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## Christ is center of liturgy

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - A liturgy is not Christian if Christ is not the center of the celebration, Pope Benedict XVI said. "The conviction must grow in us every day that the liturgy is not 'our' or 'my' doing, but is God's acting in us and with us," he said Oct. 3.

The pope spoke to an estimated 20,000 people gathered

in St. Peter's Square for his weekly general audience. The talk was the latest focusing on the liturgy in the pope's series on the subject of prayer.

In his catechesis, the pope said, "If in the celebration (of Mass) the centrality of Christ does not emerge, we won't have Christian liturgy, totally

dependent on the Lord," who supports it with his presence. It's not the action of the individual -- whether the priest or one of the faithful -- or the group gathered in the pews "that celebrates the liturgy, but it is primarily the action of God through the church, which has its own history, rich tradition and

creativity.

This universality and fundamental openness, which is characteristic of the whole liturgy, is one of the reasons it cannot be created or modified by the individual community or by experts, but must be faithful to the forms of the universal church," he said.

## NEW RELIGIOUS ED. DOCUMENT

For New York State parishes



Parish vitality depends on competent, professionally trained catechetical leaders, according to a new charter by New York state's Catholic bishops. "The Catechetical Leader in the Third Millennium" document was launched Sept. 27 at a meeting of the New York state bishops and diocesan directors of religious education. More than 400 pastors, religious educators and 22 bishops participated in the daylong event, which was held at the Immaculate Conception Center in the Douglaston section of Queens. Catechetical leaders in the Diocese of Ogdensburg played a major role in the launch program.

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## Religious jubilarians to be honored

Ten religious woman and a religious brother will be honored at the 2012 Religious Jubilee Mass Sunday.

Bishop Terry R. LaValley will preside at the liturgy at St. Mary's Cathedral beginning at 2 p.m.

This week's *North Country Catholic* features autobiographical sketches of the jubilarians which includes two women celebrating 70 years of religious life - St. Joseph Sister Victorine Brenon and Mercy Sister Mary Paula Richard.

Other religious are celebrating 65, 50 and 25 years.

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Upcoming diocesan events include the religious jubilee, Caritas dinner,

Harvest Mass and Year of Faith service  
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## BLESS THE BEASTS AND THE CHILDREN



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Bishop Terry R. LaValley visited St. Agnes School in Lake Placid Oct. 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, and had an opportunity to bless the children's animals - both real and stuffed. Above, Ashlyn Tomaszewski presents her puppy for a blessing.

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Toll the bells - let the  
Year of Faith begin!

The much-anticipated Year of Faith begins this week as Pope Benedict opens the 13-month opportunity for "an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the one Saviour of the world" (Apostolic Letter, *Porta Fidei*, 6).

The specific aim of the year, he said, is that every Christian rediscover "the journey of faith so as to shed ever clearer light on the joy and renewed enthusiasm of the encounter with Christ"

In the Diocese of Ogdensburg, we'll know that the year has begun when church bells throughout the North Country start to toll at noon on Oct. 11. The observance will continue through the Feast of Christ the King in 2013.

Bishop LaValley offers an excellent overview of the diocesan observance of the Year of Faith on the newly launched diocesan website ([www.dioogdensburg.org/yearof-faith](http://www.dioogdensburg.org/yearof-faith)).

He calls all Catholics to seek a deeper understanding of the truths of our faith (It's no coincidence that the year begins on the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th anniversary of the release of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*) and he hopes that all of

our efforts in the coming months will give us a renewed determination to know, embrace and live our Catholic faith.

The *North Country Catholic* will observe the Year with a special series "Stories of Faith" beginning in next week's *NCC*.

We will be talking to Catholics of all age groups, life states and parts of the diocese about their early memories of faith in God, the life experiences that led to an increase in faith and what faith means to them today.

First on deck: the bishop himself!

In the meantime, we have 11 faith stories to share this week from men and women who have devoted their entire lives to loving and following God – our religious jubilarians.

Certainly, every single year of their lives has been a "year of faith."

There is so much we can learn from their stories.

The common theme for them all - whether teacher, nurse, social worker or administrator - is gratitude to God for their vocations, for the opportunity to devote their lives to serving others.

Sounds like perfect advice for the rest of us as we make the most of the New Year upon us!

Mary Lou  
Kilian

## Recognizing the gifts of the laity

One of the most important documents proclaimed by the Second Vatican Council's concerns the teaching on the Church called *The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium)*. There is a section on the hierarchy of the Church - the bishops and priests – and also an important section concerning the laity. The chapter on the laity is a call to the Church to recognize the great gifts of the laity. It calls upon the leaders of the Church to use well this important resource, the lay men and women of the Church.

By their Baptism, lay people are chosen, called to live good and holy lives and to participate fully in the life of Christ's Church. These are the words of the Council: "That is, the faithful who by Baptism are incorporated into Christ, are placed in the People of God, and in their own way share the priestly, prophetic and kingly office of Christ and to the best of their ability carry on the mission of the whole Christian people in the Church and in the world."

In this way, the Council was sending an important message to the whole Church. For too long, the laity were only spectators – spectators at liturgy and spectators to the various activities of the Church.

Consider how this has opened the door of opportunity for the lay people in the life of a parish today. Have you ever noticed what happens on a typical Sunday as Mass is being prepared in your parish? The choir practices the various music chosen for the Mass. The lectors go over the readings for the Mass for the final time. The Eucharistic ministers prepare for their ministry. The sacristans prepare the altar for Mass. The Offertory procession is prepared. The altar servers are organized. The ushers determine their duties. Greeters welcome people as they arrive. The teachers prepare for the special Liturgy of the Word for the children – and all of these are lay people. Formerly, all of these duties were carried out by the priest.

Now, I do know that many lay people carried out various duties before the Council, like caring for the maintenance of the Church buildings and property. Now the Council encourages that lay men and women become more involved in the Church's life, even to overseeing parish activities as members of a Parish Council or a Parish Finance Council.

The Second Vatican Council emphasized the importance, even the necessity, of the involvement of lay men and women in the life of the Catholic Church. In the Chapter on the Laity in the Dogmatic Constitution of the Church – this is written: "Gathered together in the People of God and established in the Body of Christ under one head – the laity, no matter who they are – have, as living members, the vocation of applying to the building up of the Church and to its continual sanctification all the powers which they have received from the goodness of the Creator and the grace of the Redeemer."

Recently, the first Scripture reading at the daily Mass – from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians – concerned Paul's comparing the Church to a body, all the Baptized united into one Body. Paul writes, "Now the body is not a single part but many. You are Christ's body, and individually parts of it – some people God has designated in the Church to be, first Apostles, second, prophets, third, teachers, then mighty deeds." I am absolutely certain that all the lay people of the Church accomplish as active members can be placed under this category of "mighty deeds." As a priest and pastor, I have experienced the wonderful "mighty deeds" done by lay men and women. I have relied upon their enthusiasm in so many activities and their wonderful witness to living good lives, a sign of God's great love for them and their great love for God. I have been so deeply impressed with their messages of faith – in Confirmation classes, in Marriage Preparation Programs, their wisdom as they organized programs and encouraged members of the parish to become more involved in parish life. May we continue to carry out that dramatic call of the Vatican Council – "Therefore, may the way be clear for them to share diligently in the salvific work of the Church according to their ability and the needs of the times."

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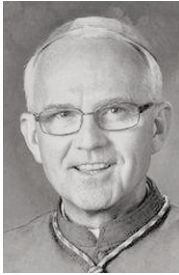


## FOLLOW ME

# Respect life.... now and at the hour of our death

Forty years ago, the Catholic bishops in the United States designated October as Respect Life Month.

Throughout the month, you and I are called in a special way to reflect on the gift of human life and on how we can protect the life of every person from conception to natural death against the growing number of threats that would harm so pre-



Bishop  
Terry R.  
LaValley

vious a gift, particularly the most vulnerable among us.

In a document published last year by the New York State Bishops, *Now and at the Hour of Our Death*, we are reminded that "life is a sacred trust over which we have been given stewardship, but not ownership.

Our life belongs to God, and we do not have absolute power

over it. So while it is entrusted to

us, we are called to care for it, preserve it and use it for the glory of God." (p.2)

## October is Respect Life Month

There are many important issues that face the voter in next month's election—none more important than how we respond to this sacred trust.

I strongly encourage you to spend some time reflecting and praying the words quoted above from the bishops' document.

You can download the entire document, *Now and at the Hour of Our Death*, at [www.nycatholic.org](http://www.nycatholic.org) or ask your pastor for assistance.

This document is a wonderful resource and helpful guide to use when we face critical questions concerning the use of medical technology in "life and death" situations.

In clear and user-friendly language, it explains the moral principles of our Catholic faith that apply to end-of-life decision making.

These principles are derived from the divine law

that life is a gift to be cherished, never rejected, no matter what stage of life.

The document also contains directions and a Health Care Proxy form that I urge you to complete, if you haven't already completed one.

As we begin the Year of Faith proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI this week, let us resolve to study and reflect on the wise and inspiring teachings of our faith on the dignity of all human life, advocate its protection and witness its value every day of our lives.

## Mark your calendars

### Religious jubilee

Bishop Terry R. LaValley will preside at the annual religious jubilee Sunday at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Religious men and women celebrating significant anniversaries in 2012 will be honored.

The jubilarians are:

#### 70 years

St. Joseph Sister Mary Victorine Brenon and Mercy Sister Paula Richard

#### 65 years

St. Joseph Sisters Mary Maurice Black, Helen Mary McKeever, Gabriel Marie Meyer and Kateri Rose

#### 50 years

Grey Sister Joan McElwain, Mercy Sister Carolyn Parker and Christian Instruction Brother Charles Thomas

#### 40 years

St. Joseph Sister Sheila Jane Moran

#### 25 years

Sister of Charity of St. Louis Joan Lashway

### Caritas Dinner

The annual Catholic Charities Caritas Dinner will be held Oct. 18 at the Gran-View Restaurant in Ogdensburg.

The 2012 Caritas Award Recipients will be Gayle Seymour of Malone Catholic Parishes.

The 2012 Legacy Award Recipients will be Immaculate Heart Central High School, Watertown; and Seton Catholic Central High School, Plattsburgh.

Reservations are \$40 per person. There will be a cash bar at 4:30 p.m. and dinner

will begin at 5 p.m.

All proceeds from the dinner will be used to provide financial assistance and counseling to individuals and families in need.

Reservation information is available by calling 315-393-2255

### Harvest Mass

Bishop Terry R. LaValley invites all North Country farmers, their families and co-workers to take part in the annual Harvest Mass of Thanksgiving.

The Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church in Brushton Nov. 4 at 1:30 p.m.

Harvest Mass participants will join Bishop LaValley in giving God thanks for His blessings in this year's harvest, and pray for God's blessing on North Country farmers and their labors.

### Witnesses of Faith

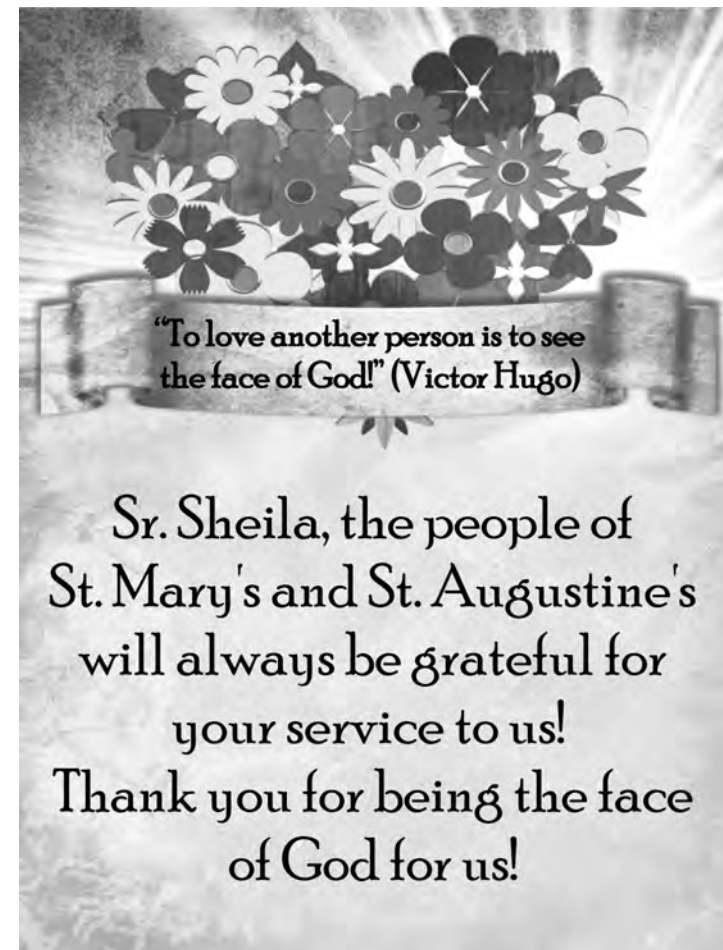
The diocesan observance of the Year of Faith will officially open with a prayer service called Witnesses of Faith Celebration Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral

Bishop Terry R. LaValley will preside at the service which will celebrate the lives of newly canonized St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Mother Marianne Cope, OSF, and St. Brother Andre Bessette, CSC.

The main speaker for the Prayer Service will be Sister Kateri Mitchell, a Sister of St. Anne and native of the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation.

Sister Kateri is the executive director of the Tekakwitha Conference in Great Falls, Mont. A reception will follow.

Complete information about the Year of Faith is available on the diocesan website, [www.diogodensburg.org/yearoffaith](http://www.diogodensburg.org/yearoffaith).



*New document for religious education in New York State is launched*

# Handing on the faith: priority for all

By Mary Lou Kilian  
Editor  
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Catholic News Service

The Diocese of Ogdensburg played a major role in the presentation of a new religious education document for parishes in New York State - *The Catechetical Leader in the Third Millennium* and its companion document, a *Comprehensive Plan for the Formation of Catechetical Leaders*.

St. Joseph Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, diocesan director of Catholic education and superintendent of schools, is chair of the New York State Diocesan Directors of Religious Education.

In that position, she moderated a Sept. 27 launch event for bishops, pastors and more than 400 catechetical leaders from the eight dioceses of the state who gathered at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston, N.Y.,

Bishop Terry R. LaValley was one of the liaisons appointed by Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan to represent the state's bishops in the creation of the new catechetical document.

He and Bishop Frank J. Caggiano, auxiliary bishop of Brooklyn, spoke at the Douglaston gathering about the importance of the document, its details and the difference a well qualified catechetical leader makes in a parish.

## Competent leadership

The new charter concludes that parish vitality depends on competent, professionally trained catechetical leaders.

In a letter convening the meeting, Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York wrote: "The very vitality of our parishes is dependent on the quality of the catechesis we offer, not just to the children and youth, but also to adults, many of whom have a sketchy understanding of the faith and are in danger of



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**St. Joseph Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, diocesan director of Catholic education, who is chair of the New York state Council of Diocesan Directors of Religious Education, addresses participants during a gathering of the state's bishops and catechetical leaders at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston, N.Y., Sept. 27.**

slipping away, taking their children and the future of parish life with them."

The charter outlines the priority that the state's bishops, pastors, pastoral managers and parish catechetical leaders should give to handing on the faith in these challenging times, according to Cardinal Dolan.

"It underscores the role of catechesis at the heart of evangelization and the crucial importance of professionally prepared catechetical leaders of children, youth and adults," he said.

Cardinal Dolan said the document reflects deep concern about the diminishing number of professionally prepared catechetical leaders and the consequent detrimental effect on parish catechetical programs.

"We all wish that in each parish, faith formation could receive all the support it de-



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**Bishop Terry R. LaValley described the new charter and its companion document on its implementations at the launch event.**

serves. In reality, it is one of many activities competing for the shrinking resources of a parish," he said.

## Parish challenges

The rationale for writing a new catechetical document was explained in the opening paragraphs of the bishops' statement:

*Today, parishes in New York State face certain realities, including diminished financial resources and increasing pastoral expectations; a declining Catholic School enrollment that often results in school closings; diminishing participation of children and young people in parish Catechetical programs; a waning participation in Sunday Eucharist; the changing role of the priest, especially in merged and combined parishes; expanding legal considerations; loss of respect and trust for the Church due to the sexual abuse scandal; fewer clergy and vowed religious; secularism; competing demands for*

*time and resources; and the growing number of extern priests.*

*"Pastors and pastoral administrators are faced with challenges in every aspect of their ministry, including tensions about how to reconcile shrinking resources with expanding and sometimes competing needs. The catechetical enterprise is critical to the mission of the Church and to the health and vitality of a parish and its people. Pastors and pastoral administrators know that 'parishes should allocate their resources so they are able to acquire the services of a competent and qualified catechetical leader ... or to share those services with another parish.' Discovering how to achieve that end, while meeting all pastoral needs, is one of the most vexing issues parishes face.*

## Critical component

Sister Ellen Rose explained that the religious education directors determined that

the area of competent, professional catechetical leadership was critical to address the needs of parishes in the 21st century.

"Without this component, our catechetical programs and indeed our ability to address Cardinal Dolan's concerns would be difficult to achieve," she said. "As the bishops requested, we developed a profile which set forth specific capabilities in the areas of:

- evangelization
- cultural realities
- the rapid development of technology
- the family, and
- the changing parish landscape.

The documents address each of the capabilities, noting the skills required for a "competent, contemporary catechetical leader."

## As Year of Faith begins

At the conclusion of the Sept. 27 meeting, Sister Ellen Rose acknowledged the timing of the documents' release.

"It is significant that we launch this document close to the beginning of the Year of Faith," she said. "In *Porta Fidei* our Holy Father spoke about 'the need for a stronger commitment to the new evangelization in order to rediscover the joy of believing and the enthusiasm for communicating the faith.'"


"Our catechetical leaders are called to communicate the faith in its beauty and truth, most especially to the catechists who assist them in our parish programs," she said. "Catechetical leaders must be equipped to do this in the context of our times recognizing both its opportunities and challenges.

"May we, diocesan and parish leadership, leave here today with a renewed commitment to the recruitment, formation and affirmation of women and men of faith as parish catechetical leaders," Sister Ellen Rose said.

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, FATHER FISH!



Father Alfred H. Fish, pastor in St. Regis Falls and Hopkinton, was honored Sept. 8 for his 35th anniversary of ordination of the priesthood. Above, from left, are Helen Fish, Father Joseph Giroux, pastor of the Malone Catholic Parishes; Father Thomas Higman, parochial vicar of the Malone Catholic Parishes, Father Fish and Father Bryan Stitt, diocesan director of vocations and chaplain of Catholic scouting, who joined about 100 people at a reception at St. Ann's Church in St. Regis Falls.

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## Congratulations, Sr. Mary Paula



Sr. Mary Paula Richard, R.S.M., observing her 70th jubilee, is shown during the celebration of her 65th Jubilee with Bishop Cunningham and members of her family.

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# Parishes asked to support St. Joseph's Home

**OGDENSBURG** - Bishop Terry R. LaValley has written to the pastors of St. Lawrence Deanery inviting them to support St. Joseph's Nursing Home in Ogdensburg through a second collection to be held in their parishes the weekend of Nov. 3-4.

charged private pay residents. Medicaid is the source of payment currently for 77% of the resident population at St. Joseph's.

Salary and employee benefits continue to climb even as the Home's income remains the same.

St. Joseph's Home conducts fundraising activities each year. The collection will benefit the Foundation. This organization in turn provides financial assistance annually to the Home. In the past five years the Foundation has contributed \$682,399 to meet the costs of certain needs of the Home which could not be met from the nursing home's resources. Medicare's contribution has dropped 14% each year for the last two years.

Further information about St. Joseph's Nursing Home, including information about its financial circumstances, can be obtained from the Director of Development, Joyce Kelso. St. Joseph's Home is located at 950 Linden Street in Ogdensburg.

## Rest in Peace

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

**Oct. 10** – Rev. Robert Duford, 1949; Rev. J. A. Sirois, O.M.I., 1950

**Oct. 11** – Rev. William Burns, 1837  
**Oct. 12** – Rev. Francis Xavier Pelletier, 1881; Rev. P. Joseph Mullins, O.S.A., 1960

**Oct. 13** – Rev. Francis X. Campbell, O.S.A., 1984

**Oct. 14** – Rev. James Alexander Haggarty, 1903

**Oct. 15** – Rev. James Haffey, 1918; Rev. Mark Collins Liebler, 1975; Rev. Robert Fleig, S.J., 1986; Most Rev. Thomas Andrew Donnellan, 1987

## Bishop's Schedule

**Oct. 11** – 12 p.m., Opening Year of Faith Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

**Oct. 12** – Superintendent's Day at the Crown Plaza in Lake Placid.

**Oct. 14** – 8 a.m., Mass at St. Patrick's Church in Rossie; 9:30 a.m., Mass at St. Peter's Church in Hammond; 11 a.m., Installation of Fr. James Seymour as Pastor of the Roman Catholic Community of Morristown, Hammond and Rossie at St. John the Evangelist Church in Morristown; 2 p.m., Diocesan Religious Jubilee at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

## 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. 403.

Upcoming programs:  
**Oct. 10** – St. Edmund's Church, Ellenburg, 5:30 p.m.

**Oct. 10** – trinity Catholic School, Massena, 6 p.m.

**Oct. 15** – St. James Church, Gouverneur, 6 p.m.

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# CONGRATULATIONS, RELIGIOUS JUBILARIANS

## ABOUT THE JUBILARIANS

Ten religious women and one religious brother are celebrating significant anniversaries this year. They will be honored at the annual Religious Jubilee Sunday at St. Mary's Cathedral. In recognition of their 70, 65, 50, 40 and 25 years of religious life, the North Country Catholic presents autobiographical profiles of the jubilarians.

### 70 YEARS

#### Sister Victorine Brenon, SSJ

I was born in Carthage, NY, daughter of Victor and Florence McAvoy Brenon, one of ten children, two of whom were Sister Geraldine and Sister Rita Marie, both Sisters of St. Joseph of Watertown.

I attended a country school for grades one through five, and Augustinian Academy in Carthage until graduation in 1941. I entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in September 1941.

Following my novitiate, I attended Marywood College in Scranton, PA, graduating with a BS degree in Education. I received my MS degree from Plattsburgh State University. Graduate studies were pursued at Ypsilanti State University in Michigan, and Notre Dame University, Indiana.

I taught in several diocesan schools: Bishop Conroy, Ogdensburg; Champlain Academy, Port Henry; St. Joseph's, Dannemora; as well as Holy Family and Sacred Heart Schools in Watertown.

I have been in community and school administration, and served as Secretary of the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal. My final years were

spent ministering to the shut-ins at St. James Parish in Carthage.

Now that I'm retired I appreciate the time to pray, read, knit and telephone shut-ins.

#### Sister Mary Paula Richard, RSM

I am the daughter of the late Frank and Mary (Lanthier) Richard and the sister of the late William and Father Charles Richard. I was born in Ogdensburg, New York and attended Holy Cross Grammar School and St. Mary Academy High School, both in Ogdensburg.

In 1942, I entered the Sisters of Mercy in Tarrytown, New York and after final profession; I began my professional career by becoming a student nurse in Mercy Hospital Watertown, New York. From there, I was privileged to render nursing care to the people in Tupper Lake, Port Jervis, Watertown and British Guiana.

Over the years, I have answered to titles of operating nurse, head nurse, Director of Nursing Service, Purchasing Agent, Community Coordinator and Manager of our Mercy vacation house Villa Catherine.

After my retirement, I spent several years with the Sisters of St. Joseph in Watertown and those years are remembered with great joy and affection.

In 2007, I relocated to St. Margaret Convent in Lake Placid and became a Friendship Volunteer for Mercy Care for the Adirondacks.

Currently, I live in Uihlein Living Center, Lake Placid and spend my days in prayer and with wonderful memo-

ries of my life as a Sister of Mercy and as a nurse. Precious to me are the recollection of my family and my time in British Guiana.

### 65 YEARS

#### Sister Mary Maurice Black, SSJ

Before I entered the convent, my name was Evelyn Elizabeth Black. I was born 6 miles west of Tupper Lake in Piercefield, NY. I was the oldest of thirteen children. My parents were great! They were Aloney and Madeline Brown Black. Can you imagine two colors in your name? Until the mind 1930's

Piercefield was a prosperous town. They made the best of paper – bond paper. If the pulp wasn't just right, they shipped it down the river. (It was the Racquet River by the way). When the mill closed they intended to re-open it, so they kept my father on as a night watchman for a year, but it never opened.

We moved to a rented farm outside of Bombay, NY. We bought our own farm after seven years. It is still in the family now. My brother Glenn bought the farm from my mother and he planted evergreen trees so that it

would not grow up to brush.

We had a lot of simple fun growing up – sliding down hill, skiing, skating in winter. In spring, summer and fall, we enjoyed softball as a family. My father got out there and played with the rest of us, hooting and hollering with all of us. My mother was on the sidelines holding one or two of the babies. She was our cheerleader. My little brothers didn't like to go to bed at night. I could run fast then and I would catch them for her. I had a lot of responsibility growing

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Mid-Atlantic Community  
congratulates  
**Sister Mary Paula Richard, RSM,**  
on her 70th Jubilee  
and **Sister Mary Carolyn Parker, RSM,**  
on her 50th Jubilee

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up. I helped my mother a lot in the house as well. When I was only eight years old, my mother had me babysitting while she weeded the garden. We would sit where she could see us and she would check back every so often.

As I told you before, there were 13 children in our family. A (D) follows the names of those who are deceased. Members are Evelyn (myself), Ruth (D), Donald (D), Gerald, Robert, Joyce, Glenn, Stanley, Lawrence (D), Brian (D), Helen (D), Bruce, Theresa (D).

When I would come home for vacation, my little brothers and sisters were intrigued by me. I guess they couldn't figure out what I was. They would follow me all over and they would giggle!

One little guy couldn't say all his words plain when he was little. I would ask him, "Who is your favorite aunt?" He would say "Aunt Thusie". I would ask him "Who is your favorite uncle?" He would say "Uncle Wobert". I would ask him again just to hear his response. He was so cute.

My parents were hard workers. Our mother was al-

ways there for us – cooking, baking, cleaning, washing, ironing, gardening, looking after us. My father was a carpenter at Alcoa and worked on the farm at night. They taught us to work hard. Someone asked my mother once, "How do you handle all those children?" She answered, "They are good children." They taught us responsibility and how to be busy.

During summer, our biggest past-time was going berrying. We loved it. We did it as a family. My mother loved it too. We all had our duties on the farm, doing much before we went to school in the morning. During my high school years, I had charge of the hens. They were so cute and so tame. I did a lot of the milking of the cows too.

God was a big part of our lives. We went to church regularly and we received the sacraments. Catechism classes were held on Saturday's. When we moved to Fort Covington, our parish was St. Mary's of the Fort. The church in Piercefield was closed when the mill closed. I think it was torn down. The bell is found in a little park

there.

I graduated from Fort Covington High School in 1946. Our principal, Mr. Harry Weir, was a fine Catholic man and saw to it that we went to Mass on Holy Days. I entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in the Fall of 1946 and I received the habit July 1, 1947 with four other sisters.

We received our training in religious life at the Motherhouse in Watertown from Sr. Mary Louis.

We received some college courses from our Sisters in Watertown and from Mater Dei College. I graduated from Villanova University with a BS in Education, from the College of St. Rose in Albany with an MS in N through 6 in Education and also Special Education, and AA in Religious Studies from Mater Dei College.

I served God's people in Holy Family, St. Patrick's and Sacred in Watertown, in AuSable Forks two times, Port Henry, Ticonderoga, Malone two times, Morristown and Carthage all in Elementary Schools. I was involved several years at St. Patrick's Children's Home. For almost 40 years I have ministered to God's Special People in Special Religious Education.

Our family has had many tragedies, but we have managed to weather the storms. When tragedy strikes we have tried to stick together and support one another.

My 65 years have been very fulfilling. I thank God for all His blessings. The people who I have been involved are blessings. My parents and my siblings are wonderful. I pray for all of the and I hope they pray for me.

## Sister Helen Mary McKeever, SSJ

I, Sister Helen Mary McKeever, was born the eldest daughter of Fred and Geraldine Constance McKeever in the town of Cape Vincent, NY. During my childhood we lived on a non paved road, which meant that we traveled by horse and buggy a great deal. We had two miles

to go to grade school. In inclement weather or muddy roads, my father would drive us with the horse and buggy to the main road, so I had plenty of time to talk to my father, which I now consider a great privilege.

Following eight grades in a one room country school, I attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Clayton, NY. I was valedictorian of my class of fourteen students.

After attending the Watertown School of Commerce, I was employed as a secretary to Sprague Chevrolet Car Company for a short time, and at Bagley and Sewell Company for several years, until my entrance to the Sisters of St. Joseph, in December 1946.

Following my education at the normal school of the Sisters of St. Joseph, I attended the College of St. Rose in Albany, NY, where I earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. During the time I was teaching third grade in our diocesan schools. I attended summer sessions at Syracuse University, completing my Masters Degree in library Science. I was assigned after that time to Mater Dei College as Assistant librarian to Sister Mary Joseph Meichelbeck, from 1969-1975.

In 1975, I became Assistant librarian to Sister Anna Marie Snyder at Immaculate Heart Central High School until her retirement, after which I was appointed Director of the Library. In 2001 I retired from IHC, and am now at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph appreciating the time that I have for prayer.

How the years fly by! Here I am now celebrating 65 years as a Sister of St. Joseph of Watertown, NY. I thank God that my health is holding out, even though I am confined to a walker or wheel chair. I get where I want to go, mainly by using my feet to propel my wheel chair.

## Sister Gabriel Marie Meyer, SSJ

Friday, the 13th of November, 1925, what a lucky day

for me! I was born the third child to John and Anastasia (Marilley) Meyer. We lived on a farm outside the village of Croghan and were members of St. Stephen's Church.

I was blessed with an older sister, Elizabeth, (who died at age two) and an older brother, Harold, who is also deceased, two younger brothers George, (deceased) and Donald and two younger sisters, Helena and Norma.

My education started in a one-room school for the first eight years, then Beaver Falls High School and Watertown School of Commerce. I worked as a secretary for three years before entering the Sisters of St. Joseph Community. My education continued in their Normal School. I received my B.S. in Education from the College of St. Rose in Albany.

I taught the intermediate grades in various schools of the diocese before attending St. Patrick's School of Social Work, Ottawa, Canada to obtain my Masters in Social Work degree.

My ministry continued at St. Patrick's Children's Home, Catholic Charities and as pastoral associate at St. James Parish, Carthage, St. James Parish, Gouverneur and St. Martin/St. John, Port Leyden/Lyons Falls.

I am now retired and living at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Watertown. God has blessed me with a joyful, fulfilling life in His service.

## Sister Mary Kateri Rose, SSJ

Sister Mary Kateri Rose the daughter of the late John and Tressa Mary Rose is a native of northern New York. After graduating from high school, I worked for a period of time before entering the Sisters of St. Joseph of Watertown. I made my final profession with this community in August 1953.

As I reflect on this my 65th Jubilee year of religious life, my parents, two brothers and my sister were God's first gracious gifts to me.

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Congratulations SSJ Jubilarians!



Thank you for the gift you  
have been to our Congregation,  
the Diocese of Ogdensburg and  
the Church.

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*Sister Mary Victorine Brenon, SSJ - 70 Years*

*Sister Mary Maurice Black, SSJ - 65 Years*

*Sister Helen Mary McKeever, SSJ - 65 Years*

*Sister Gabriel Marie Meyer, SSJ - 65 Years*

*Sister Kateri Rose, SSJ - 65 Years*

*Sister Sheila Jane Moran, SSJ - 40 Years*

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From my Scotch Irish family background, I came to know God and grew in prayer, love, companionship and compassion with and for family and neighbor.

In the years that followed, the Sisters of St. Joseph gifted me with excellent academic credentials that would support my future teaching career in the school system of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. I earned a BA from Marywood College, a MS from Buffalo State and a MA from La Salle University. For several summers I had the opportunity to do graduate study at St. Michaels, VT. and St. Paul University, Ottawa.

My teaching career covered many levels of education from primary, junior and senior high and college level courses. When Mater Dei College opened, I taught courses in the Fine Arts, Religion, Business, English and Philosophy Departments on campus and at the Gouverneur, Massena and St. Regis Mohawk extension sites. For several semesters, I taught evening courses at the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility.

After many years at Mater Dei, I became the Director of the Brownville, Dexter Religious Education Program under Rev. Joseph Elliott, pastor. This religious education program covered grades one through ten and was well supported by the parents. Thanks to the pastor, parents, teachers and students for their goodness and faith that continues to be alive in this region of our North Country. It was a pleasure to be a part of this community.

During my years at Mater Dei, I served on numerous academic committees, organized workshops for civic and local organizations, student art exhibits, liturgical banners and designed art work for the Ogdensburg Religious Ed. Congress, etc.

I designed and completed a ceramic wall relief, six by twenty-four feet honoring the life of Mother Immaculata, SSJ. Using glass mosaic

imported from Italy and a di-gram from a NY artist some parishioners and myself transferred the design to the front wall of the foyer of St. John's School, Morristown.

Not too many years ago, I held my own 'One Woman Art Exhibits' in the areas where I lived and worked. Several oil and acrylic paintings and a bronze sculpture are now in various collections.

Travel opportunities were on my doorstep in the '80's sending me to Rome, Italy for the Beatification of Kateri Tekawitha; then in 1981 to Albuquerque, New Mexico for a Native American Conference; a few years later I traveled to Russia as the sponsor for a group of women tourists. The year 1989 found me traveling to Israel with my sister Jane and her husband Howard.

Now in my 'retirement years' I maintain active membership in the Altar and Rosary Society, Brownville/Dexter; Legion of Mary Immaculate Medal Praesidium, Sacred Heart Church, Watertown.

I recently completed two terms as secretary and continue as part time Spiritual Director for the Legion of Mary. At our SSJ Motherhouse, I maintain the monthly Archives Report ... and now and then dust, mop, here and there.

I am a trained and active volunteer tutor for the Literacy Program of Northern, NY. Recently I began Jail Ministry visitation and continue my ministry to hospitals and nursing homes. I am an active member on our SSJ Social Justice Committee.

Before many more days pass, my sketch pads and watercolor paints need to be taken from the shelf, dusted off and put to color again .... and .... violin practice is next in line.

Throughout my life so many blessings and opportunities have surrounded me! I continue to hold in prayer my family, students and parents, faculty, friends, and SSJ Community.

May life follow the goodness of your spirit and your dreams and never stifle the beauty that glows in your heart and soul.

## 50 YEARS

### Sister Joan McElwain, GNSH

Sister Joan McElwain was born in Malone, NY and received her RN from Champlain Valley School of Nursing shortly before entering the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart. She later received her BS in Nursing from D'Youville College and became a certified Physician's Assistant upon graduation from Albany Medical College in 1977.

With the exception of a year of service in the Motherhouse Infirmary, Yadley, PA. Sister Joan's entire ministry has been in her home Diocese of Ogdensburg. She worked at St. Joseph's Home and A. Barton Hepburn Hospital for five years each as a registered nurse.

Subsequent to getting certification as a Physician's Assistant in 1977, she served in the Hospital Emergency Room and Lisbon and Waddington Medical Groups until 2004.

Since that time her ministry has focused at the Claxton Hepburn Medical Center as a member of Team Health in the Emergency Department. I

n gratitude for her service at the Waddington Clinic, she was the recipient of the DeWitt Clinton Public Service Award presented by the Waddington Masonic Lodge in 1992.

Sister Joan is a Eucharistic Minister and Lector at Notre Dame Church and a member of the Diocesan Council of Religious of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

When asked to comment on the last 50 years, Joan characterized them as grace-filled years, when she has cherished the opportunity to pray in community with her sisters and have time for personal prayer.

She expressed gratitude for being able to continue in

the health care profession her great love, and for the free time this gives her to garden and provide home-grown vegetables for her sister companions and friends.

### Sister Carolyn Parker, RSM

I was born in Plattsburgh, N.Y. and with my four brothers and one sister I was raised on a dairy farm in West Chazy.

After graduating from Beekmantown High School I entered the Sisters of Mercy in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. on September 22, 1962. While there, I attended Mercy College and received a B.S. in Biology, followed by medical technology training at Northern Westchester Hospital in Mt. Kisco, N.Y.

In 1970 I was assigned to Mercy General Hospital in Tupper Lake where I spent nineteen years. During this period I was Medical Technician, Supervisor of the Laboratory, Assistant Administrator and Board Member.

My next assignment was to the Provincialate in Dobbs Ferry, where I worked in the Finance Office and I was Vocation Director in the Formation Program.

In 1991 I became Director of the pastoral Care Department at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Yonkers and after fourteen years I retired due to illness. My next address was St. Joseph's Nursing Home in Yonkers and while there, became President of the Resident Council.

In November 2010, I returned to the North Country and now reside at Uihlein Living Center in Lake Placid. The location makes family

visits easier since travel time is much shorter. Among my activities at Uihlein, I am a member of the Resident Council.

Reflecting on the past fifty years as a Sister of Mercy, I have a great gratitude to God for my vocation for my family and for all the friendships forged and for my community of Mercy.

### Brother Charles Thomas, FIC

Although born in St. Louis, MO, Br. Charles Thomas grew up in Michigan. Back in 1958 as a student at Detroit's Cathedral Central High School, he got to hear many interesting things about the Brothers from Bro. Patrick Couture, active Vocation Club moderator who happened to be his homeroom teacher.

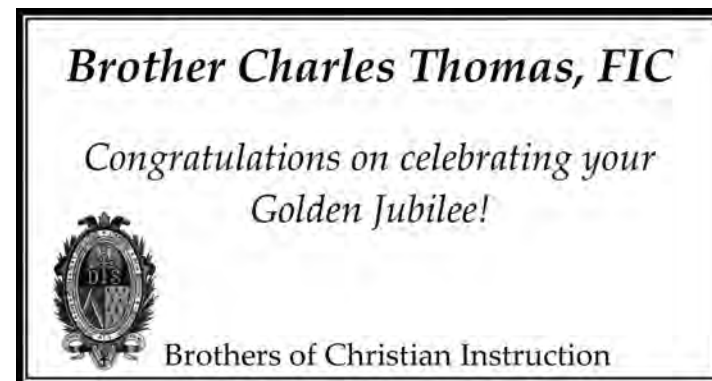
Charlie has enjoyed his teaching career which was primarily spent at Denis Hall Junior High School – a boarding school in Alfred – and in Plattsburgh, NY.

Always willing to go where the superiors though his talents were needed, he was seen as genuinely interested in the well-being of the students either as a teacher, coach or administrator. In his dealing with people he continues to show much concern and care.

Br. Charles' life has been enriched by his attendance at several renewal sessions and in benefitting from continuing education opportunities. He possesses enhanced computer skills and maintains a great interest in reading.

Of the many projects he undertook, the one that influenced him the most was

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his compilation of the history of Notre Dame Province, We remember: the Brothers in the US 1903-2003. IN delving into the early years of the Brothers' work in the US, Br. Charles developed a great admiration for his heroes among the province's pioneering Brothers: Salvius, Boniface, Benjamin, George and Clementine, models of dedication to work and of exemplary living of religious commitment.

With this interest in historical accounts, he willingly accepted to take over the province archives. He aims to maintain a quality and user-friendly growing collection of documents, records and memorabilia. The work is done sporadically when visits to Alfred from Plattsburgh are possible.

With careful attention to his diabetic condition, Brother Charles fills his retirement days rendering service in his Plattsburgh community as housekeeper, bursar and cook. He is involved with several weekly Bingos and volunteers at the city hospital twice a week.

## 40 YEARS

### Sister Sheila Jane Moran, SSJ

I was born the older daughter of William Moran and Dorothy Stacey Moran in Potsdam, NY. I received my BS and MS from SUNY Potsdam, and taught Grades 7 & 8 at Canastota Central School, in Canastota, NY, before entering the Sisters of St. Joseph on September 4, 1970. Since then I have taught at Holy Family School, Watertown; Bishop Smith Memorial School, Malone; St. Joseph's School, Dannemora; St. Augustine's School, Peru, NY; and Sacred Heart School, Watertown, NY. I was a Pastoral Associate for a time at Holy Name Church in AuSable Forks. I returned in 1984 to Bishop Smith Memorial School in Malone as Principal and part-time teacher for 5 years.

In 1989, I facilitated the merging of Malone schools Bishop Smith and Notre Dame, which became Holy Family School. In 1994 I was made Administrator of St. Helen's Parish in Chasm Falls, with missions at St. Mary's Church, Lake Titus, and St. Joseph's Church at Owls Head. From 2004 to 2010, I served as Pastoral Delegate of St. Augustine's Church in North Bangor and St. Edward's Church in West Bangor.

In 1957, I married Sheridan Lashway at St. Joseph's Church in Dannemora and raised three children: Mary, Richard and Vicky. Now I have three grandchildren: Heather, Cole and Michael, Jr. Two years after the death of my husband I worked for

1937 in Plattsburgh, NY and raised in Dannemora, NY. My parents were Francis LeRoy Gordon and Anna Marie Lussier. I was one of four children.

My parents gave me a strong faith which was a background for my religious vocation.

My father was an occupational therapist and my mother sang for funerals and weddings in church and played the piano at home with friends and neighbors.

I was in the Junior and Senior Sodality with the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement and went on many trips with the Sodality. I worked at a Jewish-German home for people who were on special diets.

In 1957, I married Sheridan Lashway at St. Joseph's Church in Dannemora and raised three children: Mary, Richard and Vicky.

Now I have three grandchildren: Heather, Cole and Michael, Jr.

Two years after the death of my husband I worked for

Father Martin as a cook. Then I entered the Sisters of Charity of Saint Louis in Plattsburgh, NY.

During my postulancy I took care of an elderly sister and then I went to Clifton Park, NY for my novitiate. For my apostolic work, I worked with the Albany Tri-City area as a home health aide.

In 1987 I made my First Profession and was transferred to Brookfield Center, CT from 1987-1992. I was then transferred to Plattsburgh, NY where I made my Final Profession in 1994. In 1994-2001 I was assigned to Clifton.

Since 2001 I have been in Plattsburgh.

My mission works included: nurses' assistant, social service designee, childcare teacher, home health aide, working in Alzheimer's home, OLV clothing store, Coordinator of Gabriel Project, and Hospice volunteer.

Because of health reasons I am now a resident of CVPH-SNF in Plattsburgh, NY.

## Sr. Helen Mary McKeever, SSJ

Congratulations on 65 years in religious life.

We are so thankful & blessed for the 26 years that you spent at our school.

May God continue to bless you in your religious ministries



## 25 YEARS

### Sister Joan-Marie Lashway, SCSL

I, Sister Joan-Marie Lashway, was born on October 9,



Congratulations!

**Sr. Gabriel Marie Meyer, S.S.J.**

Thank you for your 65 years of faithful service as a Sister of St. Joseph  
You are a beautiful witness to God's love and compassion

With love and gratitude  
Your friends at Catholic Charities

# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Pope authorizes granting of indulgences for Year of Faith events

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Catholics who participate in events connected with the 2012-2013 Year of Faith can receive a special indulgence, the Vatican said. Pope Benedict XVI authorized the granting of a plenary, or full, indulgence in order to highlight the Year of Faith and encourage the "reading, or rather, the pious meditation on" the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, a Sept. 14 Vatican decree said. The decree, which the Vatican released Oct. 5, was signed by Cardinal Manuel Monteiro de Castro, head of the Vatican tribunal that deals with indulgences and with matters related to the sacrament of penance. An indulgence is a remission of the temporal punishment a person is due for sins that have been forgiven. Pope Benedict established the Year of Faith, "dedicated to the profession of the true faith and its correct interpretation," to run from Oct. 11, 2012 to Nov. 24, 2013. It begins on the 50th anniversary of the opening of Vatican II, which is also the 20th anniversary of the publication of the catechism. The plenary indulgence is being offered to pilgrims who visit sacred shrines, to Catholics who participate in local events connected to the Year of Faith, and to those who may be too ill or otherwise prevented from physical participation. It can be granted on behalf of the individual petitioner or on behalf of departed souls.

## Religious orders say social media use spurs more interest in vocations

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Several religious congregations and organizations are taking advantage of social media to "introduce" individuals discerning a call to a vocation and the seminary, convent or monastery that fits them. With more than 1,400 likes on Facebook, the National Religious Vocation Conference takes full advantage of social networking, through its Vision Vocation Guide and other outlets. At VocationMatch.com, also operated by the Chicago-based conference, a brief questionnaire tells "discerners" -- those considering a commitment to religious life -- what their seminary, convent or monastery matches are. People post questions daily about their life circumstances, inquiring about what resources could help them find the right vocation fit, and Vision connects them with the congregation that matches their interests. Patrice Tuohy, executive editor of the Vision Vocation Guide, said social media has brought the organization to a place greater than it could have been 15 years ago. "As the community's use of social networking has increased, so have inquiries. They have quadrupled since we started having a presence online," she told Catholic News Service. Vision is primarily a social networking site that attracts more than 200,000 visitors each year. Seventy-five percent of those are new visitors and 5,000 fill out profiles to find their vocational match, according to Vision's tracking records. Prior to its launch as an online social network, 150,000 copies of the Vision guide were printed, which resulted in 600 inquiries mailed in by readers. Trinitarian Brother Josh Warshak of Baltimore credited Vision with giving him the information he needed in deciding what type of religious life was for him, and he would recommend it to any "discerner."

## VATICAN LETTER

# At the Synod of Bishops

By Francis X. Rocca  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - At the Synod of Bishops, which opened Oct. 7 with a papal Mass in St. Peter's Square, some 250 prelates from around the world will meet for three weeks to talk and pray about evangelization.

## Cardinal Wuerl: Synod striving to turn back 'tsunami of secularism'

Long after the bishops have expressed their diverse views, Pope Benedict XVI will have the last word in an authoritative document of reflections called a post-synodal apostolic exhortation. In the meantime, none of the participants has a better overview of the Vatican gathering, or of the questions it will examine, than Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington.

As the synod's relator, Cardinal Wuerl has reviewed preliminary suggestions from bishops' conferences around the world and synthesized them in a speech he will deliver in Latin at the first working session Oct. 8. The cardinal will address the assembly again 10 days later, once more in Latin, to summarize hundreds of speeches by his fellow bishops.

Initiated by Blessed John Paul II and eagerly embraced by his successor, the new evangelization is a project aimed at reviving Catholic faith in increasingly secular societies, especially the wealthiest Western nations.

For Cardinal Wuerl, it is also an opportunity to fulfill the goal for which Blessed John XXIII called the Second Vatican Council: a faithful presentation of Catholic teachings in a way "attractive to a very rapidly changing culture."

It's no mere coincidence, the cardinal said, that the synod overlaps with the 50th anniversary of the opening of the council, Oct. 11, which Pope Benedict has designated as the beginning of a special Year of Faith. Like Vatican II, the cardinal said, the synod will emphasize continuity with the church's ancient traditions.

"There is a continuum of Catholic faith going all the way back to the creed, going all the way back to the apostles," Cardinal Wuerl said. "That continuum is where we find the articulation of our faith."

Although Vatican II was faithful to the church's traditional doctrines, the cardinal said, implementation of the council's teachings in the 1960s and 1970s coincided with a "current of secularism sweeping the Western world," especially Europe.

"It's almost as if a tsunami of secularism washed across Western Europe and, when it receded, it took with it all of those foundational concepts: family, marriage, right and

wrong, common good, objective order," he said.

In Europe and beyond, the cardinal said, that secular wave accompanied a loosening of standards in Catholic religious education.

"Somehow we were to be catechizing without content," the cardinal said, describing what he called a widespread attitude at the time. "Somehow there was supposed to be communicated some experience, some idea that God loves us, we love God, but it wasn't rooted in the creed.

"As our Holy Father has pointed out so many times," the cardinal said, "if you are not proclaiming the Christ that the church knows and lives, then you could be proclaiming a Christ that you've created."

The cost of poor catechesis, Cardinal Wuerl said, was a "diminished allegiance from two generations" of Catholics.

A key part of the church's response to that development was the Catechism of the Catholic Church, whose compilation was overseen by then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger when the future pope was prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. In another non-coincidence, the 20th anniversary of the catechism's publication will also be celebrated Oct. 11.

The cardinal said the catechism has been the basis for dramatic improvement in religious education over the last two decades, especially in the United States. When he and other U.S. bishops met with Pope Benedict earlier this year during their "ad limina" visits, Cardinal Wuerl said he was happy to report the sound state of Catholic education at the elementary and secondary school levels.

"And at the level of the colleges?" the pope replied, with a smile and what the cardinal describes as a "twinkle in his eye."

The church in America has a "long way to go" to bring Catholic higher education back into harmony with church teaching, the cardinal said, and an essential part of that effort is restoring the "institutional identity" of Catholic colleges and universities.

Effective evangelization, he explained, requires that "we speak out of our own identity as members of the church, as Catholics, as people who hold dear the creed, who worship at the table of the Eucharist, and who simply know Christ is with us."

Despite the setbacks of earlier decades, he said he draws hope from the growing interest among youth in the teachings of the church.

"We have a whole new group of young people coming along," the cardinal said, "and they're saying, 'this secular world isn't answering my questions.'"

"There is a lot of good happening," he added. "We just have to find ways of tapping into it and inviting those young people to look to Christ for an answer."

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

## Love for beauty and peace flows from wisdom

What a wonderful gift the writer of the Book of Wisdom seeks in this Sunday's reading.

The writer prays and begs God for the gifts of prudence and wisdom. Unlike gold or silver, these gifts give him joy and contentment for the rest of his days.

A few years ago, Pope Benedict begged young people in the Czech Republic to



Monsignor  
Paul E.  
Whitmore

seek after the truths of their country's rich Christian heritage. He added, "anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old".

If our eyes remain open to the beauty of God's creation and our minds to the beauty of His truth, then we may indeed hope to remain young and to build a world that reflects something of that divine beauty, so as to inspire future generations

to do likewise".

And just recently, during the Pope's visit to Lebanon, he urged the young people, both Christian and Muslim, to seek the gift of peace—living and working together in harmony to build up their own beautiful country, as well as giving an example to all the countries of the Middle East. A love for beauty, peace, and truth flow naturally from wisdom.

Evidently the rich young man in today's Gospel had enough wisdom to seek all of those through complete observance of the Mosaic

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READINGS

Wisdom 7:7-11

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30

law. However, Jesus tells him that if he would be perfect, he must sell his possessions and give to the poor. This will give him treasure in heaven. "...then come, follow me". Crestfallen, the young man is un-

willing to part with his wealth, and he walks away.

How close he was to finding the source of all wisdom. Jesus must have been saddened too as he startles his listeners by saying, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God. It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

Riches give us a false sense of security. The more we lean on wealth, the less we feel the need for God, His wisdom and His love.

## OUR READERS WRITE

## Thanks Father Muench!

Congratulations on Father Bill Muench's new column in the *North Country Catholic*.

It's hard to believe that 50 years have come and gone since the earth shattering Second Vatican Council was convened by Pope John the Twenty Third. The radical and life giving changes of the Liturgy were then a breath of fresh air in a Church that NEEDED desperately to come into the MODERN WORLD.

I was there in the pew in St. Mary's Church in Massena when Msgr. Arthur Leary and Father Bill Muench began to celebrate the liturgy in English. What a time of change and excitement! We were encouraged to participate actively and not sit passively listening to a foreign language, lost in our own thoughts or praying our rosary.

## Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters from readers of the *North Country Catholic*.

•Due to space limitations, we ask that the number of words be limited to 300.

•We cannot accept letters which support ideas which are contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

•Send letters to North Country Catholic, PO Box 326, Ogdensburg, NY, 13669 or e-mail to [news@northcountrycatholic.org](mailto:news@northcountrycatholic.org)

At first it was strange and disconcerting but who now would like to go back????

As priests and laity struggled with these changes the liturgy sustained, deepened and renewed the faith-life of the people of God. The celebration of the sacred liturgy brought people out of the doldrums of their isolation to acknowledging that we are indeed a pilgrim people who travel to God not as individuals but as a community of faith.

Thanks Father Bill for reminding us of this historic and important event in the life of the Church. May we NEVER FORGET its value and importance.

MICHAEL ANDREWS  
ARLINGTON, VA.

## Voting on moral issues

The most important thing a person should consider when choosing a President should be, where do they stand morally. If your candidate goes against the fifth commandment of God, thou shall not kill, then how do we expect to bring good actions out of our choice if we're not doing what God wills.

This is the most important election of our lifetime, and sad to say but a lot of Catholics and Christians are spiritually sleeping. God allowed the last election to take place to wake us up. If Catholics would have voted with a moral conscience our religious freedom wouldn't be under attack.

We are in a serious spiritual war and Jesus needs our help. Jesus has given

our guardian angels, the angels and saints great intercessory powers for this crucial time. Allow God into the picture and take ten seconds before you vote and say Dear Lord, what is your will?

JEFFERY BARBER  
SARANAC

## Respect Life Month

Abortion, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research, etc., are words and phrases heard commonly on a daily basis. All different words, yet all generating identical results – death to the human being!

For thirty-nine years now, all we've heard about is freedom of "choice, choice, and more choice!" We've gradually, steadily and conveniently "bought the lie." So, now we accommodate and appease our consciences for killing the young, the old and the infirmed by claiming it to be the "law of the land." We've listened to churchmen, educators and politicians. We've read newspapers, editorials and commentaries; we've studied, stressed and strained. And then we conveniently, selectively and purposefully denied – the "truth!"

When our nation advocated a passive mentality regarding abortion-on-demand in 1973, the cloak word was "choice." In the name of "choice," we've now killed over 54.5 million pre-born babies since that time. It was wrong then; it is wrong now, but we do it anyway.

A principled man once said, "No one

has the right to do what is wrong." His name was President Abraham Lincoln.

October is recognized as "Respect Life Month" in our nation. If we really "respected" human life, it seems we'd stop upholding so many ways of ending it.

DONNA MAREK, RDH, RET.  
OGDENSBURG

## Catholic in good standing

I felt compelled to set the record straight on Paul Ryan. Especially when Sister Simone ( who spoke at the Democrat convention that had to vote three times to put God back in the platform) and then was booed was critical of his budget plan. Did I mention that the Democrat platform contains many intrinsic evils?

"The state that would provide everything, absorbing into itself, would ultimately become a bureaucracy incapable of guaranteeing the very thing which the suffering person needs; namely, loving, personal concern. We do not need a State which regulates and controls everything, but a State which, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity..." Pope Benedict XVI in his encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*. December 25, 2005, n.28 also check out

[www.tfp.org/ftp.../what-the-popes-have-to-say-about-socialism.html](http://www.tfp.org/ftp.../what-the-popes-have-to-say-about-socialism.html)

The affordable health care plan has been termed historic as indeed it is. It is the beginning of the tragic history of socialism that has caused so much misery and suffering wherever it has been insti-

tuted.

Paul Ryan's bishop, Bishop Morlino, has released a very important letter, in which he explains:

"The best way for assisting our neighbor should be the principle of subsidiarity. That means the problem at hand should be addressed at the lowest level possible— that is, the level closest to the people in need." (i.e. himself, his family, church, community, other social agencies) Please read <http://cvote.me/morlino>.

Bishop Morlino assures us that no priest or bishop should endorse a particular party or candidate. They should, however, teach principles of our faith. Some policies are intrinsically evil (an evil which cannot be justified in any circumstance). Examples would be ABORTION, EUTHANASIA, SAME-SEX MARRIAGE, GOVERNMENT-COERCED SECULARISM, and SOCIALISM.

Catholics and others of good will can arrive at different conclusions on preferential options for the poor and the best means to lower unemployment and other problems.

Bishop Morlino stated that Vice Presidential Candidate Paul Ryan is a Catholic in good standing and is very careful to fashion and form his conclusions in accord with the principles stated above. (The Bishop mentioned this matter in obedience to Church Law regarding one's right to a good reputation.)

MRS. JOAN BOULLIO  
DEXTER

## AT THE MOVIES

## PITCH PERFECT

By Adam Shaw  
Catholic News Service

Extravagant musical TV shows and movies are all the rage, from the campy "Glee" to the stern-faced "Step Up Revolution."

Some of these productions are calculated to appeal exclusively to aspiring entertainers.

Others attempt to use song and dance to proclaim a message, whether it be the importance of self-confidence or of social justice.

"Pitch Perfect" (Universal) avoids these two missteps, offering instead a comedy that is happy to sing its own tune, peopled by an eclectic array of engaging characters. Its occasional lapses into off-key humor, more-

over, represent rare departures from a generally pleasing tone.

Loner freshman Beca (Anna Kendrick) - a wannabe DJ with a taste for dark eye shadow and remixed tunes - finds herself a fish out of water at fictional Barden University.

But a chance encounter with overly friendly fellow student Chloe (Brittany Snow) - who discovers Beca's vocal abilities by overhearing her sing in the shower - leads to Beca's membership in Chloe's a cappella group, the Bellas.

The Bellas are on track to compete in an annual competition they lost in spectacular fashion the previous year. As they recruit a gaggle of new cohorts, including the audacious Fat Amy

(Rebel Wilson) - she calls herself that, we learn, to preempt insult - Beca clashes with the ensemble's traditionally minded leader Aubrey (Anna Camp).

She also finds romance with fellow music lover Jesse (Skylar Astin), despite the fact that Jesse belongs to a rival band of all-male warblers.

Director Jason Moore's multi-melody romp features pop hits whose origins range from the 1980s to the present - from Simple Minds to Rihanna, endowing it with wide appeal.

While Kay Cannon's enjoyable screenplay - adapted from Mickey Rapkin's 2008 book "Pitch Perfect: The Quest for Collegiate A Cappella Glory" - is mostly wholesome, some salty lan-



CNS PHOTO/UNIVERSAL

Rebel Wilson and Anna Kendrick star in a scene from the movie "Pitch Perfect."

guage and a lax outlook on premarital sexuality bar recommendation for youngsters.

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.

## 'American Bible Challenge': new Game Show hit

By Chelsea Weikart  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - The "American Bible Challenge" has been watched by more than 2 million people in the United States every Thursday night since its debut Aug. 23, making it the most successful show in Game Show Network in history.

And to the surprise of its creators, an app based on the cable TV show is doing almost as well.

Stephen Croncota, executive vice president and chief marketing officer for GSN, said in an interview with Catholic News Service that he knew there was a market for the app, but not one this

great.

"We were hoping for 100,000 game players, now it's about a month and we have 300,000 players and over 3 million game plays," he said.

The show is sponsored by the New York-based American Bible Society, a 200-year-old nonprofit organization whose mission is to make the Bible available and understandable to everyone. Hosted by comedian and TV personality Jeff Foxworthy, best known for his role in the Blue Collar Comedy Tour, "American Bible Challenge" is a trivia game where the win-

ners give away their prize money to a charity of their choice.

"We've always believed there was a big opportunity for interactivity in the show because of the number of Christians and Catholics who have a lifetime of knowledge" of the Bible, said Croncota, a former altar boy and Catholic school student himself.

The app for iPhone, Android, iPad, and Facebook currently is the No.1 Bible trivia game among the top-10 free trivia games on iTunes.

The sudden popularity of the show, Croncota said, is in

part because there is a hole in American entertainment for something the whole family can enjoy.

"The audience feels their faith and the role it plays in their lives is being respected and validated," said Croncota. "So parents feel comfortable sitting down with their kids for a show that is something parents and kids can watch together."

"It's such a big hit we are thinking of how to make the show bigger and better for many years to come. I would say that the Catholic community and others who have been passionate are the rea-

son it can continue," he told CNS.

One of the 300,000 players who downloaded the game app is Alison Shaffer, a New Jersey mother and author of a blog called "Kitchen Table." She says she isn't a game player, but this is different.

"It brings the Bible off the bookshelf and into your life. It's a modern kind of Bible learning," she said.

Whether she's in a doctor's office waiting room or waiting for her children somewhere, Shaffer said the app is a good alternative to looking at Facebook or emails all the time.



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## ADIRONDACK

## YEAR OF FAITH PARISH MISSION

**Lake Placid** – St. Agnes and St. Brendan's, Keene will begin the Year of Faith with a mission.

**Date:** Oct. 20-21 & Oct. 22 to Oct. 24

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** St. Agnes Church

**Speaker:** Redemptorist Father Kevin MacDonald

## ROSARY RALLY

**Bloomingdale** – Rosary Rally to Our Lady of Fatima to be held.

**Date:** Oct 13

**Time:** Meet at 11:30 a.m.

**Place:** St. Paul's Church outside at Our Blesses Mother's Statue (inside if inclement weather)

**Features:** The Rosary is being prayed by the whole country at this time. This is the anniversary of the 6th apparition of Our Blessed Mother to the 3 children in Fatima. Bring a sandwich; dessert and coffee will be provided.

**Contact:** For more information call Viv at 891-2286, Sister Carol 891-2286 or Mary Lou 891-1308.

## CLINTON

## FOR GREATER GLORY

**Plattsburgh** – "For the Greater Glory" to be shown at Regal Champlain Centre.

**Date:** Oct. 18

**Time:** 7:30 p.m. to 9:53

**Cost:** \$10

**Features:** There are only 128 tickets Go online to <http://www.tugg.com/events/1755> to order tickets.

**Event Info:** The Knights of Columbus in collaboration with others present the true struggle's of the Mexican people in this historical movie. Organizers say, "Let us remember the past and be vigilant about our future to protect our God given right and most precious gift, that of our faith."

## HARVEST DINNER BUFFET

**Altona** – A Harvest Dinner Buffet will be held.

**Date:** Oct. 28

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

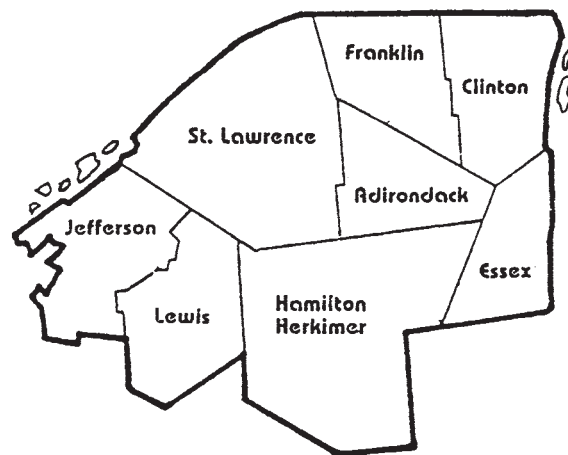
**Place:** Holy Angels Church

**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Children, \$9; under 5, Free

**Features:** Craft Tables, Country Store, Immediate Seating, Take-outs. Said to be the largest buffet around.

## MONTHLY PRAYER GROUP

**Sciota** – Monthly prayer group to be held second Friday of the month.



The North Country Catholic welcomes contributions to "Around the Diocese". Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:

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Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 1-866-314-7296;  
e-mail [news@northcountrycatholic.org](mailto:news@northcountrycatholic.org).

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

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Place:** To be determined, contact Nancy Monette at 561-8225 for details

**Features:** praying the Rosary, The Divine Chaplet, centering around creative prayer and music. Our prayers are offered for the sick in our parishes.

## CRAFTS AND BAKE SALE

**Mooers** – The 25th Annual Crafts Plus and Bake sale sponsored by the Ladies of St. Ann's to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 20

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

**Place:** St. Joseph's Center

**Features:** Lunch will be available. Space still available for vendors. Call Theresa Tassone at 518-236-7733.

## WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

**Ellenburg Center** – Our Lady of the Adirondacks will be hosting a Watercolor workshop.

**Date:** Nov 2-Nov. 4

**Cost:** \$80 for the weekend, includes overnight accommodations and meals.

**Features:** Instructor Claire Hogue-Reid Will teach different techniques, composition, some drawing, knowledge of values, color and the mixing of colors. Supply list sent after reserving.

**Contact:** [olaprayerhouse@gmail.com](mailto:olaprayerhouse@gmail.com) or by calling 518-594-3253

## HARVEST DINNER

**West Chazy** – St. Joseph's Church will hold its 38th Annual Harvest Dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 14

**Time:** Noon to 5 p.m.

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

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

**Features:** Turkey with all of the trimmings, a country store. Take-outs

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

**Place:** St. John's Holy Family" Adoration Chapel, downstairs

**Theme:** "Kateri, lily of purity, pray for us. Kateri, consoler of the heart of Jesus, pray for us . . . Kateri, lover of the cross of Jesus, pray for us . . . Kateri, who loved Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, pray for us . . . Kateri, who loved to pray the rosary for all people, pray for us." (Litany of St. Kateri Tekakwitha).

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

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

## SOAKING PRAYER

**Ellenburg** – Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer have soaking prayer.

**Date:** Every 3rd Monday.

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

**Features:** be immersed in prayer with individual prayer time for specific needs

## SOAKING PRAYER

**Plattsburgh** – Soaking Prayer is offered every second and fourth 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

**Features:** A quiet prayerful environment, to be soaked in God's love

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Keeseville** – The Keeseville Altar Rosary Society will sponsor a Sunday weekly Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament.

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

**Place:** Immaculate Conception Church

## PRAYER MEETING

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

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** St. Peter's Church, St. Brother Andre' Chapel.

**Features:** Prayers and songs of praise, y devotional prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet/Novena, as well as prayers for all concerns. Facilitated by Living Waters Healing Ministry. \

## LECTIO DIVINA

**Ellenburg** – Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer will be having Lectio Divina (Divine Reading), every Friday.

**Time:** 10 a.m. to noon

**Features:** Meditation on the following Sunday's readings and Rosary

## ESSEX

## HARVEST DINNER

**Crown Point** – A Harvest Dinner with Turkey and all the trimmings to be served.

**Date:** Oct. 14

**Time:** Noon to 5 p.m.

**Place:** Sacred Heart Church

**Cost:** \$10

**Features:** Take-outs available

## ROAST BEEF HARVEST DINNER

**Elizabethtown** – St. Elizabeth's Church will hold its annual Roast Beef Harvest Dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 14

**Time:** 2 p.m. to 6

**Place:** Parish Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Children under 12, \$5

**Features:** Take-outs after 1:30 p.m.

Cash raffle tickets and for other items

## FRANKLIN

## YANKEE POT ROAST

**Chateaugay** – The 32nd Yankee Pot Roast, Family Style Harvest Dinner will be held.

**Date:** Oct. 21

**Seatings:** Noon, 2:30 p.m. & 5

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

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Children 6-11, \$4; under 5, free

**Features:** Take-outs and Home Delivery is at 1 p.m. & 4. Reservations are not

needed but appreciated by calling Pat at 497-3183 or Mary Lou at 497-3154 or call the church on Oct. 21 at 497-6673. . There will be a Queen sized hand quilted blanket with quilt rack as well as the Country Store. Proceeds will go towards the Church's renovations

## JEFFERSON

## BEREAVEMENT MEETING

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

**Date:** Oct. 22

**Time:** 7 p.m.

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

**Speaker:** The speaker will be Mr. James L. Monaco psychotherapist in private practice.

## HARVEST HAM DINNER

**Black River** – St. Paul's Church will be having a Harvest Ham Dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 25

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

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Youth 5-12, \$3; under 5, Free

**Features:** Served Family Style with homemade dessert. Take-outs available.

## SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

**Date:** Oct. 25

**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

## ROSARY RALLY

**Watertown** – Rosary Rally to be held on the day of the miracle of the sun at Fatima, Portugal.

**Date:** Oct. 13

**Time:** 1 p.m.

**Place:** St. Patrick's Church by the grotto

**Contact:** Joan Boulio at 315-639-6688

## 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:** 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).

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# Mission Month 2012

This month marks the beginning of a special celebration in the life of the Catholic Church - the celebration of the Year of Faith as declared by our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI. During this Year of Faith, we join with Catholics all around the world in renewing (which means to say YES again), our commitment to be missionaries.

To be missionary we share the love and hope of Jesus with people everywhere. We come together to renew in prayer our commitment to the missionary Church, and to pray as well for all missionaries who spend their lives serving the poor and suffering in Jesus' name. This also means sharing our faith with others with our words and actions. You might be thinking, "Me? Share my faith with others? I can't do that!"

This can be an adventure for us that can require hard work and patience. It's like building a house.

What could you build with only one block? You certainly couldn't build a city. You couldn't even build one house! What if your friends share their blocks? Working together you could build a house. And, as more friends join in the work, you could even build a city. Sharing makes the work easy!

God wants us to share in this same way. He wants us to work together to build the City of God. In this Year of Faith, we are called upon as Catholics to make a special effort to be missionaries and to proclaim the Good News of Jesus to all nations. When you join in the work of the Mission Month, you join with your brothers and sisters across the globe who want to build a better world. By sharing our faith, through our prayers and our gifts, we share our love - and together, we build the City of God.

Whatever state of life God calls us to, we bring with us an assortment of experiences, interests and gifts - however small they seem to us. These lives stand as a reminder that all we are is meant to be put at the service of the Lord to help build the city.

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## OBITUARIES

**Bloomington** - Mary (Alphonso) Martinetti, 96; Funeral Services Oct. 4, 2012 at St. Paul's Church; burial in St. Paul's Cemetery.

**Brushton** - Thomas John Casey, 32; Funeral Services Oct. 2, 2012 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Canton** - Irene M. (Burke) Patterson, 84; Funeral Services Oct. 2, 2012 at the O'Leary Funeral Home; burial in Fairview Cemetery.

**Carthage** - Michele A. (Foley) Kilbourn, 60; Funeral Services Oct. 2, 2012 at the Bezanilla-McGraw Funeral Home; burial in Black River Cemetery.

**Chazy** - Robert F. "Bob" Miller, 88; Funeral Services Oct. 6, 2012 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Lisbon** - Joseph Scott, 81; Funeral services Oct. 8 at St. Phillip and James Church; burial in Campbell Cemetery

**Long Lake** - Carl Robert Jonasch, 72; Funeral Services in Spring at St. Henry's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Massena** - Theresa M. (Hallada) Gibbs, 85; Funeral Services Oct. 2, 2012 at Phillips Memorial Home; burial in Pine Grove Cemetery, Norfolk.

**Mooers Forks** - David D. Walker, 52; Funeral Services Oct. 3, 2012 at St. Ann's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** - Charles (Scoop) Roach, 87; Funeral Services Oct. 8 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in parish cemetery

**Raymondville** - Marjorie E. (Rollins) Beaulieu, 86; Funeral Services Sept. 29, 2012 at St. Raymond's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery, Massena.

**Watertown** - Ivan H. Bertrand, 80; Funeral Services Oct. 3, 2012 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church; burial in Calvary

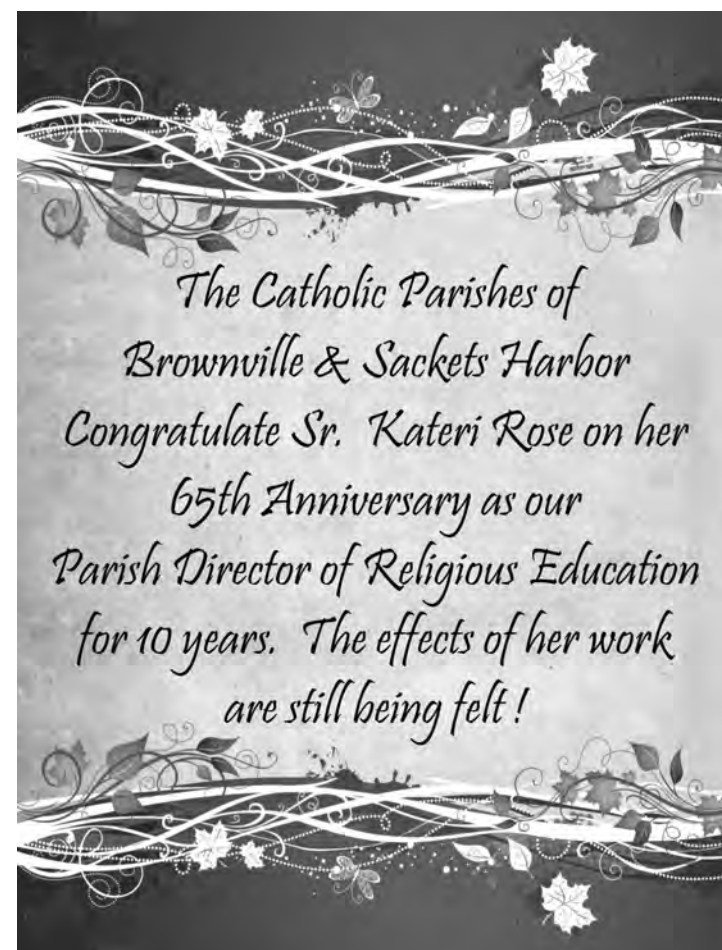
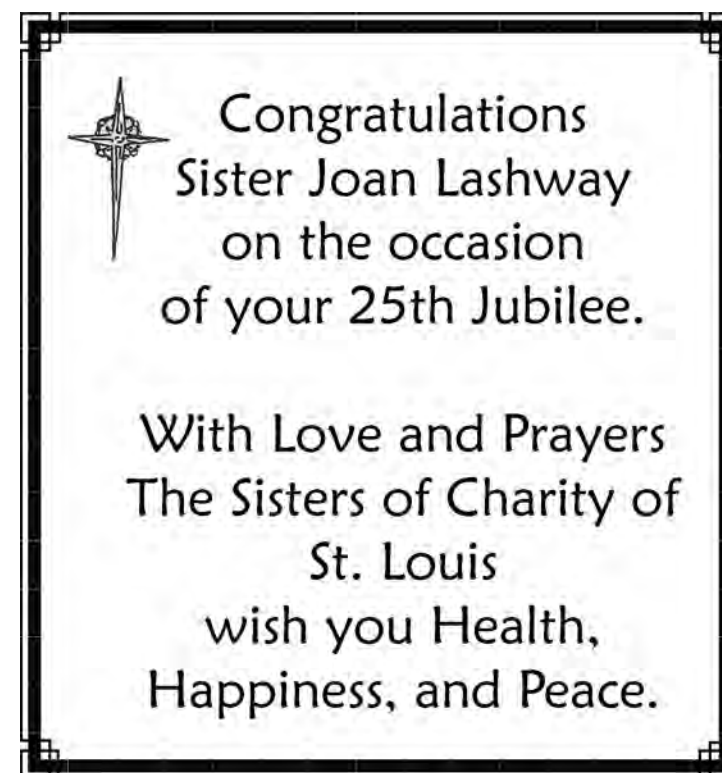
Cemetery.

**Watertown** - Valentino R. "Tino" Pacific, 84; Funeral Services Sept. 29, 2012 at St. Patrick's Church.

**Watertown** - Mary Ann (Ratigliano)

Phillips, 61; Funeral Services Oct. 4, 2012 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery,

**Willsboro** - Caitlin (Wade) Bridge, 27; Funeral Oct. 4, 2012 at St. Philip of Jesus Church; burial in Memorial Cemetery.



# Around the diocese

## JEFFERSON

### CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14 SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER

**Evans Mills** – The Indian River Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Spaghetti & Meatball dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 13

**Time:** 4 p.m.

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

**Cost:** Adults, \$7; Seniors, \$6; Children under 12, \$5; under 5, Free; sauce, \$5 per quart.

### BENEFIT DINNER

**Watertown** – A spaghetti dinner will be held to benefit the Watertown Special Religious Education Program.

**Date:** Oct. 23

**Time:** 5 p.m. to 7

**Place:** Italian American Club

**Cost:** \$8

**Features:** Take-outs begin at 4:30 p.m.

## LEWIS

### PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

**Turin** – A Public Rosary Crusade with a Spirit Walk has been planned

**Date:** Oct. 13

**Time:** Noon

**Place:** Fatima Garden

**Features:** Will be held rain or shine.

Come pray the rosary and honor our Lady of Fatima. All are welcome.

### HARVEST ROAST BEEF DINNER

**Harrisville** – Harvest Roast Beef dinner to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 17

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

**Place:** St. Francis Solanus Church

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

**Features:** Take-outs available at 4 p.m.

### ST. HEDWIG'S POLISH FEST

**Houseville** – Save the date for St. Hedwig's Polish Festival.

**Date:** Oct. 21

**Time:** at noon after the celebration of the 11 a.m. Mass.

**Features:** The Fest will feature a delicious Polish Platter, Theme Basket Raffles, Baked Goods, Ice Cream Sundaes and a 50/50 Raffle. Proceeds to benefit church restoration and repairs.

**Contact:** 348-8735 or 348-6260.

## ST. LAWRENCE

### HARVEST DINNER

**Ogdensburg** – Notre Dame Parish will be having a fresh Turkey Dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 21

**Time:** Noon to 3 p.m.

**Place:** K of C Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Children 5-12, \$5; under 5 (must be present), free

**Features:** Take outs are available. There will be a craft table and a 50/50 raffle.

### CABBAGE ROLL DINNER

**Waddington** – St. Mary's will be having a Cabbage Roll Dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 21

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

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

**Cost:** Adults, \$7; Children, \$3.50; under 5, Free

### FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRIES

**Ogdensburg** – The Knights of Columbus Council 258's Friday Night Fish Fries are back.

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 7 every Friday until Spring

**Place:** K of C Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Children 5-12, \$4; under 5, Free

**Features:** Take-out will be available. The K of C Ladies Auxiliary provides homemade dessert for \$1 and there is a cash bar. All processed benefit K of C Charities. Choices of Fresh Haddock or Shrimp dinner with Macaroni and Cheese or French Fries or half and half. Also served Cole Slaw and a roll.

### PARISH BAZAAR

**Massena** – St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Churches will be having a Parish Bazaar.

**Date:** Nov. 10

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

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

**Features:** Something for everyone! Bring the family! Plenty of delicious food and excellent parking.

### LASAGNA DINNER

**Heuvelton** – The annual St. Raphael's Lasagna Dinner will be held.

**Date:** Oct. 24

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

**Place:** Heuvelton Central School Cafeteria; Takeouts will be available. Please call St. Raphael's Rectory at 344-2383 Oct 24 between 12 noon and 3 p.m. to place a takeout order

**Cost:** Adults, \$7; senior citizens (over age 65), \$6; children (ages 6-12), \$5; children under age 6, free

**Features:** Proceeds from the meal will be donated to Catholic Relief Services and the American Red Cross. Lasagna is prepared by Theresa Smith's Culinary Arts Class.

### RUMMAGE SALE

**Canton** – Rummage Sale to held.

**Date and Time:** Oct. 12 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Oct. 13 7:30 a.m. to 11

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

**Features:** Oct. 13 will also feature a bag sale.

### CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER

**Heuvelton** – Msgr. Robert Giroux Knights of Columbus will be having a Chicken & Biscuit Dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 13

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

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

**Donation:** \$7

### GUN AND KNIFE SHOW

**Brasher** – The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Gun and Knife Show.

**Date:** Oct. 13 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Oct. 14 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Place:** K of C Hall

**Cost:** \$3; under 12 free must be accompanied by an adult.

**Features:** Dealers will be present with hunting, fishing, archery and sporting items. Dealers wishing to reserve tables can contact Phil Davis at 315-389-4627. Concessions stand open all day, breakfast served until 11 a.m.

### LIFECCHAIN

**Massena** – Lifechain to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 14

**Time:** 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Place:** Main Street at Rt. 37

**Features:** A peaceful, prayerful, pro-life presence. Open to all faiths. We stand for life rain or shine. Signs are provided.

**Contact:** Pastor Clifford Boice at 315-764-1242 for more information.

### K OF C BRUNCH

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

**Date:** Oct. 14

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

**Place:** Visitation Parish Center; Takeouts available

**Cost:** Adults, \$7; Children under 12, \$4; Under 5, Free; Family, \$18

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Massena** – St. Mary's & St. Joseph's holds 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.

### HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

**Ogdensburg** – St. Mary's Cathedral holds a monthly Holy Hour to pray 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

### 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.

### SURVIVOR SUPPORT GROUP

**Canton** – The Surviving Spouse Friendship and Support Group meets the first Thursday of the month.

**Time:** 9 a.m.

**Place:** Best Western University Inn

**Contact:** Lita Maroney at 379-1650 for more information and for restaurant planning purposes.

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

### FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP DISCUSSION

A Web Discussion on Faithful Citizenship in an Election Year with staff from New York State Catholic Conference, sponsored by Office of Young Adult Ministry, has been set.

**Date:** Oct. 21 and 22

**Time:** 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. both days

**Contact:** Lorraine Turgeon at 315-323-4989 or e-mail at lturgeon@dioogdensburg.org for more information.

### WITNESSES OF FAITH

**Ogdensburg** – The diocesan observance of the Year of Faith will officially open with a prayer service called Witnesses of Faith Celebration.

**Date:** Nov. 18

**Time:** 2 p.m.

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

**Features:** Bishop Terry R. LaValley will preside at the service which will celebrate the lives of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Mother Marianne Cope, OSF, and St. Brother Andre Bessette, CSC. The main speaker for the Prayer Service will be Sister Kateri Mitchell, a Sister of St. Anne and native of the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation. Sister Kateri is the executive director of the Tekakwitha Conference in Great Falls, Mont. A reception will follow in the Bishop Brzana Hall at the cathedral

## NEIGHBORING DIOCESES

### WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

**Syracuse** – The third annual Syracuse Catholic Women's Conference will be held

**Date:** Oct. 27

**Place:** Oncenter Convention Center

**Schedule:** Registration 8 a.m., Conference begins at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Contact:** Registration now open www.syracusecwc.com

### VERMONT CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

**Barre, Vt.** – The theme for this sixth annual Vermont Catholic Conference is "By Faith..." (Hebrews 11) to coincide with the "Year of Faith".

**Date:** Nov. 3

**Place:** St. Monica Church

**Speaker:** Msgr. Stuart Swetland – Chair for Christian Ethics and the President's Committee on Catholic Identity and Mission at Mount St. Mary's University in Maryland.

**Features:** The conference will include workshops on: Christian Ethics, Faith in Politics, Stronger Faith in 30 Days (Ignatian Spirituality), Faith in Action, I Believe; We Believe, and Theology of the Body – Part II. Share your own faith story in 500 words or less to appear in the registration packet by emailing to info@vtchallengers.org by October 12th.

**Contact:** www.VTchallengers.org for more information or to register

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