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Approach to Scripture

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - God constantly tries to enter into dialogue with the people he created - speaking through creation and even through silence, but mainly in the church through the Bible and through his son Jesus Christ, Pope Benedict XVI said. In his

apostolic exhortation, "Verbum Domini" ("The Word of the Lord"), the pope encouraged Catholics to embrace and value each of the ways God tries to speak to humanity.

The document, a papal reflection on the conclusions

of the 2008 Synod of Bishops on the Word of God, was released at the Vatican Nov. 11 and emphasized the need to improve Catholics' familiarity with the Bible and with the need to read and understand it in harmony with the church.

The Bible is not a dusty collection of ancient writings addressed only to ancient peoples, he said. But it's also not some sort of private letter addressed to individuals who are free to interpret it any way they please, the pope said.

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DEVOTION TO MARY

A celebration of the Month of the Rosary



Father Ted Crosby, pastor in Lyon Mountain and Ellenburg presided at a special Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Keeseville Oct. 23 to mark October as the Month of the Rosary. His homily included reflections on the power of the rosary, suggestions for meditating on the mysteries, and thoughts on the importance of persistent prayer.

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Bishop urges support for CCHD appeal

In his "Follow Me" column this week, Bishop LaValley calls for support of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Appeal in parishes this weekend.

"I am confident, given the ongoing vigilance, that the Gospel mandate to "bring good news to the poor, liberty to captives, new sight to the blind, and to set the downtrodden free (Luke 4:18), will be accomplished by the CCHD without violating the most basic of our Catholic social teaching, the right to life," Bishop LaValley wrote.

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Home from Rome

Fifty-one pilgrims from the North Country return from Rome after attending St. Andre's canonization

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A HARVEST OF BLESSINGS



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

Bishop Terry R. LaValley accepts the Offertory gifts from Rubin and Monica Remillard, during the annual diocesan Harvest Mass of Thanksgiving held Nov. 7 at St. Augustine's Church. The Remillards were among the local farmers to attend the Mass, held each year in different parts of the diocese, to honor farmers and their families. See page 5.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

A season for saints

Somehow it seems appropriate that this getting-darker, getting-colder month of November starts off with an official nod to those whose lives reveal the warmth and light of God – our saints.

In addition to all the canonized ones, we honor the saints in our own lives: on Veteran's Day, perhaps; on Thanksgiving Day, most certainly; on Election Day, well maybe not!

But, back on All Saints Day I joined an intriguing online conversation with friends who responded to the question "who's your favorite saint?"

I love my friend Colleen's answer: "I have many favorites but if I had to narrow it down to one it would be St. Veronica. Little is known about her and what we do know is conflicting but I love her unreserved boldness of pushing through the crowd to quietly help Christ."

Yes! Always among my own personal favorites is one who shares my name – St. Louise de Merrilac who spent her life working with the poor alongside St. Vincent de Paul.

The Thomas' in my life – husband and father – are also partial to a namesake: St. Thomas More who didn't let his brilliant mind stand in the way of his conviction for Christ.

I asked Bishop LaValley for his favorite and he reminded me that it had been printed in our Year for Priests feature – St. John Vianney.

But, he said, "that was before we had St. Andre."

And now, we do indeed have St. Andre' Bessett, a saintly neighbor!

He is certainly a favorite for scores of pilgrims from the diocese who traveled to Rome for his canonization last month. (Seepage 4)

And a list of my own favorite saints would never be complete without the patron saint of the Catholic press, St. Francis de Sales.

Who would not be comforted by these words:

Do not lose your inward peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset. Commend all to God, and then lie still and be at rest in His bosom. Whatever happens, abide steadfast in a determination to cling simply to God, trusting to His eternal love for you; and if you find that you have wandered forth from this shelter, recall your heart quietly and simply.

Journalists may need to hear these words more than anyone but somehow I have a feeling that everyone could use a little more of that "inward peace."

St. Francis de Sales, pray for us all!



Mary Lou Kilian

ST. JOSEPH AT ST. MARY'S



Every year for All Saints Day at St. Mary's in Ticonderoga the older children dress up as a saint and take part in a school assembly called "Guess the Saint." The children read a short statement about who they are dressed as and the other students try to guess their names. Above is Caleb Pike as St. Joseph.

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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) 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). 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

Breaking cycle of poverty

The annual combined collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and the Black and Indian Missions will be held in our Diocese on the weekend of Nov. 20-21.

There has been much controversy about the CCHD over the past few years. Frankly, I have had serious reservations myself about supporting this annual collection. It was only after investigations by those not affiliated with CCHD that it came to light that some of the CCHD funds supported groups or agencies that were in direct opposition to our Church's teachings on critical life issues such as abortion.

As a result of this revelation, the CCHD has undergone a serious and substantive review. This review conducted by bishops responsible for the CCHD's oversight discovered that out of 270 groups, five were determined to have violated Catholic principles and CCHD policies.

When an agency was found to be in violation of

Church teachings all CCHD funding was immediately withdrawn and the agency was defunded by CCHD.

This thorough review process reaffirmed CCHD's Catholic foundations and priority for the poor, responded to the serious concerns about some CCHD funding policies, and made ten commitments to strengthen CCHD as a faithful and effective expression of Catholic teaching and the Gospel mandate to defend the lives and dignity of those who are poor in our nation.

The review and renewal is putting in place stronger policies and clearer mechanisms to screen and monitor grants and groups to ensure that past violations are not repeated.

With that in mind, I invite your support of the CCHD this year.

I am confident, given the ongoing vigilance, that the Gospel mandate to "bring good news to the poor, liberty to captives, new sight to the blind, and to set the downtrodden free (Luke

4:18), will be accomplished by the CCHD without violating the most basic of our Catholic social teaching, the right to life.

Our support for this year's appeal will assist the Catholic Church break the cycle of poverty and create a more just society.

If you have questions about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development or the groups that it funds, please visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

The Black and Indian Missions collection benefits the Church locally. Some of its proceeds return to St. Regis Mission at Akwasasne, supporting its evangelization efforts and its religious education programs.

Each year, this local parish receives a substantial grant from the national office for the Black and Indian Missions.

This combined collection has local and national impact. Thank you for your support of this year's combined collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and the Black and Indian Missions on the weekend of November 20-21, 2010.



Bishop Terry R. LaValley

Bishop's Fund tops \$1 million

Valerie MatheWs, diocesan Bishop's Fund director, has announced that the annual appeal has reached 86.27% of its goal of \$1,200,000 with a total of \$1,035,285.83 received in cash and pledges from 8,901 households across the diocese. At presstime, 23 parishes had surpassed their goal.

"If you have not had the opportunity to make your Bishop's Fund gift this year, it is not too late," she said. "Please send your gift to The Bishop's Fund Appeal, PO Box 150, Ogdensburg, NY, 13669."

Diocese again offers food support

Msgr. John R. Murphy
Moderator of the Curia

Bishop Terry R. LaValley has designated \$20,000 for use in North Country communities to offset the cost of food for distribution to people in need.

It is anticipated that grants will be distributed around Jan. 1, 2011, enabling parish and community food programs to replenish food stocks and purchase supplies needed for distribution during the winter.

Catholic pastors throughout the diocese have been invited to apply for grants to meet the cost of actual cash outlays needed to provide food for distribution in parish programs, or by church, ecumenical, or community food banks.

Pastors of the Diocese of Ogdensburg have until Dec. 3 to apply to the Diocese for grants. Applications can be for an amount up to \$500.

The amount of each grant will be determined based on the need expressed and the total number of applications received by the Diocese.

During the 2007 Bishop's Fund Appeal, Bishop Robert Cunningham promised to set aside for charitable work any surplus received over the Bishop's Fund goal of \$1,150,000. From the proceeds that year, the Diocese invested \$60,000 to initiate a long-term endowment to

support the charitable work of the Bishop of Ogdensburg.

Additional proceeds still available from that appeal are being used to fund these grants.

In addition, a modest amount will be taken from the Bourdon Fund, money left to the diocese several years ago to be used for the charitable work of the Church.

Only Catholic pastors have been invited to apply for grants during this distribution. However, grants can be requested for parish or community or ecumenical efforts which provide food for people in need within the territory of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Grants can be used only for the purchase of food and not for administrative costs or other charitable works.

Like his predecessors, Bishop LaValley is concerned by the number of people coming for assistance in obtaining food.

This response on the part of the Diocese is intended to provide help, however modest, to North Country residents in personal need without regard to religious background.

Bishop LaValley is also grateful for the generosity of those who contributed to the Bishop's Fund Appeal in the past and whose donations helped make this distribution possible.

A MASS IN MEMORY



The Bishop Conroy General Assembly 699 4th Degree Knights of Columbus celebrated the Annual Memorial Mass for the Deceased Members at St. John's Church in Lyons Falls Nov.7 Father Stephen H. Gratto, pastor, presided; Deacon James W. Chaufy assisted. Shown, from left are Bill Marmon, Todd Norrgard, Bill Trimm, Ken Paragon, Bill Boulio, Father Gratto, Vinny Paragon, John Delles, Carmen Pepe, Bill Hermann, Sam Tufo and Deacon Chaufy.



A group of 51 North Country Pilgrims in Rome for the Canonization of St. Brother Andre' from Montreal, gather at the Piazza Navona after attending a Thanksgiving Mass at Santa Andrea della Valle Oct. 18 the day

following the canonization. Ursula Akey, organizer of the pilgrimage, shares personal reflections of the trip in the accompanying article.

A true communion of saints

By Ursula Akey

Parishioner, Holy Name, AuSable Forks

VATICAN CITY- I write this from St. Peter's Square in Rome. It's Oct. 24 - Mission Sunday - and we have just received our "marching orders" from Pope Benedict as from his window, during the Angelus, he sends us forth.

It is an experience like no other, having just a few days ago said good bye to the pilgrimage group of 50 who journeyed with me here for the canonization of Saint Brother Andre' of Montreal.

It is impossible to write a complete account of our week in Rome. We of course shared all the high points of the Eternal City that one should see. But above and

beyond this, we all experienced the Love of God more deeply than before in His Church and in each other.

What made our pilgrimage so special?

Attending a canonization is a powerful witness, not just a ceremonial event.

It is a sign to all present that God calls simple, ordinary men and women to be saints, as it was with our humble Saint Br. Andre' Bessett. God is also calling us to sainthood.

With their example and prayers we have hope and courage to accomplish this goal. St. Brother Andre', a man who walked where we walk in Northern New York not that long ago, continues to walk beside us to strengthen and support our efforts to this end. We were

all profoundly touched by this realization.

Many challenges

I wouldn't want you to think this pilgrimage was smooth and easy. If it were so it would not be a true pilgrimage. We had many challenges along the way. I will share a couple.

On our way to Rome, one of our pilgrims, Maddy Rabideau, went head long, tumbling down the escalator in the Toronto Airport.

We immediately gathered in prayer and support as she was rushed to the hospital, her husband Deacon Ty Rabideau beside her. It appeared she could have a serious head injury.

We boarded the plane to Rome without her, keeping vigil in prayer through our flight with heavy hearts.

Through these prayers and the intercession of St. Br. Andre' and St. Joseph, the Rabideaus were able to fly out and join us a day later in Rome. With many bruises, scrapes and stitches Maddy was able to complete a very strenuous journey.

Thanks be to God!

Then there was my being

robbed, pick-pocketed, as I was distracted for a moment. My traveler's pouch, containing my passport and all my Euros, needed to spend my additional week in Rome, gone!

But as we know God never allows bad things to happen without bringing a greater good out of it and so he did it! After praying for the grace to carry on, leading these pilgrims, I was immediately connected with the simplicity and poverty of St. Brother Andre' and able then to focus on what was more important. All in my company were very upset but I felt a trust that "like the birds of the air and the lilies of the field" God would take care of me, and did he ever!

No, my money purse and passport were not recovered, but much greater the blessing that was to come.

You see, we had in our group two young girls, ages nine and 11 who were an inspiration to us all.

When my money was taken, one of these youth, Kathleen O'Neil from Ticonderoga, was moved to take up a collection on our bus for me.

That evening at dinner

one of our group stood up to give witness to the entire dining room full of other pilgrims to the wonderful action of this child of God, who had come to my aide.

At this, Kathleen passed to collect from all there, (a very humbling experience). By the grace of God most of my lost funds Was replaced!

Experience of God's love

The magnificence of Rome is amazing but the experience of God's Love through His People brought to life the glory of His Church there. It was revealed to me that I had experienced the true communion of saints...both in heaven- participating in the canonization of St. Br. Andre' and on earth- through the love, concern and generosity of my brothers and sisters on pilgrimage to Rome.

On our journey to Rome we were truly empowered with the grace to live out the call and mission we have in life.

he purpose of our pilgrimage was a "mission accomplished", knowing our life's mission has just begun.

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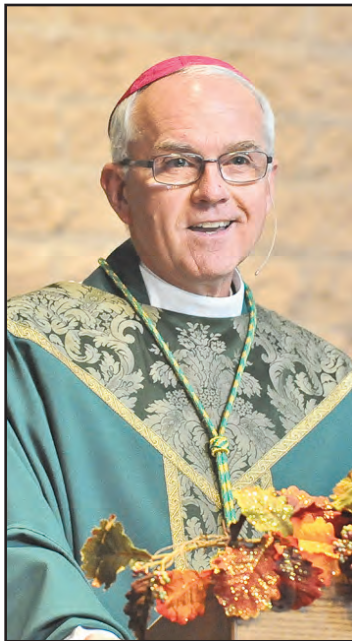
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HARVEST MASS 2010

Annual Mass held Nov. 7 at St. Augustine's Church in Peru.



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Bishop Terry R. LaValley presided at the annual diocesan Harvest Mass of Thanksgiving, held this year at St. Augustine's Parish in Peru Nov. 7. Bishop LaValley offered thanks to God for His presence in the products of farms and prayed for God's blessing on North Country farmers and their labors.



Lauren, Nicholas and Alexandre Lawliss assisted Bishop LaValley as altar servers for the Mass.



Father Alan Shnob, pastor of St. Augustine's, read the Gospel during the liturgy, attended by Robert Herforth, thurifer for the celebration.



Area musicians added to the prayerful celebration. Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito celebrated the first diocesan Harvest Mass in Malone in 2001. Since then, the special Mass honoring farmers and their families has been held in parishes all across the North Country.



PHOTO BY JOHN RYAN
After the Mass, Bishop LaValley greeted all the worshippers including Sue and Jim Allen who operate a farm in Clinton County.

KNIGHTS SUPPORT HOLY NAME SCHOOL



PHOTO BY JOHN RYAN
The Stanislaus J. Brzana Chapter Knights of Columbus made a donation of \$2,020 to Holy Name School in AuSable Forks. District Deputy David Clark presented the check to Father Kris Lauzon, Pastor of Holy Name Church in AuSable Forks and St. Matthew's Church in Black Brook. At right AuSable Forks Grand Knight Robert Akey and Isle LaMotte Pilgrimage Coordinator Peter Keenan.

Rites held for Sr. Mary Emerita, RSM

LAKE PLACID – A Mass of Christian Burial for Mercy Sister Mary Emerita Wells, 95, was held Nov. 11 at Reiss Memorial Chapel in AMC-Uihlein.

She died Nov. 8, 2010 at Adirondack Medical Center-Uihlein.

Burial was in St. Alphonsus Cemetery in Tupper Lake.

Born Oct. 8, 1915 in Bouquet, she was the daughter of Thomas J. and Leila M. (White) Wells.

She entered the Sisters of Mercy in Tarrytown in 1932 and made perpetual vows on Aug. 16, 1938 in Gabriels.

Over the years her assignments took her to Sanatorium Gabriels, Mercy Hospital in Watertown, Loretta Residence in Plattsburgh, Mercy General Hospital in Tupper Lake and Uihlein Mercy Center in Lake Placid.

Her ministries included work in the departments of pharmacy, laboratories and X-ray, as well as being a clerical assistant.

She is survived by three nephews: Thomas, Joseph and Bernard Wells; and two nieces: Margaret Daby and Ann Marie Surprenant.

She is predeceased by one brother, Dennis; and two sisters: Margaret and Mercy Sister Mary Felicitas Wells.

Bishop LaValley's Schedule

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

Nov. 21 – 3 p.m., Mass for the rededication of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany.

Nov. 23 – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Spratt Building in Ogdensburg; 6 p.m., Dinner for the Special Religious Education Program at the Northside Improvement League in Watertown.

Rest in Peace

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

Nov. 17 – Rev. E. Murphy, 1907; Rev. George D. Boucher, 1954; Rev. Romuald A. Wolski, O.F.M. Conv., 1976

Nov. 18 – Rev. Edward J. Shea, O.S.A., 1931

Nov. 20 – Rev. Robert Joseph Booth, 1939

Nov. 21 – Msgr. Joseph L. Tierney, P.A., 1968

Nov. 22 – Rev. Bernard Caraher, 1893

Nov. 23 – Rev. Louis Brisson, 1963

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. Ongoing monthly training is required for all employees involved in activities with minors. Volunteers are strongly encouraged to continue their training. Further information is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 403.

Upcoming programs:
Nov. 18 - Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Watertown, 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 4 - St. John Bosco Parish Hall, Malone, 9 a.m.

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The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg

Building A Bridge For The Future



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Passing Our Living Faith to Future Generations

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I am pleased to present the annual report for the *Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg, NY, Inc.* Since its establishment in 2007, the *Foundation* has been true to its mission: to provide a single unified means for parishes, Catholic schools, individuals, families, and other organizations of the Diocese of Ogdensburg to make planned gifts for the benefit of the works of the Church.



Particularly during difficult economic times such as these, the growing needs of the diocesan family impel us to be good and faithful stewards ensuring that the ministries of the Church and its agencies will be fully supported in the years to come.

As you review this annual report, you will note the increasing number of endowments that have been established. Through endowments, the principal of the gift given remains and continues to grow as a perpetual source of revenue for the Diocese, the parish, the Catholic school or other Catholic organization or ministry. The income from the endowment is always used in accordance with the intention of the donor.

If you haven't already, I encourage you to consider developing an estate plan for the benefit of your loved ones. A carefully and prayerfully prepared plan can provide a wonderful opportunity to add to an existing endowment or create a new one in the Foundation. Planned giving is a means of providing financial support to assist in spreading the Good News in our North Country for generations to come. Our diocesan Planned Giving Office is always available to provide information and answer questions that can help you make the right decision.

Indeed, the Foundation exists as a bridge for the future. I am grateful to all who desire to share their blessings with an eye and heart for tomorrow. Please accept my sincere gratitude to all who contribute to the *Foundation* for their foresight and desire that the many gifts and blessings they have received are used for the benefit of the future work of the Church. Thank you for helping to build the bridge that sustains our hope.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of The Foundation is to pass our living faith to future generations by financially supporting the charitable, spiritual, educational and temporal works of the Catholic Community of the Diocese of Ogdensburg by accepting donations or endowment funds from donors and the administration of these funds.

- In fulfilling its mission, The Foundation will:
- Provide estate planning and charitable giving information and assistance.
 - Provide gifting vehicles in which the Church or related entities are the designated beneficiary.
 - Provide responsible and financial management and distribution of earnings that further the mission of the Catholic Church.

Catholics are called by God to protect human life, to promote dignity, to defend those who are poor, to strengthen the Church and to seek the common good. The Foundation exists to help Catholics live out this sacred mission of the Church, through the wise stewardship and thoughtful sharing of their financial resources.

The Foundation will provide permanent endowments and memorial funds for donors who want to give lasting support to parishes, schools, religious and social service ministries in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

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THE FOUNDATION OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG

Dear Friends,
The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg, New York, Inc. was more important in 2009 than ever before in its short existence. For the first time, we were able to fulfill the purpose of providing income at a time when it was most needed. By distributing dividends to the benefactors of the endowments held in the Foundation.

The Board of Directors has distinct fiduciary responsibility for all assets entrusted to the Foundation. It remains keenly focused on the importance of these funds to the individuals and parishes who founded them and to the beneficiaries who count on their distributions. The Board will continue its wise, active stewardship of these gifts, executing vigilant and prudent long-term asset management. In doing so, the Foundation will continue its mission to sustain the ministries of our parishes, schools and other organizations for generations to come.

I encourage you to read through this report to learn more about the endowments that are established in the Foundation and what methods are available in establishing an endowment. The parishes, schools and other diocesan ministries should take action in promoting long-term financial planning by including an endowment and a commitment to promote planned giving opportunities for the good of their institution.

I want to express my gratitude and appreciation to Bishop LaValley and the loyal members of the Board of Directors and to those that have established endowments for their foresight in planning for the future of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Sincerely,

Janice A. Shoen
Executive Director

HOW THE FOUNDATION WORKS

The Foundation solicits and receives planned gifts to benefit the people and communities of the Diocese as designated by donors. Prudent financial management of the funds is entrusted to the Board of Directors comprised of distinguished Church, business and civic leaders. A professional staff administers the day to day operation of The Foundation and oversees the distribution of annual earnings from the funds. Assets are managed by investment professionals.

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Methods of Giving

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Type		Benefit
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FUTURE GIVING – DEFERRED GIFTS

Type		Benefit
Bequest	A provision in your will in which you name an endowment held by the Foundation as a beneficiary	- Easy to do - Leaves a perpetual gift - Allows you to continue giving beyond this life
Insurance Policies	Name an endowment held by the Foundation as a beneficiary	- Easy to do - Opportunity to leave a meaningful gift at no present cost to you

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Apostolic visitation of Irish church response to sex abuse begins

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The apostolic visitations of four Irish archdioceses, Irish seminaries and religious orders in response to the scandal arising from sexual abuse of minors by clergy officially began Nov. 11, the Vatican said. A Vatican statement said that apostolic visitors appointed by Pope Benedict XVI would begin their investigations into the widespread problem that Irish government reports said had gone on for decades within a "culture of secrecy." The pope announced the apostolic visitation in March when he wrote a pastoral letter to Irish Catholics expressing deep sorrow and regret at the abuse children suffered at the hands of the clergy and at the lack of response from Catholic leadership. He has promised repeatedly to root out the problem. The Vatican statement said the visitors would not deal with new allegations, which, should they arise, must be reported to civil and local church authorities. However, the church officials appointed by the pope will "make themselves available to those who have been deeply wounded by abuse and who wish to be met and heard," it said. Those victims and their families, the statement said, will be received "in the same fatherly manner in which the Holy Father has on several occasions greeted and listened to those who have suffered the terrible crime of abuse."

Respect for religion is vital for peace, pope tells Iranian leader

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Respect for each person's relationship with God is an essential part of building a just social order and real peace, Pope Benedict XVI said in a letter to Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. "It is my profound conviction that respect for the transcendent dimension of the human person is an indispensable condition for the construction of a just social order and a stable peace," the pope wrote to the Iranian leader. Pope Benedict wrote that a person's relationship with God "is the ultimate foundation" of the dignity and sacred character of every human life. "When the promotion of the dignity of the human person is the primary inspiration of political and social activity that is committed to search for the common good, solid and enduring foundations are created for building peace and harmony between peoples," the pope said.

Pope calls on laity to evangelize for social justice worldwide

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Benedict XVI said that lay Catholics have a responsibility to promote social justice and charity in a globalized world often marked by injustice and inequality. Addressing the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace Nov. 4, the pope called for "renewed evangelization of the church's social doctrine." Lay people, the pope said, as "free and responsible citizens," are invested with "the immediate task of working for a just social order." The pope made his remarks in a message to Cardinal Peter Turkson, the council president, as he welcomed council members to the Vatican Nov. 4-5. He praised the council for promoting the formation of the laity through the "Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church" and Pope Benedict's own "Caritas in Veritate" ("Charity in Truth"), the 2009 encyclical that addressed social justice issues. But lay Catholics cannot carry out the church's message alone, the pope said. "They must find priests and bishops able to offer untiring support for purification of the conscience, as well as indispensable support for the coherent witness of the social doctrine of the church." Victims of injustice and inequality expect "words of hope" from the church and signs that God "can save humanity from its radical evils," the pope said. Pope Benedict said Catholics had their work cut out for them in a world where "lies often trap men and society" and undermine solidarity.

VATICAN LETTER

Pope: use devoted, reasoned approach to the Scriptures

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - God constantly tries to enter into dialogue with the people he created - speaking through creation and even through silence, but mainly in the church through the Bible and through his son Jesus Christ, Pope Benedict XVI said.

In his apostolic exhortation, "Verbum Domini" ("The Word of the Lord"), the pope encouraged Catholics to embrace and value each of the ways God tries to speak to humanity.

The document, a papal reflection on the conclusions of the 2008 Synod of Bishops on the Word of God, was released at the Vatican Nov. 11 and emphasized the need to improve Catholics' familiarity with the Bible and with the need to read and understand it in harmony with the church.

The Bible is not a dusty collection of ancient writings addressed only to ancient peoples, he said. But it's also not some sort of private letter addressed to individuals who are free to interpret it any way they please, the pope said in the document, which is close to 200 pages long.

The pope said he wrote "Verbum Domini" because "I would like the work of the synod to have a real effect on the life of the church: on our personal relationship with the sacred Scriptures, on their interpretation in the liturgy and catechesis, and in scientific research so that the Bible may not be simply a word from the past, but a living and timely word."

Pope Benedict asked for greater church efforts to teach Catholics about the Bible, to help them learn to read it and pray with it, to treat it with great dignity during the liturgy and em-

phasize its importance by making sure homilies are based on the day's readings.

At Bible School with Pope Benedict

For centuries, Catholic laity actually were discouraged from reading the Bible themselves.

Even though that began changing 100 years ago, Bible reading often is seen as a Protestant activity.

In fact, some evangelical Christians use passages from the Bible to preach against the Catholic Church, which the pope said is truly ironic since "the Bible is the church's book."

It was the church that decided which of the ancient Christian writings were inspired and were to be considered the New Testament, the pope said.

And it was the church that interpreted it for hundreds of years.

"The primary setting for scriptural interpretation is the life of the church," he said, not because the church is imposing some kind of power play, but because the Scriptures can be understood fully only when one understands "the way they gradually came into being."

Obviously, he said, the key message of the Bible -- the story of God's love for his creatures and the history of his attempts to save them -- can be grasped only if people recognize that the fullness of God's word is Jesus Christ.

Jesus "is the definitive word which God speaks to humanity," the pope wrote, and "in a world which often feels that God is superfluous or extraneous, we confess with Peter that he alone has 'the words of eternal life.'"

The Scriptures themselves teach that God created human beings with a special dignity, giving them intelli-

gence and free will. In approaching the Scriptures, he said, people must use that intelligence to understand what is written.

Pope Benedict, a theologian who served for more than 20 years as president of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, said academic approaches to Scripture studies were essential for helping people understand the Bible, as long as those studies recognize that the Bible is not simply a piece of literature.

For example, he said, a lot of Catholics -- including priests giving homilies -- are completely at a loss when dealing with "those passages in the Bible which, due to the violence and immorality they occasionally contain, prove obscure and difficult."

Those passages, he said, demonstrate that "God's plan is manifested progressively and it is accomplished slowly, in successive stages and despite human resistance. God chose a people and patiently worked to guide and educate them."

God's education of his people continues today, for example, by helping people understand the importance of safeguarding creation and working for more justice in social and political systems, he said.

Pope Benedict said God's dialogue with humanity through the Bible must lead to greater faith and a more powerful witness in the world.

While the papal exhortation mentioned plenty of early church theologians and their approaches to understanding Scripture, it also included a long section about men and women who read the Bible and were inspired to live its message in the world.

"Every saint is like a ray of light streaming forth from the word of God," Pope Benedict said.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Christ the King: a celebration of hope!

As the days get shorter and darker, heralding the end of another depressing year of war, earthquakes, floods and hurricanes, we look for some signs of peace.

This Sunday points us away from gloom to a celebration of hope. The Church marks the very end of the Church year with the Feast of Christ the King.

It's not about pomp and pageantry; it's about the reality of a heavenly king who has issued a firm invitation to eternal joy if we but give

Him our hearts.

It's a reminder that earthly monarchs may "mess up" and cause our world to whimper, but in reality, God is still in charge of this earth's final outcome.



**Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore**

As the wonderful ancient hymn declares, "Christ conquers, Christ rules, Christ prevails!"

One of the best statements of our faith, and most consolidating supports for our hope is found in today's second reading which urges us to "give thanks to the Father....for He has delivered

us from the powers of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption (and) the forgiveness of sins...and, in Him, all things hold together."

He tells us keep our eyes fixed on the Kingdom He has promised to those who cling to Him in faith and obedience to His laws.

In the first reading, we see the origins of the Kingdom of David who was chosen by the northern tribes for his outstanding qualities of leadership and ability to unify the Israelites.

He was the shepherd king, the caring and forgiving king, who prepared the way for the Messiah-King, Jesus,

NOV. 21

The Feast of Christ the King

READINGS

2 Samuel 5:1-3
Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 23:35-43

the Son of David and the Son of God.

His Kingdom a kingdom of Peace and Love, a Kingdom of Justice and Truth.

The Gospel narrates in detail the horrible insults hurled at Jesus by his enemies as He hung helpless on the Cross.

They came from the Romans who saw Him as a threat to imperial power.

They came from Jewish religious leaders who feared that He would replace their authority.

Their taunts and jeers have been repeated endlessly down the centuries by all who have refused Him the obedience of their minds and hearts.

Today's feast is a call for all Christians to renew the allegiance they owe their King. It is not a question of a one-time commitment.

He demands our total attention and our whole energy—each day, each hour. By our faith, our prayer, and our good works, we are called to bring the whole world under His loving power.

OUR READERS WRITE

Thanks, Bishop LaValley

I would like to thank Bishop LaValley for his kind words in the November 10, 2010 edition of the *North Country Catholic*. As rector of the Cathedral and now as Bishop, he has always been supportive of Priesthood Sunday.

Our committee finds the celebration of Priesthood Sunday as a labor of love for our Priests. Finding time to invite Father to dinner is very difficult in a large parish, so we celebrate as a Church: A family of faith.

I would like to thank the Knights of Columbus, Council 258 for the wonderful dinner they prepared to honor our priests. Thanks to all the people that helped to made the evening a success.

Looking forward to 2011, there are three important dates to keep in mind.

* National Vocation Awareness Week: January 9-15, 2011

* World Day for Consecrated Life: February 6, 2011

* World Day of Prayer for Vocations: May 15, 2011

Please consider doing something special on February 6, 2011 for the Religious Sisters and Brothers that serve our parishes so faithfully.

Please continue to pray for Vocations. The Lord will provide.

JOE TEBO
OGDENSBURG

SPIRITUALITY FOR TODAY

Carrying one's cross

By Father John Catoir
Catholic News Service

I just turned 77, and I can look back on a variety of ailments that temporarily entered my life and challenged my joy.

Living joyfully because of the knowledge of God's love is never easy. Through it all, I tried to put on the will to bear discomfort, a feat I found was only possible with the help of God's grace.

It can be done.

Faith gives us all a huge advantage over those with no faith. I've learned a few things about suffering along the way, and I hope these 10 ideas will help you keep from being too discouraged when your time comes.

1. Do all you can to eliminate pain through medication, and if necessary, surgery. When unavoidable suffering comes into your life, toughen up.

You can make the burden lighter by turning to the

Lord for his help. The will says yes or no to "I will accept this cross."

2. By God's grace, a quiet, uncomplaining spirit in the midst of pain is possible.

Offering your suffering to God is a form of self-giving that is the highest kind of prayer.... Pray for the grace to rise above your misery

3. Even Jesus had to pray for help in accepting his cross: "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will" (Mt 28:39).

4. Jesus did not come to take our suffering away; rather, he came to fill it with his presence. Unite your suffering to his as best you can, and if you can't, don't put yourself down. You're only human.

5. Suffering is the coin that purchased our redemption. We may not be able to understand this concept fully, but knowing

it can give suffering greater meaning.

6. Pain and suffering are universal. Always pray for a happy death, one that will be as free of pain as possible, but all along the way, try to live joyfully because of the knowledge of God's love.

7. When your pain becomes unbearable, you have two choices: suicide or courage. Suicide may seem preferable at any given moment, but think of the consequences. You don't want your children to follow your example when the going gets rough.

Be a saint. Accept God's permissive will; it will lift your spirit and inspire others.

8. For every pain that we must bear, there is a reason; only God knows the reason. So hang in there. When you are at your worst, try to understand that the Christian response to unavoidable suffering is far more noble than the pagan response, which usually ends up in self-pity and

greater misery.

9. Suffering in silence is an act of charity toward your caretakers. Patients always have a responsibility to be charitable to their caretakers. Be a good patient. But always reserve the right to wake them up in the middle of the night when you need medication.

10. Many saints prayed for the gift of martyrdom, knowing well that it might entail great suffering. When you pray, don't go for martyrdom. Just keep it simple. Understand that true prayer is found in the will to give yourself to God just as you are, warts and all.

Offering your suffering to God is a form of self-giving that is the highest kind of prayer.

Pray for the grace to rise above your misery. Don't let it destroy your self-respect; rather, have hope. All of this will pass.

Listen to the words of Jesus: "Come to me, all you who labor are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28).

AT THE MOVIES

MORNING GLORY

By John P. McCarthy
Catholic News Service

It's no surprise that the newsroom comedy "Morning Glory" (Paramount) brings to mind the classic sitcom "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and the 1987 feature film "Broadcast News." Both were created by James L. Brooks, who wasn't involved in this project but whose influence is keenly felt.

While "Morning Glory" lacks the sharp wit of "Broadcast News," the modest success of this screwball, working-girl comedy can be attributed to the portrayal of the central character, Becky Fuller, by Canadian actress Rachel McAdams. Miss Fuller sparkles as a worthy big-screen successor to that iconic Twin Cities' news-woman, Ms. Mary Richards.

After being fired for budgetary reasons from a local morning show in New Jersey, 28-year-old Becky lands a job in Manhattan as the executive producer of "Daybreak," the struggling morning offering of a national network.

Preternaturally vivacious and enthusiastic, Becky is extremely capable, despite coming across as slightly ditzy. Tasked with reviving the under-budgeted, perpetually ridiculed program, she arranges for venerable reporter Mike Pomeroy (Harrison Ford) to assume co-anchor duties alongside Colleen Peck (Diane Keaton).

While the gruff, pompous Mike disdains morning TV and refuses to cooperate --



CNS PHOTO/PARAMOUNT

Rachel McAdams, Diane Keaton and Harrison Ford star in a scene from the movie "Morning Glory."

he's compelled to take the job due to a chink that Becky discovers in his contract -- temperamental Colleen is no picnic herself. The challenge seems insurmountable to everyone save the idealistic and underestimated Becky, who eventually makes good in the big city, while also coming to the realization that her career isn't everything.

Thanks to McAdams, who has received strong notices for her work in movies such as "Mean Girls" and "The Notebook," "Morning Glory" has an appealing glow without ever achieving comedic glory.

With Ford and Keaton tending to growl and grime without much conviction,

there's significant pressure on McAdams to carry the film, just as there is on Becky to salvage "Daybreak." The key is that she never makes Becky's verve seem like "repellant moxie," despite Mike's initially harsh assessment to that effect.

Becky's optimism and can-do spirit is the most salubrious aspect of "Morning Glory." Her adeptness at playing hardball with colleagues when necessary proves she's no Pollyanna, however; likewise her morally unacceptable decision to sleep with fellow producer Adam Bennett (Patrick Wilson).

As far as its take on the state of broadcast journalism goes, "Morning Glory"

feels dated. It's too late to wonder who will win the battle between news and entertainment.

The dumbing-down of television (and public discourse more generally) has already taken place, although that doesn't mean one shouldn't take a stand whenever possible.

Unfortunately, Aline Brosh McKenna's script ultimately sides with fluff over substance given that Becky's mission becomes persuading dinosaur Mike to relax

his standards. Unfortunately, her philosophy that "no story is too high or too low to reach for" is borne out as the movie gently mocks then ultimately celebrates the public's assumed preference for light fare over hard news.

In addition to leaning on the talents of his versatile star, director Robert Mitchell ("Notting Hill") lets music and montages do most of the storytelling.

The dialogue is sprinkled throughout with ribald remarks that -- along with that unseen coupling -- make "Morning Glory" acceptable only for mature audiences.

The film contains non-graphic sexual activity, an off-screen encounter, several uses of profanity, two instances of rough language, much crude and crass talk, numerous scatological and sexual references and a drug reference.

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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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

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

Ellenburg Center – OLA House of Prayer to have a Thanksgiving Day dinner.

Date: Nov. 25

Time: 1 p.m.

Features: RSVP by Nov. 22 to oadiron@twcny.rr.com or 518-594-3253. No charge, donations appreciated.

DAY OF REFLECTION

Ellenburg Center – OLA House of Prayer to have an Advent Day of Reflection.

Date: Dec. 11

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Features: Deacon Dennis Monty will join us for an Advent retreat, encouraging us to reflect on Mary, the Eucharist, and the hope and promise of the season. Bring your Bible and a journal. Lunch provided. RSVP by Dec. 9 to oadiron@twcny.rr.com or call 518-594-3253. Donations appreciated.

SETON CHRISTMAS DINNER

Plattsburgh – Seton Catholic Central to host a dinner and silent auction.

Date: Dec. 5

Time: Noon to 5 p.m.

Cost: Seniors (55+), \$7; Adults, \$9; Children 12-5, \$5; Under 5, Free; Take-outs, \$9. Bring an unwrapped toy or food donation and receive \$1 off an adult meal ticket.

Features: Turkey with all the trimmings. A large silent auction, cash raffle, wreath sale, "gifts from home" made by students and parents and music by Seton students. For raffle tickets or more info visit www.setoncatholic.net. Benefits Seton Academy & Seton Catholic.

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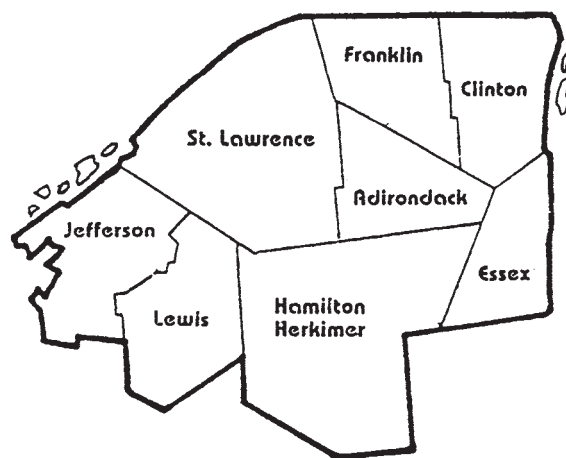
Champlain – St. Mary's Academy will be having a Christmas Craft Fair.

Date: Nov. 20

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

Place: St. Mary's Academy Gym

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



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

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.

Contact: 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.

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.

Theme: "There He is: King of Kings and Lord of Lords, hidden in the bread. To this extreme has He humbled Himself for love of you" (St. Josemaria Escriva). Pray for vocations

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

2011 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

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

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

LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST

St. Regis Falls – All are welcomed and invited to join St. Francis Regis Council 7321 Knights of Columbus to celebrate Advent and the upcoming Christmas season with the annual "Light Up for Christ" blessing of the Nativity scene.

Date: Dec. 7

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: In front of St. Ann's Church

Features: Blessing by Father John L. Downs. The service includes a prayer, the blessing of the Nativity scene, a song, and refreshments will be served in the church hall.

JEFFERSON

HOLIDAY TOUR OF HOMES

Fort Drum – There will be a Holiday Tour of Homes to be held.

Date: Dec. 12

Time: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: Tour will begin at the Timbers Community Center and end at LeRay Mansion.

Cost: \$15 per person. Includes entry to all home. Refreshments and snacks will be served at the beginning and end of the tour.

Features: On the tour will be 8 locations including an apartment at the Timbers, homes in Richard Hills, the USO building and homes on LeRay Drive.

Contact: For more information and tickets contact Sonia Patton at 254-258-2850 or Teri-Gene Conlin 778-3978.

TO SHRINES OF FRANCE

Watertown – Father Donald Robinson, is leading a pilgrimage to shrines in France

Date: March 21-31, 2011

Cost: \$2349 includes airfare, accommodations, and most meals

Features: Visit Lourdes, Nevers, Tours, Loire Valley, Chartres, Mont St. Michel, Normandy, Caen, Lisieux, and Paris.

Contact: Call 782-1190.

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Watertown – An ecumenical bereavement meeting will be held.

Date: Nov. 22

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: SSS Motherhouse

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

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.

Contact: If you can help, call 377-3111 or 942-4682

ST. LAWRENCE

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.

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

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

FRIDAY FISH FRY

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

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

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

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

DIOCESAN EVENTS

DIOCESAN CHOIR FESTIVAL

Ogdensburg – The Second Annual Diocesan Choir Festival / St. Cecilia Sing will be held

Date: Nov. 21

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: To celebrate the Feast of St. Cecilia, patron saint of musicians, choirs from throughout the diocese will come together to sing some of their favorite hymns and anthems.

Contact: Cathedral Music Director, Ernie Hadley, 315-393-3930



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A time of thanks

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

Thanks to all of you throughout our North Country who have so generously given to our brothers and sisters in the developing countries. I give thanks to Almighty God when I reflect upon your generosity in prayer and sacrifice for the missions. Reaching out to offer material and prayerful support evokes a feeling of unity and solidarity within our entire human family.

Traditionally in the Catholic Church, November has been dedicated as a time of special prayer for our deceased and remembering fondly the joy they brought into our lives.

It is indeed an opportune time for Molly and me in the mission office to give thanks for our benefactors who were witnesses to the Gospel by their prayers and sacrificial offerings to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Holy Childhood Association, the Society for St. Peter Apostle and the Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. We remember in prayer especially the faithful departed who remembered the Missions in their will. This remembrance of the mission church is a lasting testament of their good will so others may hear the good news about Jesus Christ's love for them.

The Diocesan Mission Office wishes to acknowledge in thanksgiving the following bequests made to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, whose legal process has been completed this year.

2010 Bequests

As of November 1, 2010

Donor	Gift Amount
The Estate of Irene Castro	812.18
The Estate of Irene Castro	31.30
The Estate of Rev. Thomas Robillard	415.00
The Estate of Ann M. Lewis	3,581.37
The Estate of Bernadette Thrall	2,000.00
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Total	8,726.13



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OBITUARIES

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Brushton – Paul B. Foley, 86; Funeral Services Nov. 9, 2010 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery, North Lawrence.

Carthage – Joseph A. Vaccaro, 80; Funeral Services Nov. 11, 2010 at Bossuot-Lundy Funeral Home Inc.

Champlain – Hubert Leon Trombley, 85; Funeral Services Nov. 8, 2010 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Coopersville.

Elizabethtown – Francis Drake, 78; Funeral Services Nov. 9, 2010 at St. Elizabeth's Church; burial in Essex County Veteran's Cemetery.

Keeseville – Ronald L. Stranahan, 57; Funeral Services Nov. 15, 2010 at St. John's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Lake Placid – Francis P. "Cowboy" Sheffield, 88; Funeral Services Nov. 9, 2010 at St. Agnes Church; burial in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Malone – Ashley M. Spinner, 26; Funeral Services Nov. 12, 2010 at Notre Dame Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Massena – Paul M. Eggleston, 83; Funeral Services Nov. 12, 2010 at St. Mary's Catholic Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena – Margaret Cappione Fleming, 62; Funeral Services Nov. 8, 2010 at St. Mary's Church.

Mineville – Virginia D. (Trombley) Rotella, 70; Funeral Services Nov. 10, 2010 at All Saints Church.

Moers – Linda L. (Oumiet) Basmajian, 61; Funeral Services Nov. 13, 2010 at Hamilton Funeral Home.

Norfolk – Helen M. "Meme" (Hurteau) Coller, 90; Funeral Services Nov. 11, 2010 at Buck Funeral Home; burial in Visitation Cemetery.

North Bangor – Jefferson F. Haywood, 84; Funeral Services Nov. 6, 2010 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Robert R. Bjork, 73; Funeral Services Nov. 10, 2010 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Mary T. (Tomlinson) Crowder, 80; Funeral Services Nov. 12, 2010 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

Ogdensburg – Robert H. Pearson, 76; Funeral Services Nov. 13, 2010 at Fox & Murray Funeral Home; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Agnes Jane (Dupree) Redmond, 79; Funeral Services Nov. 5, 2010 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – David A. Tynon, 58; Funeral Services Nov. 13, 2010 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Peru – Earl A. Barcomb, 74; Funeral Services Nov. 11, 2010 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Esther A. (Wood) Covey, 77; Funeral Services Nov. 13, 2010 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Mausoleum.

Potsdam – Jonathan E. Toms, 27; Memorial Services Nov. 13, 2010 at Seymour Funeral Home.

Saranac Lake – Francis J. Blum, 84; Funeral Services Nov. 10, 2010 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, Schuylerville.

Watertown – Louis Monaco, 94; Funeral Services Nov. 12, 2010 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Mausoleum.

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We appreciate our priests

Fr. Ted Crosby shares his devotion to the rosary

By Brenda Smith

Parishioner, Roman Catholic Community of Keeseville

The Keeseville Altar Rosary Society observed October as the Month of the Most Holy Rosary by sponsoring a special Mass for all parishioners at Immaculate Conception Church Oct. 23.

Father Ted Crosby, well known throughout this area for his love for the Rosary and for Our Blessed Mother, served as guest celebrant.

Father Ted is currently pastor at St. Bernard's Church in Lyon Mountain and St. Edmund's Church in Ellenburg.

Although he had to drive about an hour (one way) to be with us, he immediately accepted our invitation to help us mark Our Mother's special request from Fatima to pray the Rosary.

Power of the rosary

Father Ted's homily was rich with insights and stories to help us understand the importance and power of the Rosary.

Although Catholics are sometimes ridiculed about the redundancy and pointlessness of rote prayer by saying Mary's beads, here's a story he told for us to remember:

The late Bishop Fulton J. Sheen was teaching a class for converts and afterwards a young woman accompanied by a young man approached him.. She asked the Bishop why Catholics would say a prayer like the Rosary that says the same thing over and over again; anyone who says the same thing repeatedly couldn't possibly be sincere.

He asked her who the young man was that accompanied her. "That's my fiancé" she answered. The Bishop asked, "Does he love you?", "Well of course he does." "How do you know?" the Bishop queried. "Because he tells me he loves me all the time. Just this morning he told me he loved me twice. Yesterday he called me three times during the day to say he loved me and the day before he said he loved me. He's always telling me he loves me".



Father Ted Crosby, pastor in Lyon Mountain and Ellenburg presided at a special Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Keeseville Oct. 23 to mark October as the Month of the Rosary.

Bishop Sheen replied, "Well that can't be true. If he keeps saying how much he loves you over and over again, he can't possibly be sincere!"

When we say our Rosary, we are telling Jesus and Mary that we love them over and over again. No one tires of hearing that beautiful sentiment...not even Jesus and Mary.

Meditating on the mysteries

A second point Father Ted made was that many people find it hard to meditate on the mysteries. The word meditate doesn't mean you need to experience a lofty or spiritual "moment" while praying the rosary and that's OK, he said. It's human to struggle with meditation.

Rather, he suggested, you can mentally place yourself at the site, smells and sounds of each scene and you'll find that it will help keep your interest.

Persistent prayer

Thirdly, Father Ted talked about those of us who may have children, grandchildren or other family members who have left their faith.

He reminded us to not lose heart but to pray for them and do not be discouraged. He asked us to keep their faith and told a story about the power of persistent prayer, especially the Rosary.

There was a young Italian named Bartolo Longo who not only fell away from his Catholic faith but became a satanic priest. Through the power of his family's faithfulness to the Rosary on his behalf, he eventually came back to his faith and became a Third Order Dominican.

He was so impressed by the Rosary's graces and blessings; he spent the rest of his life spreading devotion to the Rosary and its message. Bartolo Longo was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1980.

Happenings in heaven

Father Ted finished his homily with a story about the "happenings in heaven".

One day Jesus was walking around Heaven and He noticed some people who had gotten there very easily, and so he said to St. Peter, "I gave you the keys to the gate of heaven, how did these souls gain entry into my Kingdom?" "Lord, it's not my fault. Every time I close the gate, your Mother opens a window!" Mary stands at the window of Heaven and lets them in by pulling them up with Her Rosary.

So as we look back on October as Mary's month of the Rosary, let us also not lose heart.

As Father Ted reminded us and as Our Lady of Fatima requested, pray the Rosary every day.

To borrow a quote from Bishop LaValley's comments during the commissioning of Lay Ministers at the Cathedral in September 2009 - "The benefits are out of this world!"

In thanksgiving for Almighty
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Father Sony Pulickal

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