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# NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC

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## Papal peacemaking

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Francis is leading the Catholic Church on an extraordinary campaign to prevent President Barack Obama's proposed military strike on Syria.

On Sept. 4, the pope appealed to leaders of the G-20

nations to "lay aside the futile pursuit of a military solution" to the Syrian civil war and promote instead a "peaceful solution through dialogue and negotiation."

The next day, his foreign minister sent the same message in a special meeting

with the Vatican diplomatic corps.

And on Sept. 7, the pope was scheduled to lead a prayer vigil for Syria in St. Peter's Square -- an event that the Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, said would be

unprecedented, in both scale and importance of setting, as a papal gesture for peace.

Exceptional as they are, however, Pope Francis' actions against war have followed in close continuity with the spirit and record of his predecessors.

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## Sisters celebrate jubilees

The Sisters of St. Joseph honored five jubilarian at two celebrations this summer.

Sixty-five year jubilarians Sister Monica Flaherty and Sister Teresa Magdalen Nichols were feted July 27 at the Motherhouse in Watertown.

Three women observing 50 years of Religious life - Sister Bernadette Marie Collins, Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, and Sister Noel Chabanel Hence - were honored Aug. 17 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church and at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse.

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## Remembering Msgr. Lawler

Bishop Robert Cunningham preached at Msgr. Lawler funeral; Father Kevin

O'Brien delivered the vigil homily  
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## HOORAY - WE'RE IN KINDERGARTEN!



SCHOOL PHOTO

Holy Family School in Malone welcomed a large group of kindergarteners all ready to start the new school year. First row, bottom to top, are Mackenzie LaPlant, Cassidy Spinner, Eve LeGault, Adam Perkins, Eryn Petrelli and Jessica LaBelle; second row, Winter Harrington, Denali Woodward, Ryan Hesseltine, Jack Pelkey, Draven Martin, Barbara Tough, Elye Chinbuah, Jon Scharf, Alexander Parnapy, Brody Andrews and Brady Fitzpatrick; third row, Payton Welch, Hudson Iby, Daniel Medved, Zhanna Forgues, Gianna Thomas and Adyson King.

## BISHOP'S FUND 2013

Begins in parishes Sept. 14-15



The Bishop's Fund Appeal will begin in all parishes across the diocese during the weekend of Sept. 14-15. The goal for this year's appeal is \$1,275,000 with any additional funds to further supplement the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund. Valerie Mathews, diocesan Bishop's Fund director, said, "Pope Francis at his Installation Mass asked each of us as Catholics to 'See the light of hope and to be men and women who bring hope to others.' Through your generosity to the Bishop's Fund Appeal, you do just that. You offer hope and open the doors of faith to your loved ones and neighbors." See complete information about the appeal in this week's four-page center section.

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## EDITOR'S NOTES

## Opening doors of faith for each other

Last week I knew that *my* words about Msgr. Lawler wouldn't be the last words.

In this week's *NCC*, we're as privileged to share the homily delivered by Bishop Cunningham at Monsignor's funeral as well as Father Kevin O'Brien's words at the Sept. 2 vigil at St. Mary's Cathedral.

They both captured the spirit of a beloved priest who, even after 83 years, left us too soon.

From Father Kevin's homily: "what truly enabled (Msgr. Lawler) to touch the hearts of those he met on the journey... what enabled him to give so

freely and lovingly, was what it was in his heart.

"That something special in his heart was his love of God and his faith in the resurrection of Jesus," Father Kevin said.

If that doesn't epitomize our goal for the Year of Faith, I don't know what could!

All the good works that flowed from Msgr. Lawler's faith offer an example for the rest of us who are still making our way on this side of

heaven.

As usual, September is a ripe time in our diocese to share our faith quite visibly.

Our Catholic schools have opened their doors, the

Bishop's Fund is getting started and we have several autumn opportunities to gather together.

Bishop LaValley will preside at the Marriage Jubilee on Sunday and young people will gather at Guggenheim the following Friday for a revitalized Leadership Weekend.

On Sept. 29 – of course – we'll all be headed to Lake Placid.

With the pope's representative, the bishop and priests, nearly 2000 of us and a 300-voice choir, it will certainly be a day to remember!

Through our times together – in both joy and sorrow – we are reminded that Catholics in the Diocese of Ogdensburg form quite a wonderful family.

We are filled with so many blessings, not least of which is

this *place*. I don't know anyone who takes for granted that God shows some of his very best work on late September days in the Adirondacks!

And God's spectacular creations in northern New York don't begin with the mountains or rivers or lakes. We are most richly blessed with the people in our midst.

We don't have many millionaires as our neighbors but we do have people willing to share what they have to "open the doors of faith" for their brothers and sisters.

The Bishop's Fund isn't all about the bishop.

It's about us.

It's about Catholics of the North Country who generously give and gratefully receive the precious gift of our faith.

Mary Lou  
Kilian

## A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

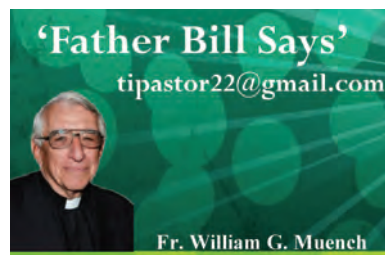
## Teachers make the world a better place

As I write this, I am interrupting, for a time, my preparation for a talk I will be giving to the teachers at Seton Catholic, Plattsburgh.

The principal at Seton is my friend, Cathy Russell. I've known her a long time – in fact, back in her high school days at IHC in Watertown, she was in my Chemistry class. Anyway, she suggested that I speak to her teachers at the beginning of this school year.

I was surprised to be asked since I haven't been in the classroom in many years. However, I knew that I did want to thank them for deciding to be teachers. As high school teachers they have a hand in making my world a better place. They have chosen to help educate young people – and among these young people will come those who make my world a better place. Teachers are truly heroes for me.

I have been searching around for some help in coming up with some good "stuff" to share with these teachers. One of those I consulted was my nephew, Paul, a public school



teacher at Fayetteville-Manlius High School in suburban Syracuse. He is an excellent teacher and I know that he has often made presentations to student teachers.

Last week, I went out with his family at a local restaurant and asked him to share with me some of his ideas. It didn't take him long to get cranked up – and suddenly I had lots of things to share with others. I had to borrow the waitress' pen and filled several napkins.

I was pleasantly surprised when he began by saying, "Jesus" – Jesus was a teacher. All teachers have chosen a profession in which Jesus was a part – and so teachers belong to a sacred and blessed group. Jesus is one of them.

Each teacher's goals are and

should be the same as those of Our Savior, Jesus – to make the world a better place through educating and forming our young people. Jesus wanted to show us all the way to become holier – to become more reliable and mature – to become saints. Yes, this must be one of the goals of all teachers. As followers of Jesus, we believe that he will walk with us and guide all teachers as they work toward these goals.

My nephew, Paul, suggested that a good starting point is to remember a teacher that had truly influenced and inspired us. For any teacher, this can present an inspiration each day as he or she approaches the class room – to emulate the spirit that this teacher enflamed in their life – to emulate, not imitate. Hopefully, this teacher can inspire as they were inspired.

Paul mentioned a goal for each teacher – a rather high goal, I must admit – that their class this day will be the best class these students experience that day – nothing less. Again, seeking the help of the

Lord, this is possible and the daily challenge for any good teacher.

Let me share just a bit more. He mentioned his ideas in dealing with what they would call difficult students – the problem students – not just the discipline problems but also those students who just seem to block out the teachers efforts to reach them.

He suggested these ideas – "Love them most, when they deserve it least" – "loud with praise, quiet with criticism" and "catch him/her doing something right." Great ideas for a teacher – equally great for parents to imitate.

The challenge our teachers face these days is great yet, they truly make a difference in this world. When teachers make their students the best young people in the world – when they make their classes the best – they are making my world and yours a better place.

So today, I want to thank all of you teachers – all of you dedicated teachers – you are so important to me and my world. I pray for you every day.

FOLLOW ME

# Let us all be peacemakers

There is so much pain... and it continues!

Our hearts break every time we watch the news from the Middle East area and see such brutal disregard for human life, particularly these days in Syria and Egypt.

The historical complexity of the situations makes it difficult, if not impossible, to determine the "good" guys from the "bad" guys.

One thing is clear, however. In his Angelus Address at St. Peter's Square on September 1st, Pope Francis reminded us that "violence begets violence." Where such is the case, the pain and horrific suffering continue unabated.

As a world leader, some argue that now is not the time for our nation to become an isolationist. We must flex our military muscle and let the world know that such horrendous mass killings inflicted through chemical warfare, cannot be allowed to stand. A powerful, respected world leader must lead and show the way. Such people believe that a "measured" violent response will make terrorists and would-be aggressors sit up and take notice.

It takes a whole lot more courage, tireless energy, and dogged determination to find ways to dialogue with another rather than obliterate them..

In many ways, our nation has failed to provide moral leadership within our borders. We pray that, on the international scene, our moral leadership will be evidenced in not losing heart in seeking creative ways to facilitate dialogue.

While a military response, out of a sense of powerlessness, may make us feel better in the short term, will it end the atrocities or only compound them, throwing fuel on an already extremely volatile situation?

After Monsignor Lawler's funeral, a parishioner told me that he had such great respect for him because of Monsignor's ability to listen in a nonjudgmental manner and always offer several different perspectives to consider on a given issue. He considered Monsignor a very effective peacemaker.

In addition to the many blessed gifts that Monsignor Lawler has shared with us over the years, his example as peacemaker provides us with a lesson for our personal lives as well for a nation: the best way to achieve lasting peace is to be a good, non-judgmental listener, looking at issues from many perspectives.

God knows it's not always easy.

In asking us to set aside September 7th as a Day of Fasting and Prayer for Peace in Syria, the Middle East, and throughout the world, Pope Francis stated: "It is neither a culture of confrontation nor a culture of

conflict which builds harmony within and between people, but rather a culture of encounter and a culture of dialogue; this is the only way to peace."

Violence, no matter how "measured," is always a response indicative of failure...and the pain continues.

Let us turn to Mary, the Queen of Peace, and in a spirit of prayer, penance and hope, seek her maternal intercession for peace in our troubled world.

Let us re-dedicate ourselves to being peacemakers in our families as we pray for peace among warring peoples far from home.



Bishop Terry R. LaValley

## NEW DEAN



Bishop Terry R. LaValley has appointed Father Donald J. Manfred to serve as dean of St. Lawrence Deanery, succeeding Msgr. Harry K. Snow. Father Manfred has served as pastor of Sacred Heart Church since 1998 with additional responsibilities as pastor of St. Lawrence Church in Louisville since 2002. He also served the diocese as the first director of the Permanent Deacon Formation program from 1976 to 1985.

## Marriage Jubilee to be held Sunday

Bishop LaValley will preside at the annual Marriage Jubilee Mass Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral.

All married couples and their families are invited to attend. The bishop will lead

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# Open the Door of Faith

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SEPTEMBER 15, 2013

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

## Bishop Cunningham delivers homily at Msgr. Lawler's funeral

# 'We commend this good and faithful priest to God'

Let me begin by expressing my deep and profound sympathy to Monsignor Lawler's brother Richard, his sister-in-law Sally, his nephews and their families, his niece and to all in Monsignor's family. Your brother, your uncle was a source of inspiration and an example of fidelity to the priests and people of this great diocese – so many of whom are with us today.

### All of us need heroes and role models and Msgr. Lawler was that to me

He was a source of inspiration to me as well, both during my time in the Diocese and in the years since my departure.

Let me assure you that as we loved him during life, we will continue to hold his memory sacred as we accompany him with our prayers until he is safely home in the Lord's loving embrace.

His brother priests, his parishioners, his many friends throughout the diocese, join with Bishop LaValley, in commending him, a much loved and loving priest, to the tender and gentle care of a loving God.

Monsignor Lawler's great love was the priesthood. And he personified all the worthy attributes implied by the title of priest. How blessed we were to call him priest, brother and friend.

For 57 years he faithfully served God's people here in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. His was a life filled with the

grace of the priesthood, serving with unparalleled zeal all who were in need of his pastoral care. Cardinal Newman described the Christian gentleman as one who never inflicted pain. That definition fit Monsignor perfectly as he served God's people.

When Bishop LaValley telephoned me a few minutes after Monsignor's death, my first thoughts were from Sacred Scripture, the book of Sirach, "Behold a great priest who in his days pleased God and has been found just." That brief phrase has come to my mind several times during the past few days as I thought of him and his outstanding work and witness as a priest.

Monsignor's priesthood had its beginnings right here in this Cathedral sanctuary. He laid here on the Cathedral floor as the Litany of Saints was chanted. In that gesture, he expressed his total submission to the will of God in his life, and pledged his life, his love and his service to God's people in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

How he loved the people of this diocese! How well he served them by preaching and proclaiming the Gospel, celebrating Mass and the sacraments and being attentive to their needs beginning at Holy Family Parish in Watertown.

Within a year of this first assignment, Monsignor was called back to Ogdensburg to direct Catholic Charities, to serve as chaplain at St. Joseph's home and to ex-



Bishop Robert C. Cunningham preaches at Msgr. Robert L. LaValley's funeral Sept. 3 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

pand the services there to better meet the needs of the people of this community.

That is the life of the priest: to proclaim the Gospel; to celebrate Mass and the sacraments; to reach out in loving service to people whenever and wherever they are in need.

Monsignor Lawler did all of that with grace and dignity, love and compassion – and in doing so directed us to God never to himself.

In a recent conversation with me, he took great delight in the fact that the early and last days of his priesthood on earth would be in Ogdensburg at St. Joseph's Home.

During the same conversation, Monsignor calmly shared with me the diagnosis of his illness and his recognition that his days among us were drawing to a close. He knew and accepted that just as he laid

on the floor of this Cathedral at the beginning of his priesthood, his body would be carried back here and we would celebrate his life as a priest in the very place it had begun.

This visit with him was a graced moment for me in which I was able to tell him how much he meant to all of us throughout the diocese and to me personally. All of us need heroes and role models and Msgr. Lawler was that to me.

During his years of priesthood, 30 years in Catholic Charities as faithful worker and director. Monsignor subsequently served at Immaculate Conception in Brownville, St. Mary's in Canton, St. Mary's in Waddington and St. John the Baptist in Madrid.

He served as Vicar General for the past four bishops of Ogdensburg and twice as Diocesan Administrator. In those capacities, he was intimately familiar with every aspect of diocesan life, with diocesan history, traditions and customs and with the communities of faith which make up this beautiful North Country.

He would delight in telling little stories and introducing to the young priests and newcomers in the diocese the characters that make our Church so fully human.

As we gather to commend this good and faithful priest to the tender care of God, I think especially of how he moved here from the Diocese of Albany and how he came to love every inch and every parish and, I believe, every person in this diocese.

I think of how he adjusted to working with and serving faithfully eight of the bishops of Ogdensburg. I imagine this was a challenge at times.

Although I had heard of the high regard in which Monsignor was held here in Ogdensburg before I was named Bishop, I remember with gratitude and affection

how he welcomed me warmly in the first phone call and pledged anew his service to assist this new Bishop.

How he loved his brother priests; how he enjoyed hearing of their experiences and ministry, both the joys and sorrows, the disappointments and hopes.

I pray that his legacy to you will be his continued prayers that your lives will continue to be filled with faith which alone can shed light on human affairs and give meaning to every suffering.

I pray that his life will be the beacon which draws other young men to consider carefully the priesthood. I pray that the strong and sturdy faith of the families of this diocese will open hearts and create a culture in which the seed of a vocation will be planted, nourished and watered and ultimately blossom so that God's people can be served.

At a time like this, we are all reminded, that the love of God enables us to live in hope . . . hope that we will see God as He is, face-to-face. We will see Him together with all those who have accompanied us on our journey of faith. We will meet Him with those who are in the glory of heaven. Then our joy will be full.

But now, we pray especially for Monsignor. The communion of saints waits to welcome him; those of us left behind promise to pray for him that he will soon be among them.

Now that the shadows have lengthened and evening has come and the fever of life is over and his work is done, we pray that God will give him a safe lodging, a holy rest and peace forever.

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(Bishop Robert J. Cunningham, Bishop of Ogdensburg from 2004 to 2009, currently serves as Bishop of Syracuse and administrator of the Diocese of Rochester.)



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2013 Bishop's Fund Appeal begins in parishes this weekend

# 'Faith Opens the Door'

By Valerie Mathews  
Diocesan Bishop's Fund director

"I am forever indebted to all those who contribute to the annual Bishop's Fund Appeal," said newly ordained Father Scott Belina of Ogdensburg. "Through the generosity of so many, I was able to go to the seminary and discern God's will in my life, and eventually to be ordained a priest for our diocese."

"I only hope that through my priestly ministry in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, God's people can receive much fruit from their generosity," Father Belina said.

Thomas of AuSable Forks affirmed, "The financial support that we received from the Bishop's Fund not only helped financially but spiritually as well. It reminded me that the people of our parish, Holy Name/St. Matthew, and all the people in the Diocese of Ogdensburg have faith enough to donate their hard earned dollar to the Bishop's Fund thus enabling it to help a fellow Catholic in a trying time. Thank you so much."

Anna, a parishioner from Lake Placid spoke of her experiences at Camp Guggenheim. "The feeling of being surrounded by such a large group of young people who share your same beliefs is in-

credibly powerful," she said. "It motivates you to stand up for what you believe in and truly live out your faith daily.

Without my experiences at Camp Guggenheim it is difficult to think of where I would be in my faith today," Anna said.

**Through your generosity to the Bishop's Fund Appeal, you offer hope and open the doors of faith to your loved ones and neighbors**

These stories are just a small glimpse of what occurs on a daily basis. Faith Opens the Door for so many here in the Diocese of Ogdensburg because of the generosity of those who contribute to the Bishop's Fund Appeal.

Pope Francis at his Installation Mass asked each of us as Catholics to "See the light of hope and to be men and women who bring hope to others." Through your generosity to the Bishop's Fund Appeal, you do just that. You offer hope and open the doors of faith to your loved ones and neighbors by supporting:

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- Financial assistance to families and individuals who are hurting and discouraged because of illness, job loss and other tragedies;


- Guidance to couples as they prepare to celebrate the sacrament of marriage and to families who work hard to keep God at the center of their lives; and

- A fun, faith-filled summer camp to hundreds of teens from across the diocese and beyond.

The Bishop's Fund Appeal will begin in all parishes across the diocese the weekend of Sept. 14-15. In this year's appeal, it is our hope to raise \$1,275,000 with any additional funds to further supplement the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund.

Please prayerfully consider your level of support to this year's Bishop's Fund Appeal. Every gift truly helps and will make a significant difference in the lives of countless others.

Donations can be mailed to: The Bishop's Fund Appeal, PO Box 150, Ogdensburg, New York 13669 or made online at [www.rcdony.org/development](http://www.rcdony.org/development). To learn more about the Appeal and to view the 2013 Bishop's Fund video, please visit our website at [www.rcdony.org/development](http://www.rcdony.org/development).



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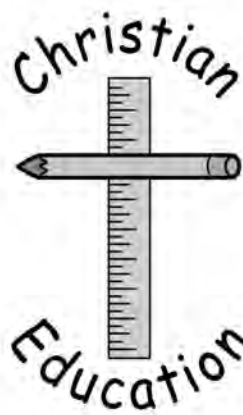
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The Sisters of St. Joseph held two jubilee celebrations this summer. At left, Sisters Monica Flaherty and Teresa Magdalen Nichols, who celebrated 65 years of religious life, were honored July 27 at the Motherhouse in Watertown with Father Leo Wiley as the celebrant and homilist. At right are 50-year jubilarians Sisters Noel Chabanel Hentz, Ellen Rose Coughlin and Bernadette Marie Collins. They were honored Aug. 17 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church with Bishop Robert Cunningham, Bishop of Syracuse, as the main celebrant and Missionary of the Sacred Heart Father Richard Kennedy as the homilist.



At right are 50-year jubilarians Sisters Noel Chabanel Hentz, Ellen Rose Coughlin and Bernadette Marie Collins. They were honored Aug. 17 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church with Bishop Robert Cunningham, Bishop of Syracuse, as the main celebrant and Missionary of the Sacred Heart Father Richard Kennedy as the homilist.

## Five Sisters of St. Joseph celebrate jubilees

**WATERTOWN** - The Sisters of St. Joseph celebrated the Jubilees honoring Sisters Monica Flaherty and Sister Teresa Magdalen Nichols on July 27 at the Motherhouse as well as Sister Bernadette Marie Collins, Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, and Sister Noel Chabanel Hence Aug. 17 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church and at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse.

Profiles of the jubilarians follow:

### Sister Monica Flaherty

Sister Monica Flaherty celebrated 65 years in religious life. A native of Ogdensburg, she is the daughter of the late Augustine and Mary Lawrence Flaherty.

She graduated from St. Mary's Academy in Ogdensburg and entered the Sisters of St. Joseph on September 8, 1947, receiving her habit on April 11, 1948, and final vows on August 27, 1953.

She received a bachelor's degree in education from Villanova University in PA and a master's degree with certification in social studies from Potsdam State University College.

Sister Monica taught at various schools including Holy Family and Sacred Heart in

Watertown, Holy Name in AuSable Forks, St. Patrick's in Port Henry, St. Mary's in Ticonderoga, and St. Mary's in Fort Covington (where she also served as principal and superior), St. James School in Gouverneur, St. Joseph's School in Massena, Mater Dei College in Ogdensburg, and at the Ogdensburg and Riverview correctional facilities in Ogdensburg.

Sister Monica also did pastoral ministry at St. Cecilia's in Adams, St. Martin's in Port Leyden, St. John's in Lyons Falls, St. Mary's in Constable, and served at St. Patrick's Children's Home in Watertown. She now resides at the Motherhouse.

### Sister Teresa Magdalen Nichols

Sister Teresa Magdalen Nichols celebrated 65 years in religious life. A native of Harrisville, she is the daughter of the late Homer and Mary Lagasse Nichols and a graduate of Harrisville Central School.

She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph on November 29, 1947, received the habit on May 19, 1948, and made final vows on August 27, 1953.

Sister Magdalen studied elementary education with a focus on social work at the

St. Joseph Teacher Training Institute and at Mater Dei College.

Her ministry included Holy Family, St. Patrick's Children's Home, and Sacred Heart in Watertown, St. Joseph's in Massena, and at the Motherhouse.

Sister Teresa Magdalen also served as a Green Thumb volunteer at the Malone Adult Center and prepared meals for the Meals on Wheels program while residing at St. Joseph's, Malone.

She now resides at the Motherhouse.

### Sister Bernadette Marie Collins

Sister Bernadette Marie Collins celebrated 50 years in religious life. A native of Watertown, she is the daughter of the late Francis and Glenda Collins and a graduate of Immaculate Heart Academy.

She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph on September 7, 1962, received the habit on June 24, 1963, and made final vows on August 28, 1968.

She received her BA in Interdisciplinary Science from SUNY Potsdam and an MA in Education and Administration at Villanova University, in PA. Sister Bernadette Marie

has served in St. Mary's School in Fort Covington, Holy Name School in AuSable Forks (where she returned later as principal), St. Joseph's in Dannemora, Holy Family and St. Patrick's Schools in Watertown, Augustinian Academy in Carthage (where she later returned as principal), Sacred Heart School in Watertown and Trinity Catholic in Massena where she served as principal.

Sister Bernadette Marie also served as Director of Faith Formation of the Diocese, on the Leadership Council and as the Major Superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

At present, she is the local superior at the Motherhouse in Watertown.

### Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin

Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin celebrated 50 years in religious life. A native of Watertown, she is the daughter of the late Lt. John F. Coughlin and Mrs. Walter P. Cummings and a graduate of Immaculate Heart Academy.

She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph on September 7, 1962, received the habit on June 24, 1963, and made final vows on August 28,

1968. She received her BA in Education at SUNY Potsdam. She did graduate work in religious studies in Rome, Italy, first at Regina Mundi Pontifical University and then at the Gregorian University, where she obtained a MRS degree.

Sister Ellen Rose has served in St. James School in Gouverneur, St. Patrick's in Port Henry, Immaculate Heart Central, and as principal at Holy Family School in Watertown.

Sister Ellen Rose has served as Trustee for Wadhams Hall Seminary College in Ogdensburg, Director of the Junior Sisters program for the Sisters of St. Joseph, as Assistant to the Major Superior, and currently serves on the Leadership Council of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

She continues to serve as the Director of Catholic Education Superintendent and Director of Christian Formation for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

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Sister Noel Chabanel has served in Augustinian Academy in Carthage, St. Agnes School in Lake Placid as Principal, St. Patrick's School in Port Henry, St. Mary's School and St. Joseph's School in Massena, Holy Name School in AuSable Forks, St. John the Evangelist's School in Morristown, Holy Family School and St. Patrick's School in Watertown.

She currently serves as assistant in the Watertown Special Education Religion Office in Watertown.



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# Bishop's Fund Appeal supports youth ministry

By Deacon Brian Dwyer  
Diocesan youth ministry director

The office of youth ministry is committed to being the "traveling companions of our young people."

Youth ministry is being fueled by so many caring and faith-filled adults who are walking the journey with our young people by showing concern, compassion, love, and faith.

The guiding principles of youth ministry are discipleship, connection, and giftedness.

Our Diocesan and parish programs always aim to make sure we are bringing more young people into relationship with Christ. We



aim to make sure their gifts and talents are being used to build up parish life and the kingdom of God.

We aim to make sure they feel a connection with their parish and Diocesan family by knowing that we are all one by our faith and Bap-

tism. The office has seen many new adults step up to the plate and get involved in their parishes which has in turn led to many more young people finding Christ.

Our Diocesan programs so generously supported by the donors of the Bishops fund continue to grow. Our Diocesan youth rally continues to bring hundreds of teens and youth leaders together to celebrate their faith and grow in their commitment to Christ. We are pleased to be offering leadership weekends for Jr. and Sr. High school students at Guggenheim.

Each year the office sponsors a bus to travel to Washington on the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade to promote and defend all human life. Our summer camp at Guggenheim continues to be a wonderful opportunity for hundreds of teens to reconnect and to celebrate their faith in the beautiful Adirondacks.

All of these programs and many more would not be possible without your generous support of the annual Bishop Fund Appeal. We are indebted for the many sacrifices you make. Please be assured of our continued prayers.

## Bishop's Schedule

**Sept. 14** – 10:30 a.m., Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting at St. Mary's Church in Clayton

**Sept. 15** – 8 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral  
2:30 p.m., Marriage Jubilee Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

**Sept. 16** – 10 a.m., Diocesan Envisioning Team Meeting with the Catholic Leadership Institute at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

**Sept. 17** – 9 a.m., Seton Catholic Opening School Mass at St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh  
12 p.m., Bishop's Heritage Circle Mass at St. John the Baptist in Plattsburgh, followed by a luncheon

## Rest in Peace

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

**Sept. 11** – Rev. J. A. Langlois, 1872;

Rev. Hyacinth Rueberg, 1913

**Sept. 12** – Rev. Vincent Skiba, 1984

**Sept. 14** – Rev. Russell Charles O'Neil, 1951

**Sept. 15** – Rev. George Lessard, O.M.I., 1978

**Sept. 16** – Rev. Henri Victor Lecompte, O.M.I., 1892; Rev. Alphonse Nolin, O.M.I., 1936

**Sept. 17** – Rev. William E. Capron, 1949; Msgr. Louis D. Berube, 1999

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**Sept. 11** – 6 p.m., Holy Family School, Malone

**Sept. 18** – 6 p.m., St. Bernard's School, Saranac Lake

**Sept. 19** – 6 p.m., St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga

**Sept. 20** – 12 p.m., St. James Minor Church, Carthage

**Sept. 24** – 6:30 p.m., IHC Primary, Watertown

**Oct. 3** – 6 p.m., St. James School, Gouverneur

**Oct. 8** – 6:30 p.m., St. James School, Gouverneur

**Oct. 15** – 6 p.m., Holy Family School, Malone

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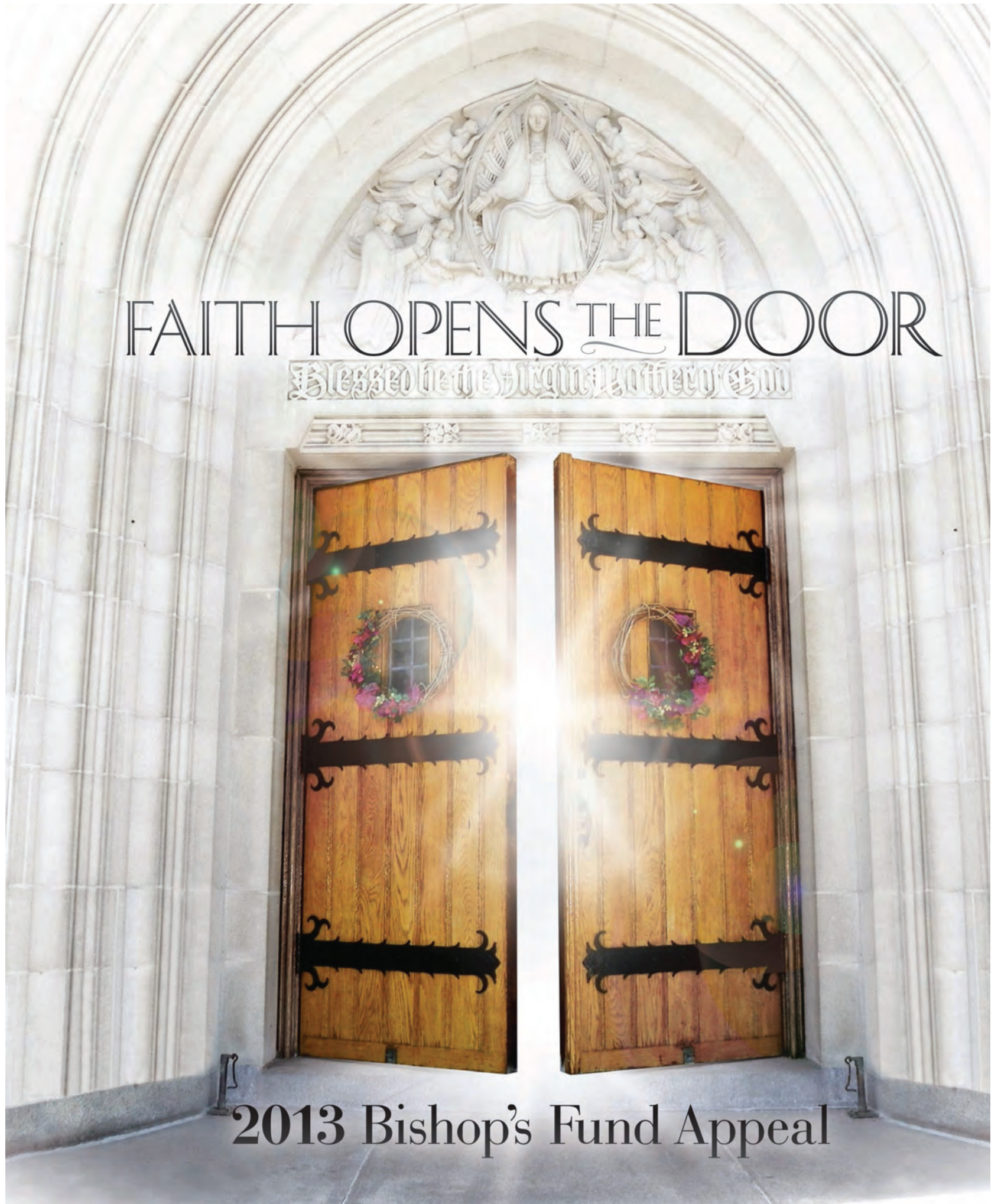
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# FAITH OPENS THE DOOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed this Year of Faith, he reminded us that, "the door of faith is always open for us, ushering us into the life of communion with God and offering entry into His Church. To enter through that door is to set out on a journey that lasts a lifetime." There are so many facets of that journey: developing a closer relationship with Christ through prayer; deeper conversion through catechesis and formation; and witness of charity. The Pope Emeritus reminded us that "Across the centuries, faith-filled women and men have borne witness to their faith, have entered the door of faith in the family, the workplace, in public life, and in the exercise of ministries to which they were called."



The annual Bishop's Fund Appeal gives each of us the opportunity to open the door to faith for our brothers and sisters across the Diocese. *Faith Opens the Door*. Our faith helps to open the door to Jesus for our brothers and sisters by providing:

- A graced environment of Religious Formation and Catholic Education for our youth;
- Education and Formation for our Seminarians, Deacon Candidates and lay faithful, all of whom will serve our parish families;
- Financial assistance to families and individuals who are hurting and discouraged because of illness, job loss and other tragedies;
- Guidance to couples as they prepare to celebrate the sacrament of marriage and to families who work hard to keep God at the center of their lives; and
- A fun, faith-filled summer camp to hundreds of teens from across the Diocese and beyond.

"Today amid so much darkness we need to see the light of hope and to be men and women who bring hope to others." These words of Pope Francis, spoken at his Installation Mass, challenge and inspire us as we begin this most important diocesan endeavor: the annual Bishop's Fund Appeal. In this year's appeal, it is our hope to raise \$1,275,000 to fund the vital ministries of our Diocese – with any additional funds to supplement the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund to assist and bring hope to those among us who are facing difficult times in their lives.

I am so grateful for your strong support. I invite you to continue to be the key by which "Faith Opens the Door" and support the 2013 Bishop's Fund Appeal through your generous prayers, encouragement and financial assistance.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley  
Bishop of Ogdensburg



For my family, Family Guggenheim is an extension of home! Both my husband, Michael, and I were fortunate enough to be able to attend camp when we were in our teens. When we found out about Family Guggenheim, we were excited to be a part of it. So often in our busy lives, and in an age of cell phones, computers, and texting, we enjoy the time we have 'unplugged'.

And just as we both made lifelong friends at Guggenheim when we were young, it's wonderful to see the families that come back to Family Camp, year after year, and see their children growing, too. We love making new family friends, and enjoy the time to connect with all of them. Realizing that our hardships and struggles are shared by others, and giving each other the strength and support we need!  
*Angela of Massena, New York*



am eternally grateful.

I am forever indebted to all those who contribute to the Annual Bishop's Fund Appeal. Through the generosity of so many, I was able to go to the seminary and discern God's will in my life, and eventually to be ordained a priest for our Diocese. The contributions to the Bishop's Fund covered so many expenses, from travel costs to books and many other school supplies. As a result of the scholarships received, I was able to engage seminary formation and so listen to God's voice in my heart. For that opportunity, in part made possible by these scholarships, I

In addition to this support, each time we receive a scholarship from the Bishop's Fund, the Bishop assures us of his thoughts and prayers for us along with those of the whole Diocese, as we continue our discernment and formation. The scholarship then becomes much more than a monetary donation: it becomes a message of love. I only hope that through my priestly ministry in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, God's people can receive much fruit from their generosity.

*Father Scott Belina, Newly Ordained Priest for the Diocese of Ogdensburg*



I entered the Formation for Ministry Program in the Fall of 2001. The course text books were user friendly with historical and practical insights. The classes and retreats were ambitious. The instructors were genuine ministers of faith. All I had to do was take-in the materials as well as put my mind, faith and goals in the hands of my God.

He created me and helped me deliver Him to the devoted homebound. While I expect nothing from those frail elderly, each one gives me repeated expressions of an enduring faith. Listening patiently is the building block that cements our mission. A small thing becomes great if it's done with love. As classmates of the 2003 Commissioned Lay Ministers, we became Sisters and Brothers of Christ wanting to go forward in His name. Hopefully we are the visible hands of God. Our job for as long as we are earthbound is to love and service God's people. Formation for Ministry allowed us to take information, ponder it and spread it outward with loving kindness. What an honor to celebrate prayerfully with fellowship of joy and thanksgiving.

*Sandra of Ticonderoga, NY*



## Your Gift Is the Key



The Catholic faith has played a significant role in my development into a young adult. When I was twelve years old, I attended Camp Guggenheim, on Upper Saranac Lake, for the first time. I immediately fell in love with the safe, welcoming, fun, and most importantly, faithful environment at this camp. Since then I have attended every year and will again for the sixth year this summer. The way the counselors base all the activities throughout the week on our faith helped me to realize that living out your faith goes beyond being at church. Each and every day can be a prayer, from walking the dog to playing a soccer game to doing your homework. The feeling of being surrounded by such a large group of young people who share your same beliefs is incredibly powerful. It motivates you to stand up for what you believe in and truly live out your faith daily. Without my experiences at Camp Guggenheim it is difficult to think of where I would be in my faith today.

*Anna of Lake Placid, NY*



Hurricane Irene day hit our town on August 28, 2011. It was not a good day for a lot of people. The Au Sable River rose to record height and flooded a lot of homes including two houses my wife, Missy, and I rent to local families. The homes were flooded and severely damaged. As bad as it was we were on the good end of a bad thing, homes down the street from us were just recovering from being flooded four months earlier. Many families in our area did not have a home to go to at the end of the day.

The strong support of my wife, my pastor, Fr. Kris Lauzon, family and friends and financial aid from the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund were answers to my prayers. The houses rented by these families were not eligible for FEMA support. The financial support that we received from the Bishop's Fund not only helped financially but spiritually as well. It reminded me that the people in our parish, Holy Name/St Mathews, and all the people in the Diocese of Ogdensburg have faith enough to donate their hard earned dollar to the Bishop's Fund thus enabling it to help a fellow Catholic in a trying time. Thank you so much.

*Thomas of Au Sable Forks, NY*

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Father, through the Holy Spirit,  
we make this prayer in the name  
of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you forever and ever.  
Amen.



*Bishop's Fund Prayer*

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  - ◆ Guggenheim Center ◆ Department of Worship

YEAR OF FAITH....STORY OF FAITH

# Something special in his heart: the love of God

By Father Kevin O'Brien

Moderator of the Curia, pastor in Heuvelton and Lisbon

A wise man on a journey found a precious gem in a stream as he stooped to drink. He placed that precious gem in his traveling bag along with the food he packed for the journey.

The next day he met another traveler who was hungry. The wise man opened his bag to share his food with the traveler. The traveler saw the precious gem and asked for it.

Without hesitation, the wise man gave it to the weary traveler. The traveler left, rejoicing in his good luck. He knew the precious gem was worth enough to support him the rest of his life. But a few days later he came back to return precious gem to the wise man.

"I've been thinking," said the traveler, "I know how valuable the gem is, but I am giving it back in the hope that you will give me something more valuable. I am hoping you will give me whatever it is in your heart that enabled you to give the gem to me so freely".

Msgr. Lawler had that something special in his heart. Msgr. Robert Lawler shared so much so generously with so many throughout his journey through life.

He gave assistance to the needy, shelter to the homeless, comfort to the grieving, hope to the lost, acceptance to the marginalized, welcome to the stranger, food to the hungry, and freedom to the op-



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**Msgr. Robert L. Lawler accepts the 1986 Catholic Charities Caritas award from Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana. Msgr. Lawler received the award in recognition of his charitable service to the people of the North Country. That service was acknowledged again after his death Aug. 29. Father Kevin O'Brien's homily for the vigil service at St. Mary's Cathedral Sept. 2 is printed here.**

pressed.

But what truly enabled him to touch the hearts of those he met on the journey was what it was in his heart that enabled him to give so freely and lovingly.

That something special in his



heart was his love of God and his faith in the resurrection of Jesus.

I remember sitting in the hospital with Monsignor Lawler when the doctor told him that the cancer had spread and was growing. He said what a blessing it was to know that death was coming.

He said how grateful he was that he would have time to prepare for death. He said it without sadness or regret. He said it with hope and gratitude. And perhaps his greatest work would be accomplished through his acceptance of and preparation for death.

His days were not gloomy, but filled with joy, gratitude, prayer and humor.

In the months that ensued, Monsignor Lawler clearly demonstrated to us what it was in his heart that enabled him to give so freely and lovingly to others.

The way he endured his suffering with joy, the way he accepted bad

news with hope and the way he expressed gratitude for God's goodness made abundantly manifest his trust and faith in God.

Monsignor Lawler gained great strength from his friendship with the Lord – a friendship that guided him through his sickness and a friendship that we trust still endures.

His eyes were not set on the things of this world, but on the things of heaven.

Monsignor Lawler showed how deeply he shared the faith of St. Paul that we hear about in our reading from first Corinthians. He knew that death was inevitable, but it was not the end. He professed that Jesus had defeated death. Christ's victory over death has robbed death of its power.

By God's grace, death cannot overcome the love that God has for us. As St. Paul tells us, the love of God which conquers all things, will overcome even death itself.

Tonight we commend Monsignor Lawler to the God who loved him so much in this life. We commend him for his faithful service and for his wonderful life of faith. May we share his faith and trust in God. May we seek to fill our own hearts with that something special that so filled the heart of Msgr. Lawler.

May we proclaim with St. Paul: "O death, where is your victory, O death, where is your sting? Thanks be to God who has given us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

God bless you.

## Upcoming diocesan Year of Faith opportunities

### Solemn Mass in Lake Placid

Final preparations are being made for the diocesan Solemn Mass for the Year of Faith and the New Evangelization set for Sept. 29 at the Olympic Center in Lake Placid.

Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, will preside at the 2:30 p.m. liturgy with Bishop Terry R. LaValley and priests of the diocese concelebrating.

Bishop LaValley will be the homilist.

Nearly 2000 Catholics from across the diocese are expected to attend.

Father Scott Seymour, pastor in Morrisonville and Treadwells Mill, will lead a choir of about 300 voices for the liturgy.

Bus transportation from points across the North Country has been organized. Pick-ups may be arranged from the following areas:

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For submission details and rules see the entry form at <http://rcdony.org/pictureit>

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## VATICAN LETTER

# Making peace: now part of the papal job

By Francis X. Rocca  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Francis is leading the Catholic Church on an extraordinary campaign to prevent President Barack Obama's proposed military strike on Syria.

On Sept. 4, the pope appealed to leaders of the G-20 nations to "lay aside the futile pursuit of a military solution" to the Syrian civil war and promote instead a "peaceful solution through dialogue and negotiation."

The next day, his foreign minister sent the same message in a special meeting with the Vatican diplomatic corps.

And on Sept. 7, the pope was scheduled to lead a prayer vigil for Syria in St. Peter's Square - an event that the Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, said would be unprecedented, in both scale and importance of setting, as a papal gesture for peace.

Exceptional as they are, however, Pope Francis' actions have followed in close continuity with the spirit and record of his predecessors.

On the first visit by a pope to the United Nations, in 1965, Pope Paul VI memorably called for "No more war, war never again." Blessed John Paul II was a constant campaigner for peace, calling the interfaith meetings in Assisi, praying for

an end to violence in the Balkans, and doing everything he could, publicly and privately, to prevent the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

Papal peacemaking efforts have yielded little in the way of concrete results - the major exception being the Vatican's mediation of a territorial dispute between Argentina and Chile in the late 1970s and early 1980s - but no office today is more closely identified, by Catholics and non-Catholics alike, with promotion of peace as a fundamental value.

Yet that role is a relatively recent one in the context of the papacy's 2,000-year history. Until a few generations ago, far from tirelessly advocating for negotiation and dialogue, popes often justified war and even waged it themselves. Most famously, a series of medieval popes called Crusades against Muslims in the Holy Land and elsewhere in the region -- including Syria.

Until the late 19th century, the papacy had its own army, the last vestiges of which are visible today in Vatican City's colorfully uniformed Swiss Guards, whose job is no longer to attack anyone, only to protect the pope.

But in the early 16th century, the Renaissance Pope Julius II actually rode at the head of his troops, wearing full armor, in battles against rival Italian rulers and France.

It was only in the 20th century that the bishop of Rome emerged as a reliable voice against war

as a way of resolving international disputes. Pope Benedict XV made extensive efforts to broker an end to the carnage of World War I, and Pope Pius XII sought through diplomatic channels to head off World War II.

That change certainly reflects the vast leap in destructive power of military technology in the industrial age, which has made the conditions set by Catholic social teaching for waging a just war all but impossible to meet.

In 1963, Blessed John XXIII wrote in his encyclical "Pacem in Terris" that nuclear weapons had made war finally unacceptable as a means of redressing injustice.

And Pope Francis, while opposing military intervention in Syria, has stressed that he condemns with "utmost firmness" any use of chemical weapons, a recent instance of which is Obama's justification for striking the forces of Syrian President Bashar Assad.

Not only the nature of modern weaponry, but also a change in the papacy itself has made it easier for popes to give up on war. With the loss of the Papal States in 1870, the Holy See ceased to be a territorial power.

Since then, no pontiff has had a direct stake in any international conflict, and this neutrality has left popes freer to fulfill their role as leaders of a truly universal church, including the fundamental role of making peace.

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## Pope recalls World Youth Day as a great party of faith

By Francis X. Rocca  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Francis recalled his July 22-28 visit to Rio de Janeiro, thanking his Brazilian hosts for their warm welcome, and describing World Youth Day celebrations there as a great party of faith.

The pope made his remarks Sept. 4 during his weekly public audience in St. Peter's Square.

"WYD (World Youth Day) is always a party," the pope said, "because when a city fills up with boys and girls who roam the streets with flags from all over the world, greeting each other, embracing each other, this is a true party."

"But then there is the

greater party," he said, "which is the party of faith, when together everyone praises the Lord, sings, listens to the word of God, remains in silent adoration."

"All this is the culmination of WYD," he said.

The pope thanked all those responsible for planning and executing the event, especially ordinary people who brought foreign pilgrims into their homes.

"The welcome by Brazilian families and parishes was one of the most beautiful characteristics of this WYD," he said. "Good people, these Brazilians. Good people! They truly have a great heart."

Pope Francis said such a welcome is vital to the success of any pilgrimage, transforming the inconveniences

of travel into "occasions for acquaintance and friendship."

"Bonds are formed that then last, above all in prayer," he said. "In that way, too, the church grows all over the world, like a network of true friendships in Jesus Christ, a network that frees you even as it catches you."

The pope stressed the missionary nature of World Youth Day, and insisted that "even a boy, a girl, who in the eyes of the world counts for little or nothing, in the eyes of God is an apostle of the kingdom, a hope for God."

"Do you want to be a hope for God?" he asked young people in the crowd, repeating the question in various forms and urging them to shout more loudly in response.

# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Just war in attacking Syria? Some see cloudy, some see clear answers

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Even with just war theory as a guide, the answers remain murky to moral and ethical questions about whether a military strike is the appropriate response to what U.S. officials believe was a chemical attack against Syrian civilians, analysts said. While President Barack Obama, Congress and other world leaders weigh how to respond to the reported chemical weapons attack Aug. 21 that killed as many as 1,400 civilians, the church's just war teachings on when a military response is appropriate were being raised as a guide to decision-making. Two Catholic priests, Jesuit Father Richard Ryscavage of Fairfield University in Connecticut, and Father Bryan Massingale, of Marquette University in Wisconsin, each suggested that the just war criteria for military action may well be met in this case, though perhaps not without other approaches being tried before resorting to an attack. Three other academics who specialize in ethics and international law in dispute resolution each found less to support a military strike by the United States. Father Ryscavage, director of Fairfield's Center for Faith and Public Life and professor of sociology, observed that the just war principles don't make Catholicism "a pacifist church. There's a very strong theory of justice," that defines the just war teachings, he said. Sometimes the pacifist approach of "'go for peace,' is just not possible."

## Pope: Sanctity of marriage rooted in Christ's union with church

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The Catholic Church closely safeguards the sanctity of marriage because it is a reflection of Christ's union with his bride, the church, Pope Francis said. Jesus often uses the imagery of a bridegroom to help people see the nature of his relationship with the church, the pope said Sept. 6 during his morning Mass in his residence at the Domus Sanctae Marthae. "I think this is exactly the most profound reason why the church safeguards the sacrament of Marriage so much and calls it the great sacrament, because it is precisely the image of the union of Christ with the church." Another parallel between a nuptial banquet and the faith is that Christians are called to be joyful guests gathered together, the pope said. While there will be great trials and moments of pain in life, "a Christian is fundamentally joyful," he said, because everyone is invited to a great celebration: "the nuptials of Jesus with the church."

## Reverting to tradition, pope names diplomat as Vatican's No. 2

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Although Pope Francis has not hesitated to break with convention during his brief pontificate, in appointing a seasoned member of the diplomatic corps as the top Vatican official, he resumed a long-standing tradition. The pope appointed Archbishop Pietro Parolin, 58, a longtime official in the Vatican secretariat of state and nuncio to Venezuela since 2009, to be his secretary of state. On Oct. 15, Archbishop Parolin will succeed Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, 78, who came to the post in 2006 after serving as archbishop of Genoa, Italy. The secretary of state is the pope's highest-ranking collaborator, coordinating the work of the entire Roman Curia, overseeing the operation of the Vatican press office and newspaper, coordinating the preparation and publication of papal documents, and supervising the work of Vatican nuncios, in their relations with Catholic communities in individual countries and with national governments.

## THE 12TH ANNIVERSARY



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The twin towers of New York's World Trade Center following the Sept. 11 2001 attack is depicted in a stained-glass window at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in the New Dorp Beach section of Staten Island, N.Y. This year marks the 12th anniversary of the attacks that claimed the lives of nearly 3,000 people in New York, at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pa.

## US bishops weigh in on Syria

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Echoing the appeal of Pope Francis and Catholic prelates in Syria, two leaders of the U.S. bishops' conference urged President Barack Obama to seek a political solution in Syria.

"We have heard the urgent calls of the successor of St. Peter, Pope Francis, and our suffering brother bishops of the venerable and ancient Christian communities of the Middle East. As one, they beg the international community not to resort to military intervention in Syria," said Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Bishop Richard E. Pates chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace in a letter released by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bish-

ops Sept. 4. The letter affirmed the bishops' prayers for the administration and acknowledged that "that the situation in Syria is complex," and said they "appreciate the patience and restraint that your Administration has exercised to date."

Cardinal Dolan of New York and Bishop Pates of Des Moines, Iowa, affirmed Obama's decision to invite public dialogue and congressional review of possible military action, saying they wanted to contribute to that discussion in their capacity as pastors and teachers.

"We join you in your absolute condemnation of the use of chemical weapons in Syria," they said. "These indiscriminate weapons have no place in the arsenals of

the family of nations. With you we mourn for the lives lost and grieve with the families of the deceased."

The clerics said they remain concerned for the more than 100,000 Syrians who have died and the 6 million who remain refugees or are displaced within their country.

However, they said, both the pope and the Syrian Catholic bishops have made clear "that a military attack will be counterproductive, will exacerbate an already deadly situation and will have unintended negative consequences."

They concluded by noting that the long-standing position of the USCCB is that Syria needs a political solution.

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

## The patience of God

With all the evil in our world - its lack of respect for human life, for the environment, its outrageous violations of justice and charity - we wonder at God's tolerance of our present day world.

Our readings this week are all about God's patience. They're also about God's incredible forgiveness. First, it was with the Israelites, whom he had brought through the desert. When they panicked at Moses' absence on the mountain, they made a golden calf as a substitute for the One True God. At the very time God was presenting Moses with the Ten Commandments, they were breaking the first one! It was Moses', of course, who cooled God's anger, so that God relented of His anger, forgave the Israelites, and gave them a second chance.

In the second reading, we read about God's patience with Paul (then called Saul), who was murdering the new Christians with great zeal. Paul tells us that Christ

came to redeem sinners, and mercifully treated him "so that in me, as the foremost (sinner), Christ Jesus might display all his patience as an example for those who would come to believe in him for everlasting life".



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In the Gospel, we have the story of a lamb, a coin, and two brothers that were lost. There are some beautiful paintings of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, pulling that poor lamb out of a thorn bush, or carrying the exhausted and trembling lamb on his shoulders.

The second story about the woman sweeping the house for a single coin, then throwing a party in her joy, seems a bit exaggerated to us today, but we certainly get the idea that Jesus is filled with happiness when someone like ourselves, not much more important than a small coin, comes back to our senses.

The third story is the most famous, the one about the Prodigal Son. The spendthrift, younger son,

Sept. 15

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Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-32

can't even get his carefully-rehearsed speech out of his mouth, before the Father smothers him with kisses, and treats him like a returning hero. He could well sing for the rest of his days, "I once was lost but now am found". We're not so sure of his angry, resentful older brother. The tearful father could not persuade him to come into the party! But the father forgives him, too.

How about us? We often have little patience when God doesn't answer our prayers right away. We're impatient with people who do not measure up to our standards. Our impatience can offend and discourage family members. Just remembering God's forgiveness of our sins and failings should help us to be much more patient with the foibles of our friends and family.

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The price for the ticket is \$20 or six (6) tickets for \$100 with all proceeds going to St. Agnes School.

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## OUR READERS WRITE

## Join us for Life Chain

25% of pregnancies end in death for the unborn child by abortion;  
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## Letters to the Editor

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

- Due to space limitations, we ask that the number of words be limited to 300.
- We cannot accept letters which support ideas which are contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- Send letters to North Country Catholic, PO Box 326, Ogdensburg, NY, 13669 or e-mail to [news@north-countrycatholic.org](mailto:news@north-countrycatholic.org)

The child living in the womb is one of us and helpless, Jesus tells us to help those in greatest need or else!  
(Matthew 25:45-46) And Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."  
(Matthew 19:14)

For the love of God, please, won't you join with courageous defenders of innocent life, who will be making a visual statement for the unborn children simply growing in the womb of their own mother.

Our prayerful witness is scheduled for Respect Life Sunday, Oct 6th from 2 to 3:30 PM in downtown Potsdam along Market and Main Sts.

We will gather (get signs) around 1:45 PM at the parking lot across Main St. from the Roxy Theater.

We hope for sunny skies, but this Life Chain will happen regardless of the weather. Any sacrifice we make will pale compared to what the little ones endure from the cruel hands of the abortionist! We encourage all ages to participate, especially children (with proper supervision) and the elderly. Don't forget chairs, hats and water. Please actively encourage your families, friends and neighbors to come too! Also, please ask local pastors to include this in their coming church bulletins.

Thank you for prayerfully considering attending this vital Life Chain and may God richly bless you and your families. Please join us as we pray in agony with Jesus to save many Lifetimes!

For His Children,

CHRIS LAROSE  
POTSDAM

AT THE MOVIES

# ONE DIRECTION: This Is Us

By John Mulderig  
Catholic News Service

While grumpy grammarians may grumble over its title, the parents of targeted teenyboppers will find little to object to in the mostly harmless concert film "One Direction: This Is Us" (TriStar).

Director Morgan Spurlock showcases the boy band of the title - made up of Niall Horan, Zayn Malik, Liam Payne, Harry Styles and Louis Tomlinson - capturing a number of their upbeat stage performances during a recent world tour.

He also chronicles the group's creation by talent judge and pop impresario Simon Cowell.

Besides the good-natured horseplay going on backstage, viewers are also shown more serious aspects of the lads' lives, including their work for charity and strong emotional bonds



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Liam Payne, Louis Tomlinson, Zayn Malik, Harry Styles and Niall Horan star in a scene from the movie "One Direction: This Is Us."

with their families.

We see them interacting with some of the African children who have benefited from their philanthropy, and witness one performer's

mother and sisters getting their first glimpse of the new, far more comfortable home he has purchased for them.

Irish-born Horan returns

to his native Mullingar to participate in a (presumably Catholic) wedding ceremony.

Some of the interview footage with him is filmed in the church where this event took place, suggesting it's a structure to which he feels at least some connection.

Still, a touch of salty language makes this otherwise benign picture unsuitable fare for the youngest moviegoers.

As for the inordinate number of shots showing the youthful stars either shirtless or in their underwear, they hint that all that screaming from overwrought fans isn't just about the music.

The film contains one use of profanity, brief scatological humor and a half-dozen mildly crass terms.

The Catholic News Service classification is A-II -- adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested.

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## CLINTON

## HARVEST DINNER

**Mooers Forks** – St. Ann's will be having its Annual Harvest Dinner.

**Date:** Sept. 15

**Time:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Seniors (65 & older), \$8; Kids 14 and under, \$5; under 5, Free

**Features:** Roast Beef & Roast Pork.

## HARVEST DINNER

**Chazy** – Sacred Heart Church will have its Annual Harvest Dinner.

**Date:** Sept. 22

**Time:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Children 6-12, \$3; 5 and under, Free; Take-outs, \$9

**Features:** Buffet Style Chicken and Biscuit dinner. Raffle. Sinners' Den Pantry

## HARVEST DINNER

**Dannemora** – St. Joseph's Parish will be hosting its Annual Roast Turkey and Trimmings Harvest Dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 13

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Children 5-10, \$5; under 5, Free

**Features:** Take outs are available. Cash Raffles, Chinese Raffle, Crafts and Country Store, 50/50 and live music

**Contact:** Vern & Sorelle Bouyea @ 293-7768 or Deacon Ed & Louise Mazuchowski @ 563-0828

## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

**Plattsburgh** – A series of Natural Family Planning classes to be sponsored by the Diocesan NFP Office.

**Date:** Oct. 6

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Place:** St. John's Church [Parish Center, lower level]

**Program:** Three-part learner-centered format educates couples to observe and interpret the physical signs of fertility. This knowledge can be used to achieve, as well as to postpone, conception.

**Cost:** Fee of \$50 includes all materials; scholarships available.

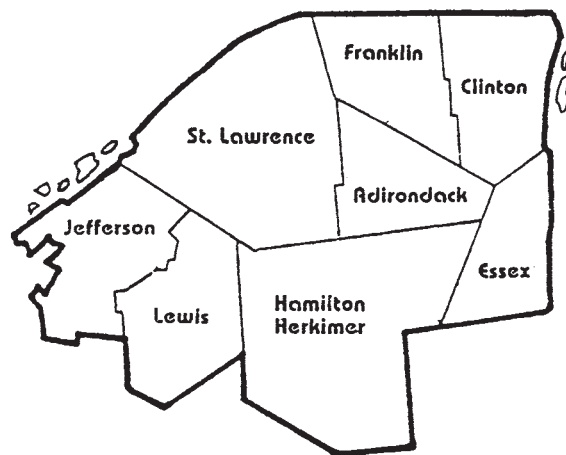
**Contact:** To register, or to learn more, contact instructors Matthew and Sarah Bosley at 518-962-8966 (email: mbosley@westelcom.com) or the Diocesan NFP Office at 518-483-0459 (email: apietropoali@dioogdensburg.org.)

## 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.



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Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:

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e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

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

**Features:** Father Bill Edwards will present a talk 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

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

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

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

## ESSEX

## SPAGHETTI DINNER

**Ticonderoga** – K of C Council # 333 & 4th Degree #756 will sponsor a spaghetti dinner.

**Date:** Sept. 19

**Time:** 5 p.m. to 7

**Place:** K of C Hall

**Cost:** \$10

**Features:** This dinner is to benefit seminarians.

## FRANKLIN

## FALL FESTIVAL

**Constable** – The Catholic Community of Constable, Westville & Trout River, Altar & Rosary and K of C Council 9991 are having the Annual Fall Festival and Ham Dinner.

**Date:** Sept. 21

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

**Place:** St. Francis Church Hall

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

**Features:** Lots of great raffles. In appreciation of our Priest and Religious they will eat for free.

**Contact:** 483-3772

## ROSARY RALLY

**Malone** – Annual Rosary Rally to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 12

**Time:** 1 p.m.

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

**Contact:** Elaine McGivney at 518-529-6133 or pmcgiven@twcny.rr.com

## HOLY HARVEST FESTIVAL

**Malone** – Malone Catholic Parishes will be having their 5th Annual Holy Harvest Festival.

**Date:** Sept. 15

**Time:** Noon to 3 p.m.

**Place:** Holy Family School

**Dinner cost:** Adults, \$10; Seniors, \$8;

Children 6-12, \$6; under 5, free

**Features:** Mass at 11 a.m. under the tent. Following Mass, there will be a harvest dinner starting at noon, raffle with a \$1,000 first prize, cake walk, harvest table, children's activities and music by the Old Timers Band.

## SPAGHETTI SUPPER

**Burke** – The Catholic Community of Burke and Chateaugay will hold a Spaghetti Supper.

**Date:** Sept. 14

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

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

**Cost:** \$7.50 for adults; \$4.00 for children under 12; under five free.

## JEFFERSON

## ROAST BEEF DINNER

**Evans Mills** – A Roast Beef Dinner to be held to benefit the Indian River Council 7471 Knights of Columbus.

**Date:** Sept. 14

**Time:** 4 p.m.

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

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Seniors, \$7; Children 12 and under, \$5; under 5, Free

## BEREAVEMENT MEETING

**Watertown** – An Ecumenical Bereavement Meeting will be held.

**Date:** Sept. 23

**Time:** 7 p.m.

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

**Speaker:** Rev. Cheryl Gmitter

**Theme:** "Finding Peace through the Storm"

## REVELATION COURSE BEGINS

**Evans Mills** – An 11 week course on the Book of Revelations to be presented by Indian River Knights of Columbus.

**Date:** Oct. 2 (Wednesdays) to Dec. 18

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

**Cost:** \$25 includes home study workbook and a guide to Revelation's structure and symbols

**Features:** "Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come" will consist of DVD lectures by Jeff Cavins, home study, and discussion. Participants will consider the questions - What is the message of St. John's Revelation? How does it fit with the plan of Scripture? Can its disturbing images be a source of inspiration. Students from outside the parish are welcome.

**Contact:** For registration and inquiries is 767-1065.

## YEAR OF FAITH MISSION

**Evans Mills** – A Year of Faith Mission to

be held.

**Schedule:** Sept. 14 & 15 all Masses; Sept. 15, 4 p.m. Youth Gathering; Sept. 16, 17 & 18 at 7 p.m. Mass

**Place:** St. Mary's

**Speaker:** Fr. Roger McGuinness

**Theme:** A Community of Faith

## PARKINSON'S WALK

**Sackets Harbor** – North Country Coalition for Parkinson's & Movement Disorders will hold their second annual Parkinson's Walk to raise funds for local Parkinson's outreach efforts

**Date:** Sept. 21

**Time:** Registration at 9 a.m.; Walk starts at 10 a.m.

**Place:** Starts at the Sackets Harbor Visitor Center

**Features:** Walk the 1.5 mile route or the 3 mile route. For more information go to: www.northcountryparkinsons.org.

## LIFERIGHT AUCTION

**Watertown** – Liferight will be having a silent/live auction and luncheon.

**Date:** Sept. 28

**Time:** Viewing starts at 11 a.m.; Auction at noon; Luncheon follows

**Place:** Italian American Club

**Features:** Mel Busler will be the auctioneer. A variety of quilted items, crafts and paintings by local artists, stay's at local hotels, security alarm system and installation, home furnishing items, autographed books by local artists, themed baskets, gift certificates.

**Contact:** Lunch reservations can be obtained by mailing a \$10 check payable to Liferight to Francine Hanlon, 139 Coleman Ave, Watertown, NY 13601

## 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

**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.

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## The Pontifical Mission Societies of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Inc.

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# The World Mission Rosary

From the Director's Desk

Sister Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ, Diocesan Mission Director

One of our reader's writes... "I have wanted to thank you for the explanation of the "World Mission Rosary". I have two rosaries and did have the information, but have lost or misplaced it. I cut out your article from the NCC (Dec. 2012) and have it where I can refer to it often. Many thanks."

Perhaps, you too have seen the "World Mission Rosary" and are wondering what the colors mean. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of its origin and continued significance in today's prayer life.

The World Mission Rosary, the Year of Faith and you! Introduce your family and friends, especially the young people in your life – children and grandchildren, nieces, nephews and godchildren – to the World Mission Rosary. When Pope Benedict XVI announced a Year of Faith which began October 11, 2012, Pope Benedict XVI focused on its ultimate purpose. ...that "renewed energy," he observed, would be directed "to lead men and women out of the desert...toward friendship with Christ who gives us fullness of life." During the Year of Faith, the Pope asked all of us to be part of a great Prayer Movement focused on the person of Jesus Christ and faith in Him. His desire was that the Prayer Movement to which we are all called would be centered on the World Mission Rosary.

So, why is the World Mission Rosary different? In February of 1951, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen (national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith from 1950 to 1966), in a radio address (The Catholic Hour), inaugurated that World Mission Rosary. He saw the need for us to pray not just for ourselves, but for the whole world, and especially for those who are poor and vulnerable at home and around the world.

What do the colors signify? Each decade of that World Mission Rosary calls to mind an area where the Church continues her evangelizing mission: Green for the forests and grasslands of Africa; Blue for the ocean surrounding the islands of the Pacific; White symbolizing Europe, the seat of the Holy Father, shepherd of the world; Red calling to mind the fire of faith that brought missionaries to the Americas and Yellow, the morning light of the East, for Asia. Archbishop Sheen himself linked this Rosary to the missionary work of the Church and to the Holy Father. Praying this Rosary, he explained in that radio broadcast, would "aid the Holy Father and his Society for the Propagation of the Faith by supplying him with practical support, as well as prayers, for the poor mission territories of the world." "When the Rosary is completed, one has...embraced all continents, all people in prayer," he added. "Won't you please make a tour of the world on your World Mission Rosary?"

## OBITUARIES

**Black River** – Richard G. Pomerville, 86; Funeral Services Sept. 5, 2013 at the Bruce Funeral Home; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Brasher Falls** – Johanna E. "Hanna" (Renette) Bailey, 93; Funeral Services Sept. 2, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Southville Cemetery.

**Brownville** – Anne M. (Carlisle) Bringham, 82; Funeral Services Sept. 7, 2013 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in Sanford Corners Cemetery, Calcium.

**Brownville** – Harold A. Frasher, 89; Funeral Services Sept. 4, 2013 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in Dexter Cemetery.

**Canton** – Douglas F. Hurteau, 63; Funeral Services Sept. 9, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Croghan** – Edna Margaret (Boliver) Moore, 86; Funeral Services Sept. 4, 2013 at St. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Vincent DePaul Cemetery, Belfort.

**Heuvelton** – Margaret M. (Green) Drummond, 87 Sept. 7, 2013 at St. Raphael's Church; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

**Henderson** – Gloria Bishop Mosier, 84; Funeral Services Sept. 6, 2013 at Queen of Heaven Church; burial in Sand Hill Cemetery, North Dickinson.

**Hogansburg** – Benjamin F. Jacobs, 78; Funeral Services Sept. 6, 2013 at St. Regis Church.

**Hogansburg** – David G. Tarbell, 63; Funeral Services Sept. 8, 2013 at St. Regis Church.

**Keeseville** – Lauree (Rabideau) Craig, 89; Funeral Services Sept. 4, 2013 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

**Malone** – Rita E. (Malette) Gokey, 88; Funeral Services Sept. 5, 2013 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Malone** – Brenda S. (Bashaw) McCray, 64; Funeral Services Sept. 4, 2013 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Massena** – Richard F. Garcia, 71; Funeral Services Sept. 5, 2013 at the Phillips Memorial Home.

**Massena** – Norman J. Laneuville, 76; Funeral Services Sept. 7, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** – James F. Macauley, 77; Funeral Services Sept. 6, 2013 at Phillips Memorial Home; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** – Geraldine L. (Layo) McDonald, 87; Funeral Sept. 7, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** – William H. Wittman, Jr., 88; Funeral Sept. 7, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Mineville** – Doris Kelly Halaburda, 86; Funeral Services Sept. 2, 2013 at All Saints Church; burial Forest Dale Cemetery, Crown Point.

**Moers** – Robert E. Gardner, 84; Memorial Services Sept. 5, 2013 at the Ross Funeral Home.

**Morrisonville** – Clarence J. Curry, 72; Funeral Services Sept. 7, 2013 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Morrisonville** – John J. St. Denis, 68; Funeral Services Sept. 5, 2013 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Norwood** – Keitha M. (Bonno) Emburey, 89; Funeral Sept. 5, 2013 at St. Andrews

Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Peru** – Jeffrey C. Layhee, 71; Funeral Sept. 4, 2013 at the Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in St. James Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Brian P. Cannon, 64; Funeral Services Sept. 5, 2013 at St. John's Church; burial in Divine Mercy Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Mose N. Caron, 96; Funeral Services Aug. 31, 2013 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial in St. Augustine's Cemetery, Peru.

**Plattsburgh** – Susan C. (Church) Judkins, 76; Funeral Services Sept. 9, 2013 at St. John's Church.

**Theresa** – Karl I. Ridsdale, 76; Funeral Services Sept. 5, 2013 at Frederick Bros. Funeral Home, Inc.; burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

**Watertown** – Roger H. Hoiston, 77; Funeral Services Sept. 5, 2013 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Watertown** – Douglas W. Wood, 57; Funeral Services Sept. 4, 2013 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Westville** – Margaret M. (Bruso) Brooks, 93; Funeral Services Sept. 27, 2013 at Our Lady of Fatima Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery, Malone.

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**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

#### FALL SALE

**Lowville** – St. Peter's Church will be having a fall sale.

**Date:** Sept. 12 from 4 p.m. to 7 & Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Features:** Bag sale starting at noon. Lunch on Fri starting at 11 a.m.

### ST. LAWRENCE

#### COMMUNITY FREE LUNCH

**Ogdensburg** – The Knights of Columbus Council 258 is starting its community free lunch program again.

**Date:** Every Wednesday

**Time:** Noon

**Features:** Free hot lunch

**Contact:** Club Rooms at 393-7990 after 4 p.m. or on Wednesdays after 10:30 a.m.

#### HEALING MASS

**Raymondville** – St. Raymond's Church will be having a Healing Mass.

**Date:** Oct. 16

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

**Features:** Fathers Jack Downs and Andrew Amyot and Msgr. John Murphy will celebrate Mass followed by the opportunity to be prayed for individually by a prayer team. We will begin with an introduction by Fr. Jack Downs about Understanding the Healing Ministry, followed by brief testimony, Mass, and Sacramental Anointing. All are welcome

#### RUMMAGE SALE

**Norfolk** – A rummage sale is to be held to benefit the Altar Rosary Society.

**Date:** Sept. 26, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to noon

**Place:** Church of the Visitation

**Features:** Baby items, Household goods, tools, dishes, books, puzzles, clothing for me, woman, and children and more.

#### 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.

#### 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

### 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 Vigano, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, will preside with Bishop LaValley and priests of the diocese concelebrating. Bishop LaValley will be the homilist. Nearly 2000 Catholics from across the Diocese of Ogdensburg are expected.

**Contact:** Bus transportation from communities throughout diocese will be available; see page 13 of this week's *NCC* for contact information.

#### FALL RETREAT FOR ADULTS

**Saranac Lake** – A second session has been added for a fall retreat to be held at Guggenheim Lodge.

**Date:** Sept. 20-21

**Schedule:** Sept. 20-21 begins 6 p.m. with dinner; OR Sept. 21-22 begins at 7:30 p.m. with dessert

**Cost:** \$75 Sept. 20-21; \$70 Sept. 21-22

**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.

**Features:** There will be time for prayer, reflection and sharing of the spiritual wisdom. Gibaldi Will lead a hike up nearby Mount Baker on Saturday. Registrations will be taken (limit 10) through Sept. 19. Hiking clothes and shoes/boots are recommended.

**Contact:** Sr. Bethany srbeth@cit-

tele.com or 315-212-6592.

#### 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 NY, First Class/Select Hotels, Most Meals, Comprehensive Sightseeing and much more.

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

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

#### BEST OF IRELAND

The Best of Ireland Tour lead by Fr. Andrew Amyot is scheduled for Oct. 30-Nov. 9th 2013 has a few openings.

**Contact:** For more information, contact Fr. Amyot at (315) 384-2064 or email: fraamyot2@twcny.rr.com

#### DOVS VOCATION PILGRIMAGE

Join Bishop LaValley, Father Bryan Stitt, and the members of the Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocations Society for a pilgrimage 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 315-265-9469

#### 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