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## Strength from the Eucharist

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The Eucharist sustains those who are tired, worn out or lost in the world and transforms human sin and weakness into new life, Pope Benedict XVI said.

Speaking at his weekly general audience Jan. 11, the pope focused on Jesus and the Last Supper, where he instituted the Eucharist, "the

sacrament of his body and blood. Jesus' gift of himself anticipates his sacrifice on the cross and his glorious resurrection," the pope said.

He offers his life before it is taken from him on the cross and as such "transforms his violent death into a free act of giving himself for others. Violence immedi-

ately is transformed into an active, free and redemptive sacrifice," the pope said.

The pope said that, at the Last Supper, Jesus prayed for his disciples, especially Peter, warning him, according to the Gospel of Luke, that "Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat."

But Jesus prayed that his

disciple's faith would not fail and that Peter, who would betray Jesus, would return to strengthen the others' faith, the pope said

"The Eucharist is food for pilgrims, which becomes (a source of) strength also for those who are tired, worn out and lost," Pope Benedict said.

## 39 years of perseverance with love

From Bishop LaValley: *This month marks the 39th anniversary of the Supreme Court's dreadful declaration in Roe v. Wade that a woman has a constitutional right to abort her preborn child.*

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## SERVICE WITH A SMILE



PHOTO BY ANN CHARLEBOIS

Father Donald A. Robinson, pastor of St. Anthony's and St. Patrick's parishes in Watertown, performs his duties as head waiter at one of St. Anthony's monthly spaghetti dinners. Here, he stops and talks with Tracy and Daniel Gyoerkoe who recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

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## READY TO MARCH

39th March for Life is Jan. 23



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Tens of thousands of people from across the United States - including several busloads from the Diocese of Ogdensburg - are expected to gather in the nation's capital Jan. 23 for this year's March for Life in Washington with the theme: "Unite on the life principles to overturn Roe v. Wade and with love protect mothers and preborn children - no exception, no compromise." Above, pro-life supporters take part in Canada's National March for Life demonstration on Parliament Hill in Ottawa in May.

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

## My achin' ankle

Be careful what you wish for! Back in early December, when I was overwhelmed by family obligations, work pressures and holiday chores, nothing sounded better than a day of relaxing in my cozy living room, doing absolutely nothing.

Until I broke my ankle and had no choice!

All of a sudden, the opportunity to spend an afternoon just reading or watching movies lost all of its appeal.

There was so much I needed – and wanted – to do.

Our tree wasn't up.

I wanted to shop.

I wanted my life!

For the first couple of days, I didn't dare move without crutches. For Pete's sake, I couldn't carry a cup of coffee.

I certainly wasn't interested in heeding my own advice, written (quite arrogantly from my new perspective) just days earlier, that "Christmas would still be Christmas even if I didn't bake a cookie, spend another dime or write a single card."

For better or worse, I now know this to be true.

When the bone doctor exchanged the crutches for a protective boot, I could reclaim much of what I lost but "rest, ice, heat" had a much higher priority than decorating a house or entertaining guests.

My Christmas became a simple – and wonderful – celebration.

I couldn't fuss so I didn't.

People offered to help me and I let them.

My husband waited on me hand and foot and that was simply wonderful.

Still, it was quite an awakening to realize how much impact such a minor injury can have on one's life.

And, it was scary.

For the first time in a very long

time, I longed to have our children back in the house to help with the dog and the laundry and the shopping.

How would we ever handle a serious illness or injury without one of them living around the corner?

So, along with feeling sore and useless, I started to feel quite vulnerable.

Until, that is, I read something that I'll always consider a direct message from God to Mary Lou Kilian.

Less than 24 hours after my visit to the emergency room, a friend (who had no idea what had happened to me) shared a

message with her hundreds of Facebook friends:

*Be at Peace*

*Do not look forward in fear to the changes of life;*

*rather look to them with full hope as they arise.*

*God, whose very own you are, will deliver you from out of them.*

*He has kept you hitherto, and He will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will bury you in his arms.*

*Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and everyday.*

*He will either shield you from suffering, or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.*

*Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imagination.*

*St. Francis de Sales 1567-1622*

From the moment I read that, I have definitely "been at peace."

Mary Lou  
Kilian


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## CHURCH: A FAMILY OF FAITH

## Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Repent and Believe - Jan. 21-22

Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSJ

Director of Evangelization

The Church is always in need of conversion, repentance, and deeper faith. We are the Church: A Family of Faith in need of Jesus' healing forgiveness. We are called to extend that forgiveness to everyone.

Jonah was not ready to accept the Nineveh's repentance because it was not the way Jonah expected. He was dumbfounded because these people were so godless that he did not think God would hear their plea or see their hearts. The Israelites were the chosen ones. Why would God forgive the Ninevites who were so cruel and ruthless toward its enemies, the Assyrians, squeezing out tribute and wealth from those it defeated in order to build splendid cities like Nineveh?

What Jonah could not understand is that God's mercy is wider and more generous than he thought was appropriate. Can God love the enemy like the Assyrians? Jonah didn't seem to think that God should.

The reading points to the Gospel of Mark where we find Jesus proclaiming the gospel of God: "The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:14).

As Jesus' public life unfolded, His own people, the religious leaders, thought He was too soft on sinners. Look at all the time he spent with prostitutes, sinners, tax collectors, etc. The Father's compassion is wide-ranging and we cannot put limits on God's mercy.

Do we put limits on God's goodness and forgiveness? Do our prejudices and finger-pointing hinder our ability to be a witness to God's way of understanding and compassion for sinners? Do we take the Gospel and our Catholic faith for granted since we have been Christians for a long time?

We are to listen carefully to the message given to Jonah and Jesus' message because it challenges us to be careful that we do not try to reduce the scope of God's goodness, mercy, and forgiveness.

Salvation is not offered just to good and nice people. God loves all of humankind and offers salvation to all sorts of unlikely people and proclaims that love and salvation through His Son Jesus Christ.

God's love is universal and eternal! He is not thinking Democrat or Republican, Tea-Party or Libertine, Liberal or Conservative, or even race, color, or creed. Jesus' message is that His Father's plan of salvation is for all people, to give and to save is universal, and that His merciful compassion is unlimited. God's goodness is a manifestation of God's generosity.

The second reading may not seem to fit with the other two readings. What St. Paul is telling the Corinthian Church is the same message for us as a family of faith. Our earthly existence will not last forever. Time is running out.

What are our priorities concerning the practice of our faith in your own family life?

In what ways do your family show forgiveness, compassion, and understanding during difficult times? Married life within the context of family demands self-sacrifice. What are you willing to make sacrifices for? What is really important in your family life that will make a positive difference in your children's future?

The disciples were willing to leave everything to follow Jesus. This is being a disciple of Jesus in Mark's Gospel, that is, the response was immediate, complete, and total. There are no half-way measures in being a disciple of Jesus.

It takes total commitment on our part with God's grace to be truly a follower of Jesus Christ. Our prayer is, "Teach me your ways, O Lord" — the way of unconditional compassion, mercy, and forgiveness. "

This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand" (Mark 1:14).



FOLLOW ME

# With loving perseverance

This month marks the 39th anniversary of the Supreme Court's dreadful declaration in *Roe v. Wade* that a woman has a constitutional right to abort her preborn child.

Too often, when we try to repeat the words of Blessed John Paul II: "To defend and promote life, to show reverence and love for it, is a task which God entrusts to every person" (*The Gospel of Life*, no. 42), we are told: "Well, that's your opinion. Don't force it on me or anybody else. After all, don't we live in the land of the free and the home of the brave?"



Bishop Terry R. LaValley

Right. Today, the child in the womb is denied the inalienable right to life, as penned in our Declaration of Independence and protected in our Constitution.

So much for the *land of the free* when this most fundamental human right is denied the most vulnerable among us!

How much courage does it take to deny a preborn baby the breath of life? Absolutely none. *So much for the home of the brave!*

In spite of society's naysayers, the Church insists (as it has for almost 2,000 years) that life mat-

ters from the very start to the end of our days on this earth. Life is always, always good.

This month, with loving perseverance, many individuals will once again participate in Life marches and rallies, some locally, some at our nation's Capital, to voice and give public witness to this goodness.

They, and we, continue to boldly proclaim that every person bears God's image and has an immortal soul. In spite of this fundamental belief, many are viewed as being outside His circle of love, not worthy of the gift of life.

Still, we do not give up hope because our God can stretch hearts and fill them to overflowing with His love. We pray that with

hearts so transformed, a Culture of Life is not a mere pipedream, but a vision of the horizon to which we are all moving.

While we continue to work and pray for such conversion of heart, the Church is called to support women and families whose circumstances may lead to seek an abortion.

We believe Jesus when He said, "Whatever you do to the least of my sisters and brothers, that you do unto Me." (*Matt. 31:40*) We treat all people, the born and the unborn, with the respect and dignity due a child of God.

In all dioceses of the United States, January 23rd

is observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

Please make this a day for you and your family to reflect on how you proclaim and witness the Gospel of Life.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Penance, fasting, participating at Mass, and praying the Rosary as a family, are some of the most treasured gifts our Church offers us.

Let us, this New Year, resolve to re-energize our Pro-Life efforts, beginning on our knees.

## Diocese hires Scott Lalone as director of development

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has hired Scott Lalone of Ogdensburg for the position of Executive Director of Development/ Executive Director of the Foundation, effective Feb. 24

He will succeed Janice Shoen who is retiring after 22 years of service with the diocese.

Lalone is currently the assistant director of the Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center Foundation in Ogdensburg. He has strong background in financial development from his years at that Foundation.

He also has experience in work with youth, having been the Assistant Director of the Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club for about 10 years. Prior to that Lalone was sports editor of the Ogdensburg Journal/St. Lawrence Plaindealer. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from SUNY Plattsburgh.

Lalone and his wife, Kim, a kindergarten teacher at Lincoln School in Ogdensburg are the parents of three children, a son Peyton, age 13 and daughters Caroline, 11; and Emma, 8.



Scott Lalone

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# Knights of Columbus Chapter makes annual donations

By John Ryan  
Contributing Writer

The Bishop Stanislaus Brzana Chapter was formed in 1999 as a means of uniting the 49 Knights of Columbus councils in the Diocese of Ogdensburg in a larger purpose - charity.

Edward Pultorak, a Master of the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree from Deferiet, led the organizing committee and Bishop Paul Loverde enthusiastically participated in planning meetings.

The new organization's by-laws stated that one-third of all chapter fund-raising proceeds be given to a Catholic School, one-third to a pro-life organization and one-third to be decided each year by the membership.

Councils pay annual dues and are entitled to three votes at chapter meetings.

The councils immediately decided to conduct an annual charity ball, the proceeds of which would fund three worthy charities.

Thirteen Chapter Balls have been held since 1999, all hosted by Tupper Lake Council 2177 and chaired by Former New York Knights of Columbus State Warden William Ose of Adams.

They begin with an afternoon Mass followed by a social hour, a dinner and a



David Clark presented a check for \$2,000 to Champlain Valley Right to Life President Rev. Martin Mischenko. Clark presented the donation on behalf of the Bishop Brzana Chapter Knights of Columbus Which makes contributions each year to a pro-life organization, a Catholic school and a third organization decided each year by the members.

charity auction.

An evening of dancing follows the auction. Knights from all parts of the Diocese look forward to the second Saturday in June when they join together for an evening centered on prayer, fraternity and charity.

The auction includes items ranging from artwork to handcrafted furniture usually donated by the knights themselves. Knights get caught up in the fun-spirited auction and often leave with their arms filled with items they couldn't help but bid on. The first year, 1999, the Charity Ball raised \$2,000. As more knights have become

involved, that amount has increased each year. \$6,000 was raised in 2011. William Ose estimates that in excess of \$60,000 has been donated to worthy causes in all parts of the diocese. In

The 2011 donations were made to Immaculate Heart Central in Watertown, The Brook Haven House in Carthage and Champlain Valley Right to Life in Plattsburgh.

In 2012, donations will be made to St. Agnes and St. Bernard's Schools in Lake Placid and Saranac Lake, Right to Life of Watertown and Family Champions in Tupper Lake.



The 2011 K of C Chapter donations were made to Immaculate Heart Central in Watertown, The Brook Haven House in Carthage and Champlain Valley Right to Life in Plattsburgh. From left are Todd Norrgard, chapter treasurer; Joan Sherwood, manager, Brook Haven House; Tom Sherwood, pastor, Long Falls Baptist Church; Bill Gilbert, president, board of directors, Brook Haven House; Col. William Ose, chairman of the chapter fundraising committee; Lisa Parsons, principal, Immaculate Heart Central School and William Boulio, past chapter treasurer.

## Bishop LaValley's Schedule

**Jan. 19** – 11 a.m., Diocesan Planning Meeting at the Brzana Conference Center in Ogdensburg; 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

**Jan. 20–24** - March for Life in Washington, DC.

**Jan. 26** – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg.

**Jan. 27** - 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg.

**Jan. 28** - 4 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

**Jan. 29** - 9 a.m., Opening Catholic Schools Week Mass at St. Mary's Church in Canton.; 11 a.m., Mass at St. Lawrence University in Canton.

**Jan. 30** – 10:15 a.m., Catholic Schools Week Celebration at the Education Building in Ogdensburg; 7:30 p.m., Novena and Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

**Jan. 31** – 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg

## NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

The next issue of the *North Country Catholic* - celebrating Catholic Schools Week - will be dated Feb. 1

## 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 minor are required to participate in this 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

## 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. 18** – Rev. Hugh Shields, 1881; Rev. Telesphore Campeau, 1935; Rev. Paul Martin Hagan, 1980

**Jan. 19** – Rev. Benjamin Desroches O.M.I., 1908; Rev. Arthur P. Condon, 1966; Rev. Aloysius R. Isele, 1974

**Jan. 20** – Rev. William D. O'Byrne, 1928; Rev. Joseph Erhard, O.M.I., 1936; Rev. Victor Viaud, O.M.I., 1937; Rev. Joseph Ponture, 1940

**Jan. 21** – Rev. Albert W. Giroux, 1991; Rev. Adam Zajdel, O.F.M. Conv., 1997; Rev. Patrick C. Callaghan, O.F.M.

**Jan. 22** – Rev. James E. Joy, 1950

**Jan. 23** – Rev. Jeremiah C. Manning, 1909

**Jan. 24** – Rev. Joseph N. Beaudry, 1897; Rev. M. A. Ryan, O.S.A., 1924

**Jan. 25** – Rev. Eugene Gauvin, O.M.I., 1890

**Jan. 26** – Rev. Antoine Paillier, O.M.I., 1916; Rev. Henry Thamelng, O.F.M. Conv., 1929; Rev. Leon Lamothe, O.M.I., 1937; Rev. Daniel E. Cahill, 1945; Rev. John Emmett Weir, 1990; Rev. Earl W. Nichols, 2002

**Jan. 27** – Rev. Emile H. Mission, O.S.A., 1973; Rev. Mr. Adam S. Crowe, 2009

**Jan. 28** – Rev. James A. McKenna, 1895; Deacon Richard E. Winter, 2004

**Jan. 29** - Msgr. James T. Lyng, 1965

**Jan. 30** – Rev. John T. Sullivan, 1884; Rev. Eusebius Schlingmann, O.F.M., 1937

**Jan. 31** – Rev. B. J. O'Connell, O.S.A., 1925; Rev. James S. McGowan, 1961; Rev. Timothy M. Ladden, 2003

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# FACES OF FAITH



Members of the Saranac Lake Secular Order of Carmelites celebrated 10 years as an official chapter Dec. 10. The group gathered at St. Bernard's Church for a day of reflection. Pictured are Priest/Assistant Father Mark Reilly, Barbara Marshall, LouAnn Douglas, John Miner, Mary Buckley, Ruby & Dan Sally, Rita Lewis-current president, Rita Mawn - chapter formation director and Sheila Stephenson. Missing from photo is former chapter president Michele Tucker.



Parishioners of St. Martin's Parish in Port Leyden gathered for the Lifting Up Our Hearts sessions to prepare for the changes in the Roman Missal. Pictured, front, from left, are Ginger Scheve and Sharon Fuller; back, Rita Markham, Kelly Nagy and Helen McHale.



Ss. Philip & James Church in Lisbon participated in "Lights on the River" with a Nativity Scene featuring a heralding angel and a sign that said, "Keep Christ In Christmas"! Chris Puleo and Mary Yolton chaired the event. The Nativity Scene came from the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dalton. The "Keep Christ In Christmas" sign was constructed by Ryan Mathews with the help of his father, Lawrence, shown at left.



Bishop LaValley celebrated Mass at Visitation Parish in Norfolk during the weekend of Jan. 14-15. He is shown above at the children's Mass during which he invited the young children to come forward to sit around him for the homily.



## RESPECT LIFE

# Pro-life citizens must stay the course

By Kathleen M. Gallagher  
Director of Pro-Life Activities  
New York State Catholic Conference

January 22 marks the 39th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in America. Those of us who value the sacredness of human life have come a long way since that shameful day. The rate of abortion continues to decline, fewer and fewer physicians are willing to engage in the dirty business, and more and more people – excitingly, young people! – are proudly proclaiming their pro-life beliefs.

Yet just as the New Year began, we heard another horror story. Abortionist Steven Brigham had been

charged with 10 counts of murder in Maryland where authorities say they found the corpses of 35 fully-formed unborn babies, some just a few weeks shy of full-term, stuffed in a freezer in his clinic.



Kathleen Gallagher

The grisly discovery led to charges of illegal abortions, as well as others stemming from a botched abortion leaving a woman critically injured.

Some in New York may remember Brigham's name from the mid-1990's when he operated clinics in Rockland and Albany counties, collectively known as "American Women's Services."

They had a toll-free number that was easy to remember: 1-800-ABORTION. Their promotional materials asked clients not to bring small children with them to

the office out of consideration for other patients. In Albany, police found 17 frozen infants left behind after Brigham lost his medical license and was run out of town.

How can this happen? Here's a practitioner who was stripped of his medical license in Pennsylvania in the early 90's only to open up shop in New York.

Once here, he was convicted of Medicaid fraud and illegal billing practices, then moved on to New Jersey.

In Jersey, he started the practice of beginning third-trimester abortions there, then sending women across state lines to Maryland, where the laws are less strict, to finish off the procedures. And Brigham wasn't even licensed to practice medicine in Maryland.

Why is it that the abortion

industry stands alone as the only medical "specialty" in which doctors with long and horrific records of gross negligence, incompetence, fraud, suspensions and license revocations continue to practice their trade?

This is pro-women?

The sad news is that Steven Brigham is not an anomaly. Despite the advances of the pro-life movement, abortion remains a lawless industry, one that thrives virtually unchecked in our state.

New York's archives are replete with a hideous history of abortionists who cynically disregard their patients' health in pursuit of monetary gain:

- Remember Abu Hayat, dubbed the "Butcher of Avenue A"? He severed the arm of an eight month old unborn baby girl (but failed to get the rest of her) in a badly botched abortion, one of many in a string of slipshod abortions, including one he stopped midway through because the patient couldn't pay additional costs.

- Then there was David Benjamin, the first physician convicted of murder in New York State from the medical mistreatment of a patient, namely an unsuspecting woman who bled to death following a bungled abortion in his filthy Queens clinic.

- And lest we are led to believe that none of this happens in "reputable" clinics, there was Fred Pulver, the former medical director of

Schenectady's Planned Parenthood, who was forced to surrender his medical license after admitting he tried unsuccessfully to abort a 27-week-old unborn child who was born alive five days later.

This is not "safe, legal and rare" as politicians vow abortion to be.

Our state needs greater restrictions and regulation of abortion, not less. We need enforcement of the laws that are on the books requiring protections for viable unborn infants, regular inspections of abortion facilities and routine monitoring of abortionists for the health and safety of women.

Instead, elected officials like Governor Andrew Cuomo pledge support for extreme measures that would make abortion even more available - and dangerous - than it is right now.

In the text of his State of the State remarks, the Governor touted the radical "Reproductive Health Act," a bill that would empower non-physicians to perform abortions and allow late-term abortions of viable babies for virtually any reason.

The Reproductive Health Act would make New York State a safe haven for abortionists like Steven Brigham - unethical, unscrupulous practitioners who prey on vulnerable women and cram the dead bodies of innocent children into freezers so no one will know what they're up to.

That defies common sense for the sake of a political agenda.

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# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Supreme Court upholds church school's exception to laws against firing

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The Supreme Court Jan. 11 upheld the idea that a "ministerial exception" to anti-discrimination laws means the church can't be sued for firing an employee who the church classified as a minister. For the first time, the court held that such an exception to federal employment laws exists. The unanimous opinion reversed a ruling by the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The opinion written by Chief Justice John Roberts said *Hosanna-Tabor v. EEOC* was the first Supreme Court case to raise the question of whether a ministerial exception exists and the unanimous conclusion of the court was "yes." Roberts wrote: "The members of a religious group put their faith in the hands of their ministers. Requiring a church to accept or retain an unwanted minister, or punishing a church for failing to do so, intrudes upon more than a mere employment decision. Such action interferes with the internal governance of the church, depriving the church of control over the selection of those who will personify its beliefs." The court stopped short of saying whether the exception would apply to nonministerial employees and left open the possibility that the Michigan Lutheran school teacher who sued might have a case under another legal argument. The court also pointedly avoided setting boundaries for who can be considered a religious employee, concluding only that Cheryl Perich fit the definition. The decision was quickly hailed by advocates for the Catholic Church, which had been among entities urging the court to support *Hosanna-Tabor Church*; the school has been closed for several years. Bishop William E. Lori of Bridgeport, Conn., chairman of the U.S. bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, called it "a great day for the First Amendment." In a statement issued by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Lori said the ruling makes clear "the historical and constitutional importance of keeping internal church affairs off limits to the government -- because whoever chooses the minister chooses the message."

## Pope says selfishness, individualism fed economic crisis

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The economic crisis should push people to look at the values reflected in their civic life and prompt an honest evaluation of whether citizens are working together to promote justice and solidarity, Pope Benedict XVI said. Addressing the mayor of Rome and the presidents of the province of Rome and region of Lazio Jan. 12, the pope said citizens need to "recover values that are at the basis of a true renewal of society and that not only favor economic recovery, but also aim at promoting the integral good of the human person." The pope, as bishop of Rome, traditionally meets at the beginning of the year with the area's political leaders, addressing social issues of particular concern to the church. Pope Benedict told the civic leaders that among the causes of the financial crisis is "individualism, which obscures the relational dimension of the person and leads him to close himself off in his own little world, to be attentive mostly to his own needs and desires, worrying little about others." Speculation on property in Rome and surrounding areas, great reluctance to hire young people, the abandonment of the aged and the anonymity of city life are the "consequences of this mentality," the pope said. While Catholic parishes and the diocesan Caritas network are committed to community building, welcoming newcomers and helping the poor, he said, the government and individual citizens also have an obligation to promote solidarity and a renewed social life.

# Events in Washington and around the US mark 39th anniversary of Roe v. Wade

By Carol Zimmermann  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - One thing that always stands out in the annual marches and rallies in Washington and across the country marking the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion is the crowd.

"People are always surprised by the number of pro-lifers that show up in Washington and in their own state capitals," said Carol Tobias, president of the National Right to Life Committee.

"The crowds are getting bigger and bigger each year and have more young people, which is encouraging for the pro-life movement and a shock for those who think abortion should remain legal," she told Catholic News Service Jan. 4.

And based on expected turnouts, this year will be no exception.

Tens of thousands of people from across the United States are expected to gather in the nation's capital Jan. 23 for this year's March for Life in Washington with the theme: "Unite on the life principles to overturn Roe v. Wade and with love protect mothers and preborn children -- no exception, no compromise."

The event falls on a Monday, the day after the 39th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision, to allow participants to visit their representatives on Capitol Hill after a noon rally on the National Mall and a march along Constitution Avenue to the Supreme Court.

Next year's march and rally in Washington is slated for Friday Jan. 25 because the Jan. 22 anniversary will fall on a Tuesday, the day after public ceremonies for the presidential inauguration,

and organizers said they were not able to secure an adequate number of hotel rooms.

The night before this year's rally, March for Life organizers are planning a mini-rally in Lafayette Park across from the White House. They are also sponsoring a youth rally that night at a Washington hotel.

A capacity crowd of about 20,000 pilgrims is expected to fill the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the annual National Prayer Vigil for Life, which begins with a Jan. 22 opening Mass. Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, will be the principal celebrant and homilist.

Marchers are invited to participate in various services, including a rosary, confessions, hourly holy hours, night prayer and morning prayer, concluding with a morning Mass celebrated by New York Cardinal-designate Timothy M. Dolan, USCCB president.

For the 16th year, the Archdiocese of Washington will sponsor its annual pro-life youth Mass and rally the morning of Jan. 23. The popularity of the event prompted the archdiocese to hold this event in two sports venues last year-- the Verizon Center and the D.C. Armory -- to accommodate a crowd totaling about 28,000.

The event includes a concert, confessions, praying the rosary, and Mass, before most of the crowd heads to the annual March for Life.

Other Washington events related to the Roe anniversary include the Cardinal O'Connor Conference on Life at Jesuit-run Georgetown University Jan. 22 for college and high school students featuring a keynote address

by Philadelphia Archbishop Charles J. Chaput; two Rock for Life concerts -- Jan. 21 and 22; speeches at the Supreme Court during the march sponsored by the Silent No More Awareness Campaign; and a Jan. 23 Mass at St. Aloysius Church in Washington sponsored by the Ignatian Pro-Life Network, a union of pro-life groups from Jesuit high schools, colleges universities and parishes.

Although Washington draws the biggest crowd making a stand against legalized abortion, similar events take place on a smaller scale across the country.

For the eighth year, the West Coast Walk for Life expects to draw thousands of pro-life supporters to San Francisco Jan. 21. Thousands more people around the country will attend local events. For the second year, the Midwest March for Life will hold a banquet dinner Jan. 18 and a march and rally the next day in Jefferson City, Mo., the state capital.

"We feel the Midwest is ripe for a huge event," said Kathy Forck, coordinator of Columbia (Mo.) 40 Days for Life, a local group that is part of a national campaign to end abortion. Forck hoped this year's turnout would exceed last year's, especially since the March for Life in Washington and the West Coast Walk draw so many participants.

Tobias, who began her term as National Right to Life president last April, said a number of the state rallies this year will likely focus on new legislation passed in five states that prohibits abortions after the 20th week of pregnancy, the stage of development when a fetus is said to feel pain. Fetal pain legislation passed in Nebraska in 2010 and in Idaho, Kansas, Oklahoma and Alabama last year.



## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# The work of discipleship has just begun

The Christmas season was a little shorter than usual this year, ending with the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, Jan. 9th. While the celebrations are long past, the work of discipleship has just begun.

Our first reading today is from the Book of Jonah. We all know the story of his time spent in the belly of a whale.

We call Jonah the "reluctant prophet", since he really didn't want to be the cause for the conversion of



Monsignor  
Paul E.  
Whitmore

these wicked Ninevites.

After all, they were bitter enemies of Israel. Jonah would much rather see them suffer the full punishment they deserved than to actually repent of their crimes and escape the wrath of God.

But Jonah obeyed the Lord and preached vigorously throughout the whole length of this very large city.

Like many "righteous" people before and since, Jonah would rather have seen them "fry" than be

saved!

The Gospel is Mark's version of the very beginnings of Jesus' mission.

Following his Baptism by John and the thunderous witness from God the Father in last week's Gospel that this man, Jesus, is really the Son of God.

We hear today Jesus' own words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel".

Since John is in prison, Jesus takes up where John left off, and goes now in search of His own followers.

What power must have flowed from Him, for Simon Peter and his brother Andrew, James and his brother

Jan. 22

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READINGS

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

John drop everything, leave their families and their fishing nets, and follow the Lord.

The theme of urgency is found in all of today's readings.

Jonah tells the Ninevites that God is giving them one last chance.

Jesus declares that the "time of fulfillment" has

come...the kingdom has arrived".

And in the second reading for today from St. Paul's Epistle to the Corinthians, we hear the warning, "...time is running out...for the world as we know it is passing away."

As Jesus' disciples, pledged to Him in our own Baptism and Confirmation, we need to put some urgency in our prayer, and in our own witness as Christian witnesses.

What are we doing for Pro-Life as we observe the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, and in this week of prayer for Christian Unity?

## PURSUING JUSTICE

## An invitation to all Catholics in New York State

*The bishops of the eight dioceses of New York have released the New York State Catholic Conference 2012 Legislative Agenda. This message is reprinted from the conference website: [www.nyscatholic.org](http://www.nyscatholic.org)*

## INTRODUCTION

In his encyclical "Caritas in Veritate" ("Charity in Truth"), Pope Benedict XVI reminds us, "To desire the common good and strive towards it is a requirement of justice and charity. The more we strive to secure a common good corresponding to the real needs of our neighbors, the more effectively we love them."

One of the ways we as

Bishops attempt to fulfill this requirement is through the work of the New York State Catholic Conference, which exists for the very purpose of pursuing justice by working within the legislative arena.

The Conference helps to shape public policies that protect and enhance the dignity of all people, from the very beginning of life until the natural end.

Such work must not be left to the Catholic Conference alone; all Catholics have a duty to be engaged in the public square and to put the common good ahead of party politics.

Catholic teaching cannot be labeled or dismissed as simply conservative or liberal, Republican or Democrat. In all things, we must ask, "Does this policy enhance the dignity of the poor, the vulnerable, the sick, the elderly, children,

the imprisoned, those least among us?" For as our Lord taught us, what we do to these, we do to Him.

While policy issues can often be complex, our guiding principles are not.

Thankfully, the Church has outlined seven easy-to-understand principles of Catholic Social Teaching that guide us in the formation of our positions on public policy matters. They are:

- Respect for the Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- A Call to Family, Community and Participation
- Recognition of Human Rights and Responsibilities
- Special Concern for the Poor and Vulnerable
- The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
- Solidarity With Our Brothers and Sisters
- Care for God's Creation

Examining issues through the lens of these principles provides clarity in what can often be an overwhelming, bewildering and contentious process.

In a very real way, we give glory to God when we put these principles to work in

## Tax Time Tip from Catholic Charities

**Families and individuals** whose annual employment or small business earnings match defined parameters are eligible for a check from the IRS. The Earned Income Tax Credit or EITC program provides up to \$5,751 using a scale balanced with income and family size. People who earned less than \$49,078 in 2011 are potentially qualified.

This credit is applied for in your annual tax return, and is available even if you are not obligated to complete a tax form. Information on eligibility is found on the Internal Revenue Services web site, as are detailed instructions for tax accountants.

This relatively new opportunity has increased annual income for many persons in recent years, and four of five eligible people currently claim and get their EITC. The IRS website states, "EITC is a financial boost for working people in a recovering economy. See if you qualify at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). You earned it. Now file, claim it and get it."

Let's spread the good news, and increase annual incomes here in the North Country!

SR. MARY LOU STUBBS, DC.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES PARISH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



our society. The Catholic community brings an important voice to the policy arena, speaking for those who are frequently voiceless. Our methods of advocacy must be characterized by civility and respect, and we call upon all involved in shaping policy to put aside petty differences and party politics to work together to address the genuine needs of the people of our state.

We invite all Catholic New Yorkers to join us in pursuing the moral priorities and legislative objectives for 2012 (which will be outlined in upcoming issues of the *North Country Catholic*.)

You can easily be kept up to date and contact your legislators to take action, simply by joining the Catholic Advocacy Network at [www.nyscatholic.org](http://www.nyscatholic.org).

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## AT THE MOVIES

# TINKER, TAILOR, SOLDIER, SPY

By Joseph McAleer  
Catholic News Service

There's a double agent on the loose, and seemingly no one can be trusted in "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy" (Focus), a faithful adaptation of John le Carre's best-selling 1974 novel.

Swedish director Tomas Alfredson ("Let the Right One In") sets a deliberately slow pace, especially for an espionage thriller, demanding the viewer's full attention as he introduces pieces of the puzzle and juggles multiple characters and story lines, many told in flashback. It's a journey that's labyrinthine and sometimes confusing, disturbing and often gruesome, and it leads to a morally ambiguous resolution.

The time is 1973, more

than 25 years into the Cold War between East and West. At Britain's Secret Intelligence Service, code-named "The Circus," panic is rising. The chief, known as Control (John Hurt), fears that a double agent has infiltrated the highest ranks of the organization and is feeding vital state secrets to the Soviets.

Determined to ferret out the "rotten apple" and plug the "leaky ship," Control dispatches one of his agents, Jim Prideaux (Mark Strong), to Hungary to meet someone who claims to know the mole's identity.

The rendezvous is a disaster, and Control lays the blame on his top lieutenant, George Smiley (Gary Oldman), who is consequently sacked.

Smiley, a deep thinker and man of few words, is not out of work for long,

though.

Unbeknownst to Control and his colleagues at the Circus, Smiley is rehired by the government to find that troublesome traitor. He identifies four high-ranking Circus suspects: Percy Alleline (Toby Jones), code-named "Tinker"; Bill Haydon (Colin Firth), the "Tailor"; Roy Bland (Ciaran Hinds), the "Soldier"; and Toby Esterhase (David Dencik), the "Poor Man."

Gaining the help of younger agent Peter Guillam (Benedict Cumberbatch) -- who has issues of his own -- Smiley embarks on a sophisticated game of cat and mouse, revisiting the demons of his own past while uncovering the hidden lives of his fellow spies.

Things go from simmer to boil when a rogue agent named Ricki Tarr (Tom Hardy) contacts Smiley and



CNS PHOTO/FOCUS

David Dencik and Gary Oldman star in a scene from the movie "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy."

claims to have vital information -- even though Tarr himself was once suspected of being a double agent.

With its stimulating conversations and lengthy ruminations, "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy" is more cerebral than graphic. But the inclusion of the elements listed below nonetheless severely circumscribes its appropriate audience.

The film contains bloody violence including gunplay

and torture, a scene of non-marital sexual activity, brief rear nudity, a homosexual reference and some profane and rough language. The Catholic News Service classification is L -- limited adult audience, films whose problematic content many adults would find troubling. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

## ALSO PLAYING



CNS PHOTO/WARNER BROS

Dolly Parton and Kris Kristofferson star in a scene from the movie "Joyful Noise." The movie is a vibrant, faith-driven blend of comedy, drama and music focused on the sometimes raucous but ultimately friendly rivalry between two leading members (Queen Latifah and Dolly Parton) of a small-town Georgia church choir. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.



CNS PHOTO/UNIVERSAL

Mark Wahlberg and Ben Foster star in a scene from the movie "Contraband." The film is expletive-laden, dispiriting crime thriller about an ex-smuggler (Mark Wahlberg) forced to ply his illicit trade once more in order to protect his family from a drug dealer. Set in New Orleans, and in the shipping lanes between the Crescent City and Panama, this Hollywood retread of a 2008 Nordic movie immediately bogs down in vulgar language, while director Baltasar Kormakur, who starred in and produced the original, fails to provide any depth or to exploit the relatively novel crime scenario. 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.



**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.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**Treadwell Mills** – RCC St. Alexander & St. Joseph's will hold a Pancake Breakfast (all you can eat).

**Date:** Feb. 12  
**Time:** 12:30 p.m.  
**Place:** St. Joseph's Church Hall  
**Cost:** Adults, \$6; Children 6-12, \$3; under 5, Free

**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**

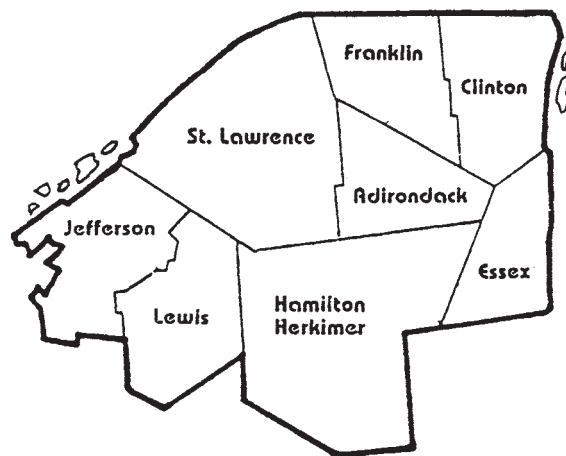
**Plattsburgh** – Soaking Prayer is offered every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month under the direction of the Living Water's Healing Ministry.

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 11:30  
**Place:** Upper room at St. Peters

**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: "God is everywhere, in the very



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

air I breathe, yes everywhere, but in His Sacrament of the Altar He is as present actually and really as my soul within my body." (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton) Pray for vocations

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

**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 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

**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".

**PARKINSON GROUP**

**Chaumont** – The Parkinson Group meets every Tuesday.

**Time:** 11 a.m.  
**Place:** All Saints Church  
**Features:** Sharing new information and developments to provide hope; strengthening excises; and lunch  
**Contact:** Sister Anne Hogan, SSJ, phone 315-649-2717

**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:** \$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.

**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 at annual March for Life. 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, 25\$ / Students – Free.  
**Contact:** Marie or Dave Ferguson @ 376-3569 to reserve a seat.

**SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER**

**Harrisville** – A Spaghetti and Meatball dinner will be sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

**Date:** Jan. 20  
**Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 6:30  
**Place:** St. Francis Solanus Church; Take-outs are available.  
**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Children 5-12, \$5; under 5, Free

**K OF C BRUNCH**

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

**Date:** Jan. 22  
**Time:** 8 a.m. to Noon  
**Place:** St. John's Church Hall  
**Cost:** Adults, \$6; Children 5-12, \$3; under 5, Free

**ST. LAWRENCE**

**SUNDAY BRUNCH**

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

**Date:** Feb. 12  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to Noon  
**Place:** Visitation Parish Center  
**Cost:** Adults, \$6; Children under 12, \$4; Under 5, Free; Family, \$16  
 Take-outs available

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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

**Time:** 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
**Place:** St. Mary's Church.  
**Features:** First Friday of each month is preceded by Benediction.

**NOVENA FOR MILITARY**

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

**Date:** Tuesday evenings  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS**

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

**Date:** Thursday before the First Friday  
**Time:** 8 p.m. to 9  
**Place:** Deacon Winter Chapel  
**Features:** Nocturnal Adoration continues through the night

**DIOCESAN EVENTS**

**'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. 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 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.jmgrigaitis@aol.com



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# Pauline M. Jaricot, SPOF founder

January 9, 2012 marked the 150th anniversary of the death of the founder of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Pauline Marie Jaricot.

Baptized Marie Pauline Jaricot on the day of her birth (July 22, 1799), she was the last child born to Antoine and Jeanne Jaricot in Lyons, France. The couple had seven children. Pauline wrote of her parents: "Happy are those who have received from their parents the first seeds of faith... Be praised Lord, for giving me a just man for a father and a virtuous and charitable woman as a mother."

Lyons, Pauline's hometown, was an industrial city that became famous for its silk factories. Her family were silk merchants, and bourgeois family of that French city. While the early years of her childhood were marked by the exclusive society life of Lyons, something would happen as a teenager that would open her heart to the whole world. Pauline saw this as her vocation - to become a missionary of the love of God. She came to believe that "to truly help others is to bring them to God."

One day while at prayer, 18-year-old Pauline had a vision of two lamps. One had no oil; the other was overflowing and from its abundance poured oil into the empty lamp. To Pauline, the drained lamp signified the faith in her native France, still reeling from the turbulence of the French Revolution. The full lamp was the great faith of Catholics in the Missions - especially in the New World. By aiding the faith of the young new country of the United States of America, Pauline knew that seeds planted would grow and bear much fruit.

So she came up with a plan to support missionaries. She gathered workers in her family's silk factory into "circles of 10." Everyone in the group pledged to pray daily for the Missions and to offer each week a soup, the equivalent of a penny. Each member of the group then found 10 friends to do the same. Within a year, she had 500 workers enrolled; soon there would be 2,000.

As a child, Pauline had in fact dreamed of building such support for the Missions: "Oh! I'd love to have a well of gold to give some to all the unfortunate, so that there would not be any more poor people at all and that no one would cry anymore."

Pauline's successful efforts - where clearly not isolated or unique - were the main thrust behind the formation of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. She was "the match that lit the fire." Pauline died on January 9, 1862; the prayer found after her death, written in her own hand, ended with these words: "Mary, O my Mother, I am Thine!" In 1963, 100 years after her death, Pope John XXIII signed the decree which proclaimed the virtues of Pauline Jaricot, declaring her "venerable." The cause for her beatification and canonization continues.

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will.  
[www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice](http://www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice)

## OBITUARIES

**Brasher Falls** - Joseph W. Demers, 87; Funeral Services Jan. 16, 2012 at St. Patrick's Church.

**Brownville** - James L. Dwyer, 72; Funeral Services Jan. 11, 2012 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in Dexter Cemetery.

**Canton** - Laura M. Anson Greenwood, 84; Funeral Services Jan. 13, 2012 at St. Mary's Church.

**Carthage** - Leon Charles Barlow, 63; Funeral Services Jan. 10, 2012 at St. James Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Champlain** - Joseph A. Lapan, Jr., 68; Funeral Services Jan. 11, 2012 at M.B. Clark Funeral Home.

**Hogansburg** - Louis W. Lazore, Sr., 64; Funeral Services Jan. 11, 2012 at St. Regis Church; burial in Kateri Cemetery.

**Hogansburg** - Susan M. "Suzie" Square, 51; Funeral Services Jan. 12, 2012 at St. Regis Church; burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery, St. Regis, Quebec.

**Massena** - Robert E. "Bob" Carr, 64; Funeral Services Jan. 10, 2012 at St. Mary's Church.

**Massena** - Mary H. Pellegrino, 100; Funeral Services Jan. 12, 2012 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**North Bangor** - Cecilia "Arlie" (Gonia) Debyah, 95; Funeral Services Jan. 10, 2012 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** - Elaine (Nego) Brabant, 84; Funeral Services Jan. 12, 2012 at Notre Dame Church.

**Ogdensburg** - James J. Frisina, 41; Funeral Services Jan. 11, 2012 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park, Ogdensburg.

**Ogdensburg** - Adam S. Hadley, 2; Funeral Services Jan. 10, 2012 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Rose Cemetery, Chicopee, MA.

**Ogdensburg** - William "Joe" LaLonde, 63; Funeral Services Jan. 11, 2012 at Frary Funeral Home.

**Ogdensburg** - James McPherson, 70; Funeral Services Jan. 12, 2012 at Frary Funeral Home.

**Ogdensburg** - Alan P. Recore, 62; Funeral Services Jan. 10, 2012 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** - Lucille Wells, 97; Funeral Services Jan. 7, 2012 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Peru** - Coralie Mae (Eldridge) Dupra, 83; Funeral Jan. 13, 2012 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in the Harkness Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** - Herbert J. Aubin, 71; Funeral Services Jan. 9, 2012 at the Brown Funeral Home; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** - Mary E. Miller, 66; Funeral Services Jan. 13, 2012 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Potsdam** - Robert P. Metcalf, 66; Funeral Services Jan. 14, 2012 at St. Mary's Church.

**Tupper Lake** - Gladys May Stacey Shaheen, 78; Funeral Services Jan. 11, 2012 at St. Alphonsus Church.

**Watertown** - H. James Henry Jr., 65; Funeral Services Jan. 10, 2012 at Sacred Heart Church.

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## YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

# Be unafraid to defend human life

There is something moving about looking out at a great immensity. Take the stars, the Adirondack Mountains, the ocean. Something about these great, expansive wonders causes us to remember the goodness and beauty that's out there and to desire it more fervently. It is nearly, if not completely, a universal human experience.

But that coin has another side. At the Holocaust museum in Washington, D.C., there is an exhibit featuring an expanse of shoes representing those who were killed by Hitler's "Final Solution."

Immensities such as this

make our breath catch in a different way. They evoke a deep recognition of evil, a sickening realization of wrongness.

How can one possibly look upon them and turn away as if he had seen nothing?

Satan knows that we humans have a soft spot for breathtaking immensities. He is cunning, impossible to stay one step ahead of, and he doesn't play clean.

Perhaps this is a reason why the greatest human rights violation of our time, the abortion holocaust, is happening in our own backyards, and many of us do not so much as lift a finger.

We cannot look out upon the shoes or the corpses or the gravestones of the vic-

tims of this genocide and passively let the image grip us until we are moved to action.

There are no shoes; there are no gravestones.

The great deceiver has chosen victims who can conveniently disappear from sight in biological waste containers, unseen by anyone, until we start to believe that they were never there at all.

As Ronald Reagan said with regard to the Holocaust, "We who did not go their way owe them this: We must make sure that their deaths have posthumous meaning. We must make sure that from now until the end of days all humankind stares this evil in the face... and only then can we be sure that it will never arise again."

We have seen the evil of the Holocaust, and many evils like it. It is enough to shake even the most passive observers into acknowledging the wrong.

Now we must be strong against this stealthy, unseen evil. We must be active in fighting abortion, in pouring out our love on those who believe abortion is their only choice, in shaping a society where the poor, the lost, and the vulnerable are protected and cherished.

Because if we begin to do this, we begin to see that there is an immensity out there to gaze upon, and it is as scary as any—it is the immensity of a void. A void where the children lost to abortion should be. A void where our manhood and womanhood, whole and undamaged, ought to be flour-

ishing. A void where in this society of material plenty, happiness ought to abound.

Respect for life bears so many good fruits, and where it does not exist, an empty hole remains in its place. If we look at all the good that abortion has taken from us, we can see that the void left behind is very large indeed.

We can remain on the fence no longer. The most despicable of all those involved in crimes such as these are the bystanders, the ones who in fleeing from criticism say nothing at all. Let us look upon the void and allow its immensity shake us to our deepest most human core.

And then, let us at last, all of us, be unafraid to take a stand in defense of human life.



Rachel  
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