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Sharing 'spiritual goods'

VATICAN CITY (CNS)— Saying, "don't worry, we aren't taking up a collection," Pope Francis asked people at his weekly general audience to perform an act of charity by praying for a seriously ill 18-month-old girl named Noemi.

Being part of the church means sharing "spiritual

goods - the sacraments, charisms and charity" - including by helping someone or praying for those in need, he said Nov. 6.

Returning to the theme of "the communion of saints," which he spoke about at his audience Oct. 30, Pope Francis said it not only refers to

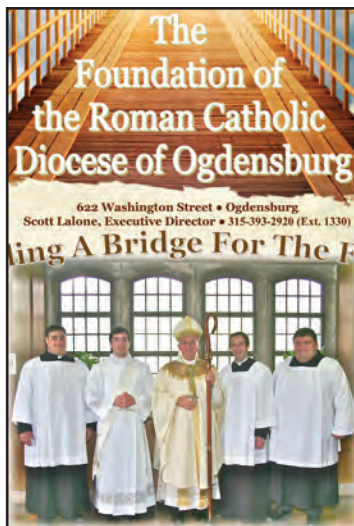
the bond existing between church members living and dead, but also refers to the bond of unity and sharing that should mark the life of Christians on earth.

The pope told the estimated 50,000 people in St. Peter's Square that before the audience, he had met Noemi

and her parents. Despite her illness, "she smiled," he said.

"Let's perform an act of love. We don't know her, but she's been baptized - she's one of us, a Christian," he said, leading the crowd in a moment of silence and then the recitation of the Hail Mary.

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PHOTOS BY KEN SNOW

Two seminarians from the Diocese of Ogdensburg were installed as readers during the Institution of Readers and Acolytes at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 1. Bishop James S. Wall, Bishop of Gallup, N.M., served as the principal celebrant. From left are Alexander Pacelli; Msgr. Christopher J. Schreck, rector/president of the Josephinum; Bishop Wall and Michael Jablonski. First-year theology students installed as readers are commissioned to proclaim the Word of God in the liturgical assembly and to catechize the faithful.

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CONSECRATED LIFE CELEBRATED

Religious are honored Nov. 3



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE

St. Joseph Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, of Watertown, major superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph proclaimed a scripture reading during the Celebration of Consecrated Life held Nov. 3 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. Bishop Terry R. LaValley was the principal celebrant at the Mass, held as part of the diocesan Year of Faith observance. Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, episcopal delegate for religious in the diocese, offered a reflection during the liturgy.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Year of years to end ... in prayer

Well, it's been quite a year, this Year of Faith of ours.

We started off with a big splash, honoring local saints and filling the cathedral for Witnesses of Faith Nov. 18, 2012.

Since then, we've gathered for Corpus Christi, an art and music show, the Matthew Kelly event and the magnificent Mass with the nuncio in September.

We've shared stories of faith and taken part in pilgrimages, retreats and special parish programs.

All the events and opportunities were planned to realize

Pope Benedict's goal for the year: to appreciate the gift of faith, deepen our relationship with God and strengthen our commitment to sharing faith with others.

In the final weeks of the Year of Faith, religious men and women were celebrated (Nov. 3), spiritual photographers were honored (Nov. 7) and we all will have the opportunity to learn more about the second Vatican Council (Nov. 22-23) from local

experts.

And then, the year will end... with a simple hour of prayer. Bishop LaValley has asked

Catholics across the diocese to join in a holy hour Nov. 24, the Feast of Christ the King, at 3 p.m. at a church in their region.

The bishop will lead the "Eucharistic Holy Hour for Life, Marriage and Liberty" at St. Mary's Cathedral.

At the same time, each deanery of the diocese will celebrate a holy hour using the same prayers and readings.

The sites are still being finalized but, to date, the holy hour has been planned for the Adirondack Deanery at St. Bernard's Church, Saranac Lake; Clinton Deanery, St. Augustine's Church, Peru; Essex Deanery, St. Patrick's Church, Port Henry; Franklin Deanery,

St. Mary's Church, Brushton; and St. Lawrence, St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg.

The churches in Hamilton-Herkimer, Jefferson and Lewis deaneries are still to be determined.

Plans are also being made to "live stream" the event to allow those unable to leave their homes to participate through their computers.

This holy time will give us a chance to celebrate the blessings of the Year of Faith and take the next steps in our *lives* of faith. We all know that the end of the Year of Faith doesn't mean the end of our growth in faith. And we know, too, that nothing holy can grow without prayer. Amen!

Mary Lou
Kilian

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Thank you, God, for a good, happy life

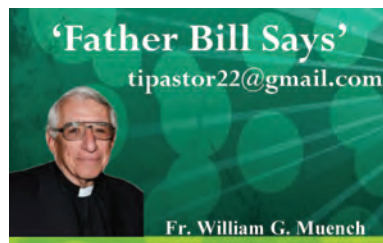
First off – I want to join all who have offered congratulations to my editor, Mary Lou Kilian, on her anniversary with the *North Country Catholic*.

Mary Lou has been a real gift to the Diocese of Ogdensburg and to the North Country Catholic. Our diocesan newspaper is rather unique among Catholic Diocesan newspapers. Many dioceses have chosen to drop the publication of a weekly newspaper.

We, in the Diocese of Ogdensburg have long realized the value of the *NCC* – bringing the message of Church and of our Catholic Church and of our own diocese to the homes of the people of this diocese.

This has been possible through the many dedicated people who have worked so hard in editing this paper. Of course, the support of each of our bishops has indicated their recognition of the value of the *NCC*.

Mary Lou has given many years – and lots of sacrifice – to make the *NCC* successful. So, I thank Mary Lou for her efforts and dedication to bringing the message to the people of this diocese.



Personally, I would like to add my gratitude also for her being such a great editor – I know only too well her care in checking over my material, making it fit for printing. So – thanks, Mary Lou – you have done well.

Recently, someone encouraged me to listen to a recording of a talk given by Cardinal Oscar Andres Rodriguez Maradiega, the Archbishop of Tegucigulpa, Honduras – through the miracle of YouTube. As you know, you can find almost anything on YouTube.

Cardinal Maradiega is one of the eight Cardinals chosen by Pope Francis as one of his closest advisors. So I was interested to see what he was like. I must admit he was great.

This talk was given at the

closing ceremony of the Diocese of Miami's Synod. The talk was sensational. Cardinal Maradiega speaks with a captivating enthusiasm.

His talk affirmed his confident faith in the message of the Second Vatican Council. He quoted the Council often.

The Cardinal emphasized the Council's recognition of all the baptized as the People of God. He spent time reminding us that the People of God are one – united as the baptized – the laity and the clergy. We are united in the effort of bringing Christ's message of love and peace to this world.

So he challenged all lay men and women to be more active in bringing the message of our Savior to their part of the world.

Reminding us of Pope Francis' constant message, Cardinal Maradiega challenged all – lay men and women, bishops, priests and deacons – to evangelize this world with the message of Jesus.

To accomplish this – for all to become church – we all must return heart and soul to Jesus. This is the New Evangelization.

The Church's mission is first

and foremost to manifest the deeds of Jesus. This demands from all of us a new and stronger relationship with Jesus.

This will make us truly the People of God. This will change our world – a world dedicated to the Lord.

Listening to Cardinal Maradiega's talk was a rewarding experience for me. I now have a great respect for him.

This increases my confidence that he is the type of good adviser that Our Holy Father, Pope Francis needs.

Another birthday for me this week – I suspect you have said just what I did – "Can I possibly be this old."

I remember well my first pastor, Monsignor Leary. I was certain when I was with him that he was truly ancient – I am now older than he was then.

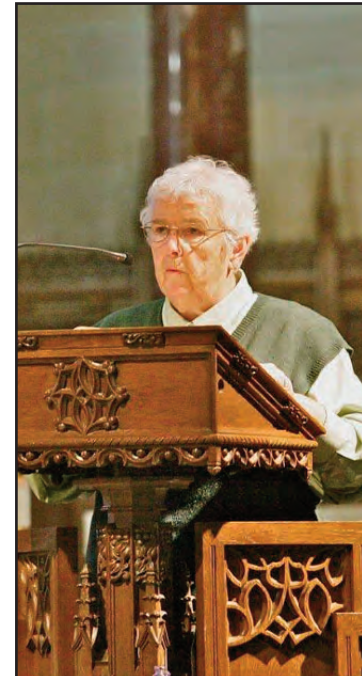
So – I thank God for another good year. I have been blessed with a good and happy life. I offer my thanks for so many who have been so good to me and made my life a happy one.

And I thank all of you, readers, for being part of my family.



PHOTOS BY BETTY STEELE

Bishop Terry R. LaValley accepts the offertory gifts from Grey Nun Sister Rita Francis Brady of Malone during the Celebration of Consecrated Life held Nov. 3 at St. Mary's Cathedral. The Mass was held as a Year of Faith event to honor to contributions of religious men and women to the faith life of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.



St. Joseph Sister Jennifer Votraw of Ogdensburg, left; Mercy Sister Brian Marie Latour of Plattsburgh read from the scriptures during the liturgy.

Celebration of Consecrated Life

Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, episcopal delegate for religious for the Diocese of Ogdensburg, offered a reflection on religious life at the Celebration of Consecrated Life held Nov. 3 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Bishop Terry R. LaValley presided at the liturgy held as part of the diocesan Year of Faith.

Sister Ellen's comments follow:

We have a three fold purpose for gathering here today:

First of all to praise and thank the Lord for the gift of consecrated life.

What better place to gather than in the very place where in a few minutes the act of Christ mediating Himself between God and us will be given to us.

This is what consecrated life expresses: that seeking of union of God and man and the love that attracts them to each other.

In fact, it makes of him or her a "bridge" to God for all who encounter him or her.

When I was part of a mission evaluation at St. Cecilia's in Spanish Harlem in New York City, I met a reli-

gious brother who stood up in the crowd and expressed this very reality.

He said, "I have lived in this location in New York City for thirty years and I have watched religious sisters come and go in this parish and I can tell you that each one attracted us to themselves and then deflected us to Christ."

Some scholars refer to religious as, "Pointers beyond ourselves to the one who lives among us."

When the question arises, "Is this all there is?" Religious point the way to the "more" beyond ourselves, the transcendent.

Consecrated people are called in a special way to be witnesses of the mercy of God in which human beings find forgiveness and salvation.

Only on the basis of this faith, in Jesus Christ, the only and definitive Mediator "the bridge" has consecrated life meaning in the Church.

We are beginning to see all life as consecrated. We are not better than you, our life is only different than yours.

Knowledge, appreciation

The second purpose of

this day is to promote knowledge and appreciation of consecrated life among the whole People of God.

You may have experienced a religious sister, brother or priest in your lifetime or have one in your family. If you have, you know that if you sit down with one and hear their story, you are in touch with places in and around the world where their obedience to follow Jesus has stretched them beyond the safety net of their homes and country.

If you talk with many of them, you may find that they experienced this reality in their own homes. For in many of their homes, their parents had mission magazines like Maryknoll full of the faces of humanity and the faces of priests, brothers, sisters and lay ministers.

It is here that Christ needs you to have religious symbols in your home to plant the seeds for a life lived for others, (poverty, chastity and a listening heart, obedience.)

If a child sees a cross or a picture of an angel guarding another child, the questions

are born and an imprint is made for future pondering.

We have literature which explains the life of the sixteen congregations here today and you can begin by taking some of this and just leaving it in the basket with People magazine or other magazines at home.

Celebrate the marvels

Finally, our purpose for gathering, is to invite the religious themselves to celebrate the marvels that God has worked in them.

In a few minutes Bishop

LaValley will ask the religious to stand and recommit themselves to continue the journey they have begun in bearing the Gospel and following Jesus.

Just as we continue the Year of Faith beyond this wonderful year we have celebrated, we ask our religious to go home and sit in a quiet space before retiring for the night and reflect back on where this YES they said many years ago has taken them and enjoy the wonderful work God has done in and through them.



Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, episcopal delegate for religious for the Diocese of Ogdensburg, left, offered reflections about religious life in the Diocese of Ogdensburg during the Mass. Also shown are St. Joseph Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, Watertown; and St. Joseph Sister Jennifer Votraw, diocesan chancellor, Ogdensburg.

Msgr. Riani shares memories of a momentous time in the Catholic Church

The road to Vatican II: up close and personal

By Mary Lou Kilian
Editor

OGDENSBURG – While the Year of Faith workshop on Vatican II, Nov. 22-23 at Wadhams Hall will offer an enormous amount of information about the council's constitutions, documents and decrees, the program will open on a more personal level with an evening of memory sharing.

Msgr. Peter R. Riani, retired and living in Morrisonville, was a young priest studying in Rome when Pope John XXIII was laying the groundwork for the Second Vatican Council.

On Friday, Nov. 22, he will offer personal reflections of that experience.

In anticipation of the Vatican II workshop Msgr. Riani talked to the *North Country Catholic* about the state of the Catholic Church during his preparation for the priesthood.

He also reflected on the opportunity he had to spend time in Rome at a critical time for the church.

In pursuit of a doctorate

Father Riani was ordained in 1955 after seminary studies at Wadhams Hall and St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore.

Four years later, Bishop James J. Navagh sent him to Rome to earn a doctorate in theology.

"I went over there without any previous arrangements," Father Riani said. "Bishop Navagh told me I had one year to complete the doctorate or come back without it. I shopped around the find a place that would accept my master's from Baltimore and let me build a doctorate."

Vatican II Workshop

Sign-ups for the Nov. 22-23 Vatican II workshop at Wadhams Hall accepted through Nov. 18.

Registration may be made at <http://rcdony.org/VATII>.



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Msgr. Peter R. Riani, shown left on his 1955 ordination day, was studying in Rome during the year that Pope John XXIII, right, called for an Ecumenical Council. Father Riani will share memories of that pivotal time in the Catholic Church at the opening presentation of the Year of Faith Vatican II Workshop to be held Nov. 22-23 at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg.



"A professor at the Angelicum (Pontifical Angelicum University) let me try," Father Riani said. "I took several courses while developing my thesis and earned the doctorate in 1960."

During that year - on Jan. 25, 1959 - Pope John II called for an Ecumenical Council; the first session was held Oct. 11, 1962.

(The current Year of Faith opened Oct. 11, 2012, marking the 50th anniversary of the council.)

Seminary years

As a graduate of St. Mary's Seminary - the oldest and largest seminary in the United States in the early 1950's - Father Riani experienced what he called "a miniature church."

"St. Mary's was under the Roman thumb," he said, "with a powerful influence of anti-modernism."

The school was following the direction of the very conservative Pope Pius IX who disapproved of the influences of the modern world with its "democracy, voting rights, human rights," he explained.

New seminarians soon learned that they were never to ask questions in their classrooms. This proved to be an adjustment for Father Riani after his years at Wadhams Hall, where he found "a tremendous program in which we were encouraged to ask questions."

Yet, even at St. Mary's there were rumblings of change.

The strictness of the seminary classrooms was balanced by the presence of priests who "were way ahead of their time."

Father Riani remembers the impact of Jesuit Father Al Knight "who had a big influence on a lot of people" although he only taught at St. Mary's for two years.

Father Knight had been a recent graduate from the Jesuit University in Innsbruck and had studied under Karl Rahner, a German Jesuit priest who is considered one of the most influential Roman Catholic theologians of the 20th century.

Father Knight and another professor, Father William O'Shea, led a reading group of 10-15 students including Father Riani.

"After night prayer, we would meet in a back room in the library," Father Riani said. "One of the priests would suggest a book we should read and give us one copy to share."

"It was quite radical at the time," he said. "After all, we weren't allowed off campus and weren't supposed to bring in outside books."

Young priest in Rome

Father Riani was ordained May, 21, 1955 and spent four years as a parish priest in the Diocese of Ogdensburg before returning to the academic life.

While working on his doctorate in Rome, he lived with American priests in a wide variety of studies.

He recalls taking part in much discussion of the "nouvelle theologie," with conversations about the work of "Karl Rahner, S.J.; Josef Ratzinger, Yves Congar, O.P.; Henri de Lubac, S.J.; Marie Joseph Lagrange, O.P., founder of the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem and the Biblicum in Rome, Bernard Haring, Teilhard de Chardin, S.J.; and others."

Father Riani said that the calling of Vatican II by Pope John XXIII "was obviously not out of the blue."

"Between the two World Wars a great deal was going on which led directly into the flowering of the Vatican Council in the 1960, he said.

These major fronts were:

- The liturgical movement which included the restoration of ancient worship and recognition of Mass as a sacrificial meal

- The biblical movement with the beginning of Catholic biblical scholarship

- The social action movement, applying the social teachings of the church

- The lay apostolate, bringing many lay people into the work of the church

- The ecumenical movement

- The missionary movement as the ordination of indigenous priests was encouraged.

Roman Synod precedes the Council

Father Riani added that the Roman Synod, called just before the Vatican Council, "was, in the estimation of many, a trial balloon set up by the pope to sound out the reaction of the curia around him."

The consensus among the people with whom Father Riani was studying was that "the pope wanted to get a sense of what he was dealing with on the local level."

"There were a couple extremely powerful cardinals in the curia," he said, "and the rumor was that the conclave elected John XXIII because they didn't think he would last long... he surprised them."

Father Riani was in the congregation at the St. Mary Major Basilica when the pope received the decrees of the Roman Synod "with great ceremony."

"He saw what he was dealing with and then he called the council," Father Riani said, "even though several tried their best to stop it."

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Seton middle school students on 'fire' to learn

By Shawn Ryan
Staff writer

PLATTSBURGH—Some new technology is 'kindling' both students' and teachers' excitement at Seton Catholic Central.

This fall, all middle school seventh and eighth graders have received Kindle Fires for use with their school work.

Teachers can download lectures to their students' Kindles, students can complete and submit their schoolwork electronically, and much more.

Students can now access the Internet for research, "meet" electronically for homework sessions, and even use their Kindles instead of textbooks.

"If you're struggling on your homework you can get together and work together," said eighth grade student Abigail Boule. "You don't have to do the work separately and then get together in school,"

"The kids are excited," said Seton principal Catherine Russell. "And there's been no resistance from the teachers."

The roll-out was delayed slightly, while teachers were brought up to speed on the Kindles, and everything they can do with them.

The devices come loaded



PHOTO BY SHAWN RYAN

Abigail Boule, Pascale Allen and Jeffrey Glazer familiarize themselves with their new Kindle Fires.

with Microsoft Office 365, eliminating the need for parents to buy costly software for their home computers.

"As a parent I'm excited, because we're jumping ahead with our technology," said Christine Boule, a Seton parent and also Seton's technology teacher.

To Russell's knowledge, Seton is the only school in the North Country to have students go 100 percent digital. Each student will keep their Kindle, which can be updated as new technology becomes available, throughout their high school career.

"This is a big step up," said Abigail Boule. "Other schools aren't getting as technological as us."

The Kindles will also

lighten the physical burden for the students, who are famously forced to carry around heavy back packs or armloads of books.

"You don't have to lug your textbooks around all day. I think it's exciting," said Pascal Allen, also an eighth grader.

Russell points out that the long-term plan for the "Common Core" school reform measures is to have all students take assessment tests electronically. Seton students will now be much farther ahead when that time comes, because they will be familiar with the technology.

The Kindles were paid for with a combination of school funds and grant money said Russell.

The road

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The Council opens

During the first weeks of the Vatican Council, "it was the same old stuff as the Roman Synod as the people around the pope set the agenda... for a week or so," said Father Riani.

It all changed with the "famous intervention by Cardinal Frings of Cologne that was unprecedented."

According to Catholic News Service, Cardinal Josef Frings, the archbishop of Cologne, Germany, was an intellectual and a confidant of Pope John who supported a role for theologians that counterbalanced the influence of the curia.

Cardinal Frings leading theological advisor was Father Joseph Ratzinger, the future Pope Benedict XVI.

"This was the beginning of

a council which, after four sessions (the first held Oct. 11-Dec. 6, 1962; the second Sept. 29-Dec. 4, 1963 under Pope Paul VI, the third Sept. 14-Nov. 21, 1964 and the fourth, Sept. 14-Dec. 8, 1965) resulted in the wonderful documents" to be explored at the upcoming Vatican II workshop.

"The Spirit continues to live and move among us," Father Riani said.

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Bishop's Fund Appeal supports vocations

By Father Bryan Stitt
Diocesan Director of Vocations

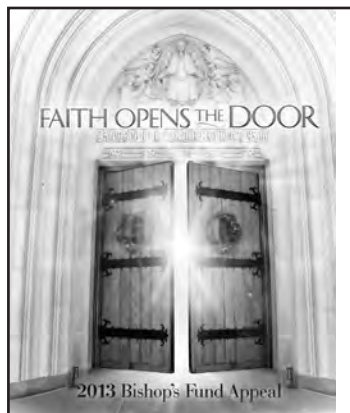
I received the following message from the principal of one of the great Catholic schools in the diocese a few months ago.

Thank you for making us realize how awesome it is to be a priest

"Father Bryan, after you left, the 8th graders continued to talk about your visit. One of the boys very loudly made this proclamation: 'I know why there are so few priests!!!!' (I squared my shoulders, and bit my lips—ready to cry.) 'IT'S BECAUSE NOBODY KNOWS HOW AWESOME IT IS TO BE A PRIEST.' (Best of all...all were in agreement.) Thank you for making us realize how awesome it is to be a priest."

Clearly this is not a testimony of my greatness, but a sign of the greatness of the vocation to which I have been called. I love being a priest, and I can think of no better life for myself. But this is not just my assessment—the vast majority of priests agree.

As you have hopefully witnessed, priests as a group are very happy men. They like the priesthood and are committed to it. In fact, according to a study by Msgr. Stephen Rossetti, 92 percent say they are happy in their ministry. This is



among the highest rates of satisfaction in any field in the United States. (cf. Why Priests Are Happy, 2011).

The work of the Vocations office is to encourage and support the discernment of all vocations within the diocese. An important part of that work is to spread the word about how "awesome" it is to be a priest. Having a priest serve full-time as Vocations Director is an enormous investment, but it is one that I am confident will pay back great dividends in the future.

Parish priests visit with their youth and talk about all kinds of things: the Holy Trinity, the Seven Sacraments, the Ten Commandments, the stories of Jesus and the prophets, and even the stories of athletes and actors. But in the midst of all these things their love of the priesthood doesn't get a lot of air time. We have to get the word out.

So may I propose a three pronged approach?

First of all, keep praying for vocations. Stories can only inspire if the listener has an open heart. And a heart can be opened only by the grace of God. Please pray.

Secondly, please ask your priests to talk about their vocations to the students in your schools and the kids in your homes. Most of our priests are too humble to do so without being asked, but there is no substitution for that firsthand witness from one's own parish priest.

And finally, please support the Bishop's Fund Appeal. It is in large part through the support of this appeal that the Vocations Office is able to function—running retreats and workshops for discerners, making visits to the seminaries, providing vocations materials to those interested, and providing the salary for a priest Vocations Director.

Together, we can help 8th graders and all the diocese know, it is awesome to be a priest.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Donations can be mailed to: The Bishop's Fund Appeal, PO Box 150, Ogdensburg, New York 13669.

To learn more about the Appeal and to view the 2013 Bishop's Fund Appeal video, please visit the Appeal website at www.dioogdensburg.org/development. To learn more about the Vocations Office go to www.myvocation.net.

Bishop's Schedule

Nov. 13 – 14 USCCB Meeting in Baltimore, MD

Nov. 17 – 8 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

2 p.m., Mass for the Golden Jubilee of the Sisters of the Precious Blood at St. Patrick's Church in Watertown

Nov. 18 – 9:30 a.m., Diocesan Envisioning Team Meeting with the Catholic Leadership Institute at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

Nov. 19 – 9 a.m., Prayer Service and Visit to St. James School in Gouverneur

5:30 p.m. Diocesan Review Board Meeting and Dinner at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

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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

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

Nov. 14 – Msgr. Edward Joseph Pierce, 1980

Nov. 15 – Rev. Medard Zywicki, M.S.C., 1980; Rev. J. Lee Snow, 2003

Nov. 16 – Rev. Martin C. Mullen, 1904; Rev. John Henry O'Rourke, 1930; Rev. John H. McCloskey, O.S.A., 1957; Rev. George F. Sykes, 2007; Rev. Roland G. Gonyo, 2011

Nov. 17 – Rev. Edward V. Murphy, 1907; Rev. George D. Boucher, 1954; Rev. Romuald A. Wolski, O.F.M. Conv., 1976

Nov. 20 – Rev. Robert Joseph Booth, 1939

Environmental Stewardship

What is the church saying?

"The technologically advanced societies can and must lower their domestic energy consumption, either through an evolution in manufacturing methods or through greater ecological sensitivity among their citizens. It should be added that at present it is possible to achieve improved energy efficiency while at the same time encouraging research into alternative forms of energy." *Caritas In Veritate*

What can I do?

As we prepare for winter in the North Country some suggestions for saving energy, money and reducing our energy consumption:

*Eliminate drafts with caulking, weather strips around windows and doors.

*Give up two degrees. For every degree the thermostat is below 68 there is a 3-5% saving in energy use and cost.

*Install a programmable thermostat for efficiency and savings.


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
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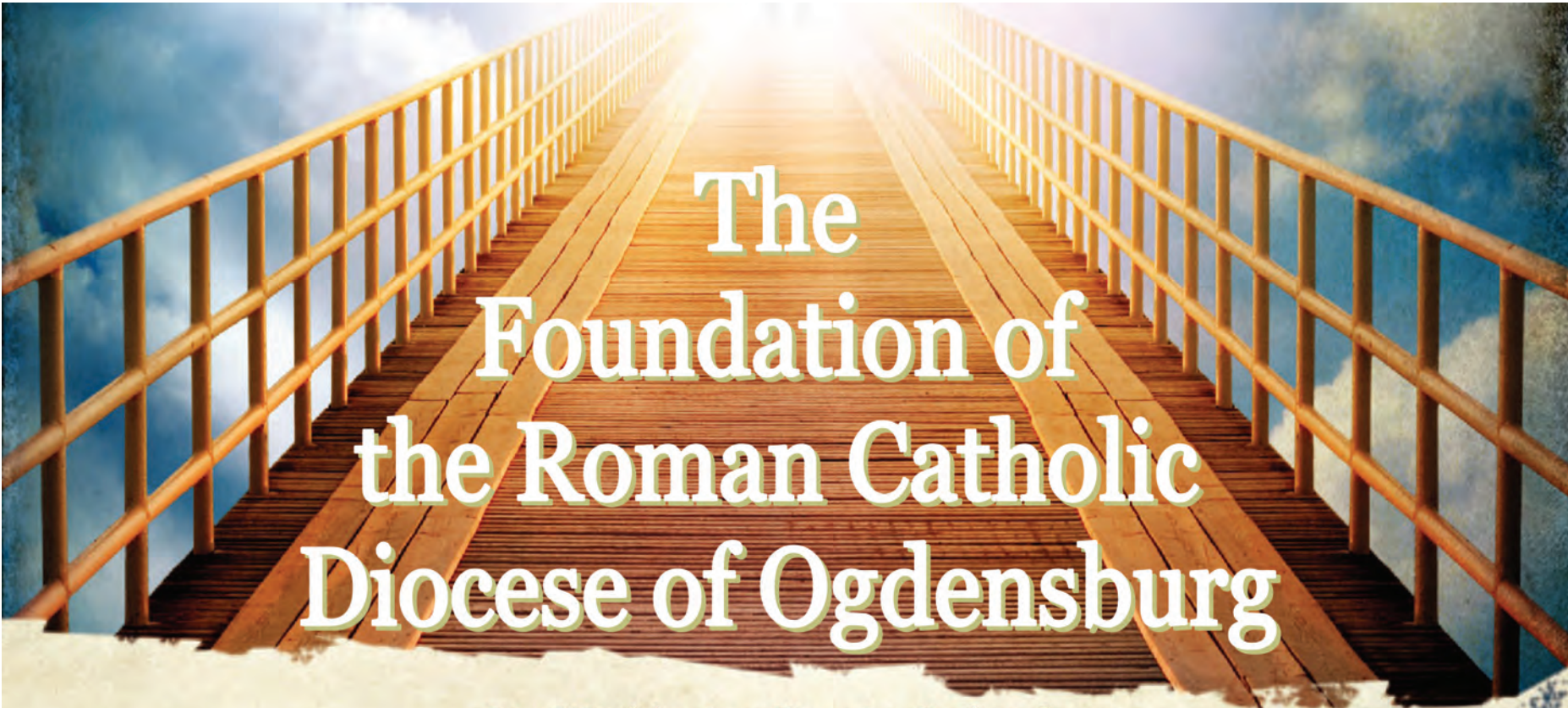
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Building A Bridge For The Future



2012-2013 Annual Report

Passing Our Living Faith to Future Generations



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Pope Francis during the Homily at his Inauguration said "I would like to ask all those who have positions of responsibility in economic, political and social life, and all men and women of goodwill: Let us be protectors of creation, protectors of God's Plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment."



As a family of faith, the people of the Diocese of Ogdensburg generously support and protect one another from one generation to the next. In order to "Build a Bridge for the Future" and continue this strong sense of commitment, in 2007 the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg, NY Inc. was established with the purpose of preparing the Diocese to meet the needs of tomorrow.

The Foundation was established to help provide for future needs of our Diocese and its parishes, schools and ministries. I am most grateful to all those who so generously support the Foundation's mission.

I am privileged to present the 2012-2013 Annual Report. While you review the 41 endowments listed on the back page, as well as all of the parishes, schools and agencies that are their beneficiaries, also study our mission statement, what a Catholic Foundation truly is and how it works. Please also note the different methods you can help share your treasures and leave a legacy for generations to come.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Board of Directors for their willingness to serve, provide proper financial oversight, ensure legal and ethical integrity and ensure effective organizational planning for the Foundation.

If you have not already, I encourage you to consider developing an estate plan for the benefit of your loved ones and those ministries close to your heart. This is an important responsibility that we bear as faithful stewards of the gifts God has given us.

Wishing God's blessings to you and your loved ones, I am

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of The Foundation is to pass our living faith to future generations by financially supporting the charitable, spiritual, educational and temporal works of the Catholic Community of the Diocese of Ogdensburg by accepting donations or endowment funds from donors and the administration of these funds.

In fulfilling its mission, The Foundation will:

- Provide estate planning and charitable giving information and assistance.
- Provide gifting vehicles in which the Church or related entities are the designated beneficiary.
- Provide responsible and financial management and distribution of earnings that further the mission of the Catholic Church.

Catholics are called by God to protect human life, to promote dignity, to defend those who are poor, to strengthen the Church and to seek the common good. The Foundation exists to help Catholics live out this sacred mission of the Church, through the wise stewardship and thoughtful sharing of their financial resources.

The Foundation will provide permanent endowments and memorial funds for donors who want to give lasting support to parishes, schools, religious and social service ministries in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

WHY A CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Endowments through The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg, New York, Inc. provide permanent annual income for all years ahead solely for the specific religious purposes designed by the donor. Our donors enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that their gift will give steady annual income to the causes that have been most meaningful in their lives. Such causes include ministries and projects within parishes, agencies, organizations and Catholic schools.



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Dear Friends,

The dictionary defines foundation as:

- The act of founding, especially the establishment of an institution with provisions for future maintenance
- The basis on which thing stands, is founded, or is supported
- Funds for the perpetual support of an institution; an endowment
- An institution founded and supported by an endowment

You can note future and support are a consistent theme in the meanings. And with the generosity of the people in our Catholic Community, 41 Endowments (see back page) have been created since the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg, NY Foundation was incorporated in 2007 to "Build a Bridge for the Future."

An endowment is a gift that the principle remains intact and dividends from investments are allocated to the beneficiary the donor so chooses (Diocese, their parish, Catholic School, programs/ministries). Your gift will last forever, ensuring the future of something that is close to your heart even after God has called you to a better place.

Please take a few minutes to review our annual report, noting the Bishop's strong words of encouragement, our mission statement, why and how a foundation works and methods of giving. Also please review the 41 current endowments and respective beneficiaries that will receive a perpetual source of income.

You can create your own endowment or add to one that already exists through a variety of giving options that our office can assist you with. As you prayerfully consider a gift, know that we will work with you to clearly define your wishes.

Thank you to those who have generously supported the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg and our mission.

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Executive Director

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We recognize and understand as a Catholic Foundation entirely separate from the Diocese but in all ways accountable to both the Diocese and our donors, we are sustained by public trust and laws that confer upon us a special responsibility to society and the Roman Catholic Church. We further acknowledge that this responsibility can be met by full, open and public disclosure of all our affairs.

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Charitable Remainder Trusts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash • Stocks/securities • Real estate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Foundation receives substantial future gifts to support the work of The Foundation and the charities named by the donor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variable or fixed income • Option to defer income • Income tax deduction • Reduction of estate taxes • No capital gains tax on appreciated gift (or deferred in some instances)
Retirement Plan/IRA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name The Foundation as beneficiary of death benefit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant gift upon death of donor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to make a major gift • Estate and income tax savings
Endowment Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any of the above types of gifts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The final beneficiary(ies) will have a perpetual source of revenue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making a lasting gift that is a permanent legacy of your faith

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Pope names Bishop Matano of Vermont to head Diocese of Rochester

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Pope Francis has named Bishop Salvatore R. Matano of Burlington, Vt., to head the Diocese of Rochester, N.Y. He succeeds Bishop Matthew H. Clark, who retired in September 2012. The appointment was announced Nov. 6 in Washington by Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States. Bishop Matano, 65, has headed the Burlington Diocese since November 2005. Named coadjutor of the diocese in March of that year, he automatically succeeded Bishop Kenneth A. Angell when he retired. His installation Mass will be Jan. 3 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester. Calling his soon-to-be new home "this beautiful Diocese of Rochester," the bishop was introduced at a news conference at the diocesan pastoral center. Sitting at his right was Bishop Robert J. Cunningham of Syracuse, N.Y., who has been Rochester's apostolic administrator since the retirement of Bishop Clark, who sat at his successor's left. After the news conference, Bishop Matano concelebrated Mass at the cathedral. The day's events marked his first visit to Rochester. In expressing his feelings about his second assignment as a bishop, Bishop Matano invoked the example of Mary and her willingness to bear the Son of God: "Thy will be done." He said he will seek to extend the same basic priority of all eight of his predecessors.

Pope chooses beatitudes as themes for coming World Youth Days

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis has asked Catholic young people around the world to read, meditate and act on the beatitudes as they celebrate World Youth Day in their dioceses in 2014 and 2015 and as they prepare to join him in Poland in 2016. Taking the text of the beatitudes from the fifth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, Pope Francis has chosen the themes for World Youth Day celebrations for the next three years, the Vatican announced Nov. 7. World Youth Day is celebrated annually on a local level and every two or three years with an international gathering with the pope. At the end of World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, Pope Francis announced the next international gathering would be held in Krakow, Poland, in 2016. The annual Rome diocesan celebration with the pope is held on Palm Sunday each year; the date of the celebration in other dioceses varies.

Vatican to put St. Peter's relics on display for first time

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- For the first time, the bones traditionally believed to be the relics of St. Peter the Apostle will be on public display for veneration. Archbishop Rino Fisichella, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization, said the veneration of the relics at the Vatican is a fitting way to conclude the Year of Faith Nov. 24. Writing in the Vatican newspaper Nov. 8, the archbishop, whose office organized many of the Year of Faith events, said millions of pilgrims marked the Year of Faith by making a pilgrimage to St. Peter's tomb and renewing their profession of faith there. "The culminating sign" of the year, he said, "will be the exposition for the first time of the relics traditionally recognized as those of the apostle who gave his life for the Lord here." The bones were discovered during excavations of the necropolis under St. Peter's Basilica in the 1940s near a monument erected in the fourth century to honor St. Peter.

Nuncio: change structures to end food insecurity

UNITED NATIONS (CNS) -- No one-size-fits-all solution exists to end food insecurity around the globe, but world leaders must act beyond voicing their commitment to seeking food security for all, the Vatican nuncio told a U.N. gathering.

"Hunger is not caused by the lack of sufficient food to feed every person on the planet" but by social structures and failure to prioritize basic human rights, Archbishop Francis A. Chullikatt said in an Oct. 29 address to a session on agriculture development, food security and nutrition during a session of the U.N. General Assembly.

He quoted Pope Francis extensively in his remarks. For example, he cited the pope's observation that "current levels of production are sufficient, yet millions of people are still suffering and dying of starvation. This ... is truly

scandalous. A way has to be found to enable everyone to benefit from the fruits of the earth, and not simply to close the gap between the affluent and those who must be satisfied with the crumbs falling from the table, but above all to satisfy the demands of justice, fairness and respect for every human being."

The nuncio said that "while improvements in food production remains an important goal, food security will be achieved by all only when we change social structures and when we learn to show greater solidarity toward the poor and the hungry. Hunger is not just a technical problem awaiting technological solutions. Hunger is a human problem that demands solutions based on our common humanity."

The archbishop's remarks, and those of many other countries during the session

on agriculture development addressed the balance of market pressures, the right to food and nutrition and development goals.

The nuncio said governmental reports and national commitments to end hunger are numerous. "Yet in today's world, many nations still face periodic food crisis. Clearly more needs to be done."

Like all forms of poverty, the nuncio said, hunger is caused by exclusion, therefore "we can only eliminate hunger and food insecurity by promoting inclusion. Here we could follow Pope Francis' simple advice: 'Every proposal must involve everyone' and we must leave 'behind the temptations of power, wealth or self-interest' and instead serve 'the human family, especially the needy and those suffering from hunger and malnutrition.'"

Pope: God's invitations call for a wholehearted RSVP

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Being on God's "guest list" is not enough for salvation; a person must respond to the offer of faith and actively participate in the life of the church, Pope Francis said.

Being a Christian means accepting God's invitation to believe in Jesus and to celebrate with the whole church the joy of being saved, the pope said Nov. 5 during his early morning Mass in the Domus Sanctae Marthae where he lives.

The pope's homily looked both at the parable in the Gospel of St. Luke about the man who invited friends to a banquet, but none of them showed up, as well as at the description in the Letter to

the Romans about how members of the church each have different gifts to use for the good of all.

"A Christian is one who is invited," not to visit a shop or "take a walk," but to join a celebration, the pope said. "The Christian is one who is invited to a party, to joy, the joy of being saved and redeemed, the joy of participating in the life of Jesus.

"A party is a gathering of people who talk, laugh, celebrate and are happy," he said. "It's always a gathering of people. At least among people who are mentally normal, I've never seen someone have a party alone -- it would be a bit boring."

"The church isn't only for good people," the pope said, because "all of us sinners have been invited" and called to form a community.

A Christian cannot say, "I'll go to the party, but only to the front room with the three or four people I know," Pope Francis said. "You can't do this in the church. Either you enter with everyone or you stay outside. You can't choose; the church is for everyone, as I've said, beginning with the marginalized. It is the church of all."

It's not enough to have received the invitation, he said. "There are Christians who settle for being on the guest list," but don't show up for the celebration, and "that isn't enough."

"To enter the church means being open to what the Lord Jesus asks of us," accepting the gift of salvation and placing one's time and talents at the service of the community, the pope said.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Having the courage to cling to our faith

As we approach the end of the Church Year, the readings take on a more sober tone.

They're all about preparing for the "eschaton"—the final days of life on this earth.

With all the wars, hurricanes, earthquakes, and droughts, many people wonder if the end is really getting close.

In the Gospel, Jesus told his followers "not yet", and it seems God has

much more to do in this world even now.

And we're told in this Year of Faith that we are the ones that God will use as His instruments.

It is ordinary followers of Jesus like ourselves who must witness to the Good News so that more will be justified before the Final Judgment!

The first reading is from one of the very last prophecies of the Old Testament - the Book of



Monsignor Paul E. Whitmore

Malachi. Its message is comforting to those who live righteous lives, and disturbing to those who have ignored God's laws.

A fire, "blazing like an oven", will consume the evil ones, but "for those who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays."

In the second reading, St. Paul shows us how we are to prepare for the final days, mentioning what behaviour to avoid.

He scolds the lazy ones, saying to them, "those who do not work, should not eat", and likewise warns those who spend their time gossiping about their neighbors.

In the Gospel, Jesus Himself gives an "eschatological

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Malachi 3:19-20a

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Luke 21:5-19

discourse", providing some details for those who ask him for signs that will precede the end time.

First, He tells them not to believe those who claim to preach in His name that the end is now! "Do not believe them," Jesus warns.

Then he speaks of natural disasters and wonders from the sky.

Even then, He says, the end will not come before a

general persecution and imprisonment of His faithful followers. This is the time for them to give witness to His Name.

Don't prepare your defense ahead of time, He says, for "I myself shall give you a witness in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute". It's all about having courage to cling to our faith. "By your perseverance, you will secure your lives." Jesus concludes.

What great advice for us today as, as the end of this Year of Faith, many of us will more intensely enter into parish programs that will provide us with techniques for evangelization.

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FROM THE HOLY FATHER

Pope: God's weak spot is his love for those who are lost

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—God has a certain weak spot of love for those who are lost or have strayed furthest from him; they are the ones he goes out to find, Pope Francis said.

It's because God is a sore loser, he added, saying God doesn't like losing his children.

"He searches for all those who have strayed from him. Like a shepherd, he goes looking for the lost sheep," the pope said at his early morning Mass in the Domus Sanctae Marthae Nov. 7.

In his homily, the pope looked at the parables of the lost coin and the lost sheep in the Gospel of St. Luke, where Jesus is responding to the Pharisees and scribes who were scandalized and complained that Jesus welcomed and dined with sinners.

Their grumbling "is the music of hypocrisy," the pope said, according to Vatican Radio.

The people who complained about Jesus "believed that to be religious, to

be good," meant having everything go well in life, to be well-mannered "and many times to pretend to be well-behaved, right?" he said.

"This is the hypocrisy of grumbling" and complaining about others, the pope said.

God, however, is joyful, he said.

"He is a God who doesn't like to lose anything, he is not a good loser and for this reason, so as to not lose someone, he goes beyond himself, he goes and searches."



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AT THE MOVIES

THOR: THE DARK WORLD

By Joseph McAleer
Catholic News Service

Wielding his mighty hammer, the "God of Thunder" returns with a vengeance in "Thor: The Dark World" (Disney), a rousing 3-D adventure based on the popular Marvel Comics series.

Director Alan Taylor, best known for helming the HBO drama "Game of Thrones," is in familiar territory here, wrapping his actors in a complex mythology while staging grand battle sequences worthy of "The Lord of the Rings."

Fortunately, it's not all gloom and doom as the film's title suggests. There's a good deal of humor to lighten the mood, and some worthy messages about family, honor, and a Christian sense of self-sacrifice to vanquish evil and protect the innocent.

This sequel to 2011's "Thor" and 2012's "The Avengers" finds our titular superhero (Chris Hemsworth) back on Asgard, his home world. He's returned his wayward brother Loki (Tom Hiddleston) to stand trial for nearly destroying Earth in the last movie.

Loki is sentenced to life in prison by his none-too-pleased parents, King Odin (Anthony Hopkins) and Queen Frigga (Rene Russo).

When he is not making

peace at home or abroad (there are Nine Realms to manage), Thor pines, Tarzan-like, for Jane (Natalie Portman), the girl he left behind on Earth.

In the two years since their parting, Jane has been busy, using her knowledge of astrophysics to bridge the gap between the worlds and reunite with her hunky boyfriend. She's a little too successful, getting herself sucked into a vortex to the Dark World of the film's title, where she is infected with an ominous force called Aether.

If this all sounds confusing, it is, and it's best to take the mythological and scientific mumbo-jumbo in stride. Suffice it to say that, as Odin intones, "Long before the birth of light there was darkness."

It was a time when the Dark Elves, led by Malekith (Christopher Eccleston), crushed the Nine Realms into submission, with Aether their weapon of mass destruction.

Jane's fiddling awakens the Dark Elves from their eons-long slumber, and Malekith and his minions plot their re-conquest by extracting the Aether from its human host.

That is, not if Thor has anything to say about it. He plucks Jane from her London home base and whisks

her to Asgard for safety. There she meets his parents and plants a few kisses on Thor before war begins.

With the destruction of his world imminent (isn't that always the case with these comic book films?), Thor must turn to the only person with the key to victory: his disgraced brother.

Can he trust Loki? Will brothers bury the hatchet -- make that hammer -- before it is too late?

"Thor: The Dark World" assumes operatic proportions as it barrels toward a smash-bang conclusion that lays waste to multiple worlds, not to mention some lovely Georgian architecture in London. Parents should note that the violence, though cartoonish and bloodless, is extreme at times and not for little ones.

The film contains intense but bloodless combat scenes, some scary sequences, and a few mild oaths. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture



CNS PHOTO/PARAMOUNT
Chris Hemsworth stars in a scene from the movie "Thor."

Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.





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Peru - The Catholic Daughters, Court St. Monica of the St. Augustine Church will be hosting their annual Harvest Dinner.

Date: Nov. 17

Time: 3 p.m. to 6

Cost: Adults, \$9; Seniors, \$8; Children 3-10, \$5; under 3, free

Features: Virginia Baked Ham. Proceeds to further various charitable activities.

RIGHT TO LIFE MEETING

Plattsburgh - Champlain Valley Right to Life invites everyone to its monthly meeting.

Date: Nov. 14

Time: Following the 8 a.m. Mass

Place: Our Lady of Victory Church basement

Features: Prayer in front of Planned Parenthood after the meeting if you can.

SIDEWALK TRAINING

Plattsburgh - A sidewalk counseling training session, to help women choose life for their children, will be held

Date: Nov. 20

Time: 10 a.m. to 12

Place: Emmaus Room, St. Peter's Church

Features: The session will be led by Ann Scheidler, Vice President of Pro-Life Action League. Pre-registration is required with a \$10 fee.

Contact: Make checks payable to: Nancy Belzile or cash (SCT in memo); send registration fee - before Nov. 6 - to PO Box 536, Willsboro, NY 12996

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Ellenburg Center - Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer will have their 5th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

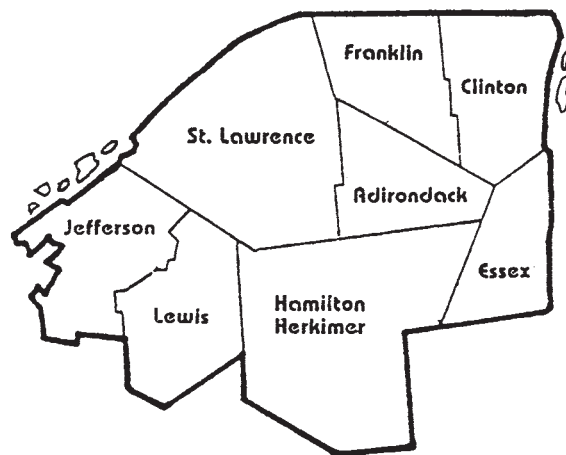
Date: Nov. 28

Time: Noon

Contact: RSVP by Nov. 25 to 518-594-3253 or olaprayerhouse@gmail.com

ADVENT ADORATION

Ellenburg Center - Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer will have



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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.

Advent Time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.

Date: Dec. 7

Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Features: Feel free to bring a bag lunch.

SETON CHRISTMAS DINNER

Plattsburgh - Seton Catholic Will hold its 9th annual Christmas dinner

Date: Dec. 8

Time: 12 - 5 pm

Place: Seton Catholic High School (former Air Base)

Cost: \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors (55+), \$5 for children ages 5-12 and ages under 5 are free. Take-outs will be \$9 each, can call ahead for take outs (561-4031 ext 121). Any adult who brings an unwrapped toy or food item will receive \$1 off their meal.

Features: Seating is handicap accessible. NEW this year - a variety of theme baskets for raffle. Holiday music performed by Seton students with a special appearance by Lita Kelly and Jay Lesage. Bake and holiday wreath sale, 50/50 drawings throughout the day. All monies raised will benefit children at both Seton Academy and Seton Catholic.

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

Theme: "Remember that the Blessed Sacrament is like a pillar of fire that is our light and guide." (St. Frances Xavier Cabrini).

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

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

FRANKLIN

BENEFIT FOR JOHNSTON FAMILY

Chateaugay - Fundraiser sponsored by Catholic Daughter of Chateaugay to benefit the Candi Johnston family.

Date: Dec. 7

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Knights of Columbus Hall

Features: No charge - donations only. Activities include Chinese Auction, Irish Music by the Duffy's, a dance with the Busco Bandits Band. All donations go to assist the wife and small children of Matthew Johnston who died July 5th in a car accident.

JEFFERSON

SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER

Evans Mills - A Spaghetti & meatball dinner to be held to benefit Indian River Knights of Columbus.

Date: Nov. 16

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

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

PIE SALE

Clayton - St. Mary's Parish is holding its annual pie sale

Date: Nov. 23

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or sold out)

Place: Clayton Shurfine Supermarket

Features: Over 50 pies prepared by our parishioners will be on sale. There will be many flavor varieties to choose from; apple, pumpkin, mincemeat and more. Buy them to have for dessert that night or to freeze and share at your Thanksgiving table. Tickets for our Holiday Food Fair raffle (10 cash prizes for \$50 each) will also be available for purchase. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. They are also available at various Clayton stores, the parish office or from parishioners.

HOLIDAY FOOD FAIR

Clayton - St. Mary's will be having a Holiday Food Fair.

Date: Dec. 7

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

Cost: Food Fair, \$6; Photo w/ santa 4x6, \$3; Raffle tickets, \$1 each or 6 for \$5

Features: Over 50 special dishes prepared by parishioners from their favorite family recipes will be available for sampling to include beverages, appetizers, entrees, desserts and more. Holiday gift items (including food gift items and pet treats), candy, fudge, beverages, and family inspirational gifts will be on sale. Santa will be on hand to hear the wishes of each and every child. Photos with this jolly old soul are also offered (family photos too). Our Children's Fun Room provides the little ones the opportunity to create crafts for themselves or to give as gifts at no cost. A free lunch is provided for children ages 3-12. At 1 p.m. the raffle drawings will be held. There are 10 cash prizes valued at \$50 each. Do not have to be present to win.

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: Nov. 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

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

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Work in Marialaya continues...

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

Meet Shorti..... Shorti is Vandoosha's best friend. She is another of the fortunate children rescued by Sister Clara and living in Marialaya.

She was stolen from her parents and forced to beg at a train station. That's when Sister Clara found her, recalling that she didn't know how to speak, couldn't say who her mother or father was.

When Shorti was rescued, she was extremely malnourished and had to go to the hospital to receive medications and treatment before starting her life at Marialaya.

Shorti is now in the fourth grade. Despite the effects of malaria she contracted as a young girl, her immune system is strong and she is set to have a bright future.

Her dream is to become a doctor, so that she can help other sick children like she had been.

Sister Clara admits that her work can be extremely challenging and difficult. However seeing young girls like Vandoosha and Shorti, once so frightened and vulnerable, gain confidence through care, love and support they receive at Marialaya is incredibly rewarding and fulfilling for her.

It is through Jesus that Sister Clara gains her strength and conviction, as she says: "I will ask Jesus' help. And in the evening I go and thank the Lord, asking Him to give me courage to face the difficulties which come on my way."

Your generosity to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith help people like Shorti find the love of Jesus through caring people like Sister Clara.

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will.
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Sister Clara with two rescued girls

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OBITUARIES

Bombay – Robert Charles Reardon; Funeral Services Nov. 9, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church.

Brasher Falls – Margaret M. (LaForce) Burns, 64; Funeral Services Nov. 6, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Canton – Stuart C. Papaw, 76; Funeral Services Nov. 7, 2013 at St. Mary's Church.

Cape Vincent – Mary E. (Favre) Barker, 94; Funeral Services Nov. 7, 2013 at St. Vincent DePaul Church; burial in Riverside Cemetery.

Champlain – Anna Gooley, 92; Funeral Services Nov. 5, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Memorial Gardens, Ellenburg Depot.

Indian Lake – Francis John "Frank" Fleming, 83; Funeral Services Nov. 2, 2013 at St. Mary's Church.

Madrid – Gerald T. Haney, 92; Funeral Services Nov. 4, 2013 at St. John's the Baptist Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Canton.

Malone – Jeannine M. (Reome) Durward, 78; Funeral Services Nov. 4, 2013 at Notre Dame Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Malone – Merton A. Henderson, 86; Funeral Nov. 8, 2013 at St. John Bosco Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Massena – Janet M. (McLean) Mittiga, 87; Funeral Services Nov. 2, 2013 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Norfolk – Paul G. "Poppy" Paige Jr., 56; Funeral Services Nov. 5, 2013 at Church of the Visitation.

Ogdensburg – Blanche H. (Holman) Blair, 98 Funeral Services Nov. 9, 2013 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Lloyd Benson Compo, 83; Funeral Services Nov. 7, 2013 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Ann J. (Gallagher) Dodds, 71; Funeral Services Nov. 16, 2013 at the Fox & Murray Funeral Home.

Ogdensburg – Beverly J. (Aumell) Green; Funeral Services Nov. 8, 2013 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Peru – Josephine (Therault) Drapeau, 95; Funeral Services Nov. 2, 2013 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Rouses Point – Fern Seguin Wilder, 89; Funeral Services Nov. 2, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church.

Saranac Lake – Loretta (Brzezinski) Bala, 98; Funeral Services Nov. 9, 2013 at St.

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

Star Lake – Robert Charles White, 52; Funeral Services Nov. 2, 2013 at French Funeral Home; burial in Oswegatchie Cemetery.

Watertown – M. James Daily, 84; Funeral Services Nov. 2, 2013 at Holy Family Church; burial in North Watertown Cemetery.

Watertown – Scott J. Fiorentino, 56; Funeral Services Nov. 8, 2013 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church.

Watertown – Morris F. "Tiny" Trahan, 81; Funeral Services Nov. 9, 2013 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Winthrop – Larry R. "Butch" McConnohie, 60; Funeral Services Nov. 8, 2013 at the Hammill Funeral Home.



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YEAR OF FAITH.. BUILDING FAITH

Striving to 'be bold... be Catholic'

By Kristina Dean
Staff Writer

Although the weather was cold and rainy, nothing seemed to dampen the excitement and positive atmosphere during the Matthew Kelly talk: Living With Passion and Purpose. During his three talks on October 27 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg, I was filled to the brim with inspiration. My head felt so full, I needed a week just to process all the information filling it.

One piece resounding with me the most is his motto: "Be Bold. Be Catholic." I guess this is because there have been times when I haven't been a bold Catholic. I have turned my face aside when trying to say prayers. I have hidden the sign of the cross, concerned about what people think. And I have avoided talking to my family about my faith. Even holding my hands up in Mass while saying the Our Father prayer – for a long time I didn't do this. This is something of which I am very much ashamed.

I was away from the church for a very long time. When I came back, my faith became precious to me. I couldn't stand to have people speak about it as if it wasn't important, or worse – to insult the Catholic Church.

It became easier to hide

the faith rather than flaunt it. It seemed like whenever I said I was Catholic, no matter what, someone always asked me complicated questions about Church doctrine and wanted to argue some point.

One of the wonderful things about hearing Matthew Kelly talk is that it reminded me of how beautiful it is to be Catholic

At the time, it was easier to avoid discussion, rather than answer.

What I should have done was to educate myself on Catechism and become a defender of the faith.

One of the wonderful things about hearing Matthew Kelly talk is that it reminded me of how beautiful it is to be Catholic. He has a talent for stripping the noise and nonsense from issues and looking at it from a purely Catholic standpoint. He reminded me of all the wonderful things the church does. We feed, house, cloth and educate more people in the world than any other group! How awesome is that!

He reminded me of how to be engaged into my faith entirely. And I took it heart when he said we've forgotten our faith story. I need to be more involved in mine because when we aren't involved in the growth of our



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE

Catholic evangelist Matthew Kelly spoke to a standing-room-only crowd at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg Oct. 26. Here writer Kristina Dean reflects on what his talk meant to her.

faith, we become stagnant. We become complacent and lukewarm.

Sometimes we need reminders like Mr. Kelly gives us. We come from a wonderful heritage and family. Early Christians were changing the world. People that live their faith live that way change the world. I want the happiness that comes from being focused, energized and invigorated.

I want to pay attention to the voice of God speaking to me in my life. I want to become who God means for me to become.

After the tidal wave of positivity and energy sunk into me, I have decided to do several things. One is to read more non fiction books, especially about the lives of the saints. I have de-

ecided to keep a Mass journal. And, I have decided to be unashamedly Catholic. No more hiding the sign of the cross!

Mr. Kelly said there is nothing more attractive than holiness. And, he doesn't mean trying to get attention by being the holiest in the room. There is something beautiful about quiet, unobtrusive holiness. I think of my father. Every night at dinner, he would ask for silence, bow his head, fold his hands and using a quiet, reverent voice, thank God for many things. Sometimes we, as kids, would be hungry, and anxious to eat, we'd get tired of his thanks. But now I often wish I could go back and thank him for demonstrating to me a simple, humble holiness.

Another message I took from Mr. Kelly's talk is to always be open to God's will for us, always listening to his message. These are such special moments. Recently, one hit me over the head. Sometimes in Mass, the words the priest says pass me by quickly. But several weeks ago, as if it were playing before me like a movie, one moment slowed down and made me sit up and pay attention. The moment the priest held up the host and says, "Behold the Lamb of God," I suddenly snapped to attention and realized that THIS is really God, here in front of us. I was filled with joy and my eyes with tears.

I realized God was talking to me at that moment. It was such a beautiful gift.

I wish my heart was open continually, so I could experience more moments like that. God is speaking to us all the time.

One more piece of advice that I absorbed: to disconnect from the electronic world so as to delve deep inside myself and listen to the voice from God. As a teacher, there are many voices, many questions and many concerns around me all day long. As a parent, my own children demand most of my attention, and of course, my husband deserves my time and attention. Once I attend to their needs, there isn't much space left, and if I fill the spaces with noise from radio, television, internet and anything else, it is tremendously hard to think. Some of the best thinking time I have is early in the morning, when it's just me, a cup of coffee and my prayers. And every once in a while I figure out what God wants me to hear.

May we all find time in our busy lives to be disciplined to attend to our faith. May we become 100 percent engaged as Catholics, be proud of our faith and become potent, powerful and effective. God willing, we'll become what God wishes for us to be, and find the lasting happiness that can only come by following God's will for us.

Around

JEFFERSON

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BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Watertown – An ecumenical bereavement meeting has been planned

Date: Nov. 18

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Sisters of St. Joseph Hearthsides Hospitality Center

Speaker: Cheryl Foan, certified school

counselor K-12 at Case Junior High, and widowed three years at age 41.

Topic: "Grief, Loss Moving Forward".

ST. LAWRENCE

AUCTION NIGHT

Canton – St. Mary's School's Tenth Annual Auction Night to be held.

Date: Friday, November 22

Time: 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Place: School gymnasium

Cost: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door

Features: Over 200 quality items to bid on in silent and live auctions with hors d'oeuvres, adult beverages, entertainment.

Contact: St. Mary's School at 315-386-3572

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

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

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 Tim Baker, 394-1008.