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## Pope: Mary is with God

CASTEL GANDOLFO, ITALY (CNS) – Assumed into heaven, Mary is with God and is ready to listen and respond to cries for help, Pope Benedict XVI said.

Joining God in heaven, Mary "does not draw away from us, does not go to an unknown galaxy," but becomes "even closer to each one of us," the pope said

Aug. 15 during his homily at Mass for the feast of the Assumption at his summer residence in Castel Gandolfo.

Mary's assumption, he said, gives believers "a sure hope: God expects us, he awaits us. We are not moving toward a void.

And going to that other world, we will find the good-

ness of the Mother (Mary), we will find our loved ones, we will find eternal love," the pope said.

Pope Benedict, who set aside his prepared text for much of his homily, said that Mary's closeness to God ensures her closeness to all God's creatures.

"Mary, totally united with

God, has a heart that is so big that all creation can find a place there," a fact illustrated by the votive offerings people around the world leave at Marian shrines and statues when their prayers are answered, he said.

Mary's presence in heaven shows that "in God there is room for man," he said.

### BACK TO SCHOOL

#### Where does the time go?



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE  
St. Joseph Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, diocesan superintendent of schools, shared her thoughts on the opening of the 14 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Ogdensburg next month. She noted that there is a connection between "the students who will be attending our Catholic schools, the unique mission of our schools and the Year of Faith announced by Pope Benedict XVI." Sister Ellen Rose is pictured above at St. Mary's Cathedral during a celebration of service day in June for the schools of the diocese.

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## Year of Faith preparations begin in Sept.

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## Vocation pilgrimage

Bishop LaValley will lead a three-day pilgrimage to

Philadelphia in October  
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## SCHOOL SUPPORT FROM TI TO LA



Sister Shawn Pauline of Carmel, a native of Ticonderoga, was surrounded by a large group of alumni - and the principal - of St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga, when she made her Perpetual Profession of Vows with the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles July 15. Seated is Francine Burke, Sister Shawn Pauline of Carmel (formerly Janet Burke) and St. Joseph Sister Sharon Dalton, St. Mary's principal; standing are Maria Burke, Erin Boyle, Father Bryan Stitt, Maria Stitt, Geoffrey Burke, Sam Huntington, John Leerkes, Daniel Burke, Mark Leerkes and Karen Cruess. Father Stitt, vocation director for the Diocese of Ogdensburg and Sister Shawn Pauline's cousin, presided at the ceremony.

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

## School days... hooray!

On the whole, I take great pride in how well I've adjusted to life as an empty-nester, even though one of our little birds flew nearly 3000 miles away.

This time of year, though, I sure wish I was helping three excited children prepare for the first day of school.

As much as I complained about the cost of new coats and calculators, the start of a new school year was always a source of great anticipation in our house.

The kids – and their parents – were ready to exchange bathing suits and camps for football uniforms and classrooms.

They were anxious to meet new teachers and see old friends; we were ready for earlier bedtimes and a more predictable schedule for our days!

But, alas, September in our house this year won't feel much different from August.

So, since there's no back-to-schoolers in my home family, I'll cheer on the back-to-schoolers in my church family.

Last week, Father Douglas Lucia, diocesan director of seminarians, sent out a note announcing the new and returning seminarians of our diocese.

We have much for which to be thankful!

Father Lucia writes:

*On this day, I am happy to welcome two new seminarians to the Program for Priestly Formation of the Diocese of Ogdensburg: Mr. Nicholas Carbone of St. Anthony's Parish in Watertown and Mr. Brandon Kraeger of St. Martin's Parish in Port Leyden. Both will be in first-year collegians at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, OH starting August 18th. They will join Mike Jablonski and Alex Pacelli who will both be in their Second-Year of Pre-Theology at the Josephinum.*

*Congratulations also goes out to Mr. Paul Poulin who is being advanced to Pre-Theology and the Program of Priestly Formation at Blessed John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, MA. Our gratitude to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary for their own affirmation of this step for Paul and for their unwavering support along the way! With this change, Paul will have one-year of Pre-Theology and four years of theological studies at Blessed John XXIII Seminary.*

*Finally, Deacon Scott Belina (4th Theology) and Matt Conger (2nd College) will continue their studies at St. Charles Borromeo...."*

You all know the drill:

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## CHURCH: A FAMILY OF FAITH

Shocking Faith  
21st Sunday of Ordinary Time - Aug. 25-26

By Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSJ

Director of Evangelization

Whom will you serve? Are you with Jesus or not? Will you accept the teachings of the Church?

The teaching about the Eucharist and/or the teachings of the Church are not always easy to accept. We believe that the Eucharist is the flesh and blood Christ. It commands us to go beyond our senses to the gift of faith.

The disciples were incredulous and somewhat irritated. "This saying is hard; who can accept it?"

Some of these disciples left Jesus after this discourse. These were not people in the crowd, but those who had been following Jesus, listening to Him teach, learning His ways, and seeing Him work many different signs that brought many people to faith. But this teaching was a hard one to swallow! Their whole way of thinking, of living, of believing, was being up-ended.

The mystery of the Eucharist and the life of the Church have been central to our Catholic tradition for over two thousand years. The gift of the Holy Spirit, the promise of Christ to the Church has preserved its unity and universality. The Holy Spirit will continue to guide the Church.

As Catholics, we may not have the same burning issue of the "Real Presence" in the Eucharist as the early disciples did but there are many issues in the world that we face today.

Some of the issues are of marriage, violence and domestic violence, pro-life, family life, religious freedom and so many more issues that may affect our daily lives. T

hey may reach into our souls and shake the very foundation of our faith.

The Catholic Church faces these same issues and in order to speak in the name of Jesus Christ, she has said some very difficult things that have not been well received.

The disciples murmured and we, as a family of faith, murmur if we do not agree with a particular Church teaching.

Do these teachings shock you? Is your faith shaken? What if I doubt the teaching of the Church? Am I out of the Church? Every one of us doubts. Where do we go to get the answers or at least to help understand the teachings of the Church?

The second question Jesus asks is, "Do you also want to leave?" Do you want to leave the Catholic Church? We are confronted with difficult questions every day that challenge us. How we address the issues that shake our faith is greatly influenced by our connection to Jesus, the Living Bread.

As we begin to enter into the Year of Faith, the Diocese of Ogdensburg Year of Faith Committee will be offering opportunities for faith sharing, workshops, conferences, Retreat days, pilgrimages, and more to help strengthen our faith and our relationship with Jesus Christ within the community of faith.

Jesus asks us same question to us as His disciples, if we, too, would leave Him. Let our answer be: "To whom shall we go, You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).

# Workshops planned to prepare for Year of Faith

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In the Diocese of Ogdensburg, parish representatives will participate in workshops designed to communicate the vision and goals of the Year of Faith and to share resources and strategies for

achieving the goals.

The workshops are set for:

- Sept. 22 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 at St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh

- Sept. 26 from 6 p.m. to 9 at Holy Ghost parish center in Tupper Lake

- Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 at Immaculate Heart Central School High School in Watertown

Two representatives from each parish will be sent by their pastor to participate in one of these workshops and be prepared to assist in developing initiatives in their parishes to support the goals

of the Year of Faith.

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

The service will focus on the lives of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Mother Marianne Cope and St. Brother Andre Bessette.

The main speaker will be St. Anne Sister Kateri Mitchell, director of the national Tekakwitha Conference in Great Falls, Mont.; and native of the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation.

## Annual vocation pilgrimage is set

Bishop Terry R. LaValley will lead a three-day pilgrimage to Philadelphia Oct. 8-12 to support and pray for vocations.

He will join Father Bryan Stitt, diocesan director of vocations; members of the new Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocation Society (D.O.V.S.) and Catholics from across the diocese.

The itinerary includes tours of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, St. John Neumann Shrine, St. Katharine Drexel Shrine, the motherhouse of the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart, Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell.

The price of \$495 includes bus transportation from Plattsburgh, Malone, Potsdam, Ogdensburg, or Watertown; double occupancy accommodations at the Crown Plaza; (single occupancy at \$645), and lunch and dinner with Bishop LaValley Oct. 9.

Any proceeds from the trip will be used for the promotion of vocations within the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Registration must be made immediately with Connie Randall at (315) 265-2762.

## PRAYER RALLY FOR FREEDOM



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE

The Northern Conference Knights of Columbus hosted a Prayer Rally for the Preservation of Religious Freedoms Aug. 12 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. Bishop LaValley presided at the prayer service which included a Liturgy of the Word, a recitation of the rosary and Benediction. Shown above with the bishop are seminarian Matthew Conger, Father Douglas Lucia and Deacon David Sandburg. Full coverage of the prayer rally will appear in the Aug. 29 issue of the *North Country Catholic*.



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# BACK TO SCHOOL

## Where does the time go?

By Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, SSJ  
Superintendent of Schools

Where does the time go? August is well underway and once again I am reminded how quickly the summer is slipping away.

One vivid reminder of days to come is the number of advertisements on television and in the newspapers which are offering special sales for back to school items. A television story this past week reported that parents will spend on average \$100 per child for back to school supplies.

The newspaper recently printed flyers announcing "Back to School Sales" – "super," "extraordinary," and "special" sales that one should not miss.

As I prepared to write this article my mind turned to the students who would be attending our Catholic schools, the unique mission of our schools and the Year of Faith announced by Pope Benedict XVI.

I think they are related. Our students, children of God, made in His image and likeness, destined to know, love and serve Him in this life and, one day, to enter eternal life – certainly their formation and education is vital to the life of our nation and the Church.

The philosopher Plato wrote, "... the beginning is the most important part of any work, especially in the case of a young and tender thing; for that is the time at which the character is being formed and the desired impression is more readily taken. Shall we just carelessly allow children to hear any casual tales . . . to receive into their minds ideas for the most part the very opposite of those which we should wish them to have



St. Marguerite D'Youville Academy in Ogdensburg is one of 14 Catholic schools in the diocese ready to welcome back students in September. The school ended last year on a high note as it was honored by the Ogdensburg Kiwanis Club. The Kiwanians sponsored a competition with all the schools in Ogdensburg, Heuvelton, Lisbon and Morristown. Each school was given percentage points for students improving each marking period, those involved in chorus and band, students who had their art displayed at Remington or a gallery, those who read the most books and fulfilled the requirements of the school's reading incentive programs, and an essay competition where the students had to interview someone over 55 and write an essay about that person. When all the points were tallied the winner was SMDA. Above, students from each class pose with the Kiwanis Trophy. From left, are Bridget Paige, sixth grade; Samantha Flynn, fifth; Hannah Powers, fourth; Noah Mallette, third; Hope Switzer, second; Talan Ashley, first and Thomas Gilbert, kindergarten.

when they are grown up" (Plato's Republic)?

Schools play an essential role in the formation and education of children and young people.

Every school, including our Catholic schools, are institutions which provide for the assimilation of the knowledge and skills necessary for life, a systematic and critical assimilation of culture and the development of persons who are attentive to sincere interpersonal relationships which foster the well-being of others. But our Catholic schools do this within the framework of our Catholic faith and its integration into all subject areas and the entire school environment.

Blessed Pope John Paul II called Catholic schools "a gift to the nation" (Pastoral Visit to the United States, 1987). Pope Benedict XVI considers Catholic educa-

tional institutions places where students encounter the living God made known in Jesus Christ (Cf. Address to Catholic Educators in the United States, 2008).

Without a doubt Catholic schools have a unique opportunity and a grave responsibility to participate in the mission of the Church, the proclamation of the Gospel.

In our Catholic schools, students learn about their Catholic faith. Christ is the foundation of the whole educational activity. Learning about their faith certainly includes knowledge about the content of their faith. But this knowledge is not theory or abstract information. Rather, it is knowledge of a person and includes the personal experience of being known and loved by Christ and in turn, knowing, loving and following Him.

Where does the time go?

vine Revelation, the nature of the Church and the mission of the Church in the modern world.

Likewise we are encouraged to use The Catechism of the Catholic Church. It is a reliable tool for understanding the Council, a compendium of Catholic doctrine and a systematic and organic synthesis of the content of our faith. We all have the responsibility to be "students" and return to these sources to deepen our faith and our enthusiasm for spreading the Gospel.

Our Holy Father hopes that the year of faith will be an opportunity to rediscover the journey of faith so as to shed clearer light on the joy and renewed enthusiasm of the encounter with Christ, to summon us to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, to make a concerted effort to study the fundamental content of the faith and to rediscover the joy of believing and the enthusiasm for communicating the faith. (Cf. Door of Faith, # 2, #6, #7, and #11).

This is why Catholic schools are so important. Faith is taught and lived in our Catholic schools. This is their unique character and contribution to the mission of the Church.

We do not want our children to hear "casual tales" or "to receive into their minds ideas for the most part the very opposite of those which we should wish them to have when they are grown up." We want them to hear the Gospel. We want them to see and experience the Gospel lived in a community of faith that knows, loves and follows Christ. We want them to encounter Christ.

Catholic schools are the special places where this happens.

We might ask ourselves this question also as we prepare for the Year of Faith that will begin Oct. 12. This opening date is significant. Oct. 11, 2012 is the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Fifty years ago, 20 years ago – where does the time go? However, the Holy Father reminds us, "The 'door of faith' is always open for us, ushering us into the life of communion with God and offering entry into his Church" (Door of Faith, # 1).

During the year of faith, we are invited to turn or perhaps return to the writings of the Second Vatican Council, especially the four Constitutions, the true pillars of the council. They are rich resources for an understanding of the Liturgy, Di-

# Seton hires director of development

PLATTSBURGH - Seton Catholic Central and Seton Academy have hired a Director of Development and Advancement, effective July 23.

Caitlin Schultz will focus on Seton's long-term development, aiming to increase alumni participation, increase enrollment, and attract major gifts from donors.

Ms. Schultz, a native of Brockport, N.Y., is graduate of Nazareth College of Rochester. She received a master's degree in Public Administration from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University.

"We are happy to have Caitlin Schultz working for the Seton schools," said Paul Spilman, president of Seton Catholic's Education Council. "She will be instrumental in connecting with our proud alumni, and keeping them informed of the achievements of our schools."

The hiring of a Director of Development and Advancement is indicative of the strong future that both Seton Academy and Seton Catholic Central can expect. Both schools boast stable finances, as neither school has cut teachers for the upcoming school year and finished the 2011-2012 school year with a modest surplus.

Additionally, Seton Academy received a grant from the Koch Foundation and has expanded to add an additional third grade class.

Seton Catholic Central is building a healthy endowment and has added several AP and college courses, including Intro to Sociology, CAP Economics, CAP Government and Politics, and CAP English Composition.

As Seton Academy and Seton Catholic Central continue to thrive, so do the students. 91% of Seton Academy students passed the 2011-2012 NYS Math and ELA tests. Students at Seton Catholic Central achieved a 90% or better passing rate on most Regents exams. 100% of the 2012 senior class graduated and are attending college in the fall.

Both Seton Academy and Seton Catholic Central excel in preparing well-rounded students; this past year Seton Academy hosted a successful Health Fair, and Seton Catholic Central students raised money to build four houses for the Mission of Hope in Nicaragua.

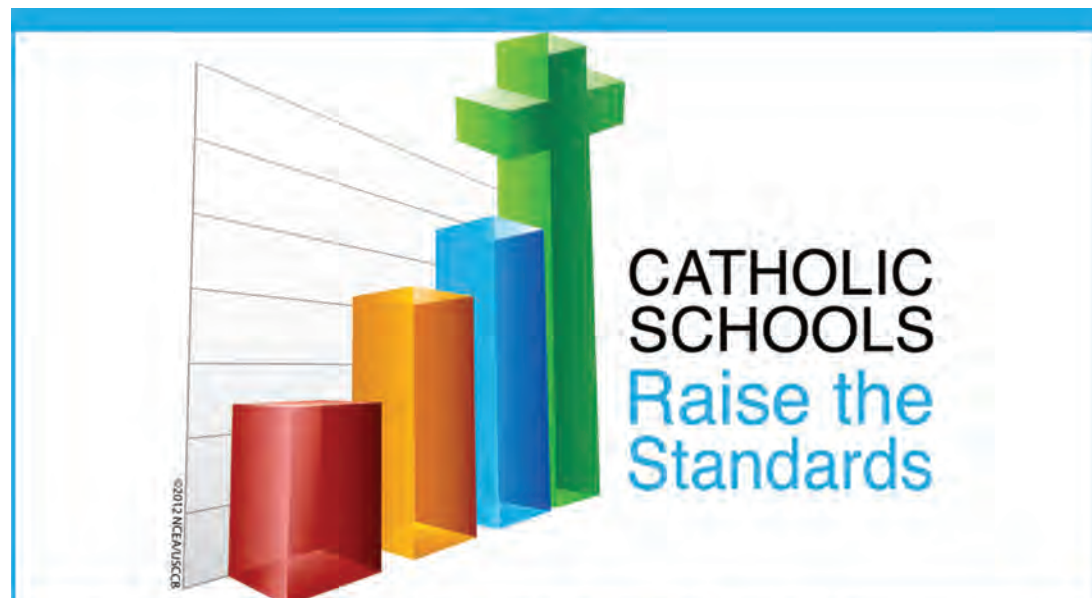
Seton Academy and Seton Catholic maintain small classes in safe, nurturing environments.

For parents considering a quality education for their child, enrollment at both schools continues until Aug.30.

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## Missionaries of the Sacred Heart tap Kathleen Mastellon

# New foundation manager named

WATERTOWN - Kathleen B. Mastellon is the new foundation manager of the Sacred Heart Foundation in Watertown. She succeeds Nick Buduson who retired May 31, 2012.

The foundation provides financial assistance for the education of those studying to be priests and brothers of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC) anywhere in the world.

The Sacred Heart Foundation draws from the interest on its endowment to fund the scholarships.



Kathleen Mastellon

The principal of the endowment now stands in excess of \$2 million.

The Board of Directors of the Foundation is principally composed of lay men and women but does include clergy and religious members. Mrs. Mastellon reports to the board.

Buduson served the foundation for six years. He joined the foundation in January

2006 after a 35-year career at Fishercast, Inc., where he was vice president and general manager.

During his tenure as foundation manager, Buduson directed the day-to-day operations of the foundation.

His leadership and quiet encouragement of committee chairs and activities were instrumental in the growth

experienced by the foundation.

Buduson is a native of Watertown and continues to live there with his wife, Christine. He is a lifelong member of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish.

Mrs. Mastellon assumed her duties as foundation manager with Mr. Buduson's retirement.

Born and raised in the New York City area, she graduated from Bishop Reilly High School in Queens and from Molloy College on Long Island. She moved to the North Country with her husband, Kevin, in 1970.

During her professional career Mrs. Mastellon has worked at the Greater Water-

town Chamber of Commerce, Jefferson Community College, the Fort Drum Steering Council and its successor, the Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization.

She is a member of St. Patrick's Parish, where she is a lector and a minister of Holy Communion. She is a commissioned lay minister, VIRTUS Facilitator, and coordinator of the St. Patrick's Elizabeth Ministry chapter which she founded.

Mrs. Mastellon was also overall chair of St. Patrick's 150th anniversary committee in 2006.

Her husband is deacon pastoral associate at St. Patrick's.



Nick Buduson



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### Rest in Peace

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

**Aug. 22** – Rev. James W. M. Rensing, 1936

**Aug. 24** – Rev. Louis Lewis, O.M.I., 1938; Msgr. Paul George Brunet, 1991

**Aug. 25** – Rev. Damas Guilbault, 1919; Msgr. Hugh P.R. O'Reilly, 1948; Rev. George W. Tobin, 2010

**Aug. 27** – Rev. John F. Byrne, 1919; Rev. Ubalde LaRose, 1919; Rev. Edward Henry Bernier, 1962

**Aug. 28** – Rev. Florent Vandenberghe, O.M.I., 1882

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### Bishop's Schedule

**Aug. 23** – 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg; 5 p.m., St. Lawrence Deanery Bishop's Fund Reception at the Bishop's Residence

**Aug. 25** – 12:00 p.m., Founder's Day Mass at Our Lady of the Adirondacks Church in Ellenburg; 4 p.m., Mass at St. Patrick's Church in Chateaugay.

**Aug. 28** – 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg

### Announcement

**Bishop LaValley has appointed** Father Howard J. Venette as administrator of The Catholic Community of Constable, Westville and Trout River, effective Sept. 19. Currently, Father Venette is serving as administrator at St. Mary's Church in Waddington and St. John the Baptist Church in Madrid.

### Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults. Pre-registration online is required in order to participate. Participants may pre-register at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) by selecting the registration button and following the directions. All employees and volunteers who participate in church sponsored activities with minor are required to participate in this training. Ongoing monthly training is required for all employees involved in activities with minors. Volunteers are strongly encouraged to continue their training. Further information is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 403. Upcoming programs:

**Aug. 30** - St. Mary's School, Canton, 7:30 p.m.

**Sept. 8** - Seton Academy, Plattsburgh, 10 a.m.

**Sept. 11** - Seton Academy, Plattsburgh, 2 p.m.

**Sept. 18** - Holy Family School, Malone, 6 p.m.

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## One- women play is set

**MORRISTOWN** – The Roman Catholic Community of Morristown, Hammond and Rossie is presenting actor Susan Stein in "Etty" Aug. 22, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church.

This one-woman play is based on the journals and letters of Etty Hillesum, a 29 year old Dutch Jewish woman killed in the Holocaust, in 1943.

Her writings, published in the 1980s, reveal her struggles with the mounting suffering of her people, and offer a window into her spiritual exploration of the cost of living a fully human and God-centered life in the midst of horror.

Etty writes, "I draw prayer 'round me like a dark protective wall, withdraw inside it as one might into a convent cell and then step outside again, calmer and stronger and more collected again." And "God is not accountable to us for the senseless harm we cause one another. We are accountable to Him."

Actor/writer Susan Stein of New York City has culled through and adapted Etty Hillesum's writings.

The result is a powerful and moving 60 minutes in which Stein portrays Etty, demonstrating her yearnings, her tears, her intimate relationship with God, as well as with the close friends who helped make life in the Amsterdam ghetto somewhat palatable.

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# FACES OF FAITH



Carmelite Sister Shawn Pauline of Carmel, formerly Janet Burke, a native of Ticonderoga, was one of four women who made final vows as a Carmelite Sister of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles in July. Picture, front, is Mother Judith, superior of the community; and back, from left, Sister Marie Estelle of the Holy Spirit, Sister Faustina of Merciful Love, Sister Isabelle of Our Lady of Hope, and Sister Shawn Pauline.

PHOTO BY KATE CURRY

Father Phillip Allen chats with Jack and Mary Groll at St. Mary's Parish Center in Indian Lake during a Knights of Columbus barbecue July 15. Father Allen was installed as pastor in Indian Lake June 29 with Father Sony Pulickal, pastor in Lake Pleasant and Wells and dean of Hamilton-Herkimer Deanery, officiating as the bishop's delegate. Father Allen, known for his love of nature, miles of bike rides and hiking all 46 Adirondack mountain peaks, accepted a plaque with a poem from naturalist William Chapman White.



A very special baptism took place July 1 at the Church of the Visitation in Norfolk. Brandi and Matt Akins are wishing to carry on their faith to their adopted daughters, Aries Elizabeth, Harmonie Ann, and Serenity Rose. They were welcomed into the church with a Mass celebrated by Msgr. John R. Murphy.



Bishop LaValley recently dedicated a new cemetery vault, columbarium and statue at St. Joseph's Cemetery in West Chazy. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marcil, who donated the statue in memory of their son, Patrick.

# Bishop Malone installed as new bishop of Buffalo

**BUFFALO, N.Y. (CNS)** - At his Aug. 10 installation Mass as the new bishop of Buffalo, Bishop Richard J. Malone said his call to the western New York diocese was to respond to the new evangelization envisioned by Blessed John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI.

Both popes "have called us to a new evangelization," Bishop Malone said, "not a new message, but a new impetus, new zeal, urgency and methods, with special focus on outreach to inactive Catholics." He added, "This call is a response to the Lord's promise to tend his sheep where God says, 'The lost I will seek out.'"

Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, the papal nuncio to the United States, read Pope Benedict's letter giving Bishop Malone his new assignment; he had previously been bishop of Portland, Maine.

Bishop Malone thanked Archbishop Viganò "for that little phone call that invited me to step out into the deep on a new adventure in service of God and his people."

Bishop Malone was able to meet many at a reception at a downtown Buffalo hotel following the installation. But, as he told diocesan priests at a special Aug. 9 prayer service, he plans to travel throughout the eight-county diocese to meet as many of his flock as possible.

Many bishops with a Buffalo background were on hand for the installation. Retired Bishop Edward U. Kmiec of Buffalo greeted religious, civic and ecumenical leaders as well as the lay faithful.

Two native Buffalonians, Bishop Donald W. Trautman of Erie, Pa., and Bishop Robert J. Cunningham of Syracuse, were among the concelebrating bishops. So were Archbishop Henry J.



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**Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan looks on as Bishop Richard J. Malone raises the chalice during his Aug. 10 installation Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral in Buffalo.**

Mansell of Hartford, Conn., a former bishop of Buffalo, and Auxiliary Bishop Edward M. Grosz of Buffalo.

Three cardinals also were there for the installation: Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, archbishop of New York, who provided remarks after Communion, as well as Cardinal Edward M. Egan, retired archbishop of New York, and Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley of Boston.

Bishop Malone had been a Boston auxiliary bishop from 2000 until his appointment to Portland in 2004.

He is the immediate past chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. He serves on other USCCB committees as well as sitting on the boards of two seminaries. In 2010, Bishop Malone was elected to the board of Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. church's overseas relief and development agency, and he serves on its U.S. Operations Committee.

The Diocese of Buffalo has 170 parishes and one mission, with 197 worship sites. The diocese has 54 Catholic elementary schools, 15 Catholic high schools, and seven Catholic colleges and universities.

# Romney's running mate comes from longtime Wisconsin Catholic family

By Patricia Zapor  
Catholic News Service

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** - U.S. Rep. Paul Davis Ryan, whom Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney announced Aug. 11 as his running mate for the White House, is a lifelong Catholic whose children attend their parish school in Wisconsin.

Ryan's inclusion on the presumptive Republican ticket marks the first time both halves of the major party matchup will have Catholics seeking the vice presidency. Vice President Joe Biden, a Democrat, is the first Catholic to hold the post.

The last time the Republican nominee for vice president was a Catholic was in 1964, when New York Rep. William E. Miller was the running mate of Arizona Sen. Barry Goldwater.

Ryan, 42, was born and raised in Janesville, Wis., where he lives with his wife, Janna, and their three children. The fifth-generation Wisconsin native graduated from Nativity of Mary Elementary School and Joseph A. Craig, a public high school, both in Janesville.

After graduating from Miami University in Ohio in 1992 with a double major of economics and political science, Ryan began working in the Washington office of Sen. Bob Kasten of Wisconsin, for whom Ryan had served as an intern while in college.

After Kasten lost a re-election bid, Ryan worked as a speechwriter for a think tank called Empower America, then as a speechwriter for Jack Kemp, former Housing and Urban Development secretary and a former New York congressman, during his run for vice president in 1996. Ryan then was on the legislative staff of Sen. Sam

Brownback, R-Kan., before returning to Wisconsin to work for his extended family's construction business in 1997.

Ryan first ran for public office in 1998, winning election to the 1st Congressional District seat vacated by Republican Rep. Mark Neumann, who sought a Senate seat that year. Ryan has since been re-elected six times and will remain on the ballot for his congressional seat as he seeks the vice presidency. Concurrent candidacy is allowed in Wisconsin.

Msgr. Delbert Schmelzer, a priest of the Diocese of Madison who was pastor in Janesville for 12 years during Ryan's youth, told the Catholic Herald, the diocesan newspaper, that Ryan comes from a strong Catholic family.

Msgr. Schmelzer said he believes Ryan's Catholic faith influences his public life. "He emphasizes that our rights come from God and nature. He has a strong vision for the future," said the priest, calling Ryan "a great gift to our country."

Ryan's great-grandfather founded Ryan Incorporated Central, a mass excavation construction business, and his grandfather served as U.S. attorney for western Wisconsin.

His father, Paul Davis Ryan, an attorney, died of a heart attack at age 55. His son, Paul, the youngest of four children, was 16.

As chairman of the House Budget Committee, Ryan is the principal author of a Republican budget plan that delineates a decade-long plan to reduce spending on nonmilitary programs as a step toward reducing the country's \$15 trillion deficit. The GOP budget also calls for remaking Medicare, establishing Medicaid as a block grant program for

states to administer and simplifying the tax code by closing loopholes and lowering individual and corporate tax rates.

Ryan cited the principles of subsidiarity and solidarity as keys to securing a future in which everyone has the opportunity to achieve and to preserving the public safety net for those citizens who are truly in need.

The principle of subsidiarity as found in Catholic social teaching calls for decisions to be made and actions taken at the most local level possible.

Ryan's argument that the budget reflects Catholic social teaching brought criticism from some within the church, including theologians and social ministry activists.

Two bishops who head committees of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops called for a more measured approach to the budget.

The congressman co-sponsored the Sanctity of Human Life Act and the Right to Life Act, which both would write into law that life begins at the moment of conception. He has voted to ban use of federal money to pay for abortion or any part of a health plan that covers abortion.

He also has voted against allowing same-sex couples to adopt and opposed repealing the ban on gays serving openly in the military, reported The Associated Press. The AP said Ryan has supported a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage.

He also has supported immigration legislation calling for expanding the fence along the U.S.-Mexican border and backed a 2005 bill passed by the House that would have criminalized the act of offering basic assistance to undocumented immigrants.

# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Nellie Gray, 86, dies; was March for Life founder and emcee

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Nellie Gray, who started the annual March for Life to protest the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion nationwide, has died at age 86. She was found dead in her home Aug. 13 in Washington's Capitol Hill neighborhood by a March for Life staffer, Gene Ruane, who said the medical examiner will determine the cause and date of her death. The March for Life has grown into one of the signature events of the pro-life movement. After the first march in 1974, Gray, a Texas native, established the March for Life Education & Defense Fund to sustain it. Each year in her remarks, Gray exhorted pro-lifers to promote and adhere to a series of "life principles" that would eliminate abortion and enhance life, to which she said there should be "no exception! No compromise!" Ruane, an administrative assistant with the March for Life, told Catholic News Service Aug. 14 that leadership of the organization would be assumed by Terrence Scanlon, who has been its vice president "since the beginning." Funeral information was not immediately available. Gray was a member of St. Mary, Mother of God Parish in Washington. Born June 25, 1926, in Texas, Gray served as a corporal in the Women's Army Corps during World War II. She later earned a bachelor's degree in business and a master's in economics. She worked for the federal government for 28 years at the State Department and the Department of Labor, while attending Georgetown University Law School. Gray later practiced law before the U.S. Supreme Court.

## Prayer, dialogue is sisters' 'gift' to church, says LCWR leader

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The way 900 women religious "went about the decision" of responding to the Vatican's doctrinal assessment of their organization was almost as "historic and important as the decision itself," said Dominican Sister Mary Hughes, a former president of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious. Sister Hughes, addressing an Aug. 16 luncheon at the National Press Club in Washington, said that although the sisters devoted a significant amount of time to the assessment during their Aug. 7-10 meeting in St. Louis, they did not have "fiery speeches" or discourse but instead primarily engaged in contemplative silence, listening and prayer. At the close of the four-day assembly, LCWR leaders, speaking on behalf of the entire group, said they would pursue "open and honest dialogue" with church officials about the assessment by the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. The assessment, issued April 18, said a reform of LCWR was needed to ensure its fidelity to Catholic teaching in areas including abortion, euthanasia, women's ordination and homosexuality. Seattle Archbishop J. Peter Sartain, charged with overseeing the group's reform, met with LCWR's national board Aug. 11. He said in a statement after the meeting that he is "truly hopeful that we will work together without compromising church teaching or the important role of the LCWR." The sisters' decision to seek dialogue could be their "gift to the church," said Sister Hughes, stressing the importance of listening to one another, which she said is so often missing in today's polarized society.

# Dinner is about engaging candidates, not endorsing them, Cardinal Dolan says

NEW YORK (CNS) -- The Al Smith dinner in New York brings people of faith together for "an evening of friendship, civility and patriotism to help those in need," not to endorse either candidate running for the U.S. presidency, said Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York.

The purpose of the dinner is to show the nation and the Catholic Church "at our best," he said in an Aug. 14 posting on his blog titled "The Gospel in the Digital Age."

"An invitation to the Al Smith dinner is not an award, or the provision of a platform to expound views at odds with the church," the cardinal said. "It is an occasion of conversation; it is personal, not partisan."

President Barack Obama and Gov. Mitt Romney, his Republican opponent, have accepted the invitation to be the keynote speakers at the 67th Annual Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner Oct. 18 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York.

In presidential election years, in a tradition of bipartisanship, the foundation's board has usually invited the presidential candidates of the two major parties to speak.

Cardinal Dolan used his blog to respond to criticism of the invitation to Obama, who supports legal abortion. He said he also has received complaints that Romney was invited.

The dinner "has never been without controversy. ... This year is surely no exception: I am receiving stacks of mail protesting the invitation to President Obama -- and by the way, even some objecting to the invitation to Gov. Romney," he said.

"The objections are somewhat heightened this year, since the Catholic community in the United States has rightly expressed vigorous

criticism of the president's support of the abortion license, and his approval of mandates which radically intruded upon freedom of religion," Cardinal Dolan said.

"We bishops, including yours truly, have been unrelenting in our opposition to these issues, and will continue to be," he said.

But he pointed out that those who started the Smith dinner started 67 years ago were people who "believed that you can accomplish a lot more by inviting folks of different political loyalties to an uplifting evening, rather than in closing the door to them."

Four years ago, Obama traded quips with Republican Sen. John McCain.

In 2004, President George W. Bush and his Democratic challenger for the presidency, Sen. John F. Kerry of Massachusetts, a Catholic who supports legalized abortion, were not invited to speak. Dinner organizers instead invited former Republican President George H.W. Bush and former New York Gov. Hugh Carey, a Democrat.

The dinner is named for former New York Gov. Alfred E. Smith, who in 1928 became the first Catholic nominated by a major party as a presidential candidate. New York Cardinal Francis Spellman began the dinner in 1945 to inaugurate a hospital wing in honor of Smith and to raise money for health care programs in the New York Archdiocese.

The annual dinner and the Smith foundation have raised millions to provide support for the sick, poor and underprivileged in the New York area.

Cardinal Dolan noted that Smith "was viciously maligned because of his own Catholic faith."

"Smith was known as the

'Happy Warrior,' because while he fought fiercely for what he believed was right, he never sought to demonize those who opposed him," he explained. "And, the dinner named in his honor is truly life-affirming as it raises funds to help support mothers in need and their babies - both born and unborn - of any faith, or none at all."

Cardinal Dolan said some people have called the dinner invitation to Obama "a scandal," but he said the church's posture "toward culture, society and government is that of engagement and dialogue."

"It's better to invite than to ignore, more effective to talk together than to yell from a distance, more productive to open a door than to shut one," he said, adding that recent popes have received "dozens of leaders" with whom they disagree on serious issues.

Pope Benedict XVI received Obama, he noted, and "in the current climate, we bishops have maintained that we are open to dialogue with the administration to try and resolve our differences."

"What message would I send if I refused to meet with the president?" Cardinal Dolan asked.

He said the upcoming dinner does not represent "a slackening in our vigorous promotion of values we Catholic bishops believe to be at the heart of both Gospel and American values, particularly the defense of human dignity, fragile life, and religious freedom."

He suggested that the "vibrant solidarity of the evening" might illustrate for Obama and Romney "that America is at her finest when people, free to exercise their religion, assemble on behalf of poor women and their babies, born and unborn, in a spirit of civility and respect."

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# Making the decision to follow the Lord

Most of us as children can remember a parent or sibling saying to us, "Hurry up! Make up your mind!"

Some of us were pretty prompt, while others found that making up one's mind a torturous affair. It's fine to consult others, but that can be just an excuse to have someone else make up our minds.

And we sometimes dread the reply, "Use your own judgment!"

That's just what Joshua said, in effect, to the Israelites in today's first reading.

They had just entered the

Promised Land, and it was filled with pagans who worshipped many gods. So Joshua asks them, "Decide today whom you will serve...?" The God who brought you from Egypt to this lush, fertile land, or the gods of the Amorites in whose territory you now dwell? The choice is up to you.

And while still pondering the decision they must make, he adds the now-famous statement, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord".

Fortunately for themselves and their children, they respond, "We also will

serve the one Lord God".

In today's Gospel, Jesus does the same thing. He puts the choice to His apostles of following Him, or of leaving Him.

Many of the Lord's followers had left him because of His teaching that He Himself is the Bread of Life, If they were willing to eat of His flesh and drink of His blood, they would live forever. Otherwise, they would die. Many were shocked and offended.

Others thought the message was too good to be true. So they "walked with him no longer."

Jesus turns to the Twelve and says, "Do you also want to leave?"

It's as though He had added, "It's your decision. I'm not going to make your

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READINGS

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69



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of Church doctrine, others because of the stand of the Church on abortion or contraception.

What does Jesus say to them?

The second reading from Ephesians should capture the attention of all married couples, since it is so often misunderstood. It's the famous passage about wives being "subordinate" to their husbands.

Women feel that this statement has led to much "wife beating" and worse..

It all hinges on the word "subordinate".

We need to read the whole passage to understand St. Paul properly. He starts off by telling us that Christians ought to be "subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ."

That means loving and caring for one another as Christ loves us.

It means being attentive to each other's gifts.

Furthermore, St. Paul tells husbands to love their wives "as their own bodies... for no one hates one's own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it."

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## AT THE MOVIES

# THE ODD LIFE OF TIMOTHY GREEN

By Kurt Jensen  
Catholic News Service

The first thing to understand about "The Odd Life of Timothy Green" (Disney) is that, despite its genuinely wholesome approach, its themes of infertility and death make it unsuitable for younger children.

The film strains not to offend. But even older children may find parts of this fable -- in which the enchanted 10-year-old boy of the title (CJ Adams) passes through life leading others by cheerfulness and good example - somewhat puzzling.

Let's put it this way: This film has "Discuss it with your child afterward" written into nearly every scene. There's nothing contrary to, or derogatory of, Christian faith. But there's a mish-mash of imagery, since the original story by Ahmet Zappa draws on both Christian and wiccan beliefs - a little too heavily on the wiccan, it must be said, for the comfort of many viewers of faith.

However, there's no indoctrination going on. There's just a lot to think about. And, on the upside, from start to finish, the story celebrates familial love.

Opening scenes show Jim and Cindy Green (Joel Edgerton and Jennifer Gar-

ner) at an adoption agency explaining why they're qualified to become parents. To do so, they first have to explain what has just happened to them, which is where Timothy Green comes in.

Deeply saddened to learn they were infertile, the Greens wrote down all of their ideas about what the perfect child ought to be: Honest to a fault, able to love and be loved, possessing a lively sense of humor, and so on. They then buried the notes in a wooden box in their backyard garden.

That night, there was a heavy rainstorm, and the next morning, the couple discovered a precocious, dirt-covered naked boy, freshly sprung from their garden, exploring their house.

He's just what they hoped to have, except that he has what looks like vine leaves on his shins. (This is the

wiccan imagery.) These leaves cannot be cut off.

No problem there: They simply advise him to keep his socks on at all times. And they begin the process of becoming involved and dedicated parents.

Timothy is extremely kind, very patient, very much an outsider among other children and endures suffering in a Christ-like way (thus the Christian analogy).

He is smitten with Joni Jerome (Odeya Rush), a slightly older girl who also feels like an outsider because of a large birthmark. Together, they construct a sort of chapel in the woods with "stained glass" made from colorful autumn leaves (This is the mixed aspect).

Later on, in classic Hollywood style, Timothy comes up with a way to keep the town's pencil factory - at which his father is a foreman - from closing.



CNS PHOTO/DISNEY

CJ Adams and Odeya Rush star in a scene from the movie "The Odd Life of Timothy Green."

It's not a spoiler to disclose that, with the arrival of autumn, Timothy finds that his leaves are deciduous, and knows his time is drawing short. Yet it's made clear that his life has had a purpose.

Writer-director Peter Hedges has a little trouble keeping his sentimental tale on an even keel. The uplifting, break-out-the-hankies ending, though, is likely to

appeal to anyone who enjoys a good cry.

The film contains mature themes, some pagan overtones and a single scatological reference. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II -- adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

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**Time:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Features:** Bishop Terry LaValley presiding at Mass and Fr. Jack Downs giving a conference on Meditation and Contemplation. RSVP by Aug. 15.

**Contact:** please call 518-594-3253 or email olaprayerhouse@gmail.com - Donations appreciated.

## SOAKING PRAYER

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

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 11:30

**Place:** Upper room at St. Peter's

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

## 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: "We have the Savior not only in the form of reports of witnesses to his life. He is present to us in the most Blessed Sacrament." (St. Teresa Benedicta)

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

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

**Place:** Immaculate Conception Church

## LECTIO DIVINA

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

**Time:** 1 p.m. to 3

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

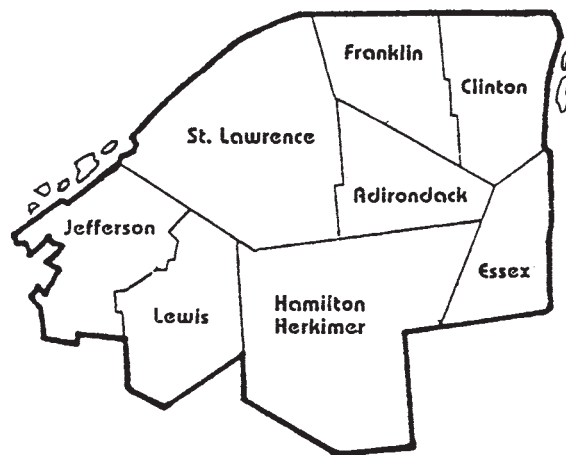
## PRAYER MEETING

**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



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## SOAKING PRAYER

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

**Date:** Every 3rd Monday.

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

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

## MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

**Ellenburg** - Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer will be having a monthly prayer meeting.

**Date:** every last Sunday)

**Features:** Please bring a dish to pass and RSVP to olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or 518-594-3253

## ESSEX

## CHICKEN BBQ

**Crown Point** - Sacred Heart Church will be having a Chicken BBQ.

**Date:** Aug. 26

**Time:** 12 p.m. to 5

**Cost:** \$9

**Features:** Take-outs, cash raffle.

## HAMILTON-HERKIMER

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Indian Lake** - The Indian Lake Knights of Columbus council 13102 is sponsoring the George "Coach" Burgess charity Golf Tournament to help local families with the heating costs this coming winter.

**Date:** Sept. 15

**Place:** Cedar River Golf Course

**Fee:** \$65 entry fee includes 18 holes, a hot dog lunch and chicken bbq.

**Contact:** David Harrington at 648-5170

## JEFFERSON

## CHICKEN BARBECUE

**Watertown** - Knights of Columbus will be having their 7th Annual Chicken Barbecue Fundraiser.

**Date:** Aug. 25

**Time:** 11 a.m. until gone

**Place:** St. Anthony's Church Parking Lot

**Cost:** \$8 Full Meal; \$5 Half Chicken only, take-outs available

## ROAST BEEF DINNER

**Evans Mills** - The Indian River Council 7471 Knights of Columbus will be having their Annual Roast Beef Dinner.

**Date:** Sept. 8

**Time:** 4 p.m.

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

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Senior Citizens, \$7; Children under 12, \$5; under 5 eat for free.

## 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

## 'ETTY'

**Morristown** - A special presentation of "Etty," a one-woman play based on the journal writings and letters of Etty Hillesum, a young Dutch Jewish woman who died at Auschwitz, in 1943 will be held

**Date:** Aug. 22

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

**Place:** St. John the Evangelist Church

**Cost:** Suggested donation of \$10

**Features:** Susan Stein, a NYC actor, portrays Etty, who movingly describes her life and her deepening desire to be an instrument of God's compassion, even amidst the horrors of the Holocaust, and her own impending death. Susan's performance, under the direction of Austin Pendleton, has been described as "impeccable." A TalkBack follows.

## 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Massena** - St. Mary's & St. Joseph's holds Adoration every Friday.

**Time:** 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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

**Features:** First Friday of each month is preceded by Benediction.

## HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

**Ogdensburg** - St. Mary's Cathedral holds a monthly Holy Hour to pray for Vocations.

**Date:** Thursday before the First Friday

**Time:** 8 p.m. to 9

**Place:** Deacon Winter Chapel

**Features:** Nocturnal Adoration continues through the night

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

## PHILLY PILGRIMAGE

The Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocations Society (DOVS) is offering a pilgrimage to Philadelphia, Penn.

**Dates:** Oct. 8-10

**Features:** Join Bishop LaValley and Father Bryan Stitt, diocesan vocation director, for visits to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, the shrine of St. John Neumann, the Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel, and the Motherhouse of the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart.

**Cost** The cost will be \$495 for double

occupancy (\$645 for single occupancy). Any profits from the pilgrimage will be used for the promotion of vocations.

**Contact:** To register contact Connie Randall at (315) 265-2762. Payment is due Aug. 24.

## ALTAR SERVER MASS AND PICNIC

**Ogdensburg** - Altar servers from parishes across the diocese will be recognized

**Date:** Sept. 9

**Time:** beginning at 2:30 p.m.

**Place:** Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral; picnic at Knights of Columbus hall

**Features:** Altar servers and families will gather for Mass with Bishop LaValley at St. Mary's Cathedral beginning at 2:30. Following liturgy there will be a picnic at the KofC hall as well as fun and games for the entire family.

**Registration:** interested servers and families should contact their pastor to sign up. Registration deadline is Sept. 2.

## CHARISMATIC RETREAT

**Saranac Lake** - Annual Retreat for Charismatics to be held.

**Date:** Aug. 24 to Aug. 26

**Place:** Guggenheim Lodge

**Speaker:** Fr. Anthony Gramlich from the Divine Mercy Center in Stockbridge, Mass.

**Contact:** For more information contact the Resurrection House at 518-891-1182

## NEIGHBORING DIOCESES

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

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

**Date:** Oct. 27

**Place:** Convention Center at the Oncenter

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

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

## AT ST. ANNE'S SHRINE

**Isle La Motte, Vt.** - Events at Saint Anne's Shrine in the coming Weeks:

**Feast of the Assumption:** Saint Anne's Shrine will observe the Feast of the Assumption on Aug. 15. Mass will be celebrated at 11:15 a.m. by Rev. Michael Cronogue, S.S.E., Superior General of the Edmundite Fathers.

**Roast Pork Dinner:** Aug. 18 in the Shrine Café from 4 p.m. to 6:30

**Madrigal Choir from Canada:** will provide music at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Aug. 26



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# Gratitude to religious educators

From the Director's Desk

By Sister Mary Ellen Brett

Diocesan Mission Director

As summer draws to an end, we have new beginnings to look forward to also. The new school year is just days away and our devoted teachers are gearing up for the challenge. I'm reminded of how educators have joined with parents to sustain the commitment of bringing to the world the uplifting message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Just as a new school year begins, there are changes in the Mission world too. The Holy Childhood Association is changing its name to the Missionary Childhood Association**

Religious educators have been leaders in helping the youth here at home to reach out in prayer and generosity to the suffering in our country and in the third world countries. The Mission Office is grateful for all the educators, parents and students who continue to help spread the Mission Message.

Just as a new school year begins, there are changes in the Mission world too. There will be a new name but the same "Great Works". The Holy Childhood Association is changing its name to the Missionary Childhood Association. This recent change made after thorough consultation with diocesan staff nationwide, emphasizes the missionary nature of our work and brings us into alignment with MCA worldwide. While there will be a period of transition, the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) will continue to offer young Catholics an opportunity to grow in faith through mission education, sacrifice and service for others.

A Pontifical Mission Society, MCA focuses entirely on "children helping children" throughout the world.

MCA's young members have participated in our apostolic mission for more than 160 years! For the 2012-2013 school year the focus will be on the "Year of Faith". In particular the Holy Father's call for all of us to be part of a

I pray that the educators will have a school year filled with positive energy, strong experiences and prayer-filled lessons of love. I am grateful for the good they do and their commitment to excellence. Without the educators in our community, our job in the Mission office would be an uphill battle. Let us pray for each other in our missionary efforts! The missionary work of the church depends on each one of us. God Bless

Please remember "The Pontifical Mission Societies" when writing or changing your Will.  
[www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice](http://www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice)

## OBITUARIES

**Carthage** – Violet Agnes (Moroughan) Keefer, 75; Funeral Services Aug. 17, 2012 at the Bezanilla-McGraw Funeral Home; burial in St. James Cemetery.

**Carthage** – Margaret M. (Huff) Segovis, 85; Funeral Services Aug. 14, 2012 at St. James Church; burial in New St. James Cemetery.

**Carthage** – Frances Lynnette (Cook) Trainham, 55; Funeral Services Aug. 9, 2012 at the Bezanilla-McGraw Funeral Home.

**Dannemora** – Brenda J. Provost, 72; Funeral Services Aug. 16, 2012 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Gouverneur** – Frances C. (Coffey) Allen, 97; Funeral Services Aug. 16, 2012 at the Green Funeral Home; burial in Riverside Cemetery.

**Hogansburg** – Ms. Charlene Cole, 55; Funeral Services Aug. 11, 2012 at St. Regis Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Akwesasne.

**Houseville** – John A. Wawrzyniak, 87; Funeral Services Aug. 16, 2012 at St. Hedwig's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Constableville.

**Lake Placid** – Bettie L. (Estes) Murphy, 86; Funeral Services Aug. 11, 2012 at St. Agnes Church; burial in St. Agnes Cemetery.

**Louisville** – John D. "Jack" Scott, 76; Funeral Services Aug. 10, 2012 at St. Lawrence Church; burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery.

**Lyon Mountain** – Paul E. Boucher, 87; Funeral Services Aug. 10, 2012 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Massena** – Robert F. Shean, 82; Funeral

Services Aug. 8, 2012 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery

**Massena** – Gerald T. Haas, 59; Funeral Services Aug. 18, 2012 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** – Anita L. (Castagnier) Henry, 89; Funeral Services Aug. 13, 2012 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Pine Grove Cemetery.

**Massena** – Larry F. Kellison, 62; Funeral Services Aug. 16, 2012 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Morrisonville** – Clara L. (Comstock) Agnew, 89; Funeral Services Aug. 14, 2012 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Chazy.

**Norwood** – Natalie Anne (Clemons) LaBarge, 71; Funeral Services Aug. 17, 2012 at St. Andrew's Church; burial in Visitation Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – Ruth E. Fitzgerald, 89; Funeral Services Aug. 17, 2012 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – Donna F. (LaPlante) Lalonde, 64; Funeral Services Aug. 14, 2012 at Frary Funeral Home.

**Ogdensburg** – Gary J. Callahan, 47; Funeral Services Aug. 9, 2012 at Fox & Murray Funeral Home; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

**Plattsburgh** – Oscar "Zoo" LeClair, 80; Funeral Services Aug. 7, 2012 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Peru** – Barbara J. (Osher) Perry, 66; Funeral Services Aug. 15, 2012 at the Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in Saranac Independence Cemetery.

**Peru** – Roy Carl Sayward, Sr., 77; Funeral Services Aug. 12, 2012 at the Hamilton

Funeral Home.

**Plattsburgh** – Catherine Marie (Leonard) Trombly, 95; Funeral Services Aug. 11, 2012 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Saranac Lake** – Joseph Gabriel Quigley, 87; Funeral Services Aug. 10, 2012 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in Saranac Lake Veterans Memorial Association Cemetery

**Ticonderoga** – Frances William Barnes, 88; Funeral Services Aug. 8, 2012 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**Tupper Lake** – Audrey M. (Bates) Delair, 84; Funeral Services Aug. 16, 2012 at St. Alphonsus Church.

**Tupper Lake** – Daniel Savage, 69; Funeral Aug. 10, 2012 at St. Alphonsus Church.

**Tupper Lake** – James E. Shaw, 89; Funeral Services Aug. 14, 2012 at St. Alphonsus Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Watertown** – Helen K. (Burkhard) Mat-traw, 88; Funeral Services Aug. 14, 2012 at Cummings Funeral Home; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** – Dorothy A. Farrell, 81; Funeral Services Aug. 11, 2012 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**West Chazy** – Eleanor Margaret (Reid) Trombly, 90; Funeral Services Aug. 8, 2012 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**West Chazy** – Scott A. Gonyo, 52; Funeral Services Aug. 13, 2012 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Winthrop** – Donald W. Prashaw, 80; Funeral Services Aug. 11, 2012 at the Ham-mill Funeral Home.

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## YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

# A vocational vacation

By Thomas Pietropaoli  
Contributing Writer

Among the many summer pastimes that we engage in, perhaps none is so cherished as the vacation, in which we take time off to leave for a little while our normal routines and locales, in order to refresh ourselves with new experiences and places.

However, not all vacations are occasioned by simply having time off; sometimes we take time off and travel not because we need to 'get away from it all', but because something greater calls to us, something that takes clear precedence over the daily rhythm of our lives.

In this sense a vacation can be likened to a vocation, since both involve leaving something behind, moving beyond an old way of being in order to go in a new direction.

As it happens, it was both vocation and vacation that drew me to Rome at the end of June, when I traveled with my father to attend the diaconate ordination of my older brother, John.

The trip officially began on the evening of June 27, as my father and I found ourselves on a plane taxiing off a runway in Montreal,



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Malone native John Pietropaoli was ordained a deacon June 30, 2012, at the chapel of Regina Apostolorum in Rome, Italy. His brother, Thomas, left, and father, Angelo, traveled to Rome for the ordination. Here, Thomas writes about how a *vacation* can be likened to a *vocation*.

bound for Italy and the Eternal City.

This being our first transatlantic crossing, we were excited about the prospect of being in Rome and exploring the hallowed spaces of the Vatican, with its storied art collection and special place in the life of the Church.

When our plane touched down in Rome eight hours later, all such sentiments had been superseded by the hope of finding some place to lie down and sleep.

After the lingering negative effects of a late-night

traverse of multiple time zones had worn off, we began to deliberate about how to use our days in Rome, trying to figure out where to go and what to do.

Faced with the litany of 'must sees' on a standard tourist map, one can easily succumb to a frantic urge, feeling some vague imperative to visit as many of the suggested sites as possible and thus produce that elusive perfect experience.

In a city as old and sprawling as Rome, such an approach could easily prove disastrous, leading quickly to both fatigue and frustra-

tion.

Indeed, the city itself seems to warn against trying to actualize some preconceived notion of perfection; for Rome is in many ways a grave, holding the bones of vanished visions of greatness that collapsed beneath the burden of human brokenness.

Mindful of these things, my father and I opted to focus on the area of greatest interest to us - the Vatican - and take our time, allowing our experience of the place to unfold gradually, uncolored by any need to rush.

In this respect, having a

good vacation is somewhat similar to discerning and living out a vocation.

For discerning and living out one's vocation is not about completing a checklist or producing a perfect set of circumstances within which to hear and follow God. Rather, it is about relinquishing more and more our old routines, habits, and ways of being, so that our wills enter into an ever-deeper collaboration with the Divine will.

Now, this collaboration, this loving and intimate accord between creature and creator, does not come about through the application of some special methodology or the acquisition of some arcane spiritual secret: it is achieved only in relating to a person, a person in whom the human and the divine coexist in a perfect and endless harmony.

Thus, discernment and friendship with Christ are in actuality not disparate things: to discern is to follow Christ, and to follow Christ is to enter into friendship with him.

For my brother John, this friendship has led him into religious life and the diaconate, and set him on a path toward the priesthood.

Although we saw some of the most famous treasures of the Vatican, such as the beautiful Sistine Chapel and the magnificent Baldacchino over the main altar in St. Peter's Basilica, the high point of the trip came in the modest chapel of a Seminary College on the outskirts of the city.

There we witnessed, in the words of my father, "a testament to the mighty and gentle hand of God at work in our lives", as John entered more deeply into union with Christ and his Church. And in the end, this union is the one true source of the rest and peace that is sought both on vacation and in vocation.

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