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## 'Christ is the answer'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - To evangelize means to help people understand that God himself has responded to their questions, and that his response - the gift of salvation in Jesus Christ - is available to them as well, Pope Benedict XVI said.

"Our role in the new evangelization is to cooperate with God," the pope told the

more than 260 cardinals, bishops and priests who are members of the world Synod of Bishops on the new evangelization. "We can only let people know what God has done."

In a 21-minute, off-the-cuff reflection during morning prayer at the synod's opening session Oct. 8, Pope Benedict spoke of the impor-

ance of prayer in the church's push for a new evangelization, the meaning of evangelization, and sharing the Gospel through both proclamation and charity.

The pope examined the use of the word "evangelion," the Greek term that is the root of the English word "evangelization," and which is itself translated as

"Gospel." In the Book of Isaiah, he noted, the Hebrew equivalent of the word describes "the voice that announces a victory, that announces goodness, joy and happiness," transmitting the message that "God has not forgotten his people," and that he intervenes with power in history to save them.

## The Year of Faith begins Oct. 11

To mark the opening of the Year of Faith, which will be observed through the Feast of Christ the King in November, 2013, the *North Country Catholic* presents its first "Story of Faith." Bishop LaValley writes the first column, reflecting on the growth of his faith through the years

Other Year of Faith features this week include reports on Catholic Lighthouse Media, the Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer, the Marriage Jubilee and the opening the Bishops's Synod on the New Evangelization in Rome.

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## Harvest Mass of Thanksgiving

Bishop LaValley invites all farmers, their families and co-workers to St. Mary's Church in Brushton, Nov. 4; Mass begins at 1:30 p.m.

## REMEMBERING THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL

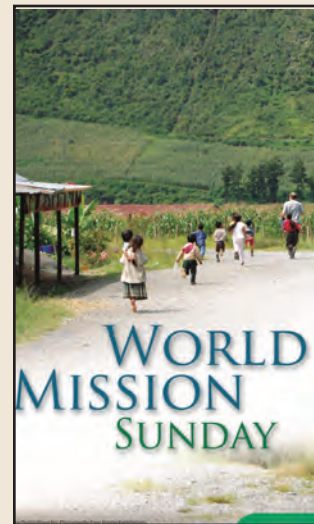


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Pilgrims attend a candlelight vigil in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Oct. 11 to mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. Father Bill Muench continues his reflection on his personal memories of the council on page 2. This week, he writes about the new spirit of ecumenism that the Vatican Council brought to the church.

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Set for October 21



On World Mission Sunday, Oct. 21, Catholics of the world unite at Mass to recommit themselves to their vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries. "As this year's celebration takes place at the beginning of the Year of Faith, we are called in a special way to be 'missionaries of faith' above all through prayer and participation in the Eucharist, said Father Andrew Small, national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. The local mission office has prepared the annual Mission Report, listing donation from parishes and schools across the North Country.

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

## Missions... near &amp; far

It's a case of perfect timing that we're publishing our annual diocesan Mission Report, in advance of next week's Mission Sunday, in the same issue that we launch the Year of Faith.

When I was going to Catholic school – a 100 years or so ago – “mission work” and “evangelization” were nearly synonymous, at least in my understanding.

The only children who needed to be evangelized were those “pagan babies” on the other side of the world.

When I started to work at the NCC, the diocesan mission director and diocesan evangelization director were the same person - Msgr. Anthony Milia, who also managed to pastor a good-sized parish in Watertown.

While I'm sure that Msgr. Milia could handle all those roles today, it's a reflection of our growing understanding of evangelization that we recognize that we need to spread the faith right in our own pews, in our own families... not just in Asia or South America.

With headlines shouting “No religious affiliation' now describes nearly fifth of US population,” it seems obvious that some “Propagation of the Faith” is necessary in our back yards.

Pope Benedict and some of the world's most important bishops

are spending the next couple of weeks at a Synod trying to figure out the best possible way to carry out a new evangelization to every corner of the world.

But, we don't have to wait for their final report to know that each of us has a personal responsibility in this critical work.

There should be no question that we need to nurture our personal relationships with Jesus and be prepared to share our stories of faith with each other.

Bishop LaValley does it beautifully in the first installment of the NCC's

new “Story of Faith” series, reflecting on the role his parents, teachers and brother priests have played in the growth of his faith. “There is nothing sophisticated about my faith story,” he writes, “but it is real.”

I imagine that's something each of us could write!

Still, the evangelization needs in our part of the world don't diminish our responsibility to spread the faith in the Mission World, too.

World Mission Sunday gives us the opportunity to remember, with great generosity, the great needs of some 1,150 mission dioceses around the world.

And, it's a perfect opportunity to pray for *everyone* who needs evangelization... from Bangladesh to North Bangor!

Mary Lou  
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## A new spirit of ecumenism

I have been considering with you some of the important changes that the Second Vatican Council brought into my Catholic life and my priesthood.

One of those changes was the encouragement of ecumenism – the relations of our Catholic Church with ministers and people of other faiths.

The Second Vatican Council discussed ecumenism and promulgated a Decree on Ecumenism in 1964. This decree encouraged a new spirit or dialogue and prayer with other Christian faiths.

This was quite a turnaround for our Church. Ecumenism was not a strong point for Catholics in those days; in fact, it was discouraged.

Jesuit Father John O'Malley, author of *What Happened at Vatican II*, wrote this, “who would have thought even five years earlier that a Council of the Roman Catholic Church would address an issue as Ecumenism – and, moreover, to do so with a fundamentally positive attitude.”

Ever since those days of the Council I have had many wonderful opportunities for ecumenical prayer services, especially at times like Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is rather special joining people from my parish with people and ministers of other Churches. Many times these services are truly enjoyable – great fun. I even grew to enjoy getting up early on Easter Sunday for the Ecumenical Sunrise Service.

I have discovered many good things from interfaith meetings and actions. Together we have developed food shelves and other ways to help the needy. Reading some Protestant theologians has given me a deeper understanding of many theological questions. It has developed my openness and readiness to understand.

For us today, these ecumenical experiences are an important part of parish life. Before the Council, many of these were discouraged by our Church. We never considered entering a Protestant Church, never for a service. It was just part of our life as Catholics.

For me, there was an interesting initiation to my ecumenism even as a young person. I had a very good friendship with a Protestant minister in our town. He was a great guy – and, I must admit, encouraged my own vocation. I remember him well. So, I was pleased when the Council promulgated the Decree on Ecumenism, encouraging dialogue with other Christian faiths.

The Council challenged us all: “in Ecumenical work, Catholics must assuredly be concerned for their separated brethren, praying for them, keeping them informed about the Church, making the first approaches toward them.”

Pope John XXIII considered the unity among all faiths to be one of his hopes for his council. His prayer was the prayer of Jesus – “that all may be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you; I pray that they may be one in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. (John 17:21)

I want to share with you this insight from “John XXIII, The Official Biography”, by Mario Benigni and Goffredo Zanchi – *After reaffirming his desire to offer his life for the Church, the Council, world peace and Christian unity, he said that the secret of his entire priesthood was found in the crucifix. Directing their attention to the one hanging on the wall in front of his bed, the pope said, “He looks at me and I speak to him. In our long and frequent conversations during the night, the thought of the redemption of the world has appeared more urgent to me than ever: “I have other sheep that are not of this fold.” These arms proclaim that he died for everyone – for everyone. No one is rejected from his love, from his forgiveness. But it is the world “that they may be one” that Christ has especially left as a testament to his Church.*



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YEAR OF FAITH...STORY OF FAITH

# Taste again for the first time

A few months ago, Pope Benedict XVI announced that the Year of Faith would begin on October 11, 2012 and conclude on November 24, 2013, the Solemnity of Christ the King.

**Our children and youth need to hear your faith stories. Share with them your lived experience of God**

The opening date coincides with two significant anniversaries that have marked the recent history of the Church: the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council (1962) and the twentieth anniversary of the promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1992).

As the beginning of this special time nears, and as I continue to reflect on my own faith story, it becomes clearer and clearer to me that my family, particularly my mother and father, helped to form the image I have of God. A few examples will illustrate my point.

I grew up with a mother who was (and is) constantly doing things for others. The first one up and the last one to go to bed at night, I grew up with a mother who defined unselfish giving for my siblings and me. When we were sick, the first word that would come out of our mouths was "MA!!" Never mind if she wasn't feeling well. In her case, my dad and her children--others always came first.

My mom taught me about my God who gives Himself without limit for others.

Being an excellent cook, she could (and still does) put on some awesome meals. Seconds were a given. She, also, made sure that we never missed the Eucharistic Feast. Opting out of the Meal at the Altar on Sunday was never an option. During Lent, as soon as we were off the school bus, we walked to 4pm Mass. That meant we missed The Edge of Night and the Secret Storm before supper! Oh well, they are no longer numbered among the soaps, and I have grown in my faith and love of the Mass.

My mom saw to it that both our bodies and our souls were nourished.

My father would contribute to my understanding of God in powerful ways, as well. He could fix anything that needed fixing. My God makes

everything right when things and people seem broken and irreparable.

My father was the disciplinarian and I learned that there are consequences for what we do or don't do - the Crucified One is the Example Par Excellence.

When traveling as a family, while sitting in the back seat (my older sister always got to sit in the front seat!) I always felt completely safe even though I couldn't see the road ahead because no one could drive better and no one knew how to get anywhere better than my father. I knew at an early age that my God would protect me and I was always safe in His arms, headed in His direction. I, also, learned from my father what justice meant. No matter what everyone else is doing or what they say, I had to do the right thing. So, you see, I have no doubt

that ours is a just God.

Another lesson that we learned from my dad was to always respect my mother. Jesus would have it no other way!

My grandparents, too, helped provide for the fertile ground from which my faith would grow. Kneeling around their bed at night during summer vacation when barn chores were done and before we called it a day, we prayed the Rosary. Even though my grandfather prayed in French, I figured God understood.

God can understand what's in our hearts, no matter the way we communicate it. Regardless of how hard we worked during the day, prayer to conclude the day was fitting.

I remember, too, the pastor coming to my other grandparents' to celebrate Mass in their home. My aunt would proudly tickle the keys of her portable organ, inviting us to sing familiar hymns. We prayed and Jesus was our special Guest, present in the form of bread and wine.

God's awesome Gift of Life was made real in a special way for me when my nieces and nephews were born. The Paschal Mystery continues to unfold and take on deeper significance when I grapple with the death of loved ones--my brother-in-law, grandparents and father.

It must be so very difficult to live without family and faith, particularly during those heart-wrenching moments of our lives.

So, you see, my family and my faith go hand in hand. As I left home and entered the military, I



**Bishop  
Terry R.  
LaValley**



was gifted to befriend chaplains who asked me to teach religion class on base and who shared their own faith story with me.

As I entered Wadhams Hall, my family expanded and close friendships developed with other men discerning the Lord's will for them, too.

Their faith and their prayer life inspire and nurture my own faith.

As a priest, the strong faith of parishioners and coworkers has supported, influenced and inspired my own pilgrimage of faith.

I pray that you, the good people of the Diocese of Ogdensburg will begin this Year of Faith thanking God for the treasure of your faith. As you see, there is nothing sophisticated about my faith story, but it is real.

Our children and youth need to hear your faith stories. Share with them your lived experience of God. Pray for our parents and spouses who are struggling to live the faith at home.

Pray for a greater appreciation of the Mass and devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. Seek to enhance your own knowledge of the faith. Tend to your soul. Follow Jesus, with the rest of your sisters and brothers.

Taste again for the first time your personal encounter with Jesus Christ and be not afraid to tell your story of that encounter!

## Diocese's policies found to comply with *Charter*

OGDENSBURG - Ten years after the promulgation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, the Diocese of Ogdensburg continues to be in full compliance with the 17-point document

Elaine Seymour, *Charter*

compliance coordinator, reported that StoneBridge Business Partners of Rochester, conducted an on-site audit Sept. 4-5 to review the Diocese of Ogdensburg for the July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012 year. Earlier audits had been conducted by the Gavin

Group of Boston.

Auditors visit the diocese every three years to provide information and guidance that can be useful to the bishop.

"Compliance with the articles of the *Charter* has a greater significance than

simply passing an audit," Mrs. Seymour said. "Compliance reflects the Church's embrace of promises made by the bishops to protect the young and vulnerable and to facilitate the healing of victims of clergy sex abuse."

The auditors met with

Bishop Terry R. LaValley, Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, safe environment coordinator; the diocesan review board, the victims assistance coordinator; and other diocesan representatives who oversee the implementation of the *Charter*.

YEAR OF FAITH ... PARISH RESOURCES

# Pastors praise Lighthouse Catholic Media products

By Mary Lou Kilian  
Editor

OGDENSBURG – In preparation for the Year of Faith, pastors across the diocese have been exploring resources to assist parishioners in deepening their faith.

Lighthouse Catholic Media is an option that has received positive reviews from several priests of the North Country.

A not-for-profit company that distributes CDs and digital downloads of Catholic-themed content, Lighthouse Catholic Media has provided CD programs to over 5,000 Catholic parishes throughout the United States and Canada.

The products cover topics

such as the New Evangelization, marriage and family, liturgical seasons, the sacraments, praying the rosary, Eucharistic adoration and more.



Bryant Sandburg

Lighthouse Catholic Media was founded in 2005, by Mark Middendorf, Terry Barber and Dave Durand.

Today, the group partners with Ignatius Press, Word on Fire Ministries, Catholics Come Home, Matthew Kelly Foundation and MyConsecration.org.

Bryant Sandburg of St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg serves as the local representative for Lighthouse Catholic Media. His division covers the dioceses of Ogdensburg, Syracuse, Rochester and Albany.

Sandburg has made presentations in parishes across the diocese including the

Roman Catholic Church of St. John's in Plattsburgh.

Father Timothy Canaan, pastor of St. John's, told the *North Country Catholic* that "Lighthouse Catholic Media has been a wonderful resource to so many of our parishioners. The topics and presenters cover a wide variety of faith issues that appeal to many from junior high students to college students to the retired person trying to grow in their faith and a deeper relationship with Christ.

"Last Christmas we gave as a gift to every family that came to church on Christmas the CD 'Becoming of Yourself' by Matthew Kelly," Father Canaan said. "Many families listened to the CD together and others passed the CD on to children and friends who lived away from home.

"I might add also that I had several individuals who after listening to a CD by Scott Hahn experienced the Sacrament of Reconciliation after being away from the sacrament for many years," Father Canaan said.

"In another example I had a parishioner, gain courage from listening to the CD's



PHOTO BY KEN RACETTE

A parishioner of St. John the Baptist Church looks over some of the audio CDs displayed in a kiosk filled with Lighthouse Catholic Media products.

that Lighthouse offers, to talk about the faith, so much so to actually encourage a dying person to come back to the sacraments," he said. "This subtle ministry has offered spiritual nourishment and growth to many and the blessings received are endless."

Father Patrick Ratigan, pas-

tor of St. Cecilia's Church in Adams and its mission in Henderson, has had a similar reaction to the Lighthouse media products

"The Lighthouse program provides another opportunity to evangelize and learn about our faith," he said. "Those who use the program find it very beneficial and enlightening. I know of many people who pass the discs along to their friends and family.

"The Lighthouse material is good and solid" Father Ratigan said. "The topics are both timely and engaging."

"We are going to give everyone at all the Christmas Masses a copy of Matthew Kelly's 'Rediscovering Catholicism,'" he said. "The book is an easy read and will surely help us to grow in our faith.

"We will follow up with a series of adult education meetings," he said.

"I would recommend it other parishes," Father Ratigan said,

Further information about Lighthouse Catholic Media is available from Sandburg at 315-393-4529 or by email at bryant.sandburg@twcny.rr.com

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~Bill Kellerhals

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YEAR OF FAITH... A PLACE FOR PRAYER

# Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer

By Suzanne Pietropaoli  
Staff Writer

**ELLENBURG CENTER** - Healing prayer. Eucharistic adoration. Lection Divina. First Saturday devotions. Retreat days. Conferences.

**For the past 40 years, Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer in Ellenburg Center has offered a wide variety of opportunities for men and women seeking to deepen their relationship with God**

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The simplicity of the place bespeaks its origins as a one-room school house, but for the past forty years it has served rather, to borrow from The Rule of St. Benedict, as a school for the love of God.

Pat Hanley, director of the House of Prayer for the past three years, never met its founder, the late Father Joseph P. Trombley—but she certainly shares his vision and his enthusiasm.

"I feel like I know him from his written history of this house," she said. "It is hard not to be amazed by Father Trombley's faith in God's providence. He saw the need for a House of Prayer, and trusted that God would bless the effort to establish it.

"Clearly it was God's work, to have lasted all these years," she said. "Despite a long and sometimes difficult history, this is a welcoming place and there is great peace here. I do feel the presence of the Lord in this house."

So do those who come to pray—for an hour, a day, or a longer stay.

Ms. Hanley points to the



PHOTOS BY AMANDA RICHEY

**Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer in Ellenburg Center offers a number of opportunities for prayer including days of retreat, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, soaking prayer, healing prayer and more. At right, director Pat Hanley works in the gift shop where icons, handcrafts and quilts are available for sale.**

deep need that people have to pray and to be prayed for; she explains how both needs are addressed at Our Lady of the Adirondacks.

"Every Friday morning, from 10 to noon, we combine Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Lectio Divina, where we meditate on the Scriptures for the coming Sunday," she said.

"People find that this opens Scripture to them, and that Sunday Mass means so much more," she said.

"Both Adoration and Lectio teach us to be quiet in the presence of God," Ms. Hanley said. "It is so important to be polite to the Lord in prayer, to listen and let him work."

For those seeking an extended opportunity for meeting the Lord in silence, the House of Prayer is open to anyone wishing to make a private retreat, whether for a day or a week.

Days of reflection are also offered at various times, with conferences to help guide individuals in their prayer.

Recently, through the kindness of Father Bill Edwards,

Our Lady of the Adirondacks was able to host Saturday morning Mass in conjunction with the First Saturday devotion; this in turn led to 25 people making the act of consecration to the blessed Virgin Mary as prescribed by St. Louis de Montfort.

Those seeking prayer for healing, or for other needs, find a variety of options at Our Lady of the Adirondacks.

"If you would like private prayer, we offer individual appointments with our prayer team," the OLA brochure states. "Two of our prayer ministers will meet with you for a one-hour session, by appointment only."

Another option is "soaking prayer," in which participants relax and soak in the presence of the Lord while the prayer team prays quietly for their written intentions.

New this year is the intercessory prayer line via email. One may email a prayer request

to [olaprayerhouse@gmail.com](mailto:olaprayerhouse@gmail.com); that prayer request, kept confidential by the use of first names only, goes out to

40 intercessors who will pray for the intentions.

Throughout the year, Our Lady of the Adirondacks offers a four-day "School of Healing Prayer," using training materials developed at Christian Healing Ministries by Francis and Judith MacNutt.

In the spring and fall each year, OLA hosts a healing Mass celebrated by Father Doug Decker.

In addition to all these opportunities, the House of Prayer is available for use by parishes and other groups looking for a peaceful, pleasant meeting place.

Pat Hanley would like to see the house used in this way more often than it is at present.

"I would really like to promote this, especially to parish groups," she states. "We would like to have more priests come by to see what we can offer here, so they in might turn encourage their parishioners to come.

"I often think that the House of Prayer would be a great place for Confirmation

retreats," she said. "Atmosphere changes everything, and the atmosphere here is one of peace and prayer."

The Director also notes that such uses would help to support the House of Prayer, funding for which is always a challenge.

"We do not set prices for the use of our space, or for what we do here," according to Ms. Hanley. "We depend on the free-will offerings of participants, and the generosity of donors.

"At present we are really being supported by bequests," she said. "But they are small and the bills, especially for fuel, are large. Our future is very much in God's hands, and in the hands those who may be inspired to help us—or to join us in this apostolate."

Still, she is doing her part: in the time-honored way of religious houses, Ms. Hanley sells icons on site toward the support of Our Lady of the Adirondacks, and has recently added handcrafts and quilts to the gift shop at the house.

A Catholic Lay Apostolic Association with juridic status under the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer is served by a Board of Directors. Tony Roberts is president, Susan Morrow is vice-president, Rita Breen is secretary and Tide Breen is treasurer. Other board members include Dr. Ruth Cassin and Bernard Retneiya; Fr. Jack Downs and Fr. Alan Lamica are spiritual directors.

Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer Association is always open to new members—people willing to volunteer at the house, to attend events there, and to lend their support through prayer and almsgiving.

Members and friends receive a seasonal newsletter, "Not By Bread Alone," with updates about the house, insights into its history and purpose, and a current schedule of events.

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THE YEAR OF FAITH... SUPPORT FOR THE SACRAMENTS

# At the Marriage Jubilee

Bishop LaValley's homily  
for the 2012 Marriage  
Jubilee Sunday, Sept 30

One autumn, when the earth was very young, a group of trees in the forest had a quarrel about which of them was the most beautiful tree that God had made and which of them gave God the most glory.

A proud oak with orange leaves spoke up and said, "You should be orange like me! Orange is the color of so many delicious fruits and vegetables: carrots, squash, pumpkins. God has done the best work in me!"

A beautiful red maple then spoke up and said, "Oh no, you trees should be red like me! I'm the color of juicy red apples, strawberries and cherry Kool-Aid! That's why I give God the most glory."

Then a golden elm said, "Uh uh! You should give glory to God by being like me. I'm a bright yellow. When people see me, they think of the sun, full of light and warmth. What could be better than that? Besides, I'm the color of scrambled eggs. God has done the best work in me."

Finally, God, who had made all three trees, spoke up, "Can't I work my wonders through all of you trees as I choose? If I had worked the same way in all of you, none of you would be as beautiful as you are. Your real beauty lies in being different from each other. Who are you, Mr. Oak, to tell Mr. Maple that he can't give glory to me as a maple? And who are you, Mr. Maple, to tell Mr. Elm that he can't give glory to me as an elm? The cold north winds will soon be here to teach you all a lesson. They will teach you to be humble by snatching away your brightly colored leaves."

Sometimes we think and



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

A birds-eye view of Bishop LaValley and the couples honored during the 2012 Marriage Jubilee held Sept. 30 at St. Mary's Cathedral. The bishop's message to the couples is printed here.

act like those imaginary trees in the early days of creation.

Sometimes we are quite unafraid to declare that our way of seeing things is the right way, indeed, the only way.

Joshua thought like that in the first reading. He didn't want to believe that God could work through Eldad and Medad, those two Israelites who were left behind in the camp, but not left out when it came to glorifying God.

The disciples of Jesus thought like that. They didn't want to believe that God could work through someone who hadn't received their own seal of approval, and so they made quite a fuss about that stranger who was casting out spirits in the powerful Name of Jesus.

Husbands and wives, you know that such an attitude spells trouble for marriages. Indeed, in many cases, trying to force someone else to see things our way (or else) can risk future happiness. I'm reminded of a story I heard about Ken.

Ken was in his mid-twenties when he ran into an old school chum whom he hadn't seen in several years.

"Are you married?" asked the friend. "No," sighed Ken, "Not yet." "Why not?" The friend wanted to know. "Well," said Ken, "I kept taking girls home to meet the family and my mother always hated them. She always found something wrong with them. She hated every girl I brought home, and I just stopped trying. But then I found a girl who was exactly like my mother. She looked like her, walked like her, talked like her and so I took this girl home." The friend said, "What happened?" Ken answered, "Well, my father hated her."

You would not be here celebrating wedding anniversaries unless you learned to be tolerant, even accepting, of your spouse's thoughts and feelings. In other words, you have learned to respect your spouse's dignity as a human person.

Differences in temperament, in likes and dislikes, differences in tastes and styles, allowing your spouse

to grow with you and not into another you, adds richness to your family.

Being tolerant without being judgmental allows God's Spirit to inspire another to be all they can be.

Such tolerance is a necessary ingredient if our families are to become schools where respect for the human person is expected and modeled.

Tolerance is the fruit of compassionate listening and honest sharing. That doesn't mean that principles are compromised or one looks the other way when Gospel teaching and our Catholic values are undermined. Truth is never negotiable. However, tolerance does provide the environment for thoughtful dialogue and the possibility of growth and conversion.

Tolerance is possible where unconditional love resides.

Both Joshua and the disciples of Jesus in our readings today were guilty of throwing roadblocks in the path of God as God made the divine glory known among His people. We are guilty of

doing the same when we insist that God can act only in ways that God has revealed to us, when we think that we have an exclusive recipe for God's grace.

We make others stumble over our roadblocks when we say to them in our words and actions, "If you will jump through my particular hoop or sign on my particular dotted line, then and only then will I certify you as worthy of my acceptance. That's not love. That's prideful control.

You see, the way that God chooses to work in me may be very different from the way that God works in you, and that's ok, because we think, speak, act and pray differently.

God made us to be different, but still accomplishing His good purposes in all of us. And that means that each of us gives glory to God as God works in us. The beautifully colored oak, maple and elm trees are all part of God's wonderful, masterful plan for creation.

Of course, it's not always easy to rejoice in our differences in our families. Nevertheless, the family is where we learn to be tolerant and accepting of each other.

Each one of us is a vitally important and beautifully different thread in the tapestry of life. After all, each of us is created in the image and likeness of our God. We shouldn't try building others into our image. We need only watch the news to see what evil can do where tolerance is absent.

Wives and husbands, your presence here this afternoon is a public proclamation of your faithfulness and unconditional wedded love for each other. Thank you for your faithful witness. Thank you for your efforts to be good teachers and models of tolerance for your families.

God bless you all!

## YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

# Keeping faith at the forefront as you vote

By Kristina Dean  
Staff Writer

During the last election, I entered into a discussion about politics with my family. Big mistake.

**I would encourage everyone to look into “non-negotiables” and to decide what you think can’t be overlooked, even if you don’t agree with all the candidate’s policies or beliefs.**

And actually, it wasn’t really a discussion. What started out as a comparison between Hilary Clinton and Sarah Palin became a very loud argument. A very loud in-your-face kind of argument. In front of my mother’s guests. Oh – and our family pastor.

Thus began one of my rules in life – don’t ever discuss politics. And I carried this through all mediums, including phone conversations, email and social media. I have seen lots of advertisements, news articles, and friends’ posts, but I have not been inclined to join.

Until now.

What has caused this deci-

sion? One reason is I have changed the way I make decisions. And I also feel that this year there is so much at stake, especially for us as Catholics.

Although our vote is always important, I believe we are part of a swing vote that can change the course of the elections.

In the past, I’d made decisions about how I would vote based on my party affiliation, candidates speeches, and - although I am ashamed to admit it - the news media and advertisements. If a candidate was a particularly good speaker, they won me over. I didn’t bother to research their records, beliefs, stances and previous decisions.

Shame on me.

During the last election, I voted because I wanted a change. I also wanted to be part of a voting constituency that voted for the first African-American president. I was proud to do so. I felt like I was part of history. I figured, if I couldn’t have a female president, let us have one with a different skin color. Although this is a fine idea, it blinded me to issues.

Before the past presidential election, I was a different person. I had yet to go



Kristina Dean, in an NCC file photo, leads song at a Woman of Grace retreat held earlier this year at Wadhams Hall.

through the Catholic women’s ministry called Women of Grace. I hadn’t yet attended Rachel’s Vineyard, a healing retreat. I had been away from the church for a very long time. I was just getting back into it. I set my religion away from me – almost as something I only thought about on Sunday – and neglected it when I made decisions.

I have decided that this time I will wear my faith at the voting booth. I am ex-

amining issues through my Catholic lens.

Even though I am often discouraged with both candidates, sick of the amount of money wasted on campaigns, and tired of the bashing, I can’t afford to not vote. I will use what I consider “non-negotiables” to make my decision.

I struggle with the parties because I always seem to be stuck in the middle. I never seem to totally agree with either. I am strongly pro-life, but it always seems that even though one candidate may stand against abortion, usually I don’t agree with their economic policy, plan for education, etc.

Thus I have a dilemma.

A wise priest once told me that as a Catholic, I would never find a “side” that I totally agreed with, that we would always feel torn between them. Catholic candidates who vote with their beliefs are few and far between.

How do we draw lines and make decisions?

“Non-negotiables” are those extremely important beliefs that as a Catholic I need to uphold. I feel – and this is for me extremely personal – that the sanctity of life is my top priority. So

this year I will base my vote on the candidate that stands against abortion.

Don’t get me wrong – I’m not trying to tell you for whom to vote. I just want you to be informed.

I would encourage everyone to look into these “non-negotiables” and to decide what you think can’t be overlooked, even if you don’t agree with all the candidate’s policies or beliefs. Certainly, you don’t need to agree with all of mine. But don’t make the same mistake I did.

Don’t be blinded by a good speaker or even worse, decide not to vote because you are sick of the whole thing.

I would encourage you to research for yourself. One helpful link is [www.womenofgrace.com](http://www.womenofgrace.com). Once on the website, at the top click on the red “Take Action” box. Under a brief letter are many sites to click which offer helpful guides to voting as an informed Catholic, including information from Priests for Life, Fr. Frank Pavone, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

We as Catholics must keep our faith at the forefront always.

## House of prayer

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Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and pray there.

In fact, the OLA brochure still cites the words of the prophet Isaiah (56, 7b) that so inspired the founder: “For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples, says the Lord God.”

For Pat Hanley, whose steadfast faith and plain hard work are everywhere in evidence, nothing could be better than having more people


make use of the House of Prayer - as they did on Aug. 25 when “Foundation Day” was observed.

“The house was filled with people,” Ms. Hanley recalls, “for Father Jack Downs’ conference (Prayer: Meditation and Contemplation), for lunch, and for Bishop LaValley’s celebration of the Eucharist.

“That day was a beautiful reminder of both our history and our purpose,” she said. “The experience of meeting

the Lord here is the most important thing that can happen. Just spending time here with him is the heart of the House of Prayer.”

Anyone interested in learning more about Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer is encouraged to stop by at 7270 Star Road, Rt. 190 in Ellenburg Center, email [olaprayrhouse@gmail.com](mailto:olaprayrhouse@gmail.com), or telephone (518)594-3253 or check the website at [www.ourladyoftheadirondackshouseofprayer.org](http://www.ourladyoftheadirondackshouseofprayer.org)



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## BISHOP'S FUND 2012... FACES OF FAITH

## Fund supports young adult ministry

By Lorraine Turgeon  
Diocesan director, young adult ministry

I am sure that most of us have heard people say that they are "spiritual but not religious" or that when they need to, they talk with God, but don't feel a need to go to Church in the traditional sense.

**It is everyone's mission, to be the proclaimer of God's promises to these young people who are desperately searching for meaning. But like the early evangelizers, this will not be an easy task.**

We often come across young couples who are planning their weddings, which will take place on beaches, or meadows or at local hotels (much more convenient for receptions immediately following), or worse yet, we have heard that they really don't need a piece of paper to define their relationships so there are no weddings at all.

It doesn't take much research to see that so many young people in our churches do not see the Eucharist as the real presence of Jesus Christ. We only have to look at how they enter into the church, or actually take the Eucharist, or even how they dress to celebrate the most Holy Mass.

So many Catholics between the ages of 18 and 40 are not only un-catechized but also mal-catechized. In my time as the Director of Young Adult Ministry, so often I find myself speaking with parents who do not un-

derstand why their adult children have stopped going to Church, why their grandchildren are not baptized, or why they are living with their boyfriends or girlfriends.

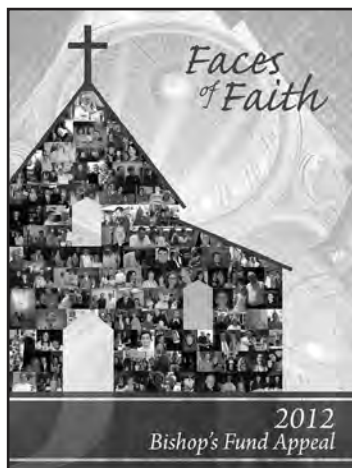
I see the pain in their eyes and the fear that the faith that they held so dear is not being embraced by the next generation.

I meet young adults who are frustrated in their own parishes because at most (if not all) of the parish events or meetings they attend, they are the youngest people. Many have tried to get events started at the parishes, but to less than desired participation.

Today's 19 to 39 population lives in a culture of choice. Like never before, today's young adults have an unbelievable amount of choices; gone are the days when 20 and 30-somethings must live in a certain region, or conform to someone else's rules. They have been taught through the years that they seriously need to find what makes them happy and to do that; they have been told by modern day gurus that they deserve to be "happy and feel good" and that they are to determine what that means for themselves.

While they see God in nature and in other people, they are less likely to understand what sacrament or sacramentality means. Their God is kind and caring, there to speak to when they need to, but not a God who enters and intertwines with their lives with certain calls or demands.

It seems that their hearts are much more catholic than their intellects. Most



would not be able to explain incarnation, original sin, apostolic succession, or a general timeline of Church history.

Unencumbered by the notion of sin, they generally do not see Jesus as the Redeemer, who died for our sins; they do not see the importance of the redemptive act which accompanies the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In the Young Adult Catholic Hoge, 2001, study conducted by Dean R. Hoge and his colleagues' work, "Young Adult Catholics: Religion in the Culture of Choice," they found that young adults are unfamiliar with Catholic stories, whether biblical or traditional; did not know three sayings of Jesus; did not know St. Paul or any of the Saints, particularly contemporary ones, and are usually unfamiliar with Catholic devotions, many do not know how to pray the rosary.

Some may say that ministry to young adults is overwhelming and bleak, but these young adults remind us that the road to Jesus and ultimately to salvation is one with meaning.

This emerging church is not interested in doing things because "we have always done it" but want something that touches their hearts. I, for one, believe that for many of them, it will be through the re-dedication to our Catholic traditions, taught with excitement and personal com-

mitment that touches the heart.

There is no doubt that the time for a New Evangelization is now. There is no better time for all of us, who are "in the church" to rededicate ourselves during this "Year of Faith" in becoming the Evangelizers in bringing the Good News to a generation that lives in a culture of choice and individualism.

It is everyone's mission, to be the proclaimer of God's promises to these young people who are desperately searching for meaning. But like the early evangelizers, this will not be an easy task.

That task, if accepted in Jesus' name, has the power to transform the entire Church to a conversion of the heart and strength unlike never before.

Through the Bishop's Fund, we are able to dedicate ourselves to the evangelization of young adults through retreats, social opportunities, parish support, and the use of media such as Facebook ("Like" us at Diocese of Ogdensburg Young Adult Ministry), blogs (<http://yam-morning-watch.blogspot.com/>), interactive webinars and online prayer groups.

On the diocesan level we try to offer something that will appeal to all 18-39-year-old Catholics. Some of these events are diocesan and some are parish-based but promoted by the dioceses.

Through spiritual, social, and service activities, the goal of diocesan young adult ministry is to help young adults connect with God and with each other. The hope is that they will eventually settle in with parish-based young adult groups.

Diocesan ministry, in other words, works to support the parish as the primary basis through which Catholics connect with the Church. This year our goal is to increase the participation of young adults in the Year Of Faith events and opportunities.

## Bishop's Schedule

**Oct. 20** – 9 a.m., Mass at the Council of Religious Workshop at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Watertown.

**Oct. 21** – 8 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral; 1 p.m., Harvest Walk at the Dobisky Visitors Center in Ogdensburg.

**Oct. 22-23** – Pontifical College Josephinum Board of Trustees Meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

## 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. 17** – Rev. Antoine Anselm Thomas, 1900; Rev. Athanase Marion, O.M.I., 1935

**Oct. 18** – Rev. Edwin A. Kennedy, 1990; Deacon Chester Price, 1991

**Oct. 20** – Rev. Walter Plaisance, O.M.I., 1918; Msgr. Stephen J. Wojciechowski, 1978

**Oct. 21** – Rev. Peter LaFort, 1939; Msgr. Robert A. Farmer, 1979

**Oct. 22** – Rev. Thomas McNally, 1883; Rev. George J. Savage, 1918

## 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. Further information is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 403.

Upcoming programs:  
**Oct. 30** – St. Philip and James Church, Lisbon, 6 p.m.

## CORRECTION

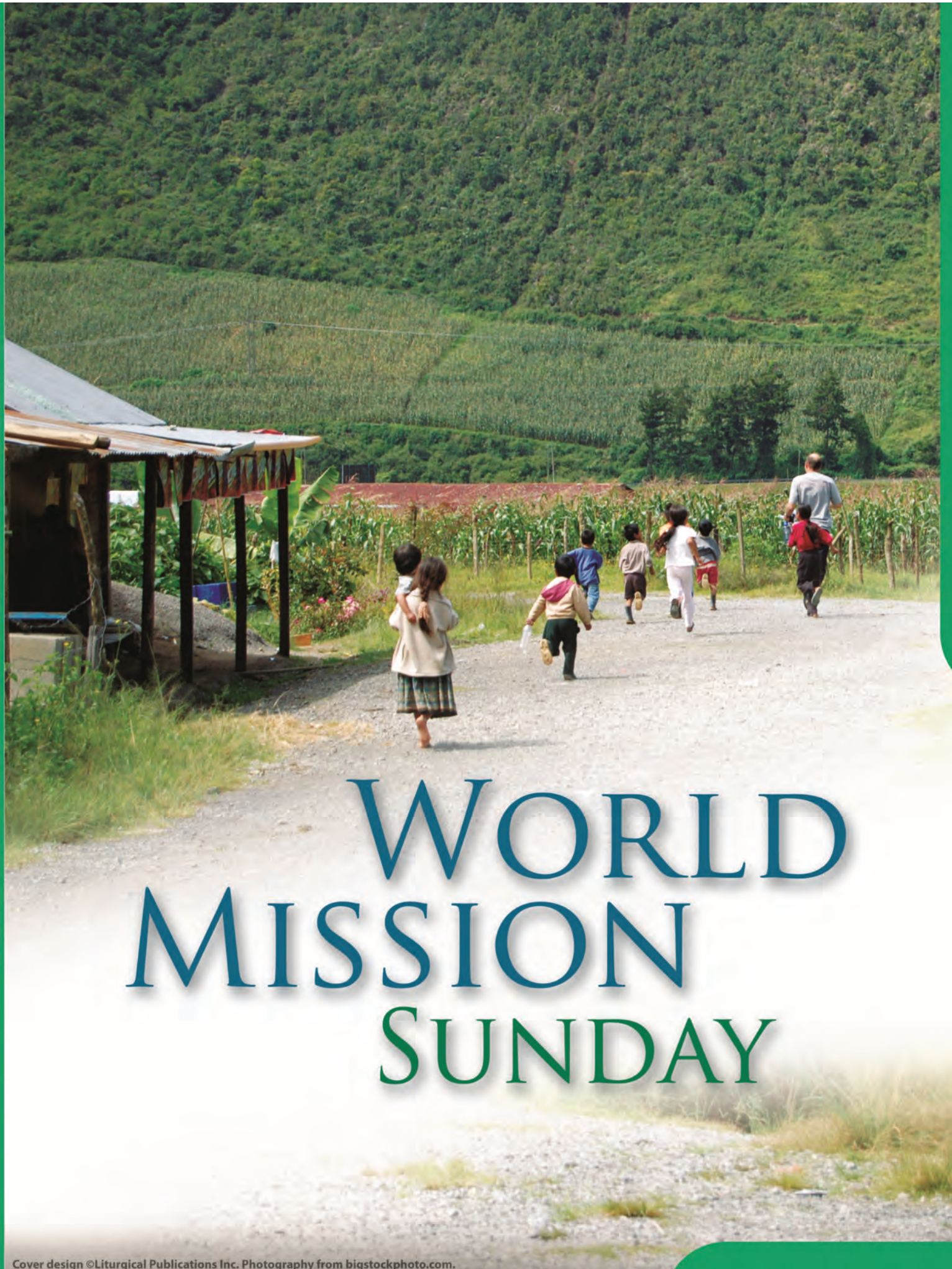
There Was an error in the date of the 2012 Catholic Charities Caritas Dinner in the Oct. 3 issue of the NCC. The correct date is Oct. 28 at the Gran View Restaurant in Ogdensburg. The NCC regrets the mistake

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## CATHOLIC SCHOOL GIFTS TO THE HOLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION September 1, 2011- August 31, 2012 (School Year)



Seton Academy Elementary students participated in a bottle drive in October 2011 to raise funds for Holy Childhood Association.

AUSABLE FORKS-Holy Name School	\$531.50
CANTON-St. Mary's School	\$138.69
CARTHAGE-Augustinian Academy	\$474.88
CHAMPLAIN-St. Mary's Academy	\$217.52
MALONE-Holy Family School	\$434.85
MASSENA-Trinity Catholic School	\$1,147.17
PLATTSBURGH-Seton Academy Elem School	\$1,218.58
SARANAC LAKE-St. Bernard's School	\$303.63
WATERTOWN-IHC Elem School	\$1,324.34
<b>* TOTALS</b>	<b>\$5,791.16</b>

\* These totals do not reflect those donations that were mailed directly to National Office by the individual schools.

## Parish and Religious Education Center Gifts to the Holy Childhood Association September 1, 2011 – August 31, 2012 (School Year)

Parish	Totals
Brownville- Immaculate Conception	\$348.83
Carthage – St. James Minor	\$214.50
Croghan – St. Stephen' s Church	\$383.12
Dannemora – St. Joseph's Church	\$130.00
Redford – Church of the Assumption	\$80.00
Watertown – St. Anthony's Church	\$50.00
Watertown – Holy Family Church	\$71.25
<b>* TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,277.70</b>

\* These totals do not reflect those donations that were mailed directly to National Office by individual Parish Religious Education Programs.



Learn more about the Pontifical Mission Societies, including the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, find additional materials for World Mission Sunday in English and Spanish and provide support for the local churches of the Missions at:

[www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice](http://www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice)

THE YEAR OF FAITH.... OPENS ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL

# Pope: call for renewal not a break from tradition

By Carol Glatz  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - The Second Vatican Council's call for "renewal" did not mark a break with tradition or a watering down of the faith, but reflected Christianity's lasting vitality and God's eternal presence, Pope Benedict XVI said.

Christianity is always young and in "perpetual bloom," he said during an audience Oct. 12 with 15 bishops who participated in Vatican II between 1962-65.

The private audience also included the patriarchs and archbishops of the Eastern Catholic churches and presidents of the world's bishops' conferences, who were attending the Synod of Bishops on the new evangelization.

Pope Benedict fondly recalled the council, saying it was a time that was "so vivacious, rich and fruitful."

He praised Blessed John XXIII's usage of the term "aggiornamento" or "renewal" for the church, even though, he said, it's still a topic of heated and endless debate.

"But I am convinced that the insight Blessed John XXIII epitomized with this word was and still is accurate," he said.

"Christianity must never be seen as something from the past, nor lived with one's gaze always looking back, because Jesus is yesterday, today and for all eternity," Pope Benedict said.

"This 'renewal' does not mean a break with tradition, rather it expresses a lasting vitality," he said.

Renewal doesn't mean watering down the faith, lowering it to fit modern fads or trends, or fashioning it to fit public opinion or one's own desires, "rather it's the contrary," he said.

"Exactly as the council fathers did, we have to make the times in which we live fit the Christian event; we have to bring the 'today' of our time into the 'today' of God,"



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Pope Benedict XVI celebrates a Mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Oct. 11 to mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. The Mass also opened the Year of Faith. In a private audience Oct. 12 with 15 bishops who had participated in Vatican II between 1962-65, Pope Benedict said that the Second Vatican Council's call for "renewal" did not mark a break with tradition or a watering down of the faith, but reflected Christianity's lasting vitality and God's eternal presence.

which is eternal, he said.

Vatican II taught the church that it always must speak to the people "of today," he said. However, there is no easy way to do it; it has to be done by people whose lives are firmly rooted in God and who live their faith "with purity," he said.

Remembering the past is important, he said, but the best way to honor Vatican II is to return to the living Gospel and bring Christ's presence and love to today's world, he said.

During an evening candlelight vigil Oct. 11, reminiscent of one held exactly 50 years earlier, Pope Benedict warned of sin and imperfection within the church.

Recalling an event marking

the opening of the Second Vatican Council, Catholic Action of Italy and the Diocese of Rome led a prayerful candlelight procession along the wide boulevard of Via della Conciliazione to St. Peter's Square, where people holding large candles assembled to form the shape of a large cross lighting up the darkness.

The event reenacted a similar gathering of faithful Oct. 11, 1962, after which Blessed John XXIII came to his studio window and gave his impromptu "Moonlight Speech" in which he reassured the world that "the pope is with us, especially in times of sadness and bitterness."

From his apartment window, Pope Benedict spoke

would come with a new emphasis on the liberating grace of the Gospel.

"Even today we are happy," but it's a joy that's more "restrained" and "humble," he said.

The past 50 years have shown that despite the joy and optimism for the future, "there are always weeds, too, in the field of the Lord. We have seen that you can find bad fish in Peter's net," he said.

Original sin can be manifested everywhere, even in the very structures of the church, he said. "We have seen that human fragility is also present in the church, that the vessel of the church is also navigating with strong headwinds, in storms that threaten the vessel and sometimes we have thought, 'The Lord is asleep and has forgotten us,'" the pope said.

However, that is only part of what the church has experienced the past half-century, he said, underlining that there have been "new experiences of the Lord's presence, of his goodness and strength."

"Even today, in his humble way, the Lord is present and warms our hearts, shows life, creates charisms of goodness and charity that light up the world and are, for us, a guarantee of God's goodness," Pope Benedict said.

"We can be happy even today" because Christ is alive and well, and his goodness never dies, he said.

Pope Benedict repeated a phrase from Pope John's "unforgettable" speech that night, saying, to applause and cheers, "Go home and give your children a kiss and say it's from the pope."

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# US bishops, at synod, talk of spirit, practice of evangelization

By Francis X. Rocca  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)— Charitable works, rites of passage and the cultural mixing produced by globalization all offer opportunities for bringing lapsed Catholics back into the fold, but success in such efforts depends on personal repentance and collective inspiration, U.S. bishops told a Vatican gathering Oct. 9.

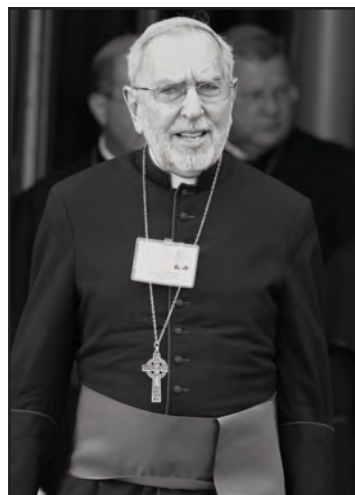
On the second working day of the world Synod of Bishops on the new evangelization, five U.S. bishops addressed the spiritual conditions and the practical means of reaching out to baptized Catholics who have drifted away from the faith.

"Globalization presents us with a providential moment for advancing the church's mission of transforming humanity into one family of God," Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles told Pope Benedict XVI and the assembly of bishops, religious superiors, official observers and experts in the Vatican's synod hall.

However, the archbishop said, the fusion of cultures resulting from the integration of the world economy requires "new methods and new ways to help the men and women of our times to practice their faith."

"We need to find the 'language' that best presents the traditional means of sanctification - the sacraments, prayer, works of charity - in a way that is attractive and accessible to people living in the reality of a globalized, secular, urban society," Archbishop Gomez said.

Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas of Tucson, Ariz., called on the synod to "strongly and unequivocally affirm that justice and charity are at the



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**Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas of Tucson, Ariz., was one of five U.S. bishops to speak on the new evangelization at the Synod of Bishops Oct. 9.**

heart of evangelization."

"Witness touches hearts, witnesses change hearts," he said, offering the examples of Catholics renowned for their charity, including Blessed Teresa of Kolkata, St. Damien and Mother Marianne Cope of Molokai, who will be canonized Oct. 21.

Seeing Catholics who imitate such models, Bishop Kicanas said, "people who have never known the church or who have walked away might be moved to say, 'I want to be part of that family that does so much good in the name of the Lord.'"

Bishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., used his allotted time of five minutes to speak about the value of parish activities and observances, particularly the Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb, which he originally proposed in 2008, and which the Vatican approved last December for use in the United States.

The ceremony is a "pastoral moment of first evangelization of the child and new evangelization of the family," Bishop Kurtz told the synod,

suggesting that it reaffirms a widely contested ethical teaching on abortion while inviting the family to prepare the spiritual life of its newest member.

"This sacred gesture is both a positive and hopeful way to announce to society the great gift of human life as well as a gracious invitation for the parents to begin steps for the baptism of their child, once born," the bishop said.

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York focused on "conversion of heart and repentance" as prerequisites for evangelization.

"The answer to the question 'What's wrong with the world?' is not politics, the economy, secularism, pollution, global warming - no," he said.

Quoting the English Catholic writer G.K. Chesterton, Cardinal Dolan said: "The answer to the question 'What's wrong with the world?' is two words: 'I am.'"

Hence the importance of going to confession, a practice that the cardinal said has largely disappeared in recent decades.

"The sacraments of initiation - baptism, confirmation, the Eucharist -- charge, challenge, and equip the agents of evangelization," Cardinal Dolan said. "But the sacrament of reconciliation evangelizes the evangelizers."

Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller of San Antonio called for a spiritual transformation of the whole church, which he described as a "church with struggles."

In order that "Christians go forward with the new evangelization, we need a new Pentecost," the archbishop said, and proposed to the assembly "that this synod humbly ask the Holy Father to consecrate the world to the Holy Spirit."

## CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

### Synod members focus on family as primary agents of evangelization

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Cardinal Vinko Puljic of Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, said any evangelization he's done has always and only been a matter of building on the evangelization already begun within the family. "My pastoral work is simply an addition to what the family has already built," he said Oct. 10 during a speech to the Synod of Bishops on the new evangelization. Credit for the flowering of new vocations also lies with the family because it is "the first school of faith and truly encourages a personal encounter with Christ." Cardinal Puljic said that in his own life, as well as in his ministry as a bishop, he also recognizes the family as "the first seminary. The family transmits the faith with its heart, life and practice," the cardinal told the synod. During the war in the Balkans in the 1990s, he said, half the Catholic families of Bosnia-Herzegovina were forced to flee, and "thanks to the games of local and international politicians," many still have been unable to return. After the breakup of the communist Yugoslavia, he said, the newly independent countries adopted democracy, but that brought with it relativism and a weakened appreciation for the traditional family. "The new evangelization will succeed if it manages to restore the sanctity of marriage," on which the family is founded and graced to become a "domestic church." Strong Catholic families become "the strong drivers" of parishes that are alive and active in evangelization, he said.

### 'No religious affiliation' now describes nearly fifth of US population

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- People who say they are unaffiliated with any religion constitute nearly 20 percent of the American public, making them almost as numerous as Catholics, who accounted for 22 percent of participants in a new Pew Research Center study released Oct. 9. The survey of 2,973 adults conducted this summer found people who say they are atheist, agnostic or "nothing in particular" grew by almost 5 percentage points since 2007, from 15.3 percent to 19.6 percent of the population. The greatest shift toward "nothing in particular" apparently came from Protestants, who now make up 48 percent of the population, compared to 53 percent in 2007, the telephone study found. "These are not necessarily nonbelievers," said Greg Smith, senior researcher for the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, at an Oct. 9 discussion on the study hosted by "Religion & Ethics Newsweekly," a PBS TV show. "They're just not associated with any faith in particular." The religiously unaffiliated tend to be younger than the general public, the survey showed, with 35 percent between ages 18 and 29, and 37 percent ages 30-49. Of the general public, about 22 percent are between 18 and 29, and 35 percent between 30 and 49. Kim Lawton, managing editor for "Religion & Ethics Newsweekly," said although the study shows that the vast majority of Americans still are affiliated with a faith, the report stands out for the rapid growth it shows in the unaffiliated segment. The program planned a three-week series on the study starting Oct. 12. The study found declines since 2007 of 1 percent among those who say they are Catholic, 3 percent among white mainline churches, 2 percent among white evangelical churches and no change among black Protestants, Mormons or Orthodox. Those who said they identify with "another faith" grew over the five-year period, from 4 percent to 6 percent of the survey. Only 2.4 percent of the unaffiliated category described themselves as atheist, and just 3.3 percent said they are agnostic. The majority in the category -- 13.9 percent of the total survey -- described themselves as nothing in particular.

## Study of never married Catholics: Survey gives insight into the future of vocations

By Dennis Sadowski  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - In a survey of Catholics age 14 and older, about 12 percent of males and 10 percent of females said they considered a religious vocation at least "a little seriously," a study by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University found.

The findings, released Oct. 9, give church leaders a vast array of data on which to base positive messages about religious life for teenagers and young adults, said Father Shawn McKnight, executive director of the Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, which commissioned the survey.

"When you consider 12 percent of all male youth and 10 percent of all women ... just a very small percentage (committing to a vocation) would make a tremendous difference," Father McKnight told Catholic News Service.

"The survey offers solid evidence, credible evidence to base our judgments on how to promote vocations," he added.

Broken down, 3 percent of male respondents and 2 percent of female respondents indicate they have "very seriously" considered a vocation, according to the study, "Consideration of Priesthood and Religious Life Among Never-Married U.S. Catholics."

Projected over the Catholic population of the United States, those figures represent 350,000 never-married men and more than 250,000 never-married women who may have very seriously considered a vocation, concluded CARA researchers Mark Gray and Mary Gautier, who conducted the study.

In the United States, there are 39,718 priests, 17,816

deacons, 4,518 brothers and 55,045 sisters, according to the 2012 edition of the Official Catholic Directory.

**About 12 percent of males and 10 percent of females said they considered a religious vocation at least 'a little seriously'**

The study involved 1,428 people, about 65 percent of those invited to participate. It was conducted online. The margin of error is plus or minus 2.6 percentage points.

The data collected in the survey shows that personal relationships with adults -- parents, teachers, clergy, men and women religious, and campus ministers especially -- can be a key factor in whether a young person considers a religious vocation.

Fewer than 10 percent of the respondents said, however, that anyone ever encouraged them to consider religious life. Among those who did receive encouragement, both males and females were nearly twice as likely to consider entering religious life.

The study also showed that Hispanics were far less likely to receive encouragement to enter religious life than non-Hispanic white respondents. Respondents of other races are about equally as likely as non-Hispanic whites to receive encouragement, the study said.

Father McKnight such differences must be addressed by church leaders given the growing number of Hispanics in the U.S. church.

"Regular and repeated and consistent contact is what's needed most of all," he told CNS.

Other factors identified in the study as influencing respondents' consideration of a religious vocation were living in households where parents discussed religion at

least once a week; joining prayer and Bible study groups, devotional activities or retreats; participating in parish ministry; and receiving encouragement from someone other than a family member.

Attending a secondary or primary Catholic school also seems to be an important factor among those considering a vocation. For males, those who attended a Catholic secondary school were six times more likely to consider a vocation than those who did not. Among females, attendance at a Catholic primary school led them to be three times more likely than those who did not to consider a vocation.

Pre-Vatican II Catholics, whom the survey identified as those born before 1943, were the most likely to have considered a vocation. In that age group, 27 percent of men and 22 percent of women at least considered a vocation "a little seriously." Post-Vatican II Catholics (born 1961-1981) were the least likely to consider a vocation, with 7 percent of men and 7 percent of women saying they considered such a step.

The number of Catholics who considered religious life showed a small increase among millennial Catholics, classified as those born in 1982 or later. Thirteen percent of men and 8 percent of women responded that they considered a religious vocation, the survey found.

The study looked at a broad range of factors that influenced the decision whether to enter religious life such as Mass attendance, service volunteerism, participation in World Youth Day and the National Catholic Youth Conference, the importance of prayer and the age when a religious vocation was most seriously considered.

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## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# A message of service for Mission Sunday

In these tough times with the scarcity of good jobs, people are often forced to take "service jobs."

They usually entail hard work, arrogant demands from customers, and very poor benefits.

A right attitude, however, toward caring for people and satisfying their needs can turn drudgery into fulfilling work and much satisfaction for both those who serve as well as the most grumpy of clients.

Our readings on this Mission Sunday convey a clear message about service.

Jesus came to this earth as a servant. Six hundred years before, Isaiah had foretold that one day God would send a Suffering Ser-

vant to give His life for the salvation of all humankind. He would be a light for all nations. As Jesus' passion and death drew near, He tried in so many ways to prepare his disciples for suffering and death.

They had other ideas, though, and even as Jesus was predicting what would happen soon, they were not listening.

In Mark's Gospel, the two "sons of thunder", James and John, make a bid for a power position in Jesus' new kingdom. They're over-eager and too confident as they ask the Master for the choice seats next to His Throne!

Jesus doesn't get angry with them. After Jesus assures them that seating

arrangements will be made by God the Father, he quietly asks them if they're prepared to drink the bitter cup He is about to drink.

James and John must have looked at each other in some embarrassment and confusion before they reply, "We can!"

Now the other disciples are angry and resentful at James' and John's attempt to pull one over on them. Obviously, they're looking for power and prestige just as much as the two brothers.

Sadly, Jesus realizes that none of them understand, so he emphatically and clearly sets the rules for Christian discipleship. There is to be no "lording" it over one another! "...whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all, for the Son of

OCT. 21

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READINGS

Isaiah 53:10-11

Hebrews 4:14-16

Mark 10:35-45



Monsignor  
Paul E.  
Whitmore

Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

It is very clear from the Gospel that, not only must Jesus' disciples have a servant mentality, but any who would share the ministry of Jesus must likewise be servants. After His Resurrection, Jesus gives them their orders.

What is their chief work?

They must preach the Good News - the Gospel - every day, when it's convenient to do so, and when it's

not. They must preach even when people insult and oppose them, and try to kill them! They must be good servants. To whom does Jesus send them? He sends them "to all the world" until the end of time.

On this Mission Sunday in the year 2012, we are well-aware that we preach to an often-hostile world. Its values run counter to Christ's values. Rather than accommodate our preaching to those values, we must be true to the Gospel.

For the Christian, evangelization is not an option. Even if it is confined to prayer and example, to service in our own community, it's goal will be successful through us. On this Mission Sunday, we must pray and sacrifice for our missionaries at home and abroad whose lives are much more at risk than ever before.

## MAKING SENSE OUT OF BIOETHICS

## Coming down from the assisted suicide ledge

Several states are considering legislative measures to let physicians prescribe (but not administer) a lethal dose of a toxic drug to their patients, thereby assisting their patients to commit suicide. This is known as physician-assisted suicide.

Advocates of this practice assure us that this can be a good choice for someone who is dying, or who wants to die.

If physician-assisted suicide really represents a "good choice," we need to ask: why should only physicians be able to participate?

Why should only physicians be allowed to undermine public trust of their profession through these kinds of death-dealing activities?

Why not include police, for example? If a sick person expresses a wish to die, the police could be notified, and an officer would arrive bear-

ing a suitable firearm. He would load it with bullets, cock the gun, and place it on the bedside stand of the sick patient.

**Some people may decide that their lives are no longer worth living, but our society has always recognized that decision to be a tragedy and a mistake**

After giving instruction on the best way to angle the barrel, the officer would depart, and the patient could then pick the device up and shoot himself — "police-assisted suicide."

Besides physician-assisted suicide and police-assisted suicide, "military-assisted suicide" could be offered as well. Members of the armed forces would bring in a standard-issue hand grenade

upon request, explaining to the sick patient how to remove the pin properly and how to place the device so as to achieve the most rapid, painless and destructive death.

The assisted-suicide paradigm would readily admit of other creative approaches as well — society could sanction "assisted drownings" where lifeguards could be asked to assist those wishing to die by providing them millstones to take them to the bottom of lakes and oceans.

But if a life-guard helped people drown, would you want him watching your family at the beach?

It is troubling how many individuals fail to grasp the radical absurdity of allowing

physician-assisted suicide.

Suicide is no joking matter. Regardless of how it transpires, it is a catastrophe for those who end their own lives, for their loved ones left behind, and for society more broadly.

Some people may decide that their lives are no longer worth living, but our society has always recognized that decision to be a tragedy and a mistake; that's why high bridges

have signs encouraging suicidal individuals to seek help rather than jump. Suicide hotlines are open 24 hours a day because we seek to prevent as many deaths as we can.

We treat as heroes those who walk along bridges or climb tall buildings and try to talk people down.



Father Tadeusz  
Pacholczyk Ph.D.

Commentator Greg Pfundstein stresses how this sound and consistent cultural message is flatly contradicted when we allow physicians to prescribe lethal drugs so people can kill themselves — it is like replacing the suicide intervention signs on bridges with signs that state, "Ask your physician if jumping is right for you."

Simply put, such jumping is never a "good thing," and it is only our own foolhardiness that lets us feign it could be, whether physician-assisted or otherwise.

I remember reading a Letter to the Editor in the local paper of a small town many years ago. The woman wrote about the death of her grandparents — well-educated, intelligent and seemingly in control of their faculties — who had tragically committed suicide

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## AT THE MOVIES

## HERE COMES THE BOOM

By Joseph McAleer  
Catholic News Service

Perseverance pays off big time in "Here Comes the Boom" (Columbia), the unlikely yet inspiring tale of an ordinary man who goes to extraordinary lengths to help others.

Directed by Frank Coraci and starring Catholic actor Kevin James -- who also co-wrote the screenplay with Allan Loeb -- "Here Comes the Boom" is that Hollywood rarity, a film which extols Christian virtue.

In this case the quality being showcased is self-sacrifice as James' character displays the altruism needed to turn around a failing public school.

Scott Voss (James) is a washed-up biology teacher at fictional Wilkinson High School in Boston. A decade ago he was "Teacher of the Year"; today, he's uninterested and bored -- more baby-sitter than educator. The wicked Principal Betcher (Greg Germann) runs Wilkinson like a busi-

ness, cutting salaries and activities at will.

Scott can't even get the girl; Bella (Salma Hayek), the aptly named school nurse, repeatedly turns down his requests for a date.

What rouses Scott from his personal and professional slumber is the beautiful music being made in the classroom next door by his colleague Marty Streb (Henry Winkler) and Marty's student orchestra.

Marty's zest for teaching -- and life in general -- stirs something in Scott.

So when Principal Betcher announces that the music program is to be eliminated -- along with Marty's job -- Scott rises to the occasion, pledging to raise the \$48,000 necessary to keep the activity in place.

At first, Scott tries to raise the funds by conventional means, moonlighting as a tutor for immigrants seeking to become U.S. citizens. One of his students, Niko (Bas Rutten), is a former mixed martial arts fighter (as is Rutten in real life). There's big money to be had

by entering the cage, Scott discovers, and taking on the sport which combines boxing, kickboxing, karate, judo and wrestling.

A one-time college wrestler, Scott decides to channel his inner "Rocky" and become a cage fighter. Despite being beaten to a pulp in each bout, Scott inspires his students and co-workers -- especially Bella, who tenderly patches up his wounds.

Amid some extreme cage-fighting violence, "Here Comes the Boom" offers up a few welcome Christian references.

A crucifix hangs above Scott's bed. He gathers his support team together in prayer before the big fight. And around the dinner table, his fellow fighters discuss the Bible, admiring Jacob's all-night wrestling match with the angel as recounted in Chapter 32 of the Book of Genesis. Jacob lost that battle -- but ultimately won out through faith in God and submission to his will.

"Here Comes the Boom"



CNS PHOTO/SONY

Kevin James and Henry Winkler star in a scene from the movie "Here Comes the Boom."

reaches a similar resolution, albeit with more humor and a much louder soundtrack.

The film contains realistic martial arts sequences, a brief scene of gross-out humor and one instance of crass language. The Catholic

News Service classification is A-II -- adults and adolescents.

The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

## Assisted suicide

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together by drinking a deadly substance.

They were elderly and struggling with various ailments.

Her first-hand perspective was unflinching: "It took me years to forgive my grandparents after they committed suicide. I was so angry at what they had done to me and my family. I felt betrayed. I felt nauseated. At some fundamental level I just couldn't believe it had really happened, and I couldn't believe that they didn't reach out to us for help. I thought the pain would never go away. The idea that suicide could ever be a good thing is a total

crook and a lie. It leaves behind deep scars and immeasurable pain on the part of family and friends. We don't have the right to take our own lives because we didn't give ourselves life."

I'm reminded of the words of the Mayor of one of our great cities, who declared: "The crime rate isn't so bad if you just don't count the murders."

Assisted suicide, similarly, isn't so bad if you just don't count the victims: the many broken individuals, broken families, and broken hearts.

A friend of mine in Canada has struggled with multiple sclerosis for many years. He often speaks out

against assisted suicide. Recently, he sent me a picture of himself taken with his smiling grandchildren, one sitting on each arm of his wheelchair. Below the picture he wrote, "If I had opted for assisted suicide back in the mid-1980s when I first developed MS, and it seemed life as I knew it was over, look what I would have missed. I had no idea that one day I would be head over heels in love with grandchildren! Never give up on life."

Rev. Pacholczyk serves as the Director of Education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. See [www.ncbcenter.org](http://www.ncbcenter.org)



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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

## 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:** To order tickets, go online to <http://www.tugg.com/events/1755>

## HARVEST DINNER BUFFET

**Altona** – A Harvest Dinner 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.

## 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.

## 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.

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

## ESSEX

## HARVEST DINNER

**Willsboro** – A Harvest Dinner is set

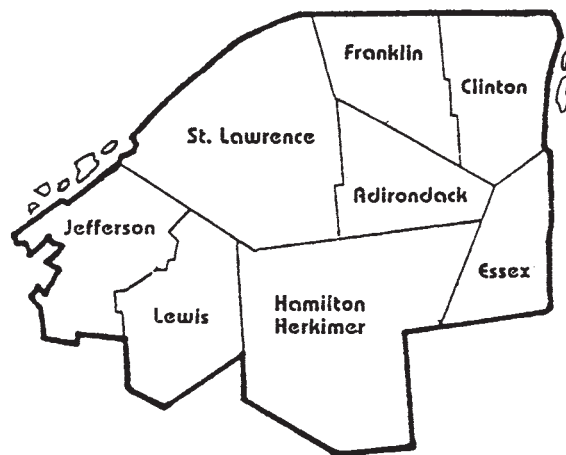
**Date:** Oct. 18

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

**Place:** St. Philip of Jesus Church

**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Children 6-12, \$4.50; Children under 5, Free

**Features:** Turkey Dinner, 50/50 raffle and Basket of Cheer Raffle.



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 e-mail [news@northcountrycatholic.org](mailto:news@northcountrycatholic.org).

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

## CRAFT FAIR

**Ticonderoga** – St. Mary's School will be having their 23rd Annual Craft Fair.

**Date and Time:** Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. & Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Features:** There will be over 30 crafters, a bake sale, white elephant sale, book fair, homemade luncheon, and basket raffle. Soups, chili, hot dogs, michigans, sandwiches, pies, and cinnamon rolls,

**Contact:** For further information call the school (585-7433).

## FRANKLIN

## HARVEST DINNER

**North Bangor** – The CC of St. Augustine will be hosting a Harvest Dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 28

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

**Place:** John C. Dwyer Parish Center

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Senior Citizens, \$7; Children under 12, \$6; under 5, Free

**Features:** A home cooked turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served.

This dinner is open to all.

## YANKEE POT ROAST

**Chateaugay** – The 32nd Yankee Pot Roast 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.

## 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:** 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:** \$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

## 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

## K OF C BRUNCH

**Lyons Falls** – The South Lewis Knights of Columbus is holding a brunch.

**Date:** Oct. 21

**Time:** 8 a.m. to noon

**Place:** St. John's Church Hall

**Features:** All-you-can-eat pancakes with real maple syrup, sausage, bacon, eggs, fruit cups and muffins and beverages

**Cost:** \$6, adults, \$3 for children ages five to 12 and free for children under five

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

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

## ST. HEDWIG'S POLISH FEST

**Houseville** – St. Hedwig's Polish Festival.

**Date:** Oct. 21

**Time:** begins at noon

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

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

## ST. LAWRENCE

## HARVEST DINNER

**Star Lake** – St. Hubert's will be having its Annual Harvest Dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 27

**Time:** 5 p.m.

**Cost:** Adults, \$8.50; Children, \$7; Seniors, \$7

**Features:** Turkey will be served.

## HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE

**Star Lake** – St. Hubert Church will have its annual Bazaar featuring live wreaths, floral arrangements, handcrafted items and several gift baskets.

**Date:** Nov. 3

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

## 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

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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



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# One Sunday for the Whole World

From Director's Desk

Sister Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ  
Diocesan Director

Every year, something special happens on the next-to-last Sunday of October – the Church reflects its deepest identity, as the Church in mission.

## Sunday, Oct. 21 is World Mission Sunday for 2012

On World Mission Sunday, October 21, Catholics of the world unite at Mass to recommit ourselves to our vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries.

As this year's celebration takes place at the beginning of the Year of Faith, we are called in a special way to be "missionaries of faith," above all through prayer and participation in the Eucharist. Our generosity, including to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, connects us with "delivery room of the Church," explained Father Andrew Small, OMI, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

"How privileged we are to be witnesses to the Lord's grace giving forth great fruits in the young mission churches: schools opening fresh, a new diocese coming to be, a wing added to the seminary," Father Andrew said. "In our world of often not-so-good news, we can forget the great works being done in our midst every day. As the Body of Christ, we are connected to those works through a spiritual union, the real union that is the Church."

In a very practical way, our support reaches the mission Church – places where there is great zeal and enthusiasm for the faith, but where, for example, schools can't pay the salaries to teachers to help educate the children of poor tea workers in Bangladesh, the parish hall in Ghana can't keep the lights on while catechists prepare young and old for the Sacraments, and the priests and Sisters can't put gas in the tank to journey to a village in Kenya, bringing hope and help to victims of drought and famine.

World Mission Sunday gives us the opportunity to remind the faithful here at home of the great growth of the Church in the Missions, and of the great needs of some 1,150 mission dioceses – to open our hearts, and reach out with a helping hand to our mission family.

Yes, indeed, something special happens on the next-to-last Sunday of October.

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will.  
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## OBITUARIES

### Elizabeth Manfred, 96

**COLTON** - A Mass of Christian Burial for Elizabeth Smith Manfred, 96, mother of Father Donald J. Manfred of Massena, was held Oct. 11 at St. Patrick's Church. She died Oct. 8.

A resident of Hannawa Falls, Mrs. Manfred was born Oct. 5, 1916, the daughter of George Smith and Laura Hart. She was a graduate of Potsdam Central High School and the Potsdam Normal School.

She married Maurice Manfred Nov. 25, 1937 at St. Mary's Church in Potsdam, with Father Timothy Mahoney officiating.

In addition to Father Manfred, Mrs. Manfred is survived by another son, William G. (Mary) Manfred of Clifton Park, NY; a daughter, Mary Lou (Gary) Presler of Haymarket, VA; seven grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren. She is predeceased by her husband, who died in 1984, and a brother Donald Smith.

Mrs. Manfred was the first cafeteria manager at the St. Mary's Catholic School in Potsdam and remained there for seven years. She and her husband bought the Family Shoe Store in 1966. They operated the store until 1984 when she sold the store and retired.

She was a member of St. Mary's Church in Potsdam and was a former member of the Altar and Rosary Society.

In lieu of flowers contributions in her memory can be made to St. Mary's Church in Potsdam or to the Hospice and Palliative Care of the St. Lawrence Valley.

**Carthage** – Dewey Genito, 86; Funeral Services Oct. 6, 2012 at St. James Church; burial in Old St. James Cemetery.



Support And Pray  
For Vocations

**Chateaugay** – Janice (Brooks) Shannon, 66; Funeral Services Oct. 8, 2012 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**Chazy** – Maud H. "Molly B." (Lucia) Bechard, 93; Funeral Services Oct. 12, 2012 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Coopersville** – Dale Reynolds, 68; Funeral Services Oct., 2012 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**Gouverneur** – Allan R. Arquitt, 59; Funeral Services Oct. 9, 2012 at Green Funeral Home.

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**Malone** – Patty Ann (Rouselle) Newstead, 48; Funeral Services Oct. 11, 2012 at St. John Bosco Church; burial in St. John Bosco Cemetery.

**Massena** – Joseph P. D'Arienzo, 91; Funeral Services Oct. 8, 2012 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

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2012 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in St. Alexander's cemetery.

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**Ogdensburg** – Donald "Duck" Ashley, 75; Funeral Services Oct. 11, 2012 at Frary Funeral Home; burial in Lisbon Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – Elton Harper, 78; Funeral Services Oct. 10, 2012 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

**Ogdensburg** – Charles "Scoop" Roach, 86; Funeral Services Oct. 8, 2012 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Patricia E. "Pat" Cote, 83; Funeral Services Oct. 13, 2012 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery, Plattsburgh.

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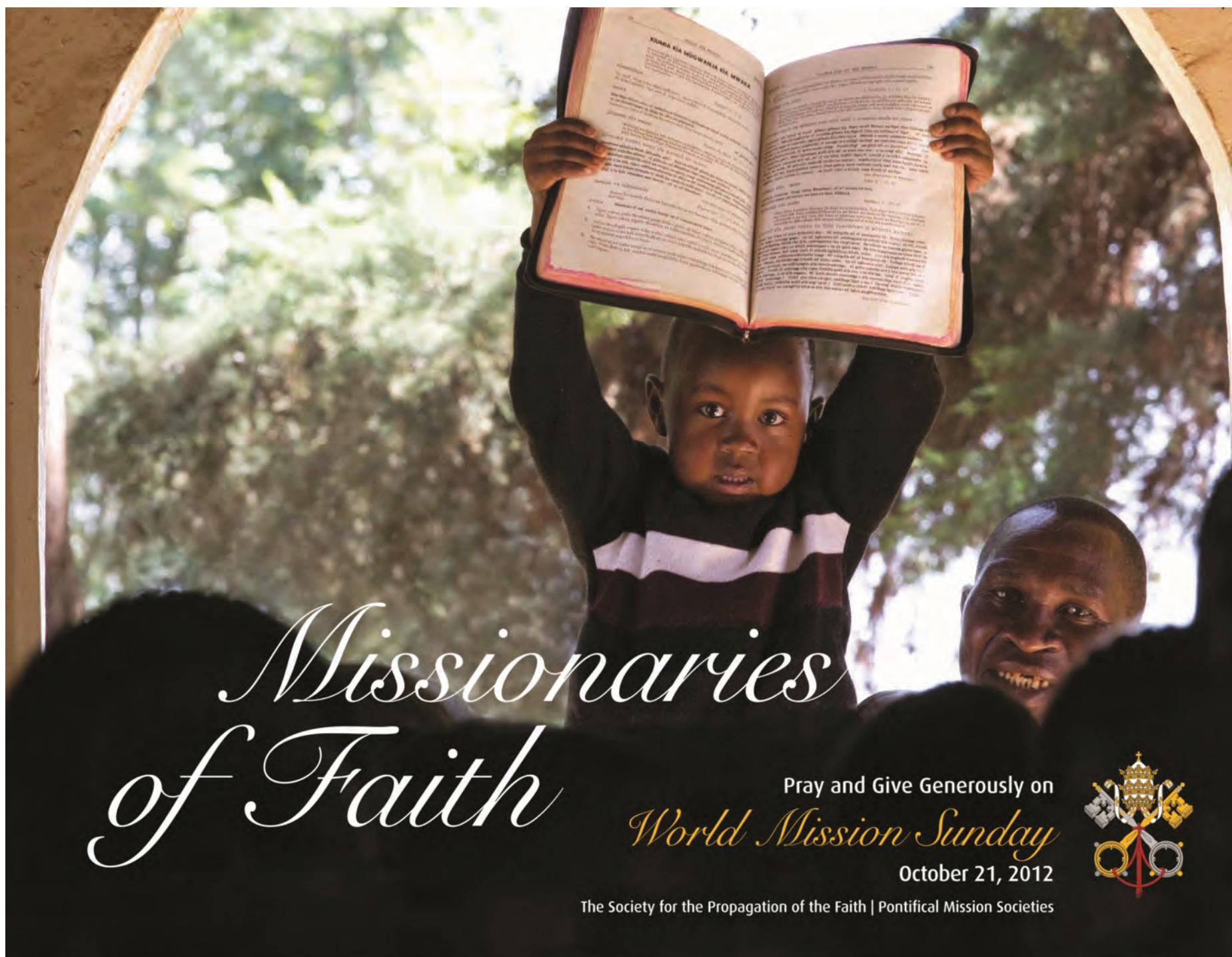
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