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Hope: link to eternal life

VATICAN CITY (CNS)- Christian hope is not mere optimism or a "positive attitude" toward the world but a vital link to eternal salvation, Pope Francis said.

The pope spoke Oct. 29 during a morning Mass he celebrated in the Vatican guesthouse, where he lives.

Taking as his text the day's reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans (8: 18-25), which deals with the theological virtue of hope, Pope Francis distinguished the virtue from an "ability to look at things in a good spirit and move ahead."

The pope said that hope

was harder to understand than the other two theological virtues -- faith and charity -- whose results are more evident to the senses.

Early Christians represented hope as an anchor fixed on the shore of the hereafter, he said.

"Where are we anchored,

each of us?" Pope Francis asked. "Are we anchored right on the shore of that distant ocean or are we anchored in an artificial lake we have made, with our rules, our ways of behaving, our schedules, our clericalism, our ecclesiastical -- not ecclesial -- attitudes?"

A day of dynamic Catholicism

Approximately 850 people, some from as far as Buffalo, attended acclaimed speaker Matthew Kelly's talk: "Living Every Day With Passion and Purpose" Oct. 26 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Speaking in three sessions which ran from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., he addressed a packed house at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Much of Mr. Kelly's presentation focused on re-engaging Catholics and encouraging them to rediscover their faith.

"We have forgotten who we are," he said.

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HAVING FUN WITH THE HOLY FATHER



CNS PHOTO/ALESSANDRO BIANCHI, REUTERS

Pope Francis reacts to children as he addresses pilgrims in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Oct. 26. He addressed an estimated 100,000 people taking part in a Year of Faith celebration of family life. Full story, page 10

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Presents annual awards



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE

Jordyn Margaret Mary Black of St. John Bosco Church in Malone, shown above with Bishop LaValley, is the 2013 winner of the Catholic Charities Legacy Award. The Legacy Award is given annually by the Board of Trustees to a young person or group who make concrete the Gospel values of charity and justice. Jordyn was recognized for her deep love and appreciation for elderly members of her community. Two other awards were presented to individuals recognized for lives of faith and service at this year's Catholic Charities Caritas Dinner held Oct. 27 at the Gran View Restaurant in Ogdensburg. Tom and Mary Ann Hanley, formerly of Wadertown, were presented the President's Award, and Patricia Minter-Powell of Sackets Harbor, the Caritas Award.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Thirty-five years... and counting

I hope you'll indulge the editor this week as I meander a bit down memory lane.

It's Oct. 30 as I write this column, exactly 35 years from my first day of work for the *North Country Catholic*.

Yes, I know how old that makes me.

On Oct. 30, 1978, I was a newlywed; on Oct. 30, 2013, I'm a grandma, twice over.

My credentials for the job as an editorial assistant were rather thin on that first day: I was familiar with the diocese from my work at Guggenheim, had graduated from college with decent

grades and spent a year as a social worker. Somehow Father Christman, the editor, thought this was enough and took a chance on me.

I thank God every day that he did.

I had never taken a journalism course but was immediately enrolled in Father Christman's daily classes with added tutelage from Chuck Kelly whose legendary journalistic skills were matched by his love for the Catholic Church.

And, as I was learning to be a reporter and an editor, I was getting on-the-job training for my other "career" as well –

Mary Lou
Kilian

as a mother!

God bless, Father Christman who certainly must have wondered what had happened to his world.

For the first 15 years of my tenure, I knew only one bishop – Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana. Who would have guessed that, after he retired, we'd welcome four more in rather quick succession? The opportunity to work with each of these wonderful publishers was just one of the many blessings I've enjoyed during these past three and a half decades.

My office mates/friends – Linda Langstaff for the first 13 years, Scott Wilson for the next 16 and now Christine Ward – have made it a joy to come to

work every day.

It's been a privilege as well to work with the other diocesan employees (who somehow keep getting younger and younger.)

What better job could a person have than to explore the lives and tell the stories of some of the best people of the North Country - our priests, religious and the thousands of holy lay people who fill diocesan churches week after week.

I will be forever grateful for every opportunity that my association with the *North Country Catholic* has given me... grateful to God and grateful to anyone who's read any part of the 1600 or so papers I've helped to put together!

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Becoming a Church for the poor

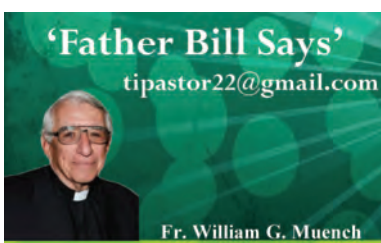
Today, I would like to recommend to you a magazine article written by Bishop Robert McElroy, the Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco, published in the recent *America Magazine* entitled "A Church For the Poor." The subtitle of the article is "Pope Francis Makes Addressing Poverty Essential."

Pope Francis speaks often of a Church of the poor and for the poor.

Bishop Elroy picks up on the Pope's lead that our Church must make the needs of poor a priority for our Church.

Bishop McElroy writes this, "The teachings of Pope Francis on a church for the poor not only speak to the centrality of addressing poverty as an imperative for Catholics in the public order, but also call us to look anew at the nature of the common good in society and how we seek to achieve it."

I would like to share a bit of this with you. How must we reach to this call to be a Church for the Poor? Our challenge begins with the attitude of materialism that can invade our society and even make us ignore the whole question of poverty in our world.



So, in this article, we are reminded of three false cultures that materialism often thrives upon and I must admit them often touch my life.

First off, there is the culture of comfort that makes us think only of ourselves. So, we all have to face the fact that all too often we make decisions based on our own comfort and ease. Selfishness can influence us. So, we don't even think of the poor and needy – those who have little comfort – those we might be able to help.

Then, there is the culture of waste that seizes the gifts of the created order to savor for a moment and then discard them.

A culture of waste – there are many examples, aren't there? We buy groceries without care and then ending up wasting some, just throwing them out. Often, we waste more than

could be enough for say a needy family.

The real problem is our attitude. Overcoming waste – truly it would make me a better person, a more caring person.

Then, there is the culture of indifference that desensitizes us to the suffering of others, no matter how intense, no matter how sustained.

The question each of us must face – do we really care?

In our country, too many children are dying from disease and malnutrition. If we care, then this must become a real concern.

Pope Francis challenges our Church to shake off these cul-

tures of indifference and comfort. The Church of the poor must elevate these issues along with all of our other concerns as Catholics.

So, Bishop McElroy reminds us, Catholics, that while there are many concerns that we speak about and preach about and work for – now, the poor in our place and in our world must be one of our concerns.

He ends his article by writing this, "In the end, the very purpose of Catholic political conversations is to help our nation see human suffering and human striving, not through the lens of politics but as God sees them.

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Congratulations, Mary Lou

She's been at it for thirty-five years!

During that time, her children have grown up and now she and her husband dote over their precious grandchildren.

I join the entire Diocese of Ogdensburg in congratulating Mary Lou Kilian as she marks thirty-five years as a dedicated member of the diocesan staff.

As its editor, she has inspired and challenged us

through her insightful columns in the *North Country Catholic*.

In a world in which technological advances in communications are occurring with breakneck speed, Mary Lou and her staff continue to provide the people of the North Country and beyond with information and inspiration to live our faith with hope and joy.

We taste a flavor of the vigor of faith life here in

the Diocese of Ogdensburg as we read the variety of articles and enjoy the colorful pictures of faith in action.

As you know, the fruits of her hard work and that of her staff have been recognized by her peers with National awards in Catholic journalism.

I know you enjoy our diocesan newspaper as much as I do. We are proud and so very grateful for her remarkable service to the Church.

Congratulations Mary Lou and thank you as you begin your next 35 with us!



Bishop Terry R. LaValley

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FATHER MENARD



PHOTOS SUPPLIED
 Father Gilbert Menard of Plattsburgh turned 85 Oct. 24 and was the guest of honor at two birthday celebrations. Above, family members gathered at Guma's Restaurant in West Chazy. At right, Father Menard is pictured with Father Scott Seymour and Msgr. Peter R. Riani at an open house at St. Alexander's Parish, Morrisonville.



Funeral held for Deacon Robert V. Ruddy, 74

ROSIERE – Bishop Terry R. LaValley presided at a Mass of Christian Burial for Deacon Robert V. Ruddy, 74, Monday at St. Vincent de Paul Church.

He died Oct. 29 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Syracuse. Burial will be in Glenwood Cemetery, Watertown, at the convenience of the family.

Deacon Ruddy was born in Potsdam Aug. 30, 1939, the son of John V. and Frances L. Brady Ruddy. He graduated from Canton Central High School in 1957 and attended both LeMoyne College in Syracuse and Canton ATC.

On Sept. 17, 1960 he married Judith Bartman at St. Mary's Church in Canton with Father James J. Ruddy, his brother, officiating.

He worked over ten years for UPS as a delivery driver, supervisor, and manager. In 1972 he began working with his father-in-law at Bartman's Auto Parts, Canton, taking over as manager and owner after Mr. Bartman retired. In 1988 he became parts manager in sales and service for Rupp Rental, Watertown.

He joined permanent deacon formation program in September 1996 and was ordained a deacon on October 9, 1999, serving the Catholic communities in northern Jefferson County.

In 2001, after retiring from Rupp Rental, he became a Chaplain for NYS Dept. of Corrections and worked in Cape Vincent Correctional Facility until his retirement

in August 2013.

During this time, he also served the Catholic communities in Cape Vincent, Rosiere, and Chaumont.



Deacon Robert V. Ruddy

Deacon Ruddy was a member of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, LeRay de Chaumont Chapter and was a member of the Lions Club in Cape Vincent. He was a former member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Canton Fire

Dept., which he served for 22 years.

He was an avid hunter, enjoyed riding his Spyder with his wife, and especially enjoyed spending time with his family and his dog, Gizmo.

Besides his wife, Judy, he is survived by his three children and their spouses, Michelle R. and Terry Conant, Canton, M. Peter and Sandra Ruddy, Rochester, and Patrick J. and Leslie Ruddy, W. Union, WV and his seven grandchildren. He was predeceased by his two brothers, Neil B. Ruddy, October 9, 1941 and Msgr. James J. Ruddy, November 2, 1987.

Donations in Deacon Ruddy's name may be made to the National Down Syndrome Society at <http://www.ndss.org/> or 666 Broadway, 8th Floor, NY, NY 10012, the Richard E. Winters Cancer Center, 5 Lyons Place, Ogdensburg, NY 13669, or to a charity of your choice.

Online condolences to the family may be made at <http://www.cummingsfuneral.com/>.



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YEAR OF FAITH...STORY OF FAITH

Remarkable companion on journey of faith

By Matthew Pietropaoli
Contributing Writer

As we move through this year of faith, I reflect on those who have influenced my own faith journey.

In particular, I want to focus on one person: Abbot Mathew Leavy of St. Anselm Abbey in Manchester, NH. Abbot Mathew (now Abbot emeritus) led the St. Anselm Benedictine community while I was attending the adjacent St. Anselm College from 2001-2005.

I met Abbot Matthew my freshman year, and he quickly became a mentor and friend for me.

However, during my sen-

ior year at St. Anselm, I left the Catholic Church.

A "cradle Catholic," I had, up to that point, also been a dutiful and observant one. But having studied for three years at college, I was becoming open to new and challenging ideas. I felt a resolve to live more deeply and freely, outside the structures of Catholicism.

I followed Thoreau who once said he "wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life."

I thus distanced myself from the religion of my youth.

For three years, from 2004 until 2007, I maintained that distance.

I studied Buddhism and

practiced for a while at a Buddhist meditation center. I also traveled around the country, working various jobs in Washington State, New York, Massachusetts, and Alaska.

Both literally and metaphorically, I was searching. In short, I was searching for something true, profound, and meaningful in my life, especially my spiritual life.

Now I'll return to discussing Abbot Matthew. Throughout this entire time period, I confided in Abbot Matthew. I shared with him my misgivings about Catholicism and my own spiritual perspectives. He always listened attentively and without judgment to what I said.

My questions about the Faith were many but his rebukes were none. Never once did he criticize me for leaving the faith; never once did he seem uneasy or uncomfortable with my rejection of Catholicism.

Instead, he encouraged me to seek out wisdom and truth in life: he lent me books on meditation; he conversed regularly with me over the phone; and he visited with me when I would come to New Hampshire.

To this day, I keep on my desk a letter from Abbot



Matthew Pietropaoli

Matthew in which he urged me "continue praying and reflecting."

In fact, I never considered it odd to talk, with an Abbot, about my weakened faith in Catholicism. I felt a close bond with him despite our differences in faith.

Yet in the spring of 2007, that difference disappeared: I returned to the Catholic Faith.

As you can imagine, Abbot Matthew was there (albeit not literally) during that return. Per usual, he listened, he encouraged, he was present. It thus felt quite authentic and mean-



ingful as I indicated to him my desire to "revert" back to the faith.

And though that return happened at Sacred Heart Church in Seward Alaska, 4000 miles from New Hampshire, Abbot Matthew was certainly with me.

Thus, as I reflect on my faith journey, I know that I have been blessed with a remarkable companion.

I could not have asked for a more gentle, kind, and compassionate friend in my spiritual travels. I hope that in some small way, I can emulate Abbot Matthew's example.

After all, Dante says that God's "love . . . moves the sun and the other stars."

I know that God's love, as made manifest in Abbot Matthew, helped move me in my journey back to Catholicism.

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THE 2013 CATHOLIC CHARITIES CARITAS DINNER



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Three awards were presented to individuals recognized for lives of faith and service at the 2013 Catholic Charities Caritas Dinner Oct. 27 at the Gran View Restaurant in Ogdensburg. Above, Tom and Mary Ann Hanley, formerly of Watertown, were presented the President's Award; and left, Patricia Minter-Powell of Sackets Harbor, the Caritas Award. The Legacy Award for young people was presented to Jordyn Margaret Mary Black of Malone. Bishop LaValley made the presentations at the dinner.

Caritas winner 'answered call to provide unselfish love'

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg has presented the Caritas Award each year since 1978 for "devoted and unselfish service to the people of northern New York.

The 2013 recipient was Patricia Minter Powell of Sackets Harbor who leads the Immaculate Heart Central Faith Community Service Program.

Tracy Leonard of Watertown, a graduate of IHC and current member of the Catholic Charities Board of Trustees introduced Mrs. Powell at the Oct. 27 Caritas Dinner.

Her comments follow:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, it is my privilege and honor to present this year's Caritas Award. Thank you for sharing in this joyous occasion with me.

In John 15:13, we hear Jesus say "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for their friends." We lay down our lives every time we put

someone else's needs before our own.

Through acts of service, we practice what Jesus preached and lived. This connects us to those we serve and gives us a kind of satisfaction that self-interest cannot offer. We can do small acts of kindness for our neighbors, take part in community service, fulfill responsibilities within our local congregations, or contribute to large scale humanitarian efforts.

These actions, whether great or small, allow us to feel the happiness of connecting with our brothers and sisters, and reminds us that God often uses us when answering someone else's prayers.

Many people in our local community, as well as worldwide, have had their prayers answered through a very special individual by the name of Mrs. Patricia Minter Powell from Sackets Harbor.

Mrs. Powell, as a wife,

mother, friend, teacher and faithful servant has answered the call to nurture and provide unselfish love for the growth and perhaps survival of others.

Mrs. Powell consistently finds opportunities to donate her time and energy. The who, when or how she serves is not for evaluation; rather the beauty of Mrs. Powell's service is in the act itself; for she shies away from recognition, accepts no reward, and is only motivated by love.

The life of Christ, which she follows daily, makes clear the duty and privilege we all have to serve our brothers and sisters on earth.

As an effective faculty leader of the Immaculate Heart Central Faith Community Service Program, Mrs. Powell makes service, compassion and selflessness visible.

By reaching out to others, she provides the students of IHC a training ground for a

truly successful, self-sacrificial life.

This Faith Community Service Program provides opportunities for the school body to live its faith while helping to meet some of the needs of its local community.

Additionally, it offers a broad palette of service opportunities, matching students who are ready and willing to help others with local agencies often desperate for volunteers, and community members in need of a helping hand.

The Program's motto "Carry Each Other," is taken from Galatians 6:2, and speaks of our responsibility to care for each of our brothers whomever they may be.

At present, student members of this program pick up hammers for Habitat for Humanity, prepare meals for the Salvation Army, help the elderly with leaf relief, call bingo at the nursing home, assist the Watertown Urban

Mission with its food and clothing programs for the poor, assist with activities for the disabled, host fundraisers for the orphans in Africa, and provide academic tutoring for their peers.

Each year, this volunteer program contributes over 2,000 hours of service to the school and the greater Watertown community, yet without Mrs. Powell's guidance, leadership and time, many of these efforts would not come to fruition.

Mrs. Powell, your tireless work to serve others and improve the quality of life for individuals and families does not go unnoticed. Your Christ-like charity is an inspiration and something I wish to emulate. Please know of our unceasing prayers for your ministry. May the sharing of your time, talents and possessions continue to remind each one of us that these gifts are not our own; rather a service of our God.

SETON DAY OF SERVICE



SCHOOL PHOTO
Steven Murray, left, and Noah Racette are shown during Service Day at Seton Catholic in Plattsburgh. The entire student body spent Sept. 27 working at various places in their community. Last school year students gave over 7200 hours of their time to help those in need in the community. The goal this year is to exceed 7200 hours.

Bishop's Schedule

Nov. 6 – 1 p.m., Catholic Charities Board Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg.

Nov. 7 – Speaker at the Diocese of Albany Priest Convocation in Saratoga Springs.

Nov. 8 – “Beauty of Belief” Award Reception at Church of the Visitation in Norfolk

Nov. 9 – 10 a.m., Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting at St. Mary's of the Fort Church in Fort Covington.
4 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Nov. 11-14 - USCCB General Meeting in Baltimore, MD

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. 7 - 3:30 p.m., St. Agnes Church, Lake Placid

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. 7 – Rev. Dennis Nolan, 1911; Rev. William Ouellette, O.M.I., 1936; Msgr. William, H. Brennan, 1986
Nov. 8 – Rev. Patrick McGilligan, 1828
Nov. 10 – Msgr. Francis M. Kenny, 1954; Msgr. Raphael A. Hoffman, 1968
Nov. 11 – Rev. Victor VandenHende, 1939; Rev. Edward O. Hervieux, 1947; Msgr. Bernard E. Christman, 2012

Environmental Stewardship

What Is the Church Saying:

“To be sure, among the basic problems the international community has to address is that of energy resources ...technologically advanced societies must be prepared to encourage more sober lifestyles, while reducing their consumption and improving its efficiency.” Pope Benedict XVI

What Can I do?:

Check the clothes dryer vent on the outside wall of your home to ensure it is closing properly. This vent can frequently become clogged with lint, preventing it from completely closing which allows cold air to enter your home. Also, check the kitchen exhaust vent, as the flap on this vent can become clogged with grease thereby preventing it from closing all the way. Finally, the bathroom exhaust vent should be checked to see that it is completely closing when not in use.

CORRECTION

A photo of RoseAnn Hickey at the Catholic Schools Conference printed in the Oct. 23 issue of the *North Country Catholic*, Wrongly identified the book company for Whom she Works. Ms. Hickey Was representing Sadlier Publishing at the conference.

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Registration open for Vatican II Workshop

OGDENSBURG— Registrations are still being accepted for a weekend workshop on the history and writings of the Second Vatican Council set for Nov. 22-23 at Wadhams Hall.

The diocesan workshop, held as part of the diocesan observance of the Year of Faith, 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

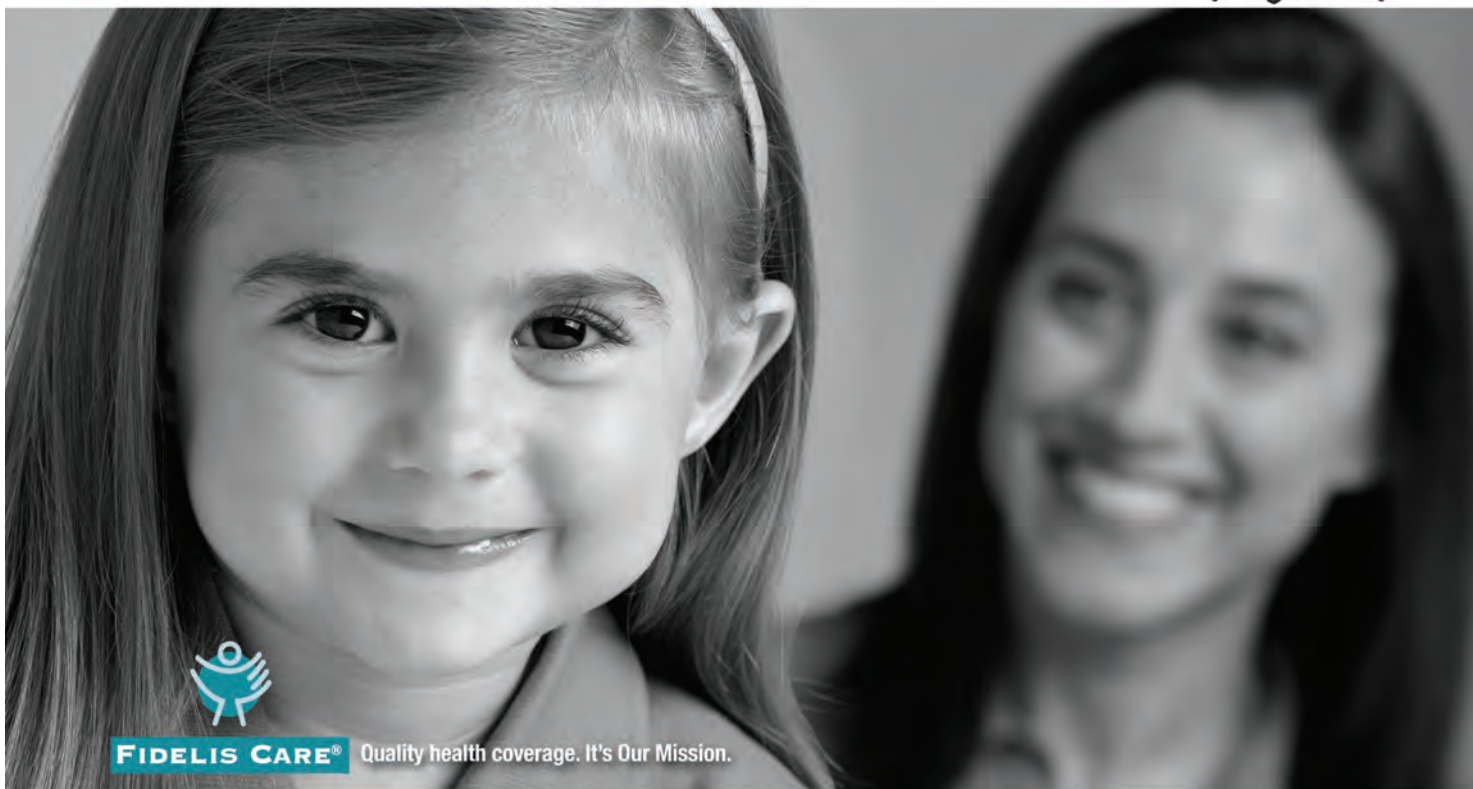
- the Decrees and Declarations, by Msgr. Robert Aucoin
- the Constitution of the Church by St. Joseph Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin and

- 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.

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Standing room only at cathedral for Matthew Kelly event

A day of dynamic Catholicism

By Kristina Dean
Staff writer

OGDENSBURG - Approximately 850 people, some from as far as Buffalo, attended acclaimed speaker Matthew Kelly's talk: "Living Every Day With Passion and Purpose" Oct. 26 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Speaking in three sessions which ran from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Mr. Kelly addressed a packed house at St. Mary's Cathedral.

One of the event organizers, Marika Donders, described it as positive and filled with hopefulness.

There was a general sense of excitement, said the Director of Evangelization for the diocese. This was especially in evidence with the young adults she sat near.

At first, she said, "the confirmation students were sitting with arms and legs crossed, acting tired as most adolescents would be on a Saturday morning."

"After ten minutes, he had them," she said. "They pulled out their notebooks, started taking notes, and were laughing and cheering. It was a religious event that was fun for them. They were excited and paying attention."

Re-discovering faith

Much of Mr. Kelly's presentation focused on re-engaging Catholics and encouraging them to re-discover their faith.

We have forgotten who we are, he said.

"As Catholics, we have forgotten our story," he said. "The anti-Catholic media tells it for us. There are 1.2 billion Catholics in the world, 77 million in the United States, and we get treated as a fringe group because we've forgotten our story."

He said Catholics educate, feed, house and clothe more people on the planet than anyone else.

"Forty million people are fed by Catholic Charities. We don't ask if they are Catholic, only if they are hungry. Eighty percent of these people are non Catholic," he said.

"We are the biggest family in the world," he said and called upon the audience to be boldly and fearlessly Catholic.

Views of the world

Mr. Kelly began his first speaking session discussing how everyone has a different view of the world.

Emphasizing his points by often asking the audience to repeat key words or to say "uh-huh" if they understood or agreed, Mr. Kelly used humor throughout his talk, often bringing forth loud audience laughter.

The way we see the world determines our lives, he said.

"On Sunday, we have a bigger world view," he said. "God is constantly bringing us out of our own little worlds."



Matthew Kelly

Mr. Kelly described a "spectrum of engagement" using the work place as an example. There are people at work who are 100 percent engaged, he said, those who are 50 percent, those who are 30 percent, and then the "quit and stay" people.

He described those people as workers who have given up, or quit, but still stay at work. There are similar people at church, he said.

Way to true happiness

Mr. Kelly encouraged the standing-room only audience to be engaged in their spiritual life 100 percent. How can we tell who these people are, he asked the audience. "They live with passion and purpose because it becomes a by-product of personal clarity," he said.

"People who have the most personal clarity know who they are, they know why we are here and they know what matters most and what matters least," he said.

Being this way is the only way to true happiness, he said. "Deep within us, we have a desire for happiness. Nothing but God will satisfy that happiness."

"We have a hole; we try to fill that hole with pleasure, stuff, accomplishments. But it is a God-sized hole," he said, adding that pleasure does not equal happiness, that pleasure can't be sustained beyond the activity that is producing it.

Game changing options

Mr. Kelly described three options he called "game changers" and asked the audience to choose one.

The first was to read the Gospels for 15 minutes a day for 90 days. Doing this will help the reader

know the real son of God, he said.

"Figure out who Jesus is," he said. "Not the wimpy, plastic-cast Jesus.

"People either love or hate Jesus; they are not indifferent to him," Mr. Kelly said. "He was a radical, his teachings are radical. He said to pray for your enemy.

"Our Catholic family constantly prays for the whole world." He said. "But never have I heard anyone pray for Osama bin Laden. There is a gap between our lives and the Gospel. God is calling us to close that gap."

The second option is to receive spiritual guidance by going to Confession once a month for a year.

The third option is to keep a Mass journal. Mr. Kelly encouraged the audience to take the journal to Mass, and pray to God, saying "Show me one way in this Mass that I can become a better version of myself."

Find one thing and write it down, date it, he said. Then spend the rest of Mass praying about how "to live that one thing."

By choosing one of the three, Mr. Kelly told the audience they would become more energized and invigorated because "that's what happens when you listen to the voice of God."

Challenged to be holy

Ms. Donders said that the young people really enjoyed the talk, and liked his plan for improvement.

"They could see there is something beautiful about our faith. He challenges them, gives them a quest. It was all very positive," she said.

Mr. Kelly also challenged the audience to become more holy, stating there was nothing more attractive than holiness.

Using Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta as an example, he encouraged the audience to never give up. The world needs a few, brave souls to find the holiness within them and live deeply, he said.

"Where there is holiness, the church thrives," he said. "Go out tomorrow, create a holy moment. Be the person God wants you to be and doing what God wants you to do.

"Create two holy moments the next day," he said, "and four more the following. Once you understand the DNA, you can replicate it over and over."

He also spoke of an upcoming program for teens preparing for the sacrament of confirmation. It will be released in the spring, offered to all churches in North America and will be completely free. Designed to appeal to young people, it will be in multi-media form, including phone "apps," websites, and video.

The audience members included people from Vermont, Ottawa, Cornwall, Kingston, Syracuse, Buffalo and all parts of the North Country.

All who attended received a bag with The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic, a journal, a copy of OSV Newsweekly, a recording of "The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality" and other information on Mr. Kelly's website DynamicCatholic.com.

MATTHEW KELLY OFFERS GAME-CHANGING STRATEGY FOR CATHOLICS

LIVING WITH PASSION, PURPOSE



PHOTOS BY BETTY STEELE

A view from the choir loft of St. Mary's Cathedral during Matthew Kelly's presentation Oct. 26. The Catholic evangelist told the crowd at his "Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose" conference that the "genius in Catholicism" can transform their lives — if they take steps to let it.



PHOTO BY JESSE SOVIE

Some members of the Ogdensburg Women of Grace group were present to hear Matthew Kelly speak at his Passion and Purpose event. Front, from left, are, Lil Dailey, Claire Murdock, Mary Sovie, Celina Burns and Debbie St. Germain; back, Amy Schirmer and Fran DeFazio.



Bishop LaValley met the guest speaker before the program.



Singer/songwriter Eliot Morris was the featured musician for the day.



Marika Donders, diocesan director of evangelization, was one of the organizers, of the Matthew Kelly event.

Young and old - 100,000 strong - join Pope Francis at family festival

Celebrating the joy of family life

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - A Catholic wedding is not simply a beautiful ceremony; through the sacrament of marriage a couple receives from God the grace they will need to fulfill their mission in the world, Pope Francis said.

Addressing an estimated 100,000 people who came to St. Peter's Square Oct. 26 for a Year of Faith celebration of family life, Pope Francis said Catholic spouses are not naive; they know difficult moments will come.

But vowing to love one another in sickness and health, joy and sorrow all the days of their lives, Catholic couples put their lives in the hands of God and rely on him for strength.

"They do not run away; they do not hide; they do not shirk the mission of forming a family and bringing children into the world," the pope said.

For hours before the pope arrived, singers and storytellers took the stage in St. Peter's Square, recounting the greatness of love and family life and the importance of forgiveness.

Volunteers went through the crowd handing out red, green, orange, yellow, blue and violet balloons. Despite the master of ceremonies' plea to hang on to the helium-filled balloons until everyone was told to release them, throughout the evening balloons dotted the skies over St. Peter's Square.

Pope Francis, who was given a balloon in the atrium of St. Peter's Basilica, entertained the little ones who were to escort him to the stage by letting his go, too.

The evening's formal program began with a little girl identified only as Federica showing the pope a drawing she made of her mother teaching her to cook cutlets. She said it is her favorite



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Pope Francis greets a family as they present the offertory gifts during a Mass for families in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Oct. 27. The Mass was the culmination of the Year of Faith pilgrimage of families.

food and "I could eat them for breakfast, lunch, dinner and snack time."

Federica said her mom also taught her to make the sign of the cross, and Pope Francis asked all the children, if they knew how, to join him in beginning their encounter "in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

Dozens of people - from children to grandparents - were invited to speak to the pope and the crowd, sharing the story of their family lives.

Wassim and Karol Maqdissi, a couple from Syria, talked about fleeing their home and finding refuge in Jordan. The people gathered in the square of-

ferred special prayers for peace in Syria and offered money to help Caritas care for the victims of the war.

Other stories came from residents of Lampedusa, the island off Italy's southern coast, and from two African migrants who made dangerous sea crossings to get to the island.

In his talk at the gathering, Pope Francis said that at the heart of everyone's vocation is the call to love and be loved.

"Life is often wearisome. Work is tiring. Looking for work is exhausting," he said. "But what is most burdensome in life is a lack of love."

Pope Francis said he knows

many families are struggling financially and emotionally, others are threatened by war or split apart by migration, and many young people would like to marry but they don't see how they can without a home and good job.

"The Lord knows our struggles and the burdens we have in our lives," he said. "But he also knows our great desire to find joy and rest."

Through the sacrament of marriage, a couple receives the grace they need, he said: "The sacraments are not decorations in life; the sacrament of marriage is not just a pretty ceremony. Christians celebrate the sacrament of marriage because they

know they need it."

Pope Francis urged Catholic couples to go against the cultural trend of seeing everything, including relationships, as fleeting. Marriage is a life-long journey, he said, "a long journey, not little pieces."

Family life is filled with beautiful moments like shared meals, walks in the park and visits to the grandparents, Pope Francis said. "But if love is missing, joy is missing; nothing is fun."

For families, as for all Christians, he said, Jesus is the source of endless love. Couples, he said, must pray together "because they need to for the long journey they are making together."

Pope Francis also told the crowd that three phrases are essential for a peaceful family life: "May I?" to make sure you aren't being intrusive, "Thank you" and "I'm sorry."

The next morning, Pope Francis was back in St. Peter's Square celebrating Mass with the families. And, again, he spoke of the importance of praying as a family.

He said he knew many of them were thinking that it sounds like a nice thing to do, but they can't imagine finding the time.

"We need simplicity to pray as a family," he said. "Praying the Our Father together around the table is not something extraordinary; it's easy. Praying the rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength."

Through family prayer, going to church together and even the simple task of teaching children to make the sign of the cross, he said, the family also is the place where the Christian faith is kept alive and passed on.

The faith, he said, is not "a personal treasure like a bank account" or something to be kept "in a strong box," he said. A faith that is not shared with others might as well be "embalmed,"

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

EWTN files second lawsuit against HHS mandate

MOBILE, Ala. (CNS) -- The Eternal Word Television Network, joined by the state of Alabama, has filed another lawsuit challenging the federal mandate requiring most employers to provide coverage of contraceptives, sterilizations and some abortion-inducing drugs free of charge. The suit was filed Oct. 28 in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Alabama in Mobile. Last March, a U.S. District Court judge dismissed the Irondale-based television network's lawsuit against the Health and Human Services mandate, which is part of the Affordable Care Act. Judge Sharon Lovelace Blackburn, of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama in Birmingham, said in her March 25 ruling that EWTN had sufficient standing to file the suit because of the "real prospect" the global network could be harmed by "a concrete regulatory mandate." However, she held the suit was not ripe for judicial review and she did not want to issue a final ruling because proposed rules governing the mandate had not yet been finalized. "At that point, if EWTN still has objections, it may then file suit," she said. Final rules were issued by HHS June 28. EWTN and many other Catholic and religious employers said they still do not go far enough to accommodate their moral objections to complying with the mandate.

Pope Francis set to create first batch of cardinals in February

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis will create his first cardinals during a consistory Feb. 22, the feast of the Chair of St. Peter. The pope also is expected to use the occasion "to have a meeting with the cardinals for consultations" immediately before the ceremony, as retired Pope Benedict XVI did in the run-up to his consistories, said Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman. No specific dates were given for that meeting. The names of the new cardinals usually are announced a little more than a month before the consistory itself.

Pope tells new archbishops that their ministry is to serve and pray

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Being named a bishop isn't an honor, but a call to special service, Pope Francis said. Ordaining new bishops for the first time in his pontificate, Pope Francis told them the "responsibility of a bishop is to serve rather than to dominate." During an evening Mass Oct. 24 in St. Peter's Basilica, the pope laid hands on and ordained Archbishops Jean-Marie Speich, the new nuncio to Ghana, and Giampiero Gloder, the new president of the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy, which trains Vatican diplomats. The pope's homily, based largely on the ritual text for the ordination of a bishop, focused on the life and mission of the bishop, rather than on the specific tasks assigned to the two new archbishops. Pope Francis told them that a bishop's first task is to make time for prayer. In the early Christian community, he said, the apostles appointed deacons to help care for the widows and orphans precisely because they realized their ministry would suffer if they didn't make time to pray.



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Robert F. Kennedy, Caroline Kennedy, first lady Jacqueline Kennedy and John F. Kennedy Jr. are seen leaving the U.S. Capitol Nov. 24, 1963. The following day a funeral Mass was celebrated for U.S. President John F. Kennedy at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington. Auxiliary Bishop Philip Hannan of Washington was a close friend and confidant of President John F. Kennedy, but he had kept that friendship secret. Then he was called upon to deliver the eulogy at the funeral Mass.

Bishop set aside grief to write Kennedy eulogy

By Mark Zimmermann
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Auxiliary Bishop Philip Hannan of Washington was a close friend and confidant of President John F. Kennedy, but he had kept that friendship secret.

Then he was called upon to deliver the eulogy at the funeral Mass for the country's first Catholic president, killed by an assassin in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

The bishop had been a paratrooper chaplain with the 82nd Airborne during World War II, but after the president's death, the chancellor of the Washington Archdiocese soon learned that he would face one of the most difficult challenges of his life.

First lady Jacqueline Kennedy asked the churchman to be the eulogist at the funeral Mass for her husband at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington.

"I was as numb and emotionally exhausted as every other American struggling to make sense of the stunningly brutal murder," wrote then-retired New Orleans Arch-

bishop Hannan in his 2010 memoir, "The Archbishop Wore Combat Boots."

"My own grieving, however, would have to wait," he said. "First lady Jacqueline Kennedy had asked that I deliver the eulogy for her husband - and my friend."

Working late into the night before the Nov. 25, 1963, funeral Mass, the churchman had decided that the eulogy should consist of key passages from the president's inaugural address, to "let the president speak for himself in his own stirring words. ... On the day ending his presidency forever, I would cite passages from the day it had begun."

The eulogy also included favorite scriptural passages that President Kennedy liked to quote, which the family provided to Bishop Hannan.

As he walked up the steps to the cathedral's pulpit to deliver the eulogy at the funeral, Bishop Hannan looked out over the congregation that included the Kennedy family, President Lyndon Johnson, and former Presidents Harry S. Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower. World leaders in attendance included Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, President

Charles de Gaulle of France and Prince Philip of Great Britain.

When Bishop Hannan read part of the third chapter of Ecclesiastes: "There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens, a time to be born, a time to die ...," and he could hear people sobbing in the congregation.

He concluded the eulogy with Kennedy's clarion call to serve others from his inaugural address: "And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country. With a good conscience our only sure reward, with history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking His blessing and His help, but knowing that here on earth, God's work must truly be our own."

In 1968, Archbishop Hannan returned to Washington from New Orleans to deliver the graveside eulogy at the funeral of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. In 1994, he offered graveside prayers at the interment of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis in Arlington National Cemetery. The prelate died Sept. 29, 2011, at age 98.

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

The Resurrection

Today's theme is about Resurrection, a much-debated theme in Jewish history. In the first reading from the Second Book of Maccabees, we find a vivid description of martyrdom.

It was a time when the people were being persecuted for their beliefs.

Rather than violate their laws, the Maccabees chose death.

Their belief in Resurrection is found in some remarks they make to King Seleucus IV Philopator, ruler of Syria. "You accursed fiend, you are depriving us

of this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up to live again forever.

It is for his laws that we are dying."

In the Gospel, Jesus is in debate with some Sadducees about Resurrection.

He weakens the arguments of this group that denied the Resurrection by quoting a passage concerning God as "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of

Jacob." Jesus asserts that God is "not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

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2nd Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14'

2nd Thessalonians 2:16—3:5

Luke 20:27-38

about the millions of martyrs who had died to uphold God's laws.

When we think about the reality that dedicated people died rather than violate their consciences, it touches something deep within our hearts.

It inspires us with courage to defend our faith, and to pray for those who are in actual danger of death because of their beliefs.

THE PAPAL AUDIENCE

In times of trouble, pope says, call on the saints

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Trials and doubts are part of everyone's faith journey, "even mine," Pope Francis said, but Christians know they can get through the hard times with help from God, other Christians and those in heaven.

"Who hasn't experienced insecurities, losses and even doubts in the journey of faith?" the pope asked. "It's part of life. It should not shock us because we are human beings, marked by fragility and limits."

"Don't be frightened," but ask for help, Pope Francis said Oct. 30 at his weekly general audience, talking about the "communion of saints" as the church prepared to celebrate the Nov. 1-2 feasts of All Saints and All Souls.

In times of difficulty, the pope said, "it is necessary to trust in God through prayer and, at the same time, it's important to find the courage and humility to open yourself to others in order to ask for help."

"We are a great big family" through baptism, the pope told the estimated 50,000 pilgrims and visitors gathered for the audience in St. Peter's Square. The communion of saints, he explained, refers not only to those

who have been canonized by the Catholic Church but to all the baptized.

"The communion of saints goes beyond earthly life," the pope said. "It extends beyond death and lasts forever," to find its fullest expression when all believers are "reunited in heaven."

"All the baptized here on earth, the souls in purgatory and the blessed souls in heaven form one big family," he added in remarks to Polish pilgrims. "This communion between heaven and earth is expressed particularly in prayers of intercession, which are the greatest form of solidarity, and is also the basis of the liturgical celebrations of the feasts of All Saints and All Souls."

Every Christian, the pope said, has an obligation to be a responsible part of the communion of saints, supporting other Christians in their faith.

A believer's communion with God and with Jesus must find expression in communion with all those who also believe, he said. Those who truly enter "the glowing furnace of the love" of God, love others because God's love "burns away our selfishness, our prejudices, our internal and external divisions," he said. "The love of God also burns away our sins."

AT THE MOVIES

THE COUNSELOR

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

A peepshow of human degradation, the ensemble drama "The Counselor" (Fox) alternates between glamorizing evil and parading its most torturous results - both physical and emotional - for shock value.

Working from the debut script of novelist-turned-screenwriter Cormac McCarthy, director Ridley Scott adds disdain for the Catholic Church and a de-based view of human sexuality to a nihilist moral vision - with repellent results.

Ostensibly, this is meant to be a cautionary tale about essentially good people whose personality flaws lead them to dabble in darkness. The example at hand: the otherwise unnamed

character of the title (Michael Fassbender), a previously legitimate lawyer out to make a quick jackpot through his involvement in a cross-border drug deal.

This new enterprise entangles our eponymous barrister with shady nightclub owner Reiner (Javier Bardem), Reiner's sociopathic girlfriend, Malkina (Cameron Diaz), and Westray (Brad Pitt), the streetwise middleman in the transaction.

At the other extreme of the Counselor's compartmentalized world stands the love of his life, Laura (Penelope Cruz). A practicing, though far from ideal, Catholic, Laura represents the film's sole embodiment of innocence.

When the hoped-for trade unexpectedly begins to unravel, however, the Mexican drug lords on the other side

of the sale seek revenge, threatening doom not only for our errant attorney but for Laura as well.

From the extended bedroom encounter that opens the picture, to a scene in which Malkina goes to confession as a practical joke and on through various gory means of execution - one so creative it requires explanation in the dialogue - viewers run a gauntlet of unsettling material.

Our counsel? Spare yourself.

The film contains gruesome bloody violence, sacrilegious humor and ridicule of Catholicism, strong sexual content, including graphic premarital sexual activity and masturbation, numerous uses of profanity and frequent rough and crude language.

The Catholic News Service classification is O -- morally



CNS PHOTO/FOX

Michael Fassbender and Penelope Cruz star in a scene from the movie "The Counselor."

offensive. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted.

Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

ALSO PLAYING



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The president of the United States, voiced by Jimmy Hayward, and Reggie, voiced by Owen Wilson, are seen in the animated movie "Free Birds." The Catholic News Service classification is A-I -- general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.



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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

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

TURKEY NIGHT

Mooers - The Msgr. A. M. Gilbert Council #6136 Mooers Knights of Columbus is holding a Turkey Night.

Date: Nov. 9

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: St. Joseph's Church Hall

Features: Cash prizes, baskets, hams, turkeys, lottery board and much more. Shopping Spree

VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

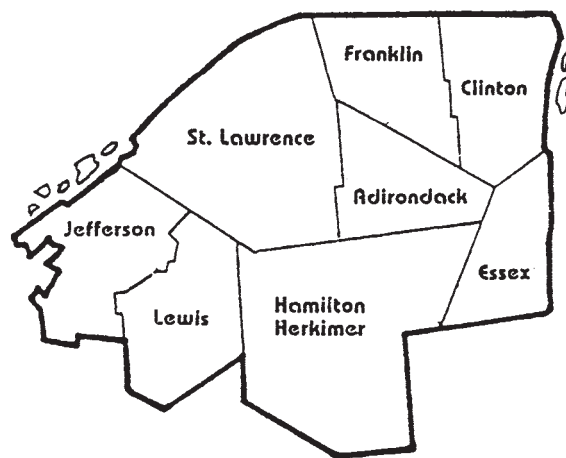
Lyon Mountain - St. Bernard's Church will be hosting a virtual pilgrimage to Lourdes, France.

Date: Nov. 10

Time: 2 p.m.

Features: "Virtual pilgrimage" is a spiritual and prayerful interactive experience recreating a pilgrimage day in Lourdes. Images of the Grotto, procession, and holy sites are projected life-sized while a trained guide shares the story and message of Lourdes. "Pilgrims" are invited to touch the Grotto Rock, receive Lourdes water, receive a Eucharistic blessing, and join in a candlelight Rosary procession. This 90 minute spiritual opportunity will be presented by the North American Lourdes Volunteers. A free will offering will be taken. All are invited to attend!

Contact: For more information, call Father Ted at (518)735-4357.



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Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:

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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 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.

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.

QUILTING CLASS

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

Date: Nov. 9

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

Cost: \$15.

Features: Make a lap quilt top in a day.

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.

Theme: "Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen." (St. Gertrude).

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

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

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

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

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

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 and entertainment.

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

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More with Sister Clara



Children from the Marialaya Children's Home in Chennai, India, receive assistance from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

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

Each year, Marialaya Children's Home receives help from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Hundreds of girls have been rescued thanks to Marialaya and your support.

Ten year old Vandoosha is one of the girls rescued by Sister Clara and the Sisters of Marialaya. Vandoosha was sold to a neighbor to work in the family's home; that neighbor sold Vandoosha again, "I had to work from 5am to midnight every day." Vandoosha says. "I was doing all the washing, cooking and cleaning for the whole family and looking after their two year old child." Vandoosha was also beaten by the mother in the home, and abused by another of the children.

Today, five years after Vandoosha was rescued, the memories of her time as a domestic worker are still fresh in her mind. However, thanks to Marialaya, Vandoosha is happy and healthy and doing exceptionally well at school.

Having experienced severe heartbreak and numerous challenges in her short life already, Vandoosha does not take anything for granted, including her education. She is determined to study hard and one day become a police officer, so that she can give protection to the street children and bring them to Marialaya.

Let us pray for the Church in the regions of conflict through its commitment to promoting peace and reconciliation. Pope Francis said this past may that human trafficking is a "despicable activity, a disgrace for our societies, which describe themselves as civilized."

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will.
www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice

OBITUARIES

Canton — Janet E. Conklin, 75; Funeral Services Nov. 2, 2013 at St. Mary's Church, Canton

Carthage — Elma R. (Jones) Pickle, 94; Funeral Services Oct. 28, 2013 at St. James Church; burial in Black River Cemetery.

Constableville — Robert J. Weiler, 85; Funeral Services Oct. 29, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Locust Grove Cemetery.

Croghan — Irene E. (Boliver) Widrick, 82; Funeral Services Oct. 29, 2013 at St. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Vincent DePaul Cemetery, Belfort.

DeKalb Junction — Edith Mae "Louise"

Cook, 94; Funeral Services Nov. 1, 2013 at the Allen-Denesha Funeral Home; burial in Hermon Cemetery.

Hogansburg — Yvonne A. (Jacobs) Miller, 51; Funeral Services Nov. 4, 2013 at St. Regis Church; burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery, St. Regis Quebec.

Hogansburg — Gerald "Washington" "Wise" Thompson, 57; Funeral Services Oct. 27, 2013 at St. Regis Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Hogansburg.

Keeseville — Henry A. Olsen, 76; Funeral Services Oct. 29, 2013 at St. John's Church; burial in St. John's Cemetery.

Keeseville — James R. Robare Sr., 79; Funeral services Oct. 30, 2013 at St. John's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

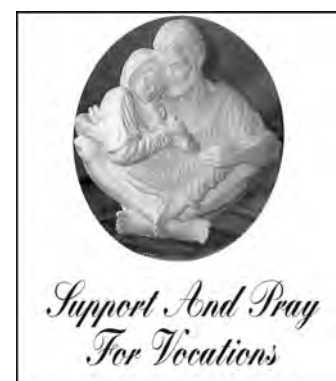
Massena — Leona M. Hazelton DeShane, 88; Funeral Services Nov. 2, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Brasher Falls.

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

Plattsburgh — Helen J. (Jabot) Colver, 86; Funeral Services Oct. 29, 2013 at St. John's Church; burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.



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ST. LAWRENCE

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

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

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 Tim Baker, 394-1008.

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

FRANCIS THE FROGGIE



Some creative second grade students from Seton Academy in Plattsburgh dressed "Froggie", their classroom mascot, as St. Francis of Assisi. Shown with their creation are Gabriella Conti and Abby Pearl.

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.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

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@twcny.rr.com

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