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Praise for women

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Benedict XVI praised the millions of Catholic women in the world who inspire their husbands and children to live truly Christian lives.

At his weekly general audience Oct. 27, the pope said he wanted to recognize "the many women who, day after day, enlighten their families

with their witness of Christian life. May the Spirit of the Lord raise up holy Christian spouses today to show the world the beauty of marriage lived according to the Gospel values: love, tenderness, mutual help, fruitfulness in generating and educating children, openness and solidarity with the world, and

participation in the life of the church," he said.

The pope's remarks about women in the church and in family life were part of his main audience address about the life and influence of St. Bridget of Sweden, who lived in the 14th century. Bridget and her husband, Ulf, were the parents of eight children

and were models of "an authentic conjugal spirituality," the pope said.

"Often, as happened in the life of St. Bridget and Ulf, it is the woman who, with her religious sensitivity, delicacy and sweetness, is able to make her husband mature in the faith journey," he said.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA

Celebrates 100 years of service



Catholic Charities USA is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2010. Founded in 1910 on the campus of Catholic University in Washington D.C., it was originally known as the National Conference of Catholic Charities. The organization was established to promote the creation of diocesan Catholic Charities bureaus, to encourage professional social work practice, to bring a sense of solidarity among those in charitable ministries and to be the "attorney for the poor." Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, under the direction of Daughter of Charity Sister Donna Franklin, marks the anniversary with a center-spread feature in this week's *North Country Catholic*. Bishop Terry LaValley extended congratulations to the organization, noting that "Catholic Charities USA is a national leader in advocating for public policies that respect the sanctity and dignity of human life at all stages."

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HARVEST MASS, NOV. 7

Bishop LaValley to preside at annual Mass honoring farmers and their families Sunday at St. Augustine's Church in Peru, beginning at 1 p.m.

CARITAS WINNER IS HONORED



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

St. Joseph Sister Gabriel Marie Meyer, the 2010 recipient on the Catholic Charities Caritas award, is shown after the Oct. 24 ceremony with, from left, Daughter of Charity Sister Donna Franklin, Catholic Charities director; Bishop Terry LaValley and Father Arthur LaBaff of Clayton, chair of the Board of Trustees. In addition to Sister Gabriel Marie, all the Religious men and women of the diocese were honored at the Caritas dinner. See page 3 for Bishop LaValley's reflections for the occasion.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Valuable lesson

Phew – we did it! We actually managed to produce the first copy of our “new” NCC (from our new office, using our brand new system) and send it off to your mailbox. Believe me, we were more than a little relieved to see the finished copy. The blunders were minor – thank goodness!

But, alas, there was no time to rest on our limited laurels. Another deadline day loomed. And, once again, the editor approached the task with trepidation.

There is so much to remember, so many extra steps to take before each page is ready to be emailed to the printer.

In a couple of weeks, the process will be second nature (please, God!!) but in the meantime, it’s all a little daunting.

SO... when Thursday afternoon rolled around and the diocesan staff was heading up to Wadhams Hall for a special prayer service, I almost stayed behind.

I knew how much saner the remainder of my week would be if I spent those precious three hours in front of my computer screen.

But, the proverbial Catholic guilt won out. I had signed up to go. A guest was coming to lead the prayer. It was the polite thing to do.

And, no surprise, it was the right thing to do as well.

Our guest prayer director was Sister Cindy Sullivan, a Massena native, a missionary and a fre-

quent subject of our weekly mission column in the NCC.

We have published articles about Sister Cindy’s work in the Working Boys’ Center in Quito, Ecuador for more than 30 years. What a pleasure it was to finally meet her.

And, what a pleasure to listen to her talk about all the success she and her fellow missionaries are seeing as they teach, feed... save Ecuadoreans, one family at a time.

Usually when you sign up for a day of prayer you expect scriptural reflections, times of silence and perhaps some inspirational music.

This day was a different. Sister Cindy gave a report of her work which, on the surface, seemed more appropriate for a classroom than a chapel.

Until you listened closely. Sister Cindy talked about her utter dependence on God in such a matter-of-fact way that you might not be struck by how rare and extraordinary this is.

The work of Sister Cindy and her colleagues in Quito doesn’t lead to prayer – it is prayer.

And that was a valuable lesson to learn on the days/weeks when it’s hard to keep a good perspective on what really matters.

Surely the pages of the *North Country Catholic* are better served with an editor (sane or not!) who is reminded about this every so often.

MLK

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.



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FOLLOW ME

Taking a journey through our diocese

Bishop LaValley's address at the annual Catholic Charities Caritas gathering held Oct. 24 in Lake Placid

The national organization of Catholic Charities, Catholic Charities USA, is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. So, it is fitting that on this occasion we congratulate and extend heartfelt words of gratitude to our own Catholic Charities.

Sister Donna Franklin and her staff, as well as all their predecessors, fulfill so many of the needs of our sisters and brothers by providing direct service and advocacy on their behalf.

We congratulate and thank them for their Gospel witness of love.

In our visitations, we'll get a taste of the tremendous gifts that the consecrated women and men have been to this local family of faith

When I began reflecting on what I might say on this occasion in which we honor women and men religious, I decided that I didn't want to spend a whole lot of time reviewing with you the rich theology upon which the consecrated life is founded. But I wasn't exactly sure where I wanted to go with this.

Of late, I spend a considerable amount of time in my car, providing me with time to pray. Recently, while praying the second Joyful Mystery, the Visitation, I thought it might be interesting if I invited all of you to join me for the next few minutes in making some visitations of our own over the many miles of our expansive diocese and through the many years of our existence as a diocese.

During our journey, we'll make some stops. Best part...I won't charge you for gas.

We don't speak too often about God's beauty. My sisters and brothers, the beauty of God is a many-splendored thing.

In our travels, we will see the glory of God shining through the witness of the lives of the Religious.

In our visitations, we'll get a taste of the tremendous gifts that the consecrated women and men have been to this local family of faith.

What better place to make our first stop than to marvel at God's beauty as reflected in the person of this year's Caritas Award winner: Sr. Gabriel Marie Meyer.

As a teacher from one end of our diocese to another, as Group Mother and Administrator at St. Patrick's Children's Home in Watertown, as social case worker, pastoral associate, volunteer at Hospice, Women's Crisis Center, Respite Center, teacher in special education she lives the



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

St. Joseph Sister Gabriel Marie Meyer accepts the 2010 Catholic Charities Caritas Award from Bishop LaValley. The award is presented each year to an individual "who makes a significant difference in the lives of people of the North Country." Catholic Charities also honored all religious men and women who serve in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph of love of God and love of neighbor so generously.

Doesn't Sr. Gabriel Marie reflect the beauty of God's love? Congratulations Sister Gabriel Marie! Our next stop...let's head northeast to Plattsburgh - and travel back, a few decades or so.

It certainly was no easy task for most, but to the Brothers of Christian Instruction, it was a labor of love to educate young men at Mount Assumption Institute or what about the tremendous gift that the Sisters of Charity of St. Louis provided the community and the Church at Our Lady of Victory Secretarial School.

Didn't we see the beauty of our God's face in the witness of love of these faithful consecrated religious?

Now, we're headed up the military turnpike, connecting with Route 11 on our way to Akwasasne. No, not the casinos, but the homes, the churches, the nursing homes of the native Americans living there.

In years not so long ago, a religious sister, a brave and fiercely faithful Sister of St. Joseph traveled dangerous roads where blood was shed, where brother fought brother. Nevertheless, the Sacraments had to be administered, the sick were to be visited and the bereaved comforted.

This blockade busting Sister of St. Joseph continues, many years after the glow of the *Lumen Christi Award* has dimmed, to illumine the lives of the Mohawk children of God with her loving presence. God's beauty is made manifest in this special religious and the lives she continues to touch.

Taking a few back roads, we can get back on

Route 11 and find that new facility today that stands as a testament to the vision and hard work of one woman who looks to her founder, Marguerite D'Youville for inspiration. Hospice in St. Lawrence County continues to be about the corporal works of mercy, bringing comfort and consolation to the dying. Even in our most vulnerable and fragile physical condition, the beauty of God shines through.

That same Foundress inspired many dedicated women to our North Country caring for the sick in hospitals, operating orphanages, teaching in our schools and giving tireless witness of love in our parishes.

As we exit Rte. 11, we meet up with Rte. 68 that will connect us with Rte.37, heading for the See city. We go by and reminisce about the commitment of those Sisters of St. Joseph who created a college under the patronage of the Mother of God. Here was provided a loving place where many of the family of faith, the traditional and non-traditional student, from throughout our diocese would gather to learn. Didn't we see the many splended facets of God's beauty in the faces and hearts of all who entered that place?

It's time we continue trekking south to the house that all in this particular religious congregation call home. In it you will find many, many faith-filled women, although some unable to actively minister today, their prayers and presence glisten with divine presence.

Here we'll find the Sister who for years was so faithful in our Catholic schools, teaching and administering. Then the Lord called her to a new ministry of Parish Administrator where she served God's people so very well, so much loved. Then, her body resisted her desire to continue in that ministry. We rely on her prayers today in her infirmity as she shows us the beauty of the face of Christ suffering.

And, again, in that same abode, there is another woman richly blessed - a pioneer, of sorts, in our family of faith, where she taught the faith to our Catholic School teachers - a holy, conscientious woman with so much to give, in love with the Word of God.

She, too, experienced the rebellion of her body and mind and today whose saintly life at the motherhouse causes us all to hope in the rewards of eternal life gained for one so beautifully faithful in this life.

And while we are in our diocese's largest city, we must make a visit to those who adore the Precious Blood of Christ continually. Those who respond to the Lord's call to live a cloistered life, one dedicated to constant prayer and veneration of the Precious Blood of our Savior, praying for the world and our Church outside its cloistered walls.

If we head due east, continuing our journey of this haloed circle of our beloved land of the north, we'll come to that place founded years ago as a place of hope and recovery for those who suffer the scourge of addictions.

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St. Joseph's Home to benefit from collection

OGDENSBURG - Bishop Terry R. LaValley has recently written to the pastors of St. Lawrence Deanery inviting parishes to take up a special collection Nov. 7.

To be taken up in parishes of St. Lawrence Deanery Nov. 7

The proceeds would be used to benefit the St. Joseph's Home Foundation which provides financial support to benefit St. Joseph's Nursing Home in Ogdensburg.

This collection remains optional. It is expected that it will be taken up in most parishes of the Deanery.

St. Joseph's Nursing Home is the only Catholic healthcare facility open today within the Diocese of Ogdensburg. It provides a permanent residence to eighty-two people in need of skilled nursing care. At the present time, forty-six of its residents are Catholic.

Three priests of the Dio-

cese, Msgr. George M. Phillips, Rev. Roland G. Gonyo, and Father Harry E. Giroux, reside at the home at the present time.

The St. Joseph's Home Foundation assists the nursing home both through direct grants to help meet some costs involved in patient care and through a longer-term commitment of financial support from its modest endowment. When the Home's new campus was built recently, efforts of the Foundation were integral and substantial to the funding of the cost.

It is hoped that Catholics from the communities of St. Lawrence Deanery will respond generously to the upcoming special collection. Gifts are welcome from other sources as well.

Further information about St. Joseph's Nursing Home can be obtained from its Director of Development, Joyce Kelso at St. Joseph's Nursing Home, 950 Linden Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669.

Bishop's Heritage Circle is assisting Bishop LaValley

By Janice Shoen
Executive Director, Development Office

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

Bishop Paul S. Loverde, after extensive consultation with clergy, religious, and lay leaders, formed the Bishop's Heritage Circle in 1995 to assist in funding specific extraordinary needs of the Diocese and to enhance the invaluable heritage passed on to us. The generous support of the Heritage Circle since its inception continues under Bishop Terry R. LaValley.

The special needs for the 2010 fiscal year are:

- (1) Special Care of Diocesan Priests,
- (2) Seminarian Endowment,
- (3) St. Mary's Cathedral Baptistery, and
- (4) the continued upkeep of our historic Bishop's Residence.

One of the original extraordinary needs has been Bishop's Residence. The Bishop's Heritage Circle is asked to make the upkeep of the residence a high priority, while preserving the operating funds for the mission of the Church of Ogdensburg.

Originally a duplex for two families and land office for the Parish iron and lead mines in Rossie, the Bishop's Residence at 624 Washington Street has been a residence for all fourteen bishops of the Diocese of Ogdensburg since 1879.

Built just before the Civil War at the cost of \$25,000, the building was purchased from Mr. George Parish for \$5,475. Not only did it house the Bishop's Residence, but it was also the site of the first Chancery Office. Beginning in 1994, substantial work has been done to update and preserve the residence.

The members of the Bishop's Heritage Circle have over the years refurbished Bishop's Residence by installing 73 energy efficient windows, interior preservation work and room rehabilitation has been carried out and Bishop's Chapel has been renovated.

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

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

the Universal Church.

The members met recently in Plattsburgh with a Mass at St. John's Church followed by the annual luncheon meeting.

Further information on becoming a member of the Bishop's Heritage Circle, is available from Janice Shoen at 315-393-2920 or Email jshoen@dioogdensburg.org.



Bishop LaValley presents plaques to new members of the Heritage Circle in recognition of their full membership in the organization. Above is Benjamin Kernan of Keene Valley, below, Joanne Dwyer of Paterson, NJ and Saranac Lake; and bottom photo, William and Mary Ughetta of Vero Beach, FL and Lake Placid.



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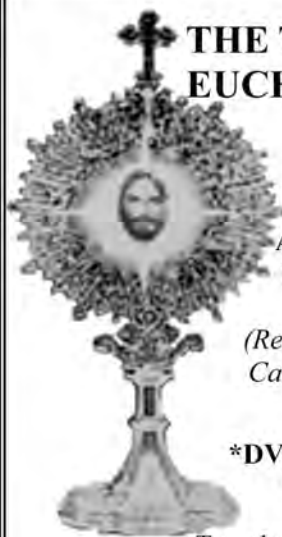
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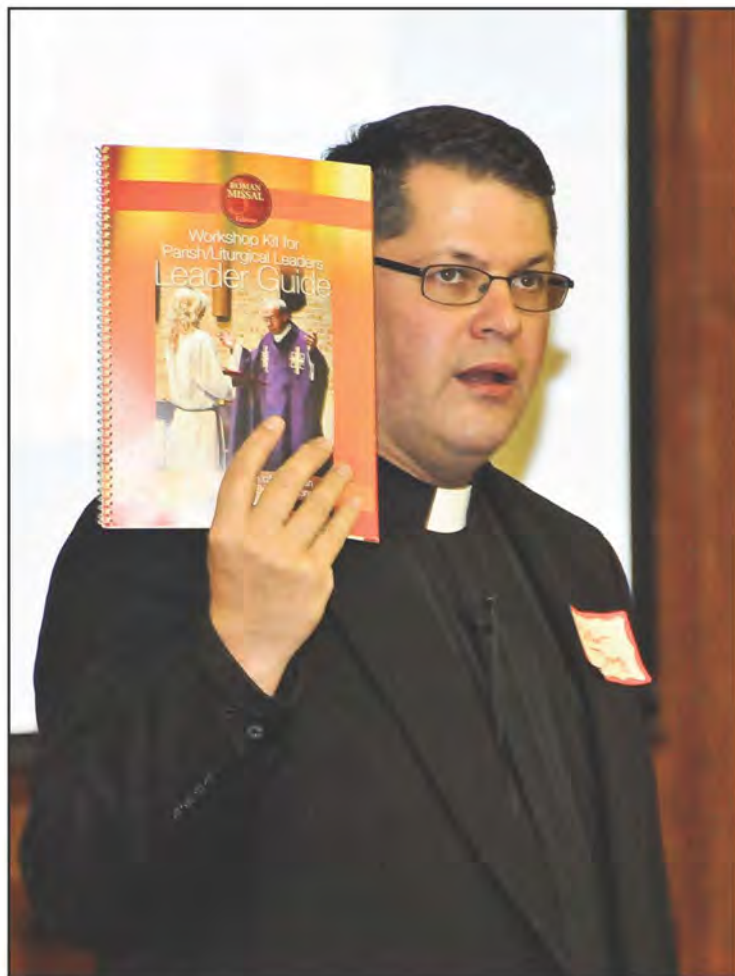
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Father Douglas J. Lucia, diocesan director of the Worship Office, was a main presenter at the 2010 Fall Pastoral Conference, devoted to the Revised Roman Missal which is expected to be implemented in Catholic parishes in Advent, 2011. Above he displays some of the material provided by the USCCB Committee on Divine Worship to facilitate parish efforts across the United States. The conference, sponsored by the diocesan Department of Christian Formation, was held Oct. 18-19 at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid.

AT THE FALL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

PREPARING FOR THE NEW MISSAL

Parish leaders from across the diocese gather in Lake Placid Oct. 18-19 to begin education process



Father Lucia addresses about 150 priests, deacons, principals, pastoral associates and catechetical leaders who took part in the conference. The goal of the program was to begin the process of education and preparation among those who will work with pastors in implementing the Roman Missal in all the parishes of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.



Among the topics addressed during the conference were the background of the Roman Missal and its history before and after the Second Vatican Council. Participants also heard information about the process used in translating the Missal and the motivation among which was "unity with all Catholics around the world."



Gayle Frank, diocesan director of Family Life ministry; and St. Joseph Sister Gregory Munger of Watertown were among those who took part in the conference.

Foundation Board holds annual meeting

By Janice Shoen
Executive Director

OGDENSBURG - The annual meeting of the Board of Directors for The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg, New York, Inc. was called to order by Bishop Terry LaValley, President.

The Board discussed the audit of the Foundation's financial statements and required communications for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, prepared by Pinto, Mucenski, Hooper, Van House & Company, Certified Public Accountants.

Ed Mucenski was present to review the audit and reported that the auditor issued an unqualified opinion

that the financial statements of the Foundation as of June 30, 2010 fairly presented the financial position of the Foundation for the period covered by the statements.

The Board reviewed the investment performance of the Foundation for the fiscal year. Antony DeSorbo provided statements showing the performance and current holdings. Michael Tooley, Diocesan Fiscal Officer, reviewed the budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Mr. Tooley also reviewed the contributions, transfers and dividend distributions. The 33 endowments that the Diocese of Ogdensburg oversees have a contribution value of \$3,189,016.

The Board of Directors approved dividends in the amount of \$36,000 in 2010-2011, which represents a 12.5% increase over the dividends paid to beneficiaries of the Foundation endowments in 2009-2010.

The Foundation's Mission

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.

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and receives planned gifts to invest to benefit the people and the communities of the Diocese as designated by donors.

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For more information contact Janice Shoen, Executive Director, at 315-393-2920 or Email jshoen@dioogdensburg.org.

PARISH PIG ROAST



PICTURE BY BUFFY LITTLE

Parishioners from St. Patrick's, Rouses Point and St. Joseph's, Coopersville gathered Sept. 19 for their Annual Pig Roast at St. Patrick's Church. The weather was gorgeous, the food was plentiful and a good time was had by all! Pictured here are: Ruth Fitzgerald, Laurelle Montpelier, Aline Bedard, Eddie Bechard, Therese Foshier, Claire Foshier, Jackie Ducharme, Thelma LaFountain and Maggie Aubrey.

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 Atone-ment Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 403.

Upcoming programs:
Nov. 6 - Fort Drum, 9 a.m., 6:30 p.m.;

Bishop LaValley's Schedule

Nov. 3 - Gathering for recently ordained Priests at the Malone Catholic Parishes.

Nov. 4 - 11 a.m., Council of Priests Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg.

Nov. 5 - 5 p.m., Dinner for Two at St. John's Church in Plattsburgh.

Nov. 6 - 4 p.m., Confirmation at St. Joseph's Church in Dannamora.

Nov. 7 - 1 p.m., Harvest Mass at St. Augustine's Church in Peru;
6 p.m., Priesthood Sunday Dinner at the Knights of Columbus in Ogdensburg.

Nov. 9 - 11 a.m., Development Board of Advisors Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg.

Rest in Peace

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

Nov. 3 - Rev. Thomas Plunkett, 1904

Nov. 4 - Msgr. Benjamin Harrison Staie, P.A., 1970

Nov. 5 - Rev. Bernard Wyzkowski, 1969; Rev. John Michael Wyzkowski, 1969

Nov. 7 - Rev. Dennis Nolan, 1911; Rev. William Ouellette, O.M.I., 1936; Msgr. William, H. Brennan, 1986

Nov. 8 - Rev. Patrick McGilligan, 1828

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BISHOP'S FUND 2010.... SHARING YOUR BLESSINGS

In support of family life

By Deacon Gary and Gayle Frank
Directors, Family Life Office

Each year we are asked by the Bishops Fund Office to contribute an article to the "North Country Catholic."

We are asked to share what our agency is doing, to help the members of our diocesan family to see what their Bishops Fund dollars are doing.

This year we decided

that a picture is worth a thousand words.

We want to say "Thank You" to all the people in the "North Country" for their generous support of the Bishops Fund.

"If you haven't given yet....there is still time!!

How are your Bishop's Fund dollars used in the Family Life Office: Marriage Preparation, Pre-Cana, Sponsor Couple programs, Marriage Enrichment; "Dinner for Two," Marriage Jubilee, Six Dates for Catholic

Couples, Family Retreats; Family Guggenheim, parish family life programming.

We work together with other diocesan departments to help to promote a "Family Perspective" which simply means to view all our programming through the lens of the family.... to make programming family friendly, in our collaborative outreach to the members of our diocesan family.

We are privileged to work with other diocesan departments.

Many of our programs are staffed by incredibly dedicated individuals who lovingly volunteer their time and their treasures to make these programs happen.

Your Bishops Fund dollars.... are at work enabling those working together to serve the needs of The Church our Family of Faith in the diocese of Ogdensburg.



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CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

Dear Friends in Christ,

Congratulations, Catholic Charities USA on your Centennial year! Celebrating one hundred years of service is a remarkable achievement. Catholic Charities USA is the national member organization that brings together the Catholic Charities agencies from the various dioceses across the United States.



Catholic Charities USA is a national leader in advocating for public policies that respect the sanctity and the dignity of human life at all stages. This faith-filled organization is consistent and passionate about building a just society based on Gospel values as detailed in the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. It is through this organization that the collective story of Catholic Charities is told on a national level. As a group, Catholic Charities agencies are the second largest provider of human services in the United States. Catholic Charities is the formal organized branch of the Church responsible for providing leadership in assuring that our brothers and sisters in need never become invisible or more marginalized.

Strong in their Catholic identity and faithful to Jesus' directives to love God and love one's neighbor, the Catholic Charities family fulfills its mission of direct service and advocacy. We take pride in its accomplishments at the local and national levels.

One hundred years of effective servant leadership is an amazing record. May our compassionate and loving God continue to bless Catholic Charities. Again, Congratulations!

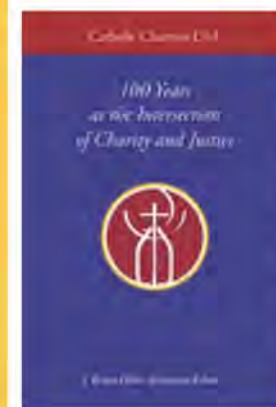
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Terry R. LaValley

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

HISTORY

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- The National Conference was created to promote the creation of diocesan Catholic Charities bureaus, to encourage professional social work practice, "to bring a sense of solidarity" among those in charitable ministries, and to be the "attorney for the poor."
- By 1922, thirty-five Central Bureaus of Catholic Charities had been founded. Today there are 1,700 local Catholic Charities agencies and institutions.
- In early 1900, there were two major issues for Catholic Charities: Child welfare and protecting their faith Immigration and developing supportive communities.
- From 1900-1910, the Catholic Church in America moved from mission status to a Church of 12 million. Today there are 65 million Catholics in the United States.



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God of Justice, ancient and new,

From the beauty of sacred creation,
Through the covenant to the cross,
The movement of your Spirit in history
Brought order out of chaos,
Voiced liberation for your people through the prophets,
And gave life through the suffering and death
Of your Son Jesus Christ.

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

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

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

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

We ask this through our Savior Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with you
In the movement of your Spirit,
One God forever, and ever, Amen.





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Pope Benedict XVI holds his pastoral staff as he celebrates the closing Mass of the Synod of Bishops for the Middle East in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Oct. 24.

Pope at synod end: peace is possible in Middle East

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Closing the Synod of Bishops for the Middle East, Pope Benedict XVI said, "We must never resign ourselves to the absence of peace. Peace is possible. Peace is urgent," the pope said Oct. 24 during his homily at the Mass closing the two-week synod.

Peace is what will stop Christians from emigrating, he said.

Pope Benedict also urged Christians to promote respect for freedom of religion and conscience, "one of the fundamental human rights that each state should always respect."

Synod members released a message Oct. 23 to their own faithful, their government leaders, Catholics around the world, the international community and to all people of goodwill.

The Vatican also released the 44 propositions adopted by synod members as recommendations for Pope Benedict to consider in writing his post-synodal apostolic exhortation.

Although the bishops said the main point of the synod was to find pastoral responses to the challenges facing their people, they said the biggest challenges are

caused by political and social injustice and war and conflict.

"We have taken account of the impact of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict on the whole region, especially on the Palestinians who are suffering the consequences of the Israeli occupation: the lack of freedom of movement, the wall of separation and the military checkpoints, the political prisoners, the demolition of homes, the disturbance of socio-economic life and the thousands of refugees," they said in one of the strongest sentences in the message.

WASHINGTON LETTER

Opposing death penalty comes down to God's mercy

By Nancy Frazier O'Brien
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS)-- As the 2010 edition of Respect Life Month drew to a close, the issue of capital punishment was once again in the world spotlight as the Vatican called on Iraq not to execute former Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz.

It might not be easy to advocate for the life of a convicted murderer or for someone like Aziz, sentenced to death by hanging for persecuting Shiite Muslims, but it is important to the pro-life cause, said Deirdre A. McQuade, assistant director for policy and communications in the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities.

"It demeans our culture to use violence to answer violence, and it can only further undermine respect for innocent life," McQuade told Catholic News Service Oct. 27. "If the state can protect us without committing additional violence, that is the way we are called to go."

Bishop Robert W. Finn of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo., made that point in one of the articles for this year's Respect Life program, linking the death penalty issue to the Catholic belief in divine mercy.

"God did not abolish justice. Rather, he intended by the offering of his Son to purge human justice of any sense of wrath or revenge," he wrote. "As we seek a reason to put aside the practice of the death penalty, perhaps the best motive is our desire to imitate God in his mercy toward those for whom Jesus died."

Bishop Finn's call came at a time when many others -- including members of law enforcement -- were calling for an end to or curtailing of the

use of capital punishment.

Police Chief James Abbott of West Orange, N.J., said his six months serving on the New Jersey Death Penalty Study Commission changed his mind about the death penalty. He said he still believes in it in theory, but "no state has found a way to carry out the death penalty quickly and cheaply and also accurately."

"I ... know that in practice, (the death penalty) does more harm than good," he said at a mid-October forum at the National Press Club in Washington that brought together representatives of U.S. and European law enforcement.

"So while I hang on to my theoretical views, ... I stand before you to say that society is better off without capital punishment," Abbott added. "Life in prison without parole in a maximum-security detention facility is a better alternative."

Former Detective Superintendent Bob Denmark of Lancashire Constabulary in England said he investigated more than 100 homicides in the United Kingdom and genocide in Africa on behalf of the United Nations. In some of those cases, he was certain a defendant was guilty but was later proved wrong, he said.

He also said he did not think deterrence would have been a factor in the "vast majority" of the cases he investigated.

"If you were to use execution of killers as a deterrent, I think you would end up having to execute every killer in the hope that you might deter some potential killer in the future," Denmark said.

A national poll of police chiefs last year found that they considered the death penalty an inefficient use of taxpayer resources and would prefer more state and federal funding go to improving

law enforcement resources and providing treatment for drug and alcohol problems.

A San Francisco-based group called Law Enforcement and Judges for Alternatives to the Death Penalty says California could save at least \$125 million a year by abandoning the capital punishment option in favor of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

In Texas, where 464 people have been executed since 1976, including 17 of the 43 executed in the United States this year, Anthony Graves was freed Oct. 27 after 18 years in prison, including 12 on death row, for a crime that prosecutors say he did not commit.

According to the Death Penalty Information Center, nearly 140 people have been released from death row with evidence of their innocence since 1973.

But for Catholics, the central reason for opposing the death penalty does not have to do with the possibility of killing an innocent person, the deterrence factor or the economic costs of capital punishment. Instead, it is related to respect for the dignity of human life and divine mercy.

Those who believe in Christ "never see anyone as irredeemably wicked," McQuade said. "God's mercy extends to all of us."

The U.S. bishops, who have been advocating against capital punishment for more than 25 years, began an ongoing Catholic Campaign to End the Use of the Death Penalty in 2005. The Respect Life program has been featuring the issue of capital punishment every few years since the program began in 1972, McQuade said.

But this is the first time a Respect Life article has focused on "the spiritual dynamics" of the issue, she said.

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

CCHD adopts stronger policy so funds used match church teaching

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Under persistent criticism from a small but vocal group of activists as well as questions from some bishops, leaders of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development have established "stronger policies and clearer mechanisms" to guide how grants are awarded to poverty-fighting groups and strengthen oversight of how funds are spent. Made public Oct. 26, the plan places greater emphasis on the Catholic identity of the 41-year-old program and renews the U.S. bishops' commitment to fight poverty in all its forms, said Bishop Roger P. Morin of Biloxi, Miss., chairman of the bishops' CCHD subcommittee. "There were those who were concerned that renewal in some way might mean moving away from a priority of helping the poor achieve greater self-sufficiency. There is a reaffirmation that the CCHD will continue to have a priority for the poor and in helping the poor to help themselves. That has not changed," Bishop Morin told Catholic News Service. "For CCHD, its focus always was on poverty and trying to always find the best method of dynamics or organizations to address poverty at the local level," he said. A 15-page document outlining the changes, "The Review and Renewal of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development," provides a "road map for the renewal" of the program. It includes 10 commitments under which the program will operate. "These 10 commitments are neither an abandonment of CCHD's foundations nor are they an effort to repackage 'business as usual,'" the document states.

Pilgrim pope: Journey to Spain highlights traditional, modern faith

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Benedict XVI has said he's heading to Spain Nov. 6-7 as a pilgrim, and the trip will give him an opportunity to participate in the most popular foot pilgrimage in Europe, the "camino" or journey to Santiago de Compostela. His pilgrimage also will give him an opportunity to pay homage to a more modern expression of a Spaniard's faith when he travels to Barcelona for the dedication of Antoni Gaudi's Church of the Holy Family, more widely known by its Spanish name, Sagrada Familia. As a pilgrim, the pope is expected to highlight the virtue of hope and the church's mission of charity in an increasingly secularized nation. A traditionally Catholic country, Spain has embarked on a number of policies that have caused local bishops much concern. Since Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero came to power in 2004, church leaders have protested the scrapping of religion classes from the state school curriculum and cuts in funding for Spain's private schools. They also have taken issue with the government over its relaxation of divorce laws, legalization of gay marriage and legislation to make abortion more accessible. Pope Benedict obviously has something to say about the direction Spain is moving and the trip -- the pope's 18th visit abroad -- is likely to include pleas that Spaniards recognize how much the faith has and continues to contribute to the country, a theme Pope Benedict has continually shone the spotlight on during his pontificate.

'New Evangelization' is to be theme for 2010 synod

By John Thavis
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Benedict XVI has chosen "new evangelization" as the theme for the next world Synod of Bishops in 2012.

The pope said the topic reflects a need to re-evangelize in countries where Christian faith and practice have declined, and where people "have even moved away from the church."

The pope made the announcement at the end of his homily at the closing Mass Oct. 24 for the special Synod of Bishops for the

Middle East, which focused on the pastoral challenges of the region. He said that during the October synod, bishops spoke of the "need to offer the Gospel anew to people who do not know it very well."

"What was often evoked was the need for a new evangelization for the Middle East as well. This was quite a widespread theme, especially in the countries where Christianity has ancient roots," he said.

The pope said he chose the next synod topic, "The new evangelization for the transmission of the Christian faith," after consulting with

the world's episcopate. He recently created the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization, and has made re-evangelizing a main theme of his pontificate.

Pope Benedict has presided over two world synods, one on the Eucharist and one on Scripture, as well as regional synods for Africa and the Middle East. He streamlined the format of these encounters to allow for more exchange of opinion, and has sometimes joined in the discussions.

His apostolic letter on the synod on Scripture, held in 2008, was expected late this year.

Pope: bishops must educate faithful to vote against abortion

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Bishops must guide their faithful to use their vote to oppose efforts to legalize abortion and euthanasia, Pope Benedict XVI told bishops from Brazil.

"Dear brother bishops, to defend life we must not fear hostility or unpopularity, and we must refuse any compromise or ambiguity which might conform us to the world's way of thinking," the pope said Oct. 28 during a meeting with bishops from northeast Brazil.

The bishops were making their "ad limina" visits to report on the status of their dioceses.

Pope Benedict did not mention the fact that Brazilians were to vote Oct. 31 in a presidential election, but said he wanted to discuss with the bishops their obligation to give their faithful the information and moral guidance they need to ensure their political decisions contribute to the true good of humanity.

Both of Brazil's presidential candidates, Dilma Rousseff and Jose Serra, have said they oppose lifting restrictions on abortion, but Brazil's anti-abortion laws still have been a recurrent theme in the campaign.

Pope Benedict told the Brazilian bishops that while direct involvement in politics is the responsibility of the laity, "when the fundamental rights of the person or the salvation of souls requires it, pastors have a serious duty to make moral judgments even in political matters."

Certain actions and political policies, such as abortion and euthanasia, are "intrinsically evil and incompatible with human dignity" and cannot be justified for any reason, the pope said.

While some may claim they support abortion or euthanasia to defend the weak

and the poor, "who is more helpless than an unborn child or a patient in a vegetative or terminal state?" he said.

"When political positions openly or covertly include plans to decriminalize abortion and euthanasia, the democratic ideal - which is truly democratic only when it acknowledges and safeguards the dignity of every human person -- is betrayed at its foundations," Pope Benedict told the bishops.

Bishops and priests have an obligation to help Catholic laity live in a way that is faithful to the Gospel in every aspect of their lives, including their political choices, he said. "This also means that in certain cases, pastors should remind all citizens of their right and duty to use their vote to promote the common good," the pope said.

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Giving new meaning to 'take care of yourself'

We always chuckle when someone says to us, "If I had only known that I would live so long, I would have taken better care of myself!"

This Sunday's readings give a whole new meaning to that witty saying.

They all speak of the hope of the resurrection of the body to everlasting life. The living conditions of our life after death depend very much on how we took care of that body in this life.



Monsignor
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Whitmore

Did we use it as an obedient servant, helping the spirit to love God and neighbor, or did we let it run riot like a spoiled child, satisfying its own selfish desires?

In the first reading from the Book of Macchabees, the Israelites finally rebel against the viciously cruel Antiochus Epiphanes IV.

A brave mother, having encouraged her sons to keep faithful to the death, now watches one after the other being tortured and killed in front of

her eyes.

As they die, each of them declares publically his belief in a resurrection of the body to everlasting life.

At the time, some Jews were shocked at the teaching, for not all believed in the resurrection of the body.

In the Gospel, Jesus enters into a public debate with the Sadducees, a party of the Jewish leadership with did not believe in bodily resurrection.

While relying heavily on Sacred Scripture for his arguments,

He also let his hearers in on some new teaching about what our lives would

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2 Macchabees 7:1-2, 9-14

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Luke 20:27-38

be like in heaven.

For instance, our happiness there will far exceed the sexual joys of marriage in this life, so the ridiculous problem of a man who had seven wives in this life won't apply in the next.

(Provided the man makes it to glory in the first place, he won't have to worry

about getting six of them angry at him!), Jesus explains that in heaven, we will all be "like angels".

The Master is really telling them to let God the Father take care of heavenly problems.

On earth, our task is to recognize the surprising endurance of our bodies, God has created them as partners of our souls, either helping them on the journey to view the loving face of God, or leading them into darkness and the eternal pain of Paradise Lost.

Today's readings certainly give new meaning to taking better care of ourselves!

OUR READERS WRITE

Wearing 'White Ribbons Against Pornography'

By Betty McIntyre
Parishioner, St. Agnes, Lake Placid

"Illegal hardcore adult pornography ("obscenity") is pouring unhindered into our communities through the internet, pay-TV channels, sexually oriented businesses, neighborhood video stores and other outlets.

This floodtide of obscene materials is harming our nation, its communities, and families and individuals of all ages. SOMETHING MUST BE DONE ABOUT IT!" wrote Robert Peters, President of Morality in Media, in his monthly newsletter. The annual White Ribbons Against Pornography (W.R.A.P) aims to do something about it.

This year, the campaign takes place this week, Oct. 31-Nov. 7. During this period, we are asked to wear or display a white ribbon, to show we are aware and concerned about this spreading moral cancer, and are willing to join the efforts to fight it, and also to encourage others to join you.

The 2010 WRAP campaign is focusing on the role of government, in helping to solve the problem.

We have been asking "Why aren't federal obscenity laws being vigorously enforced against the floodtide of obscenity, engulfing our nation and its youth?"

Annual campaign:
Oct. 31-Nov. 7

MM reports "The Supreme Court has held repeatedly that the First Amendment does not protect obscene materials, and in 1996 Congress amended two federal obscenity laws (18 USC 1462 and 1465) to clarify that use of the Internet to distribute obscene material is prohibited.

In 2003, the Senate also passed Concurrent Resolution 77 expressing the sense of Congress that "the Federal obscenity laws should be vigorously enforced throughout the United States." However, the U.S. Justice Department and the FBI, in most part, have failed to comply.

The Congress, FBI and the Justice Department need to hear from us, the CITIZENS of the United States.

We must let our voices be

heard! Write, or e mail President Obama, our U.S. Senators and Representatives from New York state, urging them to petition the Attorney General, the FBI and the U.S. Attorneys to get on the ball, and "take obscenity crimes seriously and to vigorously enforce obscenity laws." We, also, should contact Attorney General Eric Holder and FBI Director Robert Mueller and voice our opinion. We, also, should contact state representatives, in Albany, our New York District Attorney, as well as our county District Attorney urging them to do all in their power, to get the obscenity laws enforced. Tell them, no new laws are needed, simply the enforcement of those already on the books.

During the W.R.A.P. campaign, we are asked to take special heed of the pornography that has invaded our daily lives - on television, movies, magazines, newspapers, music, cell phones, and especially the Internet. Will you be concerned at all with it, and how it is effecting the minds and actions of adults and especially the

youth or will you accept it, thinking there is nothing you can do about it?

We CAN write letters and e mails of protest. The old saying goes, "the pen is mightier than the sword." Write in protest to television managers, radio DJs, advertisers, to the editor's column in newspapers and magazines. Voice your concerns. Bring attention of it to your friends and neighbors, to your parish community and organizations you belong to. Encourage them to join you in writing. Find ways to organize and act as a group. Raise awareness of this evil in our society. You can make a difference. For information go to www.moralityin-media.org.

Bishop Paul S. Loverde, former Bishop of our diocese, and now Bishop of Arlington, Va. diocese, is actively involved in the anti-pornography movement. He has written a book entitled "Bought With A Price," in which he calls pornography "an evil plague that is ravaging society."

In an interview, he states "I believe it is the responsi-

bility of all Catholics to bring this issue out of the darkness and into the light... It is certainly something that needs to be discussed, as it is becoming more common and accepted, with the passing of time." He urges prayers to St Joseph, the saint of purity, to win the fight against the evils of pornography. The book can be purchased online.

Morality in Media, Inc is a non-profit, interfaith, national organization working to stop pornography constitutionally. It was formed in 1962 by Father Morton Hill S.J. Their address is 475 Riverside Drive Suite 1264 New York, New York 10115. They sponsor the W.R.A.P. campaign, each fall. In St Agnes Parish, Lake Placid, and St. Brenden's in Keene, the WRAP campaign is sponsored by Court Dr Tom Dooley, Catholic Daughters of the Americas. They furnish the white ribbons, pamphlets, literature, addresses and other information for free. They encourage you to join them in helping to make a more Christian world.

TV EYE

DON'T HAVE A COW, MAN!

By Mark Pattison
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - It's not every day that the Vatican newspaper declares that a fictional character from the world of television is a Catholic -- and a cartoon character at that.

Homer, Catholicism and 'The Simpsons'

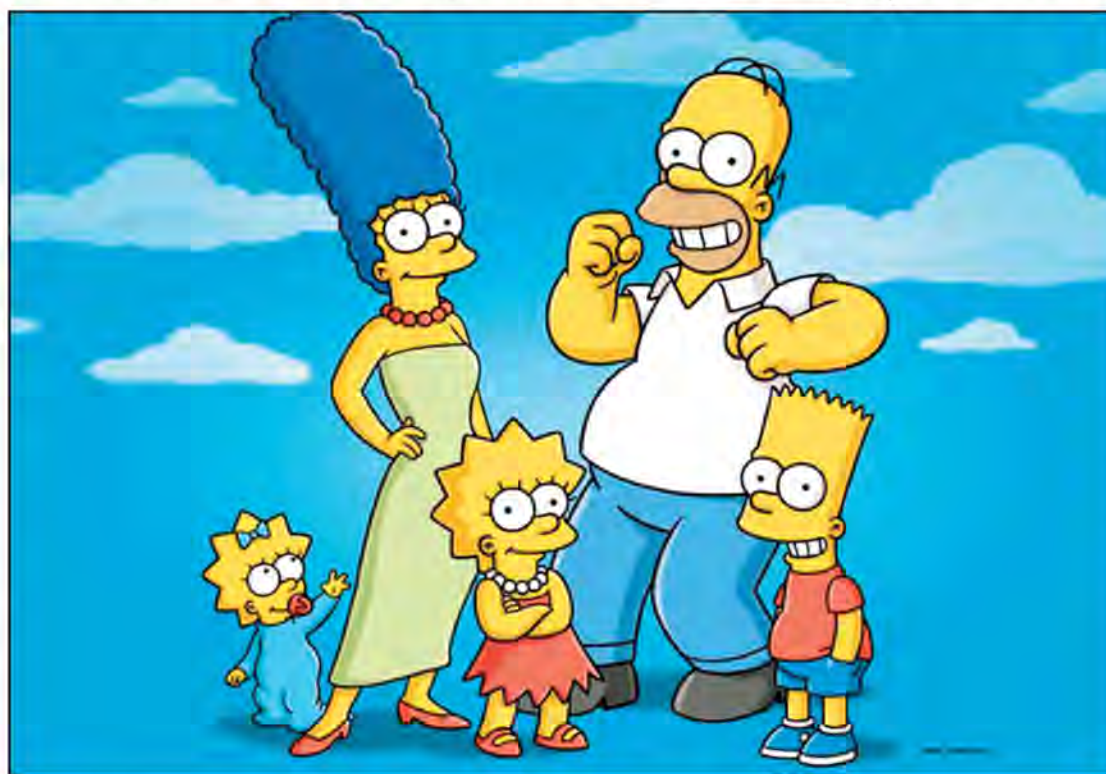
But that's precisely what L'Osservatore Romano did in early October when it asserted that Homer Simpson, the patriarch of the 21-season Fox sitcom "The Simpsons," is a Catholic. Oh, and bratty son Bart, too.

The Vatican's fascination with "The Simpsons" began last December, when L'Osservatore Romano said that "the relationship between man and God" is one of its most important themes and that it often mirrored the "religious and spiritual confusion of our times."

On Oct. 16, La Civiltà Cattolica, a Jesuit weekly, published an article titled "The Simpsons' and Religion," which said the series "is one of the few television shows for kids in which the Christian faith, religion and questions about God are recurring themes."

The Simpsons "say grace before meals, and in their way, believe in heaven," said the essay's author, Jesuit Father Francesco Occhetta.

Then came the L'Osservatore Romano opinion piece the next day. "Few people know it, and he does everything he can to hide it, but it is true: Homer J. Simpson is a Catholic," the Vatican newspaper said in the article, headlined "Homer and Bart are Catholic." Father Occhetta later told Catholic News Service in Rome he thought the Vatican newspaper had exaggerated his point but added that the sitcom shows Homer "is open



CNS PHOTO/FOX

Maggie, Marge, Lisa, Homer and Bart are pictured in the animated Fox TV series "The Simpsons." The Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano caused a stir in early October when it declared that Homer Simpson, the patriarch of the family, is a Catholic.

to the question of faith and God."

Faithful followers of the series know Homer and family go to Springfield Community Church, which series executive producer Al Jean says is "presbyterian."

Mark Pinsky, former religion writer for the Orlando Sentinel, wrote the book "The Gospel According to the Simpsons" in 2001. As the series has become TV's current prime-time entertainment program marathon winner, he has updated his book as well as a companion guide for leaders of study groups.

Homer being a Catholic is "mostly a case of wishful thinking on the part of L'Osservatore Romano," Pinsky said.

He described the episode which has gotten the TV and the Catholic blogosphere talking.

Bart gets thrown out of Springfield Elementary yet again, so "they try Catholic school. Bart takes to the

bloody martyr stories," Pinsky said. "Homer, goaded by Marge, goes to the church to remove Bart from this setting, and he's seduced. Homer being Homer, he's seduced by a pancake dinner and bingo, which he sort of turns around from being very hostile. Then he becomes very curious about it. Then Liam Neeson (the voice of the priest in the episode) explains confession and absolution, which Homer thinks is the best deal in the world. ... The wine's another draw."

Pinsky added, "Homer enrolls with Bart in a sort of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) course, and of course, he misunderstands parts of it. ... He's attracted to Catholicism for what we might say are all the wrong reasons."

Marge rounds up Reverend Lovejoy and the Simpson's evangelical neighbor, Ned Flanders, to conduct an intervention.

Pinsky alluded to some spats writers for "The Simp-

taped shows" the league monitors, Donahue said.

But what about for his own personal viewing enjoyment? "Quite frankly, I'm up at 5:30 in the morning to get to work at 7:15. I get to bed early on Sunday night. I don't even stay up late to watch the (New York) Yankees when they're in the playoffs."

Perhaps the Vatican media-watchers will note the "Simpsons" episode from last season in which the Simpsons went to the Holy Land and Homer, ravaged by heat and thirst, imagines himself the Messiah -- as do several others in the tourist party.

Pinsky, in his book, notes that when you're drawing animation cels (short for celluloid), you can be anywhere you want without having to build expensive sets. So a church naturally comes into the Simpsons' world. On the flip side, he told CNS, "because the characters never age, there are only so many situations you can do."

"The Simpsons" has touched upon mainstream Protestantism, Buddhism, Hinduism and Judaism in its long run.

"The group that comes in for the most ribbing are the Unitarians, and that's maybe because they (writers) know they won't complain," Pinsky said, noting that in an episode where Homer is a missionary in the South Pacific and is asked: "What's the one true faith?" He responds, "If it's Unitarians I'll eat my hat."

He also recalled a scene in another of the show's 400 episodes that had a backyard ice cream social. "There's a table for toppings, each one with a denominational name on it, The Unitarians? It's empty, there's nothing there."

Pinsky said "The Simpsons" "is a show that rewards intelligence. The smarter you are, the more funny you will find it."

sons" have had with Bill Donohue, head of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights. Donahue, in an Oct. 26 phone interview with CNS in Washington, said the arguments were legitimate, but "I would hardly regard the show as anti-Catholic, if it's been around for 20 years. It would hardly raise my ire. I would have more concern about (talk show hosts) Joy Behar and Bill Maher than "The Simpsons."

Donohue laughed as he was asked whether he would welcome Homer Simpson into the Catholic faith with open arms. "It's really rather silly," he said. "What this smacks of to me is the craven need on the part of some Catholics for the bouquets that may be bestowed on them by the secular media.

"This is not the way to improve relations, if my hunch is right," he said.

"The show is so inoffensive to us we don't have it on our regular schedule of

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WORKING CAREGIVERS

Plattsburgh - A program offering advice for working caregivers is set

Date: Nov. 4
Time: 5 p.m. to 7
Place: St. Peter's, Emmaus Room
Features: Time to relax and focus on yourself, pampering included! Light meal provided. To RSVP call 565-4620.

ANNUAL TURKEY NIGHT

Moers - 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, and much, much more! 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. Harvest Dinner Raffle with a prize drawing of \$1500 cash; 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

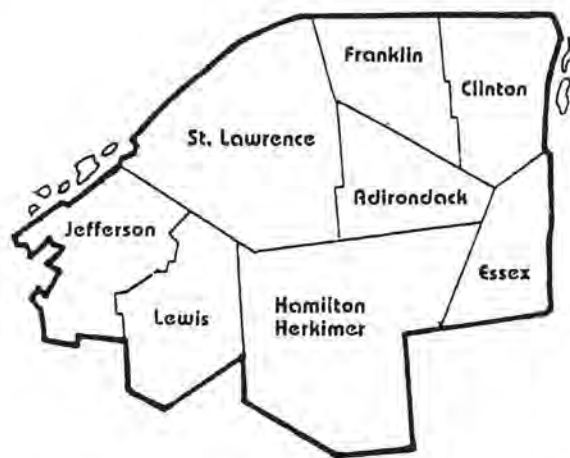
ANNIVERSARY MASS VIDEOS

Champlain - The videos of the St. Mary's in Champlain Oct 17, 150th anniversary Mass and dinner, with Bishop Terry LaValley, are available for FREE viewing on-line at www.hometowncablenetwork.com and www.plattsburgh.com

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, from the division of the kingdom, through the prophets to



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the southern kingdom of Judah, the Exile in Babylon, and the return to re-store Jerusalem.

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: "The true God, dwells and lives in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar! He who by his presence alone renders the saints in heaven blessed! He who is love itself" (The Holy Eucharist, St. Alphonsus Liguori). Pray for vocations
Contact: 518-561-5083 or email sjohnsadoration@aol.com

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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 Treasure's." Lunch featuring homemade soups, chili and sandwiches.

CABBAGE ROLL SALE

Brushton - St. Mary's Parish will have a Cabbage Roll Sale.
Date: Nov. 2, Election Day
Time: 6 a.m. until all sold
Place: Parish Center

Features: Take-outs only. Cabbage rolls can be pre-ordered by calling 518-529-7713 or 518-529-6580 Nov. 1st and 2nd. Or stop and pick up your order. \$3 per cabbage roll and a dinner roll.

JEFFERSON

SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALL DINNER

Evans Mills - There will be a Spaghetti and Meatball dinner to benefit the Indian River Knights of Columbus.
Date: Nov. 6
Time: 4 p.m.
Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

HARVEST DINNER

LaFargeville - St. John's Church to have a Harvest Dinner.
Date: Nov. 7
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Cost: Adults, \$8; Children 5-10, \$4; Under 5, Free; Take-outs, \$8
Features: Raffle and Country Store.

LEWIS

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Houseville - St. Hedwig's Church to hold Divine Mercy Devotions.
Date: Nov. 7
Time: 3 p.m.
Features: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet (sung), and Benediction. All are most welcomed to attend. Refreshments..

ROAST BEEF DINNER

West Leyden - St. Mary's Nativity to have a Roast Beef Dinner.
Date: Nov. 7

Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Cost: Adults, \$8; Children, \$4

ST. LAWRENCE

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY DINNER

Ogdensburg - Priesthood Sunday Dinner to be held, honoring all priests serving in the Ogdensburg area

Date: Nov. 7
Time: 6 p.m.
Place: K of C Hall
Features: Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at St. Mary's or Notre Dame Rectory. Space is limited to 230.

BI-MONTHLY DINNERS

Ogdensburg - The Knights of Columbus Council 258 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, garlicbread.

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.

FIRST FRIDAY

Massena - Eucharistic Adoration to be held at St. Mary's Church.
Date: Nov. 5
Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

FIRST SATURDAY

Massena - Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima to be held at St. Joseph's Church.
Date: Nov. 6
Time: The Rosary will begin at 9 .am. and Eucharistic Adoration until 3 p.m.

HARVEST DINNER

Gouverneur - St. James School to have a Harvest Dinner with all the trimmings.

Date: Nov. 4
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Cost: Adults, \$8; Children, \$12 and under, \$4; under 5, Free; Eat in or Takeout

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 Church will be having their Annual Bazaar.

Date: Nov. 13
Time: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Place: St. Mary's Social Hall
Features: Dawning prize of \$2500 plus 2nd, 3rd and 4th of \$100. Turkey raffles, Children's Games, CakeWalk, Country Store, Fancy Goods and Christmas Items, Ticket Central, Games of Chance, Kitchen, Fried Dough, Quilt Raffle

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

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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The Augustinian Friars show gratitude

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

The Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg each year provides continued financial support of our former mission in Mollendo, Peru; to support the U.S. Bishop's annual appeal for Latin America; and to help any other missionary projects throughout the world that the Diocese of Ogdensburg might deem appropriate as part of its evangelization effort. The Augustinian Friars are an organization supported by these efforts. The charism of Augustinians is love of God and love of neighbor, which are the foundation of the gospel of Christ and which Saint Augustine enunciates time and again in his writings, especially in his Rule. For Augustine and Augustinians, the interior manifestation of this charism is the life that his followers lead in common and the bonds of friendship that hold them together. It is externalized by the hospitality that Augustinians extend to others, our service to the world, recognizing that each member of our community and each person with whom we come in contact is a temple of God. *Dii estis*, "You are gods," is Augustine's famous phrase, quoting Psalm 82:6.

Earlier this year, the Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg assisted the Augustinian Friars in their efforts overseas. Father Anthony P. Burrascano, OSC and Director of the Foreign Mission Office for the Augustinians wrote, "Our mission in Africa, among other projects, supports a school for 685 Zulu children, many of whom are orphans due to HIV/AIDS. One of our biggest needs at the school is to provide one meal per day to the children. Thank you for your support in this very important ministry.

Father Donald F. Reilly, OSA, Prior Provincial writes, "Thank you for your generous contributions. Concerned people like you will change the world, one life at a time." Father Reilly goes on to say, "Your belief in our vision and our mission gives us confidence to go forward. Know that you are in the thoughts and prayers of our entire Province and that you are remembered daily at masses offered by our friars and laity in Africa."

The Diocese of Ogdensburg Mission Office is grateful for your support of the Missionary Projects of the Diocese. Good work is going on in the world because of generosity here at home.

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OBITUARIES

Au Sable Forks — Iola E. (Southmayd) Douglas, 79; Funeral Services Nov. 3, 2010 at Holy Name Church; burial in Holy Name Cemetery.

Carthage — Margaret K. (Millich) Condino, 78; Funeral Services Oct. 26, 2010 at Bezanilla-McGraw Funeral Home; burial in Old St. James Cemetery.

Dannemora — Arthur L. Pellerin, 79; Funeral Oct. 28, 2010 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Keeseville — Mildred R. "Millie" (Fleury) Twa, 88; Funeral Oct. 28, 2010 at St. John's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Lake Placid — Thomas Julian Reiss, 86; Funeral Services Oct. 27, 2010 at Uihlein Center; burial in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Lowville — Glenn H. Fox, 78; Funeral Services at Isenecker Funeral Home, Inc.; burial in Brantingham Cemetery.

Massena — Jeanne L. (Dupuis) Serviss, 83; Funeral Services Oct. 28, 2010 at Donaldson Funeral Home; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Ogdensburg — Mary Woods, 94; Funeral Services Oct. 28, 2010 at Notre Dame Church.

Plattsburgh — Elizabeth A. (Shea) Duval, 90; Funeral Oct. 25, 2010 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh — Arthur J. Hebert, 103; Funeral Services Oct. 30, 2010 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Redford — Genevieve E. (Farrell) Wood, 80; Funeral Oct. 23, 2010 at Church of the Assumption; burial in parish cemetery.

Ticonderoga — Elizabeth (Bisogno) Brown, 90; Funeral Services Nov. 1, 2010 at St. Mary's Catholic Church; burial in Valley View Cemetery.

Ticonderoga — Gertrude M. (Burgery) Scripter, 100; Memorial Services Oct. 29, 2010.

Tupper Lake — Doris (Dolly) Converse LaRocque, 96; Funeral Services Oct. 26, 2010 at St. Alphonsus Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Watertown — Sally A. (Jewett) Hauck, 72; Funeral Services Oct. 26, 2010 at Hart & Bruce Funeral Home; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

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Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen (With ecclesiastical approval)

Mass
Rosary
Fasting
Day Offering
Eucharistic Adoration
Offering of Sufferings
Divine Mercy Chaplet

Or whatever the Lord inspires you to offer Him

November

Holy Souls

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SCENES FROM SETON



PHOTOS BY PAT HENDRICK
Bishop LaValley made a trip to Seton Academy and Seton Catholic Central in Plattsburgh in September to pray with the students as they opened a new school year. Above, he asks for a show of hands during his homily at St. Peter's Church. At right, Bishop LaValley is shown with the entire student body after the Mass.



Follow Me

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Religious men, under the patronage of St. Joseph with the charism of the Atonement Fathers, saw the beauty of the face of Jesus in the countenances of those whose demons wreaked havoc with their lives and the lives of their loved ones. They were truly at one with the marginalized.

And our quick trip didn't include what many of our sisters and brothers are up to in the rest of the world. If we were to board a jet, we would see what a consecrated sister of St. Dominic was able to accomplish with a vision, a tender heart, and many associates, a woman on a mission of hope that helps many of us open our minds and hearts to see the beauty of Christ in those less economically well off than ourselves.

We have become enriched.

And then, there are those Missionaries devoted to the Sacred Heart who have blessed our local Church for so long whose ministries also take them all over the world, including to the peoples in the Far East, to Zambia and South America. And then there is the ministry our own have given to the native people of Alaska.

They reveal to us the beauty of God in the faces of people of all hues and cultures.

It's been quite a trip, hasn't it? And there was

so much more to see. I hope I haven't offended those that we missed on this trip. Time constraints here don't permit me to continue the visitations with you this afternoon. But know that your beauty, the beauty of every consecrated Religious, male and female, is vital to this Body of Christ we call the North Country.

Consecrated women and men are constitutive parts of our landscape of the Church.

You see, my sisters and brothers, the consecrated religious life is an integral part of the Church: our holiness, our mission. Through the lived experience of chastity, poverty and obedience, we are gifted with a sign of a radical way of following Christ.

It is no wonder that four out of five of the canonized saints in our Church are Religious. The most recent being, of course, the consecrated Holy Cross Brother, Saint Andre of Montreal. The Religious have evangelized the world!

Think of how they have evangelized our North Country, just reflecting on our very, very brief trip around the North Country. Their impact has been tremendous.

Personally, I am grateful for their counsel and active roles in ministry with us. Many of us have been inspired, encouraged and challenged by these individuals through their faithfulness to a

lifestyle of simplicity and prayer. These individuals were consecrated in the Church, by the Church, for the Church. Theirs is not a parallel way of following Christ outside the living structure of the Church. They are intrinsically part of the very fabric of the One Body of Christ.

In a special way today, we recognize and give thanks to women religious who, first arriving in America 300 years ago, throughout periods of great struggle, established schools, hospitals, and colleges, and provided social services that have served millions in our nation.

The gas tank approaches empty and we cannot continue our visitations at this special event. But, we all know of so many more Godly examples of what the consecrated women and men who have served and those who continue to serve our North Country mean to us. For the times we might have taken our Religious for granted, we express our sorry. My sisters and brothers, please continue, through the grace of God, to show us God's beauty through your faithfulness, your simplicity, your prayer, your holiness. You are treasured companions on life's journey as we all seek to respond faithfully to Jesus' invitation: Follow Me.

Through you, may God be praised...forever... may God be praised!