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## Call for daily meditation

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Benedict XVI said daily meditation on the life of Christ is a good way for people to grow spiritually and remove the "trash" from their consciences.

The pope, addressing pilgrims at his weekly general audience Nov. 3, said a 13th-century French mystic, St. Marguerite d'Oingt, offered an example of such spiritual

self-reflection to modern men and women.

The saint, whose writings taught readers how to meditate, saw Christ as a "mirror" that allows light into one's soul, the pope said.

"In this way she was transformed, and her conscience was enlightened and cleansed - and this is something we also need. The

words, the life and the light of Christ can illuminate what is good and true, and what is evil, too," he said.

"There is trash not only in the various streets of the world, but also in our consciences, in our souls. And only the light of the Lord cleans us and purifies us, showing us the right way," he added.

Pope Benedict said that while at first glance the life of a medieval mystic might seem irrelevant to people today, her spiritual journey holds many lessons.

St. Marguerite viewed life as a path of perfection leading to complete configuration to Christ, above all in his saving sacrifice on the cross, he said.

### APPRECIATING OUR PRIESTS

NCC presents special salute



PHOTO BY KELLI CATANA

This week's special Priest Appreciation issue features an interview with Msgr. Lawrence M. Deno, former diocesan superintendent of schools and current pastor of St. James Church in Cadyville. At the age of 78, Msgr. Deno is eligible to return but, with permission, remains St. James's pastor and says he hopes to do so for a long time to come. In his "Follow Me" column on page 3, Bishop LaValley writes, "We are especially grateful to those priests whose age for "retirement" has come and gone, yet they continue, in various ways, to serve the Church in our beloved North Country. Several, as you know, continue as pastors or pastoral administrators in our parishes. I'm sure that, like me, you are so inspired by the personal dedication and selfless service of all our retired priests."

## Canadians celebrate St. Andre'

MONTREAL (CNS) - Olympic Stadium, usually home to football games and trade shows, was converted into the largest place of worship in the country as Canadians celebrated their newest saint.

More than 48,000 people - including religious and political leaders -- from across the country and the United States gathered in the stadium Oct. 30 for a more than two-hour Mass packed with elements significant to the life and mission of St. Brother Andre, Alfred Besette.

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## Clergy assignments

Bishop LaValley sends new priests to Carthage, Malone

and Evans Mills

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## CHECK THIS OUT, BISHOP



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

Bishop LaValley looks over some of the work of Hunter Walk and Will Bilo, fifth graders at Holy Family School in Malone. Bishop LaValley visited the school Oct. 4 to preside at a Mass celebrating the 20th anniversary of the school.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

# Fans of the Fathers

If you're not a big fan of priests, you might want to toss this paper into the recycling bin before turning another page.

This week, we're offering a much-deserved "thank you" to the Faithful Fathers who preach, teach and sanctify in parishes across the North Country.

We invited our readers to join in, to voice their own appreciation to pastors and friends, and were gratified by how many responded.

Half-way through last week it became clear that our usual 16 pages just couldn't contain all the good wishes.

What a nice problem to have!

Bishop LaValley set the tone for the issue in his "Follow Me" column, writing "we must express profound gratitude to our priests in the Diocese of Ogdensburg who continue to extend themselves in such a holy and heroic fashion to minister to the faithful of our local Church."

When I asked the bishop to focus his reflection this week on priests, he told me he was particularly anxious to pay tribute to all the "retired" priests of the diocese who continue to offer service.

It was pure coincidence that we had already chosen Msgr. Larry Deno as one of our featured clergymen for the issue.

My personal priestly gratitude extends to those many priests among us who go above and beyond their regular parish responsibilities – as overwhelming as these may be – to reach out to particular groups.

I think of Father Joe Elliott who is so devoted to promoting family life that he regularly participates in Family Encounter weekends and Family Guggenheim retreats...

And, Father Mark Reilly who believes that real youth ministry requires accompanying teenagers on overnight bus trips to Washington and plane rides halfway around the world for more than one

World Youth Day...

And, Father Phil Allen whose response on his 77th birthday to "are you ever going to get to retire?" was "why would I want to do that? I love what I do."

And, there's no question that I could pick any three of our priests at random and make similar observations.

The priesthood has never been an easy life and, with the horrifying headlines and diminishing numbers of our own time, it hasn't been getting any easier.

So it seemed like a good time to remind these men that their work is appreciated.

And that we count them among our beloved.



Mary Lou Kilian

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"PRAY, THEREFORE, THE LORD OF THE HARVEST TO SEND OUT LABORERS INTO HIS HARVEST." (MT. 9:38)

**WIDENING YOUR VIEW**

Only a small percentage of the hundreds of photos taken at diocesan events over the past few years has appeared in the pages of the *North Country Catholic*.

To see more photos from events at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg, taken by photographer **Betty Steele**, visit the St. Mary's Cathedral website ([www.saintmaryscathedral.net](http://www.saintmaryscathedral.net)) and find the links for "recent events" and the photo album.

To see more photos from across the diocese – and Ireland, too – visit the website for **Pat Hendrick Photography** ([www.pathendrickphotography.com](http://www.pathendrickphotography.com)). Find the link for *North Country Catholic* Events and click. Then click on "all categories" to find the event of your choice and, finally, click on "refresh" on the right side of the page.

FOLLOW ME

# Pilgrims of eternity

It was back in the autumn of 2003 that Joe Tebo recommended to our Cathedral parish Evangelization Committee that parishioners honor our priests by celebrating Priesthood Sunday at the end of October.

**While our prayers for an increase in vocations continue, we also give thanks to our God for these priests who, in love with His Church, serve us so generously and joyfully**

Since then, on Priesthood Sunday, the parishioners of St. Mary's Cathedral and Notre Dame Church in Ogdensburg have hosted wonderful special dinner celebrations for all the priests in the area.

Frankly, I had never heard of Priesthood Sunday until Joe brought it to our attention seven years ago. Thanks, Joe!

I know that many of our parishes recognize and honor their priests either at special annual events such as that held in Ogdensburg or in other ways throughout the year.

I'm grateful that our diocesan newspaper features a Priest Appreciation issue every year at this time.

Particularly at harvest time, it is fitting that we reflect on the blessings we receive from our priests.

We are familiar with Jesus' words in both Matthew and Luke's Gospel: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Mt.9:37-38; Lk.10:2)

It is especially in light of this scarcity, that we must express profound gratitude to our priests in the Diocese of Ogdensburg who continue to extend themselves in such a holy and heroic fashion to minister to the



Father Mark Reilly, pastor in Saranac Lake and former pastor in Evans Mills is among the priests saluted by Bishop LaValley in this column. Above, they display a chalice that had been stolen from St. Theresa of Avila Church in Theresa, recovered and restored to good condition. Bishop LaValley blessed the chalice earlier this year when he celebrated Confirmation for parishioners of Evans Mills and Theresa.

faithful of our local Church.

The priests of the Diocese of Ogdensburg have responded so generously in our efforts to ensure that all the faithful receive a priest's pastoral care from the Church. When our priests have suffered from ailments, necessitating absence from their parishes, brother priests have made themselves available to assist.

We are especially grateful to those priests whose age for "retirement" has come and gone, yet they continue, in various ways, to serve the Church in our beloved North Country.

Several, as you know, continue as pastors or pastoral administrators in our parishes. I'm sure that, like

me, you are so inspired by the personal dedication and selfless service of all our retired priests.

We all must step up our efforts to encourage more individuals to respond to the Lord's call to serve the Church as a priest.

While our prayers for an increase in vocations continue, we also give thanks to our God for these priests who, in love with His Church, serve us so generously and joyfully. A priest is a pilgrim of eternity, a man of hope.

We thank God that they continue to help us all grow in our journey of holiness. Thank you for your support of our priests and Happy Priesthood Sunday to all my brother priests!

Father Timothy Canaan
Msgr. Dennis Duprey

Father Garvin Demarais
Father Scott Seymour

**Seton Academy would like to thank each of our priests and want them to know how much we appreciate all they do for our school.**

## Bishop announces new assignments

OGDENSBURG - Bishop LaValley has announced new assignments for several priests of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Father John 'Mickey' Demo has been assigned as temporary parochial vicar at St. James Church in Carthage and St. Mary's Church in Copenhagen.

Effective date for this assignment was Nov.8.

Bishop LaValley has granted Father Bernard Menard a leave of absence for three months for health reasons.

Father Paul Kelly will assist at the Malone Catholic Parishes during this time.

Also, Father Thomas Kornmeyer has been named

as administrator of St. Mary's Church in Evans Mills with its missions of St. Theresa of Avila in Theresa and St. Joseph's in Philadelphia.

Effective date for this assignment will be Nov.19.

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# Reflections of a country pastor

By Shan Moore  
Staff Writer

CADYVILLE - Msgr. Lawrence Deno could no longer make the brief walk from the rectory to St. James Cemetery without resting along the way.

St. James's pastor had known for a decade, since shortly after his assignment to the parish, that his aortic valve wasn't functioning properly. A doctor had picked up a heart murmur; an echocardiogram and other tests revealed the problem.

A wait-and-see treatment was prescribed, but the West Chazy native didn't take his physicians at their word. Instead he did his own research.

"I trusted my doctor," Msgr. Deno said. "But I'm a professor -- I ask questions."

People should do the same when it comes to religion, he avowed.

Just now, Msgr. Deno is in the midst of preparing 25 or so students for Confirmation. His two-year program, however, goes beyond the lessons needed for that sacrament. For the priest knows this very likely will be the last formal study of Catholicism these young people will have.

That seems to be the norm, he said, among Catholics ages 21 to 35. They may go to Mass out of habit, out of a sense of duty, "but I did more research on my heart surgery and how it would affect me than the majority of younger Catholics do on religion."

Everyone is a spiritual per-

son, the priest said.

"I believe that strongly -- we have a spirit, we have a soul."

## Msgr. Lawrence M. Deno, former superintendent of schools, is still a teacher at St. James, Cadyville

He sees young people feeding that spirituality with material things, such as clothes, cars, popular music. He's not critical of that.

"They're all searching for something to give them spirituality in their life, something that delights them."

Fifty years ago, Msgr. Deno said, people found that in the practice of faith, no matter which denomination.

"What we have to do, the country priest and minister, is look at the need for spirituality and try to convince younger people that religion is a means of spirituality also."

It's a lesson he offers over and over and over again, for, he said, "as a teacher, you have to teach where the person is at. You may have the best meal in front of a person and they eat junk food."

Life crises and milestones such as the birth of a child often send a person to a pastor, he said.

Those, he said, are teachable moments.

Msgr. Deno grew up in a little country parish, St. Joseph's in West Chazy, where his parents were devoted parishioners and he served as altar boy to pastor Father Leon LeGault.

That priest brought him along on a trip to visit rela-

tives in Ogdensburg one day but dropped his young protégé off at Wadhams Hall Seminary. That was a surprise, Msgr. Deno said, chuckling. But he enrolled that very day.

"One of the questions I usually ask (engaged) couples is how did you happen to meet each other," he mused. "In most cases, someone introduced them to each other."

"I was introduced to the priesthood by Father LeGault."

Though he began his service in the Diocese of Ogdensburg as an assistant pastor in small parishes, he was called upon to teach, which he did in parish schools, at Mater Dei College, at Wadhams Hall. With a doctorate from Notre Dame University, he was superintendent of schools for the diocese from 1971 to 1996.

He was never a stranger to parish work.

As he was free on weekends to fill in for absent priests, he said, "I probably said Mass at most parishes in the diocese and gave hundreds of talks."

Summers, he was associate pastor at St. John's in Morrisville.

Throughout, he's been a teacher.

St. James's bulletin includes two Catholic websites every week to encourage parishioners to broaden their knowledge; St. James's own website lists about 100 on-line sources.

"Just like with my heart surgery, the websites are tremendous," he said, noting people need to take care to



PHOTO/KELLI CATANA

Msgr. Lawrence Deno talks about growing up in West Chazy, where the church was always central to country life.

find legitimate sites.

"They should trust their priest but they should go on and investigate."

That's what he did last fall, when doctors told him the time had come for surgery. His aortic valve would be replaced with a bovine one, one that would close properly.

"I wanted to know more."

Msgr. Deno didn't want to miss the Christmas season with his parishioners so had the surgery at the end of December.

His church family came together for his recovery, with parishioners spending the night at the rectory during the time he wasn't supposed to be alone. After that, a couple brought dinner for about a month.

"We would have dinner together," he said.

The surgery gave the priest immediate relief, just as the doctors said it would.

"I didn't realize how bad it had been. My problem is, of

course, I have a 78-year-old body," he added, chuckling. "My bones would hurt, but my heart could probably climb six peaks of the Adirondacks."

Technically, he is retired but with permission remains St. James's pastor and hopes to do so for a long time to come.

On the recent Pastor Sunday, the parish held a reception for him after Mass. In his remarks, he noted the two baptisms he performed over the past year, the 11 burials.

Every birth, death, marriage has its own story, Msgr. Deno said.

"The pastor works with people in the times of joy and the times of sorrow."

And he watches for those teachable moments.

It's not frustrating that many so many haven't yet found their spiritual center, he said.

"What it is is challenging, he said. "We have to do a better job teaching."

As we honor Priesthood,  
the staff and parishioners of  
**Saint Mary's Cathedral**  
offer their heartfelt and prayerful gratitude  
to all our priests who have been called  
to serve the Church.

We especially acknowledge:  
**Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley, Pastor,**  
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# PORTRAITS OF OUR PRIESTS



PHOTO BY VALERIE MATHEWS

Father Joseph Morgan, rector of St. Mary's Cathedral takes an order from Bishop LaValley at the Oct. 26 tip night at Pizza Hut in Ogdensburg. Father Morgan and several members of the Chancery staff - organized by Linda Ross, bishop's secretary - volunteered to wait on tables with all the tips donated to World Hunger Relief. They raised \$830 in tips, the largest tip night the local Pizza Hut had seen. The restaurant raised a total of \$2003 to feed more than 8000 children. At right, Father James Shurtleff and Msgr. John Murphy are ready to give their order to Father Morgan.



PHOTO BY GAYLE FRANK

Father George Maroun, pastor of St. James Church in Carthage and St. Mary's in Copenhagen, welcomes more than 250 participants to a Family Life Forum held Oct. 30 at Carthage Augustinian Academy. The program featured presentations by Bishop LaValley, family life directors Deacon Gary and Gayle Frank and Franciscan Father Francis Pompei who had led a parish retreat earlier in the week.



PHOTO BY ANN CHARLESBOIS

Father Steven Murray, pastor of Holy Family Church in Watertown, conducts the "Rite of Acceptance" with Micah Greenmyer, catechumen and part of the Air Force Support Group at Fort Drum. Also shown is Midge Fraser, Greenmyer's sponsor and director of RCIA at Holy Family.



Father Kevin McEwan, right, was installed as pastor in Old Forge and Inlet Aug. 19. Among this who participated in the ceremony were, from left, Deacon Ronald Ste-Marie, altar server Colin Criss and Bishop LaValley.



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

Father John Looby and Bishop LaValley join in the applause as Father Martin Cline is installed as pastor in Fort Covington, Bombay and Hogansburg Oct. 21

*Family members reflect on their connection to Father Al Hauser*

# A good and holy priest...a lifelong friend

By Suzanne Pietropaoli  
Staff writer

I cannot recall which exhibit in particular drew us to the National Arts Centre in Ottawa that long-ago summer day. But my family and I will never forget the love of Christ we saw manifested there.

**God, in his loving providence, has woven our lives together across three decades and through the changes and challenges that our different vocations have brought**

We had stopped in an outdoor café when Father Al Hauser - the dear friend who had planned this expedition - was approached by a man obviously down on his luck. Loudly announcing that he wanted to talk to a priest, the fellow attached himself to Father Hauser and poured out a lengthy, confused, highly emotional story.

Although this event was not on our itinerary, Father's attentiveness to the man was total: kindly and patiently, he listened for a long time to the sorrows of this stranger, pressing some cash into his hand when at last we continued on our way. As we walked on, someone in our family commented on the fact that clerical clothing certainly seemed to attract these sorts of challenges.

Father Hauser agreed, and added, "That is why I like to wear my Roman collar. So many people need to talk to a priest, and this way they can find me."

These words reveal much about the man. And in turn, the man embodies a truth spoken by St. John Vianney: "The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus."

To count this good and holy priest as a lifelong friend is a blessing beyond words. God, in his loving providence, has woven our lives together across three decades and through the changes and challenges that our different vocations have brought.

In season and out, whether convenient or inconvenient, Father Hauser has been present in the great and small events of our lives and in the sacraments which mark them: our wedding, baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations,



Father Albert Hauser, pastor in Morristown and Hammond, is shown in this 1986 photo with the Pietropaoli family of Malone with whom he has shared a long and close friendship. From left, in back are Matthew, Suzanne, Father Hauser, Angelo and Thomas. Elizabeth and John are standing in front. This picture was taken on the occasion of Elizabeth's First Communion in April 1986. Mary Catherine - now a college senior - was born three years later.

countless confessions, and a funeral.

In a society that sees children as an expensive burden, he encouraged our openness to life and strongly supported our choice to educate our children at home. His luminous faith, constant concern, his love and laughter, and his prayerful presence added remarkable richness to the fabric of our lives. But perhaps most precious of all has been his gift of good example. Every parent knows the struggle to nurture faith in one's children, to communicate the sweep and splendor of a Church that reaches far beyond the doors of a parish. Father Hauser's fine example certainly helped to ease this task for us, and today - by the grace of God! - all five of our adult children are committed Catholics.

Their recollections of (their honorary) "Uncle Albert" speak volumes about the importance of his influence in their lives.

According to our daughter, Elizabeth, who is Father Hauser's goddaughter, "I have an amazing godfather, the best one possible. I know his presence and his prayers have played a very large part in my life. But in a very real way, he was godfather to us all. He was such a positive adult presence, even in the midst of adolescent angst.

"He was always an adult to be trusted, and he was never dismissive of our interests or concerns," she said. "Significantly, he could see

things in us that we could not yet see in ourselves."

For instance, Elizabeth recalls, it was Father Hauser who encouraged her to pursue her master's degree at the John Paul II Institute in Washington; since then, she has taught high school theology.

"My students know all about Uncle Albert," she relates. "I am always trying to reinforce positive role models for them, so Uncle Albert is a natural. I tell them that my godfather is this terrific priest who is totally balanced. He is highly intelligent and loves God and books and good conversation - but he also loves scuba diving! He also loves us, and when I tell my students about how each of us received our First Communions at home amid great celebration, the kids just think it is awesome!"

Our son Matthew, a philosophy grad student at CUA, also remembers Father Hauser's incomparable contributions to our family celebrations.

"Of course, Uncle Albert was the celebrant for most of these occasions," he recalls. "But he never stood on ceremony. I especially remember yours and Dad's 25th wedding anniversary: Elizabeth and I were charged with decorating, and just when we didn't quite know what to do, Uncle Albert arrived with a fresh supply of flowers and some great ideas. "It was pretty typical for him: kind, generous, helpful," he said. "He went above and

beyond the call of duty to hang out with college kids as they set up for the party; he certainly could have confined himself to celebrating the Mass. But choosing to be with us was emblematic of who he is."

Father Hauser's character also made a deep impression on our son, John, now in his second year theology in preparation for the priesthood. "Uncle Albert is both very gifted and very integrated," he said. "His personal holiness is augmented by kindness, generosity, consideration, and joie-de-vivre. He enabled us to see and understand that sanctity is normal.

"His love for Christ, for the priesthood, and for the Church were the best possible example to all of us," John said, "His commitment to daily prayer is the foundation of his commitment to his vocation. When I think of the sort of priest I want to be, I think of Uncle Albert."

Thomas, also a philosophy grad student, quite agrees.

"When I think of Uncle Albert, one of the things that comes to mind is John Paul II's dictum that the priest should be with his people in everything except sin," Thomas said.

"Uncle Albert was with us in so many facets of our lives: he visited us, he shared meals with us, he celebrated sacraments with us, he played sports with us. Yet he assiduously avoided our familial vice of using words as weapons, thereby fulfilling the model proposed by John Paul II.

"My parents' friendship with Uncle Albert beautifully exemplifies how the priesthood draws out and perfects the humanness of those who respond to it," he said. "Priesthood and friendship are gifts inextricably linked for those of us who are privileged to be his friends."

For Mary Catherine, too, this extraordinary family friendship has been highly significant.

Now a senior at Providence College, she remembers looking forward to Father Hauser's visits when she was growing up. "Uncle Albert was so interesting to talk with: he had always just read a great book, or returned from a trip, or refined an idea. He was also very affirming—which is enormously important, especially to teenagers. His presence was—and is!—a very great blessing to our family. In fact, our family would not be our family without him." Amen. Deo gratias.

SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS... 2010 BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL

# Thanks expressed for Good Samaritan gifts

**By Msgr. John R. Murphy**  
Moderator of the Curia

May I invite you to read the three comments that follow, each of which was excerpted from a letter of thanks sent from someone who benefited from a gift from our Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund?

**From a pastor of the diocese:**

*On behalf of (name withheld) I would like to thank you for the assistance Bishop-elect LaValley sent through the Bishop's Fund. Mr. (name withheld) was overcome with gratitude and the only words he could muster were "thank you." I asked him to remember the people of the diocese in his prayers.*

**From a mother of a seriously ill son:**

*Dear Bishop LaValley and the entire Catholic communion of the North Country, Thank you so much for your donation to our family and my son's fight with his illness. The support of this community has meant the world to us. We also thank you for remembering our*

*son in your prayers. It is only through our faith in God that we have peace at a time like this.*

**From a pastor:**

*This is a long overdue note to say thank you for extending Good Samaritan Fund assistance to Mrs. (name withheld) after their barn burned down (with the loss of most of their cattle), and to the (name withheld) family when their electricity was cut off.*

*I've been in steady contact with both and they are aware of your prayerful concern*

*and material assistance. They are deeply appreciative, as am I.*

Each year Bishop LaValley gives financial help to fire and accident victims, families with ill children, poor and elderly neighbors with great medical needs, people with extraordinary bills before them, and many others in financial need.

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the North Country will want to thank you as well as our Bishop for your love and kindness.

*The families of St. Mary's in Clayton and St. John's in LaFargeville are so blessed to have Fr. Art LaBaff as our pastor.*

*We appreciate your great leadership and ministry to our parishes.*



The parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Joseph's would like to thank Father Richard Sturtz for his commitment to the priesthood.

We are especially grateful for your dedication to our parishes for the past fifteen years. We feel truly blessed to be under your spiritual guidance.

Our prayers are always with you and at this time, following your surgery, we pray especially that God will restore your health and strength so that you may continue in His service.

Thank you for being our 'Special Priest'.



*"To act with justice, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with our God."*

(Micah 6)

**Msgr. Dennis Duprey**

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Thank you for being "Companions on our journey" this year. By your example of dedicated service and unwavering support of Catholic education in Plattsburgh, your priestly ministry shines for all to see!

From Cathy Russell, Principal, and the entire Seton Catholic Central community



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To Father Scott Seymour,  
Our deep Appreciation and  
Heartfelt Thanks for the  
many Blessings and Gifts you  
have bestowed upon us.

Ladies of St. Joseph and St. Alexander

We were pleased to have Father Joseph Elliott installed as Pastor of our Parish, St. Philip of Jesus, Willsboro and St. Joseph, Essex.

Thank you for being an outstanding example of the Holy Priesthood. Your eloquent homilies, kindness, compassion and sense of humor will always impress us and help us.

Catherine Sullivan



**Bishop LaValley's Schedule**

**Nov. 10** – 10:00 a.m., Meeting with Bishop Luc Cyr and Bishop Paul Andre Durocher at the Diocesan Center in Cornwall.

**Nov. 12** – Ogdensburg Chamber of Commerce Annual Citizen of the Year Banquet at Gran View in Ogdensburg.

**Nov. 15-18** - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops General Meeting in Baltimore, MD.

**Rest in Peace**

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

**Nov. 10** – Msgr. Francis M. Kenny, V.F, 1954; Msgr. Raphael A. Hoffman, 1968

**Nov. 11** – Rev. Victor VandenHende, 1939; Rev. Edward O. Hervieux, 1947

**Nov. 13** – Rev. S. Alphonse Vollmer, 1931; Rev. Victor Van den Hende, 1939; Most Rev. Francis J. Monaghan, D.D., 1942

**Nov. 14** – Msgr. Edward Joseph Pierce, V.F., 1980

**Nov. 15** – Rev. Medard Zywicki, M.S.C, 1980; Rev. J. Lee Snow, 2003

**Nov. 16** – Rev. Alexis Trudeau, O.M.I., 1885; Rev. Martin C. Mullen, 1904; Rev. John Henry O'Rourke, 1930; Rev. John H. McCloskey, O.S.A, 1957; Rev. George F. Sykes, 2007

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# We Appreciate Our Priests

Fr. John Looby,  
Thanks for your service to God's  
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Gratefully, Richard & Trudy  
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Many thanks and all our prayers.  
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Thank you for blessing our lives.  
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From the Deacons he leads.

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Thanks for your wonderful  
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Through Mary you unite our  
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a daily basis. God bless you all!  
Bessie and Lee Flanders



# We appreciate our priests



Blessings to Father Shurtleff who is priest for us and disciple with us at Eucharist every morning. You are shepherd and friend,

Love,

The Morning Mass Crew at Notre Dame Church in Ogdensburg.

## IN SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

Several priests from the Franklin County area showed their support for Holy Family School in Malone by their presence at the school's 20th anniversary Mass Oct. 4. Above, Fathers Joseph Giroux, Francis Flynn, Martin Cline, John Looby and Frank Coryer follow eighth graders Michaela Sprague and Victoria Merrick at the beginning of the liturgy.

### Father Scott Seymour

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# Canadians celebrate their newest saint

By Laura Ieraci  
Catholic News Service

**MONTREAL (CNS)** - Olympic Stadium, usually home to football games and trade shows, was converted into the largest place of worship in the country as Canadians celebrated their newest saint.

More than 48,000 people -- including religious and political leaders -- from across the country and the United States gathered in the stadium Oct. 30 for a more than two-hour Mass packed with elements significant to the life and mission of St. Brother Andre, Alfred Bes-

sette.

Brother Andre, the Holy Cross brother who founded St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in Rome Oct. 17, but Canadians delayed their local celebration.

During the extended entrance procession, the assembly prayed a litany of Canadian-based saints and blessed. The litany closed with Canada's newest saint: Brother Andre. At the mention of his name, the assembly applauded spontaneously and waved white scarves in the air. Young people and people with disabilities -- two

groups that were dear to the new saint and central to his mission -- were seated closest to the altar.

The entrance procession -- which included 58 Canadian bishops, more than 100 priests and nearly 200 young people -- concluded with the presentation of a new reliquary containing fragments of Brother Andre's heart. The concelebrants venerated the relics before they were placed at the foot of the altar.

The offertory procession included one of Brother Andre's little black suitcases, which he would take on his many trips; large votive candles, representing the many candles lit by pilgrims at the oratory and other sanctuaries around the world; St. Joseph's oil, which the new saint used to bring hope, comfort and healing to the sick and the infirm; flowers, representing the many artists who have brought beauty to the oratory; and crutches, representing all those who were healed at the oratory through the intercession of St. Joseph.

Montreal Cardinal Jean-Claude Turcotte's homily was greeted with applause and the waving of white scarves eight times.

"The church never canon-



CNS PHOTO/SHAUN BEST, REUTERS

Cardinal Jean-Claude Turcotte of Montreal arrives to celebrate Mass in honor of Canada's newest saint, Brother Andre Bessette, at Olympic Stadium in Montreal Oct. 30. The Holy Cross brother known as a healer was canonized Oct. 17 by Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican.

izes someone solely for what they were or lived before, but for what they have to say and to demonstrate to women and men today," the cardinal said. "First of all, (Brother Andre) demonstrates to us that a life is beautiful and fruitful when it is put to the service of others.

"This is not a small saint that has been canonized, but a great saint, a very great saint," the cardinal said, referring to Brother Andre's

height of less than five feet. "This very great saint -- Brother Andre -- is home-grown."

"Pray for us," he petitioned Brother Andre on behalf of the assembly at the end of the homily. "Pray that we may become women and men of compassion, attentive to the needs of others, women and men who love God with a great love because they know they are very loved by him."



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Lord, for the  
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deacon whom  
you have sent  
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Welcome to our  
new pastor,  
Fr. Mark Reilly,  
with gratitude  
and prayer  
from  
St. Bernard's,  
Saranac Lake

# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Taxation measures, legalizing marijuana rejected by voters

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- In a year when tax and budget issues dominated the ballot questions before voters, Catholic leaders offered the guidance of Catholic social teaching but generally remained neutral on specific referendum topics. In states where the Catholic bishops took a strong stand on a ballot measure, however, voters seemed to generally follow the bishops' advice. Fifty-four percent of California voters rejected a move to make the state the first in the nation to legalize marijuana for recreational use. Although the California Catholic Conference remained neutral on the nine propositions before voters there, Bishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of Oakland presented several arguments against the marijuana question in an Oct. 22 commentary. In Arizona and Colorado, the Catholic bishops had opposed a wide range of fiscal measures that they said could harm the state's poorest citizens by cutting taxes or limiting the state's ability to raise revenues. The proposals were rejected by solid margins. In Massachusetts, the bishops urged a "no" vote on an initiative to repeal a state law promoting the building of low-income housing. The initiative failed, with 58 percent of the voters against it and 42 percent in favor. The only abortion-related question on the Nov. 2 ballot was in Colorado, where voters again rejected a proposed amendment that would have defined a human being from the moment of fertilization as a person under state law. Both in 2008 and in 2010, only 23 percent of Colorado voters supported the measure.

## Internal matters expected to dominate bishops' agenda this fall

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- When the U.S. bishops gather in Baltimore for their 2010 fall general assembly, there will be no blockbuster topics on their public agenda, unlike in past years when clergy sex abuse or the issue of Catholic politicians who support abortion took much of their attention. Instead, the Nov. 15-18 meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops will be devoted primarily to internal matters -- the election of new conference leaders, discussion of how their own statements should be produced, budgetary and structural questions and information about how they can better integrate new media into diocesan structures. For Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago, the meeting will be his last one as president. He has held the post for the past three years. If the conference follows past practice, Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas of Tucson, Ariz., will succeed Cardinal George as president. As USCCB vice president since November 2007, Bishop Kicanas will be among 10 candidates proposed for the posts of president and vice president. Once a president has been selected, a vice president will be chosen from the other nine candidates. Even more integral to the day-to-day operations of the USCCB will be the election of a new general secretary to succeed Msgr. David Malloy in June 2011. The candidates are Msgr. Ronny Jenkins, a priest of the Diocese of Austin, Texas, who has been an associate general secretary at the USCCB since 2006, and Msgr. David Kagan, who is currently serving as vicar general for the Diocese of Rockford, Ill. The bishops also will choose a new USCCB treasurer-elect and will vote for the chairmen-elect of six committees.

## Pope's message for feast of St. Charles Borromeo

# Priestly conversion needed for credible church reform

By Carol Glatz  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Personal conversion and purification, especially for priests, are critical steps in the process of true and credible reform of the church, Pope Benedict XVI said.

The church community today is experiencing "trials and suffering, and it shows the need for purification and reform," he said.

The pope made his remarks in a written message on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of the Nov. 1 canonization of St. Charles Borromeo. A copy of the message, addressed to Cardinal Dionigi Tettamanzi of Milan, was released to journalists Nov. 4, the feast of St.

Charles.

Pope Benedict recalled how St. Charles, who was archbishop of Milan, was a major influence in the church's counter-reformation movement.

At the time, the church community suffered from major divisions, "doctrinal confusions, faith and customs whose purity was clouded, and the bad example of various sacred ministers," he said.

"St. Charles did not limit himself to deploring or condemning" the problems or just hoping for others to change, he said. Rather, he began by reforming his own life, relinquishing all wealth and comfort and filling his life with prayer, penance and dedication to his flock, said the pope.

"He knew that a serious and credible reform had to begin with the pastors" if it was to have truly beneficial and lasting effects on the people of God, said Pope Benedict.

At every moment in history, the most fundamental and urgent task of the church is for every member to convert and get closer to God, he said.

St. Charles Borromeo is an appropriate example of someone who, through personal and communal conversion, was able to "transform hearts" through the power of prayer and penance.

The pope urged all priests and deacons to turn their lives into "a courageous journey toward sainthood and to not fear the exhilaration of Christ's trusting love."

# Court hears arguments over school tuition tax credits

WASHINGTON (CNS) - With the U.S. solicitor general arguing in support of Arizona's school tuition tax credit program, the Supreme Court justices Nov. 3 bounced back and forth between questions about the program's constitutionality and whether the taxpayers who sued even have the legal standing to challenge it.

In a lively exchange between the justices and attorneys representing the state and the Arizona taxpayers who sued to stop the program, discussion focused at length on whether the money that Arizonans contribute to scholarship tuition organizations - for which they receive \$500 in individual tax credit - can at any point be considered government money.

Because most of the scholarships granted through the organizations go to students

in religious schools, opponents of the program contend it is tantamount to the government funding religious schools.

Arguing on behalf of the state, acting U.S. Solicitor General Neal Katyal insisted that Kathleen M. Winn and other taxpayers who sued to stop the program are barred from suing the government over how it spends money. Previous Supreme Court rulings have barred such lawsuits, saying taxpayers lack standing to protest how taxes are spent.

"The key point is this: Not a cent of (Winn's) money goes to fund religion," said Katyal.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor raised the opposite side's argument with Katyal, saying "their point is that this tax money does belong to the state ... because ... (the state) says 'either you pay it to the

state or you use it for this purpose, but it's the state's money and it's giving you by its largess, the right to redirect it."

Katyal explained what he said are problems with that explanation, for one, that the money taxpayers spend doesn't actually fund religious programs, but scholarships. "Their complaint is not that the government is spending (taxpayers') money. Their complaint is that someone else's money is not being extracted and spent enough."

Justice Antonin Scalia pointed out that the school receiving the most scholarship money through the program isn't a religious school.

"It's not even discrimination between religion and nonreligion," said Scalia, "if you think that is invalid, which I don't. But it doesn't favor religion at all."

# Fears persist that Haiti will be forgotten... again

By Barbara J. Fraser  
Catholic News Service

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI (CNS) - The cholera outbreak that struck Haiti is a sobering reminder of the tasks the country faces as it prepares for November's presidential election.

While newscasters talk about reconstruction, the grim truth is that much of what Haiti needs - decent housing, water, sanitation, health care, education and economic opportunities - did not exist even before the Jan. 12 earthquake.

Rural areas are even more neglected than Port-au-Prince, the crowded and gridlocked capital that has been the focus of international attention since the quake.

Recovery will mean not just clearing rubble and rebuilding houses, but building infrastructure, improving health care and education and investing in economic development in rural communities so farmers can stay in the countryside instead of migrating to Port-au-Prince's slums and tent camps.

January's tragedy was a "disaster sitting on a much greater disaster, which is the structural disaster of dys-

function and grinding poverty for decades and decades," said Scott Campbell, country director for Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops' relief and development agency.

About half of Haiti's 10 million people live on less than a dollar a day; another quarter live on twice that amount. Half the population is under age 24, but most people have completed only primary school. University graduates often leave for better opportunities abroad, making it difficult to attract talented workers to government jobs and exacerbating slow or inept public administration.

People have become Haiti's biggest export. A March report by the Rand Corp. found that nearly one-third of Haitian households -- 44 percent in cities - receive money from relatives working abroad.

In 2008, those remittances were more than twice the country's earnings from export products.

While the economies of most of the hemisphere's developing countries have grown in the past decade, Haiti's has shrunk by more than a third since the 1960s. Many of its social and economic indicators are closer

to those of sub-Saharan African countries than to their Caribbean or Latin American neighbors.

Part of the reason is historical. The successful slave revolt that led to independence in 1804 was met with indifference by most of that era's world powers. More recently, three decades of strong-arm rule by Francois and Jean-Claude Duvalier centralized power in Port-au-Prince, neglecting the countryside.

In the 1980s and 1990s, international lenders urged Haiti to shift from agriculture - the mainstay of more than half its citizens -- to export manufacturing. People flocked to cities in search of jobs. Port-au-Prince, which was built for about 300,000 residents, grew to 3 million.

Even before the earthquake, about one-third of the capital's residents lacked access to water, and half had no latrines or sanitation services. Overcrowding in unsafe housing contributed to the earthquake death toll, estimated at between 230,000 and 300,000.

Meanwhile, Haiti began importing food more cheaply than Haitian farmers could produce it. The move further impoverished rural dwellers, who saw their markets shrink. A study released in October by Oxfam America found that food aid flooding into the country since the earthquake has further skewed markets, making it even harder for farmers to sell their products. Oxfam recommended that aid agencies buy food locally when possible instead of importing food.

In the 1990s, the United States and other countries of-



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**U.N. peacekeepers help a baby on board a truck during the relocation of a camp for earthquake survivors to a more secure location before the arrival of Hurricane Tomas in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Nov. 4. With mud up to their ankles and a steady rain falling on their tents, most residents of Haiti's earthquake camps ignored warnings to leave their makeshift homes as the hurricane bore down on their deforested and flood-prone nation Nov. 4.**

ferred or withdrew economic assistance depending on Haiti's political stability. As a result, development plans were only partly funded. The Rand Corp. study also found that many of those plans were poorly designed and did not respond to an overarching strategy.

In the wake of the earthquake, the lack of an overall plan remains a danger.

"I don't think the government has an easy task," Campbell said. "No government would, in this situation. It is very complex. But the government has been slow in putting out some kind of direction and strategy, and that has made the efforts more difficult."

Some critics also blame aid agencies for foot-dragging. Most large agencies have spent only about 10 percent

of the funds they collected after the earthquake. Campbell, however, said that 10 percent is about right for earthquake relief. Providing tents, water, emergency rations and latrines is not expensive, he said. The most expensive work -- rebuilding and development -- will follow, but depends on government planning and direction.

Entrenched corruption further complicates the problem. In a new survey of perceptions of corruption, conducted by Transparency International, Haiti ties with Libya and Iran, ranking 146th out of 178 countries.

It is not clear whether the billions of dollars in aid pledged by foreign donors will be more effective than responses to other natural disasters that have battered Haiti.

## Father Bill

The truth found in the Bible offers hope and so much more.

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With deep appreciation,  
Sister Sharon, Staff and Students of St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga



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Fr. Stephen H. Gratto  
for all he does  
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THE HUMAN SIDE

# How the laity give support to priests

By Father Eugene Hemrick  
Catholic News Service

"How can we laypersons help priests?"

The question was posed to me by a layman I deeply respect.

"Keep your faith," would be my first recommendation. Studies on the priesthood repeatedly report that one of the greatest sources of strength for priests is the laity's deep faith.

It may come from a dying layperson who is at peace with God; a family that has been hit very hard but does not despair; an elderly person who is selfless; or a penitent whose virtuous life is inspiring.

No two things inspire priests more than celebrating Mass and seeing Christ lived in the daily lives of laity they serve.

The next thing that comes to my mind is Mother Teresa's admonition: "Do not wait for leaders, do it alone and person to person."

As a young priest, I experienced the work of the Catholic Family Movement, the Chicago Catholic Youth Organization, The Catholic Worker Movement, the Knights of Columbus.

This is just to name a few Catholic organizations in which the laity took the lead and did a magnificent job in

drawing people closer to Christ and the church.

Today's church is confronted with a new breed of challenges that are calling for a new class of dedicated lay leaders.

In the marketplace, in the worlds of medicine and biological experimentation, it is they who must take the lead in dealing with the ethics and morality of their work.

It is they who ultimately must enforce moral standards in ecology, government, the workplace and the new globalization we are experiencing.

The church more than ever today needs lay thinkers, doers and movers such as Jacques Maritain, Cesar Chavez, Maisie Ward, Dorothy Day and Mothers Seton, Teresa and Drexel (although sisters are in religious communities, canonically they belong to the laity) whose leadership qualities were stellar.

Often they worked side by side with bishops and priests. Sometimes they nudged them, and other times they hounded them. But as any priest who understands history knows, such people gave life to the priesthood by giving concrete meaning to the church in action.

Another way the laity can help priests is to always be professional. This translates into avoiding pettiness,

jumping to conclusions, letting resentments rule, losing respect, lowering the standing of our language and failing to strive for excellence.

Priests, like laypersons, are human and don't always act in a fully adult manner. When this happens, the relationship between priests and laity can become childish.


The more that laity maintain professionalism and adhere to the principles of civility, the better they help priests.

Priests can always use more professionalism, as can the laity. The more each practices it, the better they help each other.

Last, and most important, I hope the laity never cease praying for priests.


Prayer turns us toward God and brings the best out of us. When lay people enter into this state of mind and heart, they will find ways never before imagined to help priests.

Deacon James & Christine Chaufy appreciate Father Stephen H. Gratto and all priests and are in the prayers of our parish.




Fr. Timothy Canaan, We are so blessed to have you as our pastor. We are also blessed and thankful for our retired priest, Fr. Normand Cote and our regular visiting priest Fr. Frank Coryer. May the peace of Christ shine upon you

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Father Howard McCasland, We are so lucky to have you at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Churubusco! Your Parishioners




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## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# Leave fear aside and trust in God's mercy

"We are too soon old, and to late smart" is a well-known saying, or, to put it another way, how often we regret a decision made in early life, and wish to could go back and change it!

Students taking an examination often scramble to correct a wrong answer before they hear that dreaded "Time's up".

Today's readings make us reflect on the end of the world.

We are often frightened that the end will become before we're ready!

Jesus used some strong "apocalyptic" language in speaking about the end times" But His main message was that we are not to be afraid of the end of the world. If we have been faithful, and have persevered in doing our work well and responsibly, then we needn't fear that God will be merciful in judging us, and will bring us to life eternal.

"If we die (suffer) with the Lord, we will live with the Lord,"

St. Paul said.

And in his Epistle to the Thessalonians, he calms the

fears of those who misread all the persecution they were suffering, all the earthquakes and disasters they were experiencing, as signs that the world is ending. Even more so for us today, many may think that the present chaos around us points to the final days.

But Jesus tells us that it's not happening until God decides! The prophecy of Malachi, which incidentally, is the very last book of the Old Testament, says the same thing.

Evil doers should indeed quake and tremble at the coming of the just Judge. But those who have "hung in there," who have worked day by day for the benefit of

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS

Malachi 3: 19-20a

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Luke 21:5-19

their neighbor, and have struggled to keep faith and hope in the Resurrection, these people don't need to fear when they see natural disasters and horrible evil (as we are seeing at the present time!). It's not the end yet! Jesus has assured us that "we know not the day nor the hour when the Son of Man will come."

All we need to do is to witness by our Christian

faith, even in the midst of disaster. How?

By our standing firm to the laws of God as revealed in the Scripture and by His Church, and to witness to those truths by courageously speaking out.

Of course the world will end some day. Only God knows the exact day and the hour. All we need to do is to work conscientiously while we have the light, for a time is coming when one will work.

When that time comes, we are to leave fear aside, and trust in the mercy and loving promises of the One who died and rose from the dead that all his faithful ones will rise with Him.



Monsignor

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## OUR READERS WRITE

## THIS PRIEST, THIS MAN

By Donald Roberts

A priest may be defined by many titles:

- A Man of God
- A Man of the Cloth
- A Man for Others
- A Man of Prayer
- A Man of Faith
- A Man of Hope

In all of these, a common element underlies the definition: The priest is – first of all – a MAN.

A "MAN," not as a gender identity, but in the sense of Genesis 1:27 – "God created man ... male and female he created them." A "MAN" – a human being. The priest is a MAN.

The priest is not some kind of super-human creature, to be placed on a pedestal, somehow removed from "ordinary mortals."

The priest is a MAN.

Like any MAN, the priest has weaknesses and limitations:

- He cannot be everywhere and do everything – a reality both he and those he serves have to accept.
- He may be tired, irritated, or puzzled.
- He may become discouraged or frustrated in his work.
- He may make bad judgments
- He may be tempted to laziness or sloppiness in his ministry.
- He may be unable to communicate effectively with young people. Or old people. Or middle-aged
- His health may deteriorate.
- He may experience crises of faith, moments of doubt about his entire life choices.

All of these possibilities are part of the humanity of the priest, as they are part of any MAN.

But to be a MAN is not merely a drawback, an unfortunate circumstance of life.

Because the priest is a MAN, he can serve others as a brother, as one who truly shares with them.

- He knows JOY and can REJOICE with others.
- He knows SORROW and is COMPASSIONATE.
- He is PATIENT and can listen to others, ACCEPTING them as they are.
- He FORGIVES sinners in Christ's name, not judging them, but – knowing that he, too, is a sinner – HAPPY to bring Christ's peace and reconciliation to a fellow MAN.
- He is GENTLE and TENDER and LOVING, for he has been loved by others and seeks to witness to the love of Jesus Christ.

As a MAN, the priest speaks to the human situation, for it is HIS situation.

And the word he speaks is not some foreign tongue or irrelevant babbling. It is a word that proceeds from the encounter between his human situation and his faith in Jesus Christ, who continues to reveal the Father to MAN, as He said in His "priestly prayer" – "I made known to them your name and I will make it known." (John 17:26)

As a MAN, the priest is capable of suffering, of serving through his pain. He may not experience anything as severe as Fr. Maximilian Kolbe at Auschwitz, or as Padre Pio for 50 years of his ministry, but in many other ways, the priest shares in Christ's SUFFERING as he witnesses to Christ's LOVE. This experience can strengthen him, making him better able to help others in

their moments of pain.

As a MAN, the priest, too, is involved in time, moving in a constantly changing PRESENT and facing an uncertain FUTURE. He has no special revelation or secret knowledge of what is to come. This uncertainty is an occasion for him to bring a vision of HOPE to others – a vision of the ultimate future that has a hold on his present.

The humanity of the priest is a basis for – and a mediating factor of – his faith, hope and love, all centering on JESUS CHRIST.

As a MAN, the priest not only gives all of these things – indeed, gives himself – he is also able to receive from others. He begins to receive from his family as an infant. And as he grows, there are more and more people from whom he receives the ideas and feelings and emotions that influence who he becomes. It's a growth process that never stops – always, as long as he is a MAN, he is involved in a process of receiving from others and giving of himself to them.

Because others were there for him, he is now there for others – a MAN who, through the giving of the Spirit, serves them as a priest.

In the words he speaks, in the Eucharist at which he presides, in the life of service to which he dedicates himself, we encounter Christ through this MAN, this PRIEST.

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Mr. Roberts grew up in Champlain and Massena and went to Wadhams Hall Seminary College for two years. He was ordained for the Diocese of Ogdensburg in 1971. After serving in parishes at Peru, West Chazy and Malone, he was granted laicization from the priesthood. He and his wife, Pat, now live in New Hampshire.



AT THE MOVIES

# Megamind

By John Mulderig  
Catholic News Service

At its core, "Megamind" (Paramount) is a parable about an individual's positive nature battling to overcome his negative nurturing.

Director Tom McGrath's generally endearing 3-D animated adventure offers older kids enough worthy lessons about making good use of talents and abilities, and about the dangers of allowing others to define who you are, to outweigh its occasional indulgence in mild bathroom humor.

Victim to that unfortunate upbringing is the titular character (voiced by Will Ferrell), a basically good-hearted alien whose supposed villainy toward humans is largely nominal.

As Megamind himself explains early on, his turn to the dark side came about when, as a child, the spaceship in which his parents dispatched him to Earth to save him from his home planet's destruction accidentally landed on the grounds of a prison.

Raised by convicts, he naturally took to breaking the rules.

Touching down simultaneously in a suburban back-



CNS PHOTO/DREAMWORKS

Animated characters Roxanne Ritchi, voiced by Tina Fey, and Megamind, voiced by Will Ferrell are pictured in the movie "Megamind."

yard, and thereby gaining a wholesome environment in which to grow up, was fellow interplanetary traveler Metro Man (voice of Brad Pitt). Now a wildly popular superhero, Metro Man serves as the protector of Metro City and as Megamind's archrival.

Until that is, one of Megamind's perpetually inept schemes for defeating Metro Man - carried out with the

help of his trusty assistant Minion (voice of David Cross), a kindly fish who lives in the helmet of a deep-sea diver's suit - inexplicably succeeds.

Finding that his subsequent mastery of Metro City (or as he insists on pronouncing it, "Metrocity") is not all he had dreamed, the bored scamp strikes on the

idea of creating a new adversary for himself. But his latest plot also goes awry when he ends up mistakenly endowing ordinary cameraman Hal (voice of Jonah Hill) with superhuman powers.

Though romance entails

further complications, the possibility of winning the love of charming TV reporter Roxanne (voice of Tina Fey) --with whom both Megamind and Hal are smitten - offers the not-so-naughty knave hope of ultimate redemption.

A few turns of phrase and at least one sight gag in Alan Schoolcraft's script involve expressions that parents would likely prefer their youngsters not to pick up. But the underlying conversion story - played out amid such assurances as "If there is bad, good will rise up against it" - provides a moral impetus that keeps this diverting, if not strikingly original tale fundamentally on the right track, and may be sufficiently valuable to make this appropriate viewing for at least some mature preteens.

The film contains scenes of peril, a few touches of crude humor and a bit of slightly crass language. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II -- adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested.



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## ADIRONDACK

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**Lake Placid** – St. Agnes School to have a Christmas Bazaar.

**Date:** Dec. 4

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

**Place:** School Gym

**Features:** There will be baked goods, donuts, new gifts, crafts, toys, wreaths, trees, holiday plants and lots of wonderful raffle items. Lunch will be served and Santa arrives at noon.

## CLINTON

## CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

**Champlain** – St. Mary's Academy will be having a Christmas Craft Fair.

**Date:** Nov. 20

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

**Place:** St. Mary's Academy Gym

**Features:** Live holiday music, lunch, unique gifts, free admission, hourly drawings. For table rentals, 298-8244.

## ANNUAL TURKEY NIGHT

**Mooers** – Msgr. A.M. Gilbert Council #6136 Knights of Columbus welcomes you to their Annual Turkey Night.

**Date:** Nov. 13

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Place:** St. Joseph's Church Hall

**Features:** Cash prizes, baskets, hams, turkeys, shopping spree, snack, door prizes and a free buffet at evenings end.

## HARVEST DINNER

**Morrisonville** - RC Community of St. Alexander's and St. Joseph's to have a Harvest Dinner.

**Date:** Nov. 14

**Time:** Noon to 6 p.m.

**Place:** St. Alexander's Parish Hall

**Cost** Adults, \$9; Children 6-12, \$4; under 5, Free

**Features:** Turkey Dinner and all the fixings. Take-out Dinners available, call 561-5039. Raffle with a drawing of \$1500; Country Store and Silent Auction.

## TURKEY RAFFLE

**West Chazy** - St. Joseph's Men's Club will hold their annual Turkey Raffle.

**Date:** Nov. 19

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** Parish Center

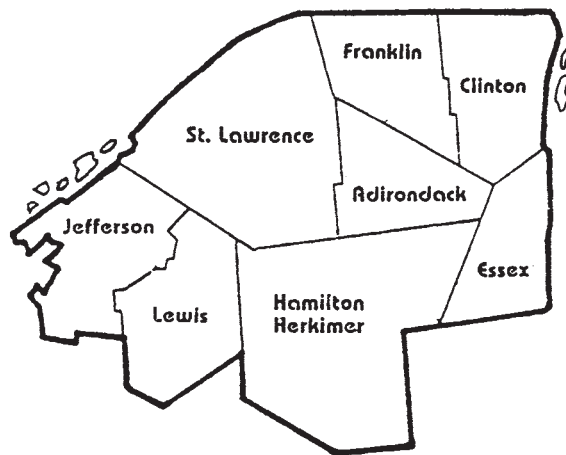
**Features:** Free buffet. For more information call 518-493-4521

## LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE SERIES

**Plattsburgh**- St. Peter's Parish is presenting the Little Rock Scripture Series.

**Date:** Every Tuesday starting Nov. 2 to Dec. 14

**Time:** 7 p.m.



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

**Features:** This study explores Israel's history and theology.

**Contact:** Call the rectory to sign up 563-1692 or fill out a slip in the atrium.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

**Place:** St. John's Adoration Chapel,

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

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

## ESSEX

## ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

**Willsboro** – St. Philip of Jesus parish to have Holiday Bazaar.

**Date:** Nov. 20

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

**Place:** Parish Hall

**Features:** Hand Made crafts and gifts for Christmas, Candy Shop and Bakery, Zippada Jewelry and Padre's, Cafe for lunch.

## FRANKLIN

## HOLIDAY BAZAAR

**Hogansburg** – St. Patrick's to have a Holiday Bazaar

**Date:** Nov. 13

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

**Place:** Helena Fire Station

**Features:** Crafts, raffles, baked goods, and "Yesterday's Treasures". Lunch featuring soups, chili and sandwiches.

## ST. MARY'S FALL BREAKFAST

**Brushton** – St. Mary's to hold their Fall Breakfast.

**Date:** Nov. 14

**Time:** 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's Parish Center; Take-outs available call 529-6580.

**Cost:** Adults, \$7; seniors, \$6; Children 6-12, \$4; under 5, Free

## JEFFERSON

## BEREAVEMENT MEETING

**Watertown** – An ecumenical bereavement meeting will be held.

**Date:** Nov. 22

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** SSJ Motherhouse

**Program:** Pastor Nathan Barker, Bereavement Coordinator of Hospice of Jefferson County, on "Holiday Grief"

## THE CASE FOR FAIR TRADE

**Watertown** – Robin Crowell, co-owner of The World Artisan Fair Trade Shop and Gallery will speak of the advantages of Fair Trade

**Date:** Nov. 14

**Time:** 1:30 p.m.

**Place:** Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse

**Features:** Robin has worked with a variety of groups including Alaskan natives, rural low-income people, at-risk teenagers and international Fair Trade artisans. Also present will be Beth Smith from Watertown's Agape Shop, a fair trade provider. Admission is free.

## 20TH ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

**Fort Drum** – Officers' Spouses' Club to sponsor a craft fair.

**Date:** Nov. 13

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

**Place:** Monti Physical Fitness Center

**Cost:** Adults, \$5; Children under 12, free

**Features:** Unique gifts, home décor, jewelry, Americana, antiques & more. Many raffles. Kids craft while you shop. Children ages 2-12 are supervised by Santa's Helpers in our Elf Room. \$3 per child 1 hour limit; pictures with Santa.

## LIFERIGHT MEETING

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

**Time:** 4 p.m.

**Place:** 312 Sherman St.

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

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

## LEWIS

## BENEFIT FOR GABRIELLE DAILEY

**Port Leyden** - There will be a benefit for Gabrielle Dailey, a student at the South Lewis Middle School in need of a kidney transplant.

**Date:** Nov. 20

**Place:** Port Leyden Community Hall.

**Features:** Doors will open at noon and admission charge is \$10. This includes a big covered dish dinner. Other activities include an auction, basket raffles, music by RPM and much more! The committee is in need of auction items. If you can help, call 377-3111 or 942-4682

## ST. LAWRENCE

## RUMMAGE SALE

**Canton** – There will be a rummage sale for the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop.

**Date:** Nov. 12, from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to Noon.

**Features:** There will be a quantity of clothing at low prices. Bag sale will be held on Saturday.

## BI-MONTHLY DINNERS

**Ogdensburg** – The Knights of Columbus will be having bi-monthly dinners.

**Date:** Nov. 16

**Time:** 3:30 p.m. to 6

**Cost:** \$7 per person, Dessert is \$1 extra

**Menu:** Lasagna, salad, garlic bread.

## K OF C BRUNCH

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

**Date:** Nov. 14

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to Noon

**Place:** Visitation Parish Center, Take-outs

available

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

## AUCTION NIGHT

**Canton** - Saint Mary's School Seventh Annual Auction Night

**Date:** Nov. 19

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. to 9:30

**Place:** Saint Mary's School Gymnasium

**Features:** Over 200 quality items to bid on at this community celebration in support of St. Mary's School. Tickets are \$15 per person and include bidding number, hors d'oeuvres, adult beverages, entertainment, door prizes. For more information, call the school at 386-3572.

## PARISH BAZAAR

**Star Lake** - St. Hubert's Parish will be having a Bazaar.

**Date:** Nov. 13

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

**Features:** Handcrafted items, live wreaths, raffles, bake sale, free gifts, lunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free admission.

## CRAFT SHOW

**Brasher Falls** -The Altar Rosary Society of St. Patrick's Church will hold its 20th Annual Craft Show.

**Date:** Nov. 13

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

**Cost:** Adults, \$1; Students, \$.50; under 5, Free

**Features:** Many dealers will be present with all kinds of crafts. Luncheon

## ANNUAL BAZAAR

**Massena** - St. Mary's and St. Joseph's have set their Annual Bazaar.

**Date:** Nov. 13

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's Social Hall

**Features:** Drawing prize of \$2500 plus 2nd, 3rd and 4th of \$100. Turkey raffles, Games, Country Store, Fancy Goods and Christmas Items, Ticket Central, Kitchen, Fried Dough, Quilt Raffle

## FOR MILITARY

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

**Date:** Tuesday evenings

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** Notre Dame Church

## HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

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

**Date:** Thursday before the First Friday

**Time:** 8 p.m. to 9

**Place:** Deacon Winter Chapel



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# A CHILL IS IN THE AIR

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

This time of the year with the winter chill in the air, it brings about reminders of having to wear boots and heavy coats. While the weather will and does change, the work to fight hunger and poverty in the United States and mission countries doesn't change.

As Catholics, we take time to reflect on Jesus carrying His cross. Reflections can lead us to remember why Jesus willingly carried His cross. Reflections no doubt fill us with emotions as we contemplate His great love for each of us. As Jesus met His mother while carrying His cross, Mary suffered as she watched her Son endure pain and could do nothing to help Him.

Let us pray for the many mothers around the world who see their children suffering from malnutrition and can do nothing to help them. During difficult times, we are offered the opportunity to think about people living in poverty and carrying the cross of hunger. We are reminded of those who go without boots or heavy coats or even a bed.

Thank you to all of you who contribute to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and other poverty and hunger alleviation efforts. Your contributions help people to receive relief from the daily crosses of hunger and poverty. Did you know that 13% of all Americans living and working in poverty hold full time jobs that do not pay enough to raise them out of poverty? Give of your time to volunteer at a local agency that reaches out to the poor in your community. Pick a meal to fast in solidarity with those who are hungry by eating simply.

Let us pray for the wisdom to always remember that the poor at home and around the world are not statistics; they are our brothers and sisters. May hope in Jesus' love for all affirm our work for justice for all people. May we remember that we are all missionaries.



## OBITUARIES

**Canton** – Joseph R. Carroll, 81; Funeral Services Nov. 5, 2010 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Canton** – Humberto Trejos, 92; Memorial Services Nov. 4, 2010 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Raymond's Cemetery, Bronx.

**Champlain** – David Michael Guay, 66; Funeral Services Nov. 4, 2010 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery

**Clayton** – Gladys M. (Trudeau) Hall, 86; Funeral Services Nov. 3, 2010 at Cummings Funeral Service, Inc.

**Clayton** – Marian E. (Race) Hinman, 80; Funeral Services Nov. 6, 2010 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Dannemora** – Sonya May (Gillen) LaVarnway, 33; Funeral Services Nov. 4, 2010 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**Evans Mills** – Marcella W. Lawler, 75; Funeral Services Nov. 8, 2010 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Gouverneur** – Lawrence E. "Larry" Todd, 99; Funeral Services Nov. 6, 2010 at Green Funeral Home; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park, Ogdensburg.

**Hogansburg** – Rose Benedict, 97; Funeral Services Nov. 5, 2010 at St. Regis Catholic Church; burial in Kateri Cemetery.

**Lake Clear** – Mary M. (James) Finegan, 77; Funeral Services Nov. 3, 2010 at St. John's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Church, Saranac Lake.



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**Lyon Mountain** – Steven A. Yanulavich, 47; Memorial Services Nov. 6, 2010 at St. Bernard's Church.

**Ogdensburg** – Robert Burns, 76; Funeral Services Nov. 5, 2010 at Notre Dame Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – Bette E. Hollis, 86; Funeral Services Nov. 3, 2010 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – Sheila A. (Montroy) Patterson, 64; Funeral Services Nov. 1, 2010 at Frary Funeral Home; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – Dolores (Maloney) Strader, 78; Funeral Services Nov. 1, 2010 at Frary Funeral Home.

**Plattsburgh** – Norman W. Trombly, 90;

Funeral Services Nov. 6, 2010 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Potsdam** – Sandy-Jane (Merrick) Ramsey, 43; Funeral Services Nov. 3, 2010 at Seymour Funeral Home.

**Rosiere** – Henry Wood, 10; Funeral Services Nov. 5, 2010 at St. Vincent de Paul Church; burial in Sand Bay Cemetery, Cape Vincent.

**Saranac Lake** – Jindrich Curaji, 77; Funeral Services Nov. 1, 2010 at Fortune-Keough Funeral Home; burial in Greenfield-Hampsted Town Cemetery, Uniondale.

**Waddington** – Leon E. Address, 80; Funeral Services Nov. 5, 2010 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.



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**Pope Benedict XVI blesses the tomb of Pope John Paul II on All Souls Day Nov. 2.**

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Former Missionary, Father Seymour with the Mission Office Staff: Sister Mary Ellen Brett and Molly Ryan



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Msgr. Murphy with two old-timers: Diana Shaver and Mary Lou Kilian



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#### Giving Thanks

*"We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers loved by God, how you were chosen."*

-From St. Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians

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