been happier than here in the mountains.

I used to be with children, now I am mostly with the elderly. I visit the "home bound", the sick in the hospital, and those in nursing homes. I bring them communion and make sure they are cared for spiritually and physically. I make sure the priests have what they need in the three mission churches.

I still have time to put puzzles together (I'm now in my fourth summer working on a 5,000 piece puzzle). I also enjoy my flower and vegetable gardens.

Sister Mary Gregory Munger, SSJ

My journey to become a Sister of St. Joseph began in Newark, N.J. where I was born and received my early education from the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chestnut Hill, PA. I was the oldest of three children.

Following my family's move to Alexandria Bay, I at-

tended Saint Mary's Elementary School in Clayton and Immaculate Heart Academy in Watertown.

I entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1960, receiving my early college education at Mater Dei College.

In subsequent years, I earned a BA in Science from SUNY Potsdam, a MM in music from Catholic University of America and a MEd in Administration/Supervision from Boston College.

My teaching ministry spans 47 years. During that time, I taught science, math and music at the junior and senior high levels in Catholic schools throughout the Diocese. I taught college level courses in computer related fields at both Boston College and SUNY Potsdam and GED courses at the Cape Vincent Correctional Facility.

I served as principal at St. James School in Gouverneur, St. Patrick's School, Watertown and Most Holy Rosary School, Syracuse.

I have served on a number of committees, including the Diocesan Liturgical Committee, an Interdiocesan Music Curriculum Committee, numerous Middle States Evaluation teams and currently am a member of the National Religious Vocation Conference. Presently I am Vocation Director for the Sisters of St. Joseph.

I am most grateful for God's call to the Sisters of St. Joseph and to those who have supported and nurtured my vocation especially my family, the members of my Community and friends.

Father David DeLuca, MSC

Born May 16, 1939, in Ravenna, OH, Father David made his first vows as a Missionary of the Sacred Sept. 13, 1960, Youngstown, OH.

He was ordained to the priesthood Dec. 17, 1966, by

Bishop Geo. Rehring, D.D., Most Pure Heart of Mary, Shelby, OH

Father David accepted an appointment to serve as a missionary in Papua New Guinea. He arrived there within a day one year after his ordination! Except for periodic leave for vacations, he kept to his missionary apostolate from Dec. 18, 1967 to June 1998—just short of 31 years!

On returning permanently to the United States, Father David took up studies (1999-2001) at the Chicago Theological Union towards a graduate degree in cross cultural studies with a minor in liturgy. He was posted to the Sacred Heart Retreat and Renewal Center in Youngstown, Ohio, in 2001-2003, went back to CTU for his comprehensives in 2003 and was awarded an MA in theology. From August 2003-2008 he taught theology at Allentown Central Catholic and for much of that time also served as a chaplain to the student body.

In 2009 he was assigned to the MSC community in Watertown, to be available for pastoral ministry as needed by pastors in the Diocese of Ogdensburg except when on call for mission appeals and other commitments carried forward from previous assignments.

Father David is a bicycle enthusiast and an avid reader who is quite familiar with all the "periti" theologians who had input during the Second Vatican Council.

40 YEARS

Sister Diane Marie Ulsamer, SSJ

The journey of faith for me began on June 17, 1951 when my parents, Robert and Audrey Ulsamer, chose to have me baptized at St. Boniface Church in Williamsport, PA. Growing up

in a traditional German Catholic family provide all the necessary spiritual nourishment I needed to continue the journey throughout the past 40 years.

I was educated by the Sisters of Christian Charity at St. Boniface Catholic school and as a child, participated in several Church related organizations; Junior Catholic Daughters, Sodality of the Blessed Mother and Children's Choir, to name a few. This background laid the foundation for my relationship with the Lord.

In 1969 I entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in Watertown, NY. At the time I had no idea where Watertown was located nor did I know any of the Sisters in the community. After looking at several different communities, I came to Watertown for a visit and instantly I knew that this was the community to which God was calling me. I found the Sisters to be alive and eager to serve the Lord. They all seemed so happy and full of life. That visit was the beginning of my journey as a Sister of St. Joseph.

Over the years, my ministry experiences have taken me from one end of the diocese to the other where I have met many wonderful people. I have served in education as a primary grade teacher, administrator, and music teacher in schools throughout the diocese.

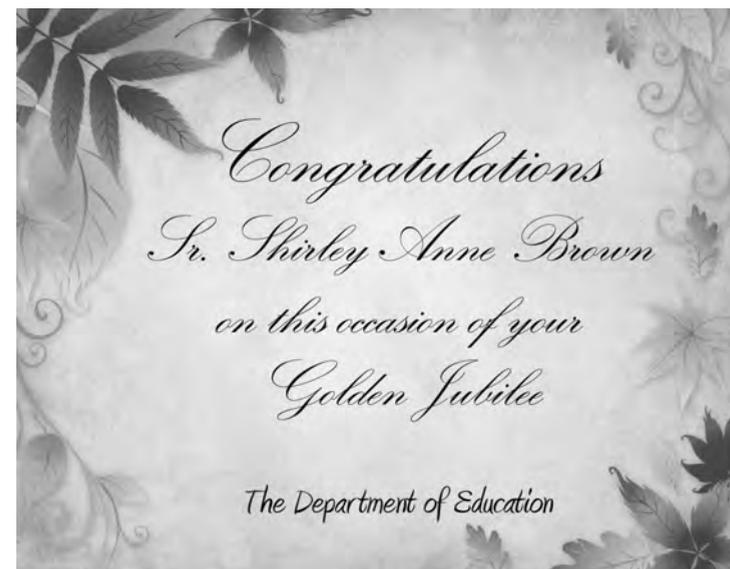
My teaching ministry

ended after 29 years when I was asked by the community to serve as the Motherhouse Superior. Following my term as superior, God led me to the most rewarding ministries of all.

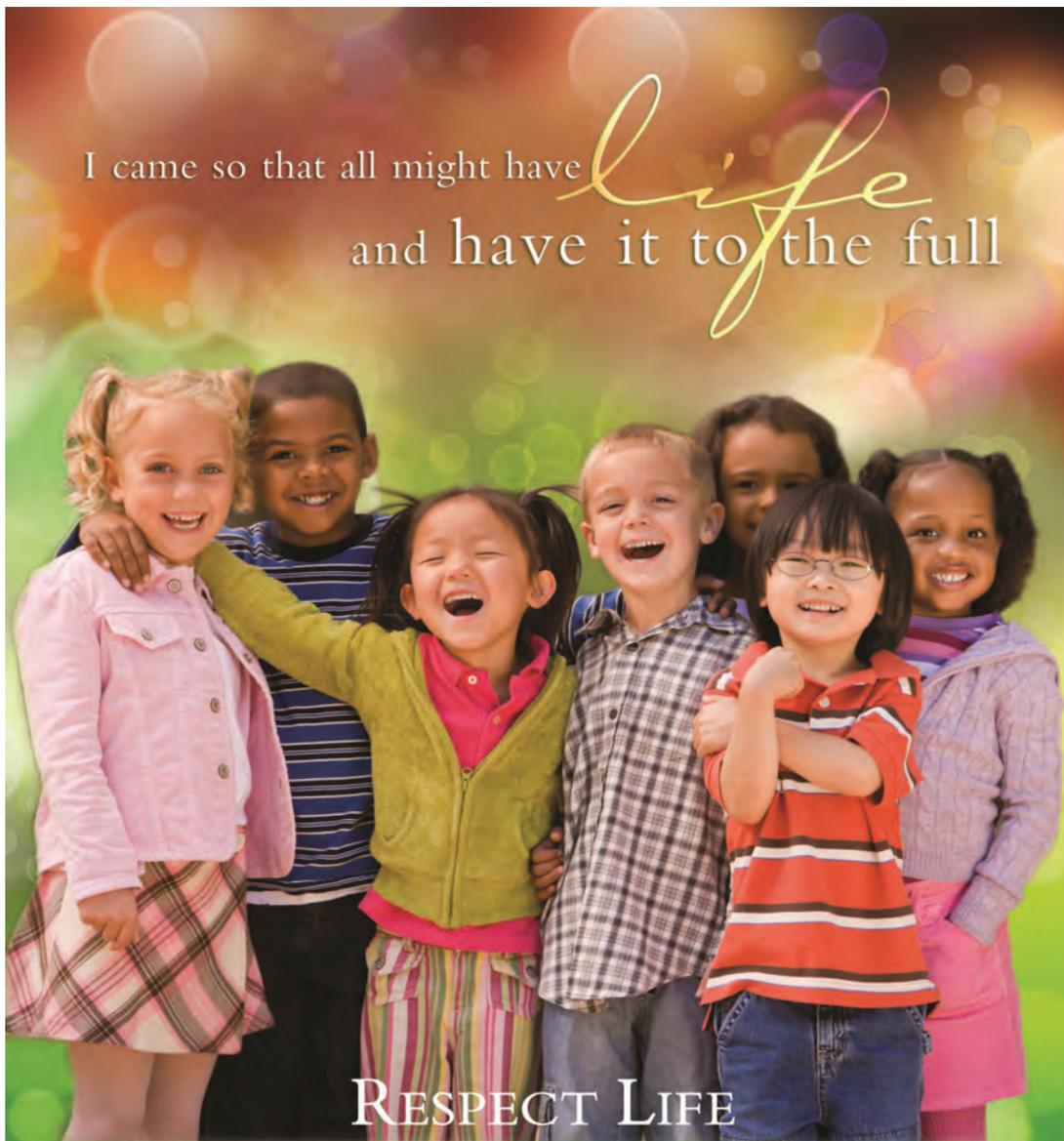
Now, I am serving in Watertown as Coordinator for the Special Religious Education Program for people with disabilities. I am also the Pastoral Associate and Coordinator for the Religious Education Program at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish.

Being with my new-found friends has been an amazing journey. Serving the Lord just keeps getting better!

Throughout the past 40 years, I have had many challenges, as well as joyful opportunities to live out the charism and mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph. As I reflect back, my heart is filled with gratitude to God, my family, and my community. I find my joy in knowing that nothing is impossible when God is at the heart of every event of every day. He has taught me the importance of trusting in Him, and that suffering is part of the journey, and remaining in him brings about a joyful heart. As I delight in celebrating forty years of SSJ life and ministry, I can proclaim with great confidence these words adapted from Scripture: "Blessed be the Lord, my God, for His love endures forever."



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~ Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at Yankee Stadium, April 20, 2008 ~

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Members of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, shown marching in Washington at this past January's March for Life, will be speaking at the educational luncheon sponsored by Liferight in Watertown Oct. 22. Their presentation will follow a talk by Dr. Angela LanFranchi, a breast cancer surgeon from Somerville NJ, who will discuss breast cancer risks associated with induced abortions and hormonal contraceptives. Reservations for the program may be made by calling Francine Hanlon at 788-2985.



The Philadelphia Civic League recently presented \$1,000 to Father Thomas Kormeyer, pastor in Evans Mills, Theresa and Philadelphia, for the St. Mary's Food Pantry. St. Mary's Food Pantry located at St. Mary's Church in Evans Mills provides for the towns of Philadelphia and Evans Mills. The check was presented by Philadelphia Civic League members Kareta Noone-Olshfski, left and Phyllis Dobson, right. The League also gave identical donations to the Theresa Food Pantry and the Philadelphia Food Pantry that is administered by the local Baptist Church.

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Cardinal DiNardo issues message for Respect Life Month in October

'Life issues and disdain for religion are linked'

WASHINGTON (CNS) - "Increasing attempts to expunge God and religious discourse from public life" are contributing to a growing disrespect for the unique status of human beings, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo said in a message for Respect Life Month in October.

In a statement made public Sept. 26, the archbishop of Galveston-Houston and chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities linked respect for life to recent moves to silence the voice of people motivated by faith.

"Some now even seek to eliminate religiously moti-

vated people and organizations from public programs, by forcing them to violate their moral and religious convictions or stop serving the needy," he said.

"The same forces, aided by advertising and entertainment media, promote a selfish and demeaning view of human sexuality, by extolling the alleged good of sexual activity without love or commitment," Cardinal DiNardo said.

Cardinal DiNardo noted that the theme for the 2011-12 Respect Life program, now in its 40th year, was taken from Jesus' promise in the 10th chapter of John: "I

came so that all might have life and have it to the full."

"Jesus' promise of 'life to the full' is especially poignant today, when our culture and sometimes our government promote values inimical to the happiness and true good of individuals and society," he said.

"Viewing life as a 'zero-sum' game, in which advancing one's interests requires putting aside the needs of others, can lead to callous unconcern for anyone who is especially weak, defenseless and in need of our help," Cardinal DiNardo said.

"The unborn child, the aging parent whom some call

a 'burden' on our medical system, the allegedly 'excess' embryo in the fertility clinic, the person with a disability, the cognitively impaired accident victim who needs assistance in receiving food and water to live each today is at risk of being dismissed as a 'life unworthy of life,'" he added.

The cardinal said the recent decision by the Department of Health and Human Services to require all health plans to cover contraceptives and sterilization without cost demonstrates both "a distorted view of sexuality and a disdain for the role of religion."

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"Mandating such coverage shows neither respect for women's health or freedom, nor respect for the consciences of those who do not want to take part in such problematic initiatives," he added.

Cardinal DiNardo urged Catholics not to "shrink from the obligation to assert the values and principles we hold essential to the common good, beginning with the right to life of every human being and the right of every woman and man to express and live by his or her religious beliefs and well-formed conscience."

Religious exemption to HHS mandate 'wholly inadequate'

By Nancy Frazier O'Brien
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - The proposed religious exemption to the federal mandate that health insurance plans cover contraceptives and sterilization is "wholly inadequate to protect the conscience rights of Catholic hospital and health care organizations," the head of the Catholic Health Association told the Department of Health and Human Services.

Sister Carol Keehan, a Daughter of Charity who is CHA president and CEO, proposed in Sept. 23 comments to HHS that the definition of a religious employer be adapted to one contained in the Internal Revenue Code, which says an organization is "associated with a church if it shares common religious bonds and convictions with the church."

Instead, the HHS proposal defines a religious organization that could be exempt from the mandate as one that meets four criteria -- "(1)

has the inculcation of religious values as its purpose; (2) primarily employs persons who share its religious tenets; and (3) primarily serves persons who share its religious tenets; and (4) is a nonprofit organization" under specific sections of the Internal Revenue Code.

That definition has drawn criticism from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services and other Catholic groups. HHS was accepting comments on the proposed religious exemption until Sept. 30.

The exemption would apply to a requirement under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that health insurers cover sterilization and the full gamut of contraceptives approved by the Food and Drug Administration without deductible or co-payment as part of preventive health care for women.

Sister Carol said government acknowledgment of conscience rights goes back to the nation's beginnings.

She quoted from an 1804

letter from President Thomas Jefferson to French Ursuline nuns ministering in New Orleans, reassuring them that they could govern themselves by their own rules, "without interference from the civil authority."

"Whatever diversity of shade may appear in the religious opinions of our fellow citizens, the charitable objects of your institution cannot be indifferent to any," he added.

"Jefferson's promise to the Ursuline sisters that their work could continue according to their own rules is reflected now in the many federal and state laws protecting individuals and organizations from being required to participate in, pay for or provide coverage for certain services that are contrary to their religious beliefs or moral convictions," Sister Carol said.

Requiring our members to cover contraceptive services, including sterilization and drugs with an abortifacient effect, would put them in an untenable situation," she added.

Theologians seek end to death penalty

WASHINGTON (CNS) - More than 200 Catholic theologians, scholars and social justice advocates cite the executions of Troy Davis in Georgia and Lawrence Brewer in Texas in mid-September as the impetus for their call to abolish the death penalty.

In "A Catholic Call to Abolish the Death Penalty," posted Sept. 26 on the website Catholic Moral Theology, the signers said they protest the state-sanctioned killings of the two men and call for the abolition of the death penalty in the United States.

They said Davis' execution is "particularly troubling for it shines a stark light upon many long-standing concerns about capital punishment."

Serious doubt remains about Davis' guilt, they said, and he maintained his innocence to his last breath.

The failure of Georgia's Board of Pardons and Paroles and of state and federal courts to grant Davis a new trial "reveals a deeply flawed justice system," they said.

They called on lawmakers and President Barack Obama to repeal the Antiterrorism

and Effective Death Penalty Act, "which created the legal conditions for executing a man whose guilt was not established beyond reasonable doubt."

The letter said that even those "who do not share our faith convictions ought to recognize, as Justice William J. Brennan put it, 'the death penalty is imposed not only in a freakish and discriminatory manner, but also in some cases upon defendants who are innocent.'"

They cited studies showing that black defendants are more likely than whites to receive the death penalty and that defendants accused of killing whites are three to five times more likely to be executed.

The statement quoted the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops as saying the application of the death penalty "is deeply flawed and can be irreversibly wrong, is prone to errors and is biased by factors such as race, the quality of legal representation and where the crime was committed. We have other ways to punish criminals and protect society."

In pope's Germany, a test case for 'new evangelization'

By John Thavis
Catholic News Service

FREIBURG, GERMANY (CNS) - Pope Benedict XVI's four-day visit to Germany highlighted two closely connected challenges for the church: how to re-evangelize traditionally Christian countries in the West, and how to regain a credible voice in modern society.

In a sense, the pope's German homeland was a test case for the "new evangelization" project that has taken center stage in his pontificate.

As the pope pointed out repeatedly during the Sept. 22-25 visit, modern Germany is a highly secularized country where atheism or religious indifference is widespread, where traditional moral values are eroding and where the church's message seems to have less and less impact.

And yet Germany has a native son as pope -- still a point of pride for many Germans -- and a tradition of intellectual debate. At the very least, the pope hoped for a fair hearing, and at some levels, he got one.

His address to the German parliament, in which he argued that social justice must be grounded in morality, prompted reflection and discussion in German media. The normally critical weekly *Der Spiegel* called the speech thought-provoking and "courageous."

It was a classic Pope Benedict speech, a philosophical exposition that ranged from the biblical account of King Solomon to the positivist world view of modernity. He showed that he can connect with the intelligentsia, and at this level he gets respect.

The pope also clearly connected with the Catholic faithful who turned out by the tens of thousands for his Masses and prayer services. Praying before a statue of Mary at a shrine in Etzelsbach or kneeling in eucharis-

tic adoration at the Freiburg cathedral, the pope heard behind him the sound of silence - music to his ears, because it was a sign of intense participation.

His appeal to return to the Christian roots of Germany met with enthusiastic approval from what one woman called his "base" - the Catholic families who have tried to maintain their religious traditions in the face of decades of communism and more recent years of social fragmentation.

Other audiences appeared less in sync with the pope's message and his single-minded focus on the "return to God" theme.

To Germans who have left the church or those who have pushed for a "dialogue" within the church on issues like priestly celibacy and the role of women and lay people, the pope had some pointed words.

First, he said the root problem was a misunderstanding of the nature of the church: It's not just a social organization that people opt in or out of, but a community of believers that belongs to Jesus Christ. He blamed internal dissatisfaction on Catholics' superficial notions of a "dream church" that has failed to materialize.

In a meeting in Freiburg with officials of Germany's central lay Catholic committee, the pope bluntly described the German church as "superbly organized" but lacking in spirit. Rather than relying on big church structures and programs, he said, "new evangelization" will depend more on small Catholic communities and individuals able to share their faith experiences with co-workers, family and friends.

The pope's visit was also designed to reach a wider audience, the millions of Germans who have drifted away from the church or religion. At the trip's first event at Berlin's presidential palace, Cardinal Reinhard Marx of

Munich told Catholic News Service that he was convinced these Germans would be listening to the pope -- even the skeptics, he said.

The skeptics were not at the papal venues, however. They followed the visit through the media, if at all. And their reactions were mixed.

"His speech to parliament showed he is a man with high intellect. But for most people, it is too high. The talk about needing to rediscover God -- this I didn't understand. It sounds like what he's saying belongs to the past," said Magda Hilmers, a Protestant from Freiburg.

Inga, a 46-year-old woman who comes from a Catholic family but said she is "not religious," thought the pope should have spoken more about social issues, including war and economic imbalances.

For Andres Capriles, a young Bolivian immigrant to Germany, the pope's words were important but did not address what's on many Catholics' minds.

"People are not just disillusioned about God and religion, they are disillusioned about the church and the direction the church is moving, which seems to be away from the Second Vatican Council," he said.

Such attitudes are not uncommon throughout Europe, and they complicate the "new evangelization" plan, making it much harder for the pope to reach his target audience of the indifferent and disaffected.

But the pope's approach in Germany was not to make concessions. In Freiburg, he said that rather than launch a "new strategy," the church needs to "set aside its worldliness" and stop adapting itself to the standards of the secular society. Faith lived fully is always counter-cultural, he said, but history has shown it's the only way for the church to regain credibility for its mission.

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Vatican calls for 'courageous' decisions on Palestinians

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Addressing the United Nations, a Vatican representative called for "courageous decisions" toward the two-state solution for the Holy Land after Palestinian leaders requested full U.N. membership for the Palestinian state. Archbishop Dominique Mamberti, the Vatican's top foreign affairs official, did not say whether the Vatican explicitly supported the Palestinians' U.N. initiative. But he said the Vatican viewed the Palestinian bid "in the perspective of efforts to find a definitive solution" to the Israeli-Palestinian question -- an issue addressed by a U.N. resolution of 1947 that foresaw the creation of two states. "One of them has already been created, while the other has not yet been established, although nearly 64 years have passed. The Holy See is convinced that if we want peace, it is necessary to adopt courageous decisions," he said Sept. 27. The archbishop called on the United Nations to work with determination to achieve "the final objective, which is the realization of the right of Palestinians to have their own independent and sovereign state and the right of Israelis to security, with both states provided with internationally recognized borders." He said the response of the United Nations to the Palestinian proposal would not resolve the long-standing conflict, which must be settled through good-faith negotiations. He urged the international community to adopt creative initiatives to promote a new round of peace talks.

Phoenix Diocese to adopt new norms for Communion cup

PHOENIX (CNS) -- Plans are under way in the Diocese of Phoenix to implement new local norms for the distribution of holy Communion. As a result, the wine that becomes Jesus' blood at consecration will not be offered at every Sunday Mass, but instead will be reserved for special occasions, left to the determination of each parish pastor. The change will bring local Catholic celebration of the Eucharist into union with the practice of the faithful around the world, according to diocesan officials, who said receiving Communion under both kinds is uncommon in most countries. "What many people don't realize is that we've had experimental privileges," said Father Kieran Kleczewski, executive director of the Phoenix diocesan Office of Worship. "We're now under the same norms as the church in the rest of the world." For Catholics in the United States, it will seem like a restriction, he said, but it's an expansion for the rest of the world. Communion under both kinds should be offered on the occasions in which both kinds further the sign of unity or are clearly a fuller expression of Christ's presence, Father Kleczewski said. The church teaches that Christ -- body, blood, soul and divinity -- is present fully in the bread form. He is also fully present in the wine form. "It's offered to a bride and groom at their wedding. Why? Because it's a beautiful sign of Christian unity in the sacrament of marriage," he said. "That's why you would offer them the chalice as well as the host."

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Coming prepared to the banquet of the Lord

In this Sunday's Scripture, we hear about two great banquets.

Isaiah, the 8th century prophet, has a vision of a lavish banquet on a high mountain which God will give at the end of time for every nation on earth.

He speaks of "... juicy, rich food, and pure, choice wines".

No one will be excluded.

We are meant to presume that these nations have learned their lesson the hard way. God has removed the veil of hatred and division from their eyes.

They see one another as brothers and sisters, so they have finally abandoned war as a means of solving differ-

ences. All people are now united in peaceful submission to the one Lord of the Universe.

In return, God has given prosperity to the earth.

Obviously, the nations of the earth have a long way to go before they could merit such a banquet!

In the Gospel, Jesus tells his listeners that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a king who gave a great wedding

banquet for his son. At first, the list of guests in quite limited (a pointed reference to the Pharisees and followers of the Law).

When these "elite" guests refused the invitation and even abused and killed the

messengers, the King sent out his soldiers to destroy those murderers and burn their city.

He then sends his soldiers out to invite to the banquet the entire countryside, both bad and good.

In the course of the banquet, the king throws out a boorish individual who didn't take the trouble to wear a "wedding garment" (which, in that society, would have been provided any guest who needed one).

In the parable, the king is God, his son is Jesus, and

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READINGS

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

Who is the man without a wedding garment?

Any one of us who has heard the Good News of the Kingdom, but does not change one's life and live by the teaching of Jesus.

What great reward God has prepared for His people. Whether a nation or an individual, we are all invited to that glorious banquet. Will we accept?

Have we woven ourselves an acceptable wedding garment?

According to today's Scriptures, it's all up to us!



Monsignor
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OUR READERS WRITE

October is Respect Life Month

We just memorialized the "Tenth" anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on our nation back in 2001 when over 3000 lives were lost. Everyone remembers where they were and what they were doing that day. Two weeks prior to that dreadful anniversary, television channels re-ran countless stories, documentaries and specials day and night to recall the evil occurring on that most unforgettable day.

Media programming showed us repeatedly the sadistic nature of the despicable acts committed by depraved terrorists. Graphic imagery and raw film footage showed us the fear, panic and devastation occurring as it was happening. People were screaming, running, crying, falling or jumping to their deaths because there was no escape for them that day. May we never forget?

But, a more significant evil presently exists in this country, an evil of unequalled proportion and happening every day since 01/22/72. Thanks to the U.S. Supreme Court, the "terrorist" act of abortion is not only sanctioned and sponsored by our own federal government, but millions and millions of your taxpayer dollars are used to financially support the nation's largest baby killing organization — Planned Parenthood.

This merciless road of destruction and slaughter has no end in sight. The death toll already exceeds 50-million while abortions continue to claim about 1400 victims daily.

So, when will the media start showing us this ongoing pile of dead bodies? When will they start showing the body parts tossed in a "pile of human remains?"

When will news outlets illustrate and begin showing the public the explicit details of what the "terrorist" act of abortion involves? They won't because they claim it's too "graphic." It's also called denial.

October is Respect Life Month. If 9/11 was horrific as humanly imaginable, take time to visit the American Life League website: www.all.org/nav. There you can sadly witness real "American-made" terrorism — authorized, certified and endorsed by "Government-USA."

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ADIRONDACK

WOMEN'S WORKSHOP

Lake Placid – Janet R. Walton, a member of the Sisters of the Holy Names and professor of liturgy will give a liturgy workshop for women.

Date: Oct. 29

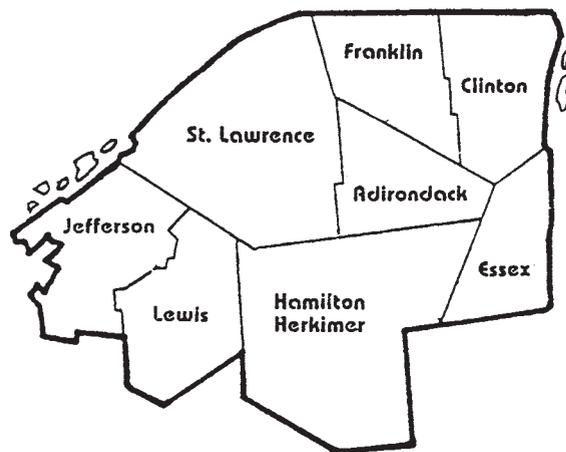
Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: St. Agnes School

Theme: Happiness, Justice and Freedom: Catholic Women

Features: All women of the north country are invited to attend this day-long workshop that will explore the intersections of liturgy, arts, and women's lives. workshop will consist of presentations and dialogue in both morning and afternoon with a break of an hour for lunch and reflection

Contact: Women interested in attending the free workshop may call Mary Blair at 523-1114.



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.

CLINTON

ANNUAL WALK OF FAITH

Peru – The Catholic Community of St. Augustine's and St. Patrick's Parish & the Peru Community Church, will be holding its Annual Walk of Faith.

Date: Oct. 9

Time: Early Registration begins at 11:45 a.m.; Opening ceremony begins at 12:30 p.m.

Features: The 2.7 mile walk is in the Town of Peru and will begin at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine (behind St. Augustine's Church). Immediately following the walk, participants will gather in St. Augustine's Parish Center for a Closing Ceremony and Refreshments. The event is free. Walk Rain or Shine (bring an umbrella). Donations will be accepted the day of the walk for The North Country Mission of Hope and The Jamaica Project.

HEALING MASS

Ellenburg – A Healing Mass set at Our Lady of the Adirondack's House of Prayer.

Date: Oct. 29

Time: 10 a.m.

Features: Father Doug Decker will preside at Mass and Anointing and be part of our prayer team for individual prayer intentions. Light lunch provided. We also offer soaking prayer the third Monday of every month at 10 a.m. An hour to relax in the presence of the Lord where we will pray for your specific needs.

Contact: olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or call 518-594-3253 for more information.

HARVEST DINNER BUFFET

Altona – Holy Angels Church is having a Harvest turkey dinner buffet

Date: Oct. 23

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Cost: Adults, \$9; Children, \$4; Under 5, Free

Features: Take-outs available. There will be a raffle, Country Store, crafts. To reserve a craft table call 236-5848.

WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

Ellenburg – A weekend retreat featuring a Watercolor Workshop set at Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer.

Date: Nov. 11-Nov. 13

Speaker: Claire Hogue-Reid

: \$80 includes food and overnight lodging, \$10 deposit required

Features: Retreat will include prayer, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and learning to watercolor. Space is limited.

RSVP: olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or 518-594-3253. Materials list will be sent to you

'PRAY ALWAYS' RETREAT

Ellenburg – Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer will have a special day-only retreat.

Date: Nov. 19

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the option for an extended overnight retreat ending Sunday at 10 a.m.

Speaker: Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald, SSI
Theme: To Pray All Ways: Finding God in all spaces

Donation: \$25 for the day; \$65 for overnight

Features: Presentations, sharing, com

munal prayer, lunch and quiet time. If you spend the night, individual Spiritual direction, private prayer time, and all meals are included.

Contact: Make reservation through olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or call 518-594-3253 by Nov. 5 to reserve overnight lodging or by Nov. 13 for day retreat only.

SETON HARVEST BASH

Plattsburgh – Seton Academy and Seton Catholic Central schools are holding a Harvest Bash.

Date: Oct. 14

Time: 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Place: Tobin Hall (parish hall behind St. Mary's of the Lake on Cumberland Head)
Cost: \$50 per person. Tickets available by calling Seton Academy (518-825-7386) or Seton Catholic (518-561-4031).

Features: Evening of trivia, games of chance, dancing and tapas style foods. All monies raised will help enhance our schools programs and keep tuition affordable. Tickets are limited.

HARVEST DINNER

West Chazy - St. Joseph's Church will hold their 38th annual all-you-can-eat Harvest Dinner.

Date: Oct. 9

Time: Noon to 5 p.m.

Place: Parish Center
Cost: Adults, \$9; Children 5-12, \$4; under 5, Free; Take-outs, \$9

Features: Buffet Style Turkey dinner with all the trimmings plus pie. There will also be a Country Store, Grocery Cart Raffle and a Benefit drawing.

CRAFTS AND BAKE SALE

Moers – The Ladies of St. Ann will be holding their 24th Annual Crafts Plus and Bake Sale.

Date: Oct. 15

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place: St. Joseph's Center.

Features: Lunch will be available. Many space still available for vendors. Call Marge Pombrio at 518-236-4577

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

Keeseville – The Keeseville Altar Rosary Society to sponsor Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Date: Every Sunday

Time: 1 p.m. to 4

Place: Immaculate Conception Church.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Place: St John's Holy Family Adoration Chapel, downstairs

Theme: "Let us love God and adore him and offer him praises by day and by night." (St. Francis of Assisi).

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

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

ESSEX

ROAST BEEF HARVEST DINNER

Elizabethtown – St. Elizabeth's Church will hold its annual Roast Beef Harvest Dinner.

Date: Oct. 9

Time: 2 p.m. to 6

Place: The Parish Hall

Cost: Adults, \$9; Children under 12, \$5
Features: Take-outs will be available after 1:30 p.m. Cash raffle.

HARVEST DINNER

Crown Point – Sacred Heart Church will be having their Annual Harvest Dinner.

Date: Oct. 16

Time: Noon to 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10 Adults; Children 6 and under, Free

Features: Turkey with all the trimmings and homemade pie.

FRANKLIN

TURKEY AND THE TRIMMINGS

St. Regis Falls - St. Ann's Society will be holding a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings.

Date: Oct. 9

Time: Noon to 3 p.m.

Place: St. Ann's Church Parish Hall,

Price: The cost will be a donation of

\$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children under 12 and under 5 free.

Features: Takeouts will be available. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. Parish residents are encouraged to assist in any way possible for this yearly event. Help is needed on the Saturday morning prior to the event and again on the day of the event.

Contact: Please call Janet Richards at 518-856-9663, to help or donate.

YANKEE POT ROAST

Chateaugay – The 31st Yankee Pot Roast, Family Style Harvest Dinner will be held.

Date: Oct. 16

Time: St. Patrick's Church

Seatings: Noon, 2:30 p.m. and 5

Cost: Adults, \$8; 10 and under \$4; under 5, free

Reservations: Not needed but appreciated by calling 497-3183 or 497-6384. Date of event reservations and take-outs can be made by calling the church at 497-6673.

Features: Take-out and home delivery are from 1 p.m. to 4. There are many lovely prizes this year and donations are \$1. The Country store will be available for your holiday shopping. Proceedings from this year's Harvest dinner will go towards the church's renovations. Workers are needed, please call 497-6569.

JEFFERSON

HARVEST DINNER

Adams – St. Cecilia's Church will be having their Annual Harvest Dinner.

Date: Oct. 9

Time: Noon to 3 p.m.

Cost: Adults, \$8; Children 6-10, \$5; under 5, Free; Family w/more than 2 (school aged children), \$25; Active Duty Military, half price

Features: November Calendar Raffle will have a \$1600 payout. Tickets are \$10 with a cash winner everyday, plus 2 bonus drawings. Call the office at 232-2392 for your ticket.

HARVEST HAM DINNER

Black River – St. Paul's Catholic Church will be having a Harvest Dinner served family style.

Date: Oct. 20

Time: 4 p.m. to 7

Cost: Adults, \$8; Youth 5-12, \$3; under 5, free; Take-outs available.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Cape Vincent/Chaumont – Religious education classes will begin for the year for

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AT THE MOVIES

ABDUCTION

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

Though presumably intended as a date movie for the high school set, the humdrum romantic adventure "Abduction" (Lionsgate) features scenes of violence and an amount of vulgar language that will likely give the parents of many a freshman and sophomore pause.

On the plus side, director John Singleton's far-fetched expedition mostly eschews gore -- though not some bone-crunching martial arts encounters -- while the youthful couple at the heart of the story successfully resists the temptation to turn the unexpected journey they share as the movie unspools into a premature honeymoon.

Perhaps on that basis, some upperclassmen at least can hope for a parental green light.

Said central pairing consists of party-loving Pittsburgh teen Nathan (Taylor Lautner) and his fetching neighbor Karen (Lily Collins). Initially burdened with a boorish football player of a boyfriend, cheerleader Karen is nonetheless unmistakably drawn to shy, brooding Nathan -- maybe she's seen "Twilight"? -- while he, in turn, silently

longs to make her his girlfriend.

Assigned to collaborate on a sociology project about abducted children, the two stumble across evidence that Nathan himself may have been a victim of the crime, and that the strict but loving couple (Jason Isaacs and Maria Bello) who have raised him may not, in fact, be his real parents.

These revelations lead the youngsters into a web of international intrigue and they're soon on the lam, busily dodging a team of CIA agents (led by Alfred Molina) and evading a Serbian assassin named Kozlow (Michael Nyqvist). In between the shootouts and the narrow escapes, though, they do manage to find time to kiss, cuddle and coo.

Given that the gunplay is kept stylized, and that Nathan and Karen do not make the use they could of their distance from home and their proximity to each other, "Abduction" may possibly be acceptable for mature adolescents, the potentially objectionable elements listed below notwithstanding.

The film contains considerable, but largely bloodless, violence; brief nongraphic sensuality; at least one use of profanity and about a dozen crude or crass terms. The Catholic



CNS PHOTO/LIONSGATE

Lily Collins and Taylor Lautner star in a scene from the movie "Abduction."

News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.



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JEFFERSON

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the Catholic Community of Cape Vincent, Rosiere and Chaumont will begin.

Date: Oct. 25

Time: Cape Vincent, 9:15 a.m.; Chaumont grades K-8, 10 a.m.

Features: Registration forms and schedules are in the back of each church or may be obtained by e-mailing Verna Docteur at vdocteur@imcnet.net.

PRO-LIFE LUNCHEON

Watertown - Liferight of Watertown will hold a luncheon and pro-life educational event.

Date: Oct. 22

Schedule: Speech begins at 10 a.m., followed by question/answer session. Following the luncheon, members of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign will share their testimony.

Place: Best Western Hotel.

Program: Dr. Angela Lanfranchi, a breast cancer surgeon, will give a presentation on breast cancer risks, including its association with induced abortion and hormonal contraceptives. She is surgical co-director of the Sanofiaventis Breast Care Center at the Steeplechase Cancer Center in Somerville, New Jersey

Price: \$15.

Contact: Reservations can be made by calling Francine Hanlon at 788-2985

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Watertown - St. Anthony's Altar Rosary Church will be having Spaghetti Supper.

Date: Oct. 27

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7

Place: Msgr. Sechi Hall

Cost: Adults, \$8; children \$4.50; under 3,

free; sauce, \$5 per quart meatballs are \$.75

Features: Take-out orders begin at 4 p.m. Please bring your own containers

ROSARY RALLY

Watertown - A Rosary Rally for Peace has been planned.

Date: Oct. 15

Time: Noon

Place: Grotto of Our Lady of Fatima Shrine at St. Patrick's Church; inside if bad Weather

Features: Coincides with the world-wide Rosary Rally which focuses public witness on the need for peace in our families and the world.

Contact: Joan Boulio at 639-6688 for more information

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Evans Mills - A spaghetti and meatball dinner is planned Benefit Indian River Knights of Columbus Council 7471.

Date: Oct. 15

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center \

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.

ROSARY CRUSADE

Turin - Local residents will join the National Rosary Crusade, following Mary's request in Fatima to pray and do penance for peace

Date: Oct. 15

Time: Recitation of Rosary begins at 1:00 p.m.

Place: Spirit Walk on West Main Street
Contact: Mary Dunckel at 376-3064 or Michelle Beagle 272-6168

FLEA MARKET

Lowville - St. Peter's Altar-Rosary Society is having a Flea Market to benefit the church fuel fund.

Date: Oct. 8

Time: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Place: St. Peter's Church

Features: Christmas decorations, puzzles, books, household items and a bake sale will be featured. Coffee and donuts in the a.m. followed by a soup, sandwich, pie luncheon starting at 11 a.m.

TURKEY SUPPER

Copenhagen - St. Mary's Turkey Supper and Raffle has been planned

Date: Oct. 6

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Place: Copenhagen Fire Hall

Cost: Adults and take-outs, \$8; Children 5-12, \$4.50; under 5 free

Features: Raffle drawing at the end of the evening

ST. HEDWIG'S POLISH FESTIVAL

Houseville - St. Hedwig's Parish is holding its annual Polish Festival to raise funds for church repairs and restoration.

Date: Oct. 16

Time: After the 11 a.m. Mass

Features: Polish Food, Theme Basket Raffles, White Elephant and Bake Sale, . Donations of theme baskets, white elephant items and baked goods appreciated. Monetary donations to defray expenses also accepted. Workers needed

Contact: Jo Ann 348-8735, Mary Ann 348-6260, or Mania 348-8636.

ST. LAWRENCE

NOTRE DAME HARVEST DINNER

Ogdensburg - Notre Dame Parish is holding its Annual Harvest Dinner featuring turkey and homemade pies

Date: Oct. 16

Time: noon to 3 p.m.

Place: Knights of Columbus Hall

Price: Adults-\$8.00; Ages 5-12-\$5.00 and Children under 5 are Free, but must be present.

Features: craft table and a lottery tree raffle.

K OF C BRUNCH

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

Date: Oct. 9

Time: 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Place: Visitation Parish Center

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

FALL RETREAT

Morristown - A special Fall Retreat will be held, Praying the Season of Autumn with Christ.

Date: Oct. 22

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place: Cedarhaven, located along the St. Lawrence River

Features: Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ will explore the Divine wisdom revealed in this season and share ways to pray and live these mysteries in daily life. Fall Retreat -Praying the Season of Autumn with Christ. "As Jesus used Creation around Him to teach lessons about life's meaning, i.e. in the lilies of the field, the grain of wheat, this retreat will invite participants to ponder the Divine wisdom revealed in the season of Autumn and to explore ways to pray and live these mysteries. The day will include presentations, time for sharing as well as personal and communal prayer.

About the presenter: Sister Bethany Fitzgerald, a Sister of St. Joseph who has been working with on-going adult spirituality. She has provided workshops, courses and retreats for various groups, including formation for lay ministry, deaconate formation program, religious educators, women religious, faith groups, college students, parishes. She also offers individual spiritual direction.

Cost: \$30; Overnight accommodations are available for an extended retreat at \$75 for individual spiritual direction and breakfast.

Contact: 324-5718 or e-mail srbeth@cit-tele.com. Space is limited

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Ogdensburg - St. Mary's 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.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Massena - St. Mary's & St. Joseph's has Adoration every Friday.

Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church.

Features: First Friday of each month is preceded by Benediction.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

CATHOLIC SCOUT RETREAT

Massena - Catholic Scouts throughout the diocese are invited to the Annual Catholic Scout Retreat.

Date: Oct. 15-16

Place: St. Mary's

Features: Come for just the Sunday activities or come Saturday and spend the night camping out. At the Sunday Mass Bishop LaValley will bless and present the religious emblems earned by Scouts this year.

Contact: Bob Buholtz at 315-376-8876 or www.dioogdensburg.org/scouting for more info.

2012 LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

Father Donald Robinson, pastor of St. Anthony's and St. Patrick's in Watertown, will be leading a pilgrimage to scenic Europe, Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

Date: March 19-29

Cost: \$2189 (includes airfare, accommodations and most meals)

Contact: Cal Father Robinson at 315-782-1190 for brochure

NUNS BUILD

New Orleans - Plans are gearing up for Nuns Build the week of Nov. 14-18.

Many others besides nuns take part, friends, family, etc.

Contact: Sister Teresa Byrne for more information at 518-483-2880 or tm-bosu@hotmail.com

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Isle La Motte, VT - St. Anne's Shrine in will officially end the 2011 Pilgrimage and Tourist Season on Sunday, October 9th. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., followed by the annual Harvest Dinner. Servings will begin at 11:30 a.m. with Turkey and all the trimmings! **Cost:** Adults \$11, 12 & under \$6.

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A salute to Sr. Mary Ellen Brett!

By Molly M. Ryan
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For over two years, I have had the honor of working for Sister Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ, Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. In July, Sister celebrated her Jubilee with fifty years as a Sister of St. Joseph. She does much for many and expects nothing in return. Everyone should know about this amazing person, so full of grace and devotion to the missionary spirit.

Sister was born in Watertown and is the oldest of four children. She graduated from Holy Family School and Immaculate Heart Academy. She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph for a six month trial.

In her 50th year as an SSJ, she says she is "forever grateful that the Lord captured my heart."

Sister Mary Ellen Brett received her Bachelors and Master's Degree in Education from Potsdam State University. Her path as an educator brought years of teaching in the Catholic Schools and religious education programs in Gouverneur, Lake Placid, Peru, Dannemora and Watertown. After training at the Institute for Pastoral Life in Kansas City, MO. and the Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association (PNCEA), Washington, DC, she ministered through the Offices of Formation for Ministry and Evangelization.

At the invitation of Father George Maroun, she visited St. Martin de Porres Parish in Mollendo, Peru. Her experiences there enriched her current ministry in the mission office. She was moved by what she saw, especially the plight of the women and children.

What I admire about Sister is her love for the people in her life: her devotion to family, her frequent contact with classmates from school, former students, and those she has met through the Missions. Countless people often write her and send blessings. She always writes them back. She enjoys time with co-workers and the Sisters of St. Joseph. For me, every conversation begins with her asking about my family.

But mostly, I admire her relationship and devotion to God. She confidently announces the Good News of Christ with words and deeds. The best Christian testimony is love for others. She is truly a blessing to this office and those in the Mission World.

Most of her days are happily spent at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Watertown responding with the sisters to the Lord's surprises that daily come into their lives. Yet her Mission duties remain priority one. Since 2004, Sister has been in the Mission Office, initially as Assistant Director with Father George Maroun before becoming Director.

Sister would say we still have much to do. Since it is the Lord's work, we will not labor in vain.

OBITUARIES

Chateaugay – Harold E. Dibble, 84; Funeral Sept. 29, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Copenhagen – Kathleen Frances (Sheitz) Lance, 65; Funeral Services Sept. 23, 2011 at Lundy Funeral Home.

Croghan – Michael H. Andre, 64; Funeral Services Oct. 1, 2011 at St. Stephen's Church

Dannemora – Joseph M. Bodah III, 59; Funeral Services Sept. 26, 2011 at St. Joseph's Church.

Dannemora – John M. Claymore, 86; Funeral Services Sept. 30, 2011 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Dannemora – Pauline (Gazie) Murdzak, 91; Memorial Services Oct. 14, 2011 at St. Joseph's Church.

Elizabethtown – Barbara (Ulinski) Zatorska, 82; Funeral Services Sept. 28, 2011 at St. Elizabeth's Church.

Evans Mills – Michael J. Kramer, 64; Funeral Services Sept. 29, 2011 at Frederic Bros. Funeral Home, Inc.; burial in Chapel Lawn Cemetery, Dallas PA.

Heuvelton – Karon R. (Peacock) Lancto, 64; Funeral Services Sept. 29, 2011 at St. Raphael's Church; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

Hopkinton – Jean Ann (Durant) Cole, 77; Funeral Services Sept. 27, 2011 at Hoply Cross Church; burial in Mound Hill Cemetery, Nicholville.

Malone – Richard F. Nason Sr., 70; Funeral Services Sept. 30, 2011 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Ft. Covington.

Massena – June (Leduc) Tischler, 70; Funeral Services Oct. 1, 2011 at Phillips Memorial Home.

Newcomb – Roger R. Blanchette, 63; Funeral Services Sept. 23, 2011 at St. Therese Parish; burial in St. Theres parish cemetery

Peru – Ernestine A. "Tina" (Rushford) Van Splinter, 81; Funeral Services Sept. 30, 2011 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Lt. Col. Clarence M. Frennier (USAF Ret.), 84; Funeral Services Sept. 27, 2011 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Edmund's Cemetery, Ellenburg.

Port Henry – Paul A. LaHendro, 52; Funeral Services Oct. 1, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Peter & Paul Cemetery.

Potsdam – Constance "Connie" M. (Fuller) Claflin, 81; Funeral Services Sept. 27, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Potsdam – Jason R. Rafter, 29; Funeral

Services Sept. 30, 2011 at Seymour Funeral Home; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery, Malone.

Potsdam – Robert L. Thorpe, 55; Funeral Services Sept. 30, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Redford – John M. Claymore, 86; Funeral Services at Church of the Assumption; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Rouses Point – Claire (Raymond) Narreau, 84; Funeral Sept. 26, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Saranac Lake – Russell Joseph LaHart, 80; Funeral Services Sept. 28, 2011 at St. Agnes Church.

Watertown – James B. Walsh, 81; Funeral Services Sept. 27, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Malone.

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