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## Hope for a 'new springtime'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Benedict XVI said the enduring desire for God, the truth of the Gospel and the "restlessness" of today's youth are reasons to hope for a "new springtime for Christianity" in Europe and beyond.

The pope made his remarks to an interviewer in a new documentary film, "Bells of Europe," which was shown

at the Vatican Oct. 15 after the day's session of the world Synod of Bishops.

The synod is dedicated to the new evangelization, a project aimed at reviving the Christian faith of secularized societies.

Pope Benedict told his interviewer that he has three main reasons to hope for a Christian revival, starting

with the "fact that the desire for God, the search for God, is profoundly inscribed into each human soul and cannot disappear."

He said he also takes heart from the eternal truth of the Gospel. "Ideologies have their days numbered," the pope said.

"They appear powerful and irresistible but, after a cer-

tain period, they wear out and lose their energy because they lack profound truth. The Gospel, on the other hand, is true and can therefore never wear out," he said.

Finally, Pope Benedict cited the dissatisfaction of young people today with the "proposals of the various ideologies and of consumerism."

## Year of Faith.. Story of Faith



The second in the *North Country Catholic's* Stories of Faith series for the Year of Faith features a parishioner of St. Peter's Church in Lowville. Next week, the new diocesan director of evangelization will share her story.

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Bishop Terry R. LaValley celebrated Mass with the students, faculty and staff of Holy Family School in Malone Oct. 3 and then joined them for lunch. Here he chats with Mrs. Pelkey's first grade class.

## A NEW SAINT

### SAINT Kateri Tekakwitha



CNS PHOTO/NANCY PHELAN WIECHEC  
A statue of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha stands amid trees on the grounds of the shrine dedicated to her in Fonda, N.Y., July 14, her U.S. feast day. The 17th-century Mohawk-Algonquin woman became the first member of a North American tribe to become a saint when she was canonized Sunday. She and St. Marianne Cope, who ministered to leprosy patients on the Hawaiian island of Molokai, were among seven saints canonized at the Vatican Oct. 21. Full coverage of the canonizations will appear in upcoming issues of the *NCC*. This week features an interview with Jake Finkbonner, 12, of Sandy Point, Wash., whose healing from a rare and potentially fatal flesh-eating bacteria was the miracle accepted for the Blessed Kateri's canonization.

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

## Our state of grace!

Although this week's publication date is Oct. 24, the actual printing of the *NCC* happened a couple days ago, too early to cover the Day of Days when Pope Benedict XVI canonized seven new saints.

Among them, of course, was our own St. Kateri Tekakwitha.

It's no surprise that the North Country was well represented at the Vatican ceremony. St. Joseph Sister Mary Christine Taylor, who has offered pastoral service on the Mohawk's Akwesasne Reservation for decades, told the *NCC* she was flying out of Montreal with 1100 others devoted to the Lily of the Mohawks.

We'll be talking with at least of few of them upon their return home.

The fact that St. Kateri and St. Marianne Cope are both Americans has created interest beyond the usual Catholic circles.

A column in last Sunday's New York Times "Two More Saints from A State of Grace" by Lawrence Downes offered some intriguing observations:

It's "remarkable, even astounding, that seven of the 12 (canonized American saints) are New Yorkers — either native-born or with some other strong connection to the state..."

"For whatever reason - whether it's something in the water or blowing down from French Canada, or welling up in the alluvial soil - New York is on its way

to an All-Saints baseball team."

Mr. Downes notes that "There is no single route to that honor. New York's first three saints, Jesuit missionaries in the 1640s, did it the hard way. Isaac Jogues's flesh was torn from his body. Jean de la Lande was tomahawked. So was René Goupil, with a blow to the head.

"The more recent saints led more sedate but no less accomplished lives. Elizabeth Ann Seton was born in New York City in 1774 and founded the Sisters of Charity, the first American order of religious sis-

ters. Frances Cabrini worked with sick, hungry and orphaned Italian immigrants in New York in the 1890s.

"Kateri Tekakwitha was a Mohawk from Auriesville, N.Y., who converted to Catholicism in 1676 and led a life of piety. Marianne Cope was a Catholic sister and hospital administrator. She worked with leprosy patients in Molokai, Hawaii, where she died in 1918. Hawaii claims her, but I'm counting her a New Yorker because she was raised in Utica and her order, the Sisters of St. Francis, is based in Syracuse, where her shrine is..."

Our state doesn't usually have a reputation for holiness but the numbers don't lie!

And I have a feeling that Archbishop Sheen is likely to give us even more rights to brag in the years to come!

Mary Lou  
Kilian

## Catholics and the Bible

As I look back with you on the way the Second Vatican Council influenced the life of the Catholic Church and, also, my life as a priest, I would like now to consider the use of Sacred Scripture in our Catholic Church.

Today, the Bible is an integral part of life for Catholics. Priests use the Scripture Readings of the Mass as the basis for their homilies. I often teach classes on the Bible, sometimes an introduction to the Bible — or focus on one of the Books of the Bible. The last course I taught was on the Book of Revelation.

I have often taught high school students about how to read the Bible with understanding and devotion. Many prayer groups use the Scriptures as a lead into meditation. Personally, I often read and study the Bible to prepare myself so that I can better share the message with others, adults and students.

Before the Council, I must admit, the Bible was not an important part of life for the ordinary Catholic — lay person or priest. The Mass was in Latin so we didn't even understand the Scriptures being read to us. There were no Bible classes in religion programs. In those days, many Catholics just assumed that their Protestant friends knew much more about the Bible than they did.

I do remember in my seminary days, before the Council, learning about the many Scripture Scholars in the Catholic Church and the efforts of many to make the Scriptures more a part of Catholic life. There were many Catholic Scripture Scholars who were investigating and writing about Biblical questions. My own first taste of real Scripture study was in my first year at St. Mary's Seminary in Father Larry Danne-miller's class. His presentations challenged us with the glories of the Scriptures — and this truly began an exciting adventure for me with the Bible.

I continue to love the Bible. I enjoy the times I have to study the Scriptures; it is an important part of my spiritual life.

I also learned that in earlier days Catholic Scripture Scholars were frustrated by restrictions placed on their work by Church officials. It seems they were restricted by what sources they were allowed to use and quote. However, Pope Pius XII wrote a most important encyclical letter urging these Scripture Scholars to investigate all original sources so that their presentations would be as good and balanced as other scholars. This was an important moment for Catholic Scripture study — as it became more firmly based on the most oldest and basic of sources of our present day translations.

The Second Vatican Council continued this effort to give importance to the Sacred Scriptures and urged the use of the Scriptures in the life of the Catholic Church. The Second Vatican Council promulgated this in the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation. The Council emphasized the importance of the Sacred Scriptures as one of the fountains of divine revelation. The Church has always recognized the importance of the traditional teachings of the Church through the centuries. This was based on the Scriptures — Jesus gave teaching power to the apostles. This was passed on to the Bishops, the successors of the apostles.

So, the Council in the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation affirmed the place of the Scriptures in association with the Tradition of the Church as the sources of Divine Revelation. This was important — and placed the Sacred Scriptures in a place of importance in our Church more than ever before.

So the Bible is an important part of Catholic life, a book that should be in all Catholic homes, a book that should be read by all Catholic families. At Mass, the Liturgy of the Word took on greater importance. As a worshipping community we break open the Scriptures so that as we move into Eucharist we are prepared to welcome the Lord, coming to us in the blessed Eucharist.

The Gospel story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus tells that, after the Resurrection of Jesus, the Lord Jesus walked up and joined two of the disciples as they

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# AT THE RELIGIOUS JUBILEE



PHOTOS BY BETTY STEELE  
 Bishop Terry R. LaValley poses with the three jubilarians who were able to attend the 2012 Liturgy in Celebration of the Anniversaries of Vowed Religious in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. The bishop presided at the Mass held Oct. 14 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. From left are Grey Nun Sister Joan McElwain, 50 years; Bishop LaValley, St. Joseph Sister Mary Kateri Rose, 65 years; and Brother of Christian Instruction Charles Thomas, 50 years. Below, the jubilarians renew their vows to religious life and Sister Joan reads from the scriptures. The jubilarians unable to attend were St. Joseph Sisters Mary Victorine Brenon, Mary Maurice Black, Helen Mary McKeever, Gabriel Marie Meyer and Sheila Jane Moran; Mercy Sisters Mary Paula Richard and Carolyn Parker; and Daughter of Charity of St. Louis Sister Joan Mary Lashway.



## Fr. Muench

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walked home discouraged by the crucifixion of Jesus. So, Jesus teaches them – “Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary for the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory? Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures.”

As they came near to the disciples' home, they invited this person who was Jesus – but they still did not recognize him.

They asked him to stay and have a meal. The Gospel then tells us, “while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him.” The Gospel then tells us, “Then they said to each other – ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?’”

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YEAR OF FAITH...A STORY OF FAITH

# Respect for life, devotion to Mary

*Lewis County woman reflects on the source and sustenance of her strong Catholic faith*

By Michelle Beagle  
Staff writer

**LOWVILLE-** As the church celebrates the Year of Faith, it is the perfect time to listen and learn about the faith journeys of others.

As Catholics we are called to stewardship, helping those in need, as well as to prayer and reflection as we aim to live as Jesus directed in the Gospels.

We are also called to hold human existence with respect and dignity.

## Second in a series for the Year of Faith

A North Country woman who strives for these goals in her daily life is Mary Dunckel of St. Peter's Parish in Lowville.

As a child growing up in Syracuse, Mary attended Catholic school, from kindergarten through grade 12. She also received a strong foundation at home as her mother played a major role in the development of her faith.

An early memory is seeing her mother pray the rosary before bedtime which planted the seed for Mary's devotion to the Mother of God.

As a child she read the story of St. Tarcisus, a third century martyr who was an acolyte entrusted in delivering the Holy Eucharist to imprisoned Christians. One day St. Tarcisus was confronted by a group of his peers who asked to see what he was carrying close to his heart. Not wanting to expose the Eucharist he would not comply and subsequently was beaten to death.

Upon reading this story, Mary experienced an intense desire to receive Holy Communion and a deep appreciation for the Eucharist.

As she marched forward she would receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Matrimony. Mary and her husband, Earl, would become parents of seven children.

It was during the time of early marriage with the typical struggles young families face that Mary found her peace visiting the church in the evenings, sitting quietly and reflecting.

Making these visits helped build her fortitude and faith, she said.

As the family grew so did her opportunities to reach out to others. In the 1970's, Mary became active in the local pro-life movement.

Governor Nelson Rockefeller had signed a law allowing the abortion in New York State and Mary was discussing its passage with fellow Catholic Vickie Kraeger.

"Out of the blue, a local TV station called and asked for an interview," Mary said. "Vickie and I talked to the reporter with our young children surrounding us."

Another time she attended the Right to Life March in Washington, D.C., taking a bus filled with



PHOTO BY MICHELLE BEAGLE

The second in the NCC's Stories of Faith for the Year of Faith focuses on Mary Dunckel, a parishioner of St. Peter's Church in Lowville.

young students and fellow marchers.

For years she assisted at the Right to Life booth at the Lewis County Fair.

Currently a group meets on Fridays in front of Lewis County's Planned Parenthood and recites the rosary at 9 a.m. and Mary makes time to join them.

Believing in the power of prayer, Mary joined a local Christian church Rhema Fellowship for a prayer gathering in the village park to pray for an end to abortion.

Besides her efforts to protect the unborn, Mary has volunteered with Hospice for seven years, visiting clients in their homes trying to preserve the dignity of the infirmed and dying providing comfort and solace.

She is an active member of St. Peter's Parish where she serves as lector at Friday morning Mass and has been a member of St. Theresa's Guild for over 20 years.

From 1983 to 1991, Mary worked as Director of Religious Education while Msgr. Bernard Christmas was pastor, stepping down to accept an elementary education teaching position at Constableville Elementary.

On Oct. 13, 2007, with the help of Laurie Halladay, she organized Lewis County's first Public Square Rosary Rally held at the corner of State and Dayan streets in Lowville. The first rally was well attended with almost 40 people and snow swirling in the air.

Since 2007, Mary has been instrumental in subsequent rallies for Lewis County.

More recently Mary had the opportunity to attend the Women of Grace Conference at Wadhams Hall facilitated by EWTN's Johnnette Benkovic.

During the conference held this past spring, she said that she was "introduced to Our Lady as never before as Mother of God."

During the conference Mary remembers seeing a sign that said "Jesus" on the door of the confessional. This helped to reinforce the concept that when in confession Jesus is present, she said.

Currently, Mary is reading *True Devotion to Mary* by St. Louis Demontfort.

For her personal reflection every morning upon rising she says, "Good Morning. Bless this day to your use and your service."

Mary's faith journey has evolved through various struggles and trials of life along with guidance from friends met along the way.

She reiterated that none of what she has accomplished has been done without the help of others.

Today she finds ultimate peace placing her trust with God, knowing the Father and Blessed Mother are there to assist with burdens of life and understanding it is okay to let go. Mary has learned to "have patience for Jesus' time works at a different pace than manmade time."

She understands that "God is there for all - a person must just slow down, ask, listen and be patient."



# Diocesan family invited to events

Several important events have been scheduled in the Diocese of Ogdensburg for the coming weeks.

The details follow:

## Caritas Dinner

The annual Catholic Charities Caritas Dinner will be held Oct. 28 at the Gran-View Restaurant in Ogdensburg.

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

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

Reservations are \$40 per person. There will be a cash bar at 4:30 p.m. and dinner will begin at 5 p.m.

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

Reservation information is available by calling 315-393-2255

## Harvest Mass

Bishop Terry R. LaValley invites all North Country farmers, their families and co-workers to take part in the annual Harvest Mass of Thanksgiving Nov. 4 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Brushton Nov. 4 at 1:30 p.m.

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

## Witnesses of Faith

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

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

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

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

Complete information about the Year of Faith is available on the diocesan website, [www.dioogdensburg.org/yearof-faith](http://www.dioogdensburg.org/yearof-faith).

Significant Year of Faith events in 2013 will include a celebration of the Solemnity of Corpus Christ June 2 in Ogdensburg and a Celebration of the Eucharist Sept. 29 in Lake Placid.



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(Ps. 118)**

# Funeral held Oct. 18 for Sr. Germaine Bechard, FCSCJ,

A native of Chazy, Sister Germaine was a teacher in Vermont for 38 years

LITTLETON, N.H. - A Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Germaine Bechard, 97, (Sister Homer de l'Eucharistie), a Daughter of the Charity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, was held Oct. 18 in the Mount Sacred Heart Chapel.

She died Oct. 15 at Mount Sacred Heart. Burial will take place in St. Joseph Cemetery, Coopersville, at the convenience of the family.

Germaine Bechard was born April 9, 1915 in Chazy, the daughter of Homer Bechard and Amelia Landry. She professed her vows with her religious congregation on

August 10, 1933.

During her 79 years of religious profession Sister Germaine served in Newport, Vt., Burlington Vt. and in Littleton, N.H.

Sister Germaine Bechard was a dedicated educator at Sacred Heart Schools in Newport, Vt. for 38 years, also sharing her artistic and musical talents whenever possible.

In 1971, Sister Germaine began another phase in her missionary work in which she saw to the needs of the retired priests at St. Joseph Home in Burlington, Vt., and continued in that capacity until 1997.

She then moved to Mount Sacred Heart Infirmary in Littleton, N.H., where she lived until her death.

Sister Germaine Bechard is survived by her sister, Frances Major of North Lawrence, two brothers, Norman and his wife Kathleen of Champlain, Marius and his wife Ann of Champlain, and many nieces and nephews. Sister Germaine is survived by her Sisters in the religious community.

She was predeceased by her parents; her step-mother, Laurette Lefebvre; one sister, Alice Garceau; two brothers-in-law, Leo Major and Fred Garceau.

Condolences may be offered at [www.rossfuneral.com](http://www.rossfuneral.com). Memorial donations may be sent to the Daughters of the Charity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, 226 Grove Street, Littleton, N.H. 03561.

## Bishop's Schedule

Oct. 25 – 12:00 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

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

Oct. 27 – 4:00 p.m., Confirmation for St. Bernard's, Lyon Mountain and St. Edmund's, Ellenburg at St. Bernard's Church.

Oct. 28 – 8:30 a.m., Mass at St. John the Baptist Church in Madrid; 10:30 a.m., Installation of Rev. Msgr. Harry Snow as Pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, Madrid and St. Mary's Church in Waddington at St. Mary's Church; 4:30 p.m., Caritas Dinner at the Gran View in Ogdensburg.

Oct. 29 – 10:30 a.m., Franklin Deanery Meeting with Priests at St. Ann's Church in St. Regis Falls.

Oct. 30 – 10:30 a.m., Diocesan Finance Council Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg.

## Rest in Peace

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

Oct. 24 – Rev. John P. O'Rourke, 1918

Oct. 25 – Rev. J. Michael Duvic, O.M.I., 1917

Oct. 26 – Rev. J. G. Lavoie, O.M.I., 1908

Oct. 27 – Rev. John M. Fagan, O.S.A., 1966; Msgr. George Norton Whittaker, 1971; Msgr. Gerald H. Service, 2002

Oct. 28 – Deacon Richard Gaebel, 2008; Msgr. George M. Phillips, 2011

Oct. 29 – Rev. James R. Scanlon, 1880; Rev. Peter F. Cody, 1888; Rev. John Canning, 1998

Oct. 30 – Rev. Michael F. Burns, 1921; Rev. Thomas E. Owen, 1945; Rev. Peter N. Butler, 1973

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## 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. 25 – St. Stephen's, Croghan, 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 29 – Holy Ghost Parish Center, Tupper Lake, 6 p.m.

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# FACES OF FAITH



St. Joseph Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, former director of evangelization; and Marika Donders, the current director; look over a draft of the program for the upcoming Witnesses of Faith Celebration. The Nov. 18 prayer service to be held at St. Mary's Cathedral will mark the official opening of the Year of Faith in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.



The Altar and Rosary Society of the Church of the Holy Family, Watertown, recently hosted its annual Victorian Silver Tea. Special guest, Dorothy Delaney, was honored for her many years of service to the parish organizations, including the Altar and Rosary Society, and the Legion of Mary. She will be moving to Fairport, later in October, to be nearer her family and be sorely missed by her many friends in the parish



Parishioners of St. Hubert's Church in Star Lake are preparing for their parish bazaar set for Nov. 3 from 9 a.m. to 2. Seated is Dolores Beaulieu; standing are Pauline VanEpps, Ann Rose Kerr, Joan Leffert, Keitha Kerr, Lorraine Giardino and Lynn King; not shown, Donna Gooder. The bazaar will feature many handcrafted items as well as fresh Christmas wreaths, raffles and a luncheon.



The seventh and eighth grade students at St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga have the option of wearing an alternative uniform this year. Shown in their new khaki slacks and navy polo shirts are Caleb Pike, Cassie Reale, Courtney Wranosky, and Emily Pike, with principal St. Joseph Sister Sharon Anne Dalton.



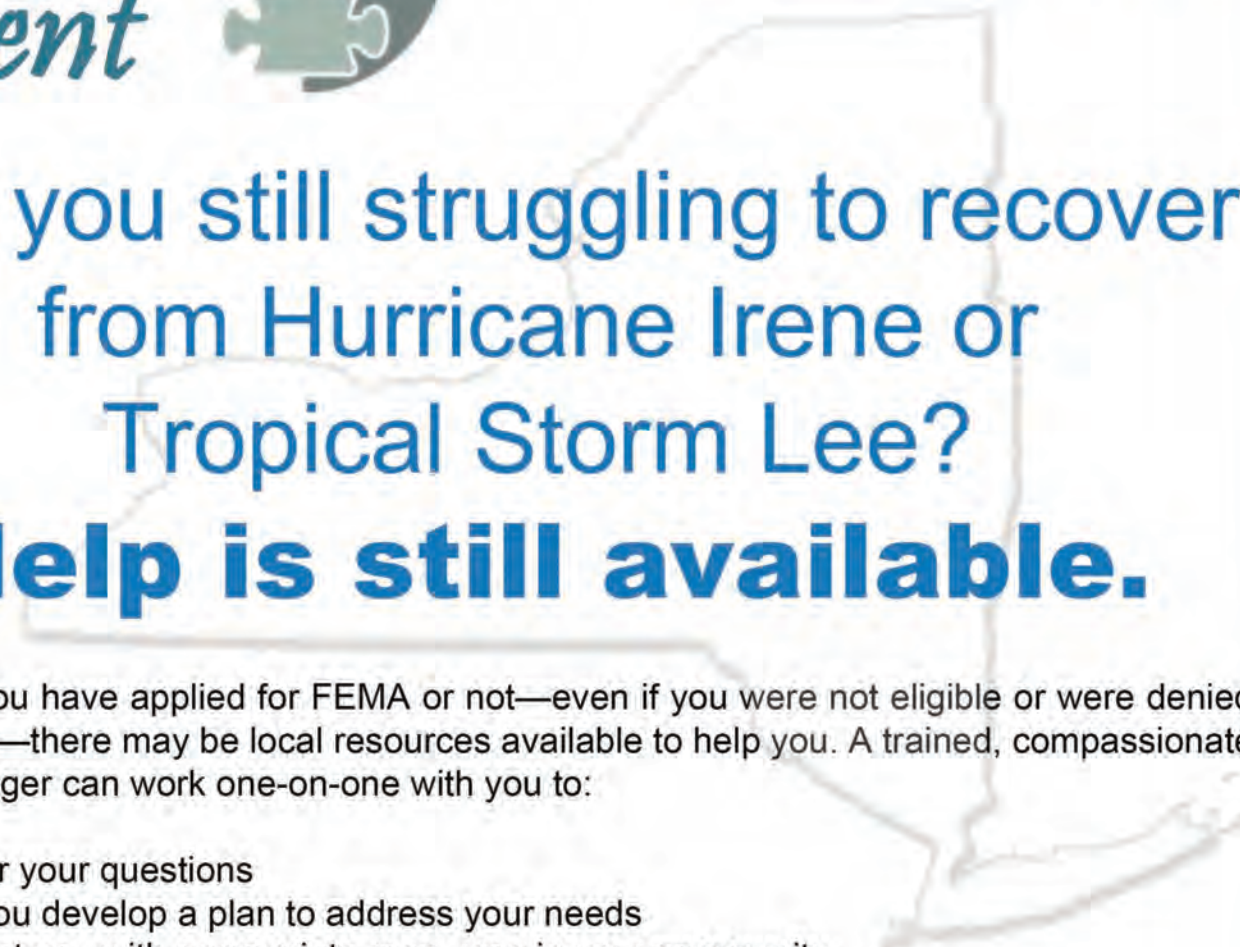
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## From the Director



Dealing with the aftermath of floods, high winds and other destructive elements of a hurricane or tropical storm can take months. The expenses that an individual or family incurs can be overwhelming. Clinton and Essex counties suffered extensive damage as a result of Hurricane Irene. Dozens of people remain on the waiting list for help.

Catholic Charities in collaboration with the Archdiocese of New York and several other dioceses throughout the State of New York is working to help individuals and families recover from that devastating hurricane. Catholic Charities has caseworkers available. The caseworkers can help you to fill out forms, locate programs and access available support services.

Please call Catholic Charities Regional Office at (518) 561-1470. Dana Kelly is the fulltime Caseworker for Disaster Services

Catholic Charities is there to help you.  
 Sr. Donna M. Franklin, LCSW

### What is Disaster Case Management?

◆ The process of organizing and providing assistance to assess and solve disaster-related needs.

### What does a Disaster Case Manager (DCM) do?

◆ A DCM will help to coordinate and aid in the search for goods and services to help individuals recover from a recent disaster. (Hurricane Irene or Tropical Storm Lee).

### How can I receive Disaster Case Management? Is anyone eligible?

◆ YES! Contact Catholic Charities in Plattsburgh and ask to speak with a Disaster Case Manager to assess your post-disaster situation.

◆ Meet with a Disaster Case Manager at a local Recovery Event.

### Why is Disaster Case Management Important?

After a disaster people are left with different needs and different problems. At every level, in every way. From needing a new basement floor due to flooding to emotional support due to loss of a loved one. Everyone in a community is affected by a disaster whether physically, mentally, or emotionally. Disaster Case Management helps to bring a sense of cohesion and coordination after a disaster. Disaster Case Managers (DCM's) help anyone who is having trouble navigating the sea of paperwork, phone calls, and confusion that can occur after a disaster. DCMs can help anyone who feels they are becoming overwhelmed and uncertain where to turn for help after a disaster, be it looking for emotional guidance or help with finding an effective way of fixing their roof or hauling away trees. Disaster Case Management helps to put the pieces together for anyone who needs assistance after a disaster.

### Misconceptions about Disaster Case Management...

#### I'm not on welfare, why would I need disaster case management?

◆ Disaster case Management is for EVERYONE! Everyone is effected after a disaster and everyone can feel overwhelmed or have circumstances beyond their control lead them to seek outside assistance and that's OK! We are here to help, not to judge!!

#### I now need assistance because I've mismanaged my assets or have done something else wrong!

◆ Disasters effect everyone differently. If you are need of assistance it is fine to say so. Many disasters occur without warning and many are left simply with too much damage to handle on their own and that is NO ONE'S FAULT!



Catholic Charities Caseworker Dana Kelly meets with individuals and families in Jay, New York at the ONE YEAR AFTER event sponsored by the Long Term Recovery Committee of Clinton and Essex Counties.



The New York State Disaster Case Management Program is operated under the auspices of The New York State Department of Homeland Security, Office of Emergency Management and funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).



## VATICAN LETTER

# Kateri and Jake

*Two young American Indians - from two centuries - are joined in sainthood cause*

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Jake Finkbonner knows what it's like to have kids tease him because of the way he looks, but one of his heroes also grew up being teased.

The 12-year-old boy said Kateri Tekakwitha, who was to become an official saint Oct. 21, was "an inspiration because I remember reading that many of the children in her tribe teased her because of her faith, but she continued to praise God and she made her own rosary."

"One of the things she always tried to do was spread her faith, even though her uncle and aunt didn't really approve of it," he said.

Kateri was raised by her Mohawk father's family after her parents died in a smallpox epidemic; Kateri survived, but with a scarred face and damaged vision.

Jake and his parents - Donny and Elsa - his two little sisters, all four of his grandparents and lots of aunts and uncles traveled to Rome for Kateri's canonization.

The scars left on Jake's face are all that remain of the flesh-eating bacteria that nearly took his life almost seven years ago.

The sudden disappearance of the necrotizing fasciitis was recognized by the Vatican as the miracle needed for the canonization of Kateri, who Jake proudly explains "will be the first Native American saint."

Jake's dad, Donny, is a member of the Lummi Nation. The family lives in Sandy Point, Wash., on the Lummi reservation.

Jake was teased a lot, especially when he was younger and was first recovering, but "now I don't really have problems with that," he said.



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**Jake Finkbonner, 12, and his parents, Don and Elsa Finkbonner of Sandy Point, Wash., are pictured during an interview in Rome Oct. 18. Jake's healing from a rare and potentially fatal flesh-eating bacteria was the miracle accepted for the Oct. 21 canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.**

Jake said he wants to be a plastic surgeon when he grows up so he can help other children; while he believes Kateri interceded to save his life, he also says his doctors "had a big part in my recovery."

Jesuit Father Paolo Molinari, who has spent more than 50 years as Kateri's postulator, promoting her canonization, said miracles are "the confirmation by God of a judgment made by human beings" that the potential saint really is in heaven.

Jake's parents provided Father Molinari with Jake's hospital records and photographs taken by his physicians documenting the boy's condition.

The material, including interviews of Jake's doctors conducted by officials of the Archdiocese of Seattle, were turned over to the Vatican Congregation for Saints' Causes.

Father Molinari said, "It's really moving to see the declarations of the doctors who gave an account of what they went through for three weeks - the child really went between life and death, life and death."

The Jesuit said he also was touched by what the Finkbonners' parish priest reported the parents saying: "Father, we've decided to respond like Abraham, and if God wants to take our son, we'll say, 'yes.'"

But the priest told the parents that they could ask God to return their son to them, and he suggested they pray to Blessed Kateri, who died in 1680.

"That was the beginning of a movement of prayer that was extremely strong and solid," Father Molinari said, describing how the praying spread from the family, to Jake's classmates, the parish and the Tekakwitha Conference, which serves indigenous communities in North America.

Jake attended his first Tekakwitha Conference in July.

"They were all wanting to touch me and come and hug me and things like that," he

said. Jake said he was impressed by "how spiritual they were and how active they were in their faith."

Jake's dad said there was a statue of Kateri in the reservation church where he grew up, and that his own parents had told him Kateri's story.

"It wasn't like it was a daily thing," he said; "it was just a story that was passed on."

"For us, it's like she's a hero in the Catholic faith," Donny Finkbonner explained. Kateri is "an example for us to follow, somebody who stood up for her faith even though it wasn't a popular thing."

Growing up, he said, Kateri's story was "something we had pride over -- she lived more than 300 years ago and her story's still being told and, so, looking back on her story it's kind of come full circle with Jake's miracle."

Father Scott Connolly is pastor of Assumption Parish where Jake and his sisters go to school.

He traveled with dozens of his parishioners on a pilgrimage to Rome for the canonization.

"The saints are so important in our life as a Catholic people," he said. "The fact that we actually have a miracle in our school - someone we can actually touch and see and talk to and enjoy" - has an impact on the community, but also on native peoples in the United States and Canada, and on the whole church.

Amid all the fuss, Father Connolly said, "one of the things I've realized is that miracles are happening all of the time and we don't actually recognize that."

Jake - who took a while to warm up to the idea of being surrounded by reporters, photographers and television cameras - said he is convinced that "Kateri truly did intercede and if it weren't for her, I wouldn't be here."

# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Obama, Romney poke fun at each other at Al Smith dinner

NEW YORK (CNS) -- As headliners for a glittering event that raised \$5 million for Catholic health care programs in the Archdiocese of New York, President Barack Obama and former Gov. Mitt Romney briefly suspended their vociferous campaign rhetoric to exchange humorous jibes Oct. 18 at the 67th annual dinner of the Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation. The host of the event, Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, was seated on the four-tiered dais between the Democratic and Republican presidential nominees. They faced more than 1,640 formally attired donors who filled the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel and its two balconies. By tradition, speakers poke fun at themselves, one another and various prominent guests, without inflicting wounds. This does not preclude delivering a serious message with a smile. Cardinal Dolan was criticized for inviting Obama because of his administration's mandate requiring most Catholic employers, like other employers, to provide free contraceptive coverage for employees over the church's moral objections. The church considers the mandate, currently being challenged in federal court, a threat to religious freedom. But the cardinal managed to land a few direct punches that were met with appreciative applause. He said the annual dinner shows the United States and the Catholic Church at their best. "Here we are in an atmosphere of civility and humor hosted, fittingly, by a church that claims that joy is the infallible sign of God's presence," he said. "We are grateful to be people of faith and loyal Americans, loving a country which considers religious liberty our first and most cherished freedom, convinced that faith is not just limited to an hour of Sabbath worship, but affects everything we do or dare and dream."

## Bishop calls US court's rejection of Defense of Marriage Act 'unjust'

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The chairman of the U.S. Catholic bishops' subcommittee on marriage described as "unjust and a great disappointment" the decision by a federal appeals court striking down part of the Defense of Marriage Act, which says marriage is a legal union of a man and a woman. "Redefining marriage never upholds the equal dignity of individuals because it contradicts basic human rights," said San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage. He issued a statement Oct. 19 about a 2-1 ruling handed down a day earlier by the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan, which said the federal marriage law was unconstitutional because it failed to give equal protection to New York spouses in same-sex marriages. It was the second appeals court ruling to find a key provision of the 1996 federal law unconstitutional. In May, the Boston-based 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of same-sex couples in Massachusetts, challenging what they argued was the discriminatory nature of the legislation. The Defense of Marriage Act, known as DOMA, passed with bipartisan support and was signed into law by President Bill Clinton. It defines marriage as "a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife." The U.S. Supreme Court is expected this term to take up an appeal to rulings on the Defense of Marriage Act. There also is an appeal pending on California's Proposition 8, a 2008 voter-approved ban on same-sex marriage. In his statement, Archbishop Cordileone reiterated the church's teaching that marriage "is and can only be the union of one man and one woman," and said this recognition "is grounded in our nature" and "obliges our consciences and laws

## Audience message for the Year of Faith

# Pope: ignorance of faith risks creating cafeteria Catholics

By Carol Glatz  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Ignorance of the faith puts Christians at risk of following a "do-it-yourself" religion, Pope Benedict XVI said.

People need to become more familiar with the creed because it is there that the "Christian moral life is planted and ... one finds its foundation and justification," the pope said Oct. 17 at his weekly general audience.

Before an estimated 20,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square, the pope began a new series of audience talks to accompany the Year of Faith, which marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council.

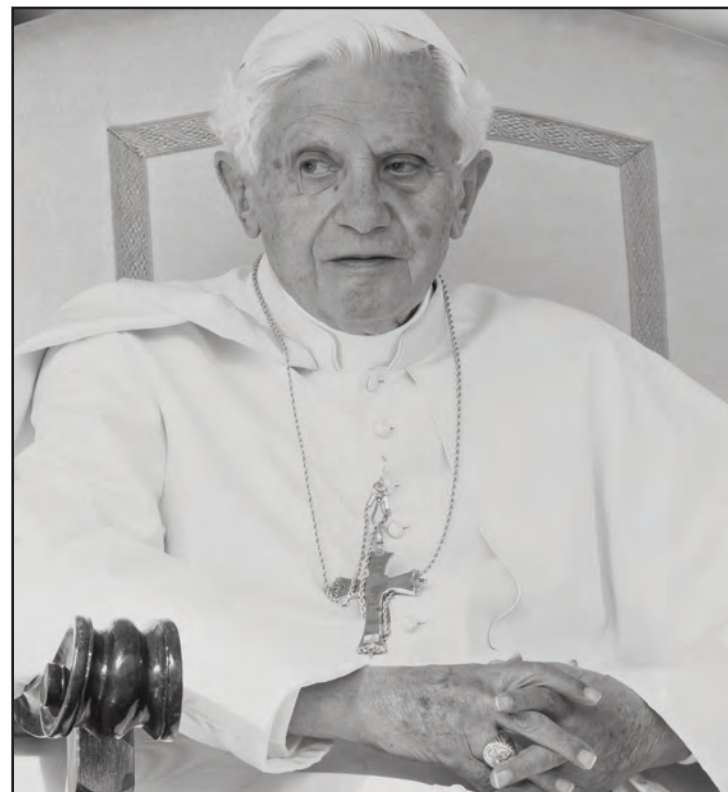
He said he hopes the series of instructional talks, which is expected to run until Nov. 24, 2013, will help people "strengthen or rediscover the joy of faith and realize that it isn't something foreign to or separate from everyday life, but is its soul."

Pope Benedict said the widespread and dominant nature of today's secularism, individualism and relativism means that even Christians are not completely "immune from these dangers."

Some of the negative effects include faith being lived "passively or in private, a refusal to learn about the faith, and the rift between faith and life," he said.

"Often Christians don't even know the central core of their own Catholic faith -- the creed -- thereby leaving room for a certain syncretism and religious relativism," he said. Without a clear idea of the faith's fundamental truths and the uniquely salvific nature of Christianity, "the risk of constructing a so-called 'do-it-yourself' religion is not remote today."

"Where do we find the essential formula of the faith?



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Pope Benedict XVI looks on as he leads his general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Oct. 17.

Where do we find the truths that have been faithfully handed down and make up the light of our daily life," he asked.

He said the answer is the creed, or profession of faith, which needs to be better understood, reflected upon and integrated into one's life. Christians need to "discover the profound link between the truths we profess in the creed and our daily life" so that these truths are allowed to transform the "deserts of modern-day life."

The Christian faith is not a belief in an idea or just an outlook on life, he said, but a relationship with the living person of Christ who transforms lives.

That is why having faith in God isn't merely an intellectual activity, but something that "truly changes everything in us and for us; it clearly reveals our future destiny, the truth of our vocation within history, the

meaning of life and the pleasure of being pilgrims heading toward the heavenly home."

Pope Benedict said faith doesn't take anything away from one's life, rather it is what renders life more just and humane.

Current cultural changes "often show many forms of barbarity, which hide under the guise of victories won by civilization," he said. However, "wherever there is domination, possessiveness, exploitation, treating others as a commodity," and arrogance, humankind is "impoverished, degraded and disfigured."

Faith shows that humanity won't find its full realization unless the human person "is animated by the love that comes from God," he said. The gift of faith then finds expression in "relationships full of love, compassion, care and selfless service toward others."

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

## Finding hope in times of pessimism, confusion

Today's readings provide us with much hope for our current confusion and pessimism.

How often these days we run into people who are discouraged at losing their jobs, or worried about their children who are out of work and low on cash.

Others of our friends or neighbors are just gloomy and pessimistic about the confusion of our leaders in providing far-seeing solutions restoring prosperity to the middle class, jobs for those without work, proper reform of health care, and im-

migration laws.

It seems that no one who leadership roles has enough far-seeing and wise vision. Blindness at the top causes loss of confidence for a bright future.

How can we find our vision?

Underneath our blindness is the refusal of so many to see our sinful behaviour as God sees right and wrong.

Our values seem to crumble more each day.

As the saying goes, "There are none so blind as those who will not see!"

Repentance and reform have to come from a people willing to let go their blind-

ness.

Before the people of Israel could be freed from exile. They did just that. They began to see themselves as God saw them. Then God called them from the ends of the earth, back to their beloved Promised Land.

In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah assures the Israelites that the day is coming when God will bring all of them back - the blind, the lame, mothers and babies, the broken and the battered—all who are repentant of their infidelities.

As God promised them, God promises us.

The Gospel shows us that the fullness of that promise will come through Jesus Christ. The scene is the final healing that Jesus per-

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Jeremiah 31:7-9

Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark 10:46-52

formed before returning to His passion and death in Jerusalem. A blind man named Bartimaeus calls out, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me."

He hardly expects a response from the One whom he acknowledges as the messiah. Many tried to shut him up. But Jesus stops and asks him, "What do you want me to do for you?"

Bartimaeus responds, "Mas-

ter, I want to see." And Jesus gives to Bartimaeus the gift he asks for!

As Jesus healed this blind man because he wanted so desperately to see, He will heal all of us who long to be cured of our spiritual blindness. When we ask in faith, Jesus will give us His kind of vision. As Bartimaeus opened His eyes, he saw the face of Jesus.

When we see the face of Jesus in the child in the womb, in the man next door out of work, the sick person and the elderly who need healing and dignified care, then we and our beloved nation will have the right kind of vision.

We pray today that we and our leaders will beg God for sight.

## OUR READERS WRITE

## 'And David slew Goliath:' pro-life pilgrim's diary

By Betty Buffett,  
Coordinator, Lake Champlain Bus for Life

At 8 p.m. on the evening of January 22, 2012, a group of about 50 from Plattsburgh and the surrounding area, including Vermont, started out for Washington DC's 39th annual March for Life.

The goal of the 10-hour bus trip was to join thousands of like-minded people from all over the mid to eastern part of the country, to demonstrate our abhorrence of abortion, and to continue, by our annual

presence, to tell the government that we do not agree with the current laws and want them changed!

A reflection for  
Respect Life Month

Monsignor Aubin graciously saw us off with prayers, and said it was an honor for him to do so.

We were privileged to have two new clergymen on the bus with us this year: Father Kris Lauzon and the Rev. Marty Mischenko, as well as two regulars: the Rev. Deb Mischenko and Deacon Dennis Monty.

Needless to say there was plenty of opportunity for prayer, with these people aboard!

We picked up another group of ten plus regulars in Glens Falls, always a great addition to our journey.

We arrived in Washington at 6 a.m., with several of us disembarking at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, where we were very fortunate to get seats for the

standing room only Mass by cardinal elect Timothy Dolan.

I estimated 50 or more priests and bishops on the altar for the second of three pro-life Masses, starting the previous evening, 7am and 8:30 am.

Archbishop Dolan conveyed a short but concise sermon, telling us to remember David and Goliath, and how that encounter ended; he encouraged us to take heart, that we are the David's of this world, and we will win in the end, over the Goliath of the pro-death culture, in which we live.

Some of the others in the group traveled to St. Peter's on the Hill, for 7 am Mass with the local bishop, and then attended the ecumenical pro-life meeting, where Father Frank Pavone did show up, although word was that he would not be attending this year. This was a pleasant surprise!!!

After Archbishop Dolan's Mass, our small group shared a cab to the lower end of the mall, where three

of us: Christine and Rosie Travail and I began our long search, in a light but persistent rain, for the Martin Luther King Memorial.

We agreed that this was probably the one monument, out of all the others, that would best suit our pro-life goal of the day, and a great follow-up to the service we had just attended.

What a sight met our eyes, as we approached.

A towering figure of Rev. King, with arms crossed, loomed above us, as we, and he, looked across the water in the mist, at the Jefferson memorial.

On two free-standing walls at either side of the central figure, we could read engraved excerpts from some of his discourses. This one, I felt, especially fit our purpose for being in the capitol this day:

*"I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is Why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil tri-*

*umphant."*

We then joined thousands and thousands of people, as they walked, singing and praying, to the Supreme Court, an esprit de corps, as it were.

I would highly recommend to anyone who is physically able, to join our bus, or any of the several other buses from the north western part of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, as well as Vt., to take part in this pro-life pilgrimage.

You will return having been spiritually uplifted, and totally energized to continue to work on saving unborn children, the elderly and handicapped, who have been thrown away by our society.

The Lake Champlain Bus For Life will leave Plattsburgh Jan. 24 for the National March for Life on Jan. 25 in Washington, DC.

For more information, to make a donation or to reserve a seat on the bus, please contact Betty Buffett at 518-536-6640 or Karen Smith at 518

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## AT THE MOVIES

## ARGO

By John Mulderig  
Catholic News Service

A tense, clandestine and quirky chapter in recent history is turned into an engrossing fact-based thriller in "Argo" (Warner Bros.).

Though serious themes and a surfeit of swearing make this drama suitable only for adults, mature viewers will find their fortitude in the face of exploding F-bombs rewarded by a positive treatment of marriage and a brief but telling salute to faith-based values.

Set against the backdrop of the Iran hostage crisis of 1979-81, "Argo" tells the story of CIA agent Tony Mendez (Ben Affleck). Tasked by his boss Jack O'Donnell (Bryan Cranston) with rescuing the handful of U.S. embassy employees who managed to escape capture when that facility was overrun by armed militants, Mendez hatches a seemingly far-fetched scheme: He'll smuggle them out of Tehran - where

they've been hiding in the Canadian embassy - disguised as a Canadian film crew touring the Middle East to scout locations.

To make this outlandish cover convincing, Mendez enlists the help of veteran Hollywood producer Lester Siegel (Alan Arkin) and makeup artist John Chambers (John Goodman).

Hurriedly, the trio works together to drum up publicity for the imaginary film project that gives this movie its title. The real script they're using is a characteristic Tinseltown artifact of the era: a second-rate rip-off of "Star Wars."

Affleck, who also directed, masterfully alternates between life-or-death drama and high-stakes humor. Though both aspects of the story too frequently give rise to coarse dialogue, the canny patriotism and emotional impact of the picture - as scripted by Chris Terrio -- make for a rousing experience.

Even as he dedicatedly pursues his dangerous mission into hostile territory,

Mendez is preoccupied by family problems. He and his wife have separated, and she's taken his young son away to live with her.

Mendez maintains as much contact with both of them as he can, holding on to the distant prospect of a happy outcome.

As the fugitives he's been sent to help prepare to cooperate with Mendez' desperate plan, one of them quietly studies a prayer card with an image of the Infant of Prague on it. He then slips the card into the copy of the "Argo" screenplay he'll carry with him throughout the coming ordeal.

The implicit contrast between the innocence and gentleness conjured up by that widely beloved icon and the screaming hordes of religiously inflamed zealots who abuse their prisoners inside the violated embassy is a striking one. But the fundamental difference being highlighted may have more to do with the nature of civilized life itself than with the varieties of belief.



CNS PHOTO/WARNER BROS.

Ben Affleck stars in a scene from the movie "Argo."

Either way, audiences will note who prevails.

The film contains potentially disturbing scenes and images, an abortion reference, a half-dozen uses of profanity as well as many rough and crude terms.

The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

## ALSO PLAYING



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Kathryn Newton stars in a scene from the movie "Paranormal Activity 4." The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.



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**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; kids, \$9; under 5, Free  
**Features:** Craft Tables, Country Store, Immediate Seating, Take-outs.

**FOR GREATER GLORY**

**Plattsburgh** – “For the Greater Glory” to be shown at Regal Champlain Centre 8.  
**Date:** Nov. 1  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m. to 9:53  
**Cost:** \$10  
**Features:** Go online by Oct. 24 to <http://www.tugg.com/events/1943>. Event Info: The Knights of Columbus in collaboration with others present the true struggle’s of the Mexican people in this historical movie.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Plattsburgh** – Eucharistic Adoration is held throughout the year every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.  
**Place:** St. John’s “Holy Family” Adoration Chapel, downstairs  
**Time:** 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
 Theme: “His Sacred Heart is an inexhaustible fountain of mercy . . . . And it is still the same every day in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar.” (St. Margaret Mary Alacoque)  
**Contact:** For more information about spending a special hour with Jesus weekly, or becoming a substitute, please call 518-561-5083 or email us at [Sjohnsadoration@aol.com](mailto:Sjohnsadoration@aol.com)

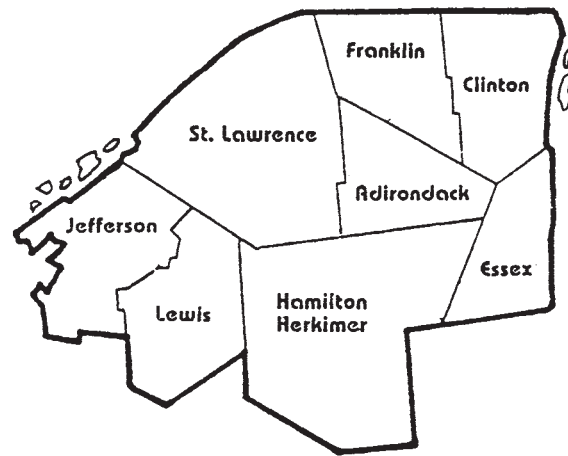
**WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP**

**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**

**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



The North Country Catholic welcomes contributions to “Around the Diocese”. Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:  
**North Country Catholic**, PO Box 326, Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 1-866-314-7296; e-mail [news@northcountrycatholic.org](mailto:news@northcountrycatholic.org).

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

raffle. Soups, chili, hot dogs, michigans, sandwiches, pies, and cinnamon rolls,  
**Contact:** For further information call the school (585-7433).

**FRANKLIN**

**CABBAGE ROLL SALE**

**Brushton** – Cabbage roll sale to be held on Election Day.  
**Date:** Nov. 6  
**Time:** 6 a.m. until gone  
**Place:** St. Mary’s Parish Center  
**Cost:** \$4  
**Features:** Take-outs only. Each roll includes a dinner roll. May be pre-ordered starting on Nov. 5 by calling 518-529-6580.

**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.

**JEFFERSON**

**HAM DINNER**

**Alexandria Bay** – St. Cyril’s Church will be having a family style Ham Dinner.  
**Date:** Nov. 6  
**Time:** Take-outs from 4 p.m. to 5; Serving from 5 p.m. to 7  
**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Children \$5; under 5, free  
**Deliveries:** Call 955-4846

**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 own containers

**LEWIS**

**HEALING MASS**

**Lowville** – Healing Mass to be held at St. Peter’s Church.  
**Date:** Oct. 27  
**Time:** 10 a.m.  
**Features:** The Sacrament of the Sick will be offered during Mass for anyone who needs healing of mind, body or soul. All are welcome. The Mass will be followed by a breakfast in the church hall.

**HARVEST BRUNCH**

**Lowville** – St. Peter’s will be having a Harvest Brunch.  
**Date:** Nov. 4  
**Time:** following the 9 a.m. Mass  
**Cost:** Adults, \$7.50; Children 5-12, \$4; under 5, Free  
**Features:** Take-outs available.

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS**

**Houseville** – Divine Mercy Devotions for the month of November to be held.  
**Date:** Nov. 4  
**Time:** 3 p.m.  
**Place:** St. Hedwig’s Church  
 Features: The program includes: Vespers (Evening Prayer), Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction.  
**Contact:** 348-6260.

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**FALL BAZAAR**

**Norfolk** – The Altar Rosary Society will be hosting a Fall Bazaar.  
**Date:** Oct. 27  
**Time:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Place:** Church of the Visitation parish center  
**Features:** Food Sale with Cabbage Rolls, Country Store, Candy Sale, Coffee & Donuts, Hand Made Crafts, Christmas Crafts, Attic Table, Religious Articles. Luncheon served from 11:30am-1:00pm Raffle tickets \$1 donation.

**HARVEST DINNER**

**Gouverneur** – St. James School will be having a Harvest Dinner.  
**Date:** Nov. 8  
**Time:** 4:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Children 12 and under, \$5; under 5, free  
**Features:** Eat in or take-out.

**CRAFT SHOW**

**Brasher Falls** – The Altar Rosary Society of St. Patrick’s Church will having their 22nd annual craft show.  
**Date:** Nov. 10  
**Time:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Place:** K of C Hall  
**Cost:** Adults, \$1; students, \$.50; under 5, free  
**Features:** Luncheon and refreshments will be available.

**K OF C BRUNCH**

**Norfolk** – The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a brunch.  
**Date:** Nov. 11  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to Noon;  
**Place:** Visitation Parish Center; Take-outs available  
**Cost:** Adults, \$7; Children under 12, \$4; Under 5, Free; Family, \$18

**FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRIES**

**Ogdensburg** – The K of C Council 258’s Friday Night Fish Fries are back.  
**Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 7 every Friday until Spring

**Place:** K of C Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Children 5-12, \$4; under 5, Free  
**Features:** Take-out will be available. The K of C Ladies Auxiliary provides home-made dessert for \$1 and there is a cash bar. All processed benefit K of C Charities. Choices of Fresh Haddock or Shrimp dinner with Macaroni and Cheese or French Fries or half and half. Also served Cole Slaw and a roll.

**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 11a.m. to 1p.m.

**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.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Massena** – St. Mary’s & St. Joseph’s holds Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday.  
**Time:** 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
**Place:** St. Mary’s Church.  
**Features:** First Friday of each month is preceded by Benediction.



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We have witnessed natural disasters and the devastation it causes people in developing countries. Through your generosity many people will know of Christ's love, in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and the remote regions of Latin America.

Such "good news" happens in the Missions year after year with your help through the Pontifical Mission Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Please know that I am most grateful for your generosity and prayerful support.

While World Mission Sunday is celebrated only once a year, I hope that in the months ahead you will continue to remember the missionary work of the Church, especially in your prayers. If you have given to the Mission Sunday collection in your parish, I say again, "thank you." If you have yet to give, I once again ask you to be as generous as you can. Thank you and please continue to pray for missionaries throughout the world. We are in their prayers!

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## OBITUARIES

**Adams** — Margaret D. (Brown) Browne, 71; Funeral Services Oct. 16, 2012 at Piddock Funeral Home; burial in Lakeside Cemetery, Sackets Harbor.

**Brasher Falls** — Gwenethe S. "Gwen" (Sanford) Bradish, 95; Funeral Services Oct. 20, 2012 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Winthrop Cemetery.

**Burke** — Eileen V. (Sullivan) Smith, 90; Funeral Services Oct. 15, 2012 at St. George's Church; burial in St. George's Cemetery.

**Canton** — D. Rolland Lee, 85; Funeral Services Oct. 15, 2012 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Cumberland Head** — Donald R. Brothers, 62; Funeral Services Oct. 12, 2012 at St. Mary's of the Lake; burial in parish cemetery.

**Dannemora** — Thelma Vincent Upton, 91; Funeral Services Oct. 18, 2012 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**Gouverneur** — Colleen S. (Burke) Minckler, 56; Funeral Services Oct. 17, 2012 at St. James Church; burial in New St. James Cemetery.

**Keeseville** — Gladys M. (Keyea) Folan, 102; Funeral Services Oct. 20, 2012 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in St. John's Cemetery.

**Massena** — Jean Marie Ginder, 75; Funeral Services Oct. 19, 2012 at Sacred Heart Church.

**Massena** — Sharon L. (LaRose) LaDue, 70; Funeral Services Oct. 18, 2012 at the Donaldson Funeral Home.

**Massena** — Anne M. Pelotte, 60; Funeral

Services Oct. 13, 2012 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** — Carl R. Godfrey, 87; Funeral Services Oct. 16, 2012 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in Brick Chapel Cemetery, Canton.

**Ogdensburg** — Emmitt Lawrence LaLonde, infant; Funeral Services Oct. 13, 2012 at Frary's Funeral Home; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** — Arthur J. Mallette, 93; Funeral Services Oct. 19, 2012 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Union Cemetery, DeKalb.

**Ogdensburg** — Ruth Woods Wagoner, 87; Funeral Services Oct. 13, 2012 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Peru** — Richard A. DiStefano, 75; Funeral Services Oct. 17, 2012 at the Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, West Peru.

**Peru** — Genevieve A. (McGee) Frenia, 97; Funeral Services Oct. 20, 2012 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** — Robert H. "Bob" Carr, 86; Funeral Services Oct. 20, 2012 at St. John's Church; burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

**Port Henry** — Joan Iva (Maple) McLaughlin, 77; Funeral Services Oct. 15, 2012 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Union Cemetery.

**Port Kent** — Janice M. (Bombard) Holland, 78; Funeral Services Oct. 16, 2012 at St. John's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Mausoleum, Plattsburgh.

**Saranac Lake** — Hilda B. (Bastian) McKenna 89; Funeral Services Oct. 16, 2012 at Fortune-Keough Funeral Home.

**Schroon Lake** — Clara M. (Bryan) Moses, 89; Funeral Services Oct. 15, 2012 at Our Lady of Lourdes; burial in North Hudson Cemetery.

**Ticonderoga** — Cynthia M. (Berardo) Kroner, 94; Funeral Services Oct. 18, 2012 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

**Tupper Lake** — Monica (LaLonde) Leonard, 80; Funeral Services Oct. 12, 2012 at St. Alphonsus Church; burial in St. Alphonsus Cemetery.

**Tupper Lake** — Rose M. (Maroun) Rosky, 86; Funeral Services Oct. 18 at St. Alphonsus Church.

**Watertown** — David M. BonDurant, 49; Funeral Services Oct. 17, 2012 at Holy Family Church.

**Watertown** — Hazel L. (Charest) Nottell, 92; Funeral Services Oct. 16, 2012 at the Reed & Benoit Funeral Home; burial in Brownville Cemetery.

**Watertown** — Raymond A. "Ramie" Paris, 53; Funeral Services Oct. 16, 2012 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**West Chazy** — Richard I. Lashway, 31; Funeral Services Oct. 20, 2012 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.



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YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

# Heaven's Reflection

By Tracy Leonard  
Contributing Writer

As the temperature begins to drop, the days begin to shorten and the tree line fades to shades of green, orange, red and yellow, I cannot help but contemplate the idea of inevitable change in our everyday lives.

I recently reflected on this idea during Columbus Day weekend as I sat to write this article on the shores of lower Saranac Lake during free time at Guggenheim Family Camp.

It all began as we drove down the camp road.

My parents and I chuckled as we reminisced about the previous years when we took the trip from Watertown to Saranac to register my four sisters and me for another exciting week at teen camp.

Not too many years later, my sister Lisa and I were anxiously arriving at Forest Home Road as camp counselors, and this weekend, we arrived back home at sacred Guggenheim with three generations of the Leonard clan (me, my parents, Lisa, her husband, and their four kids).

Certainly, times have



Tracy Leonard, left, is shown with members of her family, including her parents Charlie and Diane Leonard of Watertown, and her sister Lisa; Lisa's husband and their four children during the Columbus Day Family Guggenheim weekend.

changed! From campers to counselors to an extended family, we've been highly motivated or inspired by changes through the years.

This change has sometimes been hard to initiate and other times it has been hard when it's been thrust upon us. We are creatures of comfort and every change has required some level of physical, mental or psycho-

logical transformation.

Through the years, from camper, to counselor, to family, we've experienced athletic and academic successes or challenges.

We've gathered for elementary, high school or college graduations.

Our parents have provided support and guidance through the dating years and even breakups.

We've accepted new jobs, honored the joining of families through marriage, rejoiced at the birth of a new child, celebrated sacraments, bought new homes, experienced the relocation of a sister to Texas, shared holidays, battled diseases and illnesses, and sadly, even mourned the loss of loved ones.

Tears have been shed and laughter shared.

Just like the colder weather of fall, the shorter days and the colorful shades of leaves, these experiences have transformed our lives through times of personal growth and devel-

opment.

We've had times of trial and despair or times of success, hope and accomplishment; each revealing something unique about us as individuals in a larger family... the Leonard family and the family we call church.

This weekend at Guggenheim has reminded me of something very important - the one thing that has remained consistent through all these changes has been God and the importance of family.

Although everything else in the universe appears to undergo change, God does not. He is the unchanging eternal one.

This strong faith has provided each member of our family a solid foundation which has given us trust, love, support and fortitude.

Our family, with the help of God's grace and this special weekend in the beauty of the Adirondacks has been heaven's reflection.

Our experience at Guggenheim strengthened us, helped us to gain insight from other families we met and allowed us to share the love of our family with others. Graciously, we continue to accept and foster the seeds of change that our planted in our home and hearts.

So, this fall, while experiencing all the surrounding changes, I encourage you to look within, and reflect on how the unchanging God is working in your life.



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