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Crying out to God...

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Crying out to God when one is in the grips of pain or fear is a sign of faith in God, Pope Benedict XVI said.

A central tenet of faith is believing that the loving God is always close to his creatures and ready to reach out and save them, the pope said Sept. 7 during his weekly general audience.

Continuing a series of audience talks about prayer, Pope Benedict told those gathered for the audience that when they are really hurting or afraid, they can use Psalm 3 to express both their suffering and their trust in God.

Like the psalmist, he said, "we, too, are tempted to think perhaps God won't

save me, doesn't know me, there's no possibility (of being rescued). The temptation against faith is the ultimate aggression of the enemy. And we must resist it. In this way we will find God and find life."

The psalm, attributed to King David when he was fleeing the army of his rebellious son, demonstrates that be-

lievers are never abandoned and "enemies are not unbeatable like he thought because the Lord hears the cry of the oppressed and responds," the pope said. "Man cries in anguish, in danger, in pain; man cries for help and God responds," he said. "To cry out means to have faith in God's closeness and willingness to listen."

Celebrations with two rel. orders

Bishop LaValley presided at two celebrations in the diocese in recent Weeks honoring significant anniversaries of religious orders.

He Was in Malone Aug. 8 to honor the Maryknoll mission congregation which is observing 100 years and Malone native Brother Wayne Fitzpatrick, observing 30 years as a Maryknoller.

On Sept. 3, Bishop LaValley traveled to Watertown to join the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart as they honored their local jubilarians, two brothers observing 70 years and two priests, 50 years.

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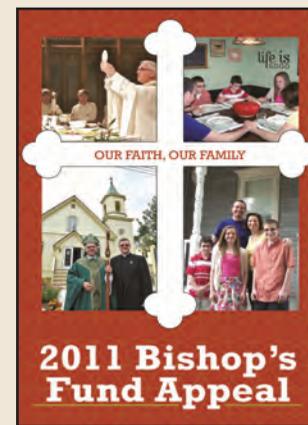
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AuSable Forks Knights of Columbus Council 2301 recently celebrated the 90th anniversary of its formation with a day of celebration. Bishop Terry R. LaValley presided at the Anniversary Mass and State Advocate Michael Stephany presented a proclamation on behalf of the New York State Knights of Columbus. The AuSable Council also took this occasion to honor longtime member Leonard Snow who will be 100 years of age Sept. 14. Mr. Snow has been a member of the AuSable Forks Council since 1945. Pictured, from left, are Bishop LaValley; Michael Fitzsimmons and Gilbert Patenaude, of Council 2301; honoree Leonard Snow; James Smith, State Logistics Chairman, and Father Kris Lauzon, chaplain of Council 2301.

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Among the many essential ministries supported by the annual Bishop's Fund Appeal is the Formation for Ministry Program. Heidi Macko, program coordinator, reports that "since its inception, Formation For Ministry has offered classes in theology, developed workshops to address specific areas of ministry, and provided opportunities for spiritual growth necessary for the commissioning of over 900 people throughout the diocese. There is no doubt that we are moving forward to meet the needs of the Church of today and of the Church tomorrow... our family, our church... thanks to the support of the Bishop's Fund." This Weekend, parishioners across the diocese are asked to make a commitment to the Bishop's Fund Appeal which supports faith formation, spiritual life, education and social concerns

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

If it's September...

September weekends are invariably busy for Catholics in the Diocese of Ogdensburg but the next one may be one for the record books.

The excitement starts on Friday when internationally known speaker and writer Christopher West arrives in Massena for two day-long presentations on the Theology of the Body.

This is good news on a couple levels.

First, it's always good for us to get together to learn new things.

Secondly, it's always good for us to get together!

In our large diocese, any opportunity we can take to spend time with members of our family of faith from Lowville, Louisville, Lake Placid – and even Lake Pleasant (!) – must be cherished.

I'm so looking forward to seeing old friends and maybe making some new ones as we all "Celebrate Christ" together!

This weekend is also the time we'll be asked to make a commitment to the 2011 Bishop's Fund Appeal, doing our part to support "Our Faith and Our Family."

In addition, parishes will recognize religious education teachers as part of the church's observance of Catechetical Sunday.

On Sunday afternoon, the attention will shift to our younger family members when altar servers

from across the diocese come to Ogdensburg to share a Mass and a meal with Bishop LaValley.

Even our most energetic bishop might feel the need for some vacation time after all this but there's certainly no slowdown in sight.

Before September ends, he'll be joining married couples, school kids, staff members and Serra Club pilgrims for their special events.

Phew!

In the midst of all the activity, though, we can't forget our most important job as Catholics – to pray.

This week, we are asking for a special focus of prayer: our seminarians who are spending September in brand new classrooms.

Read page 13 of this week's *North Country Catholic* to see exactly who we can be praying for.

Finally, for September, we'll add a little commercial: there's still some room on our March 2012 pilgrimage to Italy with Bishop LaValley and just a couple weeks to sign up with the pre-October discount!

The excitement never ends!

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God's Great Generosity

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Sept. 17-18

By Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSJ

Director of Evangelization

God's ways and thoughts are mysterious. As Isaiah pointed this out in the First Reading when God's ways and thoughts are not the same as our ways and thoughts, we are often inclined to question God's thought processes. Why is He so generous, so merciful, and so slow to anger? We become dumbfounded!

The Gospel story is a difficult parable to understand because the work world does not operate in the way God does. God's generosity of mercy, forgiveness, and love are His to give. We cannot limit God's immeasurable love. These are His gifts and they are not something that we earn or deserve. No matter how much work we do for God, it is not a pay-off for how well we have done the work. God does not act in this fashion. God is generous to us because God has chosen to be generous to us! There is no explanation for this. This is who God is.

Even St. Paul struggled to know God's plan for him whether to live or to die and be with Christ. With the grace of the Risen Lord, he becomes indifferent to living or dying. Paul trusts in God's ways and thoughts and knows that God's plan will unfold for him.

God's way of forgiveness and mercy are to become our ways and thoughts. We pray for help in The Lord's Prayer, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." The measure of our mercy and forgiveness must be with the same generosity of God.

The Entrance Antiphon for today's Liturgy, "I am the Savior of all people. Whatever their troubles, I will answer their cry, and I will always be their Lord." No one is excluded from God's heart. As we gather together as a Family of Faith in the celebration of the Eucharist, we act and pray as the Body of Christ, bringing together all of God's people to give Him honor and glory and to thank Him for His generosity.

In the Creed, we profess that God is the Savior of all people. On Sunday, November 27, the First Sunday of Advent, we will profess the Profession of Faith with some different words and phrases. These words and phrases are forms of creedal statements that we profess as tenets of our Catholic faith. We, as a community of believers, profess Our Faith and confess as Our Family that we believe in God's thoughts and actions as His plan of salvation. Our Faith is a spirituality of growing in union with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Every time we make the Sign of the Cross and pray the Glory Be prayerfully and reverently, we grow more deeply in union with the Trinity. The communion that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit share with each other is the communion to which each of us is called. Any genuine communion that we would ever hope to have with our brothers and sisters in faith must be rooted in the communion we already have with God in Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. We, Our Family, profess together "I believe. . ."

The Department of Worship is offering Regional mornings of Reflection and Prayer around the Diocese on each Saturday in October from 9:30 am-12:00pm for the people of the parishes to come together to reflect on these changes in a prayerful manner. (See schedule on page 6) Novena to the Holy Spirit will begin next Sunday, September 25 for the fruitfulness of the implementation of the Third Edition of the New Roman Missal. Parishes will also be using Lifting Up Our Hearts or other resources, where Small Christian Communities will reflect on the deeper meaning of the Creed "I Believe" in faith sharing experiences. Sign-Up Sunday for these sessions will be Sunday, September 25.

Novena Prayer

Receive, Lord, my entire freedom. Accept the whole of my memory, My intellect and my will. Whatever I have or possess, It was you who gave it to me; I restore it to you in full, and I surrender it completely to the guidance of your will. Give me only love of you together with your grace, and I am rich enough, and ask for nothing more. Amen.

Bishop presides at celebration honoring priests, brothers

Missionary of Sacred Heart jubilarians honored

WATERTOWN - On Sept. 3, Bishop Terry R. LaValley transformed the regularly scheduled Anticipated Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Church, into a joyous celebration of thanksgiving and praise for the consecrated life and for the unique blessings that men and women religious bring to the life of the Church and its mission.

Missionary of the Sacred Heart Father Pierre Aubin, superior of the Watertown community of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, invited the bishop to join the celebration on the day set aside to honor four men as they reached significant anniversaries marking their years of service here and overseas in the international society of brothers and priests.

Quoting Sacred Scripture and Papal documents on the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience, the Bishop described religious life not as an institution, but as the living presence of Christ in the here and now on earth. To be the heart of Christ among people in need of his mercy and love is the challenge laid to all men and women who are called to religious life.

While acknowledging that the undivided gift of self to God is most evident in the consecrated life, Bishop LaValley left no doubt that vocations are not reserved to priests and religious alone, but are offered to every baptized member of the Mystical Body of Christ.

In thanking the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart for their presence and ministry in the Ogdensburg Diocese, Bishop LaValley referred frequently to their missionary character, not only evidenced in their first coming to Watertown, but in maintaining and sharing their



Bishop Terry R. LaValley joined members of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in Watertown Sept. 3 to celebrate special anniversaries for four of them. He is pictured with Father Richard Kennedy, 50 years of religious life; Brothers Pierre Marceau and Jean-Paul Paradis, 70 years; and Father David DeLuca, 50 years.

missionary spirit over the entire 135 years of their presence.

The jubilarians

First among those honored for their years of service, Brother Peter (Pierre) Marceau, MSC, is celebrating his 70th anniversary under religious vows. He is active in retirement, still checking on maintenance needs in the MSC residence at 668 Thompson Street and acting as caretaker at the MSC summer camp on Lake Ontario.

Next in years of service, Brother Jean-Paul Paradis has been a member of the religious community for 60 years. Retired from chaplaincy at Samaritan Medical Center, Brother Paradis serves as house manager, receptionist and book keeper. He still does volunteer ministry at Samaritan Keep.

Being honored for 50 years as religious are Fathers David DeLuca and Richard Kennedy.

Father DeLuca, a veteran

overseas missionary with more than 30 years among the people of Papua New Guinea, continues to provide pastoral ministry on call from parishes in need of help.

Father Kennedy, who took over at the retirement of the Rev. Benoit Dostie as pastor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in 1981, is now in his second multi-year term.

He taught at Immaculate Heart Center, was principal of St. Peter's High School in his home town of Mansfield, Ohio, spent several years on staff at a secondary school in the Province of New Ireland, Papua New Guinea, and later returned to that same South Seas nation to take charge of a secondary school in the Province of East New Britain.

In the diocese since 1876

The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, founded by Jules Chevalier, a diocesan priest in France, first came to Watertown in 1876 at the request of Bishop Wadhams to

minister to the French population then living mostly to the north of the Black River.

The MSC have served chiefly as pastors and teachers, as hospital and prison chaplains, and in giving help to the needy and poor.

Father Dostie was named the "Poor Man's Priest" and received the Israel A. Shapiro Award in 1975, given to Watertown's citizen of the year. In coming to Watertown, he exemplified the MSC's commitment to the ministry of the local Church.

In coming from Watertown, Father Mark McDonald, MSC, who is now completing a six-year term in Rome as head of the international society of brothers and priests, reveals its global commitment and reach.

Gratitude expressed

In opening the testimonial dinner that took place after the liturgy, Father Aubin expressed his gratitude for those who came to honor the four MSC for their combined

230 years of ministry as religious.

He gave special thanks to Bishop LaValley for his presence and his truly inspiring words. It would be hard to imagine that anyone in attendance would not have been touched by the theme of the day: that baptism comes with a call to mission for everyone and that the Church needs not only diocesan priests and deacons, but women and men consecrated to the Lord in witness and service as religious sisters, brothers and priests—all of which, given the leadership of the local Ordinary, is what goes into making the Church a family.

Whether in Watertown or in the 52 countries where the Missionaries are to be found, their end purpose is the same: That the transforming love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus may be known, cherished and shared by people everywhere, all to the greater honor and glory of God.

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Maryknoll is honored at Mass in Malone

By Shawn Ryan
Staff writer

MALONE - Bishop Terry R. LaValley, presided at a special Mass at Notre Dame Church Aug. 28, honoring the Maryknoll missionary order on the occasion of its 100th anniversary,

Missionary Brother Wayne Fitzpatrick, a native of Malone, was also honored. This year Brother Wayne, who is currently the assistant regional superior of the Maryknoll US region, celebrates his 30th year with the missionary group.

Weaving together a homily that touched on a reading from Jeremiah, experiences from his own youth, and the history of the Maryknolls, Bishop LaValley touched on the spirit and dedication of

the Church to do God's work through mission.

"By its very nature, the Church is missionary," the bishop said. "Our common baptism charges us with the joyful proclamation of the Good News to the ends of the earth."

Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers are celebrating 100 years of service in 2011

The missionary work of the Maryknolls brings good to more than just the people and villages they serve, the bishop said.

"We thank them for strengthening the Church in America through their missionary work," he said. "Our faith is strengthened when it's given to others."

Paul Bork, the Associate Regional Director for the North East Mission Region, also addressed the congregation. He spoke of the good works of the Maryknoll mission: all the people who have been baptized, been fed, and come to know Jesus through the work of Maryknoll.

Brother Wayne then summed up why he and his fellow missionaries do what they do: "What we do is all



PHOTOS BY SHAWN RYAN

Bishop LaValley is pictured after the anniversary Mass With Maryknoll Brother Wayne Fitzpatrick, a native of Malone; and Father Joseph Giroux, pastor of Malone Catholic Parishes.

out of love," he said. "Why else would we do it through Jesus Christ?"

Brother Wayne also spoke of the hope he takes from the people who make up the American Church, like those assembled at Notre Dame and throughout the Diocese

of Ogdensburg. He recognized their ongoing concern and love for the poor throughout the world.

But while an anniversary is a time for reflection and looking back, it is also a time to look to the future, in this case, the next 100 years of Maryknoll, Brother Wayne said.

"We will continue to support the local Churches where we go, taking our lead from the local Bishops and local Churches," he said. "We do it by listening to the local cultures and doing what they need, not what we think they need. That's not always an easy thing for Americans to do."

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and everyone who helped to make their
recent Centennial celebration a success.**

**We are so grateful to have such wonderful
friends and partners in mission in the
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Youth buses for life march set

Three buses will be departing from the North Country in January for high school students traveling to Washington, DC's March for Life.

"The pilgrimage has gained popularity and the need for an additional bus was evident after last year's trip," said Colleen Miner, director of the Respect Life Office. "We wish to accommodate all high schoolers who want to travel to DC to represent our diocese at the national event. We hate to turn anyone away from this spiritual and educational experience."

"We try to keep it affordable so every student has a chance to go but scholarships are available if money is ever an issue," said Miner.

Father Mark Reilly will serve as the Eastern Youth Bus chaplain. The Western Youth Bus chaplain is Father Bryan Stitt and the Northern Youth Bus spiritual director is Deacon Brian Dwyer, diocesan director of youth ministry.

The schedule for the trip follows:

Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012 the

buses will depart from three locations: Western Bus from Watertown's Immaculate Heart Central Jr/Sr High School at 9 a.m.; Eastern Bus from Albany's Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 10 a.m. and the new Northern Bus from Massena's Trinity Catholic School at 7 a.m. While buses travel separately, they will meet in DC and all activities will be together.

Overnight accommodations are at a hotel in Virginia.

The group will tour the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday morning - the largest Catholic Church in the Western hemisphere.

On Sunday afternoon (weather permitting) there will be a national monument tour or time at a Smithsonian Museum. Sunday evening will include Mass, adoration, confession and a concert by Catholic artist Matt Maher, sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington.

The group is working on securing tickets for the Veri-

zon Center Youth Rally for Life and Youth Mass which is Monday morning before the March for Life. The March begins at 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 23. At the end of the March, the group travels home. Students will miss school on Monday.

Sign-ups begin October 3, 2011. Cost is \$110 per seat. Both payment and completed permission slip must be received to reserve a seat. All seats are on a first pay basis. All chaperones must be Virtus trained to participate.

To register, please send check payable to "Youth Buses for Life" with a permission slip located at www.dioogdensburg.org/pro-life/ to Respect Life Office, John & Colleen Miner 175 Lake Street, Saranac Lake, NY 12983 or call 518-891-2309 for more information.

The flyer, permission slip and tentative itinerary are located at the Respect Life website and on the Pastoral Documentation page of the diocesan website, www.dioogdensburg.org.



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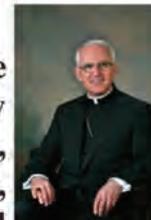
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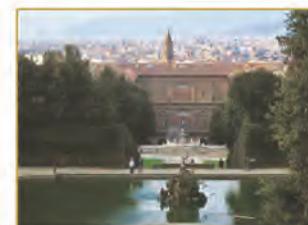
Perhaps no part of the world is closer to every Catholic's heart than Italy, home of Our Holy Father, magnificent basilicas and sacred treasures.



I would like to invite you to join me in a journey of a lifetime: a 12-day pilgrimage that will bring us to Venice, Florence, Sorrento, Siena, Assisi, Capri, Pompeii and Rome.

While at the Vatican, we will take part in an audience with Pope Benedict XVI, visit the Sistine Chapel and see all the sites of the Eternal City. The pilgrimage promises to be a time for prayer and growth in our faith as we explore the treasures of the Catholic Church in Italy.

God bless you,
Bishop Terry R. LaValley



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OUR FAITH...OUR FAMILY - THE 2001 BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL

Fund supports Formation for Ministry program

By Heidi Macko

Formation for Ministry program coordinator

On September 6th, seventy one eager and faith filled people filled seats in three of our Catholic Schools across the diocese to participate in web based instruction and formation.

These participants began their journeys toward Commissioning as Lay Ministers. From Ogdensburg to Malone to Ticonderoga, families are sacrificing and giving the gift of their support by sending loved ones to classes that will enable them to serve our church family for many years to come.

Program participants will pass that gift on as they return to serve in their parish ministries, assisting in areas of liturgy, work with the sick and elderly, catechesis for young children and youth, adult faith facilitation, family programs, outreach ministries, RCIA and a wide variety of other areas that will directly assist pastors in their tireless efforts to reach out to so many.

None of this would be possible without support from the Bishop's Fund.

So many wonderful people serve in our parishes in a wide variety unique ways, and often ask what would change in their ministries if they were to enter the Formation For Ministry program for commissioning.

The real answer lies in the depth of service, resulting

from careful formation, that one is able to offer in parishes.

More than twenty years ago, the insight of Bishop Brzana led to the establishment of a program that would bring the laity to deeper understanding of their role in the life of the Church, as anticipated by the developments of the Second Vatican Council.

Bishop Brzana believed that, over time, lay ministers would be even more necessary to pastors as they worked to meet the needs of the faithful in the North Country. He also believed that the laity needed to be well educated in the faith, to have opportunities to deepen their own spirituality and to understand their specific roles in ministry to others.

To him, the goals were clear, and as a result, the Formation For Ministry program was developed, training began to move interested people toward more in-depth roles of ministry, and pastors began to look at the many ways Commissioned Lay Ministers could be of service.

Since its inception, Formation For Ministry has offered classes in theology, developed workshops to address specific areas of ministry, and provided opportunities for spiritual growth necessary for the commissioning of over 900 people throughout the diocese.

Like all programs, there

have been successes and there have been some wrinkles. Still, through the continued support of each of our bishops, the program has continued to grow and develop.

We are now able to take advantage of technology to offer the program to more locations across the diocese, provide opportunities for ongoing formation for those already commissioned, and make it possible for those discerning entry into the program, as well as those wishing additional review, to audit the classes and take advantage of the additional ministry workshops.

This year, we have been privileged to be able to partner with the Catholic Schools in Ogdensburg, Ticonderoga and Malone, and they are sharing their facilities and technology equipment with us. We have also added some instruction in Communication and Collaboration for participants, intended to assist them in their future ministries.

Workshop formats are also being renewed to provide a broader vision of the Commissioned Lay Minister's role in evangelization, liturgy and catechesis for people of all ages.

There is no doubt that we are moving forward to meet the needs of the Church of today and of the Church tomorrow...our family, our church...thanks to the support of the Bishop's Fund.

Bishop LaValley's Schedule

Sept. 15 – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg.

Sept. 16/17 – Theology of the Body Workshop in Massena.

Sept. 18 – 2:30 a.m., Altar Servers Appreciation and Youth Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg followed by BBQ at the Knights of Columbus.

Sept. 19 – 8:30 a.m., Opening Mass at Immaculate Heart Central School in Watertown.

Sept. 20 – 10 a.m., Diocesan Department Heads Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg.

Sept. 21 – 6 p.m., Sacred Heart Foundation Dinner at the North Side Improvement League in Watertown.

Rest in Peace

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

Sept. 14 – Rev. Russell Charles O'Neil, 1951

Sept. 15 – Rev. George Lessard, O.M.I., 1978

Sept. 16 – Rev. Henri Victor Lecompte, O.M.I., 1892; Rev. Alphonse Nolin, O.M.I., 1936

Sept. 17 – Rev. William E. Capron, 1949; Msgr. Louis D. Berube, 1999

Sept. 18 – Rev. Charles E. Campeau, 1952

Sept. 19 – Rev. Clement J. Dwyer, O.S.A., 1956; Rev. Francis C. McMahon, 1975

Sept. 20 – Msgr. Edmund J. Brown, V.F., 1954; Rev. Donald Gallagher, 1959; Rev. Edward J. Wright, 1993; Msgr. Floyd J. Brown, 1994

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. 1 - St. James Church, Carthage

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

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:

Sept. 15 - 6:30 p.m., St. Patrick's, Port Henry

Sept. 24 - 8:30 a.m., Immaculate Heart Central Intermediate School, Watertown

Sept. 24 - 9:30 a.m., St. James Minor Church, Carthage

Sept. 27 - 6 p.m., Holy Family School, Malone

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

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

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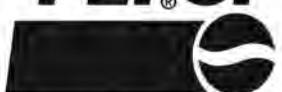
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Eight young people from the North Country spent part of their summer vacation giving service through Catholic Heart WorkCamp at a site in Massachusetts. In front are Anna Kelly, Fort Covington; Alannah Bingham, Fort Covington; Katie Christy, Canton; and Abby Kelly, Fort Covington; back, James Bashaw, Malone; Errolyn Bradley and Kayla Bashaw, Fort Covington; and Jordyn Black, Malone. At right is James Bashaw, son of Deacon Bryan and Johnna Bashaw of Malone.



Catholic HEART WorkCamp

Eight North Country teenagers go to camp and 'make a difference'

By Suzanne Pietropaoli
Staff writer

FORT COVINGTON - For eight North Country teens, this year's vacation memories include something unusual: a hot July week spent serving the needs of the disadvantaged in northeastern Massachusetts.

Under the guidance of St. Mary's of the Fort DRE Jocelyn Kelly, the group of high school students travelled to Groton to participate in a Catholic HEART WorkCamp mission trip.

Mrs. Kelly, who also led a similar trip last summer, spoke with the NCC about the organization, the experience, and the impact on participants.

"Our youth group had been looking for a week-long service opportunity," she explains, "and we were attracted by the fact that Catholic HEART WorkCamp is Catholic and has a lot of credibility.

[Founded in 1993, the organization hosted 11,000 campers in sites across the country in 2010.]

"Their programs are designed to give kids the opportunity to see and serve Christ in others, especially the most vulnerable," Mrs. Kelly said. "Catholic HEART WorkCamp offers great service opportunities in many different locations, and combines that with faith experiences and lots of fun for the kids."

In Groton, Mrs. Kelly relates, 275 campers were housed in a central location and assigned in groups of six or seven to various homes and worksites in the area.

Rising at 6:15 each morning, the teens and their chaperones reached their worksites by 8:30 a.m. and worked a full day. The work assignments varied widely, and included: preparing and serving meals at an emergency homeless shelter; sealing driveways and painting

houses for families in need; working at a home for people with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia; helping at daycare centers for low-income families; assisting with food distribution programs.

"Some of these assignments were more physically demanding, while others were more emotionally and spiritually demanding," Mrs. Kelly points out. "But no matter what the individual task was, by dinner time everyone had put in a long, hard, and very good day."

But there was more to come. Evenings at Catholic HEART WorkCamp are an important part of the whole experience as campers come together for Mass (optional), dinner, fun, fellowship, drama and music, followed by a Rosary (also optional) at 10 p.m.

For nearly three hours, participants share slides of the workday, personal stories, impromptu skits, and lots of music.

Mrs. Kelly admits to finding this element of work camp especially inspirational:

"Watching 275 kids connect in this way is amazing," she said. "There is plenty of laughter and sometimes tears as the campers share at a pretty deep level. It is always inspiring."

The teens, too appreciate what the evening offers. According to St. Mary's parishioner and camp participant Kayla Bashaw, the evening programs were "very special."

"There was worship, but all the music was teen oriented," she said. "There was also dancing and singing, just awesome stuff and some really good fun!"

For Kayla, who is off to college this fall, the Catholic HEART WorkCamp experience was "one of the best ever."

"I wanted to do something to help make a difference, and I knew that Anna and Abby (Kelly) really liked it,"

she said. "My assignment was to help at a vacation bible school in a really poor town.

"The kids were adorable, and everyone appreciated the help we were able to give," she said.

"If I weren't going to college, I would go back in a heartbeat," Kayla said. "It was just an awesome experience!"

Fellow camper Katie Christy, a high school junior from Canton, shares Kayla's enthusiasm.

"We went to housing for displaced families and were put to work cleaning yards, painting, and fixing what we could," she said. "The families were so appreciative!"

"The highlight was the last day when their little girls wanted to come out and play with us," Katie said. "The evening program were great, too. So many kids, so much singing—it was loud, it was fun, it was cool!"

"I am definitely going back next year," she said.

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CAR RAFFLE

Our Annual Car Raffle is underway. Tickets will be sold after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. They are also available at the rectory Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The drawing will be held after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday October 19, 2011 and the winner may choose the car or \$15,000 in cash.

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Mrs. Kelly, too, looks forward to next year's trip - and would like to be able to bring more campers. She hopes to interest other parish youth groups from around the diocese.

The logistics of a larger group are a bit daunting: each camper pays \$310 to participate, which will require more fundraising; the organization requires one chaperone (Virtus-trained and background-checked) for every five students; participating groups must provide transportation for the campers.

Perhaps most significantly, plans must be made many months in advance.

"Camp registration closes early," Mrs. Kelly explains, "so we have to begin planning immediately. This is tough, because many folks don't like to commit now to

next summer's activities. But we don't have much choice: the camps fill by October."

Clearly the Catholic HEART WorkCamp experience is well worth the effort it requires.

"I have seen only positive things come out of these trips," concludes Mrs. Kelly. "The kids get to see how people less fortunate live, they bond with other teens from around the country, and they come home changed for the better—more aware of the needs of others, more ready to help where they can.

"The spiritual growth is quite evident," she said. "Last year, my daughter Abby worked in a women's shelter and saw things she had never seen before. But her eyes were also opened to a deeper truth. I realized just how deep when she told me, 'Mom, these women have God.'

"A lesson like that is more

TO LEARN MORE

Jocelyn Kelly and the students who travelled to Catholic HEART WorkCamp have prepared a PowerPoint presentation and are eager to share their experiences with other parishes and youth groups. To arrange a presentation, or to learn more about the program, please contact Mrs. Kelly at St. Mary's Church in Fort Covington, 518-358-2500.

than worth all the effort that goes into these trips."

[The mission trip organization maintains a lively and comprehensive website at catholicheartworkcamp.org. You can also find them on Facebook.]



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'GROWING WITH THE SAINTS' AT SUMMER FAITH CAMP



St. Mary's Parish in Potsdam hosted a Summer Faith Camp the first week of August with the theme of "Growing With the Saints." The participants, grades K-5, learned about a different saint each day, their lives, and the ways that they lived the virtues of faith, hope, and love. The children also learned a bible verse each day, made crafts from the lives of the saints, had saint-themed snacks, and joined in making beautiful music. The week was concluded with a Mass celebrated by Msgr. Robert Aucoin, the pastor of St. Mary's in Potsdam and St. Patrick's in Colton. Above, volunteer teachers Dorothy Hobbs and Peter Mueller, pastoral associate at St. Mary's, are shown with a group of the children.



Ethan Loeb provides percussion accompaniment for the music portion of the day.



Patty Moosbrugger, one of the Summer Faith Fun volunteers, helps Asher Cragg with one of the craft projects.

Bishop to speak at Sacred Heart Foundation Dinner

WATERTOWN – Bishop Terry R. LaValley will be the featured speaker at the 38th Annual Dinner of the Sacred Heart Foundation to be held Sept. 21 at 6 p.m. at the North Side Improvement League.

The annual dinner is the most important fundraiser for the Foundation whose only mission is to provide financial assistance to students studying to be Missionaries of the Sacred Heart priests and brothers. This year, 59 students in ten countries received scholarships.

The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart have served the Diocese of Ogdensburg for more than 100 years.

Bishop LaValley is the first Northern New Yorker to be ordained Bishop since 1939. He is a native of Mooers Forks, and attended school

in Champlain and at the State University of New York.

He served six years in the US Navy before beginning studies for the priesthood. He studied Theology at Wadhams Hall and received his Master of Divinity Degree from Christ the King seminary in East Aurora, NY.

He was ordained to the priesthood in 1988. He later

studied Canon Law at St Paul's University in Ottawa. In addition to many diocesan positions, he served in numerous churches in the area.

Dinner tickets are still available at \$30 each. They may be purchased from any Board or Honorary Council Member or by calling the Sacred Heart Foundation Office at 782-3344.



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OGDENSBURG - Bishop LaValley will preside at the annual Marriage Jubilee Mass Sept. 25 at 2:30, honoring couples celebrating anniversaries and their families.

Registration should be made with pastors.

Further information is available from the diocesan Family Life Office at 315-393-2920, ext 420 or on the Website, www.dioogdensburg.org/familylife.

On behalf of my family, I want to thank so many of you for your support after the death of my father, **Douglas J. Stitt**. While dad was a man of great faith, he was also very quiet about that faith. Therefore, I think he would be both immensely grateful and also a bit overwhelmed with all the cards, kind words, and especially the Masses and other prayers offered. Nevertheless, to the bishops, priests, deacons, religious, seminarians and lay faithful (both old and young), my family and I greatly appreciate your support. You will never know—on this side of eternity—how much it has helped us.

In Christ our Hope,
Fr. Bryan Stitt

Church will get through 'difficult moment,' Archbishop Chaput says

By Carol Zimmermann
Catholic News Service

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) - Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, installed Sept. 8 as the new archbishop of Philadelphia, encouraged Catholics to know they will get through the "difficult moment" that the local church is experiencing.

Although rain prevented an outdoor procession at the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, it did not dampen the spirits of about 1,700 people, including 400 priests and 100 bishops - including Bishop Terry R. LaValley - who attended the installation Mass.

The Mass took place after days of rain and local flooding, and many in the congregation faced long detours just to arrive at the cathedral in the heart of the City of Brotherly Love.

Outside the cathedral, the struggles the archdiocese has faced in recent months were very apparent.

A block away, Catholic high school teachers were picketing during the second day of their strike; in front of the cathedral, while members of the Neocatechumenal Way sang and played guitars and drums, a group of people protesting clergy abuse marched silently, holding aloft signs as a stinging reminder of the recent grand jury report that accused archdiocese officials of failing to prevent abuse of children.

Inside the majestic cathedral though, members of the congregation greeted one another as if at a reunion, and they gave their new archbishop - who headed the Denver Archdiocese for the past 14 years and before that, the Diocese of Rapid City, S.D., for nine years - a warm welcome and long,

sustained applause.

The archbishop in turn expressed his admiration for those in the Philadelphia Archdiocese, thanking them for embracing him with "such extraordinary kindness."

No bishop will try harder to help persons who have been hurt by the sins of the past. And no bishop will work harder to strengthen and encourage my brother priests and to restore the hearts of our faithful

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput,
new archbishop of Philadelphia

He also repeatedly acknowledged the difficulties they currently face and must continue to cope with, without going into any details.

"The church in Philadelphia faces very serious challenges these days," he said during his homily.

"There's no quick fix to problems that are so difficult and none of us here today, except the Lord himself, is a miracle worker," he said. "But the church is not defined by her failures. And you and I are not defined by critics or those who dislike us."

He told the congregation that what the church does in coming months and years to respond to challenges "will define who we really are."

He also promised them that "no bishop will try harder to help persons who have been hurt by the sins of the past. And no bishop will work harder to strengthen and encourage my brother priests and to restore the hearts of our faithful."

He urged Philadelphia Catholics to keep in mind the image of Jesus as a good shepherd -- symbolized in

the bishop's crosier.

"All of us should keep that image in our hearts in the months ahead because the Good Shepherd really will bring the church in Philadelphia through this difficult moment in our history to security and joy and a better future," he said.

Archbishop Chaput, who turns 67 Sept. 26, was ordained as a Capuchin Franciscan priest in 1970 and became bishop of Rapid City at the age of 43.

A member of the Prairie Band Potawatami tribe, he is the second Native American to be ordained a bishop in the United States and the first Native American archbishop.

A few times during his homily the archbishop likened his appointment to the Philadelphia Archdiocese as "an arranged marriage," which drew some laughs from the congregation, especially when he said the "Holy Father is the matchmaker."

He added that the pope "knows in his wisdom that we will make a good family together."

"For any marriage to work," he added, "two things need to happen. People need to fall in love and together they need to be fruitful."

"That's what we need to dedicate ourselves to today - to love one another and be fruitful together in the new evangelization," the archbishop said.

Archbishop Chaput made special note of the day of his installation, the feast of Mary's birthday.

He pointed out that Mary has been "a constant source of hope and protection" in his vocation and hoped that she would also comfort members of the archdiocese "in the midst of the turmoil of the church in our time, specifically in Philadelphia."

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Pope Benedict offers blessings on 9/11 anniversary

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Pope Benedict XVI offered his blessings to U.S. Catholics as they prepared to observe the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. In a message to Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York, president of the U.S. bishops, the pope said, "I join you in commending the thousands of victims to the infinite mercy of Almighty God and in asking our heavenly Father to continue to console those who mourn the loss of loved ones." Pope Benedict told Archbishop Dolan, "I extend my most affectionate greetings to you, your brother bishops and all those entrusted to your pastoral care, and I gladly impart my apostolic blessing as a pledge of peace and serenity in the Lord." The message, dated Sept. 11, was released Sept. 9 in Washington. "The tragedy of that day is compounded by the perpetrators' claim to be acting in God's name," Pope Benedict said. "Once again, it must be unequivocally stated that no circumstances can ever justify acts of terrorism." He added, "Every human life is precious in God's sight and no effort should be spared in the attempt to promote throughout the world a genuine respect for the inalienable rights and dignity of individuals and peoples everywhere."

Vatican responds to Irish government report on clerical sexual abuse

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The Vatican forcefully denied it undermined the Irish bishops' efforts to protect children from sexual abuse and characterized as "unfounded" claims the Vatican tried to interfere in government investigations regarding church handling of sex abuse cases. The Vatican recognizes "the seriousness of the crimes" detailed in a government report about cases in the Diocese of Cloyne, Ireland, and "has sought to respond comprehensively," said a communique released by the Vatican Sept. 3. The communique accompanied a 19-page formal response to the Irish government's Cloyne Report on the diocese and to statements made by the Irish prime minister and motions passed by both houses of the Irish parliament concerning the report and the Vatican's involvement in how cases were handled. The Vatican said the report "brought to light very serious and disturbing failings in the handling of accusations of sexual abuse by children and young people by clerics in the Diocese of Cloyne," but it said the local bishop and his vicar general were to blame. The formal "Response of the Holy See" was hand-delivered Sept. 3 by Msgr. Ettore Balestrero, undersecretary for relations with states, to Helena Keleher, charge d'affaires at the Irish Embassy to the Holy See in Rome, the Vatican said. The Irish government's Cloyne Report was issued July 13 and said then-Bishop John Magee of Cloyne paid "little or no attention" to safeguarding children as recently as 2008. But the report also accused the Vatican of being "entirely unhelpful" to Irish bishops who wanted to implement stronger norms for dealing with accusations and protecting children.

For some students, faith a factor in decision process

By Josh Noem
Catholic News Service

PORTLAND, ORE. (CNS) - As a high school senior, Zack Imfeld thought he wanted to go to film school. He was involved in his Los Angeles school's television studio, he enjoyed working with film in his free time, and his dad worked for Warner Brothers.

"Plus, it sounded good when I told girls I wanted to make movies," he said.

At the start of his senior year, when Imfeld composed a list of universities he wanted to attend, the University of Southern California and New York University stood at the top because of their programs in film. His list shifted, however, as his senior year wore on.

"My dad told me to find a job that would make me happy," he said. "Film was something I enjoyed and was good at, but I grew so much from my high school youth group and I wanted to continue that growth at the next level.

"I knew that being involved in campus ministry was going to make me happy and become a better person," Imfeld said.

Once he shifted his priorities and began looking for a college that would support his growth as a Catholic, the University of Portland in Oregon climbed from eighth on his list to the top three. It is a Catholic school founded by priests of the Congregation of Holy Cross, the same order that was present at his high school, so he had some confidence that his faith life would be supported on campus. "The more I dug into UP, the more it felt right," he said.

On his campus visit, he got the feeling that "I'd be treated as a person here, like I'd become part of a family. I knew this place was going to be more than a place I went to school. It would be a place that would form me into the

person I want to be."

Four years later, Imfeld is starting his senior year at UP as student body president and as a lead coordinator for the campus ministry's flagship retreat program.

Students face the task of making their faith their own during their college years

This fall, high school juniors and seniors across the nation will begin to prioritize their own college lists and set out on fall road-trips for campus visits. Catholic campus ministers are encouraging families to let faith play a role in those decisions as it did for Imfeld.

"Parents could talk to students about how their own faith deepened in college and the importance of grounding their academics in a holy lifestyle based on the practice of their faith," according to Father Marty Moran, executive director of the Catholic Campus Ministry Association.

"When they make a visit to campus, families should locate the Catholic campus ministry center serving that college or university," Father Moran said.

A Catholic institution will likely have a campus ministry office as part of its student service offerings, such as a health center or office for students with disabilities. At a non-Catholic institution, the Catholic community will most likely be gathered at a Newman center.

Newman centers were inspired by Blessed John Henry Newman, who encouraged societies for Catholic students attending secular universities. The first Newman center was founded in 1893 at the University of Pennsylvania, and there are now about 1,500 of the diocesan-sponsored campus ministry centers.

"Many people don't know

what a Newman center is," said Father Moran. "It isn't the same as a 'Smith Hall' or some other typical campus building. A Newman center is the church's outreach on that campus."

When visiting a non-Catholic institution, students should be direct about wanting to see the Newman center, perhaps even calling ahead to make an appointment, according to Marcel Lejeune, a campus minister at Texas A&M.

An admissions tour at a state university could easily neglect to mention campus ministry resources. Admissions counselors at public schools cannot inquire about a student's faith background, so students should be proactive about identifying themselves to campus ministers.

"Before getting to campus, come up with a game plan for how to get involved," Lejeune said. "If you want to keep your faith, you have to put work into it. You have to make good decisions, even before you arrive on campus."

Lejeune said a good campus ministry challenges the prevailing culture on campus instead of accommodating it. "Campus ministry should give students what they need, not just what they want," he said. "A campus ministry should call its students to live for something greater."

Making this call clear to students is a crucial task for campus ministers because students face the task of making their faith their own during their college years, said Mary Deeley, pastoral associate at the Sheil Center, which serves Northwestern University in Chicago.

This faith is "not the faith of their parents nor is it their faith when they were confirmed at (age) 13," she said. "They must be able to respond to the mature, adult call to holiness. Campus ministry should be a bridge to that."

In his homeland, Pope Benedict to face challenges

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - In the days leading to Pope Benedict XVI's visit to his homeland Sept. 22-25, German media were asking whether the pope would feel at home in the country he left 30 years ago.

Obviously, he visited Germany frequently while serving in Rome and kept up with friends and colleagues and with developments in church life, theology and politics. As pope, he traveled to Germany in 2005 to celebrate World Youth Day in Cologne and again in 2006 to visit Bavaria, the region where he was born and raised and served as a theology professor and bishop.

After interviewing key Germans involved in planning the upcoming papal trip, Vatican Radio's German program in early September said there's a bit of a sense that the pope and Germans are strangers to each other.

The country was still divided into East and West Germany when he moved to Rome as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and while the communists in the East had succeeded to a large extent in severely limiting Christian life and practice, church activity in the West still was lively.

In the past 20 years, the number of Catholics in Germany has declined by almost 4 million, although the overall population has increased by about 1 million, according to Vatican statistics. T

he number of children under 7 baptized annually has dropped to about 170,000 from just above 290,000 in 1991. And the number of marriages performed annually in Catholic parishes dropped from almost 111,000 in 1991 to less than 50,000 in 2009.

Pope Benedict's pastoral visits are designed to strengthen and confirm Catholics in their faith and the statistics clearly illustrate why the theme chosen for the pope's visit to Berlin, Erfurt, Freiburg and Eichsfeld is: "Where there is God, there is a future."

As with Pope Benedict's visits to other European countries -- particularly to France in 2008 and to Scotland and England in 2010 -- secularism is expected to be a key theme during the pope's trip.

"The Holy Father knows the situation of the church in Germany," Jesuit Father Hans Langendorfer, secretary of the German bishops' conference, told reporters Sept. 7.

While the pope cannot resolve all of the problems and tensions within the German church and society, Father Langendorfer said, he will offer "his view of how the church in Germany can find new vitality, inner strength and optimism for the future."

Several groups have announced they will protest the pope's visit, including a group that believes the pope's speech Sept. 22 to the Bundestag, the German parliament, violates church-state separation. Some deputies have announced they will leave the hall in Berlin's Reichstag Building to protest.

Archbishop Rainier Woelki of Berlin told reporters Sept. 7 that the church is not worried about possible protests, considering that Germany is a democracy. But, he said, it would be better if people heard what the pope had to say before reacting.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Learning to think with an attitude of gratitude

How difficult it is to understand today's Gospel.

Any self-respecting union would be up in arms at the arbitrary treatment the landowner gave to his workers.

"Unfair!", we cry at the first hearing.

Then, as we simmer down and think, we have to admit that the landowner has a point in his defense.



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It's his money, and he can do what he wants with it. Actually, the grumbling of those who had worked a full day was their problem. They were envious, and envy is a very human vice.

Since it's a parable told by Jesus, the landowner is obviously God...and God always wins.

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways" says the Lord. It's all

right there in today's first reading from Isaiah.

Now we really have to face the lesson of the day - if my ways of thinking and judging are truly far from the Lord's way, then I must have some adjusting to do!

Perhaps I need to work harder in the areas of forgiveness, mercy, and generosity, to mention a few.

St. Paul urges the Philippians today to conduct themselves in a way that is "worthy of the gospel of Christ".

If I'm honest, I have to

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Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Matthew 20:1-16a

admit that I demand apologies more than I give them. And I use the excuse that I'm the injured party, so why should I go first!

That leads me to harbor grudges, to make mountains

out of molehills, and so extend the hurt into months and years, when I could end the whole thing quickly by reconciling immediately.

How sad to see a son or a daughter keep their distance from a dying parent, even refusing to attend the funeral!

Now, maybe that's an extreme example, but...how many times have I waited to reconcile until it was too late? The pain and stress on both parties is so unnecessary. Both are the losers.

To forgive is to be free, and to free the other person as well.

Once we have reconciled with a friend who has offended us, or whom we have offended, we open the way to form a new and closer relationship. And that could give us joy for years... instead of prolonged stress and unhappiness.

To think as God thinks requires openness and a broad vision, free of self-pity and selfish brooding.

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AT THE MOVIES

CONTAGION

By Joseph McAleer
Catholic News Service

Don't forget to bring along a bottle of hand sanitizer when you see "Contagion" (Warner Bros.), a compelling, moment-by-moment account of a deadly virus' march across the globe.

Director Steven Soderbergh juggles a galaxy of luminaries here while reimagining the Hollywood disaster movie a la Irwin Allen (1974's "The Towering Inferno"). Instead of Steve McQueen, Faye Dunaway and Paul Newman fighting fires, we have Matt Damon, Kate Winslet and Jude Law trying to squash a new super-germ that is decimating the planet.

It's Thanksgiving, and

Beth Emhoff (Gwyneth Paltrow) is feeling sick. Maybe it's jet lag, or a hangover? She's heading home to Minneapolis from a business trip to Hong Kong where she partied hearty in a casino with the locals.

Pity Beth's husband, Mitch (Damon). He and his young son barely have time to welcome Mom home before she dies, stricken by a mysterious ailment. Soon their son is dead, too, as well as a lot of people in Minnesota, Chicago and Hong Kong -- anywhere Beth has been recently.

When the doctors perform an autopsy on Beth (one of the film's gruesome moments) and see something odd in her brain, it's time to call the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The

unknown virus, deemed "MEV-1," is found to be deadlier and more virulent than SARS or the H1N1 flu, and a pandemic is imminent.

"We must find ground zero and see how this started," intones Deputy Director Dr. Ellis Cheever (Laurence Fishburne).

Cheever dispatches his colleague, Dr. Erin Mears (Winslet), to Minneapolis. As a trained "epidemic intelligence service officer," she tracks down everyone who had contact with Beth while preparing the city to deal with the crisis and the mounting panic. Her counterpart in the World Health Organization, Dr. Leonora Orantes (Marion Cotillard), heads to Hong Kong and the source of the virus, which

seems to involve bats and pigs.

"Contagion" becomes a fast-paced detective story and a science lesson, intercutting scenes from around the world with intense activity back home in the laboratories.

Meanwhile, an enterprising blogger, Alan Krumwiede (Law), takes to the Internet, fomenting unrest, even anarchy. He accuses the government of conspiring with pharmaceutical companies and withholding the vaccine. Krumwiede claims to have a cure himself -- but is it what it seems? As the virus spreads by touch, seemingly no one is safe.

The film contains disturbing images of dying people, corpses and autopsies, a ref-



CNS PHOTO/WARNER BROS.

Anna Jacoby-Heron and Matt Damon star in a scene from "Contagion."

erence to an adulterous relationship, and fleeting rough language. The Catholic 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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2011-2012

ADIRONDACK

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Lake Placid – On the Feast of St. Francis a blessing of animals will take place.

Date: Oct. 4

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: St. Agnes School

PARISH MOUNTAIN CLIMB, MASS

Keene – A Mass is to be celebrated on top of Baxter Mountain.

Date: Sept. 18

Time: 11 a.m.

Features: Car pooling will take place in the parking lot of St. Brendan's church or go to the trail start on route 9N on the top of Spruce Hill near the intersection of the road leading to Mountain House.

CLINTON

CLOTHING SALE

Peru – St. Vincent de Paul Society will be holding a sale of gently used winter clothing and footwear.

Date: Sept. 17 and 18

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

Place: St. Vincent's Thrift Store.

Features: A large bag of clothing/footwear will be \$5.

CHICKEN & BISCUITS

Chazy – Sacred Heart Church will be having their annual Harvest Dinner serving chicken and biscuits.

Date: Sept. 25

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

Cost: Adults, \$9; Children 6-12, \$3; under 5, Free

Features: Take-out orders are \$9. Raffle, Sinners' Den Pantry.

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.

ANNUAL DINNER

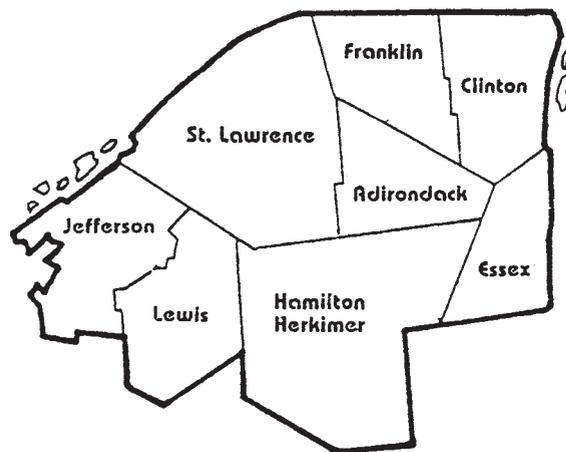
Mooers Forks – St. Ann's will be having their annual Harvest Dinner.

Date: Sept. 18

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

Place: St. Ann's Center

Cost: Adults, 9; Senior Citizens, \$8; Kids 6 and older, \$5; under 5, Free; Takeouts, \$9



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.

ROAST BEEF & PORK DINNER

Ellenburg – CDA Court Little Rose # 1300, will hold an all you can eat Roast Beef/Roast Pork dinner.

Date: Sept. 25

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place: St. Edmunds Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$8.50; Children 5-12, \$4.25; under 5, Free

Features: Bake sale and raffle Drawings. Take outs available: Call 594-3121.

CRAFTS AND BAKE SALE

Mooers – 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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

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 tickets and for other items will be available.

FRANKLIN

HARVEST CRAFT FAIR

Brushton – St. Mary's Catholic Church will be having their Harvest Craft Fair.

Date: Oct. 1

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

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Features: Vendors from throughout northern NY. Silent Auction, Bake Sale and Pie Sale. Lunch will be available. Vendors are needed. \$12 for a 6x6 space. Call 518-529-6048.

HOLY HARVEST FESTIVAL

Malone – Malone Catholic Parishes is planning a Holy Harvest Festival.

Date: Sept. 18

Time: noon to 4 p.m.

Place: Holy Family School

Features: A harvest menu will be served from noon to 3pm. There will also be a karaoke cakewalk and the children will enjoy a bounce house, various games and crafts. There also will be a harvest table filled with goodies and a raffle with cash prizes. The Old Timers Band will provide entertainment. Festival dinner tickets will be sold at the event. Adult tickets are \$10, Seniors \$8, Children \$6, and under five are free.

TURKEY DINNER

Brushton – St. Mary's will be having a Harvest Turkey Dinner.

Date: Sept. 25

Time: Noon to 4 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$8; Seniors, \$7; Children, 6-12, \$6; under 5, Free; Take-outs call 529-6580

JEFFERSON

MINISTRY TO MINISTERS

Watertown – Commissioned Lay Ministers are invited to Ministry for Ministers.

Date: Sept. 22

Time: 6 p.m. Mass

Place: St. Anthony's Church

Features: Light supper will follow Mass. Fr. Doug Lucia will explain the changes to the New Roman Missal.

Contact: Pat Fanning, 315-788-1101, paf1005@yahoo.com for information.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

Date: Sept. 29

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

ST. THERESE PRAYER SERVICE

Watertown – Please join us for the 8th Annual St. Therese Prayer Service.

Date: Oct. 3

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: St. Anthony's Church

Features: In these times of economic struggles, coming together in prayer strengthens us. Remember St. Therese's promise "To spend her Heaven doing good on Earth." Blessed roses will be passed out, refreshments served

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.

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

LEWIS

SENIOR MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Lowville – The Senior Ministry Committee has invited the Lewis County Office for the Aging to presentation on Medicare, Medicaid and EPIC.

Date: Sept. 15

Time: 1 p.m.

Place: St. Peter's Church

K OF C BRUNCH

Lyons Falls – South Lewis Knights of Columbus will be having a brunch.

Date: Sept. 18

Time: 8 a.m. to Noon

Place: St. John's Church Hall

Cost: Adults, \$6; Children 5-12, \$3; Under 5, Free

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

GUN AND KNIFE SHOW

Brasher Falls – The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Gun and Knife Show.

Date: Oct. 19 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Oct. 29 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: K of C Hall

Cost: \$3; under 12 free must be accompanied by an adult.

Features: Many dealers will be present with all kinds of hunting, fishing, archery and sporting items. Dealers wishing to reserve tables can contact Phil Davis at 315-389-4627. Concessions stand available, breakfast served until 11 a.m.

Contact: Phil Davis 315-389-4627

POTSDAM LIFE CHAIN

Potsdam – Area Life Chain to be held.

Date: Oct. 2

Time: 1:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Place: Gather in the parking lot across from the Roxy Theater

Features: Live out your faith, witness against abortion, stand for life!

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.

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.



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Salute to catechists

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

The 2011-2012's school year has begun in earnest. This means that a new Holy Childhood Association year for the students in our Catholic Schools and parish religious education programs have also started.

Children are called to be missionaries through their prayers and sacrifices for the missions during the school year. Teachers and parents are called upon to instruct such children to become mission-minded through their participation in HCA programs.

HCA is about children. It's about children in the U.S. learning what is asked of us as members of God's family. It's about impoverished children in developing countries receiving the help they so desperately need.

HCA's theme for the 2011-2012 school year is "We must love each other." (1 John 4:7). As the Gospel reminds us, it is not so difficult to share with others knowing that the kindness will be repaid. But Jesus asks us to treat others, regardless of their situation, as we ourselves would like to be treated - with compassion, understanding, and generosity. HCA members strive to follow Jesus' command to us by loving and caring for children whom they have never even met. These young people reach out without expecting repayment - although the knowledge of the difference they are making is often their reward.

The Holy Childhood Association, HCA, was founded over 150 years ago for young Catholics in Mission is an international organization dedicated to mission awareness among elementary school-age children. Authorized by the Vatican, and in collaboration with the U.S. Bishops, HCA distributes educational and fund raising materials to Catholic Schools and RE/CCD students throughout the United States. Fund raising proceeds, realized through the efforts of children, are used for the needs of less fortunate children in Third World situations and children's education materials in the U.S.

HCA is really children helping children. The results are tangible and significant. In third world nations, children receive food, medicine, shelter and education. In the countries that give assistance, children become aware of the bonds that link them with others, and they grow in understanding and love.

In closing, I would like to share with all our children, teachers and catechists alike the "Prayer for Mission". Dear Jesus, Open our hearts to live and love as you taught us. Show us how we can grow strong as your global family of faith. May the Holy Spirit guide us into your mission to all nations. Amen.

OBITUARIES

Sr. Jean Marie Langevin, OSB

ST. MARY'S, PENN. -- A Mass of Christian Burial for Benedictine Sister Jean Marie Langevin, a native of Ellenburg, was held Sept. 4 in the St. Joseph Monastery Chapel on Tuesday at 4 p.m.

She died Sept. 1 at Pinecrest Manor. Burial is in the St. Joseph Cemetery

She was born Oct. 10, 1917 in Ellenburg, daughter of the late Paul and Augusta Pate-naude Langevin, and attended Ellenburg Public Schools.

She also studied at St. Benedict's Academy in St. Marys. She entered the Novitiate in 1938; took her first vows in 1939; and her perpetual vows on July 11, 1942.

Sister Jean Marie celebrated her silver anniversary on July 11, 1964; her golden jubilee on July 11, 1989; and her diamond jubilee on Aug. 22, 1999.

She received her bachelor of science degree in Elementary Education from Villanova University and was a graduate of the Plattsburgh Business School.

Through the years, she served as a teacher, librarian and principal.

She is survived by one brother, Gerald "Joe" Langevin of Florida.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Roderick, Edgar, and Paul Langevin; and six sisters, Mina Warner, Jeanette Patnode, Clarinda McQuaid, Sister M. Angela, OSB; Sister Paula, OSB; and Sister Bonaventure, OSB.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the St. Joseph Monastery, 303 Church St., St. Marys, PA 15857.

AuSable Forks -- Howard J. Blaise, 80; Funeral Services Sept. 10, 2011 at Holy Name Church; burial in parish cemetery.

AuSable Forks -- Beverly Ann Devost, 76; Funeral Services Sept. 8, 2011 at Holy Name Church; burial in Holy Name Cemetery.

Brasher Falls -- Michael L. Best, 59; Funeral Services Sept. 9, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church.

Brasher Falls -- Leora M. (Blair) Oakes, 70; Funeral Sept. 10, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Brushton -- Matthew Girard Ranieri, 47; Funeral Sept. 6, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Canton -- Dennis L. "DJ" Solon, 31; Funeral Services Sept. 10, 2011 at St. Mary's Church.

Chateaugay -- Gloria LaClair Honsigner, 68; Funeral Services Sept. 5, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Memorial Gardens.

Copenhagen -- Wayne F. Woodard, 69; Funeral Services Sept. 12, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Crown Point -- Bernice J. (Russell) Ross, 85; Funeral Services Sept. 5, 2011 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in White Church Cemetery.

Fort Covington -- Lucille A. (Beaulne) Rochefort, 84; Funeral Services Sept. 12, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Glennfield -- Ruth A. (Henry) Western, 97; Funeral Services Sept. 5, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Old Glendale Cemetery.

Gouverneur -- Gladys (McCartha) Kennedy, 97; Funeral Services Sept. 5, 2011 at St. James Church; burial in East Riverside Cemetery.

Harrisville -- Joseph D. Lancor, 82; Funeral Services Sept. 7, 2011 at St. Francis Solanus Church; burial in St. Francis Cemetery.

Hogansburg -- Alexander A. Gabri, 79; Funeral Sept. 9, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery, Massena.

Keeseville -- Jean (Ilardi) Ferrante, 94; Funeral Services Sept. 10, 2011 Immaculate Conception Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Lowville -- Kenneth J. Boshart Sr., 91; Funeral Services Sept. 8, 2011 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery, Croghan.

Lowville -- Kyle B. Grimmer, 69; Funeral Services at Iseneker Funeral Home, Inc.; burial in St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery, Belfort.

Lyons Falls -- Burt E. Green, 83; Funeral Services Sept. 10, 2011 at St. John's

Church; burial in Wildwood Cemetery.

Malone -- Noelia H. (Hurteau) Carter, 71; Funeral Services Sept. 3, 2011 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Mausoleum, Ellenburg.

Massena -- Suzanne M. (Rusaw) Bayorgeon, 40; Funeral Services Sept. 8, 2011 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena -- Alice M. Greene, 71; Funeral Services Sept. 8, 2011 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena -- Thomas E. Welch, 59; Funeral Services Sept. 9, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Edmund's Cemetery, Ellenburg.

Massena -- Henrietta K. "Henny" (Matthews) Yelle, 81; Funeral Services Sept. 5, 2011 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

North Bangor -- April L. (Perry) Paquin, 68; Funeral Services Sept. 8, 2011 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery, Malone.

Ogdensburg -- Joyce C. (McCullum) Bremer, 81; Funeral Services Sept. 10, 2011 at Fox & Murray Funeral Home; burial in Kars, Ontario.

Ogdensburg -- Robert McGaw, 70; Funeral Services Sept. 5, 2011 at Frary Funeral Home.

Ogdensburg -- Dr. Richard D. Ward Jr. OD, 79; Funeral Services Sept. 12, 2011 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh -- Jean A. "Chick" (Phifer) Johnson, 80; Funeral Services Sept. 6, 2011 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Rouses Point -- Margaret (Marotta) Moore, 96; Funeral Services Sept. 7, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Union Cemetery, Mayfield.

Tupper Lake -- Bonita Christian, 53; Funeral Services Sept. 6, 2011 at Holy Name Church.

Watertown -- David B. Gardner, 56; Funeral Services Sept. 5, 2011 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Sanford Corners Cemetery.

Watertown -- Nancy L. (Cross) Randall, 74; Funeral Service Sept. 7, 2011 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

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YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

Thank you, Diocese of Ogdensburg!

By Tracy Leonard
Parishioner, St. Mary's, Evans Mills

I'm writing this on Sept. 2, just a little over a week since I returned from Madrid, Spain where I joined millions of other young Catholics for World Youth Day 2011.

I write first and foremost, to thank those who contributed financial and/or prayerful support in order that participation and attendance at World Youth Day became a reality for me and the 24 other young adults who joined me on this holy pilgrimage.

Thank you also to Father Bryan Stitt for his time spent organizing and preparing every detail of this trip.

It is the kindness and generosity of so many in the Diocese of Ogdensburg that make life changing experiences such as this happen.

I cannot thank you enough for helping fulfill my desire to participate and truly experience the universal church.

As I continue to write, it frustrates me that I am unable to fully explain what we experienced in Spain and it saddens me to think that many of those whom I love and care about were unable to share this incredible joy with me.

Although not physically present, please know that you were united with us in prayerful intentions.

Secondly, I write to share with you that the Catholic Church is ALIVE and UNIVERSAL!

Called from all nations, through Baptism and belonging to the Body of Christ, we were joined in Spain to celebrate the mysteries of our faith.

In the midst of millions of people, from a variety of



Tracy Leonard of Watertown, third from left, is shown with fellow North Country pilgrims to World Youth Day in Spain. In this reflection, she expresses her gratitude to the people of Ogdensburg for their prayerful and financial support of the pilgrims. From left are Alexa Cosgro, Plattsburgh; Rachel Daly, Peru; Tracy and Deacon Tom Higman, Carthage.

countries, not one person was exactly like another, yet we came to know and deepen our relationship with God as one.

Collectively, we presented ourselves before Him, even in 100 degree temperatures!

Just as the body has many members, yet is one, so too, we the church, consisted of and were made up of many particular churches (dioceses). Our faith, as apostles (under the leadership of the Pope), was alive and flourishing!

We were growing in love and charity, while becoming holy and whole as we bore witness to the Gospel in our own lives. The words of the Nicene Creed "I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church" never became so real and clear!

Pope Benedict XVI, Christ's Vicar, was the source of this unity which brought young people from all over the world- as Pope Benedict noted, "young people who want to believe, who are seeking God, who love

Christ, and who want fellowship on their journey." This journey was and continues to be remarkable!

As I conclude, I would like to reassure you that unlike many may think - the young people of today are thirsty for the truth and life of the Catholic Church. We are ready and willing to stand up to the challenges and temptations of this time with strength and determination.

Just as Jeremiah (a youth) was called upon by God during Israel's tough times, we, the young adults, are praying for the graces to go where we are sent, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ!

Again, thank you for supporting my pilgrimage - a trip which allowed me the opportunity to experience the way of the cross like never before!

I pray that many others will also have the opportunity to share the World Youth Day experience in Rio de Janeiro in 2013!