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Faith 'not about decorating life'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Faith isn't something decorative one adds to life, but is a commitment that involves making choices that may require sacrifice, Pope Francis said.

Faith "is not decorating your life with a bit of religion as if life were a cake that you decorate with cream," the pope said Aug. 18 before reciting the Angelus with vis-

itors in St. Peter's Square.

Pope Francis' Angelus address included an explanation of a passage from the day's Gospel reading from Luke in which Jesus tells his disciples: "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." Jesus was telling his disciples that loving and serving

God had to be the "basic criteria of life," Pope Francis told thousands of people gathered under the midday sun to pray with him.

"Following Jesus means renouncing evil, selfishness and choosing goodness, truth and justice even when that requires sacrifice and renouncing our own interests," the pope said.

Living a truly Christian life can lead to division, even within families, he said. "But attention: It's not Jesus who divides.

"He sets out the criteria: Live for oneself or for God and others, ask to be served or serve; obey one's ego or obey God -- it is in this sense that Jesus is a 'sign of contradiction.'"

POPE FRANCIS' REPRESENTATIVE

To preside at Year of Faith Mass in LP



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Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States, is pictured as he delivers the homily during a Mass of thanksgiving for the election of Pope Francis at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington March 19. Archbishop Vigano is coming to the Diocese of Ogdensburg Sept. 29 to celebrate the Solemn Mass for the Year of Faith and New Evangelization In Lake Placid. Nearly 2000 Catholics from across the diocese are expected to participate in the liturgy at the Olympic Center.

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FROM PLATTSBURGH TO BRAZIL



Kelly Donnelly and Jen Campbell of Plattsburgh represented the Diocese of Ogdensburg at World Youth Day in Brazil in July. They are shown during the bus ride to the Papal Welcoming Ceremony with two of new friends from the Philippines In a reflection about the trip, printed on page 16, Ms. Donnelly writes, "My roommate, Jen Campbell, and I were the entirety of our group. One of the blessings about being in a group so small was that it enabled us to tag along in many different groups."

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Celebrating the Year of the Babies

As the Catholic world has been celebrating the Year of Faith, our lucky family is enjoying a Year of the Babies.

Everyone at the family reunion last week finally met four-month old Annalin, three month old Conan and one-month old (almost) Patrick.

How blessed are we!

This past weekend we celebrated the first of the baptisms, a perfect reminder that our year of babies has a whole lot in common with any-

body's year of faith.

The three new babies in my family and new baby Henry in my office have brought back a million memories about just how hard it is to care for a newborn.

It would be nearly impossible without faith and trust and an endless fount of love.

I've been watching these new mothers and fathers.

They've been dealing with sleepless nights, worries upon worries and a thousand different ques-

tions. It all seems too much... and then the baby smiles and everything is worth it.

I've been watching, of course, through the eyes of a grandma.

In the months before I became a grandparent, I heard – over and over – about how wonderful it would be.

And it is, in more ways than I ever expected.

In addition to enjoying all the enchanting baby-ness, it's been a privilege to witness the fierce love our children have for their own children.

It literally takes my breath away sometimes.

When I was the one getting

up in the middle of the night and changing smelly diapers, I don't think I could see what I see today.

It's taken a bit of distance to understand that, in a very fundamental way, our babies have already begun to evangelize.

Annalin and Conan and Patrick have evoked God-like love – an all consuming, all forgiving, lay-down-your-life kind of love – from their mommies and daddies.

And faith means nothing if it's not grounded in love.

Thanks, little ones. You've got much to show for a few month's work!



Mary Lou
Kilian

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

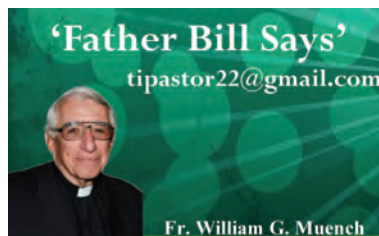
We are *all* called - to be God's prophets

Recently, in conversation with a priest friend concerning that Sunday's Scriptures, he brought up the idea of being a "prophet." The more I have thought about it the idea of a "prophet" fits in so well with this year's celebration of the Year of Faith. Evangelization is about being a prophet. A prophet is someone who shows the way – someone who points out the implications of present actions.

A prophet in faith accepts a real challenge – walking in the footsteps of Jesus can be hard work and costly. Bringing the message of Jesus to this present work is often a difficult challenge.

Many, even many good people, are not open to listening to the message of the Church. Many do not understand. Many do not want to understand. Many will not accept. Jesus was often disappointed that those he taught would not believe in him or accept his message.

Prophets are about truth. The message of Jesus is truth. With the grace and help of the Savior, evangelizers have the truth. This is God's gift to us all and we must have the courage to bring that message to others – as true prophets of the Lord.



However, courage is needed for the truth can divide families, friendships, communities. Many want to hide the truth – they would rather live the lie.

Parents must be prophets and must be the most important of evangelizers. The challenge is huge – yet, the truth is so important for their children. However, there is always the risk in making recommendations or corrections to a child – even, more for a teenager. Will this task of being a prophet as a father or mother cause a division in the family?

The challenge can be too much for some parents and so they ignore the moment, ignore the opportunity and say nothing. Too often, they watch their child's life get more and more messed up. I believe that with God's help, the divisions, caused in such necessary corrections, can and will be healed. Such is the challenge of being a prophet – of being a parent.

I regretfully have recognized times in my own life when I

was afraid to be a prophet. I remember an incident – ages ago – I was part of a group of priests talking about many things. Then they began talking about another – a priest with a problem – he was an alcoholic. So talked about how sad it was. Yet, I remember well, not one of us was ready to talk with him - ready to take the risk to meet with him and offer to help. The excuses were many – don't want to "embarrass" him - don't want to "lose" his friendship – not ready to be a "prophet".

Jesus calls us all to be a prophet, yet being a prophet is a challenge so he is ready to stand with us, to strengthen us, to show us the way and give us the words to make us real prophets.

Our Church must have prophets – and everyone is called – truly, everyone is

called to be such prophets.

Prophets are many. We do notice them, we read about them, our society is filled with them. Each parish has many prophets. We sit with them each Sunday and now we must join them.

Soon our Church will canonize two of the outstanding prophets of our own time – Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II. They both spoke bravely and often, leading and showing the way for our Church. They were not afraid to meet the challenge.

And so we now pray to soon to be Saint Pope John XXIII and Saint Pope John Paul II that they will fill our Church will prophets – outstanding prophets – and ordinary prophets that will truly transform our Church – making it alive – filled with grace and enthusiasm and hope.

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As the 2013-14 academic year begins, we want to assure all—students, parents and staff of our prayers.

The month of August has been an especially graced time for me as I have had the opportunity to spend

much time with our youth.

At the ninth and final Listening Session, at Camp Guggenheim, I had the opportunity to pray, enjoy a meal with, and then hear approximately 65 "senior" campers tell me about their vision for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Their passion and love for the Church was palpable. They offered practical suggestions and shared their frustrations and their hopes for the Church.

I came away from that session affirmed in my strong belief that our youth today possess remarkable skills, keen insights, strong faith, and much eagerness to serve Christ and His Body, the Church.

On the Feast of the Assumption, I celebrated Eu-

charist at Blessed John XXIII Newman Center in Plattsburgh and then enjoyed dinner and conversation with some of the area priests and several young men who are discerning their vocations. Some were headed back to high school for their final year, others returning to college or headed there for the first time. This was another wonderful opportunity to learn of the strong faith of young adults and the seriousness with which these men are discerning the Lord's will for them.

On August 17th and 18th high school students from Keeseville, Peru, Ausable Forks and Morrisonville performed a Year of Faith Summer Concert at St.

Augustine's Church in Peru and St. John the Baptist in Keeseville. Their parents, family members and all in attendance were so proud of their wonderful perform-

ance, as was their bishop! Through song, these young women and men lifted our souls in praise of God.

Thank you, *Joyful Choir*, for such an inspirational evening!

Our diocesan *Year of Faith* Committee suggested that we have a special event where the faithful from throughout the North Country could express their faith through their God-given talents in the arts.

On Sunday, August 18th, a nice crowd gathered at Hosmer Hall in Potsdam to see and hear expressions of faith that lifted their spirits.

The Beauty of Belief was a delightful celebration of art and music. Musicians and artists are, in a real sense, birth-givers.

The works they produce provide us with the medium that inspires you and me to enter beyond the ordinary and delve deeply into a

transcendence that leads us to reflect upon the human person and the awesome wonder of God's creation and our redemption.

We were served an exquisite fare of faith expressions in the artwork displayed and music performed.

Many of the artists and musicians were students and young adults. They provided an occasion where we could truly experience the Beauty of Belief.

Let there be no doubt, the youth of our Diocese possess many gifts that they are eager to share with us, indeed, are already sharing! As they head back to college or high school, their brains will be stretched and their souls tested.

Let us thank God for our youth and support them with our prayer, words of encouragement, and through the sharing of our own faith.



Bishop
Terry R.
LaValley

New parish to be formed

MALONE - Father Joseph Giroux, pastor of the Malone Catholic Parishes, announced to the congregations of St. Joseph's, Notre Dame, and St. John Bosco in Malone, and St. Helen's in Chasm Falls that a process has begun to combine the four parishes into a single new parish.

He made the announcement at Masses at the four churches this past weekend.

The new parish will be named for St. André Bessette. It is planned that the new parish be established on July 1, 2014.

The four Catholic Parishes in and around Malone were placed under the care of one pastor in June 2003. This enabled them to share a staff and services, while also coordinating their schedules and many programs.

"A decade of cooperation has shown how much can be accomplished when efforts

and energy are combined," Father Giroux said. "While the Malone Catholic Parishes often appear to function as one, in reality they remain four distinct institutions."

The staff and Pastoral Council of the Malone Catholic Parishes have been exploring the possibility of formally uniting the parishes for more than two years.

"After much study and prayer, we unanimously agreed in June to request that Bishop LaValley grant permission for us to begin the process," Father Giroux said. "We believe that this effort will streamline administration and make pastoral initiatives both more efficient and effective."

The establishment of the new Catholic parish in Malone does not mean that any of the churches currently in use will close at this time, nor that their names will be changed.

"Parish designates a community of people, rather than the building(s) in which it gathers," Father Giroux said.

Planning for the future use of all facilities is ongoing.

"St. Andre' or 'Brother André' as he's better known to most of us was the "miracle man" of Montréal," Father Giroux said. "He visited Malone on several occasions, and many still fondly recall those visits - including some who are relatives of the saint."

"His foresight and devotion led to the construction of St. Joseph's Oratory on Mount Royal, where he is buried," he said. "Revered even during his lifetime, he was canonized in October of 2010."

(The full text of Father Giroux' August 24-25 announcement is available online at: <http://fromemptyhands.blogspot.com>).

Bishop announces clergy changes

For personal reasons, Father Donald F. Kramberg has requested and has been granted by Bishop LaValley early retirement from priestly ministry in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

His resignation as pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Dannemora and Church of the Assumption in Redford will be effective as of August 31, 2013.

Replacing him as administrator of the aforementioned parishes will be Father Bernard D. Menard. Father Menard is currently serving as Parochial Vicar at St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh.

On the recommendation of his doctor, Father Garvin J. Demarais has requested and Bishop LaValley has granted a medical leave of absence for up to one year. Father Demarais will be resigning as pastor of St. Paul's Church in Black River and St. Rita's Church in Deferiet effective September 2, 2013.

During his time of recovery, he is expected to be in residence at St. Edmund's Church in Ellenburg. In the near future

Bishop LaValley is expected to name a replacement priest to cover the parishes being vacated by Father Demarais.

Envisioning Leadership at halfway point

Bishop LaValley and his Envisioning Leadership Team reached the halfway point of its work Aug. 14.

The bishop convened the Leadership Team Feb. 14 to engage in a process of discerning a Mutually Shared Vision for the Diocese. The vision is called a "mutually shared vision" because it is built upon the input of all the People of God through Listening Sessions that were held throughout the diocese.

To assist in this process, Bishop LaValley engaged the services of the Catholic Leadership Institute, a Catholic apostolate that provides leadership training, formation, and consultation for Catholic organizations across the country.

At each Listening Session, Bishop LaValley stated that, "[i]t is not my desire to determine a vision and impose it

on the people of the Diocese. My goal is to listen to the People of God as they express their hopes, concerns, dreams, and thoughts about where we ought to be as a diocese in five years."

To gain that input, Bishop LaValley listened to hundreds of Catholics who addressed their thoughts directly to him. He recently completed the final Listening Session by listening to the input of 16-18 year olds attending Guggenheim Camp in Saranac Lake.

"The Listening Sessions were a grace to me," said Bishop LaValley. "While the comments acknowledged the problems and challenges that we face as a Diocese, there was an overwhelming spirit of hope among the People of God. Our people love their Church. They love their Diocese. Our people are

committed to helping our Diocese grow and flourish by the grace of God."

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"We now begin the core of the process," Bishop LaValley said. "We built a team, surveyed the environment, re-

viewed the demographics of our diocese, and set up a solid process to follow as a team as we seek a vision and priorities for our Diocese based on what we heard and learned."

From the Listening Session data, the Bishop and his team will discern a diocesan vision and diocesan priorities. The vision is meant to tell us where we should be in five years as a Diocese, and the priorities will tell us what we need to accomplish in the next 18 to 24 months as we pursue that vision, the bishop explained.

Bishop LaValley stressed that the vision will respect and build on the input of everyone who attended the Listening Sessions.

"We heard many wonderful people at the Listening Sessions," he said. "I heard a great sharing of ideas, hopes,

and dreams. And I did listen. I have read every written comment submitted by the participants at the Listening Sessions. Now, I must respond."

His response will include three diocesan priorities.

At the beginning of this process, Bishop LaValley explained that he hoped to engage in a conversation with all of God's people of the Diocese, to listen to his brothers and sisters throughout the Diocese and to honestly assess our needs and priorities in light of that conversation and that listening.

"The conversation has begun, the listening has taken place," Bishop LaValley said. "Now, we begin the assessment of what has been shared. I ask all of you to pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide us as we continue this process."



Rites held Aug. 14 for Deacon Bruce C. Wadsworth

LAKE PLACID – A Mass of Christian Burial for Deacon Bruce Carley Wadsworth, 75, was celebrated Aug. 14 at St. Agnes Catholic Church, with Father John Yonkovic officiating.

Deacon Wadsworth died Aug. 10.

The second son of G. Harry Wadsworth and Hazel Carley Wadsworth, he was born July 7, 1938, in Utica. He spent his youth in the small hamlet of Clark Mills and in 1956 graduated from Clinton Central School.

A graduate of Alfred University, he also earned a master's degree from Syracuse University and a university certificate from SUNY Albany.

Deacon Wadsworth pursued a teaching career in the field of earth science. Over a period of 35 years, he taught

in North Syracuse, East Aurora, the Manlius School and at Bethlehem High School in Delmar.



Deacon Wadsworth

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Betty; two children: Barbara Carroll and her husband Philip Jr. of Amenia, and Peter Wadsworth of Brooklyn; three grandchildren: Ben and Zachary Carroll and Ethan Wadsworth; a sister JoAnn and her husband, Malcolm Desimone, of New Hartford; and brother-in-law Edward Blankman of Adams.

In 1968, Deacon Wadsworth received a summer National Science Foundation Grant in Star Lake. One of the summer activities was climbing Algonquin Mountain. He was hooked, and his family of four began climbing the High Peaks. They finished the 46th peak in 1975, and then had time to join the Schenectady

Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club.

His many interests included writing, and eventually he had the opportunity to prepare a guidebook for the Adirondack Mountain Club, "An Adirondack Sampler: Day Hikes for All Seasons"

Upon retirement from teaching, Deacon Wadsworth and his wife moved to Lake Placid.

He became active in parish ministry at St. Agnes, entered the deacon formation program and was ordained a permanent deacon for the Diocese of Ogdensburg Oct. 4, 2003.

Online condolences may be left at www.mbclarkfuneralhome.com.

Memorial donations may be made to the Adirondack Mountain Club, Goggins Road, Lake George, NY 12845-4117, or St. Agnes Catholic Church, Hillcrest Avenue, Lake Placid, NY 12946.

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North Country Knights donate more than \$334,000

By John Ryan
Contributing writer

Each year the 5,000 Knights of Columbus belonging to the 50 councils in the Diocese of Ogdensburg volunteer their time and talent to support worthy causes and local service programs.

Report for 2012 also shows that diocesan K of C members volunteered 123,000 hours

In 2012 the councils donated over \$334,000 to programs serving their church, community and youth: \$143,000 to parishes, Catholic schools, vocations and religious education programs; \$101,000 to community-based programs; and \$90,000 to programs serving the youth and the unborn.

The Knights volunteered an estimated 123,000 hours

to raise these monies and to conduct their local service programs. Programs varied from council to council depending on local needs.

They included: basketball free throw and soccer contests; food-shelf drives; youth sports team sponsorships; bible and rosary presentations to First Communion and Confirmation students; high school and college scholarships; visitations to members with serious illnesses; construction of handicapped ramps; fundraisers for individuals incurring expensive medical treatments; children's holiday parties; and support of veterans and active-duty military organizations.

A diocesan-wide charity ball raised \$6,000 for North Country Catholic schools and pro-life organizations.

The councils also united to raise money for state, national and international

causes. The New York Knights of Columbus Charitable and Benevolent (C&B) Program donated \$10,000 to each of the state's eight dioceses and over \$100,000 to the New York Special Olympics.

Over \$500,000 was donated to Hurricane Sandy victims.

Background:

Thanks to the efforts of Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven and some of his parishioners, the Connecticut state legislature on March 29, 1882, officially chartered the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal benefit society. The Order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity.

The Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council to more than 14,000 councils and 1.8 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Cuba, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan.

The Knights of Columbus' over 14,000 councils donated \$167 million and performed 70 million hours of volunteer service in 2012.

Contributions increased by more than \$9 million, the 13th consecutive year of growth.

Bishop's Schedule

Aug. 28 – 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg
5p.m. - St. Lawrence Deanery Bishop's Fund Reception at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

Aug. 29 – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

Aug. 31 – 4 p.m., Mass at St. Peter's Church in Lowville
5:30 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Church in Glenfield

Environmental Stewardship

We are losing the attitude of wonder, contemplation, listening to creation. The implications of living in a horizontal manner (is that) we have moved away from God, we no longer read His signs."

Pope Francis "World Environment Day", June 5, 13

Suggested Daily Practice:

Take a 5 minutes daily "contemplative break" to: Pay attention, Be amazed, Share it with someone
(Advice of Mary Oliver)

In the evening make a *Thanksgiving Examen recalling what you noticed, what amazed you and thank God for all that God has done for you this day and ask yourself: What can I envision doing that would lead me to be even more deeply grateful? Then close with the Our Father.

***Taken from: The New Spiritual Exercises In the Spirit of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin by Louis M. Savary**

Rest in Peace

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

- Aug. 29** – Rev. Leo Desmet, 1926; Rev. Thomas F. Driscoll, 2003
- Aug. 30** – Rev. Bartholomew McLaughlin, 1914
- Aug. 31** – Rev. James J. Sherry, 1890; Rev. Albert R. Plante, 2000
- Sept. 1** – Rev. Michael Guth, 1864;
- Sept. 2** – Rev. Timothy J. Mahoney, 1938; Msgr. Claudius Sechi, 1966; Rev. Thomas G. Votraw, 2007
- Sept. 3** – Rev. David W. Driscoll, O.S.A., 1963; Rev. John S. Branche, 2003

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:

- Aug. 29** - 8 p.m., SUNY Potsdam
- Sept. 7** - 10 p.m., Seton Academy, Plattsburgh
- Sept. 10** - 6 p.m., Seton Academy, Plattsburgh
- Sept. 11** - 6 p.m., Holy Family School, Malone
- Oct. 8** - 6:30 p.m., St. James School, Gouverneur
- Oct. 15** - 6 p.m., Holy Family School, Malone

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The Guggenheim Jesus, a charcoal drawing by Rick Austin, was a featured piece at the art show which drew a large crowd of people from throughout the diocese.



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Franciscan Brother Richard James was honored July 15 at the Oratory of St. Paul in South Colton on his 50th anniversary as a Franciscan Brother. The South Colton native is shown, at left, offering a reflection on his life as a friar. At right, Msgr. Robert Aucoin, pastor; and Bishop LaValley, who presided at the liturgy, distribute communion to the congregation.

Franciscan friar honored by his hometown parish

SOUTH COLTON - A joyful, faith filled evening occurred at the Oratory of St. Paul in South Colton, July 15 as Bishop Terry R. LaValley concelebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving in celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Profession of Vows of Franciscan Brother Richard James, in his hometown

Also participating in the Mass were Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin, pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Potsdam and St. Patrick's Parish in Colton, along with diocesan priests, Father Donald Manfred, Father John Downs and Father Andrew Amyot.

Franciscan Brother Christopher Coccia, from St. Francis Friary in New York City served as deacon of the

Mass, read the Gospel and received Brother Richard's renewal of vows.

Another Franciscan Brother James McIntosh from St. Anthony Shrine in Boston attended and read the General Intercessions.

Cory Haynes was master of ceremonies.

Peter Mueller was cantor and Michelle Martin was organist.

Knights of Columbus members from Ogdensburg, Massena and Brasher Falls served as honor guard.

Old Testament reading Isaiah 63:7-9 was read by Brother Richard James. New Testament reading Ephesians 1:3-14 was read by Keitha MacIntire, sister of Brother Richard. Gospel reading

Mark 5:18-20 was read by Deacon Coccia.

After an inspiring and instructional homily on the consecrated life, given by Bishop LaValley, Brother Richard renewed his vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

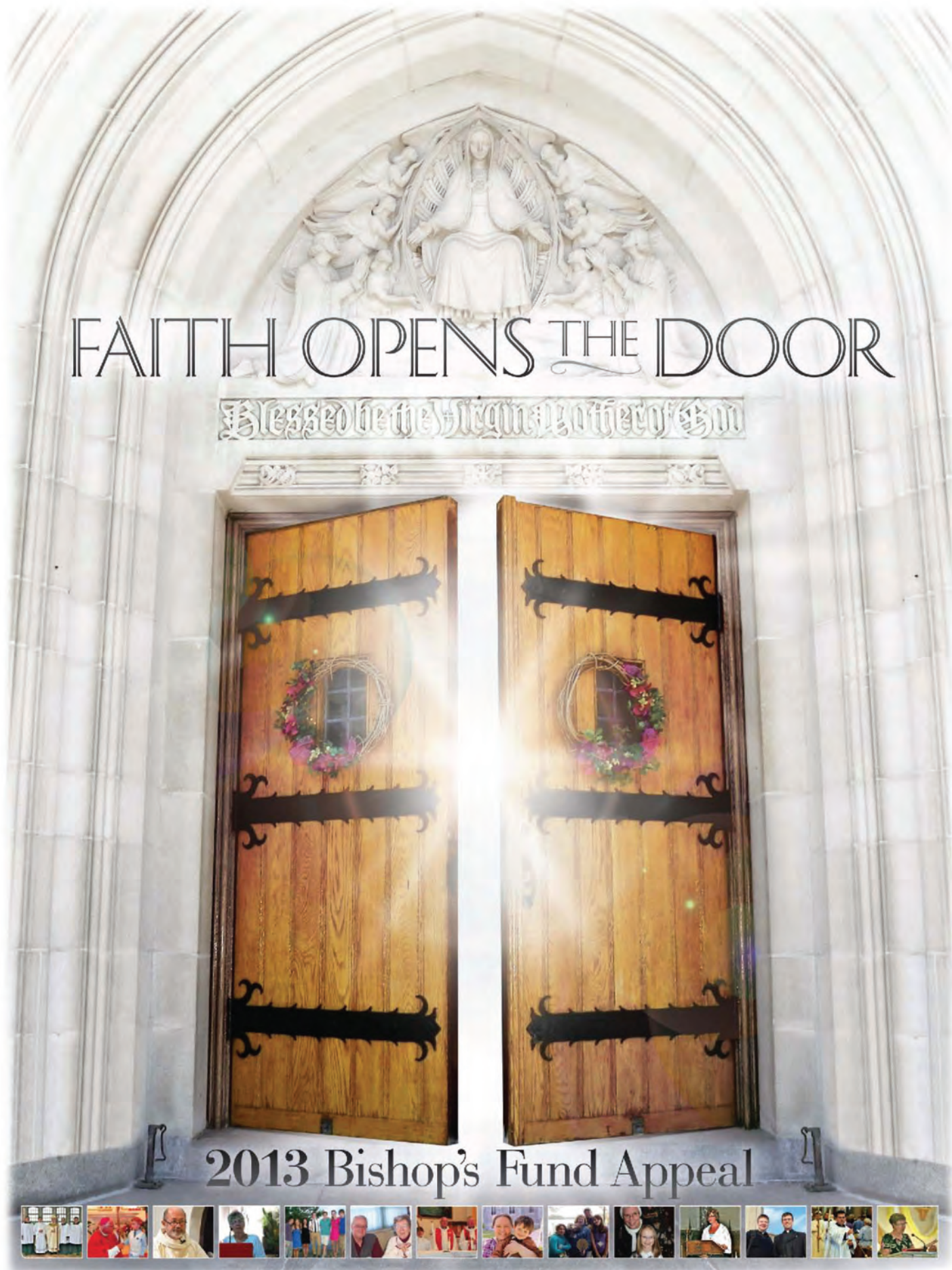
At the end of Mass, Brother Richard also spoke about his very rewarding life as a friar in the Franciscan order.

An ice cream social followed with much conversation among Bishop LaValley, the priests and brothers and all guests present. All guests were also invited to the MacIntire camp in Colton for further refreshments.

Photos of the celebration can be found on the parish website stmaryspatrick.net.



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Pope says Mary is always near, helping the church face its 'trials of the devil'

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Mary, the mother of Jesus and mother of the church, already is in glory in heaven, but she is always with the church and helps it face the trials of the devil, Pope Francis said.

While the church is blessed and holy, on earth it continues to live through "the trials and challenges which the conflict between God and the evil one, the perennial enemy, brings," the pope said in his homily Aug. 15 at a Mass for the feast of the Assumption of Mary.

The pope celebrated the Mass in the main square of Castel Gandolfo, a small town in the hills about 13 miles south of Rome where previous popes have spent the summer months. An estimated 12,000 were gathered in the square and down the main street for the Mass.

Commenting on the Mass readings, Pope Francis said the passage from the 11th chapter of the Book of Revelation -- describing a woman in labor and a dragon waiting to devour the newborn child -- represents the church "glorious and triumphant and yet, on the other hand, still in travail."

But as the followers of Jesus continue to face temptation and problems, Mary remains at their side, just as she remained with the apostles during her earthly life.

"She has, of course, already entered, once and for all, into heavenly glory," the pope said. "But this does not mean that she is distant or detached from us; rather Mary accompanies us, struggles with us, sustains Christians in their fight against the forces of evil."

Pope Francis told the crowd that praying the rosary and meditating on the



CNS PHOTO/GIAMPIERO SPOSITO, REUTERS

Pope Francis waves after celebrating a Mass Aug. 15 for the feast of the Assumption of Mary in the main square of Castel Gandolfo, a small town in the hills near Rome where previous popes have spent the summer months.

events of suffering and joy in the life of Mary and Jesus can give them the strength they need to continue "the battle against the evil one and his accomplices."

"Do you pray the rosary every day?" he asked. The crowd shouted, "Yes," and he said, "Really?"

The pope encouraged people to pray with Mary and to trust her as "our mother, our representative, our sister, the first believer to arrive in heaven."

He said the Magnificat -- Mary's response to the Angel Gabriel: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord ..." from Luke 1:46-55 -- is a song of hope, a song sung by "many saints," including "moms, dads, grandmothers and grandfathers, missionaries, priests, sisters, young people, even children, who have faced the struggle of life" with the firm hope of the victory of the resurrection, "the victory of love."

"Where there is the cross, there is hope," he said.

Reciting the Angelus after

Mass, Pope Francis said Mary's glory began with her saying "yes" to God's plan.

"Every 'yes' to God is a step toward heaven, toward eternal life," he said. "This is what the Lord wants: that all his children have life in abundance. God wants us all with him, in his house."

Pope Francis also reminded people that Aug. 15 was the 25th anniversary of the day Blessed John Paul II signed his apostolic letter on women in the church and society, "Mulieris Dignitatem."

As he had told reporters July 28 on the flight back to Rome from Brazil, Pope Francis said Blessed John Paul's teaching "deserves to be taken up again and developed further."

By meditating on the women in the Bible, "condensed in Mary," he prayed, "may all women find themselves and the fullness of their vocations."

And, he added, may all in the church recognize the "great, important role of women."

Catholic Charities agencies respond to influx of trafficking

By Dennis Sadowski
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - An influx of human trafficking victims seeking assistance is leading Catholic Charities agencies nationwide to develop a wider range of specialized service to enable victims to rebuild their lives.

From life skills and parenting classes to helping victims adjust to a life free of coercion and mistreatment, the agencies are adapting operations so that those who have escaped a trafficking situation are not victimized again by unscrupulous traders in human lives.

The new services are emerging as more trafficking victims are identified by social workers and law enforcement officers, explained

Marissa Castellanos, human trafficking program manager for Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Louisville, Ky.

She credited ongoing training that victim advocates and Catholic Charity workers have directed toward police, prosecutors, judges, social workers and other interested people for the rise in the number of victims being identified.

Whereas in earlier years a victim may have been identified as a prostitute or as being in the country illegally, officials are better recognizing the telltale signs that someone is being trafficked. The result is that a victim ends up being sent to a reliable social service agency rather than to jail.

"The education and training we're doing throughout the country is vital to identifying victims," Castellanos told Catholic News Service.

"We know that trafficking has been present, but just that it wasn't identified at the time or it was identified

incorrectly," she said.

The experience of Catholic Charities in Louisville is tallied, along with the work of 28 other diocesan Catholic Charities agencies in a recent study by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate. Conducted over a month's time in September and October 2012 for Catholic Charities USA, the study found that all 29 agencies responding to a survey reported working with trafficking victims.

The agencies aided 239 victims - an average of nine per agency - in the preceding 12 months. In contrast, a similar CARA study in 2005 showed that responding agencies reported serving an average of four trafficking victims in the previous year.

Originally 48 agencies were contacted to participate in the study. Forty agreed to join it.

The local agencies reported serving far more adults than children -- 84 percent to 16 percent. Of the total, 44 percent were women and 40 percent were men.

The vast majority of trafficking victims served, 89 percent, were foreign-born while just 7 percent were U.S. citizens. As for their circumstances, 57 percent of clients escaped from labor situation while 43 percent were victims of sex trafficking.

"Our agencies see more labor victims. We don't often hear about it. It's what we can bring to the conversation," said Julie Zorb, manager of policy and research for Catholic Charities USA.

Zorb also pointed to the finding that local agencies are seeing far more adults than children, who are often the age group identified in anti-trafficking campaigns.

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Vatican ambassador: World must help end Syria's 'serious crisis'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The Vatican ambassador to Syria said the international community must help find a political solution to the "serious crisis" continuing in the country. Speaking to Vatican Radio Aug. 21 after reports of chemical attacks outside Damascus, Archbishop Mario Zenari described the images circulating on the Internet and television "truly shocking." The images, which could not be immediately verified, triggered calls for an independent investigation. Syrian opposition forces said more than 1,000 people died in the attacks; other activists put the number in the hundreds. If confirmed, it would be the worst reported use of chemical arms in the civil war that started in March 2011. Syrian state television denied government forces had used poison gas and said the accusations were intended to distract a team of U.N. chemical weapons experts in Syria. The United Nations scheduled a special meeting that afternoon to discuss the incident. "People here are fed up" with the war, Archbishop Zenari told Vatican Radio. "They are crying out to the international community to say, 'Help us so that this war would end immediately. We have had enough; we can't take it anymore. We can't continue like this.'" In late July, U.S. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said more than 100,000 people had been killed in the Syrian civil war. More than 1.7 million have fled to neighboring countries.

Canonization date for beatified popes to be known in September

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis will host a meeting of cardinals Sept. 30 to formally approve the canonization of Blesseds John Paul II and John XXIII; the date for the canonization will be announced at that time, said Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes. The cardinal told Vatican Radio Aug. 20 that only Pope Francis knows for sure the date he will proclaim the two popes saints, although he already implied that it is likely to be in 2014. Speaking to reporters traveling with him from Brazil to Rome July 28, Pope Francis said he had been considering Dec. 8, but the possibility of icy roads could make it difficult for Polish pilgrims who would travel by bus to Rome for the ceremony. Another option, he said, would be April 27, which is the Sunday after Easter and the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday, a celebration instituted worldwide by Pope John Paul.

Pope asks Mary, queen of peace, to bring calm to Egypt

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- As the official death toll rose from clashes Aug. 14 in Egypt and as the damaged done to Christian churches was being assessed, Pope Francis invoked Mary, queen of peace, to bring calm to the country. In light of the "painful news" coming from Egypt Aug. 15, the feast of the Assumption of Mary, Pope Francis said he was praying for "all the victims and their families, for the injured and those who are suffering. Let us pray together for peace, dialogue and reconciliation in that dear land and throughout the world," the pope told an estimated 12,000 people who joined him in Castel Gandolfo, south of Rome, for the feast day Mass and recitation of the Angelus prayer. The violence in Egypt began at dawn Aug. 14 when the Egyptian military and police used bulldozers and tear gas to clear out camps of people protesting the ouster of President Mohammed Morsi in early July. Morsi was supported by the Muslim Brotherhood, which wants Egypt to have an Islamic inspired government.

Campus ministry ready to help college-bound youth make faith connection

By Laura Dodson
Catholic News Service

MELBOURNE, FLA. (CNS) - As students arrive on campuses around the country this fall to embark on their college career, many also will experience adult independence for the first time.

Thanks to the Newman Connection, a website assisting students to unite with Catholic campus ministries at more than 2,000 college and university campuses, students can transition to an adult faith connection - even before leaving home.

"A lot of us experienced our faith as our parents taught us," said Joshua Diaz, 2012-13 president of the Catholic Student Union at Florida State University in Tallahassee. "But as incoming freshman, we have the opportunity to come to know ourselves, discover what we like - our studies, sports, activities, but also our faith - how to make it our own. Catholic campus ministry helped me to form myself and witness to how important it is to me."

Bobby Forman is entering the University of Central Florida in Orlando. Active in youth ministry at Ascension Parish in Melbourne, he was introduced to the Newman Connection at the parish's grad night celebration.

"I'm looking forward to going, but I'm afraid to leave at the same time," Forman said. "I'll be living in the dorm and was glad to find out about Catholic Campus Ministry. They have a lot of cool activities - like Wednesday night Mass and Meal and it has a family-feel to it -- just like the group we have here at Ascension. It will be a good place to make good friends. My Catholic faith means a lot to me and I'm looking forward to getting in-

involved with CCM when I get there."

Ascension's youth ministry director, Mark Kniepmann, explained that the grad night celebration helps high school graduates see that they have been prepared for life on campus and also have a home when they return.

"We are a steppingstone to continuing growth in faith on campus," Kniepmann said. "It doesn't end here. My hope is that when the seniors leave this program, they're going to participate in campus ministry because that's part of their life."

Vanessa Carrillo, a University of Central Florida junior and vice president of Catholic Campus Ministry, will be welcoming Forman.

"A friend told me I should join," Carrillo recalled about her own freshman experience, "and I scoffed at her saying, 'That's not for me!' but I drove her to an event and liked it. They asked me to get involved and because of them asking me and my saying, 'yes,' I really know what it is to live my Catholic faith. It's totally through CCM. I gave God a chance and he gave everything back to me and more."

Bishop John G. Noonan of Orlando said he is excited about these growing campus ministry initiatives.

"I want every person to grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ and the church which means we need to help people stay connected through life's transitions -- from family and parish to college living and back to a parish and eventually to creating a new family. A priority for me, as bishop, is to enkindle a deeper faith throughout a lifetime and these efforts help," he said.

There are now more than 60 dioceses actively connecting students to campus ministry through the Newman

Connection -- www.newman-connection.com.

"It's been somewhat incredible to watch the way this program is taking off," said Matt Zerrusen, Newman Connection co-founder. "Not only has the reaction from the students been enthusiastic, but the response from campus ministers has been overwhelmingly supportive. For me personally, one of the benefits of the outreach program has been watching the students connect online and then seeing them in our Institute taking classes -- truly engaging the faith at an adult level."

The Archdiocese of Detroit has connected more than 1,000 students to campus ministry through the Newman Connection.

"I taught high school religion for five years and of 62 seniors in my 2012 class, only two of them knew campus ministry exists," explained Chris Gawel, archdiocesan liaison for young adult and campus ministry. "One of the first people I met after taking this position was from the Newman Connection and I began collaborating with schools and youth ministries to promote Catholic campus ministry. I went to the high schools, Catholic and public to get the kids involved."

Michael Schwalm, incoming freshman at Wayne State University in Detroit, met Gawel and became involved.

"I grew up in a Catholic family and was always at church," Schwalm said, "but in the past couple of years, my faith has become a key part of my life - guiding me in everything else. I'm already connected with the Newman Catholic Center. Father Simon (Lobo, campus chaplain) is a really cool guy and there are tons of activities and events in campus ministry. I'm excited."

THE SUNDAY SCRIPTURES

Learning to conduct ourselves with humility

Our first reading this Sunday is taken from Sirach, a book of practical advice for living.

In this passage, we are reminded that us that everyone loves a humble person, especially God. The humble person keeps a balanced outlook on people and events.

his reading advises us to listen to wiser minds than our own. By



Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore

listening, we ourselves become wise.

In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus also gives advice about conducting ourselves with humility.

He counsels his fellow-guests at the banquet not to push and shove their ways into the best seats.

Why? Because there is chance that the host might have to send us down to a lower place if

one more important than we are needs our seat.

Did Jesus speak with "tongue in cheek" when he adds: "If you take a lower place in the first place, won't you be honored when you're told to take the higher place you really wanted!"

Now, the Pharisee who invited Jesus might have been shocked when Jesus then urges His listeners to break social convention for the sake of humility and openness of heart.

He tells them that when

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Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a
Luke 14:1, 7-14

they make out their dinner invitation lists, they're not to invite their wealthy friends and relatives, but rather those who can't pay them back...the poor, the crippled, the lame and the

blind! "Let the Lord pay you back!" he adds.

Pope Francis followed this Gospel when last Holy Thursday in Rome, he went to a local prison and washed the feet of some of the inmates.

What an example for the world!

Our Church teaching and tradition calls this the "preferential option for the poor."

Perhaps we need to look for small ways to put this into practice in our own social circles. It's not an easy teaching!

OUR READERS WRITE

Grateful for SportsCamp

Summer just didn't seem the same this year and for a good reason. This was the first summer in eighteen years that our young people did not gather at Wadhams Hall for SportsCamp.

In my three plus years as youth direc-

tor for the Diocese this was a decision that I struggled to make. In 1996 I was privileged to serve as a counselor at camp and saw firsthand the dedication and commitment the counselors and coaches had. The balance between sports and faith was remarkable and our

young people were becoming great athletes but even more importantly great disciples. My summer there inspired me and gave me great hope for our young people.

When I returned in 2010 as director of youth ministry that same spirit and commitment was alive and well. However, this time we were really struggling to get our camp numbers up.

For three wonderful summers I was reminded once again of the uniqueness and beauty that this camp offered the youth of our Diocese. The tireless efforts of staff and directors doing whatever it took to keep this camp going was inspiring to me. In the spring of 2013, we began to have growing concerns about the viability of camp in regards to camper registrations and the financial

piece as well. After consultation with Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, Director of Education, Fr. Chris Carrara and Shelley Rosteck we decided it was best to end the program prior to this year.

As painful as it was it reminded me again about our own life's journey. They are filled with new beginnings and endings all the time. SportsCamp doors may be closed but I assure you the memories will live on forever.

I am most grateful for so many who made camp possible during my three years as youth director. Even more so I am grateful to all who made camp possible for the past eighteen years.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention specifically Fr. Chris Carrara and Shelley Rosteck. Their commitment of time and energy but especially the way they

showed such great love to our campers and staff. To all who directed the camp, the coaches, staff, the advisory committee, to the Wadhams Hall staff, the generous benefactors of camp who helped make camp a reality for some many young people, to my predecessors in the youth office, and to the parents who entrusted their kids to our care. We are Grateful!!!

Thank you SportsCamp for blessing this Diocese and our young people for eighteen years.

GRATEFULLY,
DEACON BRIAN T. DWYER
YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR

Thanks for beautiful funeral

My family and I would like to take the time to thank Monsignor Murphy and Fr. Amyot for the beautiful funeral they gave Fr. Everett Denesha.

A special thank you also to Bishop LaValley for celebrating the mass and all the priests and deacons who helped make it such a memorable farewell.

My family and I have a 69 year history at St. Raymond's and will cherish the memory of the final procession consisting of Bishop LaValley accompanied by 25 priests and deacons being led in song taking Fr. Denesha out of the church he so loved to his final resting place.

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AT THE MOVIES

LEE DANIELS' THE BUTLER

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

A frequently heard slogan of the late 1960s held that "the personal is political." Whatever its value as a rallying cry, that phrase certainly fits the affecting fact-based drama "Lee Daniels' The Butler" (Weinstein) in which the private and public realms collide.

Drawing on a 2008 Washington Post article by reporter Wil Haygood, director Daniels ("Precious") tells a fictionalized version of the life of former White House butler Eugene Allen (1919-2010). Allen's screen stand-in is Cecil Gaines, played by Forest Whitaker.

Escaping the vicious racism of the early 20th-century Deep South -- flashbacks to the Georgia cotton plantation where he was raised prove harrowing -- Cecil makes his way to the relatively less oppressive surroundings of Washington. There he masters the art of providing elegant service to the all-white patrons of an elite hotel, a skill that requires him to suppress not only his true feelings, but his views on any controversial matter.

Cecil's discretion wins him the favorable notice of a White House agent, and he secures a coveted place on the domestic staff of the ex-

ecutive mansion. As he proceeds to work, close at hand, with every president from Dwight D. Eisenhower (Robin Williams) to Ronald Reagan (Alan Rickman), Cecil cherishes the cautious hope that, under their leadership, white Americans will eventually see the light on racial issues.

This patient, conservative stance, however, increasingly conflicts with the civil rights activism of Cecil's older son Louis (David Oyelowo). And the long hours Cecil puts in at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue leave his strong-willed but fragile wife Gloria (Oprah Winfrey) feeling neglected.

Of the several appealing performances from which the movie benefits, Winfrey's complex portrayal of Gloria is perhaps the most impressive. Earthy yet spiritual, a commanding matriarch yet a woman tempted both by the bottle and by a slick, seductive neighbor (Terrence Howard), Gloria follows an erratic course through life -- one very much in contrast with her husband's steady ways.

In addition to its subtle fictitious characterizations, the surprisingly nuanced view of the various real-life chief executives offered by screenwriter Danny Strong's script -- an irretrievably self-absorbed Richard Nixon (John Cusack) alone ex-

cepted -- also helps to keep the unfolding events from feeling like a chronological checklist of postwar history.

Still, it does come across as a bit too pat when Louis moves, with seeming inevitability, from training for sit-ins at lunch counters to enrolling as a Freedom Rider to enlisting in the Black Panther movement. All the more so, since his on-cue, Malcolm X-inspired radicalization is followed, in short order, by his younger brother Charlie's (Elijah Kelley) departure for Vietnam.

Additionally, those of a Republican bent should note that the climactic first-term election of the current commander-in-chief is presented not only in an understandably celebratory light but in one that borders on adulation.

Vulgar language and other red-flag content would normally prevent recommendation of "Lee Daniels' The Butler" for any audience but grown-ups. But the moral significance of this uplifting journey -- undertaken within a context of implicit religious faith and strong marital commitment -- is such that at least some parents may consider it acceptable for older teens.

The film contains occasional action violence, an adultery theme, numerous mature references, a half-dozen uses of profanity, a



CNS PHOTO/WEINSTEIN

Robin Williams and Forest Whitaker star in a scene from the movie "Lee Daniels' The Butler."

couple of rough terms and some crude and crass language. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.



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Place: Holy Angels Hall

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

Features: Roast Pork, Roast Top Round of Beef, Raffle, Country Store, Take-outs available; Craft tables available by calling 236-5848 to reserve.

DAY OF REFLECTION

Ellenburg Center - Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer is planning a Day of Reflection.

Date: Sept. 14

Time: 11 a.m. to 4.

Features: Father Bill Edwards will present a day of reflection and contemplation on Living in the Joyful Spirit of the Lord .. The talk will be followed by lunch, contemplative prayer with music, a time of discussion and Anticipated Mass at 4 p.m.

Contact: RSVP by Sept. 11 to olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or 518-594-3253. Donations appreciated.

HEALING MASS

Ellenburg Center - Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer is holding a healing Mass.

Date: Sept. 28

Time: 10 a.m.

Features: Father Doug Decker will preside at a healing Mass which will be followed by an opportunity for individual prayer by OLA prayer ministry teams.

Contact: If you plan on staying for a light lunch, RSVP by Sept. 26 to olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or 518-594-3253. Donations appreciated

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

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

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

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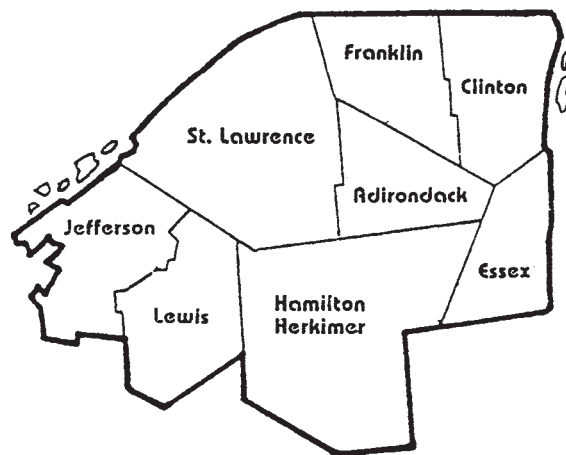
SH FOUNDATION DINNER

Watertown – The Sacred Heart Foundation will be having their 40th Annual Benefit Dinner.

Date: Sept. 18

Place: Hilton Garden Inn

Speaker: Fr. E. Michael Camilli, MSC



The North Country Catholic welcomes contributions to "Around the Diocese"

Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:

North Country Catholic, PO Box 326,
Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 1-866-314-7296;
e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

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

Topic: "Renewed Missionary Energy in the Year of Faith"

Features: Proceeds from the dinner help to support the Foundation's mission to provide financial assistance for the education of those studying to be MSC priests and brothers.

Cost: Purchase tickets (\$30) for the dinner from any Foundation Board or Honorary Council Member or by calling the Foundation office at (315) 782-3344.

LIFERIGHT MEETING

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

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: 312 Sherman St.

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

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

LEWIS

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Houseville – Divine Mercy Devotions for the month of September to be held.

Date: Sept. 1

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Features: Vespers, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, The Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction.

Contact: 315-348-6260.

ST. LAWRENCE

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

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

Date: Sept. 7

Time: 3:15 p.m.

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

CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE

Gouverneur – St. James School will hold their annual Chicken Bar-B-Que.

Date: Sept. 8

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

Cost: Adults, \$9; Children 12 and under, \$5; Children under 5, Free

K OF C BRUNCH

Norfolk – The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a brunch.

Date: Sept. 8

Time: 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Place: Visitation Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$7; Children under 12, \$4; Under 5, Free; Family, \$18; Take-outs

K OF C INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Ogdensburg – K of C Council 258 will hold installation of officers.

Date: Sept. 12

Time: Social hour, 5 p.m.; summer buffet dinner, 6 p.m.; Installation, 7 p.m.

Features: All Officers' presence is requested in appropriate dress and spouses and guests welcome to attend. There is no charge but reservations are requested at 393-7990 or signup at the club rooms. Questions should be directed to Deputy Grand Knight William Barkley at 393-7990 after 4 p.m.

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.

LATIN MASS

Potsdam – A Tridentine (Latin) Mass is celebrated each Sunday with Msgr.

Robert H. Aucoin as the celebrant

Time: 12:30 a.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

EUCHARISTIC 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

DIOCESAN EVENTS

DIOCESAN YEAR OF FAITH MASS

Lake Placid - A solemn Mass marking the Year of Faith and the New Evangelization will be held

Date: Sept. 29

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Place: Olympic Center

Features: Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, will preside with Bishop LaValley and priests of the diocese concelebrating. Nearly 2000 Catholics from across the Diocese of Ogdensburg are expected to attend.

Contact: Bus transportation from communities throughout diocese available; registration may be made with parishes.

PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN

Fr. Donald Robinson 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 NYC, 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

DOVS VOCATION PILGRIMAGE

Join Bishop LaValley, Father Bryan Stitt, and the members of the Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocations Society for a pil-

grimage to the Shrine of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Montreal to promote and support Vocations.

Date: Oct. 9

Cost: \$89 (covers lunch and bus travel from Schroon Lake/Plattsburgh or Ogdensburg/Potsdam/Malone)

Features: Mass at the Shrine, Rosary for Vocations at the Cathedral of Montreal. (Any proceeds will be used for the promotion of vocations in diocese.) Non-refundable payment due by Sept. 21.

Passports or enhanced licenses needed

Contact: Connie Randall at 315-265-2762 or Lois McCasland at 35-265-9469 f

FALL RETREAT FOR ADULTS

Saranac Lake – A special fall retreat to be held at Guggenheim Lodge.

Date: Sept. 20-21

Schedule: Begins with dinner at 6 p.m.

Cost: \$75 due at arrival

Speaker: Paul Gibaldi, wilderness guide for 25 years, nature photographer and two nature photography books published and Sister Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ, spiritual director and adult faith educator.

Paul will share his multi-media experience of the spectacular beauty in the Adirondacks. Through his eyes as a photographer and person of faith Paul will guide us on a hike to nearby Baker Mountain on Saturday.

Theme: "The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord."

Features: There will be time for prayer, reflection and sharing of the spiritual wisdom revealed to us by God in the mystery of Autumn season. Registrations will be taken (limit 10) through Sept. 19. For your safety and comfort hiking clothes and shoes/boots are recommended.

Contact: For additional information, contact Sr. Bethany srbeth@cit-tele.com or 315-212-6592.

MATTHEW KELLY EVENT

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

Date: Oct. 26

Time: 9 a.m. to 1:30

Place: St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: The day will center on a practical exploration and understanding of our Faith, and all the ways it's meant to impact our lives – including: spirituality, relationships, work and money, personal health, and parenting.

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



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Missionary Cooperation plan 2013 is complete

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

As the Summer of 2013 draws to an end, I would like to take the opportunity to express my gratitude to the Parishes and Pastors on West side of the Diocese of Ogdensburg for their participation in another successful Missionary Cooperation Plan. This summer brought 16 Mission Aid Societies to the West side of the Diocese.

The Missionary Cooperation Plan (MCP) introduces each parish to a real-life missionary who represents a mission cause from a faraway place. In doing so, it serves as a preview and helps to prepare your parish for the celebration of World Mission Sunday in October.

It also makes the needs of the Missions more real and more personal, as the faithful of the parish have an opportunity to relate to this visiting missionary in a way that might otherwise be relegated to a bulletin or pulpit announcement.

Most diocesan mission directors agree that where there has been a successful and satisfying parish experience of participating in the MCP, the enthusiasm and response to Mission Appeals also improves.

The MCP offered an opportunity for the faithful in a parish to meet face to face a missionary or mission representative and to be educated about our mission vocation. Hopefully parishioners were animated about the needs of the mission Church as they respond with prayers and material help. The personal introduction of the missionary visitor by the pastor to parishioners goes a long way in relating the importance of the mission message to be given.

The faithful were encouraged to meet and greet the MCP visitor and extended personal words of welcome, as part of the mission experience.

The success of the program, both in terms of animation and cooperation, depends heavily on the work of the pastor. Without their assistance and thoughtfulness, the Missionary Cooperation Plan (MCP) would not be the success that it is today. It is a program well worth cultivating and nourishing in every parish to help spread the good news of Jesus Love.

Again, my heart-felt thanks to all involved with making another Summer Mission Coop a great success.

The Spirit of the Mission lives on!

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

OBITUARIES

Altona – Virginia Ruth (Ducatt) Gardner, 78; Funeral Services Aug. 14, 2013 at Holy Angel's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Bombay – Carmel A. (Brockway) Jock, 87; Funeral Aug. 15, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Clayton – Virginia R. (Reff) Comins, 93; Funeral Services Aug. 19, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Colton – Russell Edward Long, 95; Funeral Services Aug. 23, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church.

Gouverneur – James D. O'Shaughnessy, 88; Funeral Aug. 23, 2013 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

Keeseville – Clayton V. "Red" Galarneau, 90; Funeral Services Aug. 21, 2013 at St. John's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Lake Placid – Barbara Ann (Griffin) Wylie, 76; Funeral Services Aug. 13, 2013 at St. Agnes Church; burial in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Massena – Agnes M. (Ty) Guimond, 95; Funeral Aug. 16, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena – Lucienne M. (LaPlante) Joubert, 42; Funeral Services Aug. 21, 2013 at Church of the Sacred Heart.

Massena – Timothy R. McDermott, 52; Funeral Services Aug. 21, 2013; Funeral Services the Philips Memorial Home; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena – Lois M. (Larrow) White, 86; Funeral Services Aug. 12, 2013 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Morrisonville – John Alfred Sears, 71; Memorial Services Aug. 16, 2013 at St. Alexander's Church.

Newcomb – Michael John Gregory, 49; Funeral Aug. 12, 2013 at St. Therese

Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Norfolk – Donald F. Stearns, 85; Funeral Services Aug. 12, 2013 at Church of the Visitation; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Brasher Falls.

Ogdensburg – Beverly A. des Rosiers, 76; Funeral Services Aug. 24, 2013 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Ogdensburg – Daniel B. Kennedy, 86; Funeral Services Aug. 15, 2013 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Leon C. Montroy, 92; Funeral Services Aug. 16, 2013 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Joan (Moore) Lukasiewicz, 65; Funeral Aug. 17, 2013 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial in St. Mary's of the Lake Cemetery, Cumberland Head.

Redford – Robert R. LeClair, 84; Funeral Services Aug. 21, 2013 at Church of the Assumption; burial in Assumption of Mary Cemetery.

Saranac Lake – Helen M. (Wells) Parker, 97; Funeral Services Aug. 15, 2013 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in North Elba Cemetery, Lake Placid.

Ticonderoga – Gertrude A. (Demar) Deso, 82; Funeral Services Aug. 16, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Parish

Cemetery.

Ticonderoga – Constance E. (Lloyd) Salstead, 90; Funeral Services Aug. 13, 2013 at the Wilcox & Regan Funeral Home; burial in Valley View Cemetery.

Tupper Lake – Gertrude G. (Clark) Dewyea, 86; Funeral Services Aug. 17, 2013 at St. Alphonsus Church; burial in St. Alphonsus Cemetery.

Watertown – James T. "Jimmer" Babel, 53; Funeral Services Aug. 22, 2013 at the Redd & Benoit Funeral Home.

Watertown – Robert L. Bell, 57; Funeral Services Aug. 16, 2013 at the Reed & Benoit Funeral Home; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

Watertown – Michael J. Biondolillo, Sr., 64; Funeral Services Aug. 17, 2013 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – Christine Cecilia (Morris) Jarvis, 75; Funeral Service Aug. 17, 2013 at the Reed and Benoit Funeral Home; burial in North Watertown Cemetery.

Watertown – Harold "Butch" E. Kilburn, 64; Funeral Services Aug. 20, 2013 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

West Chazy – Wade E. Relation, 66; Funeral Aug. 14, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

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YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE



Kelly Donnelly and Jen Campbell of Plattsburgh were among the millions of youth adults from around the world who traveled to Brazil for World Youth Day. They are shown above on a staircase that was made from tiles from all around the world. At right is their view of the famous Christ the Redeemer statue which over-



looks Rio de Janeiro. In this article, Ms. Donnelly, an English teacher at Seton Catholic Central in Plattsburgh, reflects on the experience. She said that "I was surrounded by God's beauty found in nature, fellow pilgrims, artistic expression, and the Mass. This culmination of the week also brought together the discipleship of the youth of the Church."

'Make disciples of the nations'

By Kelly Donnelly
Contributing writer

"Make disciples of the nations."

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My personal experiences at World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro were truly echoed in World Youth Day's theme for the year. It seemed that everywhere I turned, and every event I attended were filled with examples and insights about discipleship.

Having attended World Youth Day in Madrid two years ago, I couldn't help but draw comparisons and connections between the two, one of which was the themes. The theme for WYD 2011 was "firm in the faith." I was struck by how much that theme laid the foundation for this year's

theme. It is through growing firm in our faith, that we are able to make disciples of the nations.

At the vigil, one of the many things Pope Francis said that stood out to me was, "Today too, he is calling each of you to follow him in his Church and to be missionaries. How? In what way? Well, I think we can learn something from what happened in these days: as we had to cancel due to bad weather, the realization of this vigil on the campus Fidei, in Guaratiba. Lord willing might we say that the real area of faith, the true campus fidei, is not a geographical place - but we, ourselves? Yes! Each of us, each one of you. And missionary discipleship means to recognize that we are God's campus fidei, His "field of faith!"

As the Holy Father pointed out, each one of us is called to discipleship, and that discipleship must begin within our own prayer lives and simple actions. I witnessed this ex-

ample of faith of the many religious and laity who I met, heard giving presentations, and participated in events with. I met and spent time with countless incredible people from all over the world.

My roommate, Jen Campbell, and I were the entirety of our group. One of the blessings about being in a group so small was that it enabled us to tag along in many different groups.

We went on a long bus ride, waded through jam-packed crowds, and ran across the beach to arrive at the inspirational Papal Welcoming Ceremony with a Filipino group who declared they were "adopting us", which included us chanting along to "Republica Filipina" and them chanting along to "USA" during our walk.

We stayed in a homestay with a Brazilian woman who lovingly gave me tea, honey, and Tylenol when I came down with a 102 temperature. Her joy that World Youth Day was in Rio was palpable and she excitedly

took pictures of her television screen whenever the news showed Pope Francis.

We went to Adoration and then waited in the rain for three hours to see the pope (but didn't actually see him) with Brazilians and fellow Americans.

We prayed the Rosary while walking through a crowded tunnel and unexpectedly saw the Holy Father with a group from Malaysia and Ireland.

We walked to the final Mass through back streets with two Brazilians from a small town, who didn't speak any English, were being led by a vendor, and were later joined by a dozen Argentinian seminarians.

We stared in amazement at the Christ the Redeemer statue after a nine hour wait surrounded by pilgrims from all around the world.

These moments, and so many more, throughout my pilgrim experience filled me with gratitude, showed me that God is full of surprises, reminded me that inspiration is around every corner,

and gave me the opportunity to see God's presence in the quiet of prayer, the chaos of crowds, and everything in between.

Being on Copacabana Beach with 3.7 million other people for the closing Mass with Pope Francis was astounding, to say the least. Some of the biggest waves I've ever seen crashed to shore as we were surrounded by rocky crags with the iconic Christ the Redeemer statue overlooking the beach.

I was surrounded by God's beauty found in nature, fellow pilgrims, artistic expression, and the Mass. This culmination of the week also brought together the discipleship of the youth of the Church.

Here we were, united, not by language or nationality, but through Christ.

After the experiences of the week, all these people were together, growing in their faith, ready to return to countries across the globe to "make disciples of the nations."