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## Pope: the key to salvation is...

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Jesus told his disciples that the entrance to heaven is like a "narrow gate," not because God has made salvation so difficult, but because people find it difficult to recognize their sinfulness and accept God's mercy, Pope Francis said.

Jesus is "the gateway to salvation," the pope said

Aug. 26 before reciting the Angelus with visitors in St. Peter's Square.

"The gate that is Jesus is never closed; this gate is never closed, it is always open and open to everyone, without distinction, without exclusions, without privileges."

The pope said he knew

some people would be skeptical and say, "But Father, surely I am excluded, because I am a great sinner. I have done so many things in my life." But the pope insisted, "No, you are not excluded."

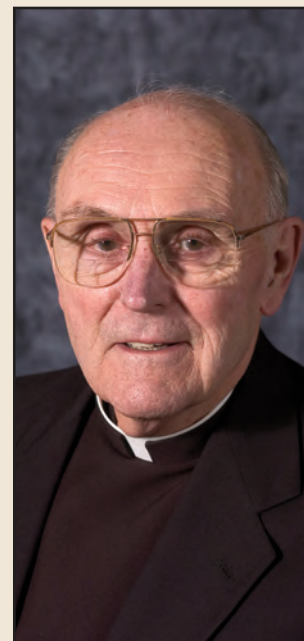
Commenting on the day's Gospel reading, Luke 13:22-30, the pope said the narrow

gate that is Jesus is not the entrance to "a torture chamber."

But Jesus asks "us to open our hearts to him, to recognize ourselves as sinners, in need of his salvation, his forgiveness, his love, needing the humility to accept his mercy and to be renewed by him," Pope Francis said.

### REST IN PEACE

#### Funeral for Msgr. Lawler is Tuesday



Msgr. Robert L. Lawler, P.A., who served the diocese as director of Catholic Charities for 30 years and as vicar general under four bishops died Aug. 29 at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg. Bishop Terry R. LaValley will preside at his funeral Mass Tuesday at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. Bishop Robert J. Cunningham, former bishop of Ogdensburg and current bishop of Syracuse and administrator in Rochester, will be the homilist.

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## The new school year has begun

School officials at two Jefferson Deanery Catholic schools are starting the new year with great confidence.

At IHC in Watertown, Chris Hornbarger, executive system administrator, said. "We are in the third year of a cash surplus, while we have avoided tuition increases, added academic programs, and increased teacher salaries beyond the rate of inflation."

At Augustinian Academy in Carthage, principal Sister Annunciata credits the "grace of God and lots of friends."

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## Meet the Fort Drum chaplain

Father Carl Subler, a native of Ohio, arrived at the 10th Mountain

Division's home July 3  
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## IN PRAYER FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE

Bill Ose of Adams was one of the main organizers of an Aug. 11 prayer rally at St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of the North Country. A statement from the Knights explained the purpose of the gathering: "Freedom of conscience is at the heart of who we are as Americans. Impending federal and state laws and regulations relating to abortion, marriage and healthcare would impinge on our freedom of conscience and could force Catholic institutions to close their doors." The rally began outside the cathedral at the Monument to the Unborn. Following brief remarks, participants proceeded inside the Cathedral for recitation of the rosary. Bishop LaValley presided at the rally and offered a reflection.

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## EDITOR'S NOTES

## 'We have lost a giant'

On Holy Thursday, Pope Francis offered a message to priests, calling on them to bring the healing power of God's grace to everyone in need, to stay close to the marginalized and to be "shepherds living with the smell of the sheep."

I think the Holy Father would have approved of our Msgr. Lawler!

Msgr. Robert L. Lawler, who died last Thursday night, received plenty of honors in his lifetime. The P.A. after his name denotes *Protonotary Apostolic*, the highest papal honor a bishop can receive.

But I believe that this holy priest will be remembered first as a shepherd who truly lived among his sheep.

I imagine that nearly everyone who knew him could tell a story about how Msgr. Lawler made a difference in his or her life.

My first encounter with Monsignor came when I knocked on his Catholic Charities door, hoping he had a job for a budding social worker. He couldn't hire me but thought there might be an opening at the *North Country Catholic*.

Through the years, I could always count on his kindness and support in my work for the diocese and with any family concern.

Someone close to me still talks about how, 50 years ago, a newly ordained Father Lawler made sure this ten-year-old boy was moved out of the or-

phanage and into an adoptive family.

One of Msgr. Lawler's Canton parishioners shared her thoughts online: "He will be missed by those who have become better people for having known him. What a wonderful example of a priest. He will always have a special place in my heart for his time in Canton and supporting my family as my mother was dying of cancer. What a blessing it was to have known him. May he rest in peace knowing he taught so many of us what it is to follow Jesus on our journey through life."

On the day after Msgr. Lawler died, Bishop LaValley rightly said, "We have lost a giant."

This past March, at the oh-so-young age of 83, Monsignor finally retired from his position as vicar general for the

diocese.

Bishop LaValley wrote a special Follow Me column on the occasion:

"Serving as the Vicar General of our Diocese, Monsignor Lawler has been the closest advisor and confidante of four bishops," Bishop LaValley said. "His thoughtful and wise counsel, always flavored with great pastoral sensitivity, has aided bishops in making difficult decisions...."

"Join me in thanking Monsignor Robert Lawler for being such a kind, caring priest. His genuine care for the most vulnerable among us leaves us with much to admire and imitate."

Yes, thank you Msgr. Lawler and thank you God for giving us a shepherd who truly lived among us.

Rest in peace, dear friend.



Mary Lou  
Kilian

## A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

## Saints of T-shirts, tennis shoes and pizza

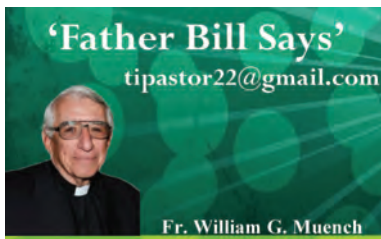
Last Sunday, my homily was about being a saint. I was going over what I was to say as I walked into the sacristy to vest for Mass.

The altar servers were standing around, so I asked one of them, "what is a saint?" One of them said he learned about being a saint at Camp Guggenheim from Father Tom.. The thing he remembered was "that a saint wears shorts and a T-shirt, tennis shoes and eats pizza."

During my homily at the Mass, I began by turning to the servers and asking, "Jesse, what is a saint?" He remembered his definition exactly.

It is such a good response – a good way to begin to understand sanctity. A saint is an ordinary person who does ordinary things. This is important for all to understand.

Often, when we think of a saint, we think in terms of extraordinary – extraordinary abilities, extraordinary miracles. All canonized saints have accomplished such extraordinary things; that is true. However, there are innumerable



saints – never canonized, yet, truly saints. These are the T-shirt and pizza saints. They are ordinary people who know how to do ordinary things, extraordinary well. We are all called to be such saints.

We have all been saved – saved by the Lord. I remember ages ago while I was on vacation somewhere or other that one of the staff at this inn asked me, "Now, you are a priest, aren't you. How many souls did you save while you were here?"

I didn't have the time to go into a long explanation. If I had, I would have explained that I have never saved any souls. We are all saved by Jesus – Jesus saves us through his life, death and resurrection. Jesus is Our Savior.

Through our Baptism, we are

united to the Lord Jesus in a very unique way. Our sanctity actually begins at Baptism – and so today we are called to live like a saint – the saint that we are.

It all begins in the Incarnation: Jesus became one of us, like us in every way. This human race – our human race – is blessed in such a magnificent and wonderful way. We are a sacred, holy race and Jesus is one of us.

Also, one of us was chosen to be the Mother of Jesus – the Blessed Mother, Mary. So, we are truly a chosen people – Jesus was one of our race. We are a saintly people and so we must live like saints.

The prayers of our Mass often remind us of whom we are. In the First Preface of the Sundays in Ordinary Time, we pray, "For through the Paschal Mystery, he accomplished the marvelous deed, by which he has freed us from the yoke of sin and death, summoning us to the glory of being now called a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for your own posses-

sion, to proclaim everywhere your mighty works, for you have called us out of darkness into your own wonderful light."

So how do we live our sanctity? Each of us certainly has a different path, a different way. As a saint, our goal is to make this world of ours a better place.

We, as the baptized, are called to bring Jesus to our world in every simply, ordinary way that we can.

I am not talking about preaching – please we have too many preachers. What we need are more people who know how to live, who know how to live in the Spirit of Our Savior, who know how to bring peace and love to those we meet in life. Saints make our family the happiest family on the face of the earth and our community the most peaceful place on the face of this earth.

As the saints of the Lord, we can and should make our world a better place.

Can you image what this world would be like if everyone – every nation – every leader understood this?



*Served as vicar general under Bishops Loverde, Barbarito, Cunningham and LaValley*

## Funeral held Tuesday for Msgr. Robert. Lawler

OGDENSBURG — A Mass of Christian Burial for Msgr. Robert L. Lawler, 83, will be held Tuesday, Sept. 3, at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral with Bishop Terry R. LaValley presiding and priests of the diocese concelebrating.

Bishop Robert J. Cunningham will serve as the homilist.

Msgr. Lawler died Aug. 29 at St. Joseph's Home.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Waddington.

Calling hours began Sunday at St. Mary's, Waddington.

On Monday, there will be the reception of the body at St. Mary's Cathedral by Father Joseph A. Morgan, rector of the cathedral and vicar general, with calling hours from 2 p.m. to 4 and 6 p.m. to 8. Vespers will be prayed at 7:30 p.m.

Msgr. Lawler was born in Oneonta, NY, Nov. 8, 1930,

the son of the late John and Florence Rose Lawler. After graduating from Oneonta High School, he attended Holy Cross College in Massachusetts for a year and then entered Wadhams Hall Seminary in 1949.



Msgr. Robert L. Lawler, P.A.

Msgr. Lawler completed his theological studies at Theological College in Washington, D.C. and was ordained by Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg May 19, 1956 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Msgr. Lawler's first assignment was as assistant pastor at Holy Family, Watertown, when he was also appointed assistant secretary of Catholic Charities.

In 1957, he became executive secretary of Catholic Charities in Ogdensburg and worked with St. Joseph's Home.

Father Lawler was made a Papal Chamberlain in 1967

with the title of monsignor and in 1976 he was named Prelate of Honor of His Holiness.

After 30 years of service with Catholic Charities, Msgr. Lawler retired and was appointed pastor of Brownville and Dexter in 1986.

During his tenure with Catholic Charities, he served as diocesan coordinator of the Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Relief Services and health affairs. He was also appointed to numerous local and state organizations serving mental health and social welfare needs.

Msgr. Lawler was honored in 1986 with the Catholic Charities Caritas Award, given annually to an individual who exemplifies a spirit of love and charity.

In 1989, Msgr. Lawler was appointed chairman of the Diocesan Planning Committee.

In 1994, Bishop Paul S. Loverde appointed him as

vicar general for the diocese and a year later he became pastor of St. Mary's, Canton.

In 1996, Msgr. Lawler was appointed pastor of St. Mary's, Waddington and was given additional responsibilities as pastor for St. John the Baptist in Madrid in 2002.

Msgr. Lawler was named a Protonotary Apostolic June 17, 1995 the highest honor that can be given to a monsignor.

In 1999, after Bishop Loverde was named bishop of the Diocese of Arlington, Msgr. Lawler was elected diocesan administrator until Bishop Barbarito was appointed Bishop of Ogdensburg.

He was reappointed vicar general in 2000.

Msgr. Lawler was once again elected diocesan administrator in 2003 when Bishop Barbarito was appointed Bishop of Palm Beach, Fla.

With the arrival of Bishop Cunningham in 2004, Msgr.

Lawler was again named vicar general.

He also served as vicar general under Bishop LaValley until retiring from the position March 31, 2013.

In 2012, Msgr. Lawler retired as pastor of St. Mary's Waddington and St. John the Baptist, Madrid. Msgr. Lawler resided at Notre Dame Rectory during his retirement.

Msgr. Lawler was predeceased by his brothers James Lawler, M.D., and John Lawler.

He is survived by his brother Richard and Sally Lawler and two nephews, Michael and Kate Lawler their children Mark and Maggie and Patrick and Kathy Lawler and their children Brian and Nathan. Other nephews are John Adams, James Adams, Thomas and William Adams and a niece Bonnie Adams.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Nursing Home, 950 Linden Street, Ogdensburg, N.Y., 13669.

### NEW SSJ LEADERSHIP TEAM



Members of the new Leadership Team for the Sisters of St. Joseph, Watertown are, from left, Sister Marie Cordata Kelly, councilor; Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, major superior; Sister Shirley Anne Brown, assistant superior; Sister Diane Marie Ulsamer, councilor and Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, councilor. Bishop Terry R. LaValley presided over the election of the new Major Superior on May 12 with the celebration of Mass at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse. The Sisters of St. Joseph conducted their Chapter of Affairs during the month of July.

## Buses organized for diocesan Mass

Buses from across the diocese will bring participants to Lake Placid Sept. 29 for the Solemn Mass for the Year of Faith and the New Evangelization. Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, will preside at the 2:30 p.m. liturgy with Bishop LaValley and priests of the diocese concelebrating.

Bus pick-ups may be arranged from the following areas:

- Watertown Area: Contact St. Patrick's Pastoral Center office, 315-782-6086
- Ogdensburg-Heuvelton Area: Contact parish office at St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg, 315-393-3930
- Canton-Potsdam Area: Contact parish office at St. Mary's, Canton, 315-386-2543
- Brasher Falls-Brushton-Massena Area: Contact parish office at St. Patrick's, Brasher Falls, 315-389-5401
- Northern Clinton County: Contact parish office at Sacred Heart, Chazy, 518-846-7650
- Plattsburgh Area: Contact parish office at St. John's, Plattsburgh, 518-563-0730
- Malone Area: Contact Malone Catholic Parishes office at 518-483-1300
- Ticonderoga-Schroon Lake-Port Henry Area: Contact parish office at St. Mary's, Ticonderoga, 518-585-7144.
- Lewis County-Carthage: Contact parish office at St. Peter's in Lowville at 315-376-6662.



*Despite a small decline in enrollment*

# Immaculate Heart Central sees bright future

By Dave Shampine  
Staff Writer

**WATERTOWN** - A small decline in high school enrollment is anticipated this year at Immaculate Heart Central School, but that was expected by school officials, who say better days are ahead.

"We saw it coming, based on elementary school enrollment during the early years of the merger of the Catholic school system in Watertown," said Chris Hornbarger, executive system administrator.

The merger of Watertown's four parish elementary schools into a centralized system was accomplished in 2004.

A decline in enrollment should not be seen as the beginning of a break-down in the system, he said, but an anticipated challenge.

"We are in the third year of a cash surplus, while we have avoided tuition increases, added academic programs, and increased teacher salaries beyond the rate of inflation," Mr. Hornbarger said.

"We have not cut staff, and we have not cut programs," he said.

Further strengthening the school's stability has been a 22 percent increase in the school's endowment and a 16 percent increase in scholarship accounts over the last two years, he said.

During that same period, enrollment stabilized, he said.

Recent sizable estate gifts are also providing security for the future, he said.

This financial stability has arrived while IHC works on a five-year strategic plan that was enacted when "we realized we needed to build up savings to prepare for anticipated decreases in high school enrollment," Mr. Hornbarger said.

The high school enrollment last year was 296, including 40 foreign exchange students, said Lisa Parsons,



Immaculate Heart Central School in Watertown opened its doors this week with great confidence in the future. With economic stability the school is able to offer the newest technology in its programs. Above students in a high school science class use iPads to complete their work.

Junior-Senior high school principal.

"We are budgeting for the same number this year, expecting 15 to 20 within that target," she said.

The net loss of about 420 soldiers at Fort Drum may contribute to whatever decline occurs, Mr. Hornbarger said, "but we are prepared for fluctuations, which are quite normal."

## IHC elementary

Elementary enrollment is expected to fall perhaps five to ten names shy of last year's 265 pupils. Those numbers do not include seven pupils whose parents decided to opt for enrollment in the school's new "Junior Kindergarten" program, he said.

Using a New York State curriculum and the Catholic core of education, Junior K is designed to give mature 4-year-olds and "young fives" help in preparing for elementary school, Gary West, primary school principal, said.

Even with two sections, the program is nearly full, he said.

In another new development, kindergartners and first graders will be intro-

duced to Spanish. "We are probably the only school in the area offering Spanish in K and first grade," Mr. Hornbarger said.

Building at the elementary level should promote a better future for the system, he said. In recent years, the lower grades have experienced "healthy enrollment," he said. "You tend to retain those kids."

## Common Core

Mrs. Parsons said IHC is implementing the national "Common Core Standards," which features a curriculum that emphasizes reading, writing and critical thinking to better prepare students for college.

"Our students with further work will achieve proficiency and mastery levels in meeting the Common Core," she said.

Mrs. Parsons pointed to last year's Regents results: not only did 95 percent of students pass, but 54 percent achieved "mastery," scoring 85 or higher. Those results, she said, continue the school's track record of the highest standardized test scores, on average, of any schools in this area.

trators, teachers, the Sisters of St. Joseph and education council members all worked together to lay out an approach to accomplish the school's mission and vision, he said.

Part of the plan, he said, is working on a "culture of philanthropy" - talking with people to secure gifts.

"Alumni are embracing the IHC tradition ... we've made important strides," such as in bolstering fund-raising, estate gifts and major donations, Mr. Hornbarger said.

Watching the program develop has been exciting, Mr. West said.

"And what is more exciting is how it came about - from parent donations through the home-and-school club, and with huge assistance from the Sisters of St. Joseph. None of this came from the general fund."

He cited the example of 10 parents who painted the gymnasium floor, "making old buildings more current."

## Five year plan

"Value" is the cornerstone of the five-year plan, Mr. Hornbarger said.

Parents, pastors, adminis-

## What's new at IHC

### Among recent accomplishments at Immaculate Heart Central:

- Twenty smartBoards were installed in all classrooms during the summer, with advice and assistance from the Watertown City School District.
  - A grant was secured to augment the high school science curriculum in the areas of nutrition, health and wellness.
  - All high school students use Google Apps for Education, allowing students and teachers to collaborate online during and after school.
  - All elementary and high school teachers have an iPad, and the high school has a "SmartCard" of 30 iPads and additional Samsung notebook computers for teachers to use in classrooms. Teachers have been engaging in professional development to effectively use these tools.
  - Over the last two years, grants have also been secured to offer new courses in multimedia literacy, graphic design, human biology, and anatomy and physiology, as well as automate the elementary school library.
- Immaculate Heart schools this year will employ 23 teachers for Junior Kindergarten through sixth grade, and 24 for grades seven through twelve. Among those are eight new-hires:

- Samantha Rengifo, Spanish, part-time, bachelor's degree;
- Elissa Nims, junior kindergarten, master's degree;
- Taylor Dziekan, music, bachelor's degree;
- Patricia Auletta, high school English, bachelor's degree;
- Erin Miner, high school religion, bachelor's degree;
- Christine Missert, high school science, master's degree;
- Erin Mitchell, first grade, has a master's degree;
- Jenna Alteri, first grade, master's degree.

Aides are being sought for pre-school classrooms and after school care.



# Priest's goal at Fort Drum: make saints

By Dave Shampine  
Staff Writer

**FORT DRUM** - Some seven or so years ago, a diocesan priest in Ohio told his bishop that he wanted to join the army so that he could provide spiritual guidance to soldiers where they need it most – in a combat zone.

As time passed, Father Carl A. Subler got his wish. And that had him asking himself, "What was I thinking?" when he crawled in an Afghanistan poppy field while enemy firepower buzzed over his head.

Today, there are no fire-works. The private pilot and motorcycling Captain Subler is comfortably settling in as Catholic chaplain at Fort Drum, looking forward to a winter of snowmobiling in Jefferson and Lewis counties, and at Whiteface Mountain.

But his primary mission, he says, whether at Fort Drum, another army post, or when he returns to civilian life, is simply "to help my parishioners become saints."

He arrived at the 10th Mountain Division's home on July 3, succeeding Father Curtis L. Kondik. His "church" is in the North Riva Ridge Loop Chapel, where he shares a room of worship with liturgical Protestant ministers.

His congregation, the "St. Michael's Catholic Community," counts at about 225 soldiers, dependants and retired military people, as loosely observed by attendance on a recent weekend's 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday masses.

Beyond that, Capt. Subler has no way of defining his community.

There is, of course, the standard of military life ... here today and gone tomorrow ... either by transfer or by deployment.

And then, there is the off-post housing that has military families living in Antwerp, Carthage, Evans Mills, Gouverneur, Lowville, Philadelphia and Watertown, hence bringing their religious worship to churches in those respective communities.

He plans to soon learn more about his congregation by asking attendees at mass to complete a registration form.

St. Michael's has only one active associated group, the "Catholic Women of the Chapel," formerly known as the Military Council of Catholic Women. Members are wives and mothers of deployed soldiers who provide support to one another as well as do charitable work and have spiritual enrichment sessions and retreats.

He said he found the group "in tatters," and "I'm trying to get it up and running again."

"After I've gotten that off the ground, give me some more time and who knows what I'll come up with."

The Catholic Fort Drum chaplain does not answer to the Bishop of Ogdensburg, but instead to Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, based in Washington, D.C. However, in order to assist pastors in the north diocese, as he has done at



PHOTO BY DAVE SHAMPINE

Father Carl A. Subler began duties as Catholic chaplain at Fort Drum July 3. His primary mission, he said, "is to help my parishioners become saints."

the Sisters of the Precious Blood monastery, Watertown, and St. Anthony's Church, Watertown, Capt. Subler said he had to make himself known to, and seek the permission of Bishop Terry R. LaValley.

The native of Versailles, Ohio, was a military man before he was a priest, having put in four years with the navy. The bulk of that tour had him serving as a radar operations officer aboard the USS Vella Gulf, a guided mis-

sile cruiser.

Subsequent to his discharge from the Navy in 1998, he entered the seminary at the Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio, and was ordained in 2004.

His request to the Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus resulted in him being placed "on loan to the military archbishop" in 2007. He said he is among about 96 priests across the nation and abroad who are "on loan" from their

respective religious orders or dioceses.

His six years in the Army have included one year and five months of doing what he wanted to do – serving soldiers along the battle fronts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The soldiering priest expects to be at Fort Drum two or three years.

As for his tenure with the Army, "I have no goal. I don't know yet what the Lord wants me to do," Father Subler said.

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# Funeral for Atonement Sr. John Marie Kelliher held

GARRISON, NY – A Mass of Christian Burial for Atonement Sister John Marie (Elizabeth) Kelliher was held Aug. 22. She died Aug. 16 at the Lurana Health Care Residence of St. Francis Convent,

Sister John Marie was born Nov. 9, 1923 in New York City, the daughter of Elizabeth and Jeremiah Kelliher.

She is predeceased by her brother Atonement Father Jeremiah Kelliher and her sister Atonement Sister Jerome Kelliher.

She is survived by her brother John Kelliher.

Sister John Marie was an

advocate for the poor, especially the homeless. She worked with Dorothy Day on several projects in lower Manhattan and helped develop housing for the poor and employment for the lower income families on Manhattan's Lower East Side.

The Atonement Sister was an advocate for children and for the education of children. She spent many years establishing and operating Daycare Programs in Manhattan's Lower East Side.

Sister John Marie's love for her first mission in Hogansburg, was evident in the peo-

ple who came for her funeral and joined their voices in the testimonials from the people attending from Lower East Side, Manhattan and Vancouver, British Columbia.

A special Memorial Service was held in her name in Vancouver, BC., at the site where Sister John Marie walked among the sandwich, soup lines every day calling each person by name and reminding them of their dignity of being created in the image and likeness of God.

Sister John Marie never forgot her rootedness in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. She expressed many times throughout her life that she was grounded and loved by the people of Hogansburg and she loved them.

The direction she received from them is contained in Micah 6:8, "The Lord requires of you that you act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God." She is a disciple who fulfilled that command.



Sr. John Marie Kelliher, SA



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## CAR RAFFLE

Our Annual Car Raffle is underway. Tickets will be sold after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. They are also available at the rectory Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The drawing will be held after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday October 13, 2013 and the winner may choose the car or \$15,000 in cash.

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

The car this year is a 2013 Subaru Outback fully equipped from Jerry Strack of Central Garage, Lake Placid.

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## Bishop's Schedule

Sept. 5 – 10 a.m., Diocesan Department Heads Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

Sept. 7 – 4 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Church in Potsdam

6 p.m., Mass at St. Patrick's Church in Colton

Sept. 8 – 8:30 a.m., Mass at St. Patrick's Church in Colton

11 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Church in Potsdam

## 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. 4 – Rev. Walter J. Charbonneau, 1982; Msgr. Robert H. Giroux, 2000

Sept. 5 – Rev. Arthur Tardiff, O.M.I., 1961; Rev. John Sullivan M.S.C., 1962; Rev. Louis C. Gardner, 2000

Sept. 6 – Rev. James Connor, 1930

Sept. 7 – Rev. Manuel Belleville, 1964

Sept. 8 – Rev. William H. Coffey, 2000

Sept. 9 – Rev. Michael Olivetti, 1863; Rev. Thomas P. Fitzgerald, 1914; Rev. Antonio Audet, 1957

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## 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](http://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:

Sept. 7 – 10 p.m., Seton Academy, Plattsburgh

Sept. 10 – 6 p.m., Seton Academy, Plattsburgh

Sept. 10 – 6 p.m., St. Marguerite D'Youville Academy, Ogdensburg

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

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

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

## 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, 2013

Suggested Daily Practice:

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Be amazed

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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



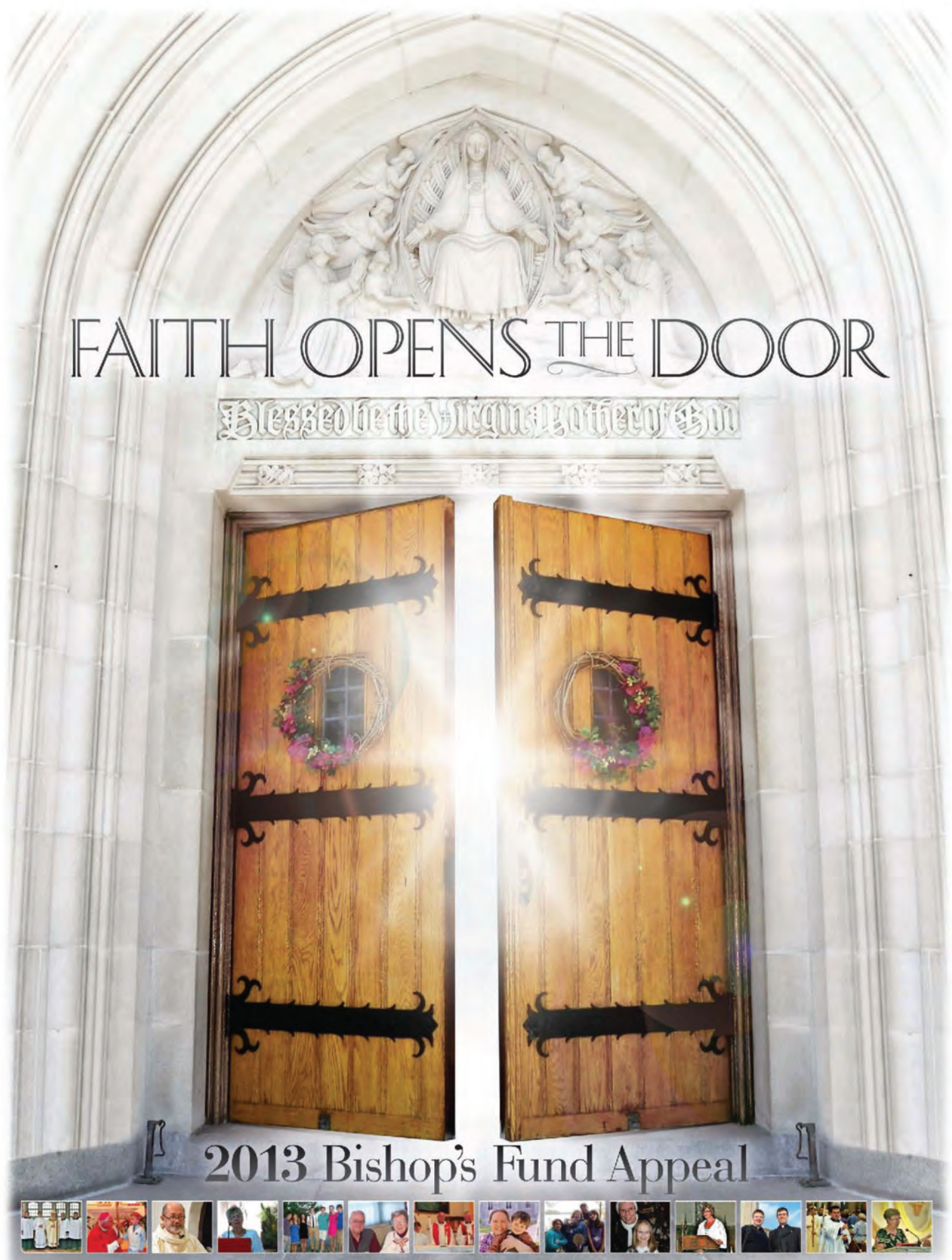
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### DIOCESAN YEAR OF FAITH MASS

**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 to attend.

**Contact:** Bus transportation from communities throughout diocese will be available; see page 3 of this week's *NCC* for contact information.

### 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](http://rcdony.org/matthew-kelly.html) or contact Marika Donders in the Office of Evangelization at 315-393-2920, ext 1380

# Augustinian Academy: 'it's life a family here'

By Dave Shampine  
Staff Writer

**CARTHAGE** - A tradition dating back to 1885, when the Sisters of St. Joseph opened the doors of Augustinian Academy to young people in Carthage, will be continued this week when at least 171 pupils come to feast on learning at the pre-kindergarten to eighth-grade facility.

### Carthage Catholic school opens the year with 171 students in grades pre-k through eight

The grace of God and a lot of friends are keeping the school's doors open, says the principal and lone nun on the faculty, Sister Annunciata Collins.

"We are hanging in there by the grace of our good God and the generosity of our parents, parishioners, alumni and friends," she told the *North Country Catholic*.

Among those friends are two Fort Drum women, Michelle A. Morgan and Amanda K. Briggs, who serve as co-presidents of the St. Joseph's Volunteer Organization.

Sister Annunciata said they, joined by more than 100 families who are involved in the school, have brought in many ideas, such as family fun nights and family movie nights.

"They have supported us with Catholic School week activities, Mardi Gras, and children's games at the parish fair," Sister Annunciata said. "They are very efficient wonderful workers."

Both women cited their desire to be involved in their children's activities as their main reason for participating in school events.

Michelle and Ryan Morgan have a son and two daughters in eighth, fifth and first grades, respectively. The Morgans arrived at Fort



Two Fort Drum women, Amanda Briggs and Michelle Morgan, serve as co-presidents of the St. Joseph's Volunteer Organization at Carthage Augustinian Academy. Mrs. Morgan said, "I enjoy being involved in the community and in what my children are doing. It's like a family here. We have a wonderful community here, working all together. It is a wonderful experience."

Drum about four years ago, and Mrs. Morgan wasted no time in making her presence felt at CAA.

"I enjoy being involved in the community and in what my children are doing," she said. "It's like a family here. We have a wonderful community here, working all together. It is a wonderful experience."

Amanda and Jeremy Briggs have been at Fort Drum about three years, although they make their home in Carthage. They have two sons, fifth and first graders.

An Army wife for 14 years, Mrs. Briggs said CAA "is the best school we have seen. It makes us feel at home."

Because of the military

family presence, and hence the inevitability of transfers and deployments, the school's enrollment is subject to fluctuation.

Opening day attendance last September was 183, but the count was lower, at 168, when school let out in June.

"Our average is 160," Sister Annunciata said.

The school has ten full-time faculty members and four part-timers. Newcomers to the group this year are Mrs. Karen Corey, pre-K; Mrs. Gina Rios, fourth grade, and Ms. Susan Tavernier, second grade. All have master's degrees and have teaching experience.

The high school at Augustinian Academy was closed in June 1972.

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Children from St. John the Baptist, St. Peter's, Our Lady of Victory and St. Mary's of the Lake parishes in Plattsburgh as well as St. Joseph's in West Chazy took part in Vacation Bible School during the second week of August. St. Joseph Sister Helen Hermann, left, principal of Seton Academy, has been a VBS volunteer since the program started several years ago.

## Parishes collaborate on Vacation Bible School

By Mary Skillan  
DRE, Roman Catholic Church of  
St. John the Baptist, Plattsburgh

**PLATTSBURGH**-The middle of August usually finds most summer camps and family vacations over. However, there are still at least three weeks before school starts—so what is a kid to do besides school shop?

Seven years ago the Catholic parishes in Plattsburgh came up with a solution—organize a Vacation Bible School program that would run the second full week of August.

The Directors of Religious Education of St. John the Baptist, St. Peter's, Our Lady of Victory and St. Mary's of the Lake came together to collaborate on and host a free VBS program.

Planning usually begins in the late winter/early spring as the DRE's or a representative from the sponsoring parishes come together to begin discussing and choosing a program for the upcoming summer.

Each year one of the sponsoring parishes hosts VBS, so the site changes yearly. Throughout the spring and early summer planning continues, supplies ordered, volunteers are recruited and trained.

Collaboration has allowed campers to attend free of charge. Each sponsoring parish supports the program with a nominal amount of money and additional donations are sought from Altar Rosary Societies, parish men's clubs, and Knights of Columbus councils. Donations have also been obtained from Wal-Mart, Target and the local Friehofer's Outlet.

VBS has been blessed with volunteers (both young people and adults) willing to share of their time and talents. Some like St. Joseph Sister Helen Hermann have been involved since the beginning. Many of our young volunteers began as campers themselves and then became volunteers when they became old enough.

VBS runs Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 12 noon. Campers pray, play, sing, do crafts, eat yummy snacks all while learning about their faith. Campers are also given items to take home such items as saint's cards, group photos or CDs with the songs they learned during the week. As the Feast of the Assumption occurs during VBS week the campers will attend Mass together that day and provide music for the Mass.

As parishes have merged, sponsoring parishes dwindle



Father Bernie Menard, left, of St. Peter's Parish, joins in the fun.

dled by one in 2012. This year the collaboration expanded beyond the city and town of Plattsburgh when Saint Joseph's in West Chazy came on board as a sponsoring parish.

By the end of VBS week both campers and volunteers are a bit tired, but very happy and plans are made by both campers and volunteers to return next year.

Songs will continue to be sung long after camp has ended and memories discussed most importantly both volunteers and campers alike walk away knowing more about and on fire for their faith.

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## WASHINGTON LETTER

# Pro-lifers encouraged by legislative successes

By Zoey Di Mauro  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) --With the recent success of abortion-related legislation at the state and federal levels, is the end in sight for pro-life supporters?

The country watched as Democratic State Sen. Wendy Davis of Fort Worth filibustered against a bill to toughen abortion regulations, only to have it passed later in a second special session and signed into law by Gov. Rick Perry.

In North Carolina, Republican Gov. Pat McCrory signed a law that tightens regulations on the state's 16 abortion clinics, bans abortions based on the child's gender, and expands conscience protections for health care providers.

It takes effect Oct. 1.

In Virginia, the busiest abortion clinic in the state was forced to close because of safety regulations recently passed by the General Assembly.

"With the single exception of Oregon, every state has enacted some restriction on abortion," said Chris Thompson, a lawyer with Alliance Defending Freedom, a Christian legal organization based in Arizona focused on religious freedom, same-sex marriage and pro-life issues.

This summer on Capitol Hill, the House passed the Pain Capable Unborn Protection Act to prohibit abortion nationwide after 20 weeks of gestation, approximately the stage at which scientists say unborn babies are capable of feeling pain.

Supporters called it "the most important pro-life bill to be considered in the last 10 years."

It is unlikely to be passed by the Senate, but supporters still claimed the House vote as a victory.

Despite pro-life successes in state legislatures, judges have blocked enforcement



CNS PHOTO/REUTERS

Catholics pray outside the state Capitol in Austin this summer as Texas legislators considered measures restricting abortion. The law prohibiting abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy was signed by Gov. Rick Perry July 17.

of some of the laws pending the outcome of court challenges to their constitutionality.

On July 22, a federal judge in North Dakota judge enjoined a new law to ban abortion after the detection of a fetal heartbeat, which could be as early as six weeks.

In Wisconsin, a law requiring that abortion doctors have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital and that women see an ultrasound before having an abortion was blocked by a judge while a legal challenge by Planned Parenthood makes its way through the courts.

A similar law was blocked in Alabama July 23.

Though the Supreme Court's decision in *Casey v. Planned Parenthood* permitted reasonable limitations on abortions, supporters of legal abortion say the recent legislation oversteps *Casey's* boundaries.

But according to recent polling, a majority of Americans support some restrictions on abortion, especially

late-term abortion.

Fifty-nine percent of Americans said they would support a federal law banning abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy, according to results of a HuffPost/YouGov poll released in July.

But the poll also shows many Americans remain conflicted in their views.

A study released Aug. 15 by the Pew Research Center's Religion & Public Life Project showed 49 percent of Americans consider it morally wrong to have an abortion.

Dr. Marcella Colbert, a physician and director of the Respect Life Office for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, said laws in Texas and other states to strengthen abortion regulations are "pro-woman."

"This is putting in basic standards of medical practice," she said. Colbert said injury or death from botched abortions are not unheard of and might be avoided by more stringent safety regulations and over-

moral views, provide contraceptive coverage for their employees.

Thompson said there's an important clash between religious liberty and the Affordable Care Act. Movements by some states to defund Planned Parenthood or to prohibit late-term abortions could also come before the Supreme Court.

"If the 5th Circuit (Court of Appeals) upholds Texas' version of the (20-week) law after the 9th Circuit struck down Arizona's version, the entry of the Supreme Court to settle the debate may be likely," said Thompson, and could lead the court to revisit *Roe*.

Justice Antonin Scalia in a wide-ranging interview about the court in 2012 said abortion should be left to lawmakers, not judges.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a supporter of keeping abortion legal, commented in two interviews that she remains hesitant about the scope of *Roe*, saying it went "too far, too fast."

Bonk, in Raleigh, is engaged in both activism and outreach to those affected by abortion.

"This battle is not going to be overcome with assault and hammers but with love and compassion. We really have to suffer and walk with our brothers and sisters," she said.

"We're called to live our faith in the public square and to bring Christ's love and mercy and healing to one another," she added.

"It is terrible suffering that results from this," said Colbert, who also works in the post-abortive healing ministry in her diocese. "We have to start living personal lives in relationship (to achieve) a real conversion of heart."

Said Thompson, "There is reason for optimism both on the way the court will rule, and the likelihood that the right cases will come before it."

sight.

"If we're going to have (abortion), at least we should have it in a way that does not directly affect the physical health of the mother," she said.

"Why someone would oppose legislation that actually gives women more information to make a very difficult decision and improves safety standards" is confusing, said Jackie Bonk, director of the pro-life office for the Diocese of Raleigh, N.C.

SI just don't see how anybody can object to that."

While they are disappointed by legal challenges, supporters of the bills say they hope they end up at the Supreme Court, where perhaps the justices will reconsider *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 decision that legalized abortion on demand in the U.S.

Challenges could come from different types of litigation -- including challenges to the federal requirement that employers, regardless of their



# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Pope, Jordanian king say dialogue is only hope for peace in Syria

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Dialogue and negotiations are "the only option for putting an end to the conflict and violence" in Syria, said Pope Francis and Jordan's King Abdullah II. As Western leaders expressed strong convictions that the Syrian government carried out a chemical weapons attack against its own citizens and vowed to take action, Pope Francis met at the Vatican Aug. 29 with King Abdullah and Queen Rania. Jordan borders Syria and hosts hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees who have fled the fighting that began in March 2011 in an attempt to oust President Bashar Assad. The king and queen's meeting with Pope Francis, who technically was still on vacation, was arranged hastily after tensions grew in the Middle East over the reported atrocities in Syria and the unrest in Egypt. In a statement issued after the meeting, the Vatican said that the pope and king "reaffirmed that the path of dialogue and negotiation is the only option for putting an end to the conflict and violence that each day cause the loss of many human lives, especially among the unarmed population."

## 50 years later, speakers say some things better, but challenges remain

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The setting was the same and some of the issues of the 1963 March on Washington remain, but in many respects, the 50th anniversary observance at the Lincoln Memorial Aug. 28 showed the progress of the nation in the intervening years. For instance, the speaker who concluded the program of politicians, celebrities, preachers and performers this time also was African-American, President Barack Obama, the first of his heritage to be elected U.S. president. His address, among the longest of the more than 50 speakers who took the stage, recalled that on that day in 1963 the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., "offered a salvation path for oppressed and oppressors alike. His words belong to the ages, possessing a power and prophecy unmatched in our time. But, Obama added, the day also belonged to "ordinary people whose names never appeared in the history books, never got on TV. Many had gone to segregated schools and sat at segregated lunch counters. They lived in towns where they couldn't vote and cities where their votes didn't matter. They were couples in love who couldn't marry, soldiers who fought for freedom abroad that they found denied to them at home. They had seen loved ones beaten, and children fire-hosed, and they had every reason to lash out in anger, or resign themselves to a bitter fate."

## Pope says Christians should have restless hearts like St. Augustine's

ROME (CNS) -- St. Augustine famously said that people's hearts are restless until they rest in God, but too many people, Pope Francis said, have allowed their hearts to be "anesthetized" and no longer search for God and for love. Celebrating the saint's feast day Aug. 28 with members of the Order of St. Augustine, Pope Francis prayed that they would always be restless in their search for God, their desire to share the Gospel and their drive to demonstrate their love for everyone they meet. Although the Vatican described the liturgy as a "private" Mass with members of the Augustinian fathers' general chapter, hundreds of people gathered outside Rome's Basilica of St. Augustine to get a glimpse of the pope and shake his hand. The pope obliged before entering the church. Ninety members of the order, founded in 1244, were gathered in the basilica to open their order's general chapter and elect a successor to U.S. Father Robert Prevost, who has completed two six-year terms and is ineligible to serve again.

# Pope to youth: ward off harmful culture with truth, beauty, good

By Carol Glatz  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Fight off a drug- and alcohol-pushing culture and other hazardous trends sweeping across today's world, Pope Francis told young people.

"In life, there will always be people who will make you offers to slow or impede you on your way. Please, go against the current. Be courageous," he said.

He also asked for prayers for his ministry "because this work is unhealthy, it's not good for you," he said with a laugh.

The pope made his comments during a meeting in St. Peter's Basilica Aug. 28 with some 500 young people from the northern Italian diocese of Piacenza-Bobbio. They were in Rome as part of a Year of Faith pilgrimage with their bishop.

In unscripted remarks, the pope said he loved being with young people because they always carry and share the joy and hope in their hearts.

If older adults complain about how miserable things are in life and that nothing can be done about it, the pope said he just reminds them that something can be done and an individual can actually do a lot.

However, if a young person shows similar pessimism, "I send him to a psychiatrist" because it's incomprehensible when a young person doesn't want to conquer the world, "do something great and bet on big, great ideals for the future."

"You are the makers, the craftsmen of the future," he said.

Young people need to follow and build on the desire



CNS PHOTO/L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO

Pope Francis poses with youths during a meeting with young people from the northern Italian diocese of Piacenza-Bobbio in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Aug. 28.

they carry in their hearts: their love of and quest for beauty, goodness and truth, he said.

Pope Francis cautioned them against being too lazy or sad and melancholy.

"This is the challenge, your challenge," because a sad or lazy young person "is an awful thing," he said, and it will distort or take away the beauty, goodness and truth that person should be looking for.

If people say they already know the truth and don't need to go looking for it, the pope said he tells them they are mistaken "because the truth cannot be had, we don't carry it, it's encountered. It's an encounter with the truth, who is God, but it's necessary to go looking for it."

He urged his audience to go out and "make noise" because "where there are young people there must be noise."

Be courageous, he said, and when people say "'have a little alcohol, take a bit of drugs.' No. Go against this

civilization that is causing us so much harm."

Going against the current, he said, means making noise with the virtues of beauty, goodness and truth.

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## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# Shrinking to the size of children

As we read today's Scriptures, we shrink to the size of children.

The first reading from the book of Wisdom reminds us how unsure we are in our plans and judgments.

It is only with the help of God's spirit that the paths of those on Earth are made straight.

How fitting that today's responsorial psalm



Monsignor  
Paul E.  
Whitmore

cries out "teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart."

By the time we hear the words of today's gospel, we feel even more powerless as Jesus asks of his disciples if they really know the cost of following Him - the cost of discipleship.

Most of us know very well that the Christian

journey is a daily struggle. There are so many days when we take one step forward and two steps backward!

How difficult it seems to love God more than our father or mother or wife or children - or even our own very lives.

Jesus asks us to evaluate ourselves. How good are we at planning?

He mentions that no person of common sense would ever build a tower without first sitting down

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Wisdom 9:13-18b

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Luke 14:25-33

enough grace to keep us faithful to the end? I know I don't at this moment.

But God only asks that we take "one day at a time" — and remember to pray that beautiful prayer: *Lord, for tomorrow and its needs, I do not pray...keep me, guide me, love me, Lord, just for today?*

On the road to being a perfect disciple, I'll just have to take one day at a time. If I try to love Him a little bit more each day, then I'll make it to the end.

and checking to see if he can afford it, and if he has materials enough to finish it before he begins!

In terms of the spiritual life, do we have enough love, enough courage and

## OUR READERS WRITE

## September beginnings: think small, just begin

By Eunice Trombley

Member, Faith and Ecology group, Lake Clear

Pope Francis is urging all of us to be care-givers of God's creation. He specifically reminds us to cultivate the habit of responsibly utilizing the resources we have, always being mindful of those who are wanting.

My mother use to say "waste not, want not." Today's environmental motto is "reduce, reuse, and recycle." However we see it, "waste-not" is a habit we all can cultivate with a little effort and a lot of mindfulness that we are all on this

Earth together with similar needs and limited resources.

### To be care-givers of God's creation

Environmental concerns can be such an overwhelming topic that can be paralyzing to many of us who are so busy with raising a family, working, or even those of us who are retired yet still finding it difficult to find time to fit in everything we want to do.

When I see something I want to learn or do as overwhelming, I try to remem-

ber to just start — anywhere, just start! The key is to start small: maybe just start with an attitude change; or just start by recycling paper, bottles, batteries, etc.; or just start by driving a little less, car pooling whenever possible, or turning off lights; or just start by reading one article a week on the environmental crisis.

Just start somewhere.

It seems that September and January have built in motivators to begin or renew a practice that is healthy or beneficial in some way. In January we call it a resolution. In September we see it as just plain getting started.

I would like to urge people of faith to consider starting an Environmental Ministry at their local

Church.

Wait a minute, I thought we were talking about "baby steps", thinking small?

Well, think of it this way, start with you, your spouse or friend, and possibly two other interested people and begin by meeting for an hour after Mass on a particular Sunday every month and publicize it in the bulletin or ask your pastor to help you "spread the word."

Just get together, offer a prayer for guidance, and just talk. That was how the ministry got started at St. Peter's in Plattsburgh some seven years ago. Share your concerns or any insights you have and see what becomes of it. Be faithful to the monthly commitment and perhaps start with a small project e.g. locate a redemption center in your

area that will take used batteries of all sizes and set up collection boxes at your church entrances; or set up a "Share the Bounty" table in your Church lobby and ask people to share extra produce from their gardens; or ask your pastor if you can include a "Green Corner" in your weekly bulletin which could enlighten and encourage parishioners to live a little "greener".

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The idea is to think small but just begin. We have only one planet to share among ourselves and to protect for our children and their children.

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## AT THE MOVIES

# THE MORTAL INSTRUMENTS: CITY OF BONES

By John Mulderig  
Catholic News Service

Director Harald Zwart's derivative fantasy adventure "The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones" (Screen Gems) is clearly aimed at a youthful, primarily feminine, audience of teens and tweens.

Given the inappropriate thematic territory into which this adaptation of the first in a series of best-sellers by Cassandra Clare strays, however --not to mention a higher volume of mayhem than is usual for the genre -- many parents will find the film completely unsuitable for youngsters.

That's not because the mythos behind the picture places its heroine - Brooklyn-reared teen Clarissa "Clary" Fray (Lily Collins) - anywhere other than on the side of goodness. Indeed, in

the wake of her mother Jocelyn's (Lena Headey) mysterious disappearance amid violent circumstances, Clary discovers that she is part of a race of half-human, half-angel warriors called Shadohunters whose primary aim in life is to defeat demons.

So far so good, though the fact that this revelation comes about partly via a reading of tarot cards by Clary's spooky downstairs neighbor Madame Dorothea (CCH Pounder) may not sit well with some. Nor is there much to object to in the overall trajectory of the quest that the confused but valiant Clary subsequently undertakes.

Aided by her strictly human best friend, Simon (Robert Sheehan), and by three newfound allies of her own kind -- Jace (Jamie Campbell Bower), Isabelle (Jemima West) and Isabelle's brother Alec (Kevin Zegers) -

- Clary sets off in pursuit of the Mortal Cup, a powerful Grail-like vessel that Jocelyn had been secretly guarding for years. For reasons too elaborate (or tenuous) to be detailed here, Clary hopes recovery of the Mortal Cup will lead to a reunion with Mom.

The search that ensues joins a Dan Brown-style hidden history premise to sets out of Harry Potter and a "Twilight"-like, eenie-meenie love dilemma pitting reliable but dull Simon against glamorous but touchy Jace in a struggle for Clary's heart.

All of which could easily be overlooked were it not for some of the milestones along the way.

The film contains constant intense but mostly bloodless violence, a potentially confusing treatment of religion, occult and other mature themes, including homosexuality and incest, a



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Jemima West, Robert Sheehan and Lily Collins star in a scene from the movie "The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones."

transvestite character and at least one use of profanity.

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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## CLINTON

## HARVEST DINNER

**Altona** – Harvest Dinner to be held to benefit St. Louis of France Parish, Sciota.

**Date:** Sept. 8

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Place:** Holy Angels Hall

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

**Features:** Roast pork, beef, raffle, country store. Take-outs available; Craft tables available by calling 236-5848.

## 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 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.

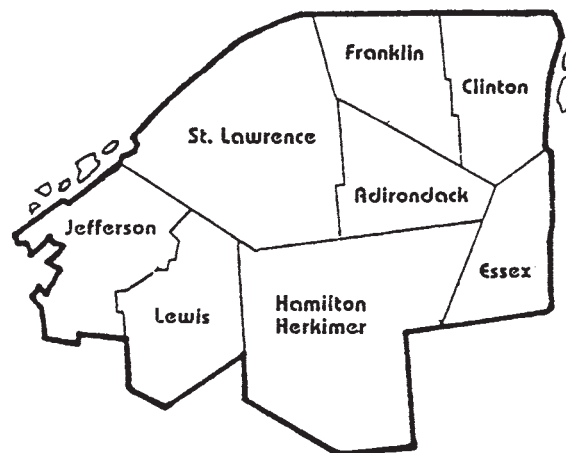
**Date:** Sept. 19

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

**Place:** K of C Hall

**Cost:** \$10

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



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Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:

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

## FRANKLIN

## 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.

**Menu:** spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, rolls, dessert and drink.

## JEFFERSON

## 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](http://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.

## LEWIS

## LEWIS EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Lowville** – Eucharistic Adoration to be held.

**Date:** Sept. 5

**Time:** 3 p.m. to 6

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

**Features:** To thank God for and to honor the Most Blessed Sacrament, all are welcomed to worship The Exposition, The Divine Mercy Chaplet, Silent Adoration, The Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, and Benediction.

## 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

## 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.

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

## 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

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**Contact:** Fr. Robinson at 315-782-1190 or e-mail [donrob4@twcnr.com](mailto:donrob4@twcnr.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@twcnr.com](mailto:fraamyot2@twcnr.com)

## 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.

**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. For your safety and comfort hiking clothes and shoes/boots are recommended.

**Contact:** For additional information, contact Sr. Bethany [srbeth@cit-tele.com](mailto:srbeth@cit-tele.com) or 315-212-6592.





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# 'Open the Door of Faith'

## Through the Missionary Childhood Association

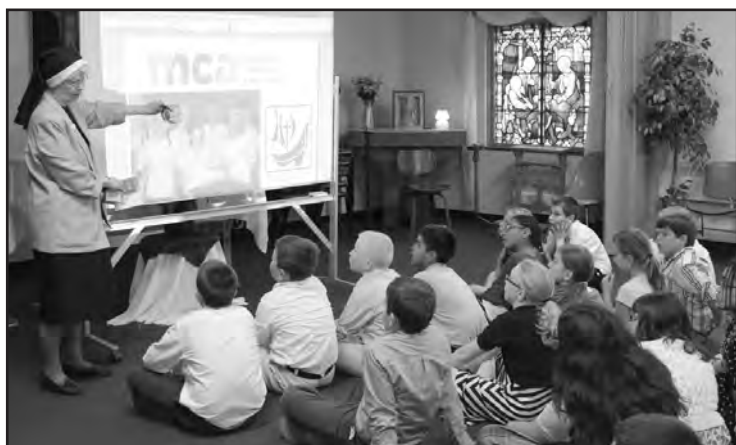
From the Director's Desk,  
Sister Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ,  
Diocesan Mission Director

Welcome to the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) for this new academic year! This year, we celebrate the 170th anniversary of the founding of MCA by Bishop Charles de Forbin-Janson.

After visiting as a missionary to the United States – yes, we were mission territory then! He returned to his native France, inspired by what he saw and determined to help, especially the young church's efforts for children. After speaking with his friend, Pauline Jaricot, foundress of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Bishop Forbin-Janson decided to do as she did, but gathering children together to pray and sacrifice for the Missions of the Church. And so, MCA was born!

Today, MCA continues to follow the vision of Bishop Forbin-Janson – "children helping children".

After learning about the great needs of the world's poorest children through Catholic Schools and Parish Religious Education programs, young people and their families are invited to pray and offer financial help so that children in the Missions today may know Christ and experience His love and care.



Students in Immaculate Heart Central Elementary School, Watertown, see students in Philadelphia, PA telling their stories of sacrificing money for children around the world in a presentation by St. Joseph Sister Mary Ellen Brett, director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will.  
[www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice](http://www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice)

## OBITUARIES

**Altona** – Wayne R. Lafountain, 65; Funeral Services Aug. 28, 2013 at Holy Angels Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Altona** – Dwight J. Smart, 48; Funeral Services Sept. 14, 2013 at Holy Angel's Church; burial in Holy Angel's Cemetery.

**Black River** – Herbert L. Greene, 90; Funeral Aug. 29, 2013 at St. Paul's Church burial in Black River Cemetery.

**Cadyville** – Elizabeth "Liz" (Devan) Connor, 85; Funeral Services Aug. 30, 2013 at St. James Church; burial in Whispering Maples Mausoleum, Plattsburgh.

**Canton** – Lisa D. (Arcand) Hoy, 45; Funeral Aug. 27, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Chateaugay** – Ambrose David Healey, 90; Funeral Services Aug. 26, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in North Burke Cemetery, Burke.

**Clayton** – Helen Leavery Hungerford, 88; Funeral Sept. 6, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Clayton Cemetery.

**Croghan** – Erin Marie Buckingham, 33; Funeral Services Aug. 29, 2013 at Scanlon Funeral Home; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery, Croghan.

**Dannemora** – Arthur Tacy, 98; Funeral Services Aug. 29, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Gouverneur** – Herbert W. Marsh, 66; Funeral Services Aug. 29, 2013 at St. James Church; burial in the New St. James Cemetery.

**Gouverneur** – James D. O'Shaugnessy, 88; Funeral Services Aug. 24, 2013 at St. James Church; burial in the New St. James Cemetery.

**Gouverneur** – Geraldine Mae "Gerry" (Johnson) Trickey, 80; Funeral Services Aug. 26, 2013 at St. James Church.

**Lyon Mountain** – Eileen G. (Grogan) Kaska, 94; Funeral Services Aug. 28, 2013 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

**Malone** – Lorraine E. (Ashlaw) McCabe, 78; Funeral Services Aug. 23, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**Massena** – Laretta M. (Boyce) Taillon, 98; Funeral Aug. 24, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Moers Forks** – Edward J. Raymond, 60; Funeral Services Aug. 24, 2013 at St. Ann's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Morrisonville** – Lyman "Buck" George Bezio, 77; Funeral Services Aug. 26, 2013 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery, Plattsburgh.

**Newcomb** – James Joseph Buckley, 59; Funeral Services Aug. 24 at St. Therese Church; burial in St. Therese Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – Robert A. Beebie, 77; Funeral Services Aug. 23, 2013 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – Richard "Ricky" E. Hargrave, 56; Funeral Services Aug. 28, 2013 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in the White Church Cemetery, Lisbon.

**Ogdensburg** – Margaret (Farrand) Moran, 94; Funeral Services Aug. 27, 2013 at Notre Dame Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Peru** – Roger A. Wright, 92; Funeral Services Aug. 23, 2013 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Ronald J. Duell Jr., 45; Funeral Services Aug. 29, 2013 at St. Peter's Church.

**Plattsburgh** – Elizabeth A. "Betty" (Cote) Seymour, 76; Funeral Services Aug. 24,

2013 at St. John's Church; burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

**Port Henry** – Frances J. (Dembrosky) Deresky, 93; Funeral Services Aug. 30, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Moriah.

**Potsdam** – Margaret M. (Plotner) Bradshaw, 87; Funeral Services Aug. 23, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Star Lake** – Patrick R. McKenney, 60; Funeral Services Aug. 24, 2013 at the French Funeral Home.

**Ticonderoga** – Emma Elizabeth (Joergens) DeFranco, 94; Funeral Services Aug. 30, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in the Valley View Cemetery.

**Tupper Lake** – Rita Blanche (Poirier) Chiasson, 99; Funeral Services Aug. 23, 2013 at St. Alphonsus Church.

**Tupper Lake** – Simone E. (LaFrance) LaBarge, 87; Funeral Services Aug. 26, 2013 at Holy Name Church.

**Watertown** – Robert J. Lydon, 98; Funeral Services Aug. 27, 2013 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Westport** – Howard Allen Shambo, 54; Funeral Services Aug. 24, 2013 at St. Philip of Jesus Church.

**Westville** – Donald W. Stone, 83; Funeral Services Aug. 28, 2013 at Our Lady of Fatima Church; burial in St. John Bosco Cemetery, Malone.

### St. Jude Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored and glorified throughout the whole world, forever and ever, Amen. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude helper of the homeless, pray for us. Say prayer 9 times a day for 9 days.

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# FACES OF FAITH

Scenes from summer in God's Country



Camp Guggenheim celebrated its annual Service Day for the sixth week campers Aug. 6. Service Day gives an opportunity for the 16-18 year old campers to go out into the community and give back. One service location was a car wash where 15 of the campers washed cars as they passed through Saranac Lake. The money raised through this project went to Trinity's Angels at Work, a student led service group out of Trinity Catholic School in Massena which raises funds to help families in need. Pictured, from left are Jonny McBride, Jack Wall, Devin Gosselin, Maeve McCullouch, Ellen Miner, Taylor Santabarbara, Gina Fiorile, Esther Seacord, Jon Willman, Dylan Ellingsworth, Elizabeth Bruins, Stefan Fryer, Laura Miller, Taylor Dawley and Cole Phillips.



PHOTO BY KEVIN MASTELLON

The candidates preparing for ordination as permanent deacons in the Diocese of Ogdensburg attended their final retreat as candidates July 28 to Aug. 1 at Wadhams Hall. They were led in prayer and meditation by Franciscan Father Simeon Gallagher from Denver, Colorado. The 13 candidates are now eligible to petition Bishop Terry LaValley for his permission to be "called to orders." The ordination ceremony is scheduled for Oct. 5 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.



Patricia Urbinelli, a postulant of the Sisters of St. Joseph; and Sister Suanne Marie Johnson, a novice, each received a grant of \$500 from the Knights of Columbus Council #350 in Clayton. The purpose of the grant is to support the education and formation of the Sisters before they profess their final vows. From left are St. Joseph Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, superior general, Ms. Urbinelli, Sister Suanne Marie and George Hinerth of the Clayton K of C Council who presented the grant. "We are deeply grateful for the support of the Knights of Columbus of our diocese for their generous support to our seminarians and consecrated religious in their formative years," Sister Eamon said.



PHOTO BY KEVIN MASTELLON

The Church of the Holy Family in Watertown was host this year to the annual Vacation Bible School sponsored by the Watertown parishes. Holy Family Pastoral Associate Patrick Bates reviews the previous day's lesson with some of the 50 children who participated. The theme of this year's had a cowpoke feel to it, "Son West Round-up." The week-long school ran the first week of August.