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## On the meaning of Christmas

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - At Christmas, the human dream of being like God started to become a reality - not through any human efforts, but through God sending his son to be born on earth to redeem humanity, Pope Benedict XVI said.

Addressing an estimated

7,000 people gathered for his weekly general audience Jan. 4, the pope encouraged Christians to continue living the joy and mystery of Christmas as they prepare for the feast of the Epiphany, celebrated at the Vatican Jan. 6, and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which the

pope planned to celebrate Jan. 8 by baptizing babies in the Sistine Chapel.

"Christmas is the feast when God becomes so close to human beings that he shares the same fact of being born to reveal to them their deepest dignity, that of being sons and daughters of God.

"In that way, the dream of humanity that began in paradise - we want to be like God - is realized in an unexpected way: not because of the greatness of man, who cannot make himself God, but through the humility of God, who descends," the pope said.

### CARDINAL DESIGNATE

Timothy M. Dolan of NYC



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Cardinal-designate Timothy M. Dolan of New York presides at Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York Jan. 6. He is among 22 new cardinals named that day by Pope Benedict XVI. Ordained to the priesthood in 1976, Cardinal-designate Dolan was secretary to the apostolic nunciature in Washington for five years before serving as rector of the Pontifical North American College in Rome. In 2001, then-Msgr. Dolan was ordained to the episcopate when he was appointed auxiliary bishop in his native St. Louis. One year and five days later, he was appointed archbishop of Milwaukee and, in 2009 was named archbishop of New York.

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## Canonization an answer to years of prayer

Mohawks from St. Regis Reservation said that the announcement that Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha would be canonized was an answer to decades of prayer.

Vicky Phillips, the DRE for St. Regis Parish on the reservation, said "it's been a long time coming... we had just about given up hope. It's such great news to us."

"We have to start raising money because everybody wants to go to Rome," Mrs. Phillips said.

The Vatican is expected to announce the date for the canonization soon.

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## Human trafficking

The Catholic response takes its direction from papal messages and work of the bishops

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## BAKING BREAD FOR THE HUNGRY



Fourth, fifth and sixth graders at St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga were involved in a King Arthur grant project at the local public elementary school. As part of the project, each St. Mary's School student made two loaves of bread, one to take home for his or her family and one to give to those who either ate the free Thanksgiving Dinner at the Ticonderoga Firehouse or were homebound and delivered their meal. Pictured are Ron O'Neill, Sebastian LeRoy, and James Burke as they prepare their loaves of bread for baking.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR  
**12 for '12**

Last week we focused on *memories* with a reflection on the highlights of the year just past.

This week we can *dream* about all the blessings we anticipate in 2012.

Here are my predictions for the top 12 for '12.

1. A highlight of the year for the Church of Ogdensburg will certainly be the priesthood ordination of Deacon Thomas Higman set for May 26 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

2. And a new transitional deacon will be ordained the night before. Bishop LaValley will ordain Scott Belina, at his home parish of St. Patrick's in Watertown May 25.

3. The year should bring the canonization of one of our own – Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha – and one of our neighbors, Blessed Marianne Cope, of Syracuse.

4. Bishop LaValley will lead a diocesan pilgrimage to Catholic sites in Italy for 12 days in March. (With some last minute cancellations, there are spots available. Call the NCC at 315-608-7556)

5. Pope Benedict XVI has designated 2012 as the Year of Faith. The NCC will be the best place to learn how the diocese will observe the year.

6. After 22 years of service for the diocese, most recently as executive director of the Development Office, Janice Shown will be retiring. The announcement of

her replacement is expected soon.

7. Camp Guggenheim will celebrate its 40th anniversary during 2012. Thousands of young people have enjoyed weeks of faith and fun at the diocesan camp since its founding in 1972. Young athletes will also have the chance to strengthen their faith and their skills at SportsCamp 2012.

8. Young adults will have the opportunity to take part in the powerful Metanoia retreat. (Young Catholic Voice writer Kelly Donnelly, a teacher at Seton Catholic in Platts-

burgh, reflects on her experience of the first Metanoia retreat on page 12.)

9. Catholic Schools Week will give us all a chance to celebrate the wonderful Catholic schools in the North Country and the children and teachers who are filling them this year.

10. Pro-lifers from the Diocese of Ogdensburg – including three busloads of teenagers – will join tens of thousands in Washington DC this month for the 39th annual March for Life.

11. Again this year, we will strive to be faithful citizens as we cast our vote for President.

12. And this is certainly the year - please, God! - that we will all become comfortable "with your Spirit."

Welcome 2012!



Mary Lou  
Kilian

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## CHURCH: OUR FAMILY OF FAITH

**A Call to Holiness****2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Jan. 14-15**

By Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSJ

Director of Evangelization

The call to holiness is for everyone, not just for Samuel, the Apostles, the Bishops, priests and sisters.

Vatican Council II reminded the People of God that by our Baptism, ALL are called to be holy. Jesus asks the question, "What are you looking for?" The question begs: "What are your desires?"

**There is only one vocation:  
the call to holiness**

The response of the followers is interesting: "Where are you staying?" Christ is still calling you and me as the Church: A Family of Faith to bring His presence and His message of the Gospel to all people.

We are called to be alive with the virtues of faith, hope, and love that was gifted to us at the time of our Baptism to live out our human existence as no other. God graces us to do His work, His will that no one else can do. All this happens to us not through our own initiative or our own worthiness but only with the grace of God. It is God who calls us to be active within this community of believers who support one another in living out our faith.

God might not call upon us to do the big things in life but it is in the ordinary events of daily life done in an extraordinary way, out of love that give honor and glory to God and contribute to accomplishing His will and building up the kingdom of God.

In the reading from St. Paul, he reminds us that our bodies are holy and they are the temples of the Holy Spirit. This is where we are made holy, His indwelling presence within each of us and within the Body of Christ.

Our call to holiness is rooted in our baptismal commitment, a promise to enter into relationship with Jesus, and to take on the mind and heart of Jesus. This is our Christian identity, who we are and what we are called to be. We are to model and witness His lifestyle and values in our daily lives as the Body of Christ for others.

This is difficult to live when our culture markets the body in such a way that it is a "thing" rather than a "temple." We feed it with junk food. We nourish it with addictions such as cigarettes, drugs, and alcohol.

How do we individually and as a community of faith show respect and love for our bodies, not because the body is who we are but because our bodies are for the Lord?

They have been purchased by Christ to be members of His body and temples of the Holy Spirit.

God has plans for each one of us, just as He did for Samuel. We have a mutual mission of proclaiming the Gospel which is carried out in a variety of ways. The deeper our relationship with Jesus Christ, the more fruitful will the mission be fulfilled. "Here I am. You called me."

There is only one vocation, the call to holiness.

How do you listen to the call of Jesus, the call to holiness?

How do you point others to Jesus Christ as John the Baptist did when he proclaimed, "Behold the Lamb of God!" In our prayer this week for Christian unity beginning on January 18, let us be drawn into St. Paul's message and theme for this Week of Christian unity, "We will all be changed by the victory of Our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:51-58).

FOLLOW ME

# The Feast of the Epiphany

## THE BIRTH OF JESUS BECOMES A PUBLIC EVENT

On the Adriatic coast of Italy is a town called Ravenna. When the Roman Empire was falling apart in the 5th and 6th centuries, Ravenna became, for a short while, the capital of the empire.

Today you would never guess it. It's just a medium-sized industrial town, near the sea, with lots of pollution, they tell me.

What remains, however, from those heady days of glory is a string of beautiful churches. And in one of them, the Church of St. Apollinare, there is a mosaic of three wise men.

Making a mosaic is a painstaking business. The artist uses thousands of little cubes of colored stone, like you and I might use the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle. But the bricks in a mosaic are much smaller.

An expert can produce themes of startling, miraculous beauty, simply by cementing these little cubes together.

In the mosaic in this one particular church, the artist manages to convey the impression of movement, of running. The wise men are running through a palm grove, with their gifts held out in front of them.

The picture doesn't tell us

where they are running. You and I know, because we have heard St. Matthew's

Gospel today: "The sight of the star filled them with delight."

These elderly gentlemen are skipping like children as they come to the end of their journey. Their rich cloaks spread out in the wind.

The wise men in the story represent the non-Hebrew world, which includes you and me.

You and I are running through the palm trees. Matthew is telling us here that Jesus is born for all peoples, and that His birth, life, death and resurrection are common property.

The first to see the child, of course, were the shepherds, and they were Jewish. But hot on their heels, came these colorful characters from the east.

Unlike the shepherds, they never had the advantage of the Old Testament scriptures, with the prophets forecasting the coming of Christ. So God communicated with them directly—God sent them a star.

On the Feast of the Epiphany, through the three wise men, the birth of Jesus becomes a public event.

On Christmas night it was more or less private - only

the shepherds knew about it. St. Luke tells us that the shepherds went back up the hill from the stable "glorifying and praising God," but he doesn't say that they told many in the neighborhood.

The wise men, however, stand for the rest of the world, coming to do homage to the infant King, and it is throughout the non-Jewish world that the news is eventually destined to echo and to ring.

The other actor in this drama is, of course, King Herod. Scholars tell us that he was Jewish, but not faithful or religious.

Coarsened by his contact with the cynical and brutal Roman world, he saw the birth of Christ in political terms, and sensed a threat to his own authority.

Unfortunately, the wise men had asked for "the infant King of the Jews." That word "king" was a warning light to Herod - just as, in thirty-three years' time, it would be a warning light for Pontius Pilate.

Some people are like the shepherds, quiet people who keep their religion to themselves.

Some people are like Herod, though thankfully in most cases without his criminal, cruel side. They wonder how Christmas can be turned to their advantage.

And some people are like the wise men, inspired by

God to inquire, to find out, and ready to adore.

The shepherds are like a lot of us today, who feel that broadcasting our faith might offend the neighbors. So, we miss the opportunity to share the Gospel.

Many modern people make Christmas a time of profit, so that it's as if the real religion of our country is shopping.

The religious message becomes obscured by sleigh bells and Black Friday madness.

I was recently watching a local Holiday Concert of grade school students. It wasn't a Christmas concert and I did not hear one Christmas carol. So many of our children don't know hymns such as *Silent Night*, *Joy to the World*, or *O Little Town of Bethlehem*.

It's a time to celebrate... but celebrate what...if not the birth of our Savior?

But then there are those who come to us like the three wise men, saying, "I

want to learn more. I don't know why or how, but God seems to be propelling me in your direction—will you teach me about Christ?"

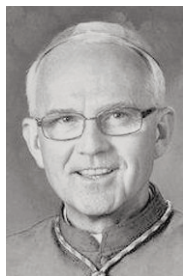
It's often to such people that God gives the grace of conversion, and then a further call, to serve God as a deacon, consecrated religious or priest.

We pray for the grace to be wise men and wise women, ourselves, always ready to share the Gospel.

This New Year may or may not find you or me running among the palm trees, but I hope and pray that it does find us with a renewed vigor and confident determination to celebrate our Catholic faith and share its message of hope and promise to a world, too often suspicious of the Good News.

Jesus tells you and me: "Follow Me." That would make for a very good New Year's resolution to last a life time.

Blessed New Year to you and your loved ones!



Bishop Terry R. LaValley

## Ecumenical service set Jan. 15

**MASSENA** - Bishop Terry R. LaValley will preside at The 2012 Diocesan Ecumenical Service, anticipating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan. 15 at 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church

Father James J. Kane, Director of the Office of Ecu-

menical & Inter-religious Affairs of the Diocese of Albany, will speak on the theme "We Will All Be Changed by the Victory of Our Lord Jesus Christ"(cf. 1 Corinthians 15:51-58).

Father Donald Manfred, Pastor, will host this year's

service organized by Father Daniel Chapin, chair of the diocesan ecumenical commission. A combined music ministry from the churches of the greater Massena area will be present.

A reception will follow at Trinity Catholic School.

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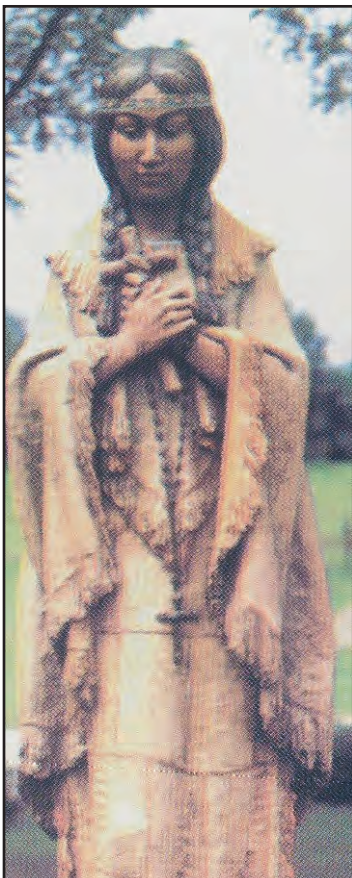
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*St. Regis Mohawks overjoyed at news of Blessed Kateri's upcoming canonization*

# 'Thanks be to God!'



By Mary Lou Kilian  
Editor

St. Joseph Sister Mary Christine Taylor has spent more than 40 years teaching and ministering to the St. Regis Mohawks at Akwesasne Reservation.

She has joined them in the official prayer for the canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha nearly every day for decades.

She said that her reaction to the Vatican's Dec. 19 announcement that a second miracle attributed to Blessed Kateri had been recognized matched everyone else's at St. Regis:

"Thanks be to God!"

"The elders are very excited about it and the children are excited," Sister Christine said. "All through their lives, they've been praying the Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Kateri - followed by the Our Father, a Hail Mary and three Glory Be's - at every weekend Mass after the Prayer of the Faithful."

"This is such wonderful news," she said. "The Indians have trusted so much in her intercession."

Vicky Phillips, the DRE for

St. Regis, said "it's been a long time coming... we had just about given up hope. It's such great news to us."

## Now we're just waiting to hear when we're going to Rome!

Mrs. Phillips and her husband Richard have attended every national Tekakwitha Conference for the past years and expected to join the one set for this region in Albany in July.

"We might have to cancel our convention so we can all go to Rome," she said.

Pope Benedict XVI has not yet announced a date for the canonization, but it could come as early as this spring.

"We have to start raising money because everybody wants to go to Rome," she said. "The phones have been ringing off the hook - we're going to have to start cooking some pies!"

Debbie Thomas, who assists St. Regis pastor Father Jerome Pastores, is a board member for the national Tekakwitha Conference.

"Oh my God, we were so excited to hear the news," she said. "I immediately went on the radio to inform every-

one. Now we're just waiting to hear when we're going to Rome.

As a member of the host team for this year's scheduled Tekakwitha Conference in Albany, Ms. Thomas was looking forward to welcoming people to the place where Kateri was born and baptized.

"The Kateri Conference is the oldest conference for aboriginal people in the country," she said, "but this year we just might need to go to Rome."

Another St. Regis native Sister Kateri Mitchell has been executive director of the Tekakwitha Conference National Center in Great Falls, Mont., for the past 14 years and affiliated with the center since 1970.

The announcement of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's impending canonization "is the news we've been waiting for shortly after her beatification," said Sister Kateri about her namesake.

Blessed Kateri was beatified in 1980.

Regarding her reaction to the news that a second miracle attributed to Blessed Kateri has been recognized, "I guess the word is overwhelming and also just exu-

berant with jubilation," said Sister Kateri, laughing.

A Sister of St. Ann, Sister Kateri said she was "blessed" with receiving the name Kateri when she entered religious life in 1959.

A member of the Mohawk Nation as was Blessed Kateri, Sister Kateri was raised on the St. Regis (Akwesasne) Mohawk International Reservation, which stretches from New York into Canada.

She said her parents had a devotion to Kateri Tekakwitha and would frequently make what for them was a 200-mile trip to Blessed Kateri's birthplace and the town where she was raised.

"As Native American Catholics, I think this just brings such great joy and gratitude to our model" of faith, she added.

"The people that I've met from other cultures and countries would say, 'You Native Americans or indigenous of America need a saint of your own.' I'd say, 'I totally agree with you, and please pray with us.'"

Sister Kateri said, "I consider it one of the greatest gifts anyone could receive for Christmas."

(With contributions from Catholic News Service)

## 'Lily of the Mohawks' came to love Christ over clan's objections

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, "the Lily of the Mohawks," is the young Indian maiden who, despite objections from some in her own clan, came to know and love Christ.

She was born in 1656 in a village on the Mohawk River called Ossernenon, now Auriesville, N.Y. Her father was a Mohawk chief and her mother a Christian Algonquin raised among the French.

She was born into a period of political and religious turmoil, 10 years after three of the Jesuit martyrs were tor-

tured and killed: Rene Goupil, Isaac Jogues and Jean Lalande. Indians blamed the "Blackrobes" for the sudden appearance of deadly white man's diseases, including small pox.

When Kateri was only 4, a smallpox epidemic claimed her parents and baby brother. Kateri survived, but her face was disfigured and her eyesight impaired.

According to legend, she was raised by relatives who began to plan her marriage. But after meeting with Catholic priests, Kateri decided to be baptized and

pursue religious life.

When she was baptized on Easter in 1676 at age 20, her relatives were not pleased.

She fled the next year to Canada, taking refuge at St. Francis Xavier Mission in the Mohawk Nation at Caughnawaga on the St. Lawrence River, about 10 miles from Montreal.

She reportedly made her first Communion on Christmas in 1677.

She astounded the Jesuits with her deep spirituality and her devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. She took a private vow of virginity and

devoted herself to prayer and to teaching prayers to the children and helping the sick and elderly of Caughnawaga.

Kateri was not the only member of her community to embrace Christianity during a colonial time fraught with conflict and struggle for native tribes. But to her older, more educated Jesuit mentors, she was remarkable.

When her request to start a religious community was denied, Kateri continued to live a life of austerity and prayer.

She was said to perform

"extraordinary penances."

She died in 1680 at the age of 24.

According to eyewitnesses, including two Jesuits and many Indians, the scars on her face suddenly disappeared after her death.

Her tomb is in Caughnawaga. There is a shrine to her in St. Francis Xavier Church there.

Soon after Blessed Kateri died, Catholics started to claim that favors and miracles had been obtained through her intercession.

American Indians have

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JOY TO THE WORLD!

# A NORTH COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

Catholic children across the diocese celebrate the birth of Christ



Children of Sacred Heart Sunday School in Edwards are shown during their Christmas party wearing the headbands from Mrs. Maryanne Lawless. The children made pinecones ornaments for "shut-ins."



Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus were played by Makayla Holt, Brandon McKeown, and Abigail Burke during the Christmas program at St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga Dec. 20.



Mary (Madison Bedard) and Joseph (Sam Joseph Richards) look upon the face of the newborn infant Jesus as the choir at Holy Name Church sings Christmas music prior to the beginning of the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at Holy Name Church in Au Sable Forks. The children are students at Holy Name School.



Students of St. Marguerite D'Youville Academy in Ogdensburg performed at St. Joseph's Home spreading Christmas cheer. The SMDA art club did Christmas craft projects with the residents and the rest of the school led the residents in singing Christmas Carols. Pictured are Isaac Testani and his grandmother, Rose Seymour.



A kid at heart, Father Sony Pulickal sits on Santa's lap during the Dec. 18 Christmas party held at St. Ann's in Wells.



Two-year old Isabella Bombard and her sister, Abigail, age 5, children of Lance and Jennifer Bombard, greet Bishop Terry LaValley after a Dec. 13 Mass at Holy Family Church in Watertown.



The primary school children of Holy Family School in Malone performed the play "The Not So Silent Night" a story about the first Christmas night before a crowd of more than 200 people Dec. 15.

# Lily of the Mohawks

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made appeals to the Catholic Church for her recognition since at least the late 1800s.

Documentation for her sainthood cause was sent to the Vatican in 1932. She was declared venerable in 1942, the first step to sainthood that recognizes the candidate's heroic virtues.

Two miracles that occur after death are generally

needed for a sainthood cause to move forward. After a first miracle is confirmed by the church, the candidate is beatified. Kateri was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1980, giving her the title "Blessed."

Documentation for the final miracle needed for her canonization was sent to the Vatican in July 2009. It involved the recovery of a young boy in Seattle whose face had been disfigured by

flesh-eating bacteria and who almost died from the disease. But he recovered completely, and the Vatican confirmed the work of a tribunal who determined there was no medical explanation for it.

On Dec. 19, the pope signed the decree recognizing the miracle in Blessed Kateri's cause clearing the way for her canonization.

The U.S. church marks her feast day July 14. She is listed as patron of American Indians, ecology and the environment and is held up as a model for Catholic youths.

In the United States, there are two shrines to Blessed Kateri, the National Shrine of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha in Fonda, N.Y., and the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs in Auriesville.

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## Bishop LaValley's Schedule

**Jan. 12** – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence

**Jan. 13** – 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg.

**Jan. 14** – 10:30 a.m., Pastoral Council Meeting at the Visitation Parish Center in Norfolk.

**Jan. 15** – 10 a.m., Confirmation at St. Regis Mission in Hogansburg, 2 p.m., Ecumenical Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Sacred Heart Church in Massena.

**Jan. 16** – 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg; 7 p.m., Respect Life Rally at the Watertown Municipal Building

**Jan 17**– 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

**Jan. 18** – 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg

## Announcement

The diocesan offices will be closed Jan. 16 in observance of the Martin Luther King Day federal holiday.

### Prayer to Blessed Virgin

Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful wine splendor of Heaven. Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the sea, help me and show me, herein you are my Mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth. I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my Mother. Oh, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3x). Holy Mother, I place this prayer in your hands(3X).

KM

## Rest in Peace

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

**Jan. 11** – Msgr. John Andrew Cotter, 1964; Msgr. Anthime D. Charbonneau, 1976; Most Rev. Walter P. Kellenberg, 1986

**Jan. 12** – Msgr. Francis Joseph Maguire, 1978

**Jan. 14** – Rev. John M. Neenan, M.S.C., 1879; Rev. Benedict Scharff, O.F.M.Conv., 1964; Deacon Francis Bradley, 2000

**Jan. 15** – Msgr. James Joseph Lacey, 1942

**Jan. 16** – Msgr. James Alexander Fix, 1969; Rev. Herbert Skurski, O.F.M.Conv., 1996

**Jan. 17** – Rev. Francis A. Menard, 2009

## 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](http://www.virtus.org) by selecting the registration button and following the directions. All employees and volunteers who participate in church sponsored activities with minors 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. 440

Upcoming programs:  
**Jan. 26** - 7:30 p.m., St. Marys School, Canton

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# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Ten years after abuse scandal, Boston cardinal reflects on its impact

BOSTON (CNS) -- "Our church will never forget the clergy sexual abuse crisis," said Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley of Boston in a document marking the 10th anniversary of the abuse scandal that first rocked the archdiocese in January 2002, the reverberations of which continue to be felt. "The traumatic and painful days we experienced 10 years ago rightfully forced us to address the issue honestly and implement many necessary changes," said Cardinal O'Malley in the 2,500-word document, "Ten Years Later -- Reflections on the Sexual Abuse Crisis," released Jan. 4. Cardinal O'Malley said that since his appointment in July 2003, "our highest priority has been to provide outreach and care for all the survivors of clergy sexual abuse and to do everything possible to make sure this abuse never happens again." The cardinal said the archdiocese has met with more than 1,000 survivors and family members. "As one measure of our commitment, during the past seven years, the archdiocese has spent more than \$7 million to provide counseling, medicines and other services for survivors and their families," he added. "At any given time, we are providing assistance for approximately 300 people." Since 2003, the Archdiocese of Boston has settled approximately 800 claims of clergy sexual abuse, Cardinal O'Malley said, although no figure was offered on the total archdiocesan payout in those cases. He added that about 300,000 children have received safe environment training through their parish schools or religious education programs. The cardinal said about 175,000 adults -- clergy, religious and laity, both paid staff and volunteers -- have been trained to identify and report suspected abuse.

## Former Episcopal bishop to head new US ordinariate for ex-Anglicans

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Pope Benedict XVI has established a U.S. ordinariate for former Anglicans who wish to become Catholics and named a married former Episcopal bishop to head it. The Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter - functionally equivalent to a diocese, but national in scope - will be based at a parish in Houston. It will be led by Father Jeffrey N. Steenson, the former Episcopal bishop of the Rio Grande who was ordained a Catholic priest of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, N.M., in February 2009. The establishment of the ordinariate and the naming of its first leader were announced by the Vatican Jan. 1. More than 100 former Anglican priests have applied to become Catholic priests in the ordinariate and 1,400 individuals from 22 communities have expressed interest in joining. In fall 2011, the members of St. Luke's in Bladensburg, Md., and St. Peter of the Rock Community in Fort Worth, Texas, were received into the Catholic Church with the intent of joining the ordinariate. It is the second such jurisdiction established under the provisions of Pope Benedict's 2009 apostolic constitution "Anglicanorum coetibus." The first was the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, created for England and Wales in January 2011; others are under consideration in Canada and Australia. The parishes and communities accepted into the ordinariate will be fully Catholic but retain elements of their Anglican heritage and traditions, particularly in the liturgy.

## Cardinal-designate Timothy M. Dolan

# New York prelate a vigorous defender, booster of faith

By Mark Pattison  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York, who was appointed Jan. 6 to the College of Cardinals by Pope Benedict XVI, has used his pulpit, be it in New York or Milwaukee, to promote and defend the Catholic faith.

Ordained to the priesthood in 1976, Cardinal-designate Dolan was secretary to the apostolic nunciature in Washington for five years before serving as rector of the Pontifical North American College in Rome. In 2001, then-Msgr. Dolan was ordained to the episcopate when he was appointed auxiliary bishop in his native St. Louis. One year and five days later, he was appointed archbishop of Milwaukee.

He was one of 10 U.S. bishops appointed by the Vatican to be catechetical leaders during the 2005 World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany. He reprised the role in 2011 in Madrid, telling pilgrims to admit their faith is weak and shaky. "Something tells me that's why we're (at World Youth Day)," he said. "We want to be with a million other young people from around the world who love their faith and are trying to make it strong."

In a 2007 lecture at North American College, Cardinal-designate Dolan said Catholics need solid preaching about Jesus, the cross and the church, and not "feel-good" spiritual advice that demands no sacrifice. Preaching well, he added, means challenging people's complacency and, like Christ, occasionally "shaking things up."

In 2007, Cardinal-designate Dolan, now 61, was appointed to the board of directors of Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops' international aid agency. He

became chairman of the board by the end of that year and served in that capacity for three years. He stepped down from the post reluctantly when his election as president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops required it.

As a panelist for a 2004 EWTN-sponsored "town hall" meeting, Cardinal-designate Dolan said the clergy sex abuse crisis was "a societal problem, not a Catholic problem." At the time, he was chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Priestly Life and Ministry.

The Milwaukee Archdiocese in 2006 reached an out-of-court, \$16.9 million settlement with victims of clerical sexual abuse. Then-Archbishop Dolan said the payout would mean "sacrifices in operations and ministries" but going to trial could have been worse in terms of archdiocesan financial liability, "to say nothing about the bad PR." The archdiocese in 2011 filed for bankruptcy protection due to unresolved abuse claims, the largest U.S. diocese to have done so.

Cardinal-designate Dolan was appointed to the Archdiocese of New York in 2009 to succeed Cardinal Edward M. Egan, who retired.

When cardinals were previously named in October 2010, Cardinal Egan was not yet 80 years old, and Vatican custom has been to avoid having two voting-age cardinals from the same diocese.

Cardinal Egan turns 80 April 2.

Shortly after becoming archbishop, Cardinal-designate Dolan suggested his style would be different, but not the substance.

"The 'what' won't change, but the 'how' might," he said. "Our goal is to change our lives to be in conformity with Jesus and his church and not to change the teachings of Jesus and the church to be in

conformity with what we want."

In his first pastoral letter as archbishop, Cardinal-designate Dolan called on Catholics to "keep the Lord's day holy" and reminded them that it is in receiving the Eucharist on Sunday that they sustain their faith.

In 2009, he was appointed the U.S. moderator of Jewish affairs for the U.S. bishops.

In a break with precedent, in 2010, Cardinal-designate Dolan won election as president of the U.S. bishops. It was the first time in the history of the bishops' conference that a sitting vice president who was eligible for the presidency did not win the election.

In his first presidential address, Cardinal-designate Dolan told his fellow bishops in November 2011, "Love for Jesus and his church must be the passion of our lives." Describing the church as a spiritual family that "to use the talk show vocabulary ... has some 'dysfunction,'" he said the bishops' "most pressing pastoral challenge today is to reclaim that truth, to restore the luster, the credibility, the beauty of the church."

But he cited "chilling statistics we cannot ignore" that "fewer and fewer of our beloved people -- to say nothing about those outside the household of the faith -- are convinced that Jesus and his church are one." As a result, he added, "they drift from her, get mad at the church, grow lax, join another or just give it all up. If this does not cause us pastors to shudder, I do not know what will."

In 2011, he was named a member of the new Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization. On Dec. 29, just a week before his appointment to the College of Cardinals, he was appointed by Pope Benedict to help advise the Pontifical Council for Social Communications.

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# The need for a listening ear and a loving heart

We're in a quiet time of the Church Year—six weeks of “breather” between Christmas and Lent.

The Gospels all deal with the early ministry of Jesus, while the second readings are taken from St. Paul's letters to the Corinthians.

Our first reading today sets the theme: God's call to a particular individual to come closer to Him.

In this case, God is calling a young boy, Samuel, to devote his whole life to service.

The time of the call is the middle of the night - not very convenient! Samuel doesn't understand what it's all about, and falls back asleep.

God persists, and, with the help of the old priest, Eli, he answers on the third call, “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.”



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We learn a valuable lesson here about the way God operates.

God wanted Samuel, not someone else. So he persisted in asking until Samuel was really listening.

When Samuel said ‘yes’, it made all the difference in his life! In turn,

Samuel, later in his life as a prophet, insisted on anointing David as king, even though Jesse had six other sons that appeared to be more qualified.

What a difference it made in the whole later history of Israel that the young boy, Samuel, answered God and did what He wanted.

The second reading from Corinthians prepares all of us for generosity in answering God's call, for Paul says, “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?”

Every one of us must be on the alert for God's call.

The theme of God calling particular individuals continues in today's Gospel.

The scene is an ordinary day for John the Baptist, but a very extraordinary day for two young men named Andrew and his older brother Simon.

They began the day as fol-

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READINGS

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

John 1:35-42

lowers of John, and ended that day as followers of Jesus. Why? Because Jesus answered Andrew's question as to where He lived, with the simple answer, “Come and you will see!”

What a loaded invitation!

There was something tugging at the hearts of those young men that they didn't understand, but Jesus did understand. What Jesus understood was the restless craving in the hearts of

everyone for something more, something to fill the emptiness and the craving that they never seem to have satisfied.

Jesus knew, because as one with the Creator, He had put it there Himself...the totality of Truth and of Love.

Today we are confronted with a mystery that the God who is in Himself complete in power and perfection, should so beg for His creatures to draw closer in intimacy and partnership with Him. To a world to whom He has given everything, He still longs for some to share in His cross and His glory in a special way. And the reward? “I no longer call you servants, but friends.”

All it takes to find the “more” we seek is a listening ear and a loving heart.

## PURSUING JUSTICE

## A Catholic response to human trafficking

The Catholic Church has long been active in the fight against human trafficking in all its forms. The Catholic response to the migration of people in general rests on the principles of Catholic social teaching, central to which is the sacredness and dignity of human life.

As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Migration put forth in the statement On Human Trafficking in 2007, “The movement of people across boundaries is a part of a collective human experience. There is an element of this experience that must be eradicated: the trafficking of human beings through the use of fraud, force, and coercion for the purpose of forced prostitution or forced labor. Human trafficking is a horrific crime against the basic dignity and rights of the human person. All efforts must be expended to end it... to ensure that, one day soon, trafficking in human persons vanishes ...”

This commitment to end slavery in all its forms is rooted in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. It forbids acts or enterprises that, for any reason, lead to the enslavement of human beings - to their being bought, sold, and exchanged like merchandise, in disregard for their personal dignity.

During the Second Vatican Council in 1965, the Catholic Church reaffirmed its historic concern about human trafficking, stating that “slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children, [and] disgraceful working conditions where [people] are treated as mere tools for profit, rather than as free and responsible persons; all these things and others of their like are infamies in-

deed. They poison human society...and are supreme dishonor to the Creator”.

### National Awareness Day of Human Trafficking is Jan. 11.

Since that time, Papal teaching has reflected this concern. In his Letter to Women in 1995, Pope John Paul II stated that “Trafficking in human beings - especially women...flourishes where opportunities to improve their standard of living or even to survive are limited. It becomes easy for the trafficker to offer his own “services” to the victims, who often do not even vaguely suspect what awaits them. In some cases there are women and girls who are destined to be exploited almost like slaves in their work, and not infrequently in the sex industry, too.”

He pointed out the broader implications of this affront to human dignity in 2002, adding that “The alarming increase in the trade in human beings is one of the pressing political, social, and economic problems associated with the process of globalization; it presents a serious threat to the security of individual nations and a question of international justice which cannot be deferred.”

The U.S. Bishops have also been vocal in their opposition to human trafficking. In 2004, Bishop Thomas Wenski, then Chair of the USCCB Committee on Migration, declared that “The Catholic Church...in the United States stands ready to work with our government to end this scourge. We cannot rest until trafficking in human per-

sons is eliminated from the globe.” Addressing the need for eradicating the demand which fuels the illicit trade in human beings, The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops noted that “human trafficking will never be truly defeated without eliminating the consumerism that feeds it and prosecuting those actors in receiving countries, including our own, that benefit because of the exploitation of vulnerable human beings.”

Operationally, the Catholic Church has placed the elimination of trafficking as an important priority in the areas of public education, advocacy and services to trafficking victims. The Church works diligently to raise awareness within the Catholic community about the problem, including training to help diocesan staff identify and assist victims of trafficking. These awareness-raising efforts include the sponsorship of roundtables and conferences on the subject and the convening of public meetings on several occasions to educate the Catholic faithful and others on human trafficking. All of the Church's training and education is directed toward one end: advancing the best interest of the victims. This education and training are intended to help people to identify victims when they see them, and to empower them to act on what they see.

The USCCB works closely with the Departments of Health and Human Services and Justice to raise awareness about this problem and to assist its victims. The U.S. government also relies on Church networks overseas to help combat trafficking and slavery.

(Source: [www.usccb.org/about/human-trafficking/usccb-response.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/about/human-trafficking/usccb-response.cfm))



## AT THE MOVIES

# THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO

By John P. McCarthy  
Catholic News Service

As fans of the late Swedish author Stieg Larsson's "Millennium Trilogy" will attest, it's difficult to name a more flawed and fascinating protagonist in recent popular fiction than Lisbeth Salander.

The mixture of sympathy and unease she triggers was ably captured in the 2009 Swedish-language film version of Larsson's first volume -- and it also marks American director David Fincher's piercingly violent and sordid adaptation of the same tome: "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" (Columbia).

The circumstances and choices that render the title character so compellingly complex -- most notably, the heinous physical abuse she suffers and then vengefully commits -- are precisely what make this chilling crime thriller morally unsuitable. Menacingly gray and caustic, the world in which Lisbeth finds herself appears devoid of fixed ethical coordinates.

An intricately plotted whodunit, "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" pits corrupt elements from Sweden's establishment against relatively disenfranchised individuals who have the skills to buck the old guard plus fend off most every other type of malefactor.

Their own values are hardly above reproach, however.

His reputation in tatters following a libel trial, financial writer Mikael Blomkvist (Daniel Craig) is hired by industrialist Henrik Vanger (Christopher Plummer) to investigate the disappearance of his niece 40 years prior. Henrik suspects members of his own fractious, secretive clan.

After laboring on his own for a time, Mikael joins forces with talented researcher and computer hacker Lisbeth (Rooney Mara), a 23-year-old ward of the state who is sexually exploited by her government caseworker Bjurman (Yorick van Wageningen).

Anti-social in the extreme, and sporting an array of punkish piercings and tattoos, Lisbeth has a brilliant mind and is adept at electronic surveillance and other fact-finding methods, many of them illegal.

As the narrative moves back and forth between Stockholm and the remote island where the Vanger family resides -- and between the present day and the 1960s -- Lisbeth and Mikael discover that a serial killer may have been at work.

Fincher's proficiency in communicating the obsessive zeal that often drives investigative work, so evident in his film "Zodiac," finds a perfect match in Larsson's book. So too does the director's ability to

translate the use of computers into an enthralling story, as he did in last year's "The Social Network."

Nevertheless, his exactitude regarding procedure and atmosphere can become exhausting, to the degree that we begin to empathize with the tremendous acting ensemble. Fincher and screenwriter Steven Zaillian don't flinch from explicitly re-creating the book's savage and graphic episodes, and it can't have been easy to take part in many of the scenes -- which are excruciating enough just to watch.

After a measured start, during which it initiates a riveting tale of evil exposed and thwarted, "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" soon crosses the line into degradation. Lisbeth's vengeful decisions in response to her unfortunate plight, together with Mikael's own moral lapses (including adultery) undermine their quest for justice.

In addition, there's an anti-religious motif manifest in the demonic crime spree, Mikael's skepticism about his teen daughter's Christianity, and in the Vanger family's attitude toward faith.

The film contains excessive graphic violence, including rape, torture and maiming; images of women



CNS PHOTO/SONY

Rooney Mara stars in a scene from the movie "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo."

sadistically murdered; anti-religious undertones; strong sexual content, including explicit lesbian and nonmarital encounters and frequent nudity; and much crude and crass language. The Catholic News Service

classification is O -- morally offensive.

The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.



#### Holy Spirit


Holy Spirit, you who make me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideal. You who give me the Divine Gift to forgive the wrong that is done to me and you who are in all instances of my life with me. I in this short dialogue thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great material desire may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank you for your love toward me and my love ones.

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## CLINTON

## SPAGHETTI DINNER

**Peru** – St. Augustine's Knights of Columbus Council 7273 will host an All You Can Eat spaghetti dinner.

**Date:** Jan. 21

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

**Place:** St. Augustine's Parish Center

**Cost:** Adults, \$7.50; Children 6-12, \$3.50; under 5, Free; Take-outs available.

## HEALING MASS

**Plattsburgh** – St. Peter's parish will offer a Healing Mass the first Wednesday of every Month.

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

**Features:** Also included in the service is the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. After the mass is an opportunity to receive individual prayer with members of Living Waters Healing Ministry.

## LIVING WATERS HEALING MINISTRY

**Plattsburgh** – A weekly prayer meeting will be held every Wednesday (except the first Wednesday).

**Time:** 7 p.m. to 8

**Place:** St. Peter's Church

## SOAKING PRAYER

**Plattsburgh** – Soaking Prayer is offered every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month under the direction of the Living Water's Healing Ministry.

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 11:30

**Place:** Upper room at St. Peters

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

**Place:** St. John's Adoration Chapel,  
**Time:** 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Contact:** call 518-561-5083 or email us at [Sjohnsadoration@aol.com](mailto:Sjohnsadoration@aol.com)

## MARCH FOR LIFE

**Plattsburgh** – The Champlain Valley Right to Life Will hold its 38th Annual Plattsburgh March for Life.

**Date:** Jan. 15

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

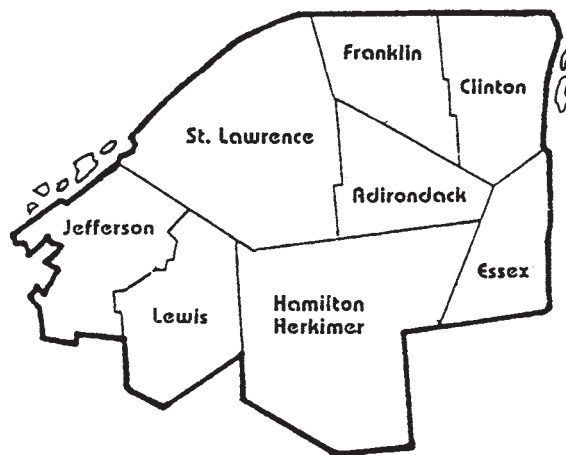
**Place:** Newman Center

**Features:** After the March there is a presentation by James Sedlak, VP of League, followed by a reception.

## LAKE CHAMPLAIN BUS FOR LIFE

**Plattsburgh** – The "Lake Champlain 2012 Bus for Life" will offer an opportunity to attend the march in Washington D.C.

**Date:** A chartered bus will leave the parking lot of St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m. for the Jan. 23



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Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 866-314-7296  
e-mail [news@northcountrycatholic.org](mailto:news@northcountrycatholic.org).

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

National March For Life and return to Plattsburgh early Jan. 24.

**Cost:** The cost of the bus is \$25 per seat.

**Contact:** Betty Buffett (518) 536-6640 or Karen Smith (518) 566-6229.

**Donations:** To donate funds for someone to attend, please send your check or money order to St. Peter's Church 114 Cornelia Street Plattsburgh, New York 12901. Make a notation on the memo line "Bus For Life Donation."

## BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

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

**Date:** Every Sunday

**Time:** 1 p.m. to 4

## ESSEX

## ADULT FAITH SHARING GROUP

**Port Henry** – The Adult Faith Sharing Group will be viewing Fr. Robert Barron's video series "Conversation".

**Dates:** Jan. 12 & 26; Feb. 9 & 23; March 8 & 22

**Time:** 7 p.m. to 8:30

## FRANKLIN

## BREAKFAST BUFFET

**Brushton** – St. Mary's Catholic Church events committee will be having a Breakfast Buffet.

**Date:** Jan. 15

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

**Place:** St. Mary's Parish Center

**Cost:** Adults, \$7; Seniors, \$6; Children 6-12, \$4; under 5, free; Immediate Family of 5 or more, \$20; Take-outs are available by calling 518-529-6580.

## JEFFERSON

## BEREAVEMENT MEETING

**Watertown** – An ecumenical bereavement meeting has been planned

**Date:** Jan. 23

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse  
**Speaker:** Mr. James Monaco, a psychotherapist with a private practice in Watertown, will be the speaker. His topic will be "Dealing with Depression Associated with Grieving".

## SPAGHETTI &amp; MEATBALL DINNER

**Evans Mills** – St. Mary's Parish will be having a Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner to benefit the Indian River Council 7471 Knights of Columbus.

**Date:** Jan. 14

**Time:** 4 p.m.

**Cost:** Adults, \$7; Senior Citizens, \$6; Children under 12, \$5; under 5, Free

## RESPECT LIFE VIGIL

**Watertown** – Liferight of Watertown will hold its annual interfaith Respect Life Candlelight Prayer Vigil.

**Date:** Jan. 16

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** Municipal Building on Washington Street

**Features:** Music for the half hour event will be provided by local group "Transformed." Refreshments will be available at First Presbyterian Church. Join us as we pray to end all forms of violence and racism and for renewed respect for all human life.

**Contact:** Bette Hartzell at 785-1087

## SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

**Date:** Jan. 26

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 7

**Place:** Msgr. Sechi Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; children \$4.50; under 3, free; sauce, \$5 per quart meatballs are \$.75

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

## 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](http://www.liferight.org).

## LEWIS

## BUS TO WASHINGTON MARCH

**Croghan** – A Bus to the annual March for Life in Washington Will leave from Lewis and Jefferson counties.

**Date:** Jan. 22

**Time:** 8:30 p.m.

**Place:** leaving St. Stephen's Church parking lot. There may be additional pickup points elsewhere in Lewis and Jefferson counties. Call for details.

**Features:** Visit Basilica Shrine, attend March Speaker's Rally, and join with thousands of pro-life Americans of all ages as we march in support and respect for legislation to protect human life from conception to natural death. Return to NNY late evening of Monday, Jan. 23rd. This trip is financially underwritten with proceeds from the annual "Diocesan Respect Life Collection".

**Cost:** Adult seating – 25\$ / Students – Free.

**Contact:** Marie or Dave Ferguson @ 376-3569 to reserve a seat.

## ST. LAWRENCE

## K OF C ANNUAL MEETING

**Ogdensburg** – The Annual Meeting of the Msgr. A.D. Charbonneau Council 258 Knights of Columbus Building Assn. will be held.

**Date:** Jan. 13

**Time:** 8 p.m.

**Features:** All Council members are urged to attend this meeting. The

agenda includes the annual financial report and election of rotating directors.

**Contact:** John Powers at 842-0077 or Don Tebo at 393-7694

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

**Place:** St. Mary's Church.

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

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

## DIOCESAN ECUMENICAL SERVICE

**Massena** – The 2012 Diocesan Ecumenical Service, anticipating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, will be held

**Date:** Jan. 15

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Place:** Sacred Heart Church

**Theme:** "We Will All Be Changed by the Victory of Our Lord Jesus Christ" (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:51-58).

**Speaker:** Fr. James J. Kane, Director of the Office of Ecumenical & Inter-religious Affairs of the Diocese of Albany. **Features:** Bishop Terry LaValley will preside. Fr. Donald Manfred, Pastor, will host this year's service. A combined music ministry from the churches of the greater Massena area promises to enhance the worship experience. Following the service, a reception will be held at Trinity Catholic School.

## 'CATHOLICISM' on WPBS-TV

**Watertown** – WPBS-TV will air the documentary "Catholicism: A Journey to the Heart of the Faith" on the four Sundays of January.

**Schedule:** Jan. 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 4 p.m.

**Features:** Father Robert Barron a priest of the Diocese of Chicago and theologian, traveled to 15 different countries around the world for more than 3 years filming this dynamic series depicting the Catholic Faith. This series covers topics such as, why we believe God truly exists. It addresses creation, the 'big bang' theory and evolution. It covers the family the Sacraments, and other topics.

## CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

**Clifton Park, NY** – Catholic Lay Healers and Evangelists to offer healing and Renewal Days on two weekends in 2012.

**Dates:** April 20-21, 2012 featuring Maria Vadia of Glory God Ministries and Oct. 12-13, 2012 featuring Bob Canton.

**Place:** St. Edward the Confessor, 563

Clifton Park Center Rd, Clifton Park, NY

**Information:** 518-237-7391 or 518-371-7911 or [dcn.jmrigaitis@aol.com](mailto:dcn.jmrigaitis@aol.com)



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# Thank you from the Mission Office

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

*"The Holy Spirit gives us joy. And He is joy. Joy is the gift in which all the other gifts are included. The missionary spirit of the Church is none other than the impulse to communicate the joy which has been given."*

**Pope Benedict XVI**

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I hope that you and your families enjoyed a holy Advent and a joyous Christmas. Be assured that I will remember you and your intentions at Mass and in my prayers in the coming weeks. May the Lord's peace fill your heart and be with this those you love!



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## OBITUARIES

**Champlain** — Marie M. (St. Andrew) Phaneuf, 77; Funeral Services Jan. 5, 2012 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Anne's Cemetery, Mooers Forks.

**Churubusco** — Ron (Douglas) Santamore, 62; Funeral Services Jan. 5, 2012 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

**Edwards** — George J. Hart, 89; Funeral Services Jan. 2, 2012 at French Funeral Home; burial in Fairview Cemetery.

**Hogansburg** — Kanatitio "Tio" Adams, 18; Funeral Services Jan. 7, 2012 at St. Regis Church; burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery, St. Regis Quebec.

**Hogansburg** — Abram L. Gray, 44; Funeral Services Jan. 8, 2012 at St. Regis Church; burial in Kateri Cemetery.

**Keeseville** — Della D. (Ouimette) Strong, 82; Funeral Services Jan. 2, 2012 at the Hamilton Funeral Home.

**Lake Placid** — Robert K. Edgley, 92; Funeral Services Jan. 3, 2012 at St. Agnes Church; burial in St. Agnes Cemetery.

**Lake Placid** — Joseph Vernon Lamb Jr., 86; Funeral Service Jan. 7, 2012 at St. Agnes Church; burial in St. Agnes Cemetery.

**Lowville** — Louise (Morrison) Booth, 94 & Dale Booth; Funeral Services Jan. 2, 2012 at Iseneker Funeral Home, Inc.; burial in Sand Hill Cemetery

**Lowville** — Christopher J. Steria, 32; Funeral Jan. 4, 2012 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Lowville Rural Cemetery.

**Lowville** — Theresa (MacNeil) Sweeney, 82; Funeral Services Jan. 6, 2012 at Iseneker Funeral Home, Inc.

**Lyon Mountain** — Richard D. Kramer, 70; Funeral Services Jan. 5, 2012 at St. Bernard's Church.

**Malone** — Richard J. Benware, 86; Funeral Services Jan. 6, 2012 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**Malone** — Leland D. Dame, 68; Funeral Services Jan. 5, 2012 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Massena** — Margaret D. (Garcia) Beaudette, 89; Funeral Services Jan. 7, 2012 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** — Roger B. Clough, 69; Funeral Services Jan. 5, 2012 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Pine Grove Cemetery.

**Massena** — William M. Dox, 85; Funeral Services Jan. 5, 2012 at St. Mary's Church.

**Massena** — Lillian M. (Seguin) French, 84; Funeral Services Jan. 6, 2012 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Norfolk** — Stella F. (Osoway) Maxim, 92; Funeral Services Jan. 4, 2012 at the Buck Funeral Home; burial in Visitation Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** — Marion I. (Santay) Bouchard, 96; Funeral Services Jan. 6, 2012 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

**Ogdensburg** — Elizabeth "Betty" (Bean) LeFever, 83; Funeral Services Jan. 2, 2012 at Frary Funeral Home; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Peru** — Gary L. Marbut, 61; Funeral Services Jan. 2, 2012 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in St. Augustine's Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** — Jacqueline Marie "Jackie" King, 58; Funeral Services Dec. 31, 2011 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** — Richard B. "Rick" Knowles

Jr., 48; Funeral Jan. 6, 2012 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Saranac Lake** — George Bedore, 88; Funeral Services at Fortune-Keough Funeral Home; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

**Star Lake** — John J. LaFrance, 89; Funeral Jan. 9, 2012 at French Family Funeral Home; burial in St. Hubert's Cemetery.

**Theresa** — Margaret B. (Newvine) Benware, 88; Funeral Services Jan. 5, 2012 at Frederick Bros. Funeral Home, Inc.; burial in Hermon Cemetery.

**Ticonderoga** — Evelyn Anita (Benway) Porter, 76; Funeral Services Jan. 5, 2012 at St. Mary's Church; burial in May Memorial Cemetery of Hague.

**Ticonderoga** — Ryan Haywood Quigley, 23; Funeral Services Jan. 2, 2012 at the Wilcox & Regan Funeral Home; burial in Valley View Cemetery.

**Watertown** — Paul F. Fitzgerald Sr., 91; Funeral Services Jan. 5, 2012 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** — Robert W. Rutherford, 83; Funeral Services Jan. 3, 2012 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** — Adeline Canale Sutton, 78; Funeral Services Jan. 6, 2012 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

### The Miraculous Prayer

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked for many favors. This time I ask you this very special one. Take it Dear Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in our merciful eyes it will become your favor, not mine. Amen KM

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## YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

# The Metanoia Retreat: 'incredibly inspiring'

By Kelly Donnelly  
Contributing writer

On November 18 and 19, five young adults gathered for the first Metanoia retreat at Wadhams Hall.

Led by Lorraine Turgeon, the diocesan Director of Young Adult Ministry, and Father Al Houser, the 24-hour retreat was truly a reflection of the Greek word "metanoia", which means changing one's mind.

The retreat consisted of Adoration, Liturgy of the Hours, reflections, scriptural meditations largely based on Ignatian exercises, and time for individual spiritual direction and Reconciliation.

The retreat was formatted around the Last Supper, with reflections drawing comparisons between our lives and the Last Supper, particularly the cost and rewards of discipleship. This was done in reflective, creative ways (I won't give away all the details and surprises for people who hope to attend a retreat in the future!).

Throughout the retreat, I



Shown at the Metanoia Dinner Experience at Wadhams Hall Seminary in Ogdensburg are, from left, Jamie Burns, Carmel Rastley, Jen Campbell, Kelly Donnelly, Father Al Houser and Samantha Morgan.

(and through our discussions, the rest of the retreat attendees) felt that the retreat was not only a time to spiritually recharge, but to more fully recognize God's love for us and the need for us to trust.

A summary of William Faulkner's short story, "The

Bear" was used and I felt that the story in many ways epitomized my retreat experience.

The story describes a boy who seeks a bear, and though he knows the bear is watching him and is aware of the bear's presence, he is only able to see the bear

when he strips himself of his gun and compass - his "safety nets".

Similarly, as we learned (or in many cases, rediscovered) on the retreat, God is always present, but we must strip ourselves of the things we cling to that prevent us from truly being attentive to Him. Fear of the unknown, attachment to possessions, and the busyness we often fill our lives with can so easily prevent us from seeing God. Yet, like the bear, He is present to us if only we allow ourselves to approach Him.

The retreat was a time to strip ourselves of the obstructions, and through the

reflections, meditations, and prayers, we were able to come to that sense of not just knowing God is present in our lives, but truly seeing His presence in our lives.

This spiritual awareness that we so often come to recognize during a retreat can frequently taper away. Every time I go on a retreat I leave with the conviction that I will maintain the spirituality that I reconnected with during the course of the retreat, but all too often the "retreat high" subsides and so does my commitment to a heightened prayer life.

The Metanoia retreat not only provided many prayer materials and reflections for our use after the retreat, but also ended with a discussion of becoming part of "Manthano" (Greek for to increase one's knowledge or to be informed).

The idea is that every twelve weeks past retreat participants will gather to come together in prayer and fellowship before welcoming the current retreat participants to the diocese's Manthano group.

This will allow us to stay strongly connected with our young adult faith community and our commitment to truly live our faith.

I found the Metanoia retreat experience incredibly inspiring and renewing. I strongly encourage all young adults to seriously consider attending a Metanoia retreat and renew your commitment to our call to discipleship.



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