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## BLESSING OF HOLY OILS



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Bishop Terry R. LaValley blesses the oil of the sick, the oil of catechumens and the oil of sacred chrism during the annual Chrism Mass held March 21 at St. Mary's Cathedral. Also during the Mass, the bishop led the priests of the diocese in a renewal of their commitment to priestly service. The bishop's homily for the Mass appears on page 3.

## Pope Francis is inaugurated

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Francis formally began his ministry as bishop of Rome and as pope by pledging to protect the Catholic Church, the dignity of each person and the beauty of creation, just like St. Joseph protected Mary and Jesus.

"To protect creation, to protect every man and every woman, to look upon them with tenderness and love is to open up a horizon of hope," he told between 150,000 and 200,000 people gathered under sunny skies in St. Peter's Square and the nearby streets.

With representatives of other Christian churches and communities, delegations from 132 countries, Jewish and Muslim leaders as well as Buddhists, Hindus, Sikhs and Jains present, Pope Francis preached the Gospel, but insisted the values it espouses are essentially human, "involving everyone."

While the rites and rituals of the inauguration of his ministry as pope took place immediately before the Mass, the liturgy itself was a celebration of the feast of St. Joseph.

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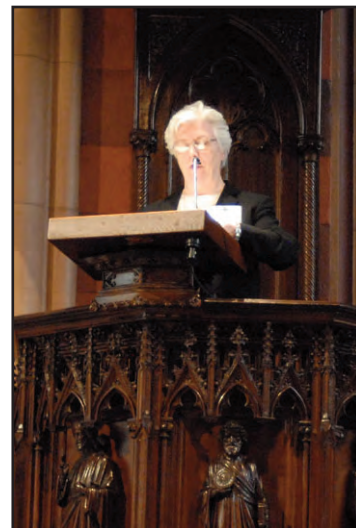


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St. Joseph Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, reads from the scriptures during the Mass at Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Albany for 11,000 participants at Catholics at the Capital March 21. Full coverage of the annual Public Policy Day will appear in the next issue of the *North Country Catholic*.

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## EDITOR'S NOTES

## Prayers of gratitude for all things new

A couple weeks ago, I wrote about the Advent-ness of my life as we waited in joyful hope for a new pope AND a new grandbaby.

Today we pray in gratitude for both!

In order to allow the editor a little Grandma Time without skipping an issue during this extraordinary moment in our church, I'm accepting some assistance in filling this space.

In the days after the announcement of the election of Pope Francis, I sought some reaction from several diocesan friends. Many responses appeared in last week's *NCC*. A few more arrived after that issue reached its early deadline.

Here they are:

- When the white smoke came, I was in the middle of a construction project as part of a spring break service trip. The fifteen of us who were out working dropped our shovels

and crowded around a single iPhone to watch the events unfold. When the announcement came—an Argentinean pope who would be taking the name

Francis—my thoughts immediately went to my Latin American neighbors, especially those who touched my life in Nicaragua through the North Country Mission of Hope. I thought of both the many hardships which they have endured and their many beautiful gifts, for which I hold such a

heart, and I was overwhelmed with joy on their behalf. I know that Pope Francis will have much to teach us about humility, peace-making, generosity, and self-sacrifice, and I have great hope that we as a Church can look forward to being guided in a special way toward these virtues in the papacy to come.

Rachel Daly, *NCC* writer



Mary Lou  
Kilian

- WE HAVE A POPE! What a privilege to be able to see the white smoke, the announcement from the balcony, and the excitement of the tourists from Argentina breaking out into shouts of joy.

When I called our Sisters in Assisi, they couldn't contain the joy of having the new Pontiff take the name of the Founder of our Franciscan communities whose call by Jesus was "to rebuild the church". They also reminded us that our new Pontiff is an Italian immigrant.

What a gift to us as Catholics and to our Hispanic brothers and Sisters who wait in hope each time a Pope is named that he may as they put it, "be one of us". Let us continue to pray for him daily.

Sister Ellen Donahue, *SA*,  
Episcopal Delegate for Religious

- May God grant Pope Francis the grace and strength to lead the worldwide community of more than one billion Catholics. In an increasingly

secular culture, may many come to know our Redeemer and Savior through Francis' selfless witness to the poor and marginalized. The Holy Father has already shown us his deep humility in the invitation to pray with him, for him, for Benedict, the Pope Emeritus, and for the Church. I pray that the Holy Spirit, who led the cardinals to choose the Holy Father, will guide him in the eternal truths of our faith.

Tracy Leonard, *NCC* writer

- How can we ever doubt that the Holy Spirit is working in all of our lives....we are given a new Shepherd who is humble, kind, and a man of great holiness to lead us on the journey. The moment he asked for everyone to first pray over him was a moment I will never forget.....it revealed his humbleness and desire for all of us to work together to build up the Church.

Gayle Frank,  
Director of Family Life Ministry

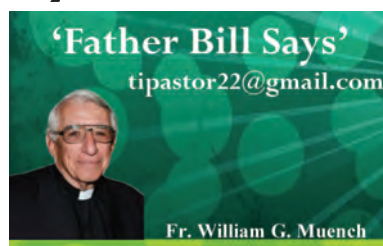
## Special Holy Week with new Holy Father

Another Holy Week – another opportunity for each of us to walk with Jesus through the liturgical triduum of our salvation.

I love the ceremonies of Holy Week; for me it is a week of rededication to my priesthood. On Holy Thursday, during the Mass, I find it important to stand before the people of the parish to renew the promises asked of me as a priest. These are the same promises that all of us priests make at the yearly Chrism Mass. It is a very special moment for me.

On Good Friday, I am allowed to venerate the cross of Jesus and also to receive the Blessed Eucharist. In this way I am truly united with my crucified Savior. Then, to celebrate Easter – to celebrate Jesus' resurrection – my resurrection to new life – a resurrection that I begin to experience even now.

This year Holy Week is even more special as we rejoice in the beginning of the Papacy of our new Pope, Pope Francis.



During Holy Week, the Church rededicates itself to the call of Jesus to watch over and protect the poor and needy. This call is re-echoed by Pope Francis.

One of the first stories that I heard after Pope Francis' election concerned the encouragement he received at the conclave. Usually, we never hear anything about the conversations that the Cardinals have among themselves during the conclave. However, Pope Francis did mention that after he was elected, the Cardinal sitting next to him, the Cardinal Archbishop of Sao Paulo, hugged him and said, "Remember the poor."

I did get up early and

watched some of Pope Francis' Inaugural Mass and heard his homily. As you may remember the Mass was on the Feast of St. Joseph. The Pope spoke of St. Joseph during his homily; he spoke of St. Joseph as a Protector, the Protector of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Jesus. He thought of Joseph as a protector to imitate – for himself and for all of us. When the Gospels speak of St. Joseph, it is always about his watching over and protecting Mary and Jesus. Pope Francis then spoke of his own responsibility as the Bishop of Rome to be a protector. He indicated that this call to protect also applies to all people of faith. He saw himself as a Protector of Jesus and the Blessed Mother as a teacher, a priest, and now as Pope when what he teaches and says is closely watched by many.

Each of us, especially those who teach and guide others in faith, are also protectors of Jesus and the Blessed Mother.

Pope Francis then went on to speak of himself as a protector of the whole of creation. Ecology is important to him and he challenges all of us, Catholics and all others, to be protectors of creation.

He went on to see himself as a protector of others, of all others – each and every person – but especially the poorest among us. I know that Pope Francis will continue to lead our Church as a Pope dedicated to the needs of the poor. From the very start of his Papacy the care of the poor has been important to him.

Finally, he calls upon all of us to protect ourselves – we must protect with love all that God has given us. I see this as a call to strengthen our faith, to live that faith so as to protect ourselves from all that would keep us from our God, from living good lives. In that way, in the words of Pope Francis, "the star of hope will shine brightly" though our lives and in all that we do.

FOLLOW ME

# The Chrism Mass

Bishop LaValley's homily at the Chrism Mass March 21 at St. Mary's Cathedral

Imagine we are in the synagogue in Nazareth. Jesus opens the book handed Him, and His eyes focus on the great prophecy at the beginning of chapter sixty-one in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. The hour is ripe for Him to speak openly. He reads: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me."

The words—they concern the Messiah, God's Anointed, on whom the Spirit of the Lord had fallen. Anointing—the permeating all of one's being with the sanctifying power of the Spirit; it is that soaking, that "sealing" of a person by which the Lord makes him or her His servant and sets that person apart.

This Liturgy is about anointing, about our being set apart, our call to holiness—what this Year of Faith is all about. As you know, a major feature of the Chrism Mass is the blessing of the holy oils—the oil for anointing the sick, the oil for anointing the catechumens, and the sacred chrism.

I will bless the oil of the sick. Concerning the very first mission on which Jesus sent the disciples, St. Luke tells us: "He sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal" (9:2). Proclamation and healing go hand and hand. Healing is one of the fundamental tasks entrusted by Jesus to the Church, following His example as He traveled throughout the land healing the sick. The anointing of the sick is the visible sacramental expression of this mission to the sick and suffering.

Who among us has not stood or knelt by those who need the Lord's healing—those who go to bed hungry at night, that is, if they have a bed; those who suffer persecution for their faith, yes, even here in our own nation, once held by all to be "under God"; those who suffer from mental or emotional disabilities; those who suffer from cancer, Alzheimer's Disease, diabetes, debilitating arthritis; those who suffer from loneliness, physical, emotional or sexual abuse; and the list goes on. May all those who are anointed with this holy oil in our parishes experience the peace and comfort that only Christ, the Anointed One, can bring.

Then I will bless the oil of catechumens. This oil indicates an initial way of being touched by Christ and by his Spirit—an inner touch, by which the Lord draws people close to himself. Through this anointing which takes place before the pouring of the Baptismal waters, we look to people who are journeying towards Christ—people who are searching for faith, searching for God.

I'm reminded of the title of that James Bond flick, "The World is Not Enough." With St. Augustine, you and I know that the human person is restless because the world is too little, not enough for us. Today we must delve deeper into



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE

**Bishop LaValley prepares the oil of sacred chrism, a mixture of olive oil and balsam, before blessing the oil during the Chrism Mass. He is assisted by Tanner Richards, a fifth grader at Augustinian Academy in Carthage. Children from schools across the diocese participated in the special liturgy which also featured a renewal of commitment to priestly ministry by the many priests in attendance.**

the question of restlessness. Have we perhaps become resigned to God's seeming absence? Do we not, at times, think we are self-sufficient? For too many, there is no search at all because, for them, there is no God, no need for God. Salvation, heaven and hell are words and concepts of an alien language that are not spoken, much less thought about today.

Yes, the oil of catechumens reminds us of our responsibility to invite the unbaptized and non-believers, as well as to challenge ourselves to continue the journey towards God, longing for Him, always open to receive His grace, never giving in to the deceptive lie of self-sufficiency. What a wonderful opportunity we have before this Year of Faith, to once again, re-energize the search for an even closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

And, finally, I will consecrate chrism, a mixture of olive oil and sweet smelling balsam oil. It is the oil used for anointing the crown of the head of the newly baptized, the forehead of the newly confirmed, the hands of the just ordained priest and the head of the newly consecrated bishop. Baptism and Confirmation are an initiation into this priestly people of God that spans the world. This is an anointing that confers active ministry towards humankind. We must make the living God visible.

This baptismal mission poses a serious question, particularly in light of our efforts at the

New Evangelization: do we open up the pathway, the door to God for others? Have not many of the people of God, become to a large extent, a people of practical unbelief and distant from Him? Are Catholics today tired of our faith, maybe even bored by its history and culture, and no longer wish to know and live faith in Jesus Christ? I don't think so. I mean, I've been so encouraged by the significant numbers of the faithful this year who have been attending Lenten parish retreats in several areas of our diocese. I'm encouraged by the busloads of pilgrim youth from the North Country who join the March for Life. I'm encouraged by the increasing number of folks who are celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, particularly through our The Light Is On initiative. I'm encouraged by the wonderful response of the faithful throughout the Diocese to our Year of Faith initiatives. And, I know, we are all very encouraged with the election of our new pope, Francis, whose humble heart and love for the poor helps us set straight who and what are really important in our Church. I'm encouraged by such large numbers here today, participating at this Chrism Mass.

I am particularly encouraged by the faithful ministry of our priests. Yes, there is a hunger, there is a search. But, in his book, Jesus of Nazareth, Benedict XVI cautions us that "across the centuries, it is the drowsiness of the disciples that opens up possibilities for the power of the Evil One. Such drowsiness deadens the soul." What a remarkable example of humility, courage and faith when the Pope Emeritus determined that he did not possess the personal stamina or vigor to rouse this sleeping giant through the New Evangelization efforts of this 21st century. I'm confident that our spirits will be aroused, our search for the living God will bear much fruit.

As we reflect on these three ecclesial oils, we naturally move to those whose hands anoint our sisters and brothers—our faithful, holy priests. Brothers in the priestly ministry, I stand before you today with deep gratitude for your priestly ministry among us.

You have so faithfully administered the life-giving sacraments of the church, anointing God's precious sons and daughters with these sacred oils. The Diocese of Ogdensburg is truly blessed with extraordinarily generous, hard-working, holy priests. As I have mentioned before, perhaps, for many of us, our once smooth hands anointed with sacred chrism on the day of our priestly ordination have become somewhat wrinkled and calloused. But, not our hearts or our souls! Our hands continue to bless, to absolve, to consecrate, and continue to anoint. Your priestly hearts continue to beat God's tender love with courage and such pastoral charity and renewed zeal.

For all of our weaknesses and shortcomings, let us renew at this hour, at this very moment, our 'yes' to the Lord's call to continue to be intimately and humbly united to Him as a beloved son and priest.



## YEAR OF FAITH...STORY OF FAITH

# 'I cannot begin to thank God for the gift of faith!'

By Suzanne Pietropaoli  
Staff Writer

Jack LaCroix is a familiar presence around Malone Catholic Parishes: acting as sacristan at daily Mass, serving at funerals, leading music for Sunday worship.

Husband to Violet, dad to Brian and Joseph, grandfather of five, Jack is also a successful businessman.

And, as his smile suggests, he is a happy man: not because his life has always been easy, but because God has always been with him.

Today, he says, "My faith means EVERYTHING to me."

A native of Trout River, the Franklin County hamlet that straddles the U.S.-Canada border, Jack's formative years were very Catholic. "My parents brought us to Mass every Sunday, no matter what," he recalls, "and when we were old enough, my brother and I became altar boys at St. Bridget's, where CYO was also an important part of our growing up. Father Tony Pease, now deceased, was a close personal friend, and my brother and I served at his First Mass."

After earning a business degree and serving in the Army, Jack became business manager at the Chevy dealership in Malone. In 1984, he was offered a Ford franchise in Lake Placid, an opportunity he had not sought and did not especially want. Still, something propelled him forward and he bought the business.

"I soon learned that the dealership was handed to me for a reason," he explains. "In 1986, my son was hit by a car and left in critical condition. He was flown to the hospital in Burlington in a deep coma. The prognosis was death, or survival in a vegetative state. But because of the dealership, we did not have to worry about missing work



Jack LaCroix

or paying for his care. My wife and I were able to be with him pretty constantly."

For 30 days, Jack's son remained in a deep coma. "There was no improvement," he remembers, "and no treatment. Alone in my room at Ronald McDonald House, I knelt and said a short prayer: 'God, if you want my son, take him right now. If not, please give him back to me.' "Three days later, he woke up and recognized his mother and me. Though there was a long road ahead, God had certainly heard my prayer," Jack said. Six months of hospitalization and an extended rehabilitation were followed by nearly 15 years of ongoing therapy.

"Today, at 36, my son is 90% normal," Jack said. "He lives independently, but is still our financial responsibility. Though I had no idea, God knew how much we would need that dealership. It was a tough time, but the dealership made it financially possible."

Looking back, Jack says, "My mind opened up when my son woke up. I believe that when we keep our



minds open to the Lord, He will come!

"My life really became more spiritual after my son's injury, and I was able to see God working in so many ways, he said. "If you don't believe in God, and in the afterlife, why would you even want to be here? I feel bad for unbelievers."

As Jack's spiritual understanding deepened, he had other experiences of God at work in his life. He describes the day in 2001 when he woke up at 3:30 a.m., having dreamed that his business partner had died; a phone call a few hours later confirmed the sad fact.

In 2004, Jack finally had a buyer for the dealership—but the process had been stalled for 4 months.

"We were so close," he recalls, "but just couldn't come up with the right combination to close the deal. Again, I prayed: 'Please, Jesus, I need to get rid of this business. Give me the idea I need.' Ten minutes later, I had an idea—and it worked!"

God's providence came to Jack's aid in a very dramatic way about eight months ago. "I was working at home on a Saturday afternoon, and felt a real draw to go to my son's house," he said. "I was busy and tried to ignore it. The pull grew stronger, and finally I went.

"When I got there, my son was

nearly dead on account of a medical condition," Jack said. "At the hospital, they told us he would have died in 20 minutes without treatment. I cannot tell you how grateful I am to God and to the guardian angels!"

Such experiences have deepened Jack's faith, and opened him to serving the Church.

"After I sold the business," he says, "Lent came and I went to daily Mass. Lent ended, and I could not think of a reason to stop going. I was asked to be a Eucharistic Minister at daily Mass, and eventually to take over sacristan duties as well. Then I was asked to serve at funerals, which I was glad to do.

"I know these opportunities come from God," he said. "I do what I'm asked because it is the only way I can say thank you to him."

Jack remembers listening to the choir and wishing someone would ask him to join. When then-pastor Msgr. Dennis Duprey did ask, Jack was ready.

"I loved it! I had been deeply into music (clarinet and guitar) in high school and in the army, but had not touched it since," he said. "It was great to be involved with music again."

"When the parish needed more organists, I thought, 'I can read music; I could learn to play,' " he said. "The organ has been tough, but all I want to do is play well enough to serve the needs of the Church; I now play in Malone and in Burke each weekend.

"Whatever I am able to do, I do for God, who has given me himself," Jack said. "God gives us the grace to see and to know, and to trust in him completely."

"There is so much to look forward to: I don't fear death because I can't wait to see what is on the other side," he said. "I can suffer what he asks me to because Jesus has suffered for me. I cannot begin to thank God for the gift of faith!"



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The New York State Council of Catholic Charities Directors presented its 2013 Vincenza DeFazio Award to Msgr. Dennis J. Duprey, pastor of St. Peter's Parish in Plattsburgh, March 19 at the annual Convening of the Council of Catholic Charities Directors in Albany. The Vincenza DeFazio Award was established by the Council of Catholic Charities Directors in 1992 "to recognize the contributions of a Catholic Charities staff member who has contributed to the work of the Council and exemplifies the quiet leadership exhibited by Vinnie DeFazio." Msgr. Duprey, shown above with Bishop LaValley and Daughter of Charity Sister Donna Franklin, diocesan director of Catholic Charities, has served on the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee since 1986 and has been chair of that committee on different occasions.

## Change in dates for SportsCamp

The diocesan Office of Youth Ministry announced a change in the dates for this summer's SportsCamp.

Basketball camp and soccer camp will both be held July 14-18 at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg.

SportsCamp offers boys and girls ages 11-15 the opportunity to blend quality sports training with spiritual growth.

The focus of SportsCamp is to help young people become better athletes and better people.

The Youth Ministry office also announced information about this year's Camp Guggenheim sessions.

At Guggenheim, in Saranac Lake, camp activities include swimming, kayaking, canoeing, hiking, rappelling, arts & crafts, campfires, dances and daily liturgical experiences (Masses, penance service and prayer.) Faith formation and growth is at the heart of the Guggenheim experience and is an important part of every day.

The 2013 Camp Guggenheim dates, for ages 12 to 15, are June 30- July 5, July 7-12, July 14-19, July 21-26 and July 28- Aug. 2.

The Week of Aug. 4-9 is open to 16 to 18 year olds.

Registration for both sportscamp and Guggenheim made be mad by calling the Office of Youth Ministry at (315) 393-2920 or online at [www.rcdony.org/youth/camps](http://www.rcdony.org/youth/camps).



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## Listening Sessions for *Mutually Shared Vision*

Catholics from across the diocese are encouraged to participate in one of these listening sessions as part of the diocesan envisioning process to discern priorities and goals for the Church in the North Country

DATE	LOCATION	AUDIENCE (deanery)
1 Tue, May 14, 2013	2pm at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg	Chancery Staff
2 TBD (May 20-23)	Time TBD in Alexandria Bay, NY	Presbyterate
3 Wed, May 29, 2013	at 6:30 pm in Saranac Lake	Permanent Deacons/Wives
4 Thu, May 30, 2013	6:30pm at Immaculate Heart Central, Watertown	Jefferson
5 Wed, June 5, 2013	6:30pm in Lowville	Lewis
6 Thu, June 6, 2013	6:30 pm at St. Mary's School, Canton	St. Lawrence
7 Tue, June 18, 2013	6:30pm either in Port Henry or Ticonderoga	Essex & Hamilton/Herkimer
8 Wed, June 19, 2013	6:30pm in Plattsburgh	Clinton
9 Tue, June 25, 2013	6:30 pm at Holy Family School in Malone	Franklin & Adirondack

# Local family wins IHC raffle

WATERTOWN - Chris and Julie LaPointe of Watertown are \$20,000 richer after winning Immaculate Heart Central Schools' raffle of a Dodge Challenger or \$20,000 in

cash. The LaPointe's winning ticket was selected on stage March 15 at Watertown's Irish Festival.

The family has decided to accept the cash option, and

received their winnings March 21.

All proceeds from the raffle will go toward IHC' scholarship fund for local families.

The raffle was co-sponsored this year by FX Caprara and Sons, who also donated an additional \$2,500 to the scholarship fund at the Festival on Friday.

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## Bishop's Schedule

March 27 – 9 a.m., St. Joseph's Home Board Meeting at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg  
10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home

March 28 – 9 a.m., Morning Prayer at St. Mary's Cathedral  
7 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Mary's Cathedral

March 29 – 9 a.m., Morning Prayer at St. Mary's Cathedral  
3 p.m., Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St. Mary's Cathedral

March 30 – 9 a.m., Morning Prayer at St. Mary's Cathedral  
8 p.m., Easter Vigil at St. Mary's Cathedral

March 31 – 11 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

## Rest in Peace

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

- March 27 – Rev. Bernard Marron, 1927; Rev. Henry Cormerais, 1938; Rev. Lawrence J. Gerrity, O.S.A., 1981; Rev. John L. Gallagher, O.S.A., 1982
- March 28 – Rev. Francis McShane, O.S.A., 1932; Rev. Walter C. McMahon, 1978; Rev. Lawrence A. Mallette, 1989; Rev. Joseph P. Trombley, 2001
- March 29 – Rev. J. Aime Troie, 1955; Rev. Ross A. Garnsey, 1986; Rev. Euclid Marier, 2003
- March 30 – Rev. Joseph Chartrand, O.M.I., 1960
- March 31 – Rev. Louis Lopic, 1873; Rev. Gabriel Volkert, 1873; Rev. Henri Langlais, O.M.I., 1980
- April 1 – Rev. James H. Roche, 1927; Msgr. Herbert J. Hannan, 2002
- April 2 – Pope John Paul II, 2005

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## Environmental Stewardship

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• Join the microfinance movement. Check out [Kiva.org](http://Kiva.org), [Oikocredit.org](http://Oikocredit.org) or [Opportunity.org](http://Opportunity.org), for more info.  
• Give to a project you care about, i.e. Catholic Relief Services, or join Catholics Confront Global Poverty at [www.crs.org/globalpoverty](http://www.crs.org/globalpoverty).



## Retreat for Priests: "Made Holy by Our Shared Ministry"

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## YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

# Mission of Hope: After

By **Samantha Bashaw**

Freshman, Seton Catholic Central, Plattsburgh

Mission Trip 49 simply changed my life. I don't want to sound cliché, but it's true.

It wasn't just going down to Nicaragua and seeing the poverty, although that played a huge part, but now the Mission of Hope has become a part of my life.

I have been sucked into everything Nica (short for Nicaragua) and I love it. The people, the culture, the food, the landscape, the language, and I could go on, draw me in.

Some people look at me and think "She seems a little crazy" and that is probably true but if given the opportunity to go back, I would say yes in a heartbeat.

Every time I look back at that week in February, I cannot help but smile and laugh a little. It wasn't all fun and games though; there were some real life situations we were faced with.

Being the youngest person there, a freshman, did not faze me at all. Sure, others might have thought that a 15-year-old couldn't handle some of the conditions we went through, but I knew that this was not the case. Keeping a positive attitude and a smile on your face was how I went through each day.

At first, I didn't really say much, only knowing a couple of people there, but as the week progressed I started to really bond with those around me. At night, a group of around eight of us would form a circle on the pavilion and just talk. What did we talk about? Everything. No topic was off limits, and we quickly grew comfortable with each other as the Nicaraguan sun set each night.

Have you ever had to communicate with some-



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**Samantha Bashaw, a freshman at Seton Catholic Central in Plattsburgh, was one of the young pilgrims who took part in the 49th North Country Mission of Hope trip to Nicaragua in February. She is shown above with some of her new Nicaraguan friends who loved playing with stickers shared by the Americans.**

one, but there is a huge barrier that won't let you? I dealt with that first hand down in Nicaragua.

Almost every day children would come flooding through the compound doors wanting to play. Their faces would light up at the sight of stickers, which were like gold to them. Sitting on the ground with these children laughing and taking a million pictures was one of the best feelings I have ever experienced, but there was one problem.

They spoke Spanish and I spoke English. The only words I knew how to say in their language were practically hello, thank you, and yes, not conversational words to begin with. Sometimes they would ask me a question, and I would have no idea what to say! This was very difficult for me, and I yearned for communication.

Although this was tough at times, I learned that a smile can speak a thousand words. Looking across the compound where we were staying, making eye contact with a child and just smiling was enough at times.

It is so hard to comprehend all of the joy the people in Nicaragua have in life. They live in the poorest of the poor, barely have enough food to eat, and still emit so much happiness in everything they do.

Here in America, when things don't go our way, we get mad, fight with others, use harsh words, etc. We never seem happy with what God has given us. Always wanting the next iPhone, always wanting that extra helping of french fries, always wanting Hollister instead of Walmart, always wanting more and more and more. It is sick when you think about it.

These people in third

world countries live on dirt floors, do not even know who Justin Bieber is, and drink water that is contaminated with who knows what! It is just sad how much in life we take for granted, and I can't even express this to you full depth it feels like. My heart breaks just thinking about all of those kids who will go home to no food on the table and possible no mom or dad.

People say to me, "Why don't you just send the \$1,500 it costs to fly down there to the people that need it, instead of going yourself and wasting all that money?"

Believe me, it is not a waste of money. I went down there to see how the other half lives and to make a difference. I know, I know I am only one person and can't make that big of a difference but these people remember you. It may be hard to comprehend that and you

probably don't understand what I'm talking about, but once you actually experience Nicaraguan life, then you can comment on "wasting" \$1,500.

When I came back from the Mission of Hope, it was extremely hard the first day. Everything looked different and I remember sitting at my dining room table eating breakfast and all of a sudden bursting out crying. I can't even tell you why I cried. When I went to school that morning and saw my best friends, I could not hold anything back. Hugging Olivia I sobbed and sobbed wishing more than anything that I could explain to her what I was feeling. Even though I could write pages upon pages about my trip and the Mission of Hope, there are just not enough words to describe the emotions I felt and still feel to this day about everything. Through the laughter and tears these memories will always be with me and although I went down to Nicaragua to impact someone else's life, Nica impacted mine.

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# Timing is everything: the pilgrims' surprise

*Father Don Robinson and 44 fellow pilgrims were in Rome when new pope was announced*

By Kevin Mastellon  
Staff Writer

**WATERTOWN** – Last year Father Donald Robinson, pastor of St. Anthony's and St. Patrick's Churches in Watertown, proposed a pilgrimage to Italy in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of St. Anthony's Parish.

St. Anthony's boasts a strong Italian heritage. The journey fit perfectly with the year-long celebration.

If timing is everything, the timing of this trip could not have been planned more precisely.

As the date for the flight to Sicily approached, Pope Benedict XVI surprised the world by announcing his resignation.

From that February 11 announcement forward the buzz among the 44 pilgrims was about the "what ifs." What if the Conclave occurs while we are there? What if a successor Pope is actually elected and installed while we are there?

Too good to be true? Perhaps.

"When we arranged this pilgrimage almost a year ago we never would have imagined we would be in Rome at the time of a Conclave and present for the election. We never thought it would happen," Father Robinson said. But it did.

Father Robinson reflected on the final days of their trip to Italy in a telephone conversation from the Rome airport with this reporter and in an impromptu travel reflection for parishioners at St. Anthony's and St. Patrick's upon their return the weekend of March 16 and 17.

"This was an unforgettable experience," he said. "I had been touring all day in Rome, at the Coliseum and other locations in a pouring rain. We had all returned to our hotel to get dry when we saw on Italian TV that the smoke from the chapel was white (an indication of the election of a Pope).

"A few of us hustled downstairs and with the help of hotel staff found a cab," Father Robinson said. "People were running from every direction toward St. Peter's Square and we arrived in time to hear the Cardinal

come to the balcony and make the announcement.

"At first, when they announced the name, we weren't sure who they had named," he said. "Then the lady next to me who seemed to know what was going on and spoke English said it was the Cardinal from Argentina and he had picked 'Francis' as his name.

"It took the crowd a little while to recognize who it was too," Father Robinson said. "Then when he came out on the balcony, the square erupted in cheers and applause."

Needless to say travel agencies are incapable of scripting a package tour of Italy that includes the election of a Pope. These pilgrims will cherish a unique experience.

They did not all get to travel to the square for Pope Francis' first appearance but the mere presence in that Holy City at that time provided special moments and memories.

Father Robinson was struck by several things immediately. "I was really moved when he (the Pope) asked the people to pray for



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Father Donald Robinson, pastor of St. Anthony's and St. Peter's in Watertown, is shown as he celebrates Mass at the tomb of Blessed John Paul II in St. Peter's Basilica, during a pilgrimage he led to Italy. The group was in Rome at the time of the conclave and many of the local pilgrims, including Father Robinson, gathered in St. Peter's Square to hear the announcement of the new pope.

him. The silence was incredible as people prayed.

"The fact that he picked Francis demonstrates his humility and his dedication to the poor and suffering," he said. "It is wonderful to have a man from the Western Hemisphere...and a Jesuit."

The St. Anthony's pilgrims schedule caused them to leave Rome before Francis' inauguration on March 19,

the feast of St. Joseph. However, they left aware of the buzz, the excitement already palpable in the Rome.

"The people in Rome are very excited to have him," Father Robinson said. "Our transport agent, who took us to the airport this morning, was raving about our 'new Pope'. He spoke very fondly of him and said 'this is the kind of Pope we need.'"

## Vatican security adjusting to new pope's style

By Carol Glatz  
Catholic News Service

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** - Pope Francis' style of breaking away from his security detail and diving toward the crowds means his protectors have had to do a quick rewrite of strategy, sometimes on the spot.

Concern and urgency were visibly etched on the face of the head of the Vatican police, Domenico Giani, after the pope celebrated Mass in the Vatican's Church of St. Anne March 17.

Giani swiftly shouted out fresh commands for undercover guards and police to regroup as Pope Francis made a beeline toward a

large cheering crowd pressing against a barricade outside the entrance into Vatican City. This came after the pope personally greeted, often hugging, each of the approximately 200 members of the congregation right after Mass.

The pope has preferred to walk short distances within Vatican City instead of taking a waiting sedan and has also eschewed a multi-car security escort for longer trips, preferring just one vehicle to get him to his destination. He had no qualms about stopping the open-air popemobile midride March 20 to climb out, kiss and bless a disabled adult in the throng.

The new papal approach "is perfectly fine; it's his way of doing things," Cpl. Urs Breitenmoser of the Swiss Guard told Catholic News Service.

"We are worried if there is more contact with people, because that means there's a greater possibility something can happen," he said. But "we have to fully adapt ourselves" to what the pope wants, he said, and security will in no way try to prevent or dissuade him from greeting people.

The Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, told journalists the pope's security detail is able to smoothly switch gears and

follow the pope's lead.

It is because of their "ability and intelligence" that the papal guardians "know how to adapt and be flexible according to the pope's manifest wishes and intentions," he said March 18.

The 110 Swiss Guards' main duties are protecting the pope and his residence while the Vatican's own police force, the gendarme corps, is responsible for crowd control, traffic within the Vatican and other duties within Vatican City.

Together, the hundreds of people who guard the pope and the Vatican have tried to strike a delicate balance between providing tight profes-

sional security and a reasonable amount of access to the public.

Pope Pius XII began the practice of having "audiences outside" among the general public, Breitenmoser said.

Since then, the men guarding the pope, both in uniform and undercover, have had to develop "a system that's worked for years" of being able to provide discreet yet diligent protection, he said.

"It's wonderful to be able to experience up close" the pope meeting and interacting with the people even though "it makes us a little nervous, which is normal," he said.



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Pope Francis reaches out to bless a child as he arrives in St. Peter's Square before his inaugural Mass at the Vatican March 19.



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Pope Francis Waves to the nearly 200,000 who gathered for his inaugural Mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican March 19.

## Pope pledges to protect church, human dignity

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis formally began his ministry as bishop of Rome and as pope by pledging to protect the Catholic Church, the dignity of each person and the beauty of creation, just like St. Joseph protected Mary and Jesus.

"To protect creation, to protect every man and every woman, to look upon them with tenderness and love is to open up a horizon of hope," he told between 150,000 and 200,000 people gathered under sunny skies in St. Peter's Square and the nearby streets.

With representatives of other Christian churches and communities, delegations from 132 countries, Jewish and Muslim leaders as well as Buddhists, Hindus, Sikhs and Jains present, Pope Francis preached the Gospel, but insisted the values it espouses are essentially human, "involving everyone."

While the rites and rituals

of the inauguration of his ministry as pope took place immediately before the Mass, the liturgy itself was a celebration of the feast of St. Joseph, patron of the universal church and "also the name day of my venerable predecessor," Pope Benedict XVI, the former Joseph Ratzinger.

The retired pope was not present at the liturgy, but the crowds applauded enthusiastically when Pope Francis said, "We are close to him with our prayers, full of affection and gratitude."

The new pope stood at a lectern to read his homily, sticking to the text he had prepared in advance. At times his voice was extremely soft and other times it was quite loud; he punctuated with clenched fists his remarks about the strength required to be tender and compassionate to others.

"In the Gospels," he said, "St. Joseph appears as a strong and courageous man, a working man, yet in his heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak, but rather a sign of strength of spirit and a ca-

capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love."

### Pope Francis' message for his inauguration on the Feast of St. Joseph

"We must not be afraid of goodness, of tenderness," Pope Francis said.

The new pope said exercising the role of protector as St. Joseph did means doing so "discreetly, humbly and silently, but with an unfailing presence and utter fidelity, even when he finds it hard to understand."

The Gospels present St. Joseph as a husband to Mary, "at her side in good times and bad," and as a father who watched over Jesus, worried about him and taught him a trade, the pope said.

St. Joseph responded to his called to be a protector "by being constantly attentive to God, open to the signs of God's presence and receptive to God's plans, and not simply his own," the pope said.

Fidelity to God's word and God's plan for individuals and for all of creation makes

the difference, he said, calling on everyone to be sensitive and loving toward those in their care, especially toward children, the aged, the poor and the sick.

"In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it," he said. "Be protectors of God's gifts."

When people fail to respect creation, when they ignore "God's plan inscribed in nature," or when they treat each other with disrespect, he said, "the way is opened to destruction, and hearts are hardened."

"Tragically, in every period of history there are 'Herods' who plot death, wreak havoc and mar the countenance of men and women," he said.

Pope Francis asked the government leaders present and all those with responsibility in the field of economics, politics and social life to stand firm when destruction and death threaten human dignity, human life and the environment.

He met with the heads of the government delegations after the Mass.

Caring for others, he said

in his homily, must begin with watching over one's own heart, mind and actions, resisting "hatred, envy and pride" and emotions that can tear others down.

Pope Francis told the people he realized his new ministry included "a certain power," but it is the same power Jesus conferred on St. Peter, which was the "power of service" seen in Jesus' charge to St. Peter: "Feed my lambs. Feed my sheep."

"Let us never forget that authentic power is service and that the pope, too, when exercising power, must enter ever more fully into that service which has its radiant culmination on the cross," he said.

"He must be inspired by the lowly, concrete and faithful service which marked St. Joseph and, like him, he must open his arms to protect all of God's people and embrace with tender affection the whole of humanity, especially the poorest, the weakest, the least important," Pope Francis said.

"Only those who serve with love are able to protect," he said.



# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## USCCB: New proposals on mandate still violate religious freedom

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- New proposed regulations governing the contraceptive mandate under the Affordable Care Act continue to violate basic principles of religious freedom, said the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. In comments filed March 20 with the Department of Health and Human Services, the USCCB raised a series of concerns, among them being that the new proposals keep in place "an unjust and unlawful mandate" regarding the provision of contraceptive and other pregnancy services and that the rules provide no exemption, or accommodation, for "most stakeholders in the health insurance process, such as individual employees and for-profit employers," who are morally opposed to such coverage. Other objections raised in the comments include: An "unreasonable and unlawfully narrow" exemption for some nonprofit religious organizations, primarily houses of worship; limited accommodation for religious employers that continues to require those employers falling outside of the government's definition to "fund or facilitate objectionable coverage." The comments state that the concerns being raised are the same as those addressed when the rules governing the Affordable Care Act were first proposed in 2011.

## Pope Francis changes Holy Thursday plans to celebrate Mass in prison

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis has decided to celebrate the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper in a Rome juvenile detention facility and wash the feet of some of the young detainees. It marks a change in venue of the previously scheduled March 28 Holy Week event from St. Peter's Basilica to Rome's Casal del Marmo prison for minors. While the practice of his predecessors has included washing the feet of priests or laypeople, the ceremony was normally held in either St. Peter's Basilica or the Basilica of St. John Lateran. The Vatican said that, as archbishop of Buenos Aires, Pope Francis used to celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper -- which reflects on the call to imitate Christ by serving one another -- in prisons, hospitals or shelters for the poor and marginalized. "With the celebration at Casal del Marmo, Pope Francis will continue that practice, which must be carried out in a context characterized by simplicity," the Vatican said in a March 21 statement. The Mass of the Lord's Supper highlights "the commandment of love" and service through the ritual of washing the feet of others, the statement said.

## Pope Francis calls his predecessor, wishing him happy name day

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis telephoned retired Pope Benedict XVI, the former Joseph Ratzinger, to wish him a happy "name day" on the feast of St. Joseph. Pope Benedict has been following the many events taking place in Rome, especially the Mass, March 19, which formally marked the start of his successor's ministry as bishop of Rome and as pope, the Vatican said. The retired pope, who has been living at the papal villa in Castel Gandolfo, outside Rome, since Feb. 28, "has followed with strong interest the events these past days, especially this morning's celebration" inaugurating Pope Francis' ministry, the Vatican said in a written statement March 19. Pope Benedict assured "his successor of his continued closeness in prayer," the statement said. Pope Francis called the retired pope in the late afternoon March 19 to send him best wishes on the feast of St. Joseph "and show him once more his and the church's gratitude for his service," the Vatican said. The telephone conversation was "lengthy and cordial," the Vatican said.

# Bishops remind Congress that poor must be first in budget priorities

By Dennis Sadowski  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The needs of poor and vulnerable Americans must remain at the top of the country's spending priorities as Congress debates the federal budget in the coming weeks, the chairmen of two U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops committees said.

Holding firm to earlier stances, Bishop Stephen E. Blaize of Stockton, Calif., chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, and Bishop Richard E. Pates of Des Moines, Iowa, chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace, told members of Congress in a March 18 letter that budget expenditures reflect the priorities of a nation.

"As Catholic pastors, we continue to emphasize that these choices are economic, political and moral," the bishops said.

"While we lack the competence to offer a detailed critique of entire budget proposals, we do ask you to consider the human and moral dimensions of these choices," they said.

The letter comes as Congress prepared to debate the fiscal year 2014 budget. Contrasting proposals have risen to the forefront in the House of Representatives and the Senate.

The House budget, written by Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., calls for reducing domestic spending and lowering tax rates for most income earners while growing military spending.

Ryan's proposal, made as chairman of the House Budget Committee, calls for privatizing Medicare, as well as reducing funding for Medicaid and food stamps by turning them into block grants administered by

states, and abolishing the Affordable Care Act.

**The bishops reiterated their call for a circle of protection around people struggling to find work, obtain adequate housing, put food on their tables and place their children in educational programs**

Ryan has said such steps are necessary to balance the budget by 2023 and begin reducing the federal deficit.

The Senate budget, offered by Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., calls for slower growth in discretionary spending and new revenues from wealthy Americans and the biggest corporations. In introducing her proposal, Murray said the budget "tackles the deficit and debt the way the American people wanted it done."

The real debate will occur once both houses of Congress adopt a budget plan and leaders from both chambers sit down in an attempt to iron out differences in a comprehensive bill.

The budget debate comes on the heels of automatic across-the-board spending cuts that took effect March 1. Known as sequestration, the cuts in current fiscal year spending total about \$109 billion. They equally affect domestic and military programs in an attempt to whittle down the country's \$16 trillion deficit.

While supporting the goal of reducing "future unsustainable deficits," Bishops Blaize and Pates told Congress "this worthy goal" must be "pursued in ways that protect poor and vulnerable people at home and abroad."

The bishops reiterated their call for a circle of protection around people struggling to find work, obtain

adequate housing, put food on their tables and place their children in educational programs. In particular, they cited programs such as Head Start, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps, Pell grants, Supplemental Security Income, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families and poverty-focused international assistance as vital to protect.

The letter called for leaving in place the earned income tax credit and the low-income component of the child tax credit.

Bishops Blaize and Pates also cautioned against repealing the Affordable Care Act altogether, saying the USCCB's opposition to it is limited to "addressing the morally problematic features of health care reform."

The USCCB has opposed some of the regulations governing implementation of the Affordable Care Act such as the contraceptive mandate and its current limited definition of those religious organizations that would be exempt.

While calling for Congress to consider options to raise revenues, the bishops shied away from offering specific ideas to do so.

"Our nation has an obligation to address the impact of future deficits on the health of the economy, to ensure stability and security for future generations, and to use limited resources efficiently and effectively," they wrote.

"A just framework for future budgets cannot rely on disproportionate cuts in essential services to poor persons; it requires shared sacrifice by all, including raising adequate revenues, eliminating unnecessary military spending and addressing the long-term costs of health insurance and retirement programs fairly," the bishops said.



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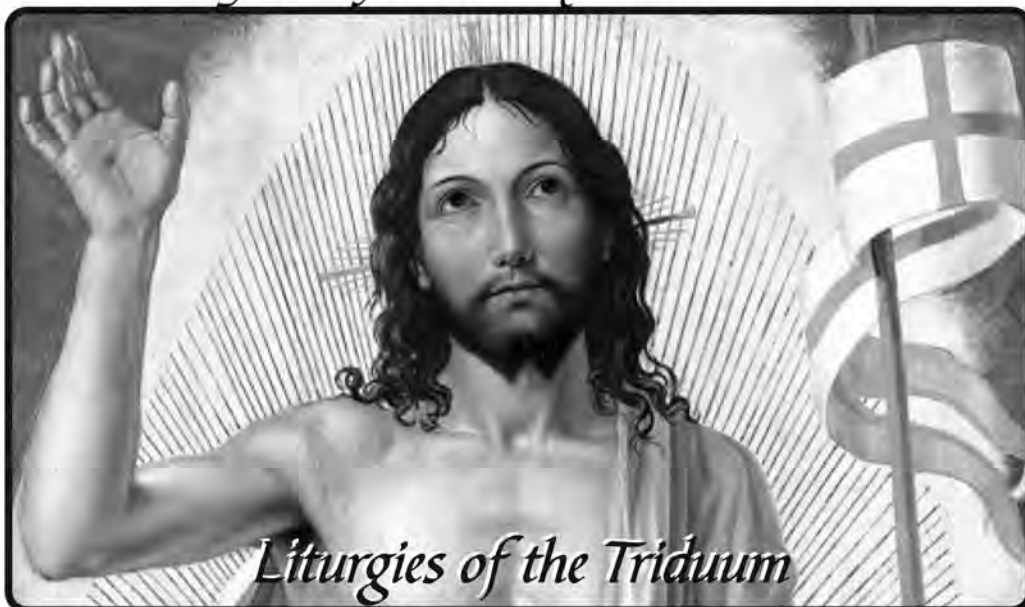
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Acts 10:34a, 37-43: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8;  
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side and beyond. Resurrection is the hope of every living person.

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## OUR READERS WRITE

### A Jesuit named Francis

Like so many of you I waited and held my breath last week as the news reached us that we had a new Pope. When I saw who it was I had to pinch myself. A JESUIT from Latin America who chose the name FRANCIS.

Instead of being dressed in the vestments of a royal prince, Pope Francis stepped forth in a simple white cassock.

From the moment he stepped into the limelight, with millions watching all over the world, the profound humility of this man touched me as he asked the crowd gathered in St. Peter's Square to pray for him.

As a Jesuit steeped in Ignatius Spi-

ri- tuality his life has been shaped by the Charisms of Ignatius: 1.) We are All LOVED SINNERS ;2.) We are all called into companionship with Christ; and finally 3.) We can find GOD IN ALL THINGS!

This man whom the Holy Spirit knows all to well this prayer that has shaped his journey:

**SUSCIPE OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA**

*Take Lord, receive all my liberty*

*Take my memory, my understanding, my entire Will*

*Whatever I have or hold, you have given me; I give bac to you and surrender Wholly to be governed by you*

*Give me your love and your grace and I am rich enough and ask for other more May the Spirit of God that called him to be our shepherd in these difficult times support and inspire him to do what St. Francis of Assisi did so many years ago:*

**GO AND RE-BUILD MY CHURCH.**

Let our prayers support this endeavor.

SINCERELY YOURS,  
MICHAEL ANDREWS  
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA.





## AT THE MOVIES

## THE CALL

By John Mulderig  
Catholic News Service

For most of its running time, director Brad Anderson's thriller "The Call" (TriStar) plays out as serviceable, if uninspired, entertainment for adults. But late developments make it first thoroughly implausible and then - through an appeal to viewers' basest and most visceral instincts -- morally unacceptable.

In a bid to answer the question, "What is life like on the other end of a 911 call?" Anderson takes us inside "The Hive," the bustling room where Los Angeles police specialists field urgent requests for help. Among these professional soothers is veteran emergency-line operator Jordan (Halle

Berry).

Rattled, early on in the proceedings, by a mistake that proves to have fatal consequences, Jordan retreats from the switchboard, and takes on the safer role of instructor for 911 newbies. When the terrified call of a kidnapping victim named Casey (Abigail Breslin) flummoxes one of her less-experienced colleagues, however, Jordan swings back into action.

A latter-day Valley Girl, teen Casey was minding her own business at the local mall when she fell into the clutches of chloroform-wielding psychopath Michael (Michael Eklund). While Michael is old-fashioned enough not to realize that chloroform went out with spats, Casey is modern enough to be carrying her

cell phone. So, after waking up in Michael's trunk, she lets her fingers do the walking.

Together, Casey and Jordan come up with some creative stratagems -- but, temporarily at least, to no avail. As wily Michael manages to stay one step ahead of her, Jordan becomes increasingly invested in Casey's fate. So much so, in fact, that the plot ends up on a collision course with credibility.

More importantly, a final twist finds this drama's supposed good guys flouting both the law and the standards of civilized behavior. As they do, Richard D'Ovidio's screenplay implicitly invites the audience not only to sympathize with their revenge-driven wrongdoing, but to revel in it.



CNS PHOTO/SONY

Morris Chestnut stars in a scene from the movie "The Call."

The film contains an endorsement of vigilantism, much violence, some of it gory, at least one use of profanity, several sexual references and occasional rough and crude language. The

Catholic News Service classification is O -- morally offensive. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

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## ADIRONDACK

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Saranac Lake** – The Tri-Lakes Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday to take place.

**Date:** April 7

**Place:** St. Bernard's Church

**Schedule:** 2 p.m. confessions; 2:30 p.m. exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, homily and the chanting of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

## CLINTON

## CLIMATE AMBASSADOR

**Plattsburgh** – Dr. Gerry Gacioch, Chief of Cardiology at Rochester General Hospital's Heart Institute who is also one of the nation's twenty-one Catholic Climate Ambassadors trained by the Catholic Climate Covenant to speak.

**Date:** April 21

**Time:** 12:30 p.m.

**Place:** Emmaus Room, St. Peter's Church

**Features:** The presentation will focus on What is climate change; [2] Why should we care?; [3] Catholic teachings and traditions associated with environmental stewardship; [4] Mitigation and adaptation to climate change; and [5] What we can be doing as individuals and together. There is no admission fee.

**Contact:** individuals who wish to attend are encouraged to telephone the St. Peter's Church Rectory at 563-1692 several days in advance of the presentation, to request a seat be reserved for them.

## SUNDAY BREAKFAST

**Mooers Forks** – St. Ann's will be having their annual Sunday breakfast including those delicious cinnamon buns.

**Date:** April 7

**Time:** 8 a.m. to Noon

**Place:** St. Ann's Center

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Seniors 65 and over, \$7; Children 6-10, \$3; under 5, Free

## SPRING BRUNCH

**Altona** – Holy Angels Church will be having an All You Can Eat Spring Brunch.

**Date:** April 14

**Time:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Cost:** Adults, \$7; Children un 12, \$3

**Features:** Bake Sale and Craft Sale. Call 236-5848 to reserve craft table.

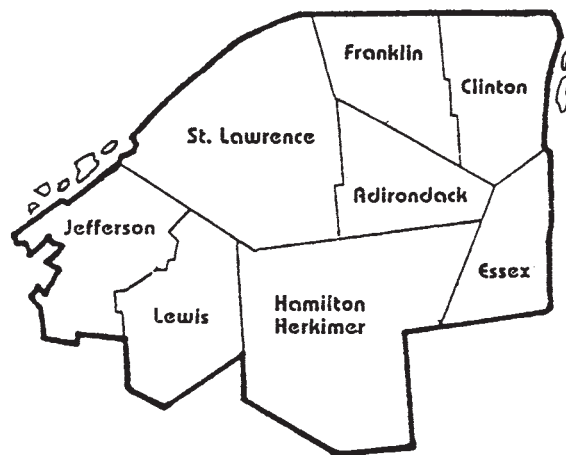
## HEALING MASS

**Ellenburg** – Our Lady of the Adirondacks will be offering a Healing Mass.

**Date:** April 17

**Time:** 4 p.m.

**Features:** Fr. Doug Decker will preside at Mass and Anointing followed by individual prayer for your intentions by or prayer ministers.



The **North Country Catholic** welcomes contributions to "Around the Diocese". Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:

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e-mail [news@northcountrycatholic.org](mailto:news@northcountrycatholic.org).

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

**RSVP:** Email [olaplayerhouse@gmail.com](mailto:olaplayerhouse@gmail.com) or call 518-594-3253.

## SCHOOL OF HEALING PRAYER

**Ellenburg** – Our Lady of the Adirondacks will be offering a Level 1 Training Course of Christian Healing Ministries School of Healing Prayer.

**Date:** April 25-27

**Features:** This course provides a foundational, practical approach to developing a prayer ministry and offers a Scriptural basis for God's gift of healing prayer. It teaches the student how to be an effective prayer minister through the use of video presentations by Francis and Judith MacNutt, discussion and praying over each other in groups. Registration and fees due by April 15. Course limited to six. Overnight accommodations available.

**Contact:** Email [olaplayerhouse@gmail.com](mailto:olaplayerhouse@gmail.com) or call 518-594-3253.

## SOUP-SALAD-BREAD

**Altona** – Holy Angels will hold Soup-Salad-Bread Wednesdays during Lent.

**Place:** Parish Hall

**Time:** 5:15 p.m. to 6:30; 6:30-7 pray before the Blessed Sacrament with Stations of the Cross; 7 p.m. Celebrate Mass.

**Contact:** Sandy or Fr. Gilbert, 236-5848

## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM

**Ellenburg Center** – Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer will offer a Lenten Bible Study Program.

**Dates:** April 6

**Time:** 10:30 a.m. to Noon

**Features:** Rita Breen will be reflecting

on themes of Lent Light lunch provided. Donations appreciated.

**Contact:** RSVP 518-594-3253 or [toolaplayerhouse@gmail.com](mailto:toolaplayerhouse@gmail.com)

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

**Place:** St. John's chapel

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

**Contact:** call 518-561-5083 or email us at [Sjohnsadoration@aol.com](mailto:Sjohnsadoration@aol.com)

## LENTEN ADORATION

**Plattsburgh** – St. Peter's will offer weekday adoration during Lent through 7 PM on Wednesday of Holy Week.

**Schedule:** Tues., Wed., Thurs. & Fri. after 7 a.m. Mass until 7 p.m.; Mon. only After 7 a.m. Mass until 9 p.m.

**Contact:** To sign up for one hour a week of adoration or for more information, call the rectory at 563-1692 or email [kjeshouse@verizon.net](mailto:kjeshouse@verizon.net).

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Plattsburgh** – Divine Mercy Sunday to be celebrated.

**Date:** April 7

**Place:** St. Peter's Parish

**Schedule:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:15-2:30 p.m.; New Video: Jesus, I Trust in You 12:15-1:35 p.m.; Sacrament of Reconciliation in the chapel 1:15-2:15 p.m.; Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Prayer Service begin at 2:30 p.m.; Blessing of Religious objects will take place during the service. Refreshments from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Keeseville** – The Keeseville Altar Rosary Society will sponsor a Sunday weekly Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament.

**Time:** 1 p.m. to 4

**Place:** Immaculate Conception Church

## SOAKING PRAYER

**Plattsburgh** – Soaking Prayer is offered every second and fourth Wednesday of the month under the direction of the Living Water's Healing Ministry.

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 11:30

**Place:** Upper room at St. Peters

## PRAYER MEETING

**Plattsburgh** – A weekly prayer meeting will be held every Wednesday (except the first Wednesday).

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** St. Peter's Church, St. Brother Andre' Chapel.

## MONTHLY PRAYER GROUP

**Sciota** – Monthly prayer group to be held second Friday of the month.

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Place:** To be determined, contact Nancy Monette at 561-8225 for details

**Features:** praying the Rosary, The Divine Chaplet, centering around creative

## ESSEX

## LIVING OUR FAITH

**Schroon Lake** – As part of the Year of Faith program at Our Lady of Lourdes Church and Saint Joseph's Church in Olmstedville, "Living Our Faith": The Catechism of the Catholic Church" Will be presented

**Schedule:** Fridays at 4:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church, Olmstedville; Sundays at 4:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes, Schroon Lake.

**Features:** A summary of the catechism, known as YOUCAT, is available at \$11.25.

**Contact:** For further information, call (518) 532-7100.

## FRANKLIN

## ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Malone** – Join members of the Malone Catholic Parishes each Thursday evening for Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Time:** 7 p.m. to 8

**Place:** Notre Dame Church

## JEFFERSON

## LIFERIGHT PRESENTS FR. TAD

**Watertown** – Liferight is sponsoring a luncheon and educational presentations by Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, a regular columnist in the *North Country Catholic*.

**Date:** April 20

**Schedule:** The program begins at 11:30 a.m. "Loving Those with Disabilities" followed by lunch and a second presentation at 12:30 p.m. "Dealing With End of Life Issues"

**Place:** Savory Café in the Carriage House

**Cost:** \$15

**Contact:** Mickey Squier at 782-2297 or Joan Boulio at 639-6688 to make reservations.

## SPAGHETTI DINNER

**Evans Mills** – There will be a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Indian River Knights of Columbus.

**Date:** April 13

**Time:** 4 p.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's Parish Center

**Cost:** Adults, \$7; senior citizens, \$5; children under 12, \$5; under 5, Free

## LENT 4.5 PROGRAM

**Watertown** – "Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus, embracing Christian Simplicity", this six week program explores ways of living in harmony with Creation, God and the whole human family.

**Date:** April 10, 17, 24

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 11 OR 6:30 p.m. to 8.

**Place:** Hearthside Hospitality Center at Sisters of St. Joseph motherhouse

**Cost:** \$5 per session for materials and light refreshments

**Contact:** 324-5718 or 782-3460;

[www.lent45.org](http://www.lent45.org) for more information

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Watertown** – Our Lady of the Sacred Heart will hold a Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration.

**Schedule:** On Good Friday, March 29 at 3 p.m., the Divine Mercy novena will begin by praying the chaplet; April 7 at 3 p.m. Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated.

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Singing of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, & Special prayers for Healing your family tree, Blessing of the Divine Mercy image and Benediction of Blessed Sacrament.

**Features:** The Divine Mercy Devotion consists of making a Novena by praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy beginning on Good Friday; celebrating the Feast of Mercy, April 7. Being merciful to others, Placing our complete trust in Jesus, making a good confession, & receiving Communion on the Feast of Mercy Sunday

**Contact:** Call Judy at 315-783-7349 or 315-788-2388, or visit [www.thedivine-mercy.org](http://www.thedivine-mercy.org)





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# Holy Week

This past Palm Sunday recalled Jesus processing into Jerusalem midst the waving of palms and warm welcomes.

For three years Jesus traveled the rural roads of Galilee, speaking His words of comfort to the sorrowful: blessing their children, healing their sick and celebrating at their weddings.

Some rejected Jesus; others put their trust in Jesus. Jesus' entrance into the Holy City begins a horrifying week. Plots are in place to silence Jesus and be rid of such disturbance.

Holy Week shakes us out of our complacency. It forces us to choose sides.

Will we put our trust in Jesus and know that we are secure?

As you hold your palm branch, think of a word of comfort to speak to a weary one.

Let us pray, Jesus as we journey through life, help us to remain faithful. Teach us always to be non-violent and forgiving. Give us the strength to accept our crosses and journey steadfastly to the end.

If you are interested in a World Mission Rosary, please contact the Mission Office at 315-393-2920 and we would be happy to forward them to you as long as supplies last. Thank you. God Bless you on your Easter journey.



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## OBITUARIES

**Brushton** — Linda L. (Gervais) Desnoyers, 71; Funeral Services March 22, 2013 at St. Mary's Church.

**Chasm Falls** — Ethel Grace (Duquette) Norton, 85; Funeral Services March 22, 2013 at St. Helen's Church; burial in St. Helen's Cemetery.

**Hogansburg** — Annie (Jacobs) David, 100; Funeral Services March 21, 2013 at St. Regis Church.

**Malone** — Blance A. (Tavernia) McGivney, 98; Funeral March 23, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**Malone** — Herman P. Thebert, 74; Funeral Services March 20, 2013 at Notre Dame Church; burial in old St. Mary's Cemetery, Ft. Covington.

**Massena** — Lillian M. (Demers) Dufresne, 72; Funeral services March 22, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** — Earl L. White, 85; Funeral Services March 22, 2013 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Norfolk** — Irene H. (Bennett) LaBarge, 101; Funeral Services March 18, 2013 at Church of the Visitation; burial in Visitation Cemetery.

tion Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** — Sandra L. (Miller) Pharoah, 61; Funeral Services March 23, 2013 at Notre Dame Church.

**Olmstedville** — William E. Brannon, 74; Funeral Services March 18, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Irishtown.

**Olmstedville** — Rutherford C. Strohmeyer, 88; Funeral Services March 19, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Federal Flats Cemetery.

**Peru** — Shawn M. McCool, 53; Memorial Services March 16, 2013 at St. Augustine's Church.

**Port Henry** — Jeanne Christie (Jaquish) Suddard, 59; Funeral Services March 21, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church.

**Port Henry** — Laura M. (Fleury) Wojewodzic, 86; Funeral Services March 18, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church.

**Rouses Point** — Margaret M. (Victor) Hill, 87; Funeral Services March 22, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church.

**Ticonderoga** — Janice Marie Frasier, 57; Funeral Services March 18, 2013 at St.

Mary's Church; burial in the Old Hague Cemetery.

**Treadwells Mills** — Mary D. (DeCarlo) Golino, 92; Funeral Services March 22, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Mausoleum.

**Tupper Lake** — Helen K. (Kalenak) LeBlanc, 88; Funeral Services March 19, 2013 at St. Alphonsus Church.

**Watertown** — Concetta "Nettie" (Villa Doldo) Battista; Funeral Services March 18, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** — Kenneth C. Jensen, 53; Funeral Services March 23, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Quantico National Cemetery, Triangle, VA.

**Watertown** — Martin E. "Chip" Keegan, 52; Funeral Services March 22, 2013 at Cummings Funeral Service, Inc.; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** — Gordon E. Matraw Sr., 90; Funeral Services March 19, 2013 at Cummings Funeral Service, Inc.

**Watertown** — Dr. George S. Sturtz, 88; Funeral Services March 23, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church.

**Year of Faith Video Contest**

Young Catholics, ages 12-18, are invited to create a 1-3 minute video: **"What My Catholic Faith Means to Me"**

- ◆ For information and application visit: [www.rcdony.org/youthrallyvideo](http://www.rcdony.org/youthrallyvideo)
- ◆ Deadline is April 10; winner will be announced at the Diocesan Youth Rally April 27
- ◆ Producer of the most creative video will be awarded a free week at Camp Guggenheim



## JEFFERSON

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ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**Evans Mills** - "A Quick Journey Through the Bible" - Join us for this introductory "Great Adventure" course in Catholic scripture study.

**Date:** Eight Mondays beginning April 15

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's Parish Center

**Features:** DVD lectures by Jeff Cavins, discussion and home study.

**Contact:** Advance registration is required by April 10 at 767-1065.

## LIFERIGHT MEETING

**Watertown** - Liferight of Watertown will hold its monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of the Month.

**Time:** 4 p.m.

**Place:** 312 Sherman St.

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

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

## LEWIS

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Houseville** - The Feast of the Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated.

**Date:** April 7

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Place:** St. Hedwig's Church

**Features:** Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Blessing of the Divine Mercy image. The Sacrament of Reconciliation begins at 2:10 p.m. At 2:15 p.m. a video, Discovering Divine Mercy, by Fa-

ther Don Calloway, MIC, will be shown in the church hall. The program continues at 3 p.m. with the Divine Mercy Chaplet (sung), homily and Benediction. Rev. Lukasz Kozlowski of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Utica will be the guest celebrant.

**Contact:** For information call 348-6260.

## ST. LAWRENCE

## RUMMAGE SALE

**Canton** - St. Mary's School will be having a rummage sale.

**Dates:** April 5 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and April 6 7:30 a.m. to 11

## FISH &amp; SHRIMP FRY

**Gouverneur** - St. James School will be having a Fish & Shrimp Fry every Friday during Lent.

**Date:** through March 29

**Time:** 4:30 p.m.

**Cost:** Adults, \$10; Children 12 and under, \$5; under 5, Free

**Features:** Take-outs available, phone ahead for faster service, 287-0130. For deliveries call 287-0130

## CATHOLICISM SERIES

**Norfolk** - The Church of the Visitation's Catholicism program has begun for the Lent and Easter season.

**Schedule:** Tuesday mornings - 9 a.m. Mass followed by a light social; 9:45 a.m. DVD presentation by discussion.

Wednesday evenings - 5:30 p.m. Mass followed by a light social; 6:30 p.m. DVD presentation followed by discussion.

**Contact:** 315-384-4242

## CATHOLICISM SERIES

**Massena** - The Catholic Community of Massena/Louisville will be using Fr. Robert Barron's video series "Catholicism" during this Year of faith.

**Dates:** On Wednesdays, April 10, 17, 24; May 1, 8

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. to 8

**Place:** St. Mary's Social Hall

**Cost:** No cost, but workbooks can be purchased for \$25

## BINGO NEW NIGHT

**Massena** - St. Mary's & St. Joseph's Bingo is now on Thursday nights.

**Features:** Early Bird game starts at 7 p.m. Pull tabs, 50/50, concession

## FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRIES ARE BACK

**Ogdensburg** - K og C Friday Night Fish Fries are back every Friday until Easter.

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Children 5-12, \$4; under 5, free; desserts, \$1 and cash bar

## 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

## SURVIVOR SUPPORT GROUP

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

**Time:** 9 a.m.

**Place:** Best Western University Inn

## HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

**Ogdensburg** - St. Mary's is holding a

## PASSION PLAYERS



Children in grades kindergarten through three of CCD classes at St. Alphonsus Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Tupper Lake, offered a multi-media presentation of The Stations of The Cross for parishioners March 15. The students presented all the readings, provided sign language as they sang songs, and led the concluding prayers. Above are three of the students, Luke Robillard, Emma Robillard, and Grace Southwick.

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

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**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

## DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY

**Plattsburgh** - The annual diocesan Youth Rally is set

**Date:** April 27

**Place:** Seton Catholic Central

**Features:** Chris Stefanick is keynote speakers; registration through parishes.

## SYMPOSIUM ENVIRONMENT

The Religious Sisters and Brother of the diocese are holding a symposium "Awakening the Dreamer: Symposium on Environment Sustainability."

**Dates:** April 13, Saranac Lake, Adirondack Medical Center; April 14, Watertown, Sisters of St. Joseph

**Time:** 1 p.m. to 4

**Presenters:** Mercy Sister Diane Guerin

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