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Mary: a model of faith

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Seeing Mary as a model of faith teaches Christians that total dedication to Jesus does not take them away from real life, because faith is lived through the chores and cares of everyday existence, Pope Francis said.

Mary lived her faith "in the simplicity of the thousand

daily tasks and concerns every mother has, like preparing food, clothing, caring for the home," he said Oct. 23 at his weekly general audience.

With more than 85,000 people gathered inside and outside St. Peter's Square for the audience, Pope Francis continued his series of audi-

ence talks about the church by focusing on the Second Vatican Council's assertion that Mary is "the model of the church in the order of faith, charity and perfect union with Christ."

Many people, he said, believe that because Mary was so special to God and was chosen to bear his son, she

can't really be a model for their faith. But the pope said Mary's "normal, daily existence was precisely where the unique and profound dialogue between her and God took place." The first step in emulating Mary, the pope said, is to know that God "wants always and only the best for us."

MATT KELLY FILLS CATHEDRAL

For a day of Dynamic Catholicism



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE
It was standing room only at St. Mary's Cathedral Saturday as acclaimed Australian speaker Matt Kelly talked about "Living Every Day With Passion and Purpose." His goal was to guide more than 800 participants in applying the "genius of Catholicism" to every aspect of their lives. Full coverage of the day will appear in the Nov. 6 issue of the *North Country Catholic*.

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SCHOOL PHOTO

Early in each school year, Bishop LaValley travels to the Catholic schools in the diocese to celebrate Mass and meet with the children. He is shown above during his Oct. 18 visit to Augustinian Academy in Carthage. Pictured with the bishop, front, are servers Katherine Morgan, Gabby Hanno, Harrison Scott and Bennie Fielding; second row, Brendan Morgan, Father George Maroun, pastor; Bishop LaValley and Micki Fielding; third, Christopher Kiser and Nathaniel Harding; and top, Nick Olley, seminarian Todd Thibault, Tanner Richards, Damian Olley and Mr. David McHarg.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

‘Know that I love you’

It's been many years since our beloved friend Sister Catherine Livers served in the Diocese of Ogdensburg but what a mark she left on those who knew her.

Sister Catherine officially served as associate vicar for religious in the early 1980's and late 1990's but you didn't need to be a religious to benefit from her spiritual guidance and her unconditional love.

What a gift she was to the North Country Church.

For some -including Sister Debbie Blow of Plattsburgh - the connection didn't end until Sister Catherine's death Oct. 20, at the far too early age of 92.

Sister Debbie writes weekly reflections for supporters of the North Country Mission of Hope which she directs. This past week, she wrote about Sister Catherine... and here she shares her thoughts with us.

MLK

This past weekend, my dear Spiritual Director, Sr. Catherine Livers, SP, died at her congregation campus in Indiana. There is much to share, and this pain and loss is extremely difficult, but the best thing I can do, to honor her legacy, is to share a bit with you, something that I think all of us can identify with.

First, let me tell you that I was sent an email from a Sister in Catherine's congregation- an email Catherine had started to write to me and which was found open on her computer. How odd...at some point during this process, Catherine fell, had a stroke, a head injury and then died. Yes, my heart breaks- as yours has, I'm sure, when you lose someone you love dearly. What is also odd is that this entire past weekend, I found myself thinking and talking about Catherine while I was at meetings with my congregation and had intended to

call her but was just too tired at night, so I told myself I'd do it this week. Then Sunday came and Catherine died.

There are a few voices in my life that I can immediately identify when I hear them on the phone- Catherine's was one of them. She'd call, say in her midwestern drawl..."Debbie, this is Catherine" and my heart would leap with joy and comfort. And most times when we spoke or when she'd email, she'd end by saying "know that I love you"! I can't tell you how much I will miss that voice, those words.

Who are the voices you hear and cause your heart to leap with joy because you know you are connecting with someone you love and who loves you? Several of my closest friends are older than I am and as I age, I realize how frightened I am at times to lose them. Ever happen to you? Do you ever get frightened about losing

someone you love?

Well, Catherine often told me to think about the Scripture passages: "You are precious in my eyes and glorious...." and know that "by name I have called you"... "I will love you with an everlasting love". Those passages have sustained me in some dark moments in my life.

I offer them to you in Catherine's memory, because this woman was not only my Spiritual Director, she was a friend, a mentor, a confidante who loved me unconditionally. I offer her "spirit, her presence" to you because I know she'd want me to. I am a better person for having known her and I will spend what life I have left, trying to share that special presence with others. She loved sharing her candy and her cookies and most especially, her non judgmental smile and twinkle in her eye!

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A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Surrounded by saints in my life

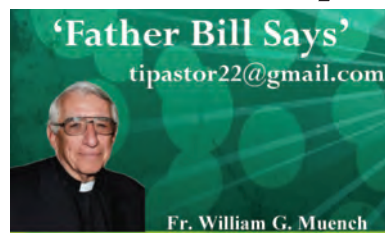
My saints – my life has been flooded with saints.

They may never be canonized and, yet, I am absolutely certain they are saints. They made my life so much better and they made me a better person. Many of them truly suffered for me – others just brought happiness and joy into my life.

They are all spectacular people; the whole world has benefited a great deal by my saints.

They are a gifted group, my saints. God blessed them with all those great qualities so that they could truly become guides and teachers for me.

Someone I knew described a saint as "someone who does ordinary things extraordinarily well." As I think over my saints, I recognize that ability in them all. They were the ones I could definitely count on to make my world sound and sensible because I knew that I was certain that good



Fr. William G. Muench

and sensible and simple things would always be done well.

Because they knew how to live well, they brought God into my world.

My saints were not preachy. They simply lived well in the spirit and message of Jesus.

Oh, there were times that they were challenging – especially when I was lazy – sometimes they were downright nasty in challenging me. However, I thank God for them every day because they were trying to make me a better person, a better priest.

My saints were often surprises. I must admit I didn't realize how some of them were

so spectacular. In unique ways, I was touched and helped; I was guided by someone I least expected.

After a while, I must admit I was not so surprised because I became used to God's surprises for me. So, I would stay open and available even to those who I didn't expect much from. I know well that only God forms, leads and makes saints. God touched the lives of my saints in unique ways.

I have discovered that my saints are people of prayer. Because they pray, they have found a strong faith in the Lord and hope and confidence that good things will happen with the Lord. Through prayer, they knew that God would never abandon them. My saints found great strength in prayer.

Pope Francis continues to put new life into all of us – he continues to challenge us all to become saints.

Pope Francis wrote about this in his interview recently published in America Magazine.

He wrote: "I see the sanctity of God's people, this daily sanctity. I see the holiness in the patience of the people of God: a woman who is raising children, a man who works to bring home the bread, the sick, the elderly priests who heal so many wounds but have a smile on their faces because they served the Lord, the Sisters who work hard and live a hidden sanctity. This is for me the common sanctity. I often associate sanctity with patience: taking charge of the events and circumstances of life but also as a constancy in going forward, day by day...This was the sanctity of my parents: my dad, my mom, my grandmother Rosa who loved me so much. She is a saint who has suffered so much, also spiritually, and yet always went forward with courage."

ST. ANTHONY'S CENTENNIAL



The parishioners of St. Anthony's Church in Watertown celebrated the 100th anniversary of the parish Oct. 6 with a centennial Mass and dinner. In honor of the occasion, the Religious Teacher Filippini who staffed St. Anthony's school for many years before it closed, presented an Apostolic Blessing from Pope Francis. Above, Father Donald A. Robinson, pastor, accepts the blessing from Filippini Sister Mary Elizabeth Lloyd.



Among those sitting at the head table at the dinner following the Mass were, from left, Father Scott A. Belina, a native of St. Anthony's Parish; Paul A. Alteri, president of Men's Mount Carmel Society, Bishop LaValley and Peter J. Souch, master of ceremonies for the dinner.

Bishop LaValley poses before the anniversary Mass with newly ordained Deacon Guy Javarone, a deacon assistant at St. Anthony's. In addition to Father Robinson, the pastor, the parish is also served by Deacons Richard C. Warner, Sr., and John Murray. The first resident pastor of St. Anthony's - Msgr. Claude Sechi - came to the parish in 1913 and served there for 41 years.



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Religious congregations currently serving in the Diocese of Ogdensburg are:

- Women - Daughters of Charity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, Dominican Sisters of Hope, Franciscan Sisters of Atonement, Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart, Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Servants of Mary, Sisters of Charity of St. Louis of Quebec, Sisters of the Cross of Chavenod, Sisters of the Precious Blood, Sisters of St. Joseph and Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Ursuline Sisters of the Eastern Province;
- Men - Brothers of Christian Instruction, Franciscan Friars of the Atonement and Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

A reception in the cathedral's Brzana Hall will follow.

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THE MONTHLY PRAYER REQUEST

Workshop on Vatican II to be held at Wadhams Hall

OGDENSBURG—A weekend workshop on the history and writings of the Second Vatican Council has been set for Nov. 22-23 as part of the diocesan observance of the Year of Faith.

Among the reasons Pope Benedict XVI launched the Year of Faith in October, 2012, was to mark the 50th anniversary of Vatican II.

The diocesan workshop, to

be held at Wadhams Hall, offers an opportunity for participants to deepen their knowledge of the primary documents of the Second Vatican Council.

The workshop is primarily planned for individuals from parishes, (e.g. catechetical leaders, adult faith formation leaders, RCIA coordinators, etc.) who would benefit from an overview of the Second

Vatican Council and be able to return to their parishes and provide faith formation opportunities regarding Vatican II.

The program opens Friday afternoon, with registration at 4:30 p.m. and concludes Saturday at 3:15 p.m.

For the Friday evening session, Msgr. Peter R. Riani will offer historical background on the Vatican Council from a personal perspective. He was completing a doctorate in theology in Rome during the time of the council.

Saturday's program will include sessions on:

- the Constitution of the Liturgy by Father Joseph Giroux
- the Constitution on Divine Revelation by St. Joseph Sister Mary Eamon Lyng,
- the Decrees and Declarations, by Msgr. Robert Aucoin,
- the Constitution of the Church by St. Joseph Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin and
- the Pastoral Constitution of the Church by Father Garry Giroux.

Marika Donders, diocesan director of evangelization, will discuss resources and strategies for parishes and the program will close with a question/answer session with a panel of the speakers.

Registration information is available from pastors and online at <http://rcdony.org/VATII>.

Funeral held Oct. 25 for Sister Catherine Livers

ST. MARY-OF-THE-WOODS, IND.—A Mass of Christian Burial for Providence Sister Catherine Livers, 92, was held Oct. 25 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

She died Oct. 20 in Mother Theodore Hall. Burial was in the Cemetery of the Sisters of Providence.

Sister Catherine served the Diocese of Ogdensburg as associate vicar for religious from 1982-84 and co-vicar from 1997 to 2001.

She was born in Loo-gootee, Ind. on May 23, 1921 to Harry J. and Ethel Norris Livers and was baptized Catherine Rose.

Sister Catherine entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence on June 29, 1937 and received the name Sister Agatha. She professed Final Vows on January 23, 1946. Sister Catherine earned a bachelors degree from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and masters degrees from Indiana State University and Seattle University.

In her 76 years as a Sister of Providence, she ministered in education for 29

years in schools in Indiana, Illinois, Maryland and North Carolina.

Following this, she gave 10 years to congregation leadership in St. Gabriel Province based in Indianapolis.

In 1980, she moved into Church administration, serving, among other positions, as Vicar for Religious for the dioceses of Peoria, Ill. and Ogdensburg.

In 2002 she moved to the Motherhouse where she volunteered in many areas, including St. Ann Clinic and the Motherhouse Health Care.

Sister Catherine was respected and loved for her spiritual depth, insight, and her accepting, non-judgmental ways.

She is survived by a sister-in-law, Bernie Livers, of Evansville, IN, and nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by a sister, Eileen Livers McCleary and brothers Donald, Joseph, Glenn and Carl Livers.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sisters of Providence, 1 Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind.



Sr. Catherine Livers, SP

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on Friday, **November 8th from 2-4:00pm**

Know that

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I leave you with something she gave me years ago and which I keep in my bible: There are different adaptations, I'm sure and I think it comes from "Marci"....

"You are Loved, You are Strong, you are wise.....No matter where life takes you or what path you choose,

you will always meet challenges. That is the way life is. There are no guarantees and no matter how many things you do right or how many rules you follow, there will always be that fork in the road that makes you choose between one way or another. Whenever you arrive at this place, remember these things: You

are loved...love will sustain you. You are strong...prayer will get you through anything. You are wise...the greatest gift of all lies within you."

Enough for now....just know "you are called by name and loved!"...and live in HOPE. And Catherine... "know you are loved and missed". Rest in peace!

Commissioned ministers in Jefferson and Lewis deaneries meet with Bishop LaValley

A celebration of lay ministry

By Deacon Kevin Mastellon
Staff writer

WATERTOWN - Bishop Terry R. LaValley encouraged commissioned lay ministers to continue their education in faith, dedicate themselves to personal prayer and spiritual direction and share their time and talent working with their pastor in their parishes.

Bishop LaValley's comments came at the fall meeting of the Jefferson and Lewis Deaneries Commissioned Lay Ministers Group held at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse Oct. 7.

The gathering drew 75 commissioned ministers from Jefferson, Lewis and western St. Lawrence County.

The evening started with Mass in the motherhouse chapel, followed by dinner and bishop's reflection on lay ministry and the dedication of lay ministers represented by those in attendance.

Karen Donahue of St. Mary's Parish in Evans Mills, is chair of the group formed almost 15 years ago in Watertown.

"On October 7th we had a wonderful evening of celebrating lay ministry and an opportunity to consider how we can re-dedicate ourselves to the mission of our Church and parishes," Donahue said.

"The Year of Faith has helped us discover many opportunities," she said. "One reality has become clear across the Diocese of Ogdensburg and in particular, the Jefferson and Lewis Deaneries, our Church needs lay ministry more than ever before."



PHOTO BY KEVIN MASTELLON

Bishop Terry R. LaValley joined commissioned lay ministers of Jefferson and Lewis deaneries for their fall meeting Oct. 7. He celebrated Mass at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse and then joined the group for dinner. In his reflections, the bishop encouraged the lay ministers to continue their education in faith, dedicate themselves to personal prayer and spiritual direction and share their time and talent working with their pastor in their parishes.

That sentiment echoed Bishop LaValley's observation that lay ministers bring much needed assistance to the pastors of parishes and are an indispensable part of the parish team.

The Jefferson group was founded by some of the first men and women commissioned for lay ministry in the Diocese. The purpose of the group is to provide a regular opportunity for faith sharing and continuing education.

"The success of the Jefferson deanery commissioned lay ministry association is encouraging and hopefully can be replicated in other regions of the diocese such as Ogdensburg and Plattsburgh," according to Deacon Patrick Donahue.

Deacon Donahue is the Di-

rector of the Ogdensburg Office of the Department of Christian Education and directs the Formation For Ministry program.

"Currently there is a small but determined planning group in Plattsburgh that formed in August and who wants to provide continuing formation opportunities for commissioned lay ministers serving parishes in the Essex, Hamilton and Clinton

deaneries, he said.

"Like the task of the Jefferson and Lewis deaneries before them, the Plattsburgh group is in the process of reviewing data in order to determine which commissioned lay ministers are currently active and serving in parishes," he said.

About 800 women and men have gone through the Formation For Ministry program in the Diocese since

formal classes began in January 1990 at St. James Church in Gouverneur.

Since then, classes have met in Altona, Black River, Brownville, Carthage, Chateaugay, Ellenburg, Lake Placid, Malone, Massena, Morrisonville, Ogdensburg, Norfolk, Peru, Plattsburgh, Port Leyden, Potsdam, Treadwells Mill, Tupper Lake, Watertown, and Westport.

For two years, people throughout the diocese attend weekly classes in scripture, theology, and spirituality, ecclesiology, communications, church history and moral theology.

They participate in workshops designed for their specialized areas of ministry: Worship, sick and elderly, family, youth, parish social outreach, adult faith facilitator, catechetical leader, RCIA, and catechist. Participants also have the experience of annual weekend retreats on the themes pertinent to today's Catholic faith.

There are close to 80 participants in this year's Formation class. The groups are in the second month of their two year commitment at sites in Watertown, Massena and Morrisonville.

The program is supported financially by The Bishop's Fund, parish contributions and individual participants.



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Bishop's Fund supports married love through NFP

By Angelo and Suzanne Pietropaoli
Diocesan directors, Natural Family Planning

"Faith opens the door." The theme of the 2013 Bishop's Fund emphasizes the gift that, by God's grace, calls us into relationship with himself. By faith, too, we seek to return the love God offers us and in turn to share it with others.

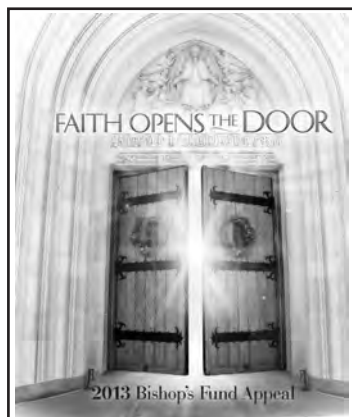
Thus faith, leading us always closer to the Lord in whom we believe, opens the door to new ways of living the love he has shared with us. This truth is at the heart of Natural Family Planning, and as NFP educators we are privileged witnesses of its power to enrich marriages and strengthen families.

It is awe-inspiring to be a part, however small, of another person's journey of faith. It is not uncommon for couples to seek NFP instruction because they have reached a point where they want to understand and live God's plan for their marriages.

They may have sensed that the cultural embrace of contraception and sterilization is not consistent with the abundantly generous love of God, or that it is harming their relationship.

They may have read or heard something about *Theology of the Body*, Pope John Paul II's beautiful explanation of the way married love is intended to mirror the life-giving love of the Blessed Trinity. Or they may simply be responding to the still, small voice moving them to give every part of themselves to God, to say with their lives as well as their lips, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done."

Whatever brings couples to this threshold, however, they find that it is faith that opens the door. As St. Paul writes in Ephesians 4, they "...acquire a fresh, spiritual way of thinking." In a culture which has radically diminished the meaning of



marriage, NFP helps couples appreciate their call to holiness in the married vocation. Made in God's image, his sons and daughters are called to love as he loves: freely, totally, faithfully, and fruitfully.

NFP is the only family planning method that respects these God-given goods of marriage. Thus couples learning to live in harmony with their fertility discover that their love grows deeper and stronger as they accept, and conform themselves to, God's plan.

As one thirty-something couple put it, "We really thought we had written the book on love. How could it get any better, we wondered? But using NFP has increased our respect for each other and deepened our love in ways we could not have imagined."

As they discover the intricate perfection of human fertility, and its "readability", couples are often awestruck: the alternation of fertile and infertile times can be understood clearly and accurately, allowing couples to plan their families with a high level of reliability. [Modern NFP methods are 99% effective—as effective as the Pill, but without any of its health hazards.]

The potential to become a father or mother is no longer seen as a threat to be eliminated with chemicals or surgery, but as an amazing invitation to become co-

creators with God of new human persons who will live forever. In the context of faith, therefore, a child is not seen as a burden or an unfortunate side effect of sexual intercourse, but as he or she truly is: a unique gift of God, made in his image, who enfleshes the love of the parents. Faith opens minds and hearts to pray with the Psalmist: "For behold children are a gift from the Lord; the fruit of the womb is his reward." This new appreciation for the value of children often leads NFP couples to enlarge their families—thus enriching the family of God, the Church.

The Church has ongoing pastoral concern for marriage as a sacrament at the service of life, and for the family as the domestic Church. In the Diocese of Ogdensburg, this concern is expressed through various efforts, including those of the Natural Family Planning Office. Whether in the pages of this newspaper or one-on-one, whether presenting at PreCanas or other venues, whether teaching classes or providing follow-up consultation to clients, the NFP Office works to propose the constant teaching of the Church and to empower couples to live it out.

Our participation in NFP Awareness Week, a national outreach sponsored each July by the USCCB, provides posters, as well as print and audio materials, to parishes across the diocese. Periodic bulletin announcements help to increase awareness of this healthy, holistic, faithful way of life. In season and out, through the generosity of the many people who support the Bishop's Fund, we are blessed to share in this work which seeks to strengthen faith and families. To Bishop LaValley, and to all whose support makes this possible: thank you and God bless you!

Bishop's Schedule

Oct. 30 — 8:30 a.m., Prayer Service and Visit at Immaculate Heart Central Primary School in Watertown
11a.m., Visit to Immaculate Heart Central Intermediate School in Watertown

Nov. 1 — 12 p.m., All Saints Day Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Nov. 3 — 11 a.m., Mass to Honor the Consecrated Religious at St. Mary's Cathedral

Nov. 4 — 11 a.m., Catholic Charities Corporation Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

Nov. 5 — 11 a.m., Development Board of Advisors Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

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 preregister at www.virtus.org by selecting the registration button and following the directions. Further information is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 403.

Upcoming programs:

Nov. 4 — 6:30 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, Chazy

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

Oct. 31 — Rev. James Rooney, 1863; Rev. Lucien Jean, M.S.C., 1964; Rev. Ivan G. Boyea, 1996

Nov. 2 — Rev. Thomas Walsh, 1888; Rev. John Henry Lyons, 1931; Msgr. James J. Ruddy, 1987

Nov. 3 — Rev. Thomas Plunkett, 1904

Nov. 4 — Msgr. Benjamin Harrison Staie, 1970

Nov. 5 — Rev. Bernard Wyzykowski, 1969; Rev. John Michael Wyzykowski, 1969

Environmental Stewardship

What is the Church saying:

"Questions linked to the care and preservation of the environment today need to give due consideration to the energy problem... The international community has an urgent duty to find institutional means of regulating the exploitation of non-renewal resources, involving poor countries in the process, in order to plan together for the future." Caritas in Veritate

What Can I Do:

As we prepare for winter in the North Country, the next few weeks will feature some simply suggestions for saving energy, money and reducing our ecological footprint on Creation. Windows are generally the item in a home where more heat is lost to the outside than any other location. Storm windows, or a sheet of transparent plastic, can significantly reduce the amount of heat loss from a window. Window drapes can also reduce the amount of heat loss, however, it is important to open drapes on sunny days on windows with a southerly exposure in order to take advantage of the passive solar heating effects of the sun. It is good to keep south-facing windows as clean as possible in order to maximize the amount of solar radiation entering a home in winter.

New Seton teacher is a familiar face at school

By Shawn Ryan
Staff writer

PLATTSBURGH-- This fall, Seton Catholic Central welcomed a tremendous asset to the faculty, Christine Boule, in their Business and Technology departments.

With four children in the Seton system, she's far from an unknown quantity at the school.

Originally hailing from Pitman, N.J., Mrs. Boule earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from Siena College, and went on to earn a master's of business administration from Canisius College in Buffalo.

It was at Siena that she met her husband Michael, who is from Plattsburgh, and a graduate of Mount Assumption Institute.

She put her MBA to good use after college, spending several years in corporate accounting, and in the health care field in the Albany and Buffalo areas.

The family moved to Plattsburgh in 1999, and Mrs. Boule later took time off to raise her four children, now ages 14, 12 (twins) and 10.

The oldest now attends Seton Catholic High School, and the younger children are all in Seton Academy.

For the past six years Mrs. Boule served on the Seton Academy Education Council. It was through the Education Council that she was approached this past summer



PHOTO BY SHAWN RYAN
Christine Boule, a new teacher in the business and technology departments at Seton Catholic Central School in Plattsburgh, has served on the school's education council and is a parent of three children in Seton Academy and one at Seton Catholic.

and asked to consider a teaching position at Seton. She accepted the offer eagerly

"I love it," she said recently during a working break between classes. "I love the faculty, love the students. It's a great environment,"

"Her real-world experience is a huge selling point," said Seton Principal Cathy Russell

of her newest faculty member. "With emphasis on common-core standards, someone who has real life experience working in the real world is an invaluable thing."

Mrs. Boule teaches a rather eclectic curriculum at Seton. Her teaching duties include eighth grade computers, career and financial management, accounting, graphic design and introduction to business.

From the experience of sending her children to Seton, working with the Education Council, and now that she's on the "inside," Mrs. Boule is convinced that it is the atmosphere at Seton that makes the school so special.

"It reinforces why I send my kids to Catholic schools...to see this family environment, and the respect the kids give the teachers," she said.

Ms. Russell also sees it as an asset that Mrs. Boule is a Seton parent.

"As a parent of Seton students and a practicing Catholic she brings a very important real-world dimension to the Seton environment by making our faith based education more real. She makes faith real-world."

Mrs. Boule has definitely found her niche as an educator, and sees no need to go back to corporate America any time soon.

"I really am enjoying it," she said. "I'm not going to walk away for a while."

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PHOTOS BY DAYAN LEADER

Deacon Brian Dwyer, diocesan director of youth ministry spends time with Kennedy Boyea of the Catholic Community of Burke and Chateaugay during the Sept. 20-22 Leadership Weekend for teenagers, held at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake.



Michael Hobbs of Potsdam was part of a skit during the weekend's variety show.



Olivia Spellicy of Gouverneur shows her "Sacraments Storybox" which she created during the weekend.

At Leadership Weekend

By Deacon Brian Dwyer

Diocesan director of youth ministry

SARANAC LAKE- Twenty-seven high school teens from across the diocese and beyond gathered at Guggenheim on the weekend of September 20-22 for a leadership opportunity.

"Renewing the Vision," the American bishops' document on youth ministry, states that teens should be drawn to "responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community."

One of our top goals for the weekend was that our young people be active participants in their parish and to exemplify strong leadership skills

in the process.

Our leadership weekend was comprised of prayer, leadership and team building activities, presentations on how to share and defend the faith, and we also had the opportunity to participate in a penance service.

Teens were also involved in leading prayer and helped plan and execute details for the Sunday Eucharist which sent them forth to be good catholic leaders at home.

Everyone on the leadership team commented on their cooperation to get involved and their ability to share faith with others.

We were blessed by a strong team made up of Diocesan staff and parish leaders. I am most thankful for Dayna and Henry Leader, Diana

Delach from St. Mary's Potsdam, Jen Campbell from St. Peter's in Plattsburgh, and Marika Donders, diocesan director of evangelization.

Pam Ballantine took care of the cooking for the weekend and Monique Dwyer was our onsite nurse. Also, we are grateful for Father Bryan Stitt, Father Tom Higman, and Father Doug Decker for helping with confessions.

It is so good to have leadership weekends back at Guggenheim and we look forward to an opportunity for our junior high students to gather in the spring. The next high school leadership session will be in the fall. We also look forward to launching our regional youth nights beginning in November in different parts of the Diocese. Stay tuned.



Jenn Campbell, Plattsburgh Youth Minister, Maddy Slater, Baldwinsville; Grace Leader, Gouverneur; Michael Hobbs (blindfolded), Potsdam; Olivia Spellicy blindfolded, Gouverneur; Joy Leader, Gouverneur; and Anna Izzo, Lake Placid; took part in a trust building activity involving marshmallows and spaghetti.



Leagon Carlin of Plattsburgh assists Father Bryan Stitt during the celebration of the Leadership Weekend Mass.

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Pope says he's drawn to prisoners because he's human like they are

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis said his care, concern and prayers for those in prison flow from a recognition that he is human like they are, and it's a mystery they fell so far and he did not. "Thinking about this is good for me: When we have the same weakness, why did they fall and I didn't? This is a mystery that makes me pray and draws me to prisoners," the pope said Oct. 23 during a brief audience with about 200 Italian prison chaplains. Pope Francis told the chaplains that he still makes Sunday afternoon phone calls to the prison in Buenos Aires that he used to visit and that he continues to correspond with some of the inmates. Most prisoners find in serving their sentences that one day is fine and the next is awful, he said, and "it's this up and down that's difficult." "Please," he said, tell the Italian prisoners that "I pray for them, that they are in my heart, that I ask the Lord and the Blessed Mother to help them overcome this difficult period in their lives." The task of a chaplain, he said, is to let them know that "the Lord is inside with them." "No cell is so isolated that it can keep the Lord out," the pope said. "He is there. He cries with them, works with them, hopes with them. His paternal and maternal love arrives everywhere."

Elections, marriage and confirmation texts on bishops' agenda

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Elections for a new president and vice president, a discussion and vote on a Spanish-language book of prayers at Mass, and a proposal to develop a statement on pornography are among the items awaiting the U.S. bishops when they gather in Baltimore for their annual fall assembly. At their Nov. 11-14 meeting at the Baltimore Waterfront Marriott Hotel, the bishops also will hear a status report on their strategic/pastoral plan and vote on the final translations from the International Committee on English in the Liturgy on liturgical practices regarding marriage and confirmation. As is customary, Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States, will address the assembly. The bishops will elect the next president and vice president to lead the USCCB for the next three years from a slate of 10 candidates. Their term begins at the close of the meeting.

Pope authorizes leave of absence for German 'luxury bishop'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis has authorized a leave of absence for a German bishop at the center of controversy over expenditures for his residence and diocesan center. "A situation has been created in which Bishop Franz-Peter Tebartz-van Elst currently cannot exercise his episcopal ministry," said a statement Oct. 23 from the Vatican press office. Pope Francis, after being "continually, broadly and objectively informed" about the situation in the Diocese of Limburg, has authorized "a period of leave outside the diocese," effective immediately, the statement said. A priest whom Bishop Tebartz-van Elst had selected as his vicar general will administer the diocese in his absence, the Vatican said. The bishop has been at the center of controversy for months over the remodeling and building project in Limburg, which is estimated to have cost about \$40 million. German media have dubbed Bishop Tebartz-van Elst the "luxury bishop." Pope Francis discussed the situation Oct. 17 with Archbishop Robert Zollitsch, president of the German bishops' conference, and with Bishop Tebartz-van Elst himself Oct. 21.

VATICAN LETTER

New U.S. envoy to Vatican: Areas of agreement are bigger than differences

By Francis X. Rocca
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Disagreements need not hinder the Vatican and the Obama administration from collaborating on a broad range of peace and justice issues, including the promotion of religious freedom, said Ken Hackett, the new U.S. ambassador to the Holy See.

The envoy also told Catholic News Service that Pope Francis' stratospheric worldwide popularity promises to enhance the Vatican's international influence, making it an even more valuable diplomatic partner for the United States.

The envoy spoke to CNS Oct. 24, three days after he formally took office by presenting his credentials to the pope.

Hackett said Pope Francis has emphasized a number of issues - including poverty, human trafficking, refugees, and peace in Syria and the Holy Land - that also are priorities for the Obama administration.

But he recognized the existence of disagreements, including over the administration's plan to mandate that all health insurance plans - even those offered by most Catholic institutions - cover sterilizations and contraceptives, which are forbidden by Catholic moral teaching. The plan prompted Pope Benedict XVI and the papal nuncio to the U.S. to issue public warnings of a threat to Americans' religious freedom.

Hackett said the Obama administration's position on the matter is "very well understood" in the Vatican, "but if asked I will try to make the case as thoughtfully and constructively as I can."

"We may not always agree, but I think religious freedom in the bigger sense is of paramount priority to this administration," the ambassador said, noting U.S. efforts to defend Christians and other religious groups from persecution in countries where they are minorities.

"Let's not lose sight of this and get completely covered by the other issues on health care, because there are bigger religious freedom issues," he said.

Disagreement over the insurance mandate is not likely to impede collaboration with the Vatican, Hackett said, since "there are arrangements in other countries that would be more constraining" than the Affordable Care Act, "and the Holy See is not jumping up and down about those kind of issues."

The ambassador stressed the importance of the U.S.-Vatican diplomatic relationship and said that Pope Francis, in his young pontificate, has already enhanced the Holy See's prestige and influence.

With his "attention to simplicity, humility (and) focus on the individual," the pope is offering a "new sense of what it means to be a Christian," which has inspired Catholics and non-Catholics around the world and garnered the church better press than it had enjoyed in at least a decade.

"I believe that if we move out at the current pace and in the current style of Pope Francis, in another 24 months he is going to represent a very powerful force in the world," Hackett said. "It will be back to the days when John Paul II was dealing with the issues in Poland. The EU as a government will probably not be

able to think about a major issue of peace or human development without (asking) 'Where is the Holy Father's position on this?'"

Such enhanced papal influence might tempt foreign governments to try to "instrumentalize the pope," Hackett said.

"There's an obvious default to, 'Well, if he can do that, why don't you convince him to say this or that?'" he said. "That's not going to happen."

Instead, Hackett said, his role is to show Washington and the Vatican where their views converge as a basis for common action, asking: "Where do we find the mesh here and how can we move it forward?"

In 2012, Hackett retired as president of Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops' international relief and development agency. He said his 40 years there had prepared him especially well for promoting collaboration with the U.S. on issues of "human development."

"Since I can interact and relate to a wide variety of church people, I hope I can have the opportunity to bring all of those issues to them for discussion," he said. "When you're talking to Cardinal (Laurent) Monsengwo (Pasinya of Kinshasa) and you're able to talk about peace issues in the Congo writ large, that fits right within our strategies."

The ambassador summed up his consensus-seeking approach by saying, "I think you have to focus on the positive" -- an attitude he said Pope Francis encouraged at their first meeting Oct. 21.

"You are a diplomat and a Catholic," Hackett said the pope told him with a wag of his finger. "Don't lose your sense of humor."

WHO WILL SUCCEED CARDINAL DOLAN?



CNS FILES

Bishops will elect the next president and vice president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops during their annual fall meeting Nov. 11-14 in Baltimore. The two officers will be chosen from a slate of 10 nominees. They are pictured in alphabetical order from top, left: Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond of New Orleans, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia, Bishop Blase J. Cupich of Spokane, Wash., Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles. From bottom left are Archbishops Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., William E. Lori of Baltimore, Dennis M. Schnurr of Cincinnati, Allen H. Vigneron of Detroit and Thomas G. Wenski of Miami.

Marriage isn't easy, but it's beautiful, Pope Francis says

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - The Catholic Church must help young people understand that marriage isn't always easy, "but it is so beautiful," Pope Francis said.

"There are problems in marriage: different points of view, jealousies, arguments, but tell young couples to never let the day end without making peace. The sacrament of matrimony is renewed in this act of peace," the pope said Oct. 25 during a meeting with members of the Pontifical Council for the Family.

"This path is not easy, but it is so beautiful," the pope said. "It's beautiful. Tell them that."

For the Catholic Church, he said, a family isn't simply a group of individuals, but it is a community where people learn to love one another, share with and make

sacrifices for each other and "defend life, especially of those who are more fragile and weak."

The family as a special community must "be recognized as such, especially today when so much emphasis is placed on the safeguarding of individual rights," he said. "We must defend the rights of this community that is the family."

Defending the family also means defending the basic fact that it is a community founded on the marriage of a man and a woman, he said.

"Spousal and familial love clearly reveal that the vocation of the human person is to love one other person forever and that the trials, sacrifices and crises in the life of the couple or the family are stages for growth in goodness, truth and beauty," he said.

As he has done on several occasions, Pope Francis also spoke about the special

place in the family reserved for children and for the elderly, family members who are "the most vulnerable and often the most forgotten."

"Any time a child is abandoned or an older person marginalized, it is not only an act of injustice, but marks the failure of that society," he said.

"Taking care of little ones and of the elderly is a mark of civility," he said.

Pope Francis, departing from his prepared text, told members of the council, "When I hear the confession of a young married man or woman, and they refer to their son or daughter, I ask, 'How many children do you have?' and they tell me. Maybe they're expecting another question after that, but I always ask, 'And tell me, do you play with your children? Do you waste time with your children?'"

"The free gift of a parent's time is so important," he said.

Vatican official reaffirms teaching

By Francis X. Rocca
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Amid rising expectations that the Catholic Church might make it easier for divorced and remarried members to receive Communion, the Vatican's highest doctrinal official reaffirmed church teaching barring such persons from the sacrament without an annulment of their first, sacramental marriage.

But Archbishop Gerhard L. Muller, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, acknowledged that many Catholics' first marriages might be invalid, and thus eligible for annulment, if spouses had been influenced by prevailing contemporary conceptions of marriage as a temporary arrangement.

Speculation about a change in practice has grown since Pope Francis told reporters accompanying him on his plane back from Rio de Janeiro in July that the next Synod of Bishops 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."

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 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 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.

On divorced, remarried Catholics

Archbishop Muller's article was originally published in a German newspaper June 15. Its republication in the Vatican newspaper seemed intended to temper the expectations of change that these events have excited.

The archbishop acknowledged that a "case for the admission of remarried divorcees to the sacraments is argued in terms of mercy," but wrote that such an argument "misses the mark" in regard to the sacraments, since the "entire sacramental economy is a work of divine mercy and it cannot simply be swept aside by an appeal to the same."

"An objectively false appeal to mercy also runs the risk of trivializing the image of God, by implying that God cannot do other than forgive," he wrote. "The mystery of God includes not only his mercy but also his holiness and his justice. If one were to suppress these characteristics of God and refuse to take sin seriously, ultimately it would not even be possible to bring God's mercy to man."

Archbishop Muller also ruled out the argument that "remarried divorcees should be allowed to decide for themselves, according to their conscience, whether or not to present themselves for holy Communion."

"If remarried divorcees are subjectively convinced in their conscience that a previous marriage was invalid, this must be proven objectively by the competent marriage tribunals," the archbishop wrote.

FOR THE JOURNEY

An example of a poverty that frees us

By Effie Caldarola
Catholic News Service

One of the things folks admire about Pope Francis is his decision to live simply.

Rather than live in private apartments at the Vatican, he has chosen to live in guest quarters, partly because these are closer to other people and it allows him to live in a community, which, as a Jesuit, he values.

But as an archbishop and cardinal, he set the same standard of simplicity, rejecting fancy homes and a lifestyle above that of the people he served. In continuing with this tradition, he's setting a beautiful example, not just for other bishops and clergy, but for all of us.

As someone who has been involved with stewardship programs for years, I still struggle with the concept of simple living.

When I was a member of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps years ago, a simple lifestyle was one of the corps' key values, challenging us to live in a way that freed resources for others and helped free us from attachments. As Gandhi said, "live simply so that others may simply live."

But let's face it: It's tough not to fall prey to the

consumerism of our culture. Advertisements always are suggesting that we need more, that our self-esteem is tied up in how much we have or whether we have the latest in technology, fashion, cars or home decor.

The challenge Pope Francis has given us

It was easier to live simply as a poor volunteer, but as marriage, a family, and acquisitions such as a house and cars came along, it was tougher to choose the narrower path.

For many years, I was coordinator of stewardship at a parish, and at one stewardship conference I attended, I heard a woman talk about her family's decision to tithe.

Tithing, the giving of 10 percent of our income to church and charity, is a biblical concept. The idea of giving back to God the first fruits of our labor acknowledges the truth that everything we have comes from God.

This woman spoke of the decision she and her husband made to tithe. But then, her husband, the family's breadwinner, lost his job. She worked for the church and her income was far less.

They faced a new decision: Should they con-

tinue to tithe from what income they had left?

They continued to give the first fruits, that 10 percent of a diminished income, to the Lord. And you know what? It worked. They found that, as usual, the Lord provided.

Sirach 29: 10-13 has a great quote pertaining to giving: "Lose your money for relative or friend; do not hide it under a stone to rot... Store up almsgiving in your treasury, and it will save you from every evil."

I love the promise that my generosity will protect me from evil, and I know that whenever I stretch myself to give of my resources of time or wealth, the rewards to me are always greater than what I've given.

Yet, often I fail to live up to the example our pope is giving us.

I treasure Isaiah 58:7's great wisdom about the kind of sacrifice God wants. Clearly, it's not sack cloth and ashes. No, Isaiah pegs sacrifice to the good of others, to breaking unjust fetters and letting the oppressed go free.

"Is it not sharing your bread with the hungry, bringing the afflicted and the homeless into your house; clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own flesh?"

This is the challenge Pope Francis has given us.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Respect life – every life

By Tony Magliano
NCC columnist

Respect life!

Every October the Catholic Church issues this clarion call. But what exactly does it mean to respect life?

For many Catholics respecting life means that we should pray and work to protect unborn babies from murderous abortion.

With the brutal dismembering of over 1 million aborted unborn brothers and sisters annually in the United States, and the killing of approximately 55 million unborn babies worldwide every year, our efforts to end this grave evil should be maximized and ongoing.

Most every Wednesday, I join several other people near an abortion mill in Baltimore witness to the humanity of the unborn and to

pray for an end to abortion.

Putting an end to the killing of unborn babies is a priority for me, and it is a priority for the Catholic Church.

But it is not the only priority.

The concern of Christ and the Catholic Church for the suffering of the world, is not limited to any one group of people – born or unborn.

Our deep and active concern must be directed to all. For in the words of Blessed Pope John Paul II "we are all really responsible for all."

So we are not to rank pro-life, social justice and peace issues, we are to link them. It's what the Catholic Church calls the "consistent ethic of life."

In 1983, as head of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, the late Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin, championed for

our time, the early church's consistent pro-life ethic.

Respect life! Every October the Catholic Church issues this clarion call. But what exactly does it mean to respect life?

During an address at St. Louis University, Cardinal Bernardin said, "The case for a consistent ethic of life – one that stands for the protection of the right to life and the promotion of the rights, which enhance life from womb to tomb ... is both a complex and demanding tradition.

"It joins the humanity of the unborn infant and the humanity of the hungry; it calls for positive legal action to prevent the killing of the unborn or the aged and positive societal action to provide shelter for the

homeless and education of the illiterate."

So therefore, not just the unborn, not just the poor, not just the hungry, not just the homeless, not just the war-torn, not just the undocumented, not just the medically uninsured, not just condemned prisoners, not just the environment and not just future generations, but all of the above deserve our care.

Everyone's life and dignity needs to be fully protected and respected.

Catholics, and all Christians, cannot ignore the Lord's call to consistently build-up the Kingdom of God – the kingdom Jesus calls for in the last judgment scene of Matthew's Gospel – where the hungry are fed, the thirsty are refreshed, the strangers are welcomed, the naked are clothed, the sick are cared for and prisoners are vis-

ited.

In Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's words, "Love for widows and orphans, prisoners, and the sick and needy of every kind, is as essential [to the church] as the ministry of the sacraments and preaching of the Gospel." ("Deus Caritas Est," No. 22).

During this time when so many of those who hold political and economic power are cutting anti-poverty assistance programs and waging war on the born and unborn, the followers of the God of Life and the Prince of Peace, must prophetically proclaim: "Thus says the Lord, respect every life! And give priority to the poor and vulnerable!"

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

God alone decides who gets into heaven!

Our first reading today from the Book of Wisdom reminds us how tiny we appear to God, who has an astronaut's view of earth: "Before the Lord, the whole universe is a grain from a balance!"

Nevertheless, He despises nothing of what He has created, and shows boundless mercy and love towards all persons who repent of ignoring or disobeying His laws. He is patient and gentle as He "nudges" us towards a change of heart.

In the Gospel, Jesus shows the shocked crowd how that works in practice.

It's a good thing that God doesn't leave to us to decide who is worthy of heaven and who isn't. We'd make a mess of it!



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We are really poor judges.

The crowds have been witnessing Jesus' miracles with growing enthusiasm, and then the cheers turn into jeers. Why?

A few have noticed this little man standing on his tip

toes, trying to get a glimpse of Jesus. Most recognize him as the hated chief tax collector of the area, a very rich man named Zacchaeus. A few avoid contact as he suddenly drops his dignity

and runs to climb a nearby sycamore tree. He wants a better view.

As Jesus passes underneath, he glances up and spots the man.

Jesus' glance penetrates into the heart of Zacchaeus, and contritely he stares back at Jesus. "Zacchaeus, come down quickly," Jesus says, "I want to have dinner with you today."

The crowd gasps in disbelief and revulsion that the Healer would have anything to do with this despised sinner.

As the delighted little man explains to Jesus how he means to make up for his many sins, Jesus turns and explains to the crowd, "Today salvation has come to this house because this

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Wisdom 11:22-12:2

2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

Luke 19:1-10

man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."

Beautiful words that so harmonize with what we heard in today's first reading from the Book of Wisdom. There, the writer extols both God's power and God's mercy.

After declaring that the whole universe is like a small grain in the scales, or

like a drop of morning dew compared to God's greatness, he praises God for his mercy in searching out sinners in order that they may repent of their sins and be justified in His sight.

Would any of us have singled out Zacchaeus as Jesus' favorite? Or our neighbor who runs a shady business?

No matter what we've done in the past, the mercy of the Lord can search us out, inspire us to repentance, and then embrace us as his own.

God never gives up on those the world has condemned as hopeless, for, as the first reading proclaims, He is "a lover of souls" and He alone will decide who gets into heaven and who doesn't!

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OUR READERS WRITE

Vote 'no' on casinos

Come Election Day (Tuesday, November 5) we will be asked to vote not only for lawmakers, but for a number of Propositions that will change the State Constitution.

I am writing because of Proposition 1 which is to allow non-Indian casinos in NYS. I urge people to vote "No" for the following reasons:

1) The wording of the Proposition was manipulated to extol possible benefits, such as jobs, lower taxes, money for schools. This is a lie. The benefits are really only for the developers (who can't afford to do the project on their own) and State government- who won't do their job to make priorities and tax wisely

2) There is more dishonesty involved in this-government officials timed announcement of the wording so that the public found out too late to do anything about it. Talk about stacking the deck against us!! However, our power is in a

"no" vote.

3) The income that will come to casinos is disposable income that could have been spent elsewhere in the community.

4) It is people who live close to casinos who are the ones who have problems with gambling. It ruins families and costs jobs. Although thousands have problems with gambling, few get help. And, there is little money for programs for problem gamblers.

Our Canadian neighbors have been dealing with this issue this year too. But the way it was treated there is far different than what's been happening here. There was a lot of reporting. There was voting by City Councils. There was even a report from the Ottawa City Medical Office that stated that more gambling would be harmful to the City's health!! The best way was not to open a facility at all.

There was a time when we could count on government to protect the public. Knowing that the gambling industry preys on human weakness, government used to make it hard to gamble and they could be disinterested regulators.

But now, our government lost its integrity and is the one wanting to prey on

us and take money from those who can ill afford to lose it.

As Catholics, I hope we remember the caution about "occasions of sin" being any person, place or thing and see that allowing the State to get involved with developers and open casinos is taking us down the wrong path.

Let us vote "No" while we still can exercise our rights and responsibilities.

SINCERELY
MRS. BONNIE PLUMERI FRANZ
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Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters from readers of the *North Country Catholic*.

- Due to space limitations, we ask that the number of words be limited to 300.
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- Send letters to North Country Catholic, PO Box 326, Ogdensburg, NY, 13669 or e-mail to news@northcountrycatholic.org
- Join the conversation!



AT THE MOVIES

CARRIE

By Kurt Jensen
Catholic News Service

Since high school bullying can now bring felony charges, the telekinetic revenge of "Carrie" (Screen Gems) seems almost quaint.

Someone decided that a reboot of the 1976 horror film based on Stephen King's 1974 novel was a good idea, though. So by golly, by golly and by rote, director Kimberly Peirce has taken a crack at it, and here we are.

In the wake of the original film headlining Sissy Spacek, there followed a disastrous 1988 Broadway musical, a 1999 big-screen sequel, "The Rage: Carrie 2," and a 2002 TV movie on NBC.

Troubled, naive Carrie White, humiliatingly splattered at the senior prom by a bucket of blood, now ranks in the remake league somewhere between "Anna Karenina" and "Dracula."

Peirce's version, scripted by Lawrence D. Cohen and Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa, stars Chloe Grace Moretz as Carrie and Julianne Moore as her deranged fundamentalist Christian mother, Margaret.

Let's be clear what we mean by deranged: Margaret likes to lock her daughter into a closet to repent whenever she feels the girl has sinned, she refers to breasts as "dirty pillows" and she nearly killed Carrie at birth

with a pair of scissors.

Peirce's religious imagery includes reproducing one of the earlier film's famous scenes in which Carrie directs a drawer full of cutlery at her mother, who's then stuck onto a door like the arrow-riven St. Sebastian.

Pierce also makes a nod to the novel's use of Tennessee Ernie Ford's gospel classic, "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning."

The plot, set in the present day, remains the same. Carrie does not understand menstruation; her ignorance leads to a mortifying scene in the communal high school showers.

A cruel classmate, Chris Hargensen (Portia Doubleday), takes advantage of current technology to capture this on her cellphone and upload it to YouTube.

Kindly gym teacher Ms. Desjardin (Judy Greer) bans Chris from the prom as punishment, and Tommy Ross (Ansel Elgort) breaks through Carrie's shyness to ask her to the dance.

Carrie's so happy, she makes her own gown. Chris is so angry, she plots a very public revenge.

In the meantime, though, Carrie discovers her ability to move objects around by directing them with her hands or by just glaring at them.

She begins with water jugs and a restroom mirror, moves up to Stickley chairs and her mother, and by the time she's queen of the prom, is ready to unleash mayhem.

Blood, and lots of it, is the leitmotif here. There's so much gore, in fact, that it quickly loses all shock value. What's left is a pretty tame gross-out attempt.

The film contains considerable gory violence, implied premarital sexual activity, disturbing imagery, mature themes, a few uses of profanity and fleeting crass language.

The Catholic News Service classification is L -- limited adult audience, films whose problematic content many adults would find troubling. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.



CNS PHOTO/SCREEN GEMS

Chloe Grace Moretz and Julianne Moore star in a scene from the movie "Carrie."



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ADIRONDACK

HARVEST DINNER

Lake Placid – St. Agnes School is holding a harvest dinner featuring turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Date: Nov. 5

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7

Place: Comfort Inn Conference Center

Cost: Adults, \$9; Seniors, \$8; Children 12 and under, \$6

Features: Take outs available; All proceeds benefit St. Agnes School.

Contact: Call the school at 523-3771 for more information.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Lake Placid – St. Agnes School will be having a Christmas Bazaar.

Date: Dec. 7

Time: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Features: Baked goods, gifts, crafts, toys, wreaths, trees, holiday plants and raffle items. Lunch will be served and complimentary babysitting will be available. Vendor space available.

Contact: Kathleen at 518-523-3771

CLINTON

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

Features: Turkey dinner with all the fixings. Raffle, Drawing at 6 p.m. Grand Prize \$1500, Second Prize, \$500; other prizes. Country Store and Silent Auction.

CONTEMPLATION RETREAT

Ellenburg Center – Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer will be having a Meditation and Contemplation Retreat day.

Date: Nov. 2

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

Cost: \$25/day

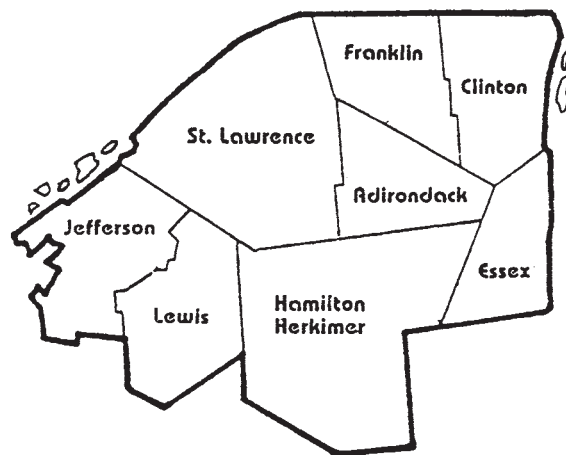
Presenter: Father Jack Downs

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 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.



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

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

Date: Nov. 9

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

Cost: \$15.

Features: Make a lap quilt top in a day. 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 OLA 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

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.

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

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

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

ESSEX

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, home-baked goods of all kinds and a white elephant sale. Many vendors. No admission fee.

Contact: The school at 518-585-7433

FRANKLIN

CABBAGE ROLL SALE

Brushton – St. Mary's will be having a Cabbage Roll Sale.

Date: Nov. 5

Time: 6 a.m.

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: \$4 includes dinner roll

Features: May be pre-ordered starting on Nov. 4 by calling 518-529-6580

ST. MARY'S BREAKFAST BUFFET

Brushton – St. Mary's Catholic Church events committee will be having a Breakfast Buffet.

Date: Nov. 10

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

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$7; Seniors, \$6; Children 6-12, \$4; under 5, Free; Family (Mother, Father, Children) \$20

Contact: Take-outs- 518-529-6580

JEFFERSON

HARVEST DINNER

LaFargeville – St. John's Church will be having a Family style Turkey Dinner.

Date: Nov. 3

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cost: Adults, \$8.50; Children 5-10, \$4; under 5, free

Contact: 315-686-3398

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

Date: Nov. 21

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 each

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

MUSICAL MISSION

Watertown – A multi-denominational musical celebration of God's love has been planned

Date: Feb. 15

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Church of the Holy Family

Features: Eight acts of musicians, singers, worship bands, and a bell choir. Free-will offering will benefit the Watertown Urban Mission. Refreshments

Contact: Rectory, 315-782-2468

ADULT RETREAT DAY

Watertown – An adult retreat day has been set

Date: Nov. 16

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Place: Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse

Cost: \$25

Theme: "Becoming the Body of Christ"

Presenters: St. Joseph Sisters Bethany Fitzgerald and Juliana Raymond

Features: This day of prayer will be woven around bread-making with reflections on the mystery of life, of dying and rising daily, and becoming the Body of Christ for one another. Overnight accommodations are available on request.

Contact: To register, call 212-6592 or email srbeth@cit-tele.com by Nov. 13

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

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

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Houseville – Divine Mercy Devotions to be held.

Date: Nov. 3

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Features: Vespers (Evening Prayer), Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, The Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction. A coffee hour will follow

Contact: 348-6260.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Lowville – All are invited to worship with Exposition, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Silent Adoration, The Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, and Benediction.

Date: Nov. 7

Time: 3 pm – 6 pm

Place: St. Peter's Church

HARVEST BRUNCH

Lowville – St. Peter's Church will be sponsoring a Harvest Brunch.

Date: Nov. 3

Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost: Adults, \$7.50; Children 5-12, \$5; under 5, free



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Meet Sister Clara

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

"Everything I will relate to Jesus. I will ask Jesus to help me.

Sister Clara, India

Growing up in India, missionary Sister Clara always felt the strong presence of Jesus in her life.

Gaining strength through prayer and her deep relationship with Jesus, she is committed to follow her calling, to reach out in the name of Christ to those most vulnerable in our society, sharing His love by offering practical, emotional and spiritual care.

Every day, Sister Clara works tirelessly throughout Chennai, India to rescue young girls from being stolen and sold into child labor and prostitution.

For her, faith and action go together. Not only do the Sisters provide a loving home for these frightened girls at their Marialaya Children's Home, they also offer education, medical care, vocational care and leadership training, counseling and spiritual formation.

Since Marialaya was started in 1990, the Sisters have rescued more than 2000 girls from child labor and prostitution. Today, Marialaya cares for more than 100 girls between the ages of 4 and 14.

The Sisters also operate a "help line" in collaboration with the local police. The local community, especially the taxi drivers, help to promote this service. Children throughout India know that if they are in danger, they can call that help line and the Sisters will come to them and rescue them.

Sister Clara is extremely passionate about the spiritual formation of the girls. Every day she teaches them about our Catholic faith, telling them that they are all precious children of God.

"Very often I pray to Jesus like a friend," she said. "So I said I must do like Jesus, healing, helping to be with the children, to help the children and to educate them. And very happily doing this."

Let us pray for all the people especially children living in desperate situations of child trafficking throughout the world and even in the North Country.

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will.



Sister Clara Works in Chennai, India, to rescue victims of child trafficking.

OBITUARIES

Brushton — Glenn S. Gratton, 41; Funeral Services Oct. 21, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in the parish cemetery.

Carthage — Martin T. Gaines, 59; Funeral Services Oct. 25, 2013 at St. James Church; burial in Black River Cemetery.

Carthage — Dorothy M. (Picket) Powell, 94; Funeral Services Oct. 23, 2013 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

Chazy — Betty M. (Fullum) Perry, 90; Funeral Services Oct. 21, 2013 at Sacred Heart Church; burial Whispering Maples Mausoleum, Ellenburg Depot.

Dexter — Mary Elizabeth (Derouin) Eves, 87; Funeral Services Oct. 24, 2013 at the Johnson Funeral Home; burial in Brownville Cemetery.

Fort Covington — Eva Mainville Bashaw Santamoor, 98; Funeral Services Oct. 25, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Keene — Norma Michielutti Corrado, 98; Funeral Services Nov. 2, 2013 at St. Brendan's Church; burial in Norton Cemetery.

Lowville — Stephen M. Zubrzycki, 73; Funeral Services Oct. 25, 2013 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Lowville Rural Cemetery.

Lyon Mountain — Floyd J. Brooks, 91; Funeral Services Oct. 21, 2013 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Malone — Joseph M. Poissant, 80; Funeral Services Oct. 19, 2013 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Massena — Constance (Lamanna) Ahlfeld, 92; Funeral Services Oct. 25, 2013 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena — Stephen R. Barney, 30; Funeral Services Oct. 25, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Pine Grove Cemetery.

Norfolk — Leon A. Fraser, 87; Funeral Services Oct. 24, 2013 at Church of Visitation; burial in Visitation Cemetery.

Ogdensburg — Ethel (Sellers) Anderson, 72; Funeral Services Oct. 14, 2013 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Ogdensburg — Melvin A. Ashley, 84; Funeral Services Oct. 23, 2013 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Ogdensburg — Vincent L. Boyer, 98; Funeral Services Oct. 25, 2013 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg — George H. Nugent, 70; Funeral Services Oct. 18, 2013 at Frary Funeral Home.

Ogdensburg — Rose "Bernie" (Rheume) Thomas, 86; Funeral Services Oct. 22, 2013 at the Fox & Murray Funeral Home; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg — Donald C. Thurman, 92; Funeral Services Oct. 19, 2013 at the Fox & Murray Funeral Home; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

Peru — Lawrence G. "Larry" Senecal, 74; Funeral Services Oct. 23, 2013 at the Hamilton Funeral Home.

Plattsburgh — Jacqueline "Jackie" (Berthiaume) Bouchard, 85; Funeral Services Oct. 19, 2013 at St. Peter's Church.

Plattsburgh — Annabelle "Ann" M. (Pulsifer) Trombly, 85; Funeral Services Oct. 23, 2013 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Port Leyden — Anne M. (Bourgeois) Hartley, 60; Funeral Services Oct. 25, 2013 at St. Martin's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Potsdam — Christina A. (Soyak) Siedlecki, 99; Funeral Services Oct. 26, 2013 at the Seymour Funeral Home; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Saranac Lake — Debbie J. (Johnson) Collins, 61; Funeral Services Oct. 23, 2013 at the Fortune-Keough Funeral Home; burial in Chasm Falls Cemetery.

Saranac Lake — Charlotte A. Jarnot, 89; Funeral Services Oct. 25, 2013 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in Harrietstown Cemetery.

Tupper Lake — Rose Marie (Becker) Shaheen, 81; Funeral Services Oct. 21, 2013 at St. Alphonsus Church.

Watertown — Edward R. Gaus, 81; Funeral Services Oct. 25, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown — Doris M. deBerjeois Whelan, 77; Funeral Services Oct. 24, 2013 at Holy Family Church; burial in White Chapel Memory Gardens.

West Chazy — Robert E. "Bob" Morgan, 81; Funeral Services Oct. 18, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery, Norwood.

Willsboro — Margaret Veronica (Shambo) MacDougal, 89; Funeral Services Oct. 26, 2013 at St. Philip's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

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ST. LAWRENCE

PARISH 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.

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

Massena - St. Mary's Church is holding a special rosary to mark First Saturday

Date: Nov. 2

Time: 3:15 pm

Features: Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima prayed in reparation to Her Immaculate Heart and for World Peace, followed by a 15 minute private meditation on the Sorrowful Mysteries. Confessions are available starting at 2:45 and the Saturday Mass Vigil begins at 4 p.m.

ANNUAL BAZAAR

Massena - St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Church will be holding their Annual Bazaar.

Date: Nov. 9

Time: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Social Hall

Features: Turkey raffles, children's games, cake walk, country store, fancy goods and Christmas items, ticket central, games of chance, kitchen, fried dough, quilt raffle tickets. Big ticket drawing prize of \$2500 plus 2nd, 3rd and 4th prize of \$100.

CRAFT SHOW

Brasher Falls - The Altar Rosary Society of St. Patrick's Church will hold its 23rd annual craft show.

Date: Nov. 9 (corrected from last Week)

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

Place: K of C Hall

Cost: Adults, \$1; students, \$.50; under 5, free

Features: Many dealers will be present with all kinds of crafts. Luncheon and refreshments, free parking

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Massena - The Church of Sacred Heart/St. Lawrence holds a Bereavement Support Group the last Tuesday of each month.

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: Sacred Heart Convent

Features: A gathering of those who have had a recent loss of a loved one.

Contact: 315-769-3137

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: There will be drawings, a lottery tree and silent auction.

HARVEST DINNER

Star Lake - The St. Hubert's harvest dinner has been rescheduled

Date: Nov. 9

Time: 5 p.m.

Place: St. Hubert's parish hall, Take outs available

Prices: Adults, \$9, children, 5-10 - \$5.00

ADULT RETREAT DAY

Morristown - Adult Retreat Day to be held.

Date: Nov. 2

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Place: Cederhaven

Cost: \$25

Theme: "Becoming the Body of Christ"

Speaker: Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ;

Baker, Bessie Flanders

Features: This day of prayer will be woven around bread-making with reflections on what these elements and this process may reveal to us about the mystery of life, of dying and rising daily, and becoming the Body of Christ for one another. Overnight accommodations are available on request.

Contact: To register, call 212-6592 or email srbeth@cit-tele.com by Wednesday before Retreat.

K OF C TO HOLD FIRST DEGREE

Ogdensburg - Msgr. A. D. Charbonneau Council 258 Knights of Columbus will hold a First Degree Initiation.

Date: Nov. 14

Time: 7 p.m.

Features: The K of C is dedicated to service to the Church and charity. Please consider joining our ranks in this most worthwhile of endeavors.

Contact: For more information and an application contact the Club Rooms any day after 4 p.m. at 393-7990; Deputy Grand Knight Bill Barkley, 393-0303; Deacon John White, 393-6592 or PGK

IT'S A SMALL WORLD AFTER ALL



Newly ordained Deacon Henry Leader, right, and his Wife Dayna of Gouverneur, visited St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans and were surprised to discover Deacon Jim Chauffy of Port Leyden and his Wife Christine, left, in the pews. The four North Country residents are shown above with Christian Boback, former Guggenheim camp counselor who now resides in New Orleans and his friend Christyn Dupre.

Tim Baker, 394-1008.

CRAFT SHOW

Brasher Falls - The Altar Rosary Society of St. Patrick's Church will hold its 23rd annual craft show.

Date: Nov. 19

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

Place: K of C Hall

Cost: Adults, \$1; students, \$.50; under 5, free

Features: Many dealers will be present with all kinds of crafts. Luncheon and refreshments will be available. Plenty of free parking is available.

HARVEST DINNER

Gouverneur - St. James Church is holding a harvest dinner

Date: Nov. 7

Time: 4:30 p.m. till all are served

Place: St. James School, take outs available

Prices: Adults, \$9; children, 5-12, \$5; under five, free.

K OF C BRUNCH

Norfolk - The Knights of Columbus are holding a Sunday brunch

Date: Nov. 10

Time: 8:30 a.m. to noon

Place: Visitation Parish Center

Prices: Adults, \$7; children under 12, \$4; children under five, free

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

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.

ST. LAWRENCE

PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN

Father Donald Robinson, pastor of St. Anthony's and St. Patrick's in Watertown, will be leading a pilgrimage "Best of Spain and Portugal"

Dates: Feb. 18-28, 2014

Cost: \$2899 per person from NYC Included: Roundtrip Air from NY, First Class/Select Hotels, Most Meals, Comprehensive Sightseeing and much more.

Features: Madrid, Salamanca, Lisbon, Seville, Granada & Toledo

Contact: Fr Robinson at 315-782-1190 or e-mail donrob4@twcnr.com