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What makes the church 'catholic'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Professing that the church is "catholic" means accepting its teachings, accepting the gifts it offers to help one grow in holiness and accepting the fact that it is composed of different people with different gifts and opinions, Pope Francis said.

"Let's ask ourselves: Do we

live in harmony in our communities? Or do we fight among ourselves?" the pope asked Oct. 9 as he focused his weekly general audience talk on the meaning of the creed's profession that the church is "catholic."

Is there gossip" in the parish or movement, do people "accept each other, accept

that there is a correct variety" or "do we tend to try to make everything uniform?"

Pope Francis asked the estimated 60,000 visitors and pilgrims who braved the rain to join him. Many in the square had umbrellas, but Pope Francis spent almost 30 minutes in the rain, riding among the crowd in an open

popemobile.

"We are not all the same and we shouldn't all be the same," the pope said. Each person has his or her own gifts, qualities and character, which "is one of the beauties of the church -- everyone brings what God has given him or her to enrich the others."

Bishop names new pastors, administrator

Bishop LaValley announced new clergy assignments:

- Father John M. (Mickey) Demo has been named pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Dannemora and Church of the Assumption in Redford.

- Father Raymond J. Moreau is the new administrator of The Catholic Community of St. Philip of Jesus and St. Joseph in Willsboro and Essex.

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A DOZEN NEW DEACONS



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE

Bishop Terry R. LaValley ordained 12 men to the permanent diaconate Oct. 5 at St. Mary's Cathedral. The new deacons are, front from left Deacon Lawrence R. Ambeau, Adams; Deacon Patrick J. Donohue, Evans Mills; Bishop LaValley, Deacon Guy Javarone, Watertown; and Deacon Paul M. White, Westport; back, Deacon Brian D. Neureuther, West Chazy; Deacon John White, assistant director of the deacon formation program; Deacon Daniel B. McGrath, Madrid; Deacon Henry J. Leader, Gouverneur; Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin, director of the deacon formation program; Deacon David P. Wells, Heuvelton; Deacon John Drollette, Plattsburgh; Deacon Anthony Pastizzo, Ogdensburg; Deacon John Lucero, Keeseville; and Deacon Joel Walentuk, Alexandria Bay. See more coverage of the ordination on pages 3, 4 and 6.

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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Do Good On Earth



The Diocese of Ogdensburg will join with Catholics throughout the world to celebrate World Mission Sunday Oct. 20. A second collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will take place in all the parishes of the North Country. In anticipation of World Mission Sunday, the diocesan Mission Office has released its annual report showing parish totals for mission collections throughout the year. A report of donations to the Missionary Childhood Association from students of diocesan Catholic schools and religious education programs is also included. Catholics of the North Country are asked to pray and give generously to the Mission Sunday appeal, said St. Joseph Sister Mary Ellen Brett, diocesan mission director.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Evangelization of the 'old' variety

During this Year of Faith, our diocese has taken part in many new and unique experiences focusing on the "new evangelization."

We've enjoyed huge diocesan gatherings filled with pageantry and prayer.

We've witnessed powerful expressions of faith in art and music.

We've taken part in pilgrimages and special parish programs.

But long before "new evangelization" became a common phrase in the Catholic Church, the Dio-

cese of Ogdensburg conducted its fair share of "old" evangelization.

For generations, our understanding of evangelization focused primarily on spreading the faith to the unchurched in mission countries.

In fact, when I first started work for the diocese – back in the dark ages – the diocesan director of evangelization and diocesan director for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith was one and the same

Mary Lou
Kilian

person.

Thank God, that person was Msgr. Anthony A. Milia whose energy, commitment and extraordinary faith helped us to become one of the most "mission-minded" dioceses in the country.

That fact that our small diocese opened and maintained a mission parish in Peru for 40 years is nothing short of a miracle. How many devout Catholics of the North Country have remembered the missions in their wills? And how many "pagan babies" did we save with our pennies?

The faithful commitment of

Msgr. Milia was matched by his successors – Father George Maroun and the current director, St. Joseph Sister Mary Ellen Brett. Their tireless efforts have kept us aware of the spiritual needs of countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

This weekend we have the opportunity to prove that we have been listening.

Our prayers and generosity on this week's World Mission Sunday will show that, while we understand the importance of increasing our own faith, we haven't forgotten our obligation to spread it all around the world.

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Seeking and finding God in all things

Seeking and finding God.

Let's start with the question: how do you seek and find God in all things?

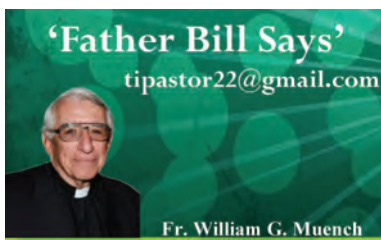
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I am certain that many people don't bother with God yet, I suspect and hope that everyone has at one time or other wondered about God. So – how do you answer the question – how do you seek and find God in all things?

Recently, Pope Francis was asked this very question in that extensive interview that was published recently in the *Jesuit Magazine, America*.

The Holy Father begins by saying that there are many "who would like to verify God immediately by an empirical method." An empirical method means being scientific about finding God, that is the approach of using a collection of



data to base a theory or come to some sort of conclusion.

Pope Francis says about the empirical method – "you cannot meet God this way."

He then adds, "God is found in the gentle breeze perceived by Elijah."

Do you remember that story about Elijah? In the First Book of Kings, Elijah escapes from King Ahab to the mountain of the Lord, Mount Horeb and finds shelter in a cave.

In a vision, the word of God comes to him – "Go outside stand on the mountain before the Lord; the Lord will be passing by."

Then there is a strong and heavy wind – but the Lord was not in the wind.

Then there was an earthquake – but Lord was not in the earthquake.

Then there was a fire – but the Lord was not in the fire.

After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. Elijah hid his face and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Elijah realizes that God is in that tiny whispering sound.

Pope Francis makes it clear that seeking and finding God is a spiritual experience – a contemplative experience. And usually, God is found in the place you least expect. Like Elijah, we will be mightily surprised when we suddenly discover the presence of God in our lives.

In the interview, Pope Francis goes on to explain, using ideas that he has learned from St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of his Jesuit order.

Pope Francis says, "The senses that find God are the ones St. Ignatius called spiritual senses. Ignatius asks us to open our spiritual sensitivity to encounter God beyond a purely empirical approach. A contemplative attitude is necessary: it is the feeling that you are moving along the good path of understanding and affection."

This finding of God is a journey – a journey of prayer and the study of Scripture. This is a quiet journey – a time for silence – a time when we are

open and ready to allow the presence of the Lord into our life.

This is a journey of faith – a faith that grows each step of the journey. This is a faith-filled with dedication to the bringing God into our lives. This is a faith that changes our life, a life that will be filled with the love and spirit of the Lord.

How do we know we are going in the right direction in life?

Pope Francis says this, "Profound peace, spiritual consolation, and love of God and love of all things in God – this is the sign that you are on the right path."

This is a journey that is not easy for it takes a lifetime. Yet, when we find the Lord – when we find the Lord in all things – our life truly becomes filled with a peace that makes each day filled with joy and happiness.

There is one more step in this adventure. Once we find God – once we know where the path to God, we must be ready to share it with others. As faith-filled Christians who have truly found the Lord, we make the world better by leading others closer to the Lord.

FOLLOW ME

Servant leaders in the footsteps of Christ

Bishop Terry R. LaValley's homily for Ordination of Permanent Deacons Oct. 5 at St. Mary's Cathedral

As they go about the sacred duties entrusted to them, will we recognize these men about to be ordained deacons as disciples of Him "who came not to be served, but to serve?"

In the Ordination Prayer that I will soon pray, I will ask God to draw near and gift each man to be ordained deacon with "every Gospel virtue: unfeigned love, concern for the sick and poor, unassuming authority, the purity of innocence, and the observance of spiritual discipline."

With the help of God and the nurturing of these Gospel virtues, clearly these men will be servant leaders in the footsteps of Christ.

Unfeigned love... not love as defined today, not love on our terms, but a love without pretensions, a love that is defined by the unconditional love received from Jesus. There is nothing false, showy or superficial about divine love. If we ever doubt that, gaze upon the Cross. When all is said and done, that's the measure of the love we give witness to, the raw, unfeigned love that motivates our discipleship.

Concern for the sick and the poor... The Gospel virtue of concern for the sick and the poor is not exercised from a safe distance from them. In his teaching and witness, Pope Francis has challenged us all in this regard. The ancient tradition appears to indicate that because the deacon was the servant at the table of the poor, he had his distinctive liturgical roles at the Table of the Lord. Similarly, there is a reciprocal correspondence between his role as herald of the Gospel and his role as the one who ex-



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE

Bishop LaValley lays hands on Deacon Guy Javarone of St. Anthony's Parish in Watertown. Deacon Javarone was one of 12 men who received the sacrament of Holy Orders at St. Mary's Cathedral Oct. 5. At left is Deacon Mark Bennett of Plattsburgh.

presses the needs of the Church in the General Intercessions. In his formal liturgical roles, the deacon brings the poor to the Church and the Church to the poor. He makes the connection between the worship of God in the liturgy and the worship of God in everyday life where Jesus Christ is encountered in the needy.

Unassuming authority... again, isn't Pope Francis giving us a powerful lesson in this Gospel virtue? Servant

leadership means it is the power of the Gospel that leads us in the decisions that we make that affects the lives of those who look to us for guidance and direction. Any other authority is deficient.

Jesus told His disciples in our Gospel today: "Anyone who aspires to greatness must serve the rest and whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all" – that's unassuming authority, that's servant leadership.

Purity of innocence... This Gospel virtue can be realized when I begin to comprehend, to grasp the depth of love that Jesus has for me. Having been touched by such love, I naturally desire to return that same untainted love to my Beloved. No hint of anything less pleases us, so we seek to return, to give of ourselves, as much as humanly possible, the purity of the gift we have received.

The observance of spiritual discipline... Perhaps the

words are easy to understand, but not always to live. The cleric must never take lightly the responsibility of daily prayer—Liturgy of the Hours-steeped in God's Word, Holy Eucharist, Adoration, daily examination of conscience, Penance, annual retreats—all essential means to deepen our personal relationship with Jesus Christ and His Body, the Church. In this Gospel virtue, we see Jesus' own prayer life as the model. It is a discipline, one that the deacon must not avoid or minimize.

Unfeigned love, concern for the sick and poor, unassuming authority, purity of innocence and observance of spiritual discipline—all virtues that require a lifetime endeavor of conversion of heart.

My brothers, your presence here today, gives evidence of the seriousness with which you, with the help of the grace of God, will seek to live these Gospel virtues that will be critical to your ministry as deacon of the Church.

Deacons, in formal and informal ways, are evangelizers and teachers of the Word. Blessed Pope John Paul II wrote that: "The deacon's ministry is the Church service sacramentalized. Therefore, the deacon's service in the Church's ministry of the word and liturgy would be severely deficient if his exemplary witness and assistance in the Church's ministry of charity and justice did not accompany it."

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Deacon Henry Leader,
Congratulations and Thank you.
We are blessed to have you
in our parish.
St. James Parish and School
Gouverneur



Congratulations
Deacon Patrick,
we are looking forward to your serving the parishes of:
+ St. Mary's, St. Joseph's and +
St. Theresa of Avila

BISHOP LAVALLEY PRESIDES AT OCT. 5 ORDINATION

DEACONS ORDAINED



PHOTOS BY BETTY STEELE
The twelve men ordained permanent deacons Oct. 5 at St. Mary's Cathedral lay prostrate praying for help from all the saints during the Litany of Supplication.



Bishop LaValley presents the Book of the Gospels to Deacon Anthony Pastizzo of St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. At left is Deacon Mark Bennett of St. Peter's in Plattsburgh.



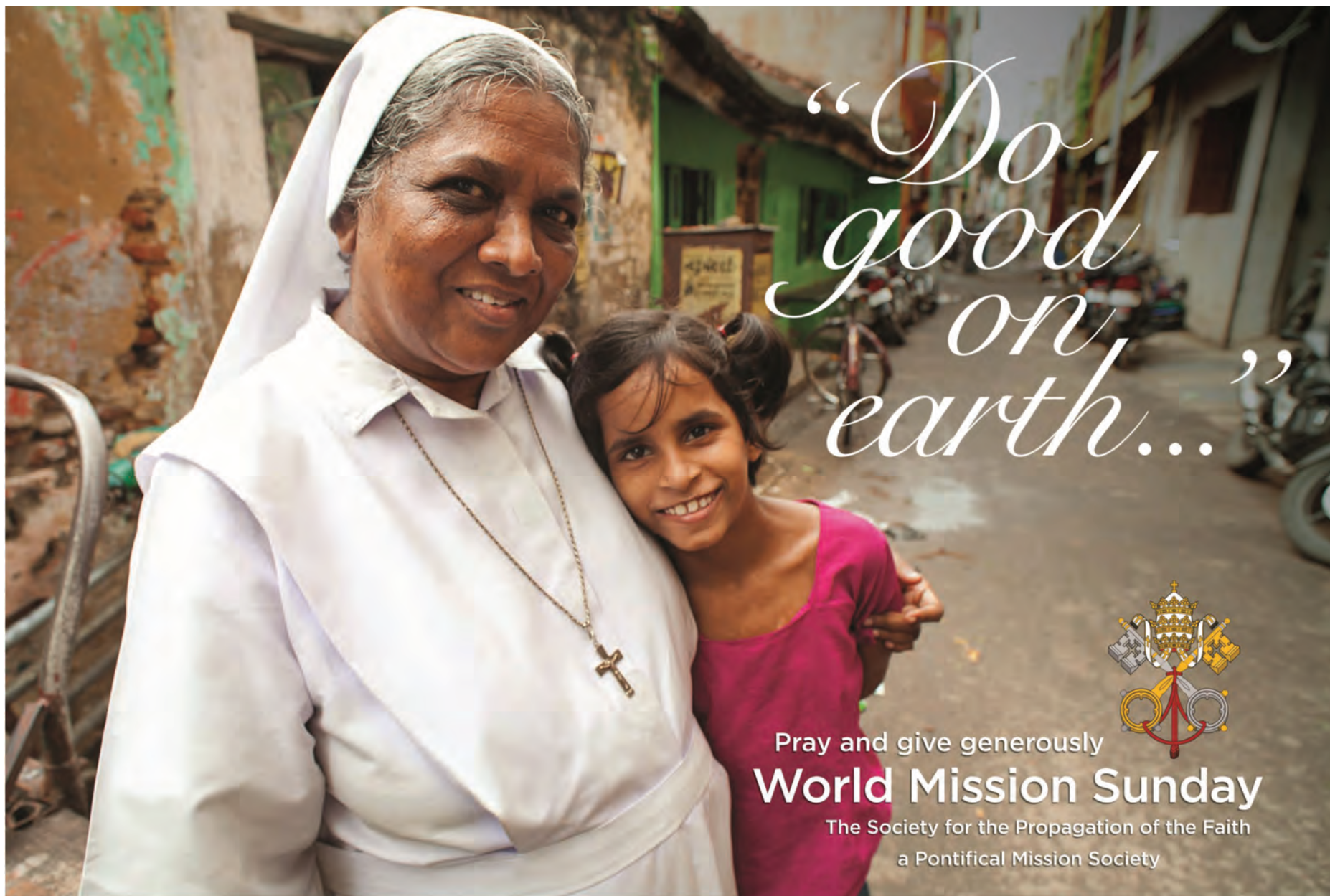
Before being ordained, the candidates are questioned about their willingness to take on the duties of the diaconate and promised to carry out their ministry in obedience to the bishop. Above, Deacon Patrick Donahue of St. Mary's in Evans Mills, promises obedience to Bishop LaValley.



Msgr. Paul Whitmore of Watertown vests Deacon Henry Leader of St. James in Gouverneur with a dalmatic and stole, signs of the office of deacon



Three wives of the new deacons, Teresa White, Cheryl Pastizzo and Dawn Walentuck presented the offertory gifts to the Bishop



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Servant leaders

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Deacons are hearers and doers of the Word.

Deacons will preside over public prayer, administer Baptism, assist at and bless marriages, bring Holy Communion to the dying, and conduct funeral rites.

More and more, deacons, in collaboration with our pastors, will be called upon to assist our lay sisters and brothers in our ongoing evangelization efforts and in fulfilling leadership roles in our parishes.

Dear brothers, as ministers of Jesus Christ, who came among His disciples as one who served, do the will of God from the heart: serve people in love and joy as you would the very Lord Himself.

There is absolutely nothing Christ-like about a joyless, dour, whiny disciple. No, our ministry should be inspired by resurrection hope and joy.

Never allow yourself to be turned away from the hope offered by the Gospel.

My brothers in Christ, in your diaconal ministry, your wives and the responsibilities that arise from the sacrament of Holy Matrimony do not play second fiddle.

You are to be raised to the order of the Diaconate. The Lord has set an example that just as He Himself has done, you also should do.

The Church expresses immense gratitude to the wives for the gift of her husband to the Church's sacred orders.

The sacred bond that your wife and you established on your wedding day is to be strengthened, not neglected as you fulfill your diaconal responsibilities.

An important dimension of the deacon's responsibility to the bishop is his presence and participation in diocesan events—those occasions when we gather

with our sisters and brothers from throughout the diocese at liturgies and other diocesan functions.

Establish and maintain a strong fraternity with your brother deacons and wives, as a means of mutual support and friendship.

Finally, my brothers, do the will of God from your heart. You are to be raised to the order of the Diaconate. The Lord has set an example that just as He Himself has done, you also should do.

With great pride and gratitude, I join the Church of Ogdensburg confidently believing that your ministry of Word and Charity will bear much fruit for God's holy people.

May it be said here as it was in the early Church: "The Word of God continued to spread, while at the same time the number of the disciples...increased enormously." May God be praised...forever may God be praised!!

*Deacon Brian Newreuther,
What a blessing to our parish community
to have you as a deacon.*

*The priest and people of
St. Joseph's Church, West Chazy*

**Deacon
Lawrence R. Ambeau,**

*Congratulations on your
diaconate ordination.
We are blessed to have you
as a deacon for our
parish community.*

*St. Cecilia's, Adams
&
Queen of Heaven, Henderson*



**Congratulations
DEACON GUY JAVARONE**

We are so very proud of you!

*The Parishioners of
St. Anthony's, Watertown*

Bishop announces new clergy assignments

OGDENSBURG - Following the Oct. 8 meeting of the Committee on Assignments, Bishop Terry R. LaValley has made the following assignment changes, one of which involves a parish linkage:

- Father John M. (Mickey) Demo, currently administrator of The Catholic Community of St. Philip of Jesus and St. Joseph in Willsboro and Essex, has been named pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Dannemora and Church of the Assumption in Redford.

- Father Raymond J. Moreau, currently pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Chazy, has been named administrator of The Catholic Community of St. Philip of Jesus and St. Joseph in Willsboro and Essex.

- Father J. Roger McGuinness, currently pastor of St. Joseph's Church in West Chazy, will also become pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Chazy, overseeing the linkage of the two parishes.

These assignments will take effect on Oct. 30.

Franciscan friar coming

Bishop LaValley has also announced that Father Adrian Gallagher, OFM Conv., will be named pastor of St. Ann's Parish in Mooers Forks and St. Joseph's Parish in Mooers upon the retirement of their current pastor, Father Gerald A. Cerank.

Father Gallagher, a Franciscan Friar, has been given permission from his provincial to serve in the Diocese of Ogdensburg so as to be closer to his aging parents in Malone who are experiencing some health issues.

Currently, Father Gallagher is pastor of Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church in Coal Township, Penn.

Father Cerank will be retiring Jan. 1, 2014 and Father Gallagher's assignment will take effect on that date.

Profiles of the new pastors:

Father McGuinness, a native of New York City, came to the North Country in 1957 to study at Wadhams Hall Seminary College in Ogdens-

burg and Christ the King Seminary in Olean, N.Y.

He was ordained a priest in 1965 and has served parishes in Potsdam, Lake Placid, Plattsburgh and Watertown as a parochial vicar. He has served as a pastor in Raymondville, Keeseville, Our Lady of Victory Parish and St. John's Parish in Plattsburgh.

Father McGuinness served as the pastor of John XXIII College Community Parish - the Newman Center, in Plattsburgh where he served Plattsburgh State University and Clinton Community College.

He is currently the pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in West Chazy and, effective Oct. 30, Sacred Heart Parish in Chazy.

Father McGuinness has served as president and vice-president of the Interfaith Council of Clinton County and Plattsburgh and a past board member of the Campus Community Coalition of the city of Plattsburgh. He is also an adjunct professor in the Honor Program of Plattsburgh State University.

He has taught psychology at Seton Catholic Central and currently teaches in the Upward Bound Program of Plattsburgh State during the summer.

From 1973 to 1989, Father McGuinness was a member of the faculty of Wadhams Hall Seminary College, serving as academic dean and director of spiritual formation as well as a teacher of psychology and religious studies.

He has also worked as an administrator and teacher of the permanent diaconate program as well as vocation director and director of seminarians for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

In addition, he has taught in the Formation for Ministry program sponsored by the diocese. Father McGuinness is the past director of Continuing Education and Formation of the Clergy,

Father McGuinness holds masters degrees in counseling-psychology, pastoral ministry and Christian Spir-

ituality. He has given retreats, conferences and workshops in several Dioceses of the United States and Canada. He was the speaker for the diocesan on-line retreat for Advent in the year 2008.

Father Demo

Father John M. Demo, new pastor in Dannemora and Redford, has been administrator in Willsboro and Essex since 2011.

A native of Brasher Falls, he was born March 7, 1961. He graduated from LeMoyne College in Syracuse before beginning studies for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall and St. John's Seminary in Brighton, Mass.

Father Demo was ordained Sept. 24, 1988 by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana.

The priest has served as parochial vicar at St. Bernard's in Saranac Lake, Holy Family in Watertown, St.

Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg and Notre Dame in Ogdensburg.

He was named pastor in Hopkinton and Saint Regis Falls, served as parochial vicar in Carthage and administrator in Chateaugay and Burke before his current assignment.

After ordination, Father Demo continued his education, studying philosophy at Catholic University from 1995 to 1996.

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Bishop's Fund supports the work of evangelization

By Marika Donders
Diocesan director of evangelization

Looking back over my first year in the North Country as Director of the Office of Evangelization, the question that I get asked a lot is: so what does the Office of Evangelization do? Many people understand intuitively what the Offices of Youth Ministry, Family Life, or Religious Education are about.

But what exactly is Evangelization?

But what exactly is Evangelization?

When confronted by the question of what the Evangelization Office does, it is often tempting just to list many of the projects and programs we have been involved in, especially during this exciting Year of Faith.

The Office of Evangelization was involved in all of the Year of Faith Programs from the Witnesses of Faith Celebration, the Beauty of Belief Concert and Art Show, Virtual Tours, the Corpus Christi Celebration to the upcoming Vatican II workshop.

Working together with the Office of Communications and the IT department, we promote diocesan programs



ments on Evangelization, it says that the Church "exists in order to evangelize,... to preach and teach, to be the channel of the gift of grace, to reconcile sinners with God, and to perpetuate Christ's sacrifice in the Mass, which is the memorial of his death and glorious resurrection." (EN 14)

As such, the Office of Evangelization works as a catalyst, collaborating with other offices, parishes, and individuals to assist them in knowing and sharing the good news, so that each baptized Catholic becomes a disciple empowered to share the faith with others.

The momentum and excitement built up during this Year of Faith continues as we work together to spread the Gospel so that our Faith Opens the Door for our families, neighbors and acquaintances.

This is the New Evangelization to which we are called – to share our faith by building and strengthening our relationships of trust so that those we know and love will be open to hear Christ's invitation to faith through us.

We hope you will continue to support our efforts through your prayers and by your generous support of the Bishop's Fund Appeal.

through the new webpages and expanding social media channels. Together with a local parish and the Director of Family Life, we are collaborating on a pilot project of parish evangelization using the book *Forming Intentional Disciples*.

Together with the Office of Youth Ministry, we contributed to the renewed Youth Leadership Weekend.

We are working with the Cathedral on bringing Matthew Kelly to the Diocese.

But Evangelization isn't primarily about programs and projects. Evangelization is the mission of the Church. We are all called to evangelize. Evangelization is retelling the great story of faith, to proclaim Jesus and the message of salvation and living our faith out loud.

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Bishop's Schedule

Oct. 16 – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

Oct. 17 – 10 a.m., Mass and Visit to St. Bernard's School in Saranac Lake
12:30 p.m., Prayer Service and Visit to St. Agnes School, Lake Placid

Oct. 18 – 9:30 a.m., Opening School Mass and Visit to St. James School in Carthage

Oct. 19 – 4p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Oct. 20 – 3 p.m., Mass for the 50th Anniversary to the Priesthood of the Most Rev. Howard J. Hubbard at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany

Oct. 21-22 – Board of Trustees Meeting at the Pontifical College Josephinum

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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

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

Oct. 18 – Rev. Edwin A. Kennedy, 1990; Deacon Chester Price, 1991
Oct. 20 – Rev. Walter Plaisance, O.M.I., 1918; Msgr. Stephen J. Wojciechowski, 1978

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

Oct. 22 – Rev. Thomas McNally, 1883; Rev. George J. Savage, 1918; Rev. Michael A. Jarecki, 2012

Environmental Stewardship

St. Francis Pledge - Part VI - ADVOCATE for Catholic principles and priorities in climate change decisions, especially as they impact those who are poor and vulnerable. Write or phone members of Congress and the State Legislature and urge them that the needs of people in poverty be a central priority in legislation that addresses and regulates environmental stewardship. Check the websites of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development and the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change to stay up-to-date with public policy efforts in this area.

"Dear mother earth, who day by day unfolds rich blessing on our way, O praise God!"

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

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Parish	Totals
Brownville- Immaculate Conception	\$326.60
Copenhagen - St. Mary's Church	\$60.50
Croghan – St. Stephen' s Church	\$391.43
Tupper Lake - Holy Name Church	\$102.00
Watertown – St. Anthony's Church	\$125.00
Watertown – Holy Family Church	\$82.78
* TOTALS	\$1,088.31

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Charities prepare to mitigate impact of government shutdown

ARLINGTON, Va. (CNS) -- Catholic charities and churches across the Arlington Diocese in northern Virginia have been looking at how to lessen the impact of the government shutdown on the community. In response to the government freeze, Arlington diocesan Catholic Charities was giving nonperishable food to families affected by the shutdown through food pantries in Alexandria and Leesburg. "We have plenty of supplies, but we don't know the kind of response we are going to get," said Sally O'Dwyer, Catholic Charities vice president for community service. "We will give until we have no more." Oct. 7 marked the seventh day of the partial federal shutdown over a congressional budget impasse, causing federal agencies to furlough roughly 800,000 employees -- many of whom have already filed unemployment claims. The 1.3 million civilian federal employees still working might see their paychecks delayed if the shutdown extends. In the long run, this could increase requests for financial assistance if people are struggling to pay their bills. Emergency assistance coordinators said it was still too early to see how many people will need help as a result of the shutdown.

What's on the Supreme Court docket, and what might be there later

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The Supreme Court's docket for the term beginning Oct. 7 is notable -- from the perspective of the Catholic Church -- for a handful of cases accepted or in the pipeline that would refine previous rulings on free speech, public prayer and the Affordable Care Act. The docket so far lacks cases that would appear to be of wide-reaching significance, like last year's rulings on same-sex marriage, the Voting Rights Act and affirmative action at colleges. But there are several challenges bubbling up from lower courts which the court could add to the calendar, over aspects of the national health care law and its requirement that most employers cover contraceptives free of charge in their health plan for workers. On Nov. 6, the court will consider whether it's appropriate for the town council of Greece, N.Y., to open its sessions with a prayer. The case may test the reach of a previous ruling that permitted prayers in legislatures as "a tolerable acknowledgment of beliefs widely held among the people of this country." The case is *Greece v. Galloway*. The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the practice in Greece violates the Establishment Clause in the First Amendment of the Constitution. Although the town allows the prayer to be offered in any faith tradition, the court found that because the vast majority of the prayers were specifically Christian, with sectarian references to Jesus and "your son," and there was little effort to broaden the type of prayers offered, the practice is unconstitutional.

Pope calls 2014 synod to discuss families, divorce, remarriage

By Francis X. Rocca
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - The predicament of divorced and remarried Catholics will be a major topic of discussion when bishops from around the world meet at the Vatican in October 2014.

The Vatican announced Oct. 8 that an extraordinary session of the Synod of Bishops will meet Oct. 5-19, 2014, to discuss the "pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelization."

The pope had told reporters accompanying him on his plane back from Rio de Janeiro in July that the next synod would explore a "somewhat deeper pastoral care of marriage," including the question of the eligibility of divorced and remarried Catholics to receive Communion.

Pope Francis added at the time that church law governing marriage annulments also "has to be reviewed, because ecclesiastical tribunals are not sufficient for this. It is complex, the problem of the pastoral care of marriage."

Such problems, he said, exemplified a general need for forgiveness in the church today.

"The church is a mother, and she must travel this path of mercy, and find a form of mercy for all," the pope said.

The announcement of the synod came amid news that the Archdiocese of Freiburg, Germany, had issued new guidelines making it easier for divorced and remarried Catholics to receive Communion.

The Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, said that such matters were more properly dealt

with at a church-wide level, "under the guidance of the pope and the bishops."

This will be only the third extraordinary synod since Pope Paul VI reinstated synods in 1965, to hold periodic meetings to advise him on specific subjects.

"For persons or local offices to propose particular pastoral solutions runs the risk of generating confusion," he said. "The Holy Father is placing the pastoral care of the family at the heart of a synod process that will be larger, involving the reflection of the universal church."

The October 2014 gathering will be an "extraordinary general session" of the synod, which according to the Code of Canon Law is held to "deal with matters which require a speedy solution."

It will be composed for the most part of the presidents of national bishops' conferences, the heads of the Eastern Catholic Churches, and the heads of major Vatican offices.

Only about 150 synod fathers will take part in the session, which will run for two weeks, Father Lombardi said,

compared with about 250 bishops who attended the three-week ordinary general assembly on the new evangelization in October 2012.

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A 1969 extraordinary session was dedicated to improving cooperation between the Holy See and national bishops' conferences; and a 1985 extraordinary session, dedicated to the 20th anniversary of the end of the Second Vatican Council, recommended the compilation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which was published seven years later.

Pope Francis, who replaced the synod's secretary-general Sept. 21, has suggested that he wants to make it into a permanent advisory body.

On Oct. 1, Pope Francis and the new Council of Cardinals advising him on church governance spent much of their first day together discussing synod reform.

On Oct. 7-8, the pope attended meetings of the synod's governing council. Instead of summoning the council officers, according to the usual protocol, the pope visited them at their office a few blocks from Vatican City.

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Cardinal Dolan, in Rome, lauds pope's 'new strategy' of evangelization

By Francis X. Rocca
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Francis' recent warning against overemphasizing moral teachings against abortion, same-sex marriage and contraception means that U.S. bishops should emulate his positive approach to evangelization, not shift the priorities of their public policy agenda, said Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York.

"What he's saying is that if the perception of the church is of a scold who's always nagging and always negative and always fearful, we're not going to make many converts, because nobody wants to join the church out of fear or (join a) a paranoid group," the cardinal told Catholic News Service Oct. 8.

"If we emphasize the positive, the gracious, the embracing, the warm, inviting side of the church, then we're going to attract people," he said. "And that of course is what Pope Francis is saying and doing on steroids."

Cardinal Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, met with Pope Francis at the Vatican Oct. 7, along with Arch-

bishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., conference vice president; Msgr. Ronny E. Jenkins, general secretary; and Msgr. J. Brian Bransfield, associate general secretary.

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The cardinal said the group told the pope about some of the U.S. bishops' "pastoral priorities," including support for immigration reform and objections to the Affordable Care Act, "because it excludes the baby in the womb and the undocumented worker, and also because the implementation of it would place a severe burden on our religious convictions and our consciences" by mandating coverage of contraception in violation of Catholic moral teaching.

Pope Francis "was very attentive to that and he listened very closely," Cardinal Dolan said.

According to Cardinal Dolan, U.S. bishops have a

"lot of issues we're hung up on, including immigration, the budget battle, proper health care, world peace, Syria, hunger and the HHS (contraception) mandates," he said. But the "only one that ever seems to get attention would be any kind of controversial promotion that we would do in defense of life, in defense of marriage and in defense of religious freedom, because they tend to be the more combative issues of the day."

In an interview published Sept. 19, Pope Francis said that the church "cannot insist only on issues related to abortion, gay marriage and the use of contraceptive methods. ... We have to find a new balance; otherwise even the moral edifice of the church is likely to fall like a house of cards, losing the freshness and fragrance of the Gospel."

Cardinal Dolan said that "when the Holy Father suggested this new strategy, I don't think he got a longer standing ovation from anybody than he did from the bishops in the United States. Because we've been saying for a long time, 'Listen to everything we say, don't just listen to us when we speak about your pet issue.'"

Pro-lifers cite power of prayer

By Chris Donahue
Catholic News Service

MANVILLE, N.J. (CNS) --Some pro-lifers get discouraged that bringing an end to abortion isn't happening overnight, but the power of prayer is making a difference, said Kevin Dugan, a parish pro-life ministry leader.

It's making a difference

For years members of Dugan's parish, Immaculate Conception in Somerville, have been joined by other faith communities in the Diocese of Metuchen, to pray near a Planned Parenthood clinic on Main Street in Manville, the organization's only facility in Somerset County.

As part of the 40 Days for Life campaign, in good weather and bad, they prayed for an end to abortion and offered assistance to those seeking an abortion at the facility.

They gathered again recently, this time to celebrate the closing of the clinic, which has shut its doors. According to published reports, Planned Parenthood did not give a reason why it closed.

On a recent Saturday, Dugan and others in the group gathered at an 8 a.m. Mass celebrated by Father Charles A. Sabella at Immaculate Conception's chapel. After Mass, some remained to pray the rosary while others traveled to Manville for a prayer of thanksgiving in front of the old rectory of Sacred Heart Church, which is across the street from Planned Parenthood.

Since March 2011, Immaculate Conception has hosted 40 Days for Life campaigns in the spring and fall. The campaign is a global campaign to raise awareness of abortion and life issues through prayer and fasting, constant vigil

and community outreach.

The Catholic Church teaches that human life must be protected from the moment of conception.

"We get so much support from our parish priests," Dugan told The Catholic Spirit, newspaper of the Metuchen Diocese. He said Msgr. Seamus Brennan and parochial vicars Father Sabella and Father Alex Carles "would come out and pray with us every year."

Dugan, the father of three adopted children, added it was "really something to see the (Planned Parenthood) workers come out, they were so glum ... and the women coming out looking so confused. We were here just praying and everyone was so joyful and offering hope. It's nice to see it closed."

Joe Kapp, a member of Immaculate Conception's Pro-Life Committee who helped organize the 40 Days for Life campaign, believes prayers helped to close the clinic.

"We would get phone calls from people in other parishes saying, 'We can't come, but we will be praying at our church or pray at home,'" he said.

Dave Martin, a member of the Respect Life group at St. Elizabeth-St. Brigid Parish in Peapack, agreed about prayer helped close the facility. It is also a lesson in patience and perseverance, he added.

Said Dugan, "If we could get more people to pray we could turn this around a lot quicker. We are just ordinary people. We don't have any great talent or skill. We just come out here and pray and offer help to anyone who wants to listen."

Magdalena Daus, a member of Sacred Heart Parish, said: "We did what we could. I think God answered our prayers. I just hope they don't open up somewhere else."



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ON A RAINY DAY



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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Successful prayer requires faith, endurance

Our first reading today shows us why the priest holds his hands up in the air as he prays at Mass.

In this Old Testament passage from Exodus, the Amelikes are trying to stop the Israelites on their journey through the desert.

At God's command, Moses goes up a mountain and prays with hands raised high. The Israelites prevail over their enemies for a time.

After a while, Moses gets tired and lowers his hands. Immediately Amelik and his

army seem to prevail.

Aaron and Hur get a stone for Moses to sit on and stand on either side, helping keep his hands aloft. Because of their perseverance, the battle is won.



Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore

The message for us today is clear: Faith and endurance are necessary for success in prayer.

We should never stop praying, even if we have to enlist our friends and community to help us persevere!

In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples never to lose heart, even if we have to get

a bit "pushy" with God.

Put yourself in that judge's place.

Wouldn't you get annoyed and maybe a little frightened at this obnoxious widow who keeps pestering for a favor?

Of course, there's no question that she's in the right and he's in the wrong.

When she finally wears him out, he gives in and grants her request.

Again, the message for us is very clear.

God is urging us to persist in our request until He gives in!

There's only one catch!

We have to have a strong faith that He will answer us,

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Exodus 17:8-13

Timothy 3:14—4:2

Luke 18:1-8

and go beyond our timidity.

We must go beyond God in persistence, something like the tug-o-war game we played as children.

In this gospel, God suggests that He'll be the first one to give in.

Now there's an offer we can't refuse!

Today's second reading

contains the classic passage that guarantees the divine inspiration of both Old and New Testaments - "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work".

While God allows the sacred writer to use his own style and vocabulary, the Holy Spirit is the one who inspires the ideas presented by the writer.

No wonder that we treat the Bible with the greatest of respect and read it daily for our nourishment.

MAKING SENSE OUT OF BIOETHICS

Ethics of donating to charitable foundations

Private foundations and non-profit groups are frequently involved in advocating for particular causes, ranging from cancer research to protecting the environment.

Some of these foundations rely almost exclusively on charitable donations to carry out their promotional work.

Potential donors seeking to support these causes face the challenge of exercising "due diligence," so that their funds are properly utilized and not misdirected or otherwise targeted by the organization to support immoral projects.

An example of the need for this due diligence can be seen in the case of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, which promotes scientific research to cure type 1 diabetes.

The ethical concern arises because this organization has gone on record in support of a highly unethical form of research, namely, human embryonic stem cell research.

Similarly, we may need to consider whether it is ap-

propriate to support the Susan G. Komen Foundation's Race for a Cure, which seeks to promote breast cancer research and awareness.

One of the rarely-discussed problems with the Komen Foundation's activities is that some of the money they raise may be used to promote morally objectionable activities that run counter to their mission of fighting breast cancer: some of Komen's funds are made available to Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion provider in the U.S., even though abortion of a woman's first pregnancy has been shown to correlate with an elevated incidence of breast cancer.

More than 28 different studies over a period of 45 years have shown abortion to be a significant risk factor for breast cancer.

In fiscal year 2009, Komen affiliates contributed around \$730,000 to programs sponsored by Planned Parenthood, and in fiscal year 2010, they contributed about \$569,000.

In January of 2012, the

Susan G. Komen Foundation courageously decided that it would discontinue its financial support of Planned Parenthood.

In the media firestorm that ensued, Komen experienced the backlash reserved for those who dare to cross the pro-abortion lobby.

After little more than twenty-four hours, the Komen Foundation withdrew under the pressure, reversed itself, and assured the public it would continue to make funds available to Planned Parenthood.

This backsliding solidified the beliefs of many donors that the Komen Foundation could not be trusted with their funds.

Komen's support for the abortion provider may stem from the fact that Komen's founder, Nancy Brinker, is a long-time promoter of Planned Parenthood, having served as an advisory board member for the organization's Texas affiliate.

John Hammarley, a spokesman for Komen, indicated that about 20 of Komen's 122 affiliates are responsible for the money that goes to Planned Parenthood and has claimed that those funds are used only for breast cancer treatment, education, or screening programs that happen to be affiliated with the abortion group.



Father Tadeusz
Pacholczyk Ph.D.

Planned Parenthood, however, is not licensed to provide screening beyond Level 1 breast examinations - the same exam that can be done by a woman in her shower, or in any clinic or physician's office. They do not even perform mammograms.

Even if they did provide serious breast cancer screening, it would still remain a financial fact of life that an organization that receives money for Project A can divert other funds in its budget to Project B. Every dime that Komen provides to Planned Parenthood al-

lows a different dime to be freed up for overhead, supplies, equipment and personnel to perform abortions.

When foundations have a generally sound list of activities, but promote an intrinsically immoral activity as well (e.g. abortion, human embryonic stem cell research, contraception, etc.), one must consider the serious matter of the fungibility of donated funds.

If we engage in fundraising for such organizations, even if they assure us that specified funds will only be used for activities with an ethical profile, it can end up being little more than a shell game. In this sense, there is a real danger that our fundraising activities will not only engender scandal, but may even contribute to the perpetuation of grave evils like abortion and human embryonic stem cell research.

Our fundraising initiatives need to be carefully directed towards foundations and organizations without such connections to intrinsic

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AT THE MOVIES

GRAVITY

By Joseph McAleer
Catholic News Service

Hold on tight for the ride of your life in "Gravity" (Warner Bros.), a lost-in-space adventure as exhilarating as it is terrifying.

Director Alfonso Cuarón ("Children of Men"), who co-wrote the screenplay with his son Jonas, serves up a modern-day horror story with top-notch performances and dazzling 3-D cinematography that envelops the audience in the majesty of space.

The film's life-or-death scenario evokes the spirit of the 2011 movie "Apollo 18." But the danger here doesn't come from aliens as it did in that feature. Instead, it results from all-too-human technology gone badly wrong.

Amid the mayhem, "Gravity" has another, deeper story to tell, as the nearness of death provokes reflections on mortality and the afterlife.

The space shuttle is in orbit 370 miles above Earth, and astronauts Ryan Stone (Sandra Bullock) and Matt Kowalski (George Clooney) are outside it, making re-

pairs to the Hubble Space Telescope. The two crewmates are chalk and cheese: Stone the cool, reserved scientist on her first mission; Kowalski the cocky veteran, a fun-loving space cowboy with the gift of the gab who's savoring his final voyage.

"Houston, I have a bad feeling about this mission," Kowalski quips lightheartedly to mission control before breaking into another yarn as his favorite country music plays in the background.

Kowalski's levity is misplaced. When the Russians launch a missile against a spy satellite, it causes a chain reaction in space, raining debris on the astronauts. Within seconds, the shuttle is destroyed, and Kowalski and Stone are the only survivors, cut off from Earth and spiraling into outer space.

What ensues is "E.T." in reverse, as our plucky marooned humans search for a way to go home (where gravity is taken for granted). With Kowalski steering his jet pack and Stone on a tether, they make their way to the nearest oasis, the International Space Station,

where more challenges await.

To describe what happens next would be a spoiler. Suffice it to say that, in the deafening silence of space, the duo has plenty of time to meditate as they stare death in the face.

For Stone, this is an epiphany. She laments that she is alone in the world, mourning the loss of her only child in an accident years ago. "Who will pray for my soul?" she asks.

While she admits that she has never prayed herself, she regrets that no one ever taught her how.

Such feelings are hardly surprising when the possibility of death is imminent. But "Gravity" -- which provides a rare combination of enlightenment and excitement -- uses these sentiments as stepping stones toward a resolution that viewers of faith will find both satisfying and refreshingly pro-life.

In view of its underlying significance, and despite the elements listed below, some parents may consider "Gravity" acceptable for mature adolescents.

The film contains scenes of intense peril and horror,



CNS PHOTO/WARNER BROS.

Sandra Bullock and George Clooney star in a scene from the movie "Gravity."

brief gore, at least one use of profanity and a few crude expressions. 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.



Ethics

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cally immoral actions.

Donors who are concerned about the use of funds by Komen may wish to consider alternative groups such as the National Breast Cancer Foundation, an organization that funds mammograms, or the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute, which offers information on avoidable risks including abortion.

The Iacocca Family Foundation, to consider another example, promotes cutting-edge diabetes research without supporting human

embryonic stem cell research. Some smaller, local organizations may also have suitable profiles for us to be able to support their work unreservedly.

A determined decision to redirect our fundraising energies can also have a powerful practical impact, serving to evangelize and provide witness, as organizations become aware of the reasons why such efforts are being channeled away from them.

Father Pacholczyk is a priest of the diocese of Fall

River, MA, and serves as the Director of Education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. See www.ncbcenter.org

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Dates: Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 16 and 23.

Features: The course is offered to registered nurses of all faiths. Mercy Care provides the training at no cost to participants but pre-registration is required. The parish nurse offers assistance in obtaining community services, helps with understanding diagnoses, medications and diagnostic tests, provides blood pressure screening, health education programs and much more. The parish nurse does not do hands-on nursing or duplicate what is available through the public health nurse, but does bring her nursing experience and her faith to the service of others.

Speaker: Mercy Sister Catherine Cummings, RSM, Ed.D., R.N. is qualified as a Parish Nurse Educator and will lead the training course. The Basic Preparation Course for Parish Nurses requires 34 contact hours of training.

Contact: Sister Catherine Cummings at 523-5582 or ccummings@adkmercy.org.

HALLOWEEN HARVEST DINNER

Saranac Lake — The CDA Court St. Bernard #787 and K of C Saranac Lake Council #599 will be sponsoring a Halloween Harvest pork roast dinner.

Date: Oct. 27

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: St. Bernard's School cafeteria

Cost: Adults, \$10; children 8 and under, free

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HARVEST DINNER

Morrisonville — The RCC of St. Alexander and St. Joseph will be having a Harvest Dinner.

Date: Nov. 10

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

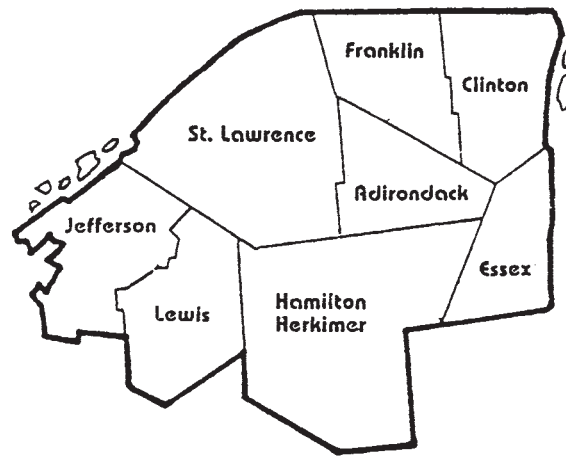
Place: St. Alexander's Parish Hall

Cost: Adults, \$9; Children 6-12, \$5; under 5, free; Take-outs, \$9

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CONTEMPLATION RETREAT

Ellenburg Center — Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer will be having a Meditation and Contemplation



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Retreat day.

Date: Nov. 2

Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost: \$25/day

Presenter: Father Jack Downs

Features: Associated with St. Ignatius, this way of prayer opens our eyes to God's daily self-revelation and clarifies for us our response to it. The day will cover what the Prayer of Examen is, how to pray it; also the practice of the Examen in five steps and additional spiritual means to help in sustaining the Examen. The day will end with Anticipated Mass. Lunch and dinner provided.

Contact: olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or 518-594-3253 by October 26.

QUILTING CLASS

Ellenburg Center — The Lost Sheep Quilt Shop will have a quilting class.

Date: Nov. 9

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost: \$15.

Features: Make a lap quilt top in a day using this easy method. A perfect class for beginners and fun for advanced quilters. Bring a sewing machine, scissors, thread, a jelly roll, and a bag lunch. Jelly rolls can also be purchased in our newly-opened fabric shop located at Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer.

Contact: Reserve by emailing thelostsheepquiltshop@gmail.com or call 518-594-3253.

DAY OF REFLECTION ON

Ellenburg Center — Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer, will have a day of reflection on the Holy Family and

Bethlehem House.

Date: Nov. 16

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

Features: Fr. Ted Crosby will give a talk on the Holy Family and the spirituality of Bethlehem House followed by Mass and lunch. Donations welcomed.

RSVP: olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or 518-594-3253, by Nov. 13

CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

Moers — The Ladies of St. Ann will be sponsoring the 26th Annual Craft Plus Bake Sale.

Date: Oct. 19

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

Place: St. Joseph's Center

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HEALING MINISTRY MOVES

Morrisonville — The Catholic Community of St. Alexander's and St. Joseph's announces the addition of Living Waters Healing Ministry to the Parish.

Date: First Thursday each month

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: St. Alexander's Church

Features: Healing Mass, Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and an opportunity to receive individual prayer.

IGNATIAN RETREAT

Ellenburg Center — OLA will be having an Ignatian Retreat - Discernment of Spirits.

Date: Oct. 18-20 or Oct. 25-27

Time: Begin at 7 p.m. and ends at Noon on Sunday

Presenter: Fr. Jack Downs.

Cost: \$60 per weekend covers all food. Rooms available for overnight guests on a first come basis (+\$50 weekend).

Features: This time of prayer and learning will be based on St. Ignatius of Loyola's Rules for Discernment

Contact: Register by Oct. 7 with a \$15 non-refundable deposit. Email olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or call 518-594-3253 to register.

HARVEST DINNER BUFFET

Altona — Holy Angels Church will be having a Harvest Dinner Buffet.

Date: Oct. 27

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

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

Features: Roast Turkey and Ham. Largest buffet around. There will be raffles, pull tabs and a country store. Immediate seating and take-outs.

QUILT SHOP OPEN

Ellenburg Center — Lost Sheep Quilt and Fabric Shop is now open!

Place: Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer,

Hours: Tues. - Sat, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Evenings and other times by appointment. Phone 594-3253 or email olaprayerhouse@gmail.com to come at other times

Features: the Moda line plus Jo Morton fabrics by Andover., wool and patterns to make penny rugs, some notions including King Tut and YLI thread, batting, pins, etc. Some precuts - charm packs and jelly rolls and kits.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Plattsburgh — Eucharistic Adoration is held throughout the year every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Place: St. John's "Holy Family" Adoration Chapel, downstairs

Theme: "What will convert America and save the world? My answer is prayer.

What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer." (Bl. Mother Teresa of Calcutta).

Time: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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

ESSEX

HARVEST DINNER

Willsboro — Harvest Dinner to be held.

Date: Oct. 24

Time: 5 p.m. to 7

Place: St. Philip of Jesus Church

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

under 5, free

Features: Turkey dinner With all the trimmings, 50/50 Raffle and a Basket of Cheer Raffle. Take outs orders can be placed in advance at 963-4524 and picked-up starting at 4:30 p.m. the day of the dinner.

CRAFT FAIR

Ticonderoga — St. Mary's School will hold its Annual Craft Fair.

Date: Nov. 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Nov. 3 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Features: Lunch will be available with homemade soups, chili, michigans, hot dogs, sandwiches and more. There will also be a country store, selling delicious home-baked goods of all kinds: pies, cakes, breads, rolls, cookies, fudge etc. and a white elephant sale. Many vendors will fill the gym and hallway selling their handcrafted items. There is no admission fee. If you have any questions please call the school at 518-585-7433

FRANKLIN

HARVEST DINNER

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

Date: Oct. 27

Time: Noon to 4 p.m.

Place: John C. Dwyer Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$8; Senior Citizens, \$7; Children 12 and under, \$5; under 5, free

Features: A home-cooked Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings will be served. Take outs will be available.

HARVEST CRAFT FAIR

Brushton — St. Mary's Church

Date: Oct. 19

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

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Features: Over 40 tables of beautiful hand crafted items from throughout Northern New York, Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Raffles, Lunch Available in Our Kitchen, "Start Your Holiday Shopping"

JEFFERSON

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Watertown — There will be an Ecumenical Bereavement Meeting.

Date: Oct. 28

Time: 7 p.m.

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

Speaker: Mrs. Kathy Strader. Kathy, using her own grief experience, has presented at many public forums.

Topic: "Grief is the Price We Pay for Love."

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The Pontifical Mission Societies of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Inc.

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Do Good on Earth

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

On October 20th, 2013, the Diocese of Ogdensburg will join with Catholics throughout the world to celebrate World Mission Sunday. The second collection will take place on this Sunday in the Parishes for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

World Mission Sunday 2013

We are invited to support the crucial work of dedicated missionaries around the world, missionaries like Sister Clara in India. In India, child trafficking and child labor are the reality for twelve million children. Every day, Sister Clara and her fellow Salesian Sisters work tirelessly to rescue young girls from this tragic reality and to help each see her worth as a beloved child of God.

Recently, Pope Francis condemned child trafficking as a "despicable activity, a disgrace for our societies." He added, speaking of displaced people and refugees, "all of us can and must nourish their hope" of resuming a normal life.

Thank you for your generous gifts on this World Mission Sunday. God Bless You!

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OBITUARIES

AuSable Forks – William J. Rhino Sr., Funeral Services Oct. 10, 2013 at Holy Name Church.

Edwards – Patricia M. (Jockimo) Wayering, 90; Funeral Services Oct. 7, 2013 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in South Edwards Cemetery.

Hogansburg – Thomas "Teionhwentsih-sónhkwa" Thompson, 94; Funeral Services Oct. 11, 2013 at St. Regis Church; burial in Kateri Cemetery.

Keene – Francis Edward O'Connor, 95; Funeral Services Oct. 14, 2013 at St. Brendan's Church.

Lowville – Dr. Harry P. O'Connor, 70; Funeral Services Oct. 7, 2013 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Lowville Rural Cemetery.

Malone – Christopher A. Benware, 47; Funeral Services Oct. 7, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Helen's Cemetery, Chasm Falls.

Malone – Donald V. Tatro, 70; Funeral Services Oct. 11, 2013 at St. John Bosco Church.

Massena – Raymond O. Ouiment, 70; Funeral Services Oct. 7, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Joan E. (Roach) Fleury, 84; Funeral Services Oct. 10, 2013 at Our

Lady of Victory Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Donald A. Ireland, 88; Funeral Services Oct. 7, 2013 at St. John's Church; burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Mary R. (Roach) Taylor, 92; Funeral Services Oct. 8, 2013 at St. John's Church; burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Potsdam – F. William Fiesinger, 97; Funeral Services Oct. 8, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Saranac Lake – Martha F. (Finn) Gladd, 72; Funeral Services Oct. 9, 2013 at St. Bernard's Church.

Saranac Lake – Martin David Winderl, 83; Funeral Services Oct. 5, 2013 at St.

Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Ticonderoga – Raymond Robert Bazan, 74; Funeral Services Oct. 8, 2013 at Wilcox & Regan Funeral Home; burial in Valley View Cemetery.

Ticonderoga – Eugene Alteri Sr., 88; Funeral Services Oct. 11, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Watertown – Olga (Paluzzi) Spaziani, 93; Funeral Services Oct. 7, 2013 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

West Chazy – Nicholas Buckley Furnia, 24; Funeral Services Oct. 10, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery, Plattsburgh.

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JEFFERSON

BENEFIT DINNER

Watertown - A spaghetti dinner Will be held to benefit the Watertown Special Religious Education Program.

Date: Oct. 22

Time: 5 p.m. to 7

Place: Italian American Club

Cost: \$8.00

Features: Take outs begin at 4:30 p.m.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Evans Mills - The Indian River Knights of Columbus will be having a spaghetti and meatball dinner.

Date: Oct. 19

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

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

AN EVENING OF REFLECTION

Clayton - An evening of reflection with Sister Rita Mawn has been planned

Date: Oct. 27

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

Features: Exposition, followed by a reflection by Sr. Rita, and ending with Benediction. A reception will follow. Hosted by the Carmelites Immaculata Community at St. Mary's. Enjoy an evening of prayer and reflection.

Contact: Parish Office at 686-3398.

HARVEST HAM DINNER

Black River - St. Paul's Church will be having a Harvest Ham Dinner.

Date: Oct. 24

Time: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Cost: Adults, \$8; Children 5-12, \$3; under 5, Free

Features: Family style dinner home-made desserts. Take-outs available.

HAM DINNER

Alexandria Bay - St. Cyril's Church will be having a Ham Dinner.

Date: Nov. 5

Time: Take-outs 4 p.m. to 5; Serving 5 p.m. to 7

Cost: Adults, \$8.50; Children 5-12, \$5; under 5, Free

Contact: 955-5504 for delivery

DATE NIGHT FOR COUPLES

Watertown - Date night to be held for Catholic Couples.

Date: Oct. 19

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Holy Family Church's sacristy.

Features: Build & strengthen your marriage by making time to be with each other and have fun together. Includes a 12-minute DVD, one-on-one sharing, fun games, refreshments. Reserve by Oct. 14.

Contact: Kathy Allan at 785-8576.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

Date: Oct. 24

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7

Place: Msgr. Sechi Hall

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

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

LIFERIGHT MEETING

Watertown - Liferight of Watertown meets third Wednesday of the Month.

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: 312 Sherman St.

Features: The office has materials on infanticide, assisted suicide, euthanasia and chastity.

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

LEWIS

K OF C BRUNCH

Lyons Falls - The South Lewis Knights of Columbus will be having an all you can eat pancake brunch.

Date: Oct. 20

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

Place: St. John's Church

Cost: Adults, \$6; Children 5-12, \$3; under 5, Free

HARVEST DINNER

Star Lake - St. Hubert's Church will have a harvest dinner.

Date: Oct. 19

Time: 5 p.m.

Cost: \$9.00, Children 5 to 10 - \$5.00

Features: Take outs available

ST. LAWRENCE

HARVEST WALK/RUN

Ogdensburg - The Harvest Walk/Run to be held.

Date: Oct. 27

Time: Registration begins at noon, walk/run begins at 1 p.m.

Place: Dobisky Visitor Center

Features: Get a team together; Bring your recyclable cans and bottles; ask family and friends to sponsor you. Sponsor sheets can be at Catholic Charities.

Contact: 315-393-2255

HEALING MASS

Ogdensburg - A healing Mass will be held

Date: Oct. 19

Time: 11 a.m.

Place: St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: The Sacrament of the Anoint-

ing of the Sick will be administered during the Mass. The Cathedral is handicap accessible at the front of the Cathedral on the rectory side and via the lift in the parking lot off Morris Street at the back of the Cathedral. A light reception will be held after the liturgy.

ANNUAL BAZAAR

Star Lake - St. Hubert Church will have its annual Bazaar.

Date: Nov. 2

Time: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Coffee and Donuts start at 9 a.m.

Features: Live wreaths, floral arrangements, handcrafted items, gift baskets.

ST. JOSEPH'S FOUNDATION DINNER

Ogdensburg - St. Joseph's Foundation will be holding its annual steamship roast dinner.

Date: Nov. 2

Time: 5 p.m.

Place: Knights of Columbus Hall

Cost: \$8

Features: Beef will be available both rare and well done. There will be drawings, a lottery tree and silent auction.

HARVEST DINNER

Ogdensburg - Notre Dame will be having a harvest dinner.

Date: Oct. 20

Time: Noon to 3 p.m.

Place: Knights of Columbus Hall

Cost: Adults, \$8; Children 5-12, \$5; Under 5, free (eat in only)

Features: Roast Turkey with the trimmings, dessert included, craft-tables, 50/50 raffle and take-outs available.

COMMUNITY FREE LUNCH

Ogdensburg - The Knights of Columbus Council 258 is starting its community free lunch program again.

Date: Every Wednesday

Time: Noon

Features: Free hot lunch

HEALING MASS

Raymondville - St. Raymond's Church will be having a Healing Mass.

Date: Oct. 16

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Features: Fathers Jack Downs and Andrew Amyot and Msgr. John Murphy will celebrate Mass followed by the opportunity to be prayed for individually by a prayer team.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Massena - St. Mary's & St. Joseph's hold Benediction and Adoration every Friday.

Time: 9 a.m. to Noon

Place: St. Mary's Family Room

LATIN MASS

Potsdam - A Tridentine (Latin) Mass is celebrated each Sunday with Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin as the celebrant

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Ogdensburg - St. Mary's is holding a monthly Holy Hour for Vocations.

Date: Thursday before the First Friday

Time: 7 p.m. concluding with Benediction at 8 p.m.

Place: Deacon Winter Chapel

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.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

BEST OF IRELAND

The Best of Ireland Tour lead by Fr. Andrew Amyot is scheduled for Oct. 30-Nov. 9th 2013 has a few openings.

Contact: Fr. Amyot at (315) 384-2064 or email: fraamyot2@twcny.rr.com

MATTHEW KELLY EVENT

Ogdensburg - Matthew Kelly will lead a PASSION AND PURPOSE LIVE! event at St. Mary's Cathedral.


Date: Oct. 26

Time: 9 a.m. to 1:30

Place: St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: Practical understanding and exploration of faith

Contact: See: rcdony.org/matthew-kelly.html or contact Marika Donders in at 315-393-2920, ext 1380



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