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Joint witnesses for peace

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Benedict XVI said his three-day trip to Lebanon convinced him that now is the time for Christians and Muslims to bear witness together against violence and in favor of dialogue and peace.

In Lebanon, he said, Mus-

lims "welcomed me with great respect," and their presence at each of his public events "gave me an opportunity to launch a message of dialogue and cooperation between Christianity and Islam. I believe the time has come to give a sincere and decisive

witness together against divisions, against violence and against war," the pope said Sept. 19 at his weekly general audience.

Reviewing his Sept. 14-16 trip to Lebanon, Pope Benedict told an estimated 7,000 people gathered in the Vati-

can audience hall that the "relaxed and constructive climate" of meetings with Lebanese religious leaders, government officials and crowds made up of Christians and Muslims was "a strong sign of hope for the future of humanity."

Marriage Jubilee on Sunday

Ogdensburg – Bishop Terry R. LaValley Will preside at the 2012 Marriage Jubilee to be held Sept. 30 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral

Couples celebrating anniversaries and their families will be honored.

Further information is available from the diocesan Office of Family Life at 315-393-2920 ext 420 or www.dioogdensburg.org/family-life.

The annual event has been organized by Deacon Gary and Gayle Frank, diocesan family life directors.

From the Gallery

Scenes from Altar Server Appreciation Day in Ogdensburg and Holy Name School celebration in AuSable Forks
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NEWS ABOUT OUR NEIGHBORS



CNS PHOTO/MIKE CRUPI, CATHOLIC COURIER

Bishop Robert J. Cunningham of Syracuse, and Bishop Matthew H. Clark speak to the media Sept. 21 after Bishop Clark announced that his resignation as bishop of Rochester, had been accepted by Pope Benedict XVI. Bishop Cunningham will serve as apostolic administrator of the diocese until a new bishop is named at a later date. A native of Buffalo, Bishop Cunningham served as Bishop of Ogdensburg from 2004 to 2009.

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Daughter of Charity Sister Donna Franklin, diocesan director of Catholic Charities, has released the 2011 annual report for the agency. The report shows statistics about services offered by Catholic Charities including counseling, emergency assistance, community outreach, disaster response, adoptions and more. Highlights of the year included the presentation of the annual Caritas Award to Deacon Ron and Beth St. Marie of Inlet and the Legacy Award to Joy Leader of Gouverneur. Also, the Parish Partnership program, coordinated by Daughter of Charity Sister Mary Lou Stubbs, was initiated. The report also explains how to support the mission of Catholic Charities.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

For the prayer line:

Our old friend Bishop Robert Cunningham will need some extra prayers for the foreseeable future.

On Friday, the Vatican announced that, in addition to his work as Bishop of Syracuse, our former bishop will be taking on the responsibilities of apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Rochester until its next bishop is installed.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark turned 75 in July, the age when bishops are required to submit their resignations. Pope Benedict accepted the resignation and gave Bishop Cunningham the responsibility for the 300,000 Catholics who live in Rochester until their next bishop is installed.

From our experience we know that it could take many months! Bishop Cunningham was gracious in accepting his new role:

"I am greatly honored, and humbled, to serve as apostolic administrator of this diocese," he said. "I ask for the prayers of all that I might serve you well, as long as need be. I will be traveling weekly between the dioceses of Syracuse and Rochester, and hope to make acquaintance with many new friends.

"Above all, I want to help wherever I can, to be the solid bridge that spans the time between Bishop Clark and whomever the ninth bishop of Rochester may be," he said. "I do not know when that will happen, but I do know I am at this diocese's service as

long as it takes."

And so we will add *our* prayers that he'll find plenty of assistance in both dioceses, more than enough personal stamina... and a very mild winter!

Another item for our prayer lists: the success of the three Year of Faith parish workshops happening this week.

May they be fruitful gatherings as we prepare for this important year in our church.

Mary Lou Kilian



PHOTO BY GAYLE FRANK

Father Garry B. Giroux, chair of the diocesan Year of Faith committee, speaks at the first Year of Faith parish workshop held Saturday in Plattsburgh. Two more sessions will be held this week, in Tupper Lake and in Watertown.



Welcoming the Mass in English

Again, this week, I would like to continue sharing with you the profound influence the Second Vatican Council had on my priesthood as a young priest.

The very first document promulgated by the Council was *The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* which opened the way to the revision of the Catholic Church's Sacred Liturgy.

The Council Fathers wrote this in this document: "Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that full, conscious and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy, and to which the Christian people, 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people' have the right and obligation by reason of their baptism." (14)

Many characteristics of our Catholic liturgy today – characteristics that we now take for granted – were the result of the deliberations of the Second Vatican Council.

When I was ordained a priest, the prayers of the Mass were in Latin and such it had been for over 400 years. I remember well all the discussions and debates in my seminary days about the possible use of the vernacular at Mass – the language of the people. However, it really didn't seem possible then. As a young priest, I can remember trying to figure out ways of helping the people understand the Mass prayers that were all in Latin so that they would be more involved in the Mass. The Latin definitely separated the people from the Eucharistic action.

So, I did rejoice when the vernacular was approved for the Mass. As I spoke those prayers in English, I knew the people were right with me. Even now – each time I offer Mass and speak those prayers in English (especially those sacred words of consecration, the very words Jesus spoke at the Last Supper) – I know the people are with me. They understand me and we are linked in Spirit with the Lord really present in our Eucharist.

The miracle of the Eucharist is truly clear to us all – to me and to the people.

Personally, as a priest, the use of the vernacular at Mass – especially at the Eucharistic Prayer – makes each Mass a wonderful spiritual meditation. When we prayed in Latin, the words seemed to become more of a ritual. I remember being so careful that I was saying the words properly. Now, I understand what I am saying and the words lead me into a meditation on just what I am doing. I am recognizing what is happening, who I am and what I need to be as I speak the words of my Lord and Savior.

In this Eucharistic moment something wonderful happens. We are all part of a spiritual event: an event that happened so long ago as my Lord gave himself for me on the cross of Calvary, an event that is repeated at each Eucharistic liturgy, an event that changes my life completely at each and every Eucharist. This message comes through to me, as a priest, as I say those words at each liturgy.

This 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Second Vatican Council continues to bring back so many wonderful memories of a time of change. It is difficult to put into words the sheer excitement of those days and the truly wonderful moments of each new opportunity. I have so many more memories to share with you.

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A CELEBRATION OF SERVICE



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Altar servers from parishes across the diocese joined Bishop Terry R. LaValley for the annual Altar Server Ap-

preciation and Youth Mass Sept. 9 at St. Mary's Cathedral. The servers are shown after the Mass before they headed to the Knights of Columbus hall for a barbecue.




Israel and John Selkirk, altar servers from St. Patrick's Chateaugay, enjoy the picnic lunch.



Bishop LaValley delivers a special message to the servers and their families.

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CELEBRATING A CENTURY

School is recognized as it begins 100th year of education



Mya Elizabeth Bushey takes aim at a ball toss booth



Bishop LaValley served as Grand Marshal of the parish parade.



The Sisters of St. Joseph, who staffed Holy Name School throughout much of its history, joined the parade in a special float. Shown above are Sisters Cordata Kelly, Ronald Marie Hax, Helen Hermann and Sharon Dalton.



Jake Rafferty, left, and Craig Bujold barbecue chicken on a grand scale.

PHOTOS BY PAT HENDRICK
 Holy Family School in AuSable Forks marked the beginning of its 100th year of education with a day of family activities on Labor Day. Above, Father Kris Lauzon, pastor, marches in the parade which opened the celebration. The day also featured a Ken Ducky Derby, in which participants raced rubber ducks down the Ausable River for a shot at a \$500 prize; a car show, live music, games, carnival foods and a chicken barbecue. Today, Holy Name School serves about 80 students in grades pre-kindergarten through six with Christine Reynolds as principal.

Youth Buses for Life registration begins Oct. 1

By Colleen Miner
Diocesan Respect Life Director

Registration for the three youth buses traveling from the diocese to the 40th March for Life in Washington, D.C., begins Oct. 1.

The pilgrimage is open to all high school students - public, private and home-schooled.

The Northern Youth Bus for Life will begin at Trinity School in Massena, with a pick-up at St. Mary's Church in Canton and St. James Church in Gouverneur. The Western Youth Bus for Life will depart from Immaculate Heart Central High School in Watertown and the Eastern Youth Bus for Life passengers will meet their bus at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Schroon Lake.

While buses travel separately, all activities will be together in Washington.

Seats are available on a first come, first serve basis. Permission slips will be posted on the Respect Life webpage www.dioogdensburg.org/pro-life and on the pastoral documentation page. Registration must include both a completed permission slip as well as a check. Each bus requires its own permission slips; all three registration forms will be posted and labeled on the website.

Chaperones are invited on a limited basis. Typically there are two chaperones from each youth group of 10 students. All chaperones must be Virtus trained to participate.

If adults not affiliated with a youth group are interested

in making the trip, there are two adult/family buses departing from St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh and Lewis County.

Three clergymen have volunteered to serve as Youth Bus for Life chaplains - Father Bryan Stitt, Father Tom Higman and Deacon Brian Dwyer, diocesan director of Youth Ministry who will also serve as the Northern bus captain.

The Western bus co-captains are Tracy Leonard and Seth Conklin. Colleen Miner, director of Respect Life office, will serve as the Eastern bus captain.

Due to the Presidential Inauguration, this year's March for Life was moved from its usual date of Jan. 22, the anniversary of the Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision, to Jan. 25.

The Youth Buses will leave the North Country on the evening of Thursday, Jan. 24, travel through the night, arriving in DC the morning of Jan. 25. Parents should be aware that their children will miss school on Friday.

After the March for Life, the group will participate in the "Life is Very Good Evening of Prayer" sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington, Va., which features chastity speaker Chris Stefanik and musician Matt Maher as well as an opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession and Eucharistic Adoration.

Overnight accommodations are at a nearby hotel in Virginia. On Saturday morning the group will tour the Holocaust Museum and in the afternoon, tour the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception - the

largest Catholic Church in the Western hemisphere. Following a private Mass in a side chapel of the basilica, the group will have dinner at Hard Rock Cafe.

Saturday evening, weather permitting, there will be a National Monument tour. Sunday the Youth Buses for Life will travel home.

A complete itinerary is available on the diocesan respect life webpage.

The cost is \$120 per seat. Scholarships are available. This educational and spiritual opportunity is available due to grants from the Respect Life second collection..

(Note: The Respect Life office is seeking to secure tickets for the Verizon Center Youth Rally for Life and Youth Mass but will not be notified if they received tickets until the end of October.)

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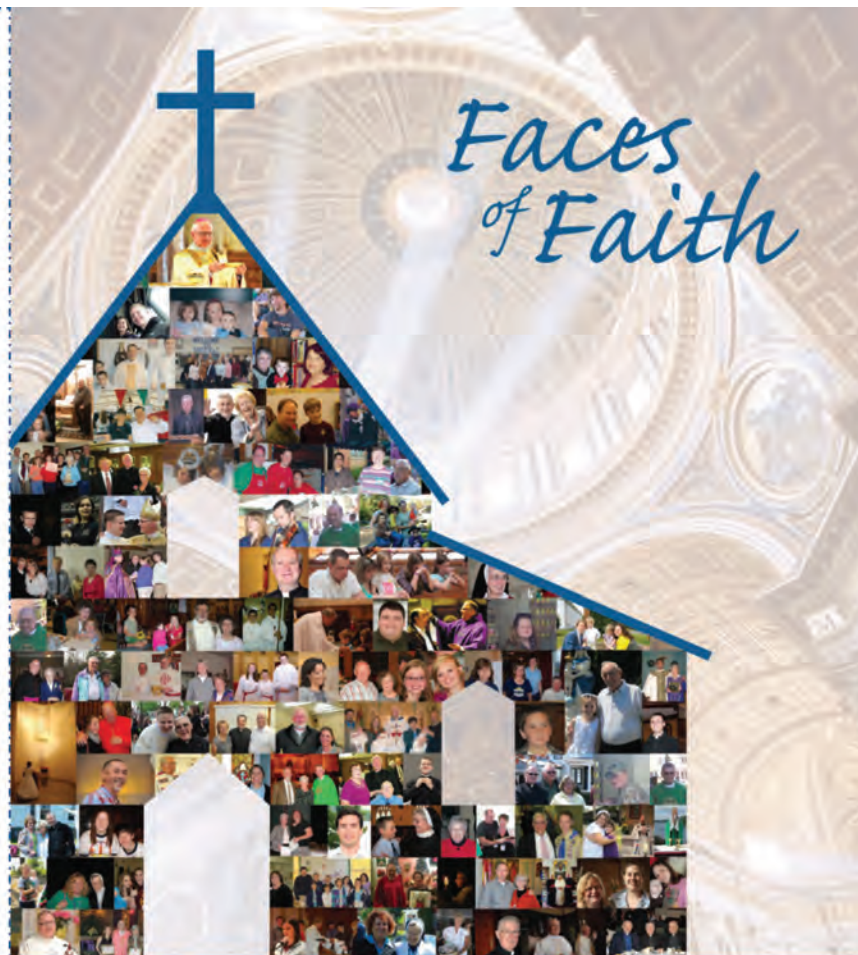
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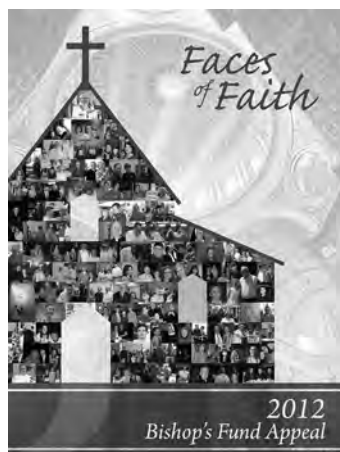
By Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin
Director, Deacon Formation program

Who are deacons? What do they do? How does a man become a deacon?

First and foremost, the deacon is not a mini-priest, nor is he a super altar server. Those notions may be common understandings about permanent deacons, but they do not come close to expressing the reality and deep theological significance of permanent deacons.

The theology of the permanent diaconate has evolved over the years especially since the Vatican II that restored the permanent diaconate. Until that restoration, the diaconate was seen as a step towards priesthood. However, as rightly taught since Vatican II, permanent deacons are those men ordained, chosen to serve the needs of the Church, God's people.

The permanent diaconate is a corps of men called by Christ to ordained service in the Church. The *Catechism*



of the Catholic Church (#1554) expresses this reality well: "Catholic doctrine, expressed in the liturgy, the Magisterium, and the constant practice of the Church, recognizes that there are two degrees of ministerial participation in the priesthood of Christ: the episcopacy and the presbyterate. The diaconate is intended to help and serve them. For this reason the term *sacerdos* in current usage denotes bishops and priests but not deacons. Yet Catholic doctrine teaches that the degrees of priestly participation (episcopate and presbyterate) and the degree of service (diaconate) are all three conferred by a sacramental act called "ordination," that is, by the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

In the Diocese of Ogdensburg, deacons exercise their ministry of service in many ways and in many places. Some provide essential service in their own parish. Some may be involved in bringing the gospel message in one of our many state correctional

facilities. Some may be full-time pastoral associates in a parish.

The underlying theme for all of their ministry is that of service.

Part of that service includes liturgical service at the altar for the celebration of the Eucharist. Sometimes deacons may preach especially when they preside at a baptism, a funeral or marriage. On occasion, they may lead in various prayer services as needed.

Deacons are chosen from among those who have already served in their parishes especially as lay ministers and who have completed the Formation for Ministry Program.

Those lay ministers who believe that they are being called to serve the Church as an ordained deacon should approach their pastor and with him discern the possibility of such a call.

After having contacted the lay minister and pastor should contact the Director of Deacon Formation to set up an interview.

Those inquiring about the program and those who have begun formation are called aspirants.

Aspirants will participate in a formal interview process that helps the program director and the aspirant determine the aspirant's readiness for participation in the program.

During the first year of the program, aspirants participate in sessions at Wadhams Hall as well as some online courses through Notre Dame University.

During the subsequent three years, the aspirants will become official candidates and will continue taking online courses and will meet once a month at Wadhams

Hall where they will take five courses each year.

The program is quite detailed, and its goal is to assist the candidates and program leaders to determine a true call to ordained ministry.

The candidates follow a path of prayer, academic

pursuits, personal development, and practical pastoral experience as they pursue God's calling to the permanent diaconate.

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.

Upcoming programs:

Oct. 10 - St. Edmund's Church, Ellenburg, 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 10 - trinity Catholic School, Massena, 6 p.m.

Oct. 15 - St. James Church, Gouverneur, 6 p.m.

Rest in Peace

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

Sept. 25 - Rev. Frederick P. Shue, 1989

Sept. 26 - Rev. Francis Van Compenhandt, 1880; Rev. Stephen Royet, M.S.C., 1933; Rev. Michael F. Gallivan, 1939; Rev. Joseph Ludger Desjardins, 1941; Rev. Earl Mayo, 1994; Msgr. Francis A. White, 2007

Sept. 29 - Rev. Patrick O. Thompson, 1955

Sept. 30 - Most Rev. Bryan J. McEntegart, 1968

Oct. 1 - Rev. Hermenegilde Brisson, 1954

Oct. 2 - Msgr. Joseph D. Creeden, 1944; Rev. Ambrose Raphael Hyland, 1954; **Most Rev. James J. Navagh, 1965**

Bishop's Schedule

Sept. 26-27 - New York State Catholic Conference Meeting in Douglaston, NY.

Sept. 28 - 7 p.m., Blessing of new organ and recital at Sacred Heart Church in Chazy.

Sept. 30 - 8 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg; 2:30 p.m., Marriage Jubilee at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

Oct. 1 - 9 a.m., Mass and Reception of the Habit by Sr. Linh at the Precious Blood Monastery in Watertown; 7 p.m., 25th Anniversary of Perpetual Adoration at St. John's Church in Plattsburgh.

Oct. 2 - 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg; 1:30 p.m., Foundation Board of Director's Meeting at the Brzana Conference Center in Ogdensburg.

Oct. 3 - 10:00 a.m., Mass and Visit to Holy Name School in Malone.

To Report Abuse

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy Rev. James Seymour at 315-393-2920 or the **Victims Assistance Coordinator**, Terriane Yanulavich, Adult & Youth Counseling Services of Northern New York, PO Box 2446, Plattsburgh, NY, 12901; e-mail: aycsnn@yahoo.com; Phone: 518-569-0612; Fax: 518-425-0401

THE 2012 BISHOP'S FUND

The 2012 Bishop's Fund opened Sept. 15-16 in parishes of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. The theme for his year is "Faces of Faith" and the goal is \$1.25 million. Donations may be mailed to the Bishop's Fund Office at PO Box 150, Ogdensburg, NY, 13669 or submitted through the website, www.dioogdensburg.org/development.

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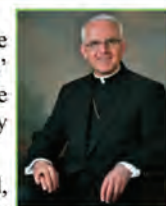
The mission of Catholic Charities is to respond to the needs of the most vulnerable members of our communities. Inviting the involvement of the Church and the community, Catholic Charities fulfills this mission by empowering people through direct aid, counseling, community programs, outreach and advocacy. Our mission is based on Gospel values of respect for the dignity and sanctity of human life, charity and justice, according to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.



The Goal of Catholic Charities is to help people find a reason to Hope. Catholic Charities provides supportive services that witness to the compassion of our loving God. It is through hope that people find the strength to build healthier lives.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Catholic Charities brings light and hope to hundreds of people throughout our North Country communities. Catholic Charities' dual mission of direct aid and advocacy is made concrete in the core services of counseling, community and parish outreach, maternity services, adoption and public policy education and organizing.



Catholic Charities stands with the economically challenged, the marginalized, the distressed and all of those who need to know that they have dignity and worth. This is the Church's time. The consistent Gospel message of loving God and loving our neighbor is the message the world needs to hear every day. That is the message the staff and volunteers of Catholic Charities bring into the lives of the people who request and receive services.

Poverty is a moral issue. The dignity and the worth of human life, from conception to death, is the fundamental belief upon which all of the services and programs of Catholic Charities are based. Helping people to identify their strengths, secure help for their needs and assist them in building bridges to healthier lives, can move people from the darkness of despair to the light of hope.

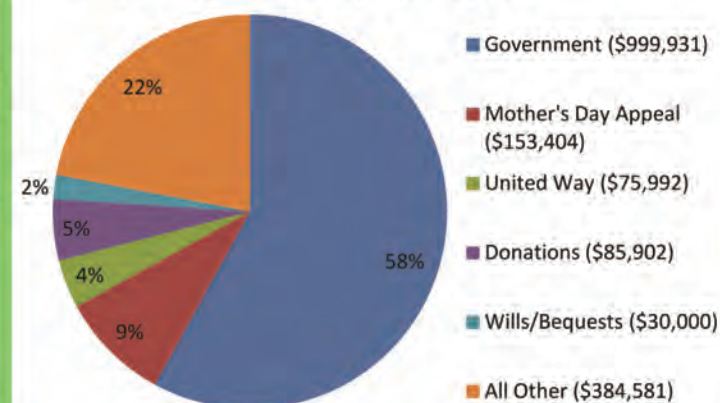
I express my gratitude to Sr. Donna Franklin, the staff, volunteers and donors of Catholic Charities. May God continue to bless them in their work of making the compassion of our loving God visible to our brothers and sisters in need.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

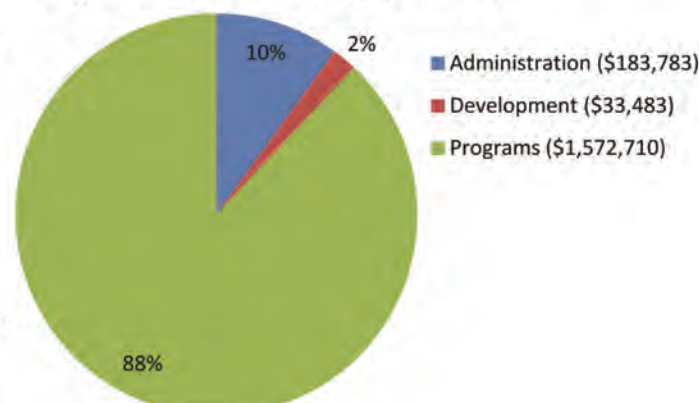
Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

Catholic Charities Financial Summary 2011 Annual Report

Revenue Total: \$1,729,801



Expenses Total: \$1,789,976



Catholic Charities 2011 Statistics

If you would like to know more details about the services in your area, you can contact Sr. Donna Franklin at 315-393-2255 or e-mail ccdirect@wadhams.edu

Service	Persons Served	Units of service
Counseling	659	1,294
Pregnant and Parenting Teen Program	47	976
Emergency Assistance	1,109	1,109
Community/parish Outreach	3,043	3,043
Christmas Assistance	1,557	1,557
Seaway House	91	7,071
Offender Accountability Program	63	1,039
Disaster Response	172	688
Adoption:		
Home Studies	7	28
Researches	10	10
Registry Matches	1	2
Post Placement Visits	16	16

From the Director



Dear Friends of Catholic Charities,

Compassion, quality services and programs and a commitment to building communities of hope describes Catholic Charities. As Diocesan Director, I am proud to be part of this dynamic organization. Serving people in all eight counties of the North Country in all of the programs and services is a privilege.

The staff and volunteers of Catholic Charities are committed to helping individuals and families relieve the hurt and pain of emotional distress, economic worries and social challenges. It is all about restoring each person's sense of self-worth and dignity. The trend towards individualism is our society needs the balance of a commitment to healthy communities. People are not isolated. Each person is a part of a group, a community. It is through a spirit of caring and compassion that we build healthy communities for all citizens.

The 2011 Catholic Charities Annual Report provides a snapshot new of the impressive work of Catholic Charities in our North Country communities. Thank you to all of the staff, volunteers and our supporters for another successful year.

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



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Highlights of 2011

- ♦ **CARITAS Award Recipients** in 2011 were Deacon Ronald and Beth Ste. Marie. Their loving service to the people of the North Country makes life better for all who are helped by them.
- ♦ **The 2011 Legacy Award Recipient** was Ms. Joy Leader from St. James parish in Gouverneur. Joy is a high school student who shows a consistent and caring commitment to the Gospel values of Charity and Justice.
- ♦ **The Parish Partnership Program** was initiated in 2011. This program is designed to support and communicate with parishes. Catholic Charities is committed to providing support to our parish communities. The parish Partnership Coordinator is Sr. Mary Louise Stubbs. She can be reached at: (315) 393-2255.
- ♦ **Internships** – Catholic Charities collaborated with SUNY Plattsburgh and St. Leo's College in Florida in providing field placements for 4 students in 2011. Three students were part of the SUNY Plattsburgh counseling program and one student was from the School of Social Work at St. Leo's College.
- ♦ **Ombudsman Program** – Catholic Charities became the sponsor for the Ombudsman Program funded by the State Office for the Aging. This is a support and mediation program for residents of long-term care facilities. St. Lawrence County was the first County served by Catholic Charities.
- ♦ **Parish Nurse Program** – Catholic Charities began the groundwork for expanding the concept of Parish Nurse Programs throughout the Diocese. This was initiated in response to requests from a number of pastors who want to develop this excellent program within their parishes. For more information about beginning a Parish Nurse Program in your parish call: Sr. Mary Louise Stubbs, DC at: (315) 393-2255
- ♦ **Jefferson/Lewis Counties** – The regional office moved into space that has less overhead. This will allow Catholic Charities to put more money into services and programs. The new address is: 145 Clinton Street, Watertown.
- ♦ **Celebrating Diversity** -Catholic Charities is proud to announce that in response to an identified need in Jefferson County, Catholic Charities is now capable of offering programs/ services in both English and Spanish.
- ♦ **NYS Catholic Conference Catholics at the Capital Day** – 69 adults and high school students from across the North Country attended this lobbying day in Albany.
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Bret Charland from Malone Catholic Parish reviews a document with Sr. Mary Lou Stubbs, Parish Partnership Coordinator at the Parish and Family Outreach workshop of the Formation for Ministry Program.

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Catholics must take action to protect religious liberty, speakers urge

JAMAICA, N.Y. (CNS) -- Religious liberty is facing such grave threats in the United States that Catholics must take immediate and courageous action to defend fundamental values both in the public forum and in the privacy of the voting booth, according to speakers at a Sept 20 forum. More than 400 people assembled at St. John's University heard impassioned calls to educate themselves about the erosion of long-guaranteed rights, form their consciences to reflect basic moral issues and agitate with compassion and civility to protect religious freedom. "Our religious liberty is under assault like never before in America, in ways that are chilling, that are alien and unimagined on these shores," said Alan Sears, president of the Alliance Defending Freedom in Scottsdale, Ariz. "If we fail to stand, if we fail to fight, if we fail to refuse to comply, our God-given liberty ... will be but a distant memory." The forum was based on the Manhattan Declaration, a 4,700-word joint statement signed in November 2009 by more than 140 Christian leaders, many evangelical and Catholic, pledging renewed zeal in defending the unborn, defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman, and protecting religious freedom. To date, more than 530,000 people have signed the declaration, including 52 Catholic cardinals and bishops. Eric Teetsel, executive director of the Manhattan Declaration, said religious freedom was enshrined in the foundational documents of the country and guaranteed by leaders until recently. In urging listeners to sign the Manhattan Declaration he said, "We will render to Caesar what is Caesar's, but we will not render to Caesar what is God's."

Papyrus fragment with reference to Jesus' 'wife' stirs debate

ROME (CNS) -- Scholars are unlikely to agree anytime soon on the authenticity of a newly published text containing a reference to Jesus' "wife." But the tiny papyrus fragment, purportedly dating to the fourth century A.D., has already stirred interest in the early church's attitudes toward marriage, sex and the role of women. The fragment of papyrus with eight lines of Egyptian Coptic writing is the "only extant ancient text which explicitly portrays Jesus as referring to a wife," wrote Karen L. King, historian of Christianity at Harvard Divinity School, in an academic paper she delivered Sept. 18 at an international Coptic studies conference in Rome. "It does not, however, provide evidence that the historical Jesus was married," she wrote, "given the late date of the fragment and the probable date of original composition," at the end of the second century. The best source of evidence giving an account of Jesus' life and ministry is still the Gospels in the New Testament, King told reporters the next day, "and they are silent about his marital status." But she said the fragment is "direct evidence" that early Christians started debating in the second century whether Jesus could have been married or not. Father Juan Chapa, a New Testament scholar at the University of Navarra in Spain, told Catholic News Service that the "Gospels don't mention marriage, not because they wanted to hide something, but because it was clear that Jesus did not get married, and it's consistent in the church's tradition." He also noted that the gnostic gospel genre to which the fragment evidently belongs is one of stories about Jesus that mainly take place after the resurrection, using language that is heavily allegorical. Thus, he said, the fragment's relevant words -- "Jesus said to them, 'My wife'" -- were likely not meant as a literal assertion about the life of the historical Jesus. King said that the significance of the fragment lies in the light it might shed on debates in the early church over the necessity of celibacy to living a holy life.

NEWS ANALYSIS

In Lebanon, Pope Benedict's presence was the message

By Francis X. Rocca
Catholic News Service

BEIRUT (CNS) - When Pope Benedict XVI stepped off the plane in Beirut Sept. 14, he said he had come to Lebanon, and to the Middle East in general, as a "pilgrim of peace." In five major talks over the next three days, the pope repeatedly called for peace and underscored the role of Christians in promoting it. Yet his most eloquent message of hope to the troubled region lay not in the diplomatic language of his public statements, but in his very presence and the response it evoked from his hosts.

Throughout his trip, Pope Benedict limited himself to general statements of principle on the most contentious political issues, and he avoided some topics altogether.

His insistence that religious freedom is a basic human right and a prerequisite for social harmony was a bold statement in the context of a region where most countries restrict and even prohibit the practice of any faith besides Islam. But like the document he came to Lebanon to present, a collection of his reflections on the 2010 special Synod of Bishops dedicated to Christians in the Middle East, the pope said nothing specific about where and how the region's Christians are regularly deprived of that right.

The pope twice the deplored the human cost of the civil war in neighboring Syria, but his only practical recommendation for an end to the fighting there was a neutral call to end the importation of military arms, which he called a "grave sin." With regard to religiously inspired violence, the pope made a single generic reference to terrorism and a possible allusion to the subject

in the statement that "authentic faith does not lead to death."

Pope Benedict said nothing at all about the incendiary subject that dominated news coverage in the run-up to his trip: an American-made anti-Islamic film that had inspired often-violent protests in at least a dozen Muslim countries, including Lebanon.

Awareness of that furor no doubt heightened the caution with which the pope treated the most volatile topics during his trip. Ironically, the crisis may also have helped him to get his message across.

With turmoil over the movie spreading across the Middle East, the papal visit suddenly became a much more dramatic and thus more appealing story to the secular press, which probably gave it more coverage as a result, observed Msgr. John E. Kozar, president of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, who attended the papal events.

For the Lebanese, the pope's willingness to travel in spite of security concerns - he told reporters on the plane from Rome that he had not considered canceling the trip and that no one had advised him to do so -- powerfully underscored his commitment to the country and the region.

"The mere fact that the Holy Father came at this difficult moment is an indication that Christians here are not forgotten," said Habib Malik, a professor of history at Lebanese American University.

The pope's visit served as a showcase for Lebanon, which for years was a model of peaceful coexistence and religious freedom in the Middle East. The show of enthusiasm across sectarian and political lines, in a nation still recovering from the 1975-90 civil war, was a dramatic statement of unity to the outside world and to the



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Pope Benedict XVI greets Maronite Catholic Patriarch Bechara Rai at the start of Mass on the waterfront in Beirut Sept. 16.

Lebanese themselves.

Epitomizing the welcome by Muslim leaders, Lebanon's grand mufti gave Pope Benedict a written message stating that "any attack on any Christian citizen is an attack on Islam." And as Lebanon's Daily Star newspaper reported Sept. 17, Lebanon President Michel Suleiman cited the unanimity among political factions over the weekend in arguing that the "way to capitalize on the pope's visit is via dialogue."

Pope Benedict would no doubt agree, while limiting his short-term expectations. As he told the president in his arrival speech, Lebanese society's "equilibrium, which is presented everywhere as an example, is extremely delicate. Sometimes it seems about to snap like a bow which is overstretched or submitted to pressures which are too often partisan, even selfish, contrary and extraneous to Lebanese harmony and gentleness."

What precisely those pressures might be, the pope prudently declined to say.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

The dangers of jealousy in a community

The readings this Sunday have much to say about the damage that envy and jealousy can do to a community.

Envy is sometimes called a "green-eyed monster"! Not only does it destroy harmony in a society, but it also eats into the peace and happiness of the envious person.

It's very much related to divide some of the burden



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its sister, jealousy. We are envious of the power and possessions of another, and jealous of our own, not willing to share.

In the first reading, Moses has grown fatigued under the responsibilities of leading a discontented people through the desert. His father-in-law suggests to him that he

with other wise men. God agrees.

In this portion, God takes some of the power from Moses, and bestows in on the 70 elders. Two of these, Eldad and Medad, were not present at the event. Nevertheless, they too received power, and proceeded to prophecy. The young Joshua, became envious and complained, "Moses, stop them." To Joshua's surprise, Moses praised the two, and told Joshua he wished everyone had that gift.

Jesus, in today's Gospel, teaches us the same lesson.

When a few of his disciples complained to Jesus that some, not of their company, were driving out

SEPT. 30

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS

Numbers 11:25-29

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

demons, Jesus, like Moses, rebuked his followers for being so exclusive. "Whoever is not against us, is for us" became Jesus' rule for His Church.

In times past, many pastors refused to share the apostolate with their assistants or consecrated religious, much less with the laity. Those days are long

gone.

Today, the help of deacons, religious, and well-trained laity is absolutely necessary for parishes and ministries to function.

From this point of view, the priest shortage has become a kind of blessing for the rights of all the baptized. Many more are needed today to become trained in countless ministries that will enrich the spread of the Gospel.

In the second reading today, St. Paul scolds the jealousy of the rich who have cheated the poor and gained excessive wealth.

What would the Apostle say today to mortgage companies, investment bankers, and broker-dealers who brought about our current economic misery?

"You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter!" Jesus never condemned money in itself, but only the hoarding of wealth and failure to share with the poor.

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AT THE MOVIES

TROUBLE WITH THE CURVE

By John P. McCarthy
Catholic News Service

With a few exceptions, every character Clint Eastwood has portrayed during his long career has had an ornery streak, regardless of their capacity for righteous or noble acts.

In the 2008 hit "Gran Torino," which he also directed, Eastwood starred as a curmudgeonly Detroit widower who surprises even himself by coming to the aid of his Hmong neighbors.

Appearing on the big screen for the first time since then, Eastwood limns another cantankerous senior citizen in the baseball movie "Trouble With the Curve" (Warner Bros.), directed by his frequent producing partner, Robert Lorenz.

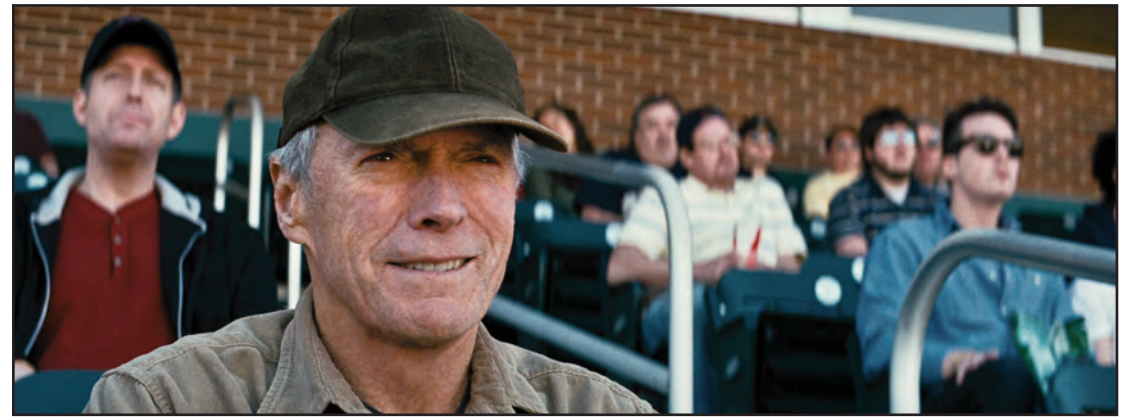
More of a pitchers' duel than a high-scoring home run fest, this mostly winning outing is tarnished by an excess of salty language and middle innings that drag.

Eastwood is Gus Lobel, a veteran scout for the Atlanta Braves whose failing eye-

sight threatens to end his career. He refuses to disclose or treat his condition, and his fear and frustration manifest themselves in a noticeable spike in irritability.

Gus' loyal boss, Pete Klein (John Goodman), defends him against team officials who think he should be put out to pasture. Gus disdains younger scouts' reliance on computer models to assess players and has no time for a strictly quantitative approach to the game. But if he can't see, not even Gus' instincts are of much use.

Worried and unsure about what's ailing his friend, Pete persuades Gus' daughter, Mickey (Amy Adams), to accompany her dad to North Carolina to evaluate the high-school slugger considered a lock to go first in the upcoming draft. She and Gus have a prickly relation-



CNS PHOTO/WARNER BROS

Clint Eastwood stars in a scene from the movie "Trouble With the Curve," which also stars Amy Adams and Justin Timberlake.

ship, marked by an inability to communicate about anything of substance.

Fortunately for Gus, Mickey is nearly as knowledgeable and passionate about the national pastime as he is. Battling ageism and sexism in two workplaces, father and daughter prove to be a potent battery. The experience also helps them work through their misunderstandings and lower their emotional defenses. Adding romance to the lineup is Johnny Flanagan (Justin Timberlake), a pitcher-turned-scout for the Boston Red Sox who's sweet

on Mickey.

First-time director Lorenz advances the twangy material at too leisurely a pace and his visual style is pretty monotonous. Yet the movie serves up plenty of character-derived humor and enough baseball know-how to feel authentic without seeming too insider-ish. Charismatic performances by Adams and Timberlake are a huge plus.

While it's really Mickey who carries the story and grows the most, Gus' bad temper dominates the film owing to the number of ex-

pletives he utters. His vocabulary -- arguably more limited than offensive -- narrows the appeal of "Trouble With the Curve."

The film contains frequent crude and crass language, much profanity, some sexual references and innuendo, and considerable alcohol consumption. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.



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Date: Sept. 30

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Place: St. Bernard's Church

Features: Homily and Benediction with Fr. William Muench presiding.

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Saranac Lake – Lifechain to be held.

Date: Oct. 7

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ROSARY RALLY

Bloomington – Rosary Rally to Our Lady of Fatima to be held.

Date: Oct 13

Time: Meet at 11:30 a.m.

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

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

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

MOUNTAIN CLIMB MASS

Lake Placid – St. Agnes of Lake Placid and St. Brendan's of Keene are sponsoring a climb up Owl's Head Mountain where Mass will be celebrated

Date: Sept. 30

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Features: Bring a lunch and open to all.

CLINTON

LIFECHAIN

Plattsburgh – Lifechain to be held.

Date: Oct. 7

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

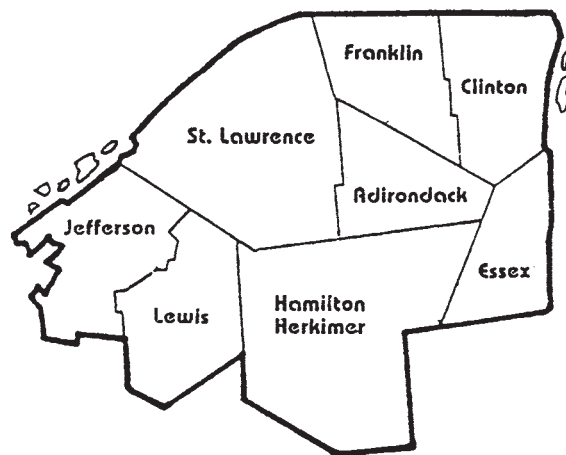
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St. Ann's to be held.

Date: Oct. 20

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

Place: St. Joseph's Center

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

TURKEY & TRIMMINGS

Dannemora – St. Joseph's Parish is planning its annual roast turkey and trimmings harvest dinner.

Date: Oct. 7

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 5:30

Place: Church Hall; Take-outs available

Cost: Adults - \$9.00, ages 5 to 10 - \$5.00 and Under 5 free..

Features: Cash Raffles, Chinese Raffle, Crafts and Country Store and 50/50 with live music in the Church

Contacts: Vern & Sorelle Bouyea @ 293-7768 or Deacon Ed & Louise Mazuchowski @ 563-0828.

HARVEST DINNER

Ellenburg – CDA Court Little Rose will hold an all you can eat beef/roast pork dinner.

Date: Sept. 30

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place: St. Edmund's parish; Take-outs available. Call 594-3121

Cost: Adults, \$8.50; Children, \$4.25; under 5, free

HEALING MASS

Ellenburg Center – Our Lady of the Adirondacks to hold Healing Mass

Date: Oct. 6

Time: 10 a.m.

Features: Fr. Doug Decker will preside at Mass and Anointing followed by individual prayer team ministry.

Contact: RSVP by Oct. 3 to olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or 518-594-3253. Light lunch. Donations appreciated.

HARVEST DINNER

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

Date: Oct. 14

Time: Noon to 5 p.m.

Place: St. Joseph's Parish Center

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

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

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.

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

SOAKING PRAYER

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

Date: Every 3rd Monday.

Time: 10 a.m. to 11

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

SOAKING PRAYER

Plattsburgh – Soaking Prayer is offered every second and fourth Wednesday of the month under the direction of the

Living Water's Healing Ministry.

Time: 10 a.m. to 11:30

Place: Upper room at St. Peters

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

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

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 followed by 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. Open to all

LECTIO DIVINA

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

Time: 10 a.m. to noon

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

ESSEX

ROAST BEEF HARVEST DINNER

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

Date: Oct. 14

Time: 2 p.m. to 6

Place: Parish Hall

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

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

Cash raffle tickets and for other items will be available.

LIFECHAIN

Willsboro – Lifechain to be held.

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HARVEST TURKEY DINNER

Brushton – St. Mary's will be having their

Harvest Turkey Dinner.

Date: Sept. 30

Time: Noon to 4 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$8; Seniors, \$7; Children 6-12, \$6; under 5, free; Take-outs available from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. by calling 518-529-6580

FALL FESTIVAL DINNER

Bombay – The 21st Annual Fall Festival Dinner sponsored by St. Joseph's Society to be held.

Date: Sept. 30

Time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: St. Joseph's parish hall

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

Features: Baked Ham, Take-outs available. Enjoy shopping for Baked Goods, Canned Goods, Fresh Produce & Flea Market items, 50/50 raffle, Multi-prize Raffle and more!

JEFFERSON

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

Date: Sept. 27

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

SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER

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

Date: Oct. 13

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Parish Hall

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

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.

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To move in the right direction

From the Director's Desk,
Sister Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ,
Diocesan Mission Director

Earlier this year, the National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies, Father Andrew Small, OMI, traveled to the Mission Church in Bangladesh, specifically to the new Diocese of Sylhet, which the Pontifical Mission Societies is helping to develop and grow.

Catholics are a tiny minority in the predominantly Muslim population, and among the poorest.

There the Sisters, priests and catechists offer care for body and spirit, celebrating the Sacraments, reaching out to the lost and the abandoned, giving the reason for hope in the Lord.

Father Small wrote of his journey there in his National Director's Message.

He writes:

"To move in the right direction on our life's journey, to follow that right path set before us by the Lord, is at the heart of the call to every missionary disciple.

"We are to meet the other, especially the person who needs to see and hear about the Person of Jesus Christ; the one who, when poor, homeless, hungry or in prison, shines with the eyes of Jesus Himself in a special way.

"The priests, Sisters and lay catechists I met in Bangladesh were truly on that path of life, as they reached out to those who are most vulnerable, especially the children..."

"We need, as the Church, to send our love – in prayer and support – to the poor of Bangladesh and all the Missions, and to those who offer them the joy and hope of the Risen Lord. In that way we'll be truly "on the way" to being the missionaries the Lord wants – and the world needs."

As the Fall begins, there will be a new, but expected chill in the air, so let us all take a moment to remember those in the Missions who are in need.

World Mission Sunday will soon be upon us on October 20-21st, 2012. If you can, please help out those who are so in need of our prayer and sacrifices.

It will move us all in the right direction. God Bless!

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith"

when writing or changing your Will.

www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice



Fr. Andrew Small, OMI

OBITUARIES

Mary Margaret Morgan, 64

WATERTOWN - A Mass of Christian Burial for Mary Margaret Morgan, 64, was held Sept. 11 at Holy Family Church. She died Sept. 6, at Upstate University Medical Hospital in Syracuse.

Burial was in Glenwood Cemetery.

A sister of Father Joseph A. Morgan, rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, Ms Morgan was the 2006 recipient of the Catholic Charities Caritas Award.

She was born on June 10, 1948 in Oneida, the first child of the late Donald and Margaret (Lawless) Morgan. Ms. Morgan graduated from Immaculate Heart Central High School in 1966. She then went to Mater Dei College in Ogdensburg, where she was discerning a vocation with the Sisters of St. Joseph. After taking temporary vows, she taught at Catholic schools in Fort Covington and Dannemora and was known as Sister Mary Donald.

Ms. Morgan completed her studies in Social Work at SUNY Potsdam. She worked for the Jefferson County Department of Social Services for over 30 years, retiring in 2005.

After taking a weekend off, Mary then began her work at the Watertown Urban Mission, where she served as Executive Director until her retirement in 2011.

In addition to Father Morgan, she is survived by five other brothers: William (Anne), Watertown; Donald (Barbara), Clayton; Timothy (Cynthia), Baldwinsville; Michael (Anja), Germany; and Matthew, Seattle; three sisters, Carol (Roger) Duke, Dexter; Theresa (Rick) Leeson, Theresa; and Margaret (George) Babcock, Alabama; one aunt, May Morgan, and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She is pre-deceased by her father, Donald (1998), her mother, Margaret (2008); and her brother, Thomas (2005).

Memorial donations may be made to Holy Family Church, 127 Winthrop St., The Sisters of St. Joseph, 1425 Washington St. or Watertown Urban Mission, 247

Factory St., Watertown, NY 13601.

Burke – James G. Johnson, 86; Funeral Services Sept. 22, 2012 at St. George's Church; burial in Burke Center Cemetery.

Chaumont – Cliffond M. Montgomery, 90; Funeral Sept. 21, 2012 at All Saints Church; burial in New Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Chazy – Viola E. "Charlie" (Yelle) Hazen, 74; Funeral Sept. 12, 2012 at Sacred Heart Church; burial Riverview Cemetery.

Colton – Paul H. Snell, 62; Funeral Services Sept. 24, 2012 at St. Patrick's Church.

Constableville – Verna M. (Dale) Sullivan, 85; Funeral Services Sept. 15, 2012 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Croghan – Joseph M. Anderson, Sr., 78; Funeral Services Sept. 21, 2012 at St. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery.

Crown Point – Juliette Alice (Demers) Macey, 93; Funeral Services Sept. 12, 2012 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Dannemora – Isreal S. "Bill" Dubray, 75; Funeral Services Sept. 10, 2012 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Memorial Gardens.

Dannemora – Esther E. (Ayotte) Reyell, 91; Funeral Sept. 18, 2012 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Ellenburg – Shirley M. (Trombley) Tavernier, 82; Funeral Services Sept. 21, 2012 at St. Edmund's Church; burial in St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery, Constable.

Ft. Covington – Norma A. (LaCombe) LeBlanc, 87; Funeral Services Sept. 18, 2012 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Gabriels – Mary Elizabeth (Smith) Mose, 86; Funeral Services Sept. 13, 2012 at Church of the Assumption; burial Mt. View Cemetery.

Gouverneur – Irene N. (Prashaw) Wing, 58; Funeral Services Sept. 12, 2012 at the French Funeral Home; burial in Riverside Cemetery.

Hogansburg – Charlotte (Thomas) Cole, 97; Funeral Sept. 15, 2012 at St. Regis Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

LaFargeville – Ernest J. Amyot, 66; Fu-

neral Service Sept. 19, 2012 at St. John's Church.

Lowville – Donald W. "Bill" Raymond, 63; Funeral Services Sept. 14, 2012 at St. Peter's Church.

Lyon Mountain – John Joseph Kaska, 67; Funeral Services Sept. 15, 2012 at St. Bernard's Church.

Malone – Margaret Ann McCathy, 84; Funeral Services Sept. 11, 2012 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Augustine's Cemetery, North Bangor.

Massena – Michael J. Francia, Jr., 80; Funeral Sept. 20, 2012 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena – Mary E. Giroux, 92; Funeral Services Sept. 22, 2012 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – June E. (Cook) Lawton; Funeral Sept. 19, 2012 at Frary Funeral Home; burial in Flackville Cemetery.

Peru – Elizabeth O. (Clair) Facteau, 91; Funeral Sept. 19, 2012 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Mary G. (Hebert) Barbell, 90; Funeral Sept. 10, 2012 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Arthur E. "Art" LaMarche, 69; Funeral Services Sept. 17, 2012 at St. Peter's Church.

Potsdam – Hazel M. (Randall) Mitchell, 67; Funeral Services Sept. 11, 2012 at the Garner Funeral Home; burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Rouses Point – Ernest J. Ducharme, 92; Funeral Services Sept. 13, 2012 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Coopersville.

Theresa – Margaret E. (Munro) Shorkey, 96; Funeral Services Sept. 15, 2012 at Frederic Bros. Funeral Home, Inc.; burial in Evans Mills Cemetery.

Tupper Lake – Grace (LaValley) Savard, 97; Funeral Services Sept. 19, 2012 at Holy Name Church.

Watertown – Eileen J. O'Brien, 50; Funeral Services Sept. 12, 2012 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery, Louisville.

West Chazy – Katharina Katie (Hardt) Covey, 85; Funeral Services Sept. 19, 2012 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

October is Respect Life Month

We are inviting you to consider
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LEWIS

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ST. HEDWIG'S POLISH FEST

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

Date: Oct. 21

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

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

Contact: 348-8735 or 348-6260.

CHICKEN BARBECUE

Port Leyden - There will be a chicken barbecue and bake sale.

Date: Sept. 30

Time: after 8:15 a.m. Mass until gone

Place: St. Martin's Church

Cost: \$6 per half

Features: Proceeds from the event will go to the Port Leyden Food Pantry. Please come and support a great cause which is used more and more each day with rising food prices.

ST. LAWRENCE

CEMETERY TOUR

Gouverneur - The annual Gouverneur Riverside Cemetery Tour to be held.

Date: Sept. 29

Time: 1:45 p.m.

Place: Buses will leave from Gouverneur Museum

Features: There is no charge for the tour which will last about an hour, however donations will be appreciated. Participants will receive a free booklet with information about the tour when they return to the Museum for refreshments.

Contact: Joe Laurenza at 287-3193 to reserve your bus seat.

RUMMAGE SALE

Norfolk - The Altar Rosary Society of the Church of the Visitation is having a Rummage Sale.

Date and Time: Sept. 27 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sept. 28 9 a.m. to Noon

Place: Parish Center

Features: Baby items, household goods, tools, dishes, books, puzzles, clothing for men, women and children and more

LIFECHAIN

Potsdam - Lifechain to be held.

Date: Oct. 7

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

Place: Market Street at Main Street

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

Contact: Chris LaRose at 315-403-8123 for more information.

RUMMAGE SALE

Canton - Rummage Sale to held.

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

Place: St. Mary's School Gym

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

GUN AND KNIFE SHOW

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

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

Place: K of C Hall

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

Features: Many dealers will be present with all kinds of hunting, fishing, archery and sporting items. Dealers wishing to reserve tables can contact Phil Davis at 315-389-4627. Concessions stand open all day, breakfast served until 11 a.m. Plenty of parking. Public invited to buy, trade, or sell.

LIFECHAIN

Massena - Lifechain to be held.

Date: Oct. 14

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

Place: Main Street at Rt. 37

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

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

K OF C BRUNCH

Norfolk - The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a brunch.

Date: Oct. 14

Time: 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Place: Visitation Parish Center; Take-outs available

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

Place: St. Mary's Church.

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

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

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

Date: Thursday before the First Friday

Time: 8 p.m. to 9

Place: Deacon Winter Chapel

Features: Nocturnal Adoration continues through the night

NOVENA FOR MILITARY

Ogdensburg - Notre Dame Church is holding a Weekly novena for the safety of U.S. military personnel

Date: Tuesday evenings

Time: 6:30 p.m.

SURVIVOR SUPPORT GROUP

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

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Best Western University Inn

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

DIOCESAN EVENTS

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 saintly lives of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Mother Marianne Cope, OSF, and St. Brother Andre Bessette, CSC. The main speaker for the Prayer Service will be Sister Kateri Mitchell, a Sister of St. Anne and native of the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation. Sister Kateri is the executive director of the Tekakwitha Conference in Great Falls, Mont. A reception will follow the prayer service.

METANOIA RETREAT

Port Henry - A Metanoia Retreat will be held sponsored by the Office of Young Adult Ministry.

Date: Oct. 5 and 6

Time: 7 p.m. both days

Place: St. Patrick's Church

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

HARVEST DINNER

Isle LaMotte, VT - In conjunction with the official end of the 2012 Pilgrimage and Tourist Season, the annual Harvest turkey dinner and Raffle will be held at St. Anne's Shrine.

Date: Oct. 7

Time: 11 a.m.

Cost: Adults, \$11.95, Children 12 and under, \$6.50