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Prayer for hurricane victims

VATICAN CITY (CNS)- Pope Benedict XVI expressed his concern for everyone affected by Hurricane Sandy and encouraged all those working to rebuild from the disaster.

"Conscious of the devastation caused by the hurricane which recently struck the East Coast of the United

States of America, I offer my prayers for the victims and express my solidarity with all those engaged in the work of rebuilding," he said Oct. 31 at the end of his weekly general audience.

Nearly 1,000 miles wide, Sandy's strong gales reached to the Great Lakes.

As of Nov. 1, it caused at least 72 deaths in seven states and left more than 8.5 million homes and businesses without power from the Carolinas to Ohio.

In the Caribbean, government officials put the death toll across the islands at 69, with more than 50 in Haiti,

where widespread flooding devastated parts of the already impoverished country.

During his main audience talk Oct. 31, the pope underlined the importance of the church in preserving and passing on the faith across generations and throughout history.

MSGR. AUCOIN IS HONORED

Lighting the Fire Award



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Year of Faith.. Story of Faith

This week, Pat Hanley, director of the Adirondack House of Prayer in Ellenburg Center, reflects on her personal story of faith.

Despite hardship in the early years of her life, Ms. Hanley "marvels at the ways of God, and is grateful for all the experiences which have brought her closer to him."

"Talking about (my faith) reminds me again of how God has worked throughout all these years," she said. "His love is the thread running through my life and connecting all the pieces."

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HONORING A LEGACY OF CHARITY



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE

Bishop Terry R. LaValley presents the 2012 Catholic Charities Legacy Award to Emily Watson and Addie McMaimon, representing the students of Immaculate Heart Central School in Watertown. Joseph Aabye accepted on behalf of the students of Seton Catholic Central in Plattsburgh. The presentations were made at the annual Catholic Charities Caritas dinner held Oct. 28 at the Gran View in Ogdensburg. The 2012 Caritas Award winner was Gayle Seymour of Malone. Full coverage of the event is on pages 8-9; the bishop's comments are on page 3.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Where charity and love prevail

Year after year, I'm never prouder to be a Catholic than when I'm sitting at the annual Catholic Charities Caritas Award dinner.

This year was no exception.

The 2012 Caritas winner, Gayle Seymour, is typical of all the winners since the inception of the honor in 1978: an extraordinary individual!

Joelle Lamica, director of the Malone Catholic Charities office, where Gayle is a volunteer, described her as "loyal, dependable, creative, organized, kind, compassionate and generous."

"She is tireless in her service to our agency and the community at large," Ms. Lamica said.

The Caritas presentation was followed by the announcement of the 2012 Legacy Award winners. Just three years old, this award is presented to young people who have displayed extraordinary faith-based service.

This year, the two Catholic high schools in the diocese were honored. Joseph Aabye accepted the award on behalf of Seton Catholic Central in Plattsburgh while Emily Watson and Addie McMaimon represented Immaculate Heart Central in Watertown.

The three students offered a long list of service projects undertaken at Seton and IHC which have addressed school, community and worldwide needs.

It was simply breathtaking to hear; every Catholic in the diocese would and should be proud.

At the end of the program, Daughter of Charity Sister Donna Franklin, diocesan director of Catholic Charities, delivered her annual talk listing the highlights of the work accomplished in the past

year. "Catholic Charities stands on a firm foundation of Catholic social teaching and Gospel values," she said.

The entire talk is printed on page 8 but that short sentence is all we need to know.

As proud as we are, though, we can never be satisfied with the charitable accomplishments of years past. Our help is needed today as never before:

Catholic Charities USA is accepting cash donations as it develops its response to the victims of Hurricane Sandy.

Donations can be made online at www.catholiccharitiesusa.org OR by calling toll-free (800) 919-9338 OR by mail to P.O. Box 17066, Baltimore, MD 21297-1066.

Mary Lou
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The place of the Church in the World

This week I would like to get back to looking at the documents of the Second Vatican Council. Most of the documents of the Council considered the concerns of the Catholic Church within the Church. There was one document that considered the place and activity of the Catholic Church in the affairs of the world at large. Actually, this was a rather unique document – and became the impetus for many of the activities of the Church in the present. As I have reread this document, I have discovered many initiatives that have developed and grown in the years since the Council.

This document is entitled the *Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World* (called *Gaudium et Spes*). This document is interesting in that it was not part of the original agenda of the Council. After the discussion and debates that developed the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, the Council Bishops felt that there was much more to say about the Church, especially the Church's activities in the life of the whole world.

At the time of the Council, a Protestant theologian wrote of how impressed he was with the document's positive attitude toward the world. Before the Council, the Church had a reputation of being very negative of the things of the world – with many condemnations. However, from the very beginning this document took an affirmative stance. The Council Fathers in this document call for all peoples to better the human lot.

Today, I think of my Church, the Catholic Church, as being open to the activities of the world, interested and concerned to all that is happening in this world of ours, interacting with the culture of each of the countries where the Church is. Let me share with you a few of the examples mentioned in this Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World that helped lead the Church to where it is today.

This document encouraged the bringing of new forms of art into the sanctuary. You and I are rather familiar with the unique styles of art in our Churches today. This was not always allowed. So here the Council – the Bishops of the world – recognized the importance of the Church to discover beauty in the world, especially to use in the Churches of a country, the wonderful art of their own country and culture.

Another example – the Council calls the Church to blend modern society and its theories and new discoveries with Christian morality and doctrine. I am certain that you are well aware of the Church's readiness to listen to and investigate and study what is popular these days and to try and investigate and speak out on how the Catholic Church can fit our own teachings into those around us.

Again, the Council urges that Catholic theologians and teachers should "collaborate with those well-versed in the other sciences." This is an area that has often caused conflict for Catholics with especially scientists and cosmologists. Yet, the Council urged – even back then – that the Church not be afraid to enter into dialogue concerning the challenging discoveries of science, which have become ever more wonderful in our day and age.

I have had the great opportunity of meeting and talking with a Jesuit priest who is a well-known astrologist and cosmologist – and was for a time Director of the Vatican Astrological Center. This wonderful facility is an indication of the Church's readiness to be open to and a part of the findings of science. There have been too many times that the Catholic Church has made poor decisions and poor statements about the findings of great scientists.

This document reaffirms the strong call of the Council to the involvement of lay men and women in the life of the Church and participation in the activities of bringing the message of the Lord to our world. Recently, our Holy Father has developed a program called a New Evangelization – bringing the message of the Church to those Catholics who have drifted away from involvement in the Church. This Evangelization will be carried out best by lay people – through their contacts in ordinary life.

The Second Part of this Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World is entitled "Some Problems of Special Urgency." I would like to consider them in the next column – this section concerns Marriage, the development of Culture, Economics, the Political Community and Peace in the world.



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Holding together the love of God & neighbor

I'd like to begin by congratulating our 2012 Caritas Award winner: Gayle Seymour. For so many years, the people of Franklin County have been the beneficiaries of your compassion and care.

Bishop LaValley's message at the 2012 Catholic Charities Caritas Award dinner Oct. 28

The very breadth of activities served by your helping hands beautifully expresses the Christ within you reaching out to those who long for care and compassion.

Beyond that, your example inspires others, the young and the not so young, to do likewise. As St. Paul reminds us: we are all members of the one Body with different gifts called to build up and support one another. When one member hurts, we all hurt.

Thank you, Gayle. Again, congratulations to you, your husband Don, your children, Mariann and Austin, and all your loved ones.

It's also a real honor this year to congratulate students from our two Catholic high schools: Seton Catholic in Plattsburgh and Immaculate Heart in Watertown for their service efforts.

I am reminded of the "Celebration of Service" we held at St. Mary's Cathedral May 14 when students from all of our Catholic schools in the diocese presented me with truly remarkable reports of Christian charitable acts performed by our students.

You have learned and put into practice Gospel values, particularly our responsibility to all of God's people, those we live near and those across the globe.

Congratulations to Seton and Immaculate Heart students on meriting this year's



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE
Bishop LaValley presents Gayle Seymour of Malone the 2012 Catholic Charities Caritas Award.

Legacy Award. Your parents, teachers, principals, pastors and your bishop are all so very proud of you!

Whether it's through direct support or advocacy, Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Ogdensburg offers hope in a world that

can be discouraging and downright depressing for so many.

What is the source of this hope?

St. John tells us that "God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him."

These words are the heart and soul of the Christian faith.

Holding together love of God and love of neighbor is key to understanding the reason why Catholic Charities exists and why its vital presence and practice of love brings hope to our neighbors and friends.

Catholic Charities must be and is more than a *do-good to humanity* institution. It is Christ-led. Love of God is made visible through love and care for neighbor.

We know that in this day and age, charitable activity demands a high degree of professionalism. We have that. Sister Donna leads a highly competent staff. But

that's not enough. The hearts of those who minister for Catholic Charities are formed, and continue to be formed, as they encounter Christ personally so as to share that love relationship with the Christ they see in others, particularly the hurting, the scared, the vulnerable.

Therein lies the hope and the reason why we are so proud of and grateful for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Sister Donna, I don't need to remind you that this has certainly been and continues to be an extremely challenging time for you, personally. What remarkable witness you continue to be for me personally and for all of us.

Thank you for your most competent leadership, but thank you especially for your truly inspiring witness. You are a witness of persevering faith and hope, God bless you and keep you.

Msgr. Aucoin is honored by Catholic school administrators

ALBANY- Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin, diocesan vicar for education, received the Lighting the Fire of Faith Award at the Catholic School Administrators Association of New York State's (CSAANYS) annual dinner Oct. 28.

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The priest has taught at Immaculate Heart Central in Watertown, Seton Catholic High School in Plattsburgh and Wadhams Hall Seminary-

College in Ogdensburg.

Diocesan vicar for education receives the Lighting the Fire of Faith Award at Albany dinner

He served as principal of Immaculate Heart Central and Seton Catholic High Schools, president of Mater Dei College and rector of Wadhams Hall College Seminary.

Currently, Msgr. Aucoin is the vicar for education, a position to which he was appointed in 2002.

In remarks prior to the presentation of the award, St. Joseph Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, diocesan superintendent of schools noted Msgr. Aucoin's "steadfast

dedication to Catholic schools, his clear and concise advocacy for schools' Catholic identity, his recognition of and guidance in maintaining Catholic schools as a ministry with wise business and financial stewardship, and his forward thinking with regard to educational practices."

The award, a glass flame, was engraved with the following:

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under a bushel basket, but on the lamp stand and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Mt 5:14-16



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St. Joseph Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, diocesan superintendent of schools; and Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin, vicar for education, are shown during a Catholic School Administrators Association of New York State gathering Oct. 28 at the Albany Marriott. Msgr. Aucoin received the Lighting the Fire of Faith Award, recognizing his more than 40 years of service to Catholic education in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

YEAR OF FAITH...STORIES OF FAITH

'His love is the thread running through my life'

By Suzanne Pietropaoli
Staff Writer

ELLENBURG CENTER- Pat Hanley sits serenely in view of the Tabernacle, her breviary at her side. Gilded by the autumn sunshine that fills the library at Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer, the house's Director is obviously very much at home.

Warm and welcoming, she seems so well suited to her environment that it is easy to assume that her life has always looked like this. In fact, the path that led her here has had more twists and turns than an Adirondack backwoods road.

But as she shares her story, Pat also shares her conviction that God has been with her every step of the way.

Born in Ogdensburg, Pat Hanley has the usual memories of attending Catholic school in the years just before the Second Vatican Council.

She also has one extraordinary memory from those years: "I was seven years old and, as on most days, I was walking home from school with my brother, who was two years older. That particular afternoon, the members of his class were supposed to meet in the church to pray the Stations of the Cross. I had an idea that someone my age wasn't really supposed to be there, but I couldn't go home alone—so in I went.

"What followed was a truly profound experience at the foot of the cross," she said. "At that moment God showed me his gift of compassion: I experienced it deeply, young as I was, and it left an indelible impression.

"Oddly, in later years, I sometimes felt that this knowledge was a burden," Pat said. "But in the 1990's, this experience was renewed in my life and the burden of compassion became the gift of compassion.



Pat Hanley, left, is shown during the Foundation Celebration at Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer in August.

Hunger for God

This remarkable experience did not, however, protect Pat from a childhood and adolescence she describes quietly and simply as "traumatic." It did, however, create in her a strong hunger for God.

Though her church attendance and Catholic schooling taught her a lot about God, she explains, "I needed to actually know God himself. I needed a real relationship with him. I needed Love."

This longing led Pat to join the Episcopal Church when she was in her mid-twenties; paradoxically, this did much to strengthen her faith.

The Episcopal church nurtured my relationship with God," Pat relates. "The Episcopalians I met were very friendly compared with the Catholics I knew; I no longer felt like a stranger in church. More importantly, I was blessed to be exposed to good teaching that really led me into deeper relationship with God."

Especially important for Pat was the "Alpha Course," which she describes as "an Episcopal version of Cursillo." In this Alpha Course, participants were asked to face any lack of forgiveness in their lives.

"By the grace of God, I was able to forgive my father and to experience the fatherly love of God in a power-



ful way," she said. "This really started me back towards the Catholic Church."

During her time as an Episcopalian, Pat was married, raised a family (she has two children and three grandchildren) and, for three decades, ran her own business.

But she never stopped searching, and never stopped trying to find and follow God's plan for her life. Eventually she worked for the Episcopal diocese of Albany and spent time discerning with an Episcopal order of nuns in Peekskill, NY.

"Since the 1990's," Pat remembers, "I had given up everything to follow where Christ led." But she had not foreseen the next part of the journey:

'I knew I was still a Catholic'

"While watching the funeral of Pope John Paul II, I was overcome by grace and knew that I was still a Catholic," she said.

She returned to the Church and, "Almost immediately, with the help of a spiritual director, I began to discern a calling I felt to some form of lay apostolate. This led me to enter a Benedictine community in South Dakota, where I stayed for one year.

"Prayerfully, I left South Dakota, not knowing what came next—an-

other faith walk," she laughs. "Then my daughter told me that Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer was looking for a director."

Though Pat remembers wondering whether the Board of Directors would even consider her for the job, they knew that they had found a person of deep faith and exceptional ability.

For the past three years, she has been responsible for all aspects of managing the House of Prayer as well as its various programs.

Undaunted by the sheer number and variety of the tasks involved, Pat keeps a clear focus on the purpose of the House of Prayer and of her own presence there: "The experience of meeting the Lord here is the most important thing," she points out. "Just spending time with him herein the Eucharist is the heart of the House of Prayer."

She marvels at the ways of God, and is grateful for all the experiences which have brought her closer to him.

As Pat Hanley completes this chapter of what she calls her "spiritual autobiography," she comments on the blessing of sharing it with others.

"Talking about it reminds me again of how God has worked throughout all these years. His love is the thread running through my life and connecting all the pieces. Ironically, I might not even be here today without the Episcopal Church, which helped me to know the Lord in a personal way."

Out of that experience, God nurtured in her a devotion to his word in Scripture and ultimately to his presence in the Blessed Sacrament as she returned to the Catholic faith—gifts which are now at the center of her life and prayer.

And, in leading Pat to this unique form of lay apostolate, God extends these gifts through her to all who seek his presence at Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer.



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ON A PILGRIMAGE TO PROMOTE VOCATIONS



Bishop LaValley and members of DOVS (Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocation Society) made a three-day pilgrimage to Philadelphia Oct. 8-12 to support and pray for vocations. Above, the group arrives at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary where Matt Conger and Deacon Scott Belina are studying. The itinerary also included tours of St. John Neumann Shrine, St. Katharine Drexel Shrine, the motherhouse of the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart, Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell.

READY TO WALK TO END HUNGER



Ogdensburg's ninth annual Harvest Walk/Run Oct. 21 raised more than \$17,000 and featured 360 participants including Bishop Terry R. LaValley. Above, the bishop holds a certificate noting that this year's walk was dedicated to Ann Marie Girard, long time director of the Ogdensburg Neighborhood Center. Also shown is Daughter of Charity Sister Donna Franklin, diocesan director of Catholic Charities, one of the organizations to receive funds from the Harvest Walk.

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"We just wanted to say thank you for the tuition scholarship."

It helped us out in a very difficult time."

"Our family would like to extend gratitude to you for helping us to meet our tuition expenses. We are so pleased with our son's experience in the Catholic School and feel truly blessed."

"Thanks for the assistance from the Bishop's Fund. It really will help us out a lot in our monthly budget. Our son really enjoys his school and works hard to keep his grades up. I believe that the positive atmosphere at his school is the reason for his bright outlook."

"We really appreciate your consideration in awarding us tuition assistance. A Catholic school education is very important to us. You help to make it possible"

The sentiments expressed above are brief samplings of gratitude which I receive

from parents who are awarded tuition assistance made possible by the Bishop's Fund.

Every year the Bishop's Fund supports the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) to aid parents who meet eligibility requirements with tuition costs.

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This year the Bishop's Fund allotted \$184,989 to the TAP initiative. With an additional \$9,100 from the Father Mallette Endowment, a total of \$194,089 will be distributed in tuition assistance.

Four hundred thirty-one (431) students or 24 % of our student population in grades K-12 will be awarded tuition assistance from these combined resources. Such awards are given based on the criteria established for those who qualify for free or reduced lunches by the federal government, or on a special need.

The Bishop's Fund affords the faithful of the Diocese with the opportunity to contribute to the wide reaching needs of the Diocesan family



and to provide assistance to individuals and programs within the local parish.

The Tuition Assistance Program is one example of money "returning" to the local area.

This year approximately \$65,748 will be available for tuition assistance in the Jefferson Deanery (Augustinian Academy, Carthage; Immaculate Heart Central Elementary and Junior/Senior High Schools, Watertown); approximately \$46,384 in the Franklin/Clinton Deaneries (Holy Name, AuSable Forks; Holy Family, Malone; Seton Academy and Seton Catholic Central, Plattsburgh) approximately \$53,591 in the Saint Lawrence Deanery (St. Mary's, Canton; St. James, Gouverneur; Trinity Catholic, Massena and St. Marguerite D'Youville, Ogdensburg); approximately \$28,371 in the Adirondack/Essex Deaneries (St. Agnes, Lake Placid; St. Bernard's, Saranac Lake and St. Mary's Ticonderoga).

During his apostolic visit to the United States in 2008 our Holy Father reminded us that education is integral to the mission of the Church to proclaim the Good News. "First and foremost every Catholic educational institution is a place to encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth."

Providing the place to encounter the living God, the place in which faith is transmitted, passed on from gen-

eration to generation, is the primary reason why our Catholic schools exist.

Contributions to the Bishop's Fund are an opportunity for the entire Catholic community to contribute generously to the financial needs of our schools. This assistance helps make a Catholic school education available and affordable for parents who might otherwise not be able to send their children to a Catholic school.

Our Catholic schools are indeed special places where "God's active presence in human affairs is recognized and in which every young person discovers the joy of entering into Christ's 'being for others'." (Benedict XVI)

Our schools offer so much more than the human knowledge and skills necessary for personal growth.

They offer the words and deeds of Jesus, our rich Catholic heritage and tradition and a community of faith which teaches not only by words but by the witness of lives committed to Christ. What a wonderful investment in the lives of our children and the future of the Church!

On behalf of the parents and children who receive financial assistance through your generosity, I take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your contribution to this year's Bishop's Fund and its effort to pass on our Catholic faith from generation to generation.

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Bishop's Schedule

Nov. 7 – 11 a.m., Development Board Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

Nov. 8 – 12 p.m., Catholic Charities Board Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

Nov. 9 - 9:45 a.m.; Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

Nov. 10 – 4 p.m.; Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg

Nov. 12-15 - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Meeting in Baltimore, MD

Rest in Peace

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

Nov. 7 – Rev. Dennis Nolan, 1911; Rev. William Ouellette, O.M.I., 1936; Msgr. William, H. Brennan, 1986

Nov. 8 – Rev. Patrick McGilligan, 1828
Nov. 10 – Msgr. Francis Kenny, 1954; Msgr. Raphael A. Hoffman, 1968

Nov. 11 – Rev. Victor VandenHende, 1939; Rev. Edward O. Hervieux, 1947

Nov. 13 – Rev. S. Alphonse Vollmer, 1931; Rev. Victor Van den Hende, 1939; Most Rev. Francis J. Monaghan, 1942

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 by selecting the registration button and following the directions. All employees and volunteers who participate in church sponsored activities with minor are required to participate in this training. Further information is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 403.

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A time for giving thanks

Thanksgiving dinner is planned by K of C

OGDENSBURG - Plans are underway for the 21st Msgr. A. D. Charbonneau Council 258 Knights of Columbus and its Ladies Auxiliary Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

The dinner is scheduled for noon until all are served, on Thanksgiving Day at the Knights' Club Rooms.

"This will be our 21st year for this program, and we have had remarkable turnouts of people who are just looking to share a holiday with friends and community neighbors" says Nelson Woods, Grand Knight. "The outpouring of friendship and community support is really heart-warming".

Bill Seymour, delivery chairman for the event, noted that "Knights and other community volunteers are needed to provide transportation to the event if you can offer your services as a volunteer driver or server, please call the Club Rooms at 393-7990."

"We will deliver to "shut-ins," said Dinner Chairman Harry Lucchetti, "but the focus of our day is always around the community spirit and friends getting together at the Club Rooms. We encourage everyone to come to the hall."

"Please make reservations for the sit down meals and deliveries by Nov. 20 because we need to get a count to prepare enough food", said lead chef Bert Doe. No names need to be given. To make reservations and to arrange for transportation, if needed, call the Knights Hall at 393-7990 after 4p.m. any day.

Volunteers are also appreciated on Tuesday evening, Nov. 20 at 8 p.m. to help with setting and

decorating the Hall and on Thanksgiving Day at 10:30 a.m.. The Knights usually need about 30 helpers. Volunteers are asked to call the club and leave their names.

Donations of desserts are also welcome and should be dropped off at the Club Rooms the night before or the morning of Thanksgiving.

"This dinner is a nice complement to our weekly community free lunch program held each Wednesday," event co-chairman Dick Zoller said. "Community support has been great for both programs and we look forward to the continued support from our local supermarkets, grocery and convenience stores."

"This is a community event, for community residents put on by community volunteers," Zoller said.

"The Ogdensburg Key Club has already signed on again this year and we look forward to working with them, along with the many other volunteers," Luchetti added. "We extend an open invitation to join us on Thanksgiving Day to the whole community throughout the North Country,"

Monetary donations and donations of food stuffs such as canned cranberries and stuffing are also appreciated. Checks may be mailed to the Knights of Columbus Thanksgiving Dinner at 721 Hasbrouck Street, Ogdensburg, NY. 13889 Attn: PGK Harry Lucchetti.

Food donations may be dropped off between 4 p.m. and 8.

"Last year the Knights and the Community volunteers prepared and served over 600 dinners" said Woods, "so we know there is a real need".

Parish communities honor deacon for his decades of service

By **Connie Poupore**
Parishioner, St. Ann's, Mooers Forks

MOOERS FORKS - The Catholic communities of St. Ann's Church and St. Joseph's Church, in Mooers Forks and Mooers, respectively, have been blessed with Deacon Tyrone Alfred Rabideau since his ordination on Oct. 3, 1981.

Deacon Tyrone, a member of St. Ann's Parish for the majority of his life, has served the parishes with much dedication and humor throughout the years.

His ministry has involved working with the Parish Adult and Youth Ministry, teaching high school religion, confirmation retreats, and scheduling readers, Eucharistic ministers and ushers. In 2003, when Deacon Tyrone retired from Ayerst (Wyeth) Pharmaceuticals he took on even more duties which included involvement in the time release religion classes, maintenances of the parish buildings, church and mass preparations, parish board meetings, and assisting at wakes, funerals, weddings and baptisms. His devotion has proved to be an invaluable asset to all.

Deacon Tyrone and his wife, Maddy, recently relocated to Plattsburgh. On Oct. 12, many parishioners, friends and family members joined together to celebrate Deacon Tyrone and Maddy, for all they have done for our parishes and community throughout the years.

A celebratory dinner was held at St. Joseph's Catechetical Center, with Father Gerald Cerank and Bishop Terry LaValley presiding. Father Cerank and Bishop LaValley offered blessings and many kind words for Deacon Tyrone and Maddy.

Our church community



Bishop Terry R. LaValley joined an Oct. 12 dinner honoring Deacon Tyrone Rabideau and his wife Maddy for their years of service at St. Ann's Church in Mooers Forks, the bishop's home parish; and St. Joseph's in Mooers.

surely will miss Deacon Tyrone's dedication and witty sense of humor. He and Maddy have provided much love, strength and spiritual guidance to many throughout the years.

We wish them both the best as they begin to cele-

brate this new chapter of their lives.



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Director's Talk

"KNOW WHERE YOU STAND AND STAND THERE" These words were spoken by Father Daniel Berrigan, S.J. to a group of college students at their graduation.

"KNOW WHERE YOU STAND AND STAND THERE"...

What a succinct and yet comprehensive description of the mission and works of Catholic Charities.

Catholic Charities stands with the individuals and families who have been marginalized or disenfranchised by economic distress, emotional difficulties, social problems and other types of life's challenges.

Catholic Charities stands with men, women and children who are not being served or who are under served. Working in networks and coalitions throughout the North Country, Catholic Charities strives to identify unmet needs and address the gaps in services within our local communities.

The Vianney fund and the Bridging the Gap program provide financial assistance to people when other resources are not available. These programs also provide counseling for individuals, couples and families. 95% are the "working poor."

Catholic Charities stands with pregnant and parenting teens in Franklin County. Many of these young people have few resources. Through quality casework, financial assistance and the wonderful work of "Baby World" these teens are assured that they are not invisible or throwaways. Each one learns, by being cared about and respected, to care about and respect themselves and their child.

Entre Amigas is a new program in Jefferson/Lewis Counties. Catholic Charities has one of the only bi-lingual clinicians in the area. We have designed and implemented this program of outreach and a women's circle of support for Hispanic women, most of whom are the spouses of our military personnel. The women tend to be isolated due to language barriers and their spouses being deployed. This program helps them to deal with issues of anxiety, depression and we have a volunteer who is beginning an English as a second language program with them.

Catholic Charities stands with the residents of long term care facilities in St. Lawrence and Jefferson counties through our Ombudsman Program. Volunteer Ombudsmen provide assistance with trouble shooting, mediation and advocacy for these men and women at this vulnerable stage of life.

Clinton and Essex counties continue to have residents waiting for assistance with issues related to Hurricane Irene. The Federal and State Governments have entered into a partnership with Catholic Charities agencies throughout the State of New York, in setting up a program for Disaster Case Management. They know that CC will stand with the people waiting for help and get the job done.

Catholic Charities stands with the NYS Catholic Conference, and the USCCB in advocating for public policies that respect the dignity of all human life, support families and work towards the common good.

Catholic Charities stands against immoral fiscal policies. And we stand with policies that assure safety nets for all citizens. Historically, Poverty has never been reduced by eliminating social protection programs.

Through all of our core services and programs, Catholic Charities stands with our brothers and sisters who have a right to health care, affordable housing, a quality education, gainful employment, and food and income security.

Catholic Charities stands with persons living under the oppression of sexual assault and domestic violence.

Catholic Charities stands on the firm foundation of Catholic Social teaching and Gospel values.

When Jesus went to the Synagogue on the Sabbath, He stood up to read the Scriptures. He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah and this is what he read:

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And that is where Catholic Charities stands

Sr. Donna Franklin D.C., L.C.S.W.
Diocesan Director



The **CARITAS Award** was established by the Board of Trustees of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg in 1979. This award acknowledges individuals and organizations in the North Country, who promote the mission of Catholic Charities and the social justice ministry of the Catholic Church. The individual or group should exemplify Gospel mandates of charity and justice.



Bishop Terry LaValley presents the CARITAS Award to Gayle Seymour

The **Legacy Award** was created by the Board of Trustees of Catholic Charities in 2009. This award is given on an annual basis to an individual youth or young adult or group whose commitment and actions reflect the Gospel values of love and compassion. The purpose of the award is to encourage the next generation in their development as contributors to the social mission of the Church.



Students from Immaculate Heart Central School accept the 2012 Legacy Award from Bishop Terry LaValley.



Seton Catholic Student Joseph Aabye accepts the 2012 Legacy Award from Bishop Terry LaValley



Gayle Seymour, Bishop Terry LaValley and Tom Hanley enjoy their dinner and conversation at the 2012 CARITAS Dinner



Mr. Tom Schneeberger, President of the Board of Trustees acted as Master of Ceremonies for the evening



Annette Dame joins her sister, Paulette Bova and Catholic Charities Staff Joelle Lamica and Glenda Jones. Annette was recognized for her 25 years of service to others.

Congratulations! Catholic Charities staff recognized: Janet Denny—5 years & Annette Dame—25 years



Rev. Kevin O'Brien, Rev. Joseph Morgan, Rev. James Shurtleff, Msgr. Robert Lawler and Betty Bernhard



Deacon Patrick Lyons, Sandy Lyons and Catholic Charities clinician, Glenda Jones



Tom and Mary Anne Hanley greet Bishop Terry LaValley

Support the Vianney Fund

All of the proceeds from the CARITAS DINNER are used to support the Vianney Fund. This Fund was established in 2009 in honor of the Priests of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. The funds are used to provide financial assistance for critical needs. Many families, especially, working families, "fall between the cracks" of traditional services. Catholic Charities is able to be there to help because of the generosity of our benefactors. A donation to the Vianney Fund is an investment in the future of individuals and families in our North Country communities.

To make a donation to the Vianney you can send your check to:

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This years dinner was held on Oct. 28, 2012

At the end of the Synod of Bishops on the new evangelization:

Proposals to promote evangelization

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Members of the Synod of Bishops recommended the Vatican establish a commission to monitor religious freedom, develop guidelines for training evangelizers and ensure there is a church in every diocese where confession is always available.

At the end of the three-week world Synod of Bishops on new evangelization, members of the gathering approved 58 propositions to give to the pope; although synod rules say the proposals are secret, Pope Benedict authorized their publication Oct. 27.

The propositions were designed as recommendations for the pope to use in a post-synodal apostolic exhortation. Many of the propositions described current challenges and opportunities that the church faces in sharing the Gospel, strengthening the faith and reaching out to lapsed Catholics.

Other propositions asked Pope Benedict or individual bishops to consider undertaking concrete projects, including:

- Establishing a Vatican commission to monitor religious freedom around the world, denounce attacks on religious freedom and promote a broader understanding of its importance as a basic human right.

The propositions said, "The proclamation of the good news in different contexts of the world - marked by the process of globalization and secularism - places different challenges before the church: at times in outright religious persecution, at other times in a widespread indifference, interference, restriction or harassment."

During the synod discussions, bishops in different



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Pope Benedict XVI elevates the Eucharist as he celebrates the closing Mass of the Synod of Bishops on the new evangelization in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Oct. 28. Concelebrating at the altar were Cardinals Donald W. Wuerl of Washington, left, and Francisco Robles Ortega of Guadalajara, Mexico.

parts of the world described different relationships with Muslim neighbors, ranging from situations in which Christian minorities experience serious discrimination to cases of Catholics and Muslims working together to address social problems.

The synod propositions encouraged Catholics "to persevere and to intensify their relations with Muslims" in accordance with the teaching of the Second Vatican Council.

- Developing a "pastoral plan of initial proclamation" that would outline steps to help ensure that once people hear the Gospel, they are led to conversion and faith and are educated in church teaching. It also should describe the "qualities and guidelines for the formation of Catholic evangelizers today."

- Asking that every diocese establish a parish or shrine dedicated "in a permanent way" to the administration of the sacrament of penance, ensuring "priests are always present, allowing God's mercy to be experienced by

all the faithful."

"The sacrament of penance and reconciliation is the privileged place to receive God's mercy and forgiveness," it is a place of healing and strength, and it is the sacrament that can bring people back into full communion with the church, the synod members said.

As they did in the synod hall, synod members used several propositions to emphasize the importance of the family as the place where life and love are first given, where people are introduced to the faith and where they learn to live according to Gospel values.

The church's new evangelization efforts must help strengthen families and must try "to address significant pastoral problems around marriage: the case of divorced and remarried (Catholics), the situation of their children, the fate of abandoned spouses, the couples who live together without marriage and the trend in society to redefine marriage," synod members said.

Recognizing an increase in

secularism around the world, synod members said that in many ways Christians are living "in a situation similar to that of the first Christians," who were small minorities in cultures indifferent or even hostile to Christianity.

Still, synod members said, "the world is God's creation and manifests his love." Even if Christians are just a little flock, they are called to "bear witness to the Gospel message of salvation" and "to be salt and light of a new world."

The propositions emphasized that while the primary task of the church is to bring people to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, a relationship lived and nourished in the church, part of reaching out to others and witnessing to the Gospel involves serving the poor and sick, working for justice and protecting the environment.

Synod members praised the members of religious orders, who have been on the frontlines of evangelization for centuries, as well as the activities of new movements

and communities.

But they stressed the importance of all members of a diocese coordinating their work with the local bishop, and they insisted on the key role of parishes as the places where most Catholics learn about and practice their faith.

The propositions included a suggestion that parish priests or other designated parish staff visit families in the parish as part of their outreach.

The propositions described the liturgy as "the primary and most powerful expression of the new evangelization" and a manifestation of God's love for humanity.

"Evangelization in the church calls for a liturgy that lifts the hearts of men and women to God," synod members said.

During synod discussions, several bishops spoke about the importance of the church learning the particular language and culture of social media and new technology to share the Gospel with people who increasingly spend their time online.

In the propositions, they said Catholics should be trained "to transmit faithfully the content of the faith and of Christian morality" through the media, but they insisted that no technical talent or online presence could take the place of "the testimony of life" lived in accordance with the Gospel.

Synod members described young Catholics not primarily as objects of evangelization, but as evangelizers, especially of their peers.

"As the media greatly influence the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual well-being of the youth," they said, "the church through catechesis and youth ministry strives to enable and equip them to discern between good and evil, to choose Gospel values over worldly values, and to form firm faith convictions."

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

November a month to remember the dead, celebrate life, says priest
BROWNSVILLE, Texas (CNS) -- Death does not mean the end. "Life is changed, not ended," said Father Gregory Labus, coordinator of the Office of Liturgy and Worship for the Diocese of Brownsville. November, he pointed out, is the month dedicated to remembering the dead. On All Saints' Day, Nov. 1, Catholics honor the saints, and on All Souls' Day, Nov. 2, Catholics not only remember those who have died but they also celebrate life, said the priest, pastor of St. Joseph Church in Edinburg. In the Rio Grande Valley area of south Texas, one tradition to mark All Souls' Day - Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) - is experiencing a resurgence. It involves making an altar in memory of family and friends who have died. "Undoubtedly, this is a custom that is growing. ... It awakens once again that consciousness that was getting lost," Father Ignacio Luna, pastor at St. Benedict Church in San Benito, told The Valley Catholic, Brownsville's diocesan newspaper. "It makes people think about the future, about death and not just about the material world, but about how we live our lives and treat others," he added.

Internal matters top agenda of bishops' fall assembly in Baltimore
WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Statements on preaching and ways that bishops can respond using new technologies to modern-day challenges to their teaching authority are among the items the U.S. bishops will consider when they gather in Baltimore for their annual fall assembly. Set for Nov. 12-15, the assembly also will consider a statement on work and the economy proposed by the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development as a way to raise the profile of growing poverty and the struggles that unemployed people are experiencing. The document on preaching that the bishops are to consider encourages preachers to connect the Sunday homily with people's daily lives. Titled "Preaching the Mystery of Faith: The Sunday Homily," the document is the bishops' first substantive statement on preaching in 30 years, said Archbishop Robert J. Carlson of St. Louis, chairman of the bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations. The bishops also will consider a proposed statement on opportunities to use new media -- including blogging and social media -- in exercising their teaching authority. The statement drafted by the Committee on Doctrine, "Contemporary Challenges for the Exercise of the Teaching Ministry of the Diocesan Bishop," has been distributed to the bishops and suggested amendments are being received, said Capuchin Franciscan Father Thomas G. Weinandy, executive director of the bishops' Secretariat for Doctrine. The text, like all of the proposed documents the bishops will consider, has not been made public. The statement complements a 1989 document on local bishops' doctrinal responsibilities setting forth guidelines for a bishop to follow when responding to comments, statements, books or other communication from a theologian that incorrectly portrays Catholic teaching, Father Weinandy told Catholic News Service. The statement on work and the economy, titled "Catholic Reflections on Work, Poverty and a Broken Economy," is expected to advance the bishops' priority of human life and dignity to demonstrate the new evangelization in action, Bishop Stephen E. Blaire of Stockton, Calif., chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, explained during the bishops' June meeting in Atlanta.

From the head of the Knights of Columbus:

By virtue of sacrament, spouses are missionaries

By **Cindy Wooden**
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - The sacrament of matrimony makes Catholic spouses and their families public signs of God's love and thus missionaries, said the head of the Knights of Columbus.

The missionary power of the Catholic family goes beyond any specific commitment they make to a particular project of evangelization or social or political reform, Carl A. Anderson, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, told the Synod of Bishops on the new evangelization.

Anderson was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI to be an observer at the synod, which ended Oct. 28. Synod members asked the church at large to show greater appreciation for the evangelization that happens in and through families and to increase programs to strengthen Catholic families.

"Love, which the family has the task of living and communicating, is the driving force of evangelization," Anderson told the synod. "It is what allows the proclamation of the Gospel to permeate and transform the whole temporal order. This love alone, when it is authentically lived in families, can be at the basis of a renewal of that genuinely human culture which Blessed John Paul II called a 'civilization of love.'"

Catholic couples need to

understand just how seriously the church views the sacrament that binds them together, forming them into "an icon of God's own communion" of love in the Holy Trinity, Anderson said.

Once Catholic families recognize their importance - even before they undertake any kind of outreach project - they can be "a place of healing and of humanity for the men and women of our time," he said.

Anderson also spoke to the synod of the Catholic faith as an agent of reconciliation in a sometimes-hostile cultural environment.

Referring to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Anderson told the synod, "Five centuries ago, Mary appeared in our hemisphere during a great clash of civilizations. In her, the native peoples saw a true reflection of themselves and at the same time a perfect expression of a new incultura-

tion of the Christian faith. Her message of reconciliation, unity and love brought forth the great evangelization of an entire hemisphere."

Today, too, he said, there are signs of "a great clash of civilizations made more troubling by an accelerating process of globalization," so Catholics should invoke Our Lady of Guadalupe to help them renew a process of reconciliation, unity and love.

Anderson also spoke about threats to the church's freedom in many parts of the world.

"Whether these threats arise from a militant religious fundamentalism or a militant atheism," he said, "the globalization of such threats, and the complicity of many governments with them, call us to a new solidarity in the defense of religious liberty as a condition of the new evangelization."

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

God will not be outdone in his generosity

Our readings this week highlight God's generosity to those who give to God "until it hurts"!

God, in turn, is even more generous than they are.

Take the poor widow, for instance, in the first reading from the first Book of Kings. Elijah, who is on the run from the wicked King Ahab, finds her out picking up sticks so she can make a fire.

Elijah is hungry, and asks

the woman to please make him a little cake.



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He soon finds out that the woman has nothing in the house except a small bit of flour and oil. It's going to be the last meal for herself and her son before they die! Nevertheless, out of this little bit, she feeds Elijah first. He tells her that, as a reward, her oil and flour will last until the rains come again (which turns

out to be a whole year!).

God will not be outdone in

generosity!

Mark's Gospel narrates a really moving story about Jesus in the Temple, observing those who are putting in collection money.

He's really impressed with a poor widow who puts in two copper coins, all she has to live on.

In her humility, she probably hoped that no one would see this, since there were many rich people around her putting in large sums.

Far be it from Jesus to discourage the wealthy from making big donations!

He's merely pointing out

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READINGS

1 Kings 17:10-16

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

how more admirable is sacrificial giving than just giving from what one has left over!

Jesus had a soft spot in his heart for widows. They were the most vulnerable people in the society of his time, for there was no "so-

cial security" of any kind, and no husband to protect and provide for them.

He has just finished a scorching condemnation of the religious authorities for their insensitivity to the plight of these widows.

Instead of helping them, they were taking away what little they had through unbearable temple taxes.

God approves of sacrificial giving. How good are we at this kind of generosity?

This includes adjusting our schedules to help some person or cause in need of our time and talent.

OUR READERS WRITE

For Julie: a gift of life... a gift of time

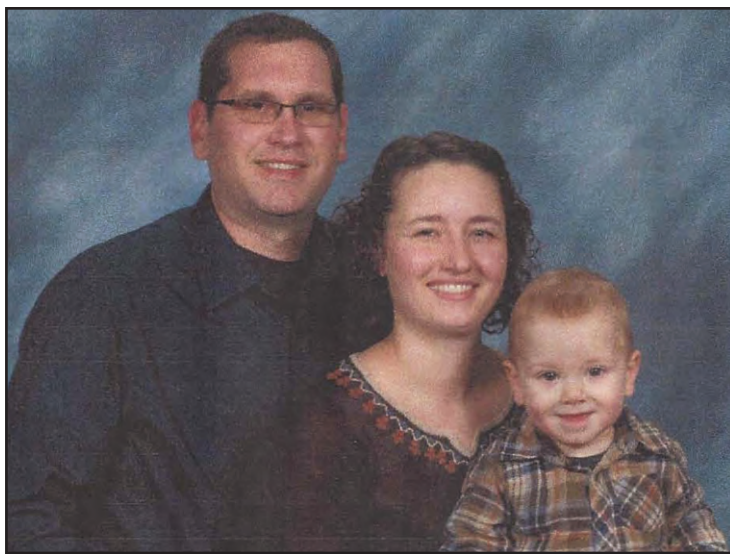
Submitted by Bill Ose
St. Cecilia's Parish, Adams

Jamie and Julie Otis were happily married on April 25, 2009. They shared many things in common, first and foremost their Catholic faith, the right to life, and the value of family.

Jamie was raised in Ellisburg and attended St. Cecilia's Church in Adams. Julie grew up in Evansville, Ind., and attended St. Joseph Church. Jamie and his father Randy Otis as well as Julie's father Leonard Elpers are members of the Knights of Columbus.

The couple met through mutual friends at a Boy Scout camp where they frequently volunteered. Jamie and Julie hiked up Mount Stissing on their first date. Two years later, Jamie proposed to her on that same mountaintop. In their leisure, the couple love to spend time outdoors, hiking, camping, canoeing, and cooking together.

Six months after their marriage, Julie discovered a lump in her breast. When she went to the doctors to



Jamie, Julie and Anthony Otis

have it tested, she was reassured that most lumps in young women were benign. The biopsy results came back – breast cancer.

Only 27-years-old with no family history of breast cancer, the discovery was a complete shock but treatable.

A few weeks later, Julie had a mastectomy to remove the tumor. The surgery was a success with no sign that cancer had spread. Due to the aggressiveness of the cancer though, the doc-

tors recommended undergoing chemotherapy, radiation treatments, and hormone therapy to reduce the chance of a future reoccurrence.

Much to the couple's dismay, choosing these treatments meant not being able to have children for five years. The couple was heartbroken but trusted that God had a plan.

Shortly after surgery, the couple discovered Julie was with child when she received her cancer diagnosis.

The timing of the conception was a perfect miracle.

Julie's primary care physician insisted she abort the baby immediately to receive her cancer treatments. The couple refused; abortion was not an option.

They consulted with an oncologist who specialized in young pregnant women with breast cancer. It was recommended as safe to undergo chemotherapy during the second trimester and to postpone the radiation treatments and hormone therapy until after the baby was born.

Due to morning sickness and chemotherapy, Julie was often very nauseated and fatigued most of the time. It was a daily struggle to get up and force herself to eat and drink but the baby needed her, and she needed something worth fighting cancer for.

At thirty weeks, Julie was rushed to the emergency room for severe abdominal pains, where she was diagnosed with HELLP syndrome, a form of severe pre-eclampsia. The only cure for this condition was to deliver the baby by emer-

gency C-section.

Weighing only three pounds five ounces, their beautiful baby boy Anthony was admitted to Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Crouse Hospital. For five weeks, the couple visited Anthony in the hospital every day, spending as much time with him as possible.

The day after Anthony came home, Julie began undergoing radiation treatment and hormone therapy. Though the radiation brought much fatigue, Julie eventually regained her strength, her cancer went into remission, and the couple became the healthy happy family they had always pictured.

Two years later at the age of 29, Julie started getting sick periodically with stomach issues and severe joint and back pain.

In August 2012, tests revealed the couple's worse fear - Julie's breast cancer had returned. Only this time, there is no cure.

Aggressive and quick, the cancer has spread to her bones, liver, and lungs. Julie's spine is extremely

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AT THE MOVIES

FLIGHT

By Joseph McAleer
Catholic News Service

Fasten your seatbelts and prepare for a bumpy ride in "Flight" (Paramount), a morally ambiguous thriller about an airplane disaster and the emotional impact it has on the survivors.

Director Robert Zemeckis ("Forrest Gump") certainly knows how to stage a scary plane crash, as he did in his 2000 film "Cast Away."

Here, the downing of SouthJet Flight 227 from Orlando to Atlanta is meticulously crafted and terrifying to watch. Unfortunately, it's all downhill from there, as the movie's emotional edge is blunted by the lax morals of its characters, including the hero.

Denzel Washington stars as Capt. Whip Whitaker, whose flashy name suits his swaggering nature. He's an alcoholic and a cocaine addict, and he's sleeping with one of the flight attendants.

The crew on Flight 227 wink and nod and look the other way, except for the new guy, co-pilot Ken Evans (Brian Geraghty), who is appalled. When hung-over Whip spikes his orange juice with vodka midflight, then falls asleep at the controls, you'll wish you'd taken the train instead.

But once disaster strikes and the plane takes a nose-dive, Whip springs into action. In the film's most dramatic moment, he inverts the plane to level its descent, and then brings it down upright in a field beside a church. All but six of the 102 passengers survive.

This is Whip's "Miracle on the Hudson" moment -- but he's no Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger. The post-crash investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board, headed by Ellen Block (Melissa Leo), reveals Whip's impaired and - for a pilot - quite illegal condition. Suddenly the overnight hero becomes a potential villain

facing manslaughter charges and a prison sentence.

"Flight" descends into a courtroom drama, with Whip surrounded by helpers and minders. These include Charlie Anderson (Bruce Greenwood), who represents the pilots' union, and Hugh Lang (Don Cheadle), the airline's attorney.

Far more colorful are Harling Mays (John Goodman), Whip's buddy enabler who keeps him supplied with illegal drugs, and Nicole (Kelly Reilly), the proverbial prostitute with a heart of gold.

Nicole has survived a drug overdose, and while in the hospital takes pity on Whip. She's desperate to reform her own life and wants Whip to come clean and join her on the path to redemption.

It's a rocky road and, regrettably, "Flight" dwells far too much on Whip's failings, filling the screen (often gratuitously) with sex, drugs and booze, as well as with



CNS PHOTO/PARAMOUNT

Denzel Washington stars in a scene from the movie "Flight."

"friends" who condone his bad behavior. It also ridicules organized religion, cynically making light of survivors who thank God for the gift of life.

The Catholic News Service

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

For Julie

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tender, weak, and susceptible to fractures.

She is under constant pain

Help for Otis Family

The Knights of Columbus Council

7364 will be hosting a benefit spaghetti dinner with sausage and meatballs after the 4:30 Mass on Nov. 17. Jamie Otis is a 14 year member of our Council here in Adams (7364) and his father Randy is a 30 year member.

Place: St. Cecilia's Parish Center, 17 Grove Street, Adams NY, 13605

Time: Takeouts start 3:30 PM, Dinner 4:00-8:00 Pm

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Contact: Bill Ose, 315-232-4433

management and has to be very careful with movement and lifting, which presents quite a challenge when chasing an active energetic two-year old.

Treating Julie with chemotherapy, radiation treatments, bone density infusions, and hormone blocking injections, the doctors are doing everything they can to shrink the cancer and give Julie as much time as possible with her family. The doctors do not know how long they can treat the cancer before it becomes resistant - weeks, months, years. Despite such tragic news, the couple continues to hope, pray, and trust in God, embracing every moment together as a precious gift from God that must be cherished, one day at a time.

Jamie and Julie have been very blessed with a close group of family and friends, who selflessly offer a gift of time every day to help Julie care for Anthony, assist with household tasks, and drive Julie to her appointments.

On the weekends, Jamie, Julie and Anthony cherish every moment of their time together as a family. Jamie works to provide as a one income family and is able to take up to twelve weeks of unpaid leave to care for Julie.

Because this leave is unpaid, we are seeking donations to offset the cost of monthly bills and medical expenses not covered by health insurance.

What we are asking for is the gift of time - time for Jamie, Julie, and Anthony to be together as a family.

God has done
great things
for us!

As recipients of God's bountiful
gifts, we are called to:

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those gifts gratefully,

Cultivate

those gifts responsibly,

Share

those gifts in justice and love,

*And return them with increase
to the Lord*

*Stewardship Weekend
November 10 & 11*

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to learn how you can share your
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CLINTON

HARVEST DINNER

Peru – Court St. Monica of St. Augustine's parish is having their annual Fall Harvest Dinner.

Date: Nov. 10

Time: 4 p.m. to 6:30

Place: St. Augustine's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$10; children 4-12, \$4

HARVEST DINNER

Morrisonville – The RCC of St. Alexander and St. Joseph is holding a Harvest Turkey Dinner.

Date: Nov. 11

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

Place: St. Alexander's Parish Hall

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

Features: Take-outs available by calling 561-5039. Harvest dinner raffle will be at 6 p.m. Grand prize, \$1,500; Second Prize, 32g Apple iPad; other prizes. Visit the Country Store and Silent Auction.

SETON DINNER AND AUCTION

Plattsburgh – Seton Catholic High School is planning its 8th Annual Christmas Dinner and Silent Auction

Date: Dec 2

Time: 12-5 PM

Place: Seton Catholic High School

Cost: Seniors (55+) \$7, Adults and Take Outs \$9, Children 5-12 years \$5, Under 5 FREE

Features: Holiday wreath sale, cash & carry items, 50/50 Drawings, Seton Sweepstakes tickets, Each adult who brings in an item for the Seton food drive or a new, unwrapped toy for the toy drive will receive \$1 off their meal price and all items collected will be donated to local agencies.

Contact: Call 561-4031 ext 121 for take outs

LECTIO DIVINA

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

Time: 10 a.m. to noon

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

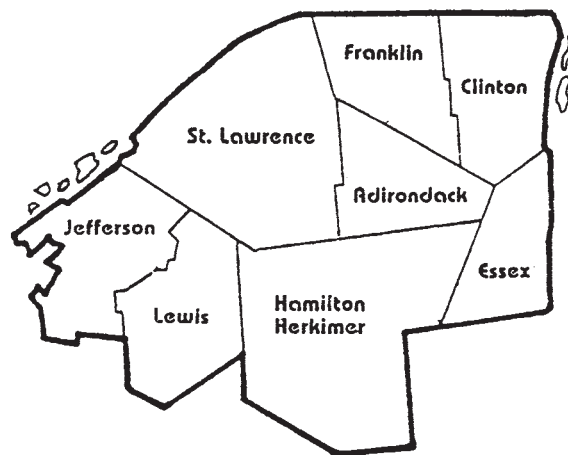
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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.

T Contact: For more information about spending a special hour with Jesus weekly, or becoming a substitute,



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 Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 1-866-314-7296;
 e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

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

please call 518-561-5083 or email us at Sjohnsadoration@aol.com

MONTHLY PRAYER GROUP

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

Time: 2 p.m.

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

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

PRAYER MEETING

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

Time: 7 p.m.

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

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

FRANKLIN

BREAKFAST BUFFET

Brushton – St. Mary's Catholic Church events committee will be sponsoring a breakfast.

Date: Nov. 11

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

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$7; Seniors, \$6; Children 6-12, \$4; 5 and under, Free; Immediate Family of 5 or more, \$20 (mother father, and children)

Features: Take-outs available by calling 518-529-6580.

JEFFERSON

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

Date: Nov. 29

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7

Place: Msgr. Sechi Hall

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

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

BENEFIT DINNER

Adams – The Knights of Columbus Council #7364 will be hosting a benefit spaghetti dinner for the Jamie and Julie Otis family. (See story on page 12)

Date: Nov. 17

Time: Takeouts start 3:30 PM, Dinner. 4 p.m. to 8

Place: St. Cecilia's Parish Center

Donations: Make checks payable to: Knights of Columbus # 7364, % St. Cecilia's Church, 17 Grove Street, Adams, NY, 13605

Contact: Bill Ose, 315-232-4433

SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER

Evans Mills – The Indian River Council 7471 Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner.

Date: Nov. 10

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

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

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Watertown – An Ecumenical Bereavement Meeting has been planned

Date: Nov. 19

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Hearthside Hospitality Center of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph

Features: Cheryl Gmitter will discuss why grieving is necessary.

LIFERIGHT MEETING

Watertown – Liferight of Watertown will hold its monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of the Month.

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: 312 Sherman St.

Features: The office has videos, books and educational materials which may be borrowed. Topics covered: infanticide, assisted suicide, euthanasia and chastity.

Contact: Phone 315-788-8480; website: www.liferight.org.

ST. LAWRENCE

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.

SURVIVOR SUPPORT GROUP

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

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Best Western University Inn

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

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

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

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

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

ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL DINNER

Ogdensburg – St. Joseph's Foundation is holding its annual steamship roastbeef dinner

Date: Nov. 17

Time: 5 p.m.

Place: Knights of Columbus

Cost: \$8

Features: There will be a silent auction and 50/50 drawing. Take outs welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Massena – St. Mary's & St. Joseph's will have a Benediction and Adoration every Friday.

Time: 9 a.m. to Noon

Place: St. Mary's Family Room (adjacent to the altar)

DIOCESAN EVENTS

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. Reception will follow.



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The pending storm

By Molly Ryan,

Pontifical Mission Societies Inc. of the Diocese of Ogdensburg

As I write this column, Hurricane Sandy is working its way up the East Coast of the United States, bearing down on the NJ Shore, and promising to wreak havoc on New York and New England. Warnings by meteorologists and the government have been made to prepare for the worst.

In preparing for the worst, I prepared by securing my home, going to the store and picking up essentials in considering the basic needs of my family. Just exactly what are the basic essentials?

Obviously food, water, shelter, medicines, warmth and security would be considered basic essentials. These are things that we here in the Western World take for granted each day. Only in the time of crisis do we realize how fragile access to the basics can be. Nevertheless, in these times of turmoil and strife, very often you will hear friends and loved ones say something else. You will hear them offer their prayers for us.

Oddly enough, these are the exact things those who live in the developing lands in the Mission World both near and far, ask for each day. Upon hearing the cries for help, our goal in the Pontifical Mission Societies is to provide for basic needs including spiritual guidance, as they carry on their difficult journey.

When we respond to our Church by answering the call for help in the developing world, very often that call is in the form of a request for support. Having recently celebrated World Mission Sunday, this office is so grateful for the sacrifices so many of you have made for this cause. When you are not able to answer the call with a gift, you are asked to send prayers and reflections for the people and the clergy/religious who are there and living this daily struggle. The daily struggle for many of them is to just cope and get by. Without God's love guiding them on their way, their struggles would be much worse. Things that we take for granted here like water and shelter are provided for those in the Missions by our generosity and gifts. Yet, by virtue of our baptism, we too are called to respond to be missionaries through prayer and sacrifice.

Today as we prepare for the coming storm, take a moment to reflect on those who live the storm daily. For us, the storm will past in a few days. For those in the Missions, there is still no end in sight. Let us remember how fortunate we are by sending our prayers and sacrifices to them.

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will.
www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice

OBITUARIES

James L. Murnane, Jr.

PLATTSBURGH — A Mass of Christian Burial for James L. Murnane Jr.; 86, was held Nov. 3 at St. John the Baptist Church. He died Oct. 29, 2012 at the CVPH Medical Center.

Born in Herkimer, N.Y. on Sept. 9, 1926, he was the son of James and Margaret (Hartum) Murnane.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Janet (Cowden); a brother, Thomas (Katherine) Murnane; and seven children, Darcy (John) Mousseau, Christopher (Molly) Murnane, Patrick (Sheila) Murnane, Maria (Stephen) Visco, all of Plattsburgh; Janet Murnane of Burlington, Vt., Andrea Murnane of Starksboro, Vt., and James (Susan) Murnane III of Saranac Lake; and 12 grandchildren.

A member of the Knights of Columbus, and the Equestrian Order of the Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulcher, Murnane served on the Board of Directors for Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Ogdensburg. He was a dedicated supporter of Catholic Education, especially of St. John's Academy, Seton Catholic Central, and Seton Academy, where his children and grandchildren were educated. He served on the St. John's Academy Board of Education, and the St. John's Athletic Association.

He was a parishioner of San Marco Catholic Church in Marco Island, Fla., where he lived in retirement, and retained his membership and his home parish of St. John the Baptist Church.

After serving as an Air Cadet at Niagara University, Jim graduated from Clarkson College of Technology in 1949 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He began his construction career as a Project Manager with the Austin Company in Bay City, Michigan. He later moved to Central N.Y. and joined the John J. Harvey Company in Utica.

In 1955 he moved his family to Plattsburgh, where he opened a branch office of the Harvey Company.

After the Harvey Company was sold, Murnane became Vice President of the Fletcher-Murnane Company and oper-

ated it until he bought the firm in 1970 and changed its name to Murnane Associates, Inc. and operated their offices in Plattsburgh, Utica, and Syracuse until his retirement in 1986.

Murnane's construction firm built many landmarks throughout New York, projects for the 1980 Olympic Games in Lake Placid and projects at school districts, hospitals, prisons, factories, and municipal infrastructure projects across Northern and Central New York.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Interfaith Food Shelf, 127 Beekman Street, Plattsburgh, or to St. John the Baptist Parish, 7 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, N.Y. 12901.

AuSable Forks — Julia A. (Bashaw) Bushey, 80; Funeral Services Nov. 2, 2012 at Holy Name Church; burial in Holy Name Cemetery.

AuSable Forks — Mark Robert Frenyea, 59; Funeral Services Oct. 29, 2012 at Holy Name; burial in Holy Name Cemetery.

Cape Vincent — Louis Docteur; Memorial Services Nov. 3, 2012 at St. Vincent of Paul Church.

Champlain — Roger W. Janendo, 71; Funeral Services Oct. 31, 2012 at St. Mary's Church.

Clayton — H. Elizabeth "Betty" Cipullo, 91; Funeral Oct. 30, 2012 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Fort Covington — Bernard "Arthur" Stone, 85; Funeral Services Nov. 3, 2012 at St. Mary's Church; burial in the Old St. Mary's Cemetery.

Jay — William L. Rooney, Jr., 87; Funeral Services Oct. 22, 2012 at St. Matthew's Church.

Malone — Susan L. (Jason) Cring, 73; Funeral Services Oct. 30, 2012 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Massena — Anthony Ray Lamendola, 82; Funeral Oct. 30, 2012 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Peru — Geraldine "Geri" (Reeves) Pelligano, 83; Funeral Services Oct. 27, 2012 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Peru — Claudette A. (Forand) Schofield, 97; Funeral Services Oct. 30, 2012 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh — Oril Franklin Graves, 82; Funeral Services Nov. 2, 2012 at St. John's Church; burial in St. John's Cemetery, Keeseville.

Plattsburgh — Teresa F. (Farley) Jubert, 85; Funeral Services Oct. 27, 2012 at the R.W. Walker Funeral Home; burial in Whispering Maples Memorial Gardens.

Plattsburgh — Margaret M. "Peg" LaFave Gregoire McDevitt, 84; Funeral Services Nov. 2, 2012 at St. John's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Mausoleum.

Plattsburgh — Leona (Bourassa) Roushia Mitchell, 97; Funeral Services Oct. 30, 2012 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh — Diane Romano VanArman, 65; Funeral Services Oct. 30, 2012 at St. John's Church.

Plattsburgh — Thomas A. "Booker" Washington, 63; Funeral Services Nov. 2, 2012 at St. Peter's Church.

Watertown — Michael (Mickey) A. Bova Sr., 86; Funeral Services Nov. 2, 2012 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church.

Watertown — Mary T. (Tripp) Bernier, 76; Funeral Oct. 30, 2012 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown — Bonnie Palmer Letson, 63; Funeral Services Oct. 30, 2012 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church.

Watertown — Edward J. Petrillose, 88; Funeral Services Oct. 31, 2012 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown — Joan C. Twiss, 80; Funeral Services Oct. 27, 2012 at Cummings Funeral Home, Inc.; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

Why I love the Traditional Latin Mass

By Maeana Cragg
Parishioner, St. Mary's, Potsdam

I am a Catholic wife and mother, with my eighth child due this coming April. Every Sunday, I attend the Traditional Latin Mass (TLM) at St. Mary's in Potsdam. I know that many of my fellow Catholics have never been to a Latin Mass, or have only faint memories of the Mass. Some may not understand why I would chose to go to a Mass so different from the one I grew up with. I would like to explain why I love the Traditional Latin Mass and how it has helped me to grow in my faith.

...and how it has helped me grow in my faith

One of the very first times I attended a Latin Mass, it was out of desperation. I was part of a parish where abuses were rampant (not in this diocese). My husband and I learned that there was a TLM an hour and a half away.

One Sunday, we packed up our three boys, three and under, and made a day of it. We entered a beautiful church where a very elderly priest was saying a Low Mass. The Low Mass is full of silence. It was slightly disconcerting when we were used to moments of silence during a Mass being rare. We couldn't really follow what was going on, because with three little boys, and only two of us, we didn't have any hands free to hold Latin/English translations. Even the homily was barely understandable.

I suppose, in some ways, we should have been turned off by the whole thing, but we weren't. The sweetest older couple came up to us after Mass, told us how happy they were to see us there, and invited us to come back the next Sunday when they would be having a High Mass. We did want to go back and give it another try, but an hour and a half with three small boys every Sunday was overwhelming.

By the time we attended another TLM, it was a year later, we had our first daughter on the way, and I had now brought my family home to the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Since I've been home, the Diocesan TLM has moved from Brushton to Canton, and to my great happiness, to my home parish of St. Mary's in Potsdam. We have been going to that Mass every



Maeana Cragg of Potsdam and her husband, Eric are shown with their children, Ethan, age 11; Asher, 10; Colin, 8; Clare, 6; Lucas, 5; Celia, 3; and Gavan, 18 months.

Sunday, for the past seven years.

Why? What is it that draws us to the Mass in the Extraordinary Form?

One of the first things I loved was the way that Holy Communion is given and received. Nothing helped my faith in the Eucharist grow more than seeing Our Lord treated as something so precious, so holy that only the priest could touch the Host.

Even more special, in the rubrics of the TLM, once the priest's fingers have been purified, he holds his thumb and his forefinger together so they touch NOTHING but the sacred Body of Christ.

When Holy Communion is received, it is done in the same way you would receive from our Holy Father, kneeling and on the tongue. I find it so beautiful in the humility it requires. There is a paten held under the communicant's chin, so

that any precious crumb, the full Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ, is brought back to the altar and treated with reverence.

Another aspect of the TLM that I fell in love with was the way the role of the priest was exemplified. The priest's role has always been as mediator between human and God. In the TLM, there is no question as to the importance of that role. He does not turn his back to the people, but turns with the people toward God, lifting up their prayers and offering the all-important sacrifice of the Mass to God.

There is no one else at the altar but the altar boys, most often on their knees. It was after we started attending the TLM that my oldest son mentioned possibly wanting to be a priest. We had been to many parishes where the priests had more personality and were far more entertaining. Who the priest was didn't matter. There was something about the role of the priest in the TLM that drew him in.

Our Catholic Church is a universal church. When you attend a TLM, it doesn't matter whether you are in Potsdam, NY or Potsdam, Germany. You could be in Brazil or the Philippines. Every word, every movement of the priest is the same. The universal language of the Church, Latin, unites us.

There are only two main parts to every Mass, the ordinary and the proper. The ordinary stays the same, day after day, week after week, and contains most of the parts you are already completely familiar with. My two oldest boys (10 and 11), are already serving the Mass and I am amazed at their understanding. The only things that change are the epistle, the gospel, and a few prayers throughout the Mass.

In a Low Mass, the epistle and gospel are read in English, and the Homily is always in the vernacular. If you don't own a missal, there is a red book at the back of the church that will help you follow along. Then again, it is sometimes better to set the books aside and take advantage of the quiet to pray, to offer your prayers to God along with the priest in the ultimate prayer of Holy Mass.

There is so much more I could share. I would much rather that others experienced it for themselves. For anyone interested, the TLM in our diocese is at 12:30 PM each Sunday at St. Mary's in Potsdam. I hope to see you there.

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