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Pope: families need celebrations

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Families need moments of rest and celebration, time for standing back and recognizing the gifts of God, Pope Francis said.

Celebrations are times "to enjoy that which cannot be produced or consumed, that cannot be bought or sold," the pope said Aug. 12 at his weekly general audience.

Continuing his series of talks about the family in anticipation of the September celebration of the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia and the world Synod of Bishops on the family in October, Pope Francis said he would be looking at "the rhythm of family life," focusing first on celebra-

tions, then on work and on prayer.

"Celebrations are God's invention," he said, pointing to the description in the Book of Genesis of how, after creating the world, God took a day of rest and contemplated all he had created. Life becomes truly human when people take the time to do

the same, the pope said.

"A celebration is above all a loving and grateful gaze at work done well," whether it's a wedding celebration of a relationship that has matured or birthdays and graduations when people "look at their children or grandchildren who are growing and think, 'How beautiful.'"

BL. JUNIPERO SERRA

To be made a saint in Sept.



CNS PHOTO/NANCY WIECHEC
Blessed Junipero Serra is depicted with a California Indian in a painting at Mission San Fernando Rey de Espana in Mission Hills, Calif. The canonization of Blessed Junipero Serra, set for Sept. 23, honors a famous missionary who was motivated by love of God, but it also is a call to recognize how the process of evangelization must respect peoples and their cultures, said the head of the Franciscan order. Father Michael Perry, minister general of the Order of Friars Minor, will be present in Washington, D.C., when Pope Francis canonizes Blessed Serra, the 18th-century Franciscan missionary who founded the string of famous California missions.

'Back to school' time approaching

The bishop, superintendent of schools and director of evangelization share messages as young people prepare to begin another academic year.

Bishop LaValley said, "As the new school year begins, I encourage us all to create a new attitude, expend renewed energy and resolve to allow Jesus more space in our lives so that we might be effective instruments of His love in our communities, embracing the newness and not letting the possibilities pass us by."

"Have a great school year, everybody," the bishop said.

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NCC summer schedule

The bi-weekly summer publication schedule of the *North Country Catholic* continues; the next

issue will be dated Sept. 2

FROM MASSENA TO ECUADOR



Young people in the Confirmation program at the Church of the Sacred Heart and St. Lawrence in Massena took on a project to support the Working Family Center in Quito, Ecuador. Sister Cindy Sullivan, who works at the center accepted a \$3000 check from the students during her July 26 visit to the parish. Sister Cindy, the daughter of Bert and Mary Sullivan, members of Sacred Heart/St. Lawrence parish, grew up in Massena and has been serving in the ministry in Ecuador for over 40 years. Pictured are Father Donald Manfred, pastor; Sister Cindy and members of the 2015 Confirmation class, Kristen Page, Kitty Samuel and Grace Furnace.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Back to school marred by a bit of grey

Back to school time always fills me with nostalgia as I remember my own first day jitters/excitement and similar mixed emotions as we sent three children back to their classrooms.

This year, though there's a layer of sadness as a bit of news is starting to make its way through the city of Ogdensburg.

Our beloved Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart will be leaving the diocese.

The three sisters still here – Sisters Rita Frances Brady, Mary Teresa LaBrake and Joan

McElwain – will be moving to Philadelphia by October.



Mary Lou
Kilian

The Grey Nuns began their service to Catholic education in Ogdensburg in 1866, more than 50 years before the American branch of the Grey Nuns of Otawa was founded.

One hundred years after their arrival – when my brothers, sisters, dozens of cousins and I were students at Bishop Conroy Memorial School and St. Mary's Academy - Grey

Nuns taught in nearly every classroom.

Their distinctive grey habits

could also be seen at Hepburn Hospital, St. Mary's School in Potsdam and St. Joseph Nursing Home in Ogdensburg.

Through the years, the Grey Nuns had also staffed the Ogdensburg City Hospital and Orphan Asylum, St. John's Hospital in Ogdensburg, and the Champlain Valley Hospital in Plattsburgh.

Sister Rita Frances is celebrating her 60th jubilee this year with 44 of those years given in service to the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Most recently, the Madrid native has been the librarian at Holy Family School in Malone.

Sister Teresa, a Lisbon native, has been a constant presence

at St. Mary's Cathedral in recent years, serving as the pastoral associate and now a parish volunteer.

And Sister Joan, who grew up in North Bangor, will be sorely missed by the staff and ER patients at Claxton Hepburn Medical Center where she works as a physician's assistant.

The *North Country Catholic* will bid a proper farewell to the Grey Nuns in an upcoming issue but, for me, back to school time will always bring back memories of Sister St. Thomas, Sister Mary Henrietta, Sister Mary Elizabeth, Sister Mary Charles, Sister Mary Maurice and the rest. The time seems right for a first goodbye.

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Looking forward to the visit of the pope

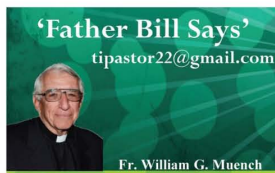
I am already excited looking forward to Pope Francis' visit to the United States in September; it will be quite an event.

I have noticed that the pope will be visiting Washington, D.C. and he will be speaking to the United States Congress. I am looking forward to that talk. Pope Francis will also be visiting and celebrating Mass in New York City and Philadelphia. Pope Francis is coming with a message for all the Catholics of this country. May we all listen and understand. I am certain that other Americans will be listening also.

I would love to have a conversation with Pope Francis before his visit as I have a few suggestions for him. I pray he continues to be bold – as bold as he has always been in his talks and writings since he became Pope. He is also a man of surprises. May he have many surprises for us during this visit.

I have discovered Pope Francis to be a pope of compassion, mercy and wisdom – from the first day of his election – truly holy in the Holy Spirit.

Do you remember the evening his election was announced from the alcove of St. Peter's Basilica? He began by asking us to pray over him and



Fr. William G. Muench

bless him before he gave his benediction. It was a moment of silence that I will never forget. His deep faith was truly evident.

We have witnessed Pope Francis' readiness to live simply, his concern for the poor and his messages of mercy and hope to all, Catholics. We have all discovered a Pope with vision, a leader who speaks with boldness and a constant and deep care of the needy and poor. I have been reading and studying the Pope's recent encyclical, "Laudato si" which is likely to be mentioned often during his visit. In this encyclical he challenges us all about the way in which we care for not of our environment.

The sub-title of the encyclical is "care for our common home." Pope Francis asks us to be concerned and prepared to join the effort of his campaign for this world of ours.

Pope Francis begins his en-

cyclical by demanding that we realize the harm that has been done to our world by failing to realize the damage that has hit our climate. His concern is that so many of these abuses are most harmful to the poor and needy.

The title of the encyclical, "Laudato si" (Praise be to you, my Lord) matches the first words of St. Francis of Assisi's beautiful canticle. St. Francis begins by calling us to praise God "through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs."

So, Pope Francis begins his encyclical by writing, "This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use

and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her."

Pope Francis continues the length of the encyclical to encourage us to take responsibility to respect our planet. He challenges the leaders of the world to realize the problems. Of course, he is being very controversial, yet, I see him as one who is bold enough to try and reach all world leaders to make our world a better place.

This is quite a Pope – he is ready to speak out with compassion, and yet, with challenge to the people of the world to do something. His greatest concern is for the poor and needy. He asks us to live simply that we might join the needy in spirit. He asks us to stand together in this campaign to do something to



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FOLLOW ME

Have a great school year, everybody!

As I was sitting in the barber's chair this morning, the barber and I struck up a conversation about the upcoming school year and how students would soon return in droves to the hair salon aching for the very latest in hair fashions.

As she clipped away at what's left of my white locks, my barber claimed that the Justin Bieber look will soon fade away. Something new or retro was around the corner and barbershops and hair salons are in prime positions to promote such newness in 'do's'.

As another school year approaches, *newness* abounds well beyond the hairdos.



Bishop
Terry R.
LaValley

Once the doors reopen, new friends are sure to be made.

Many students will be clad in new clothes, toting new backpacks, seated in new homerooms eagerly anticipating some new teachers, and many, I suspect, praying for new lunch menus from the cafeterias.

With the newness comes anticipation, excitement, and, perhaps, just a bit of apprehension about

the unknown.

As I write this article, welcoming the new school year, I find myself reminiscing about my own early school days, particularly today as I learned that my kindergarten teacher died earlier this week. Mrs. Seller was a

warm and caring woman who provided a beautifully welcoming environment where this young lad and his classmates, as well as his five siblings, were introduced to many new things in a school setting.

A nurturing space is critically important for learning new things.

At the start of the year, the student walks into the school with new possibilities. A new attitude, new energy and a new resolve enable each person to embrace fresh opportunities to make the honor roll and to make the team.

To take advantage of the possibilities, one must invest time and energy. In close partnership, parents, teachers, and the school staff provide the environment where students can

succeed in learning all the new things presented.

Our Lord exclaimed, "Behold, I make all things new!" (Rev. 21:5) In order for you and me to experience, indeed, to understand this newness, we, too, must have an environment conducive to learning.

That's why our Diocesan Priority of *Strengthening Faith Formation in Family Life* is so important. Our families at home, our parish families, and our families at school provide the environments that can help form our faith and help us develop a close relationship with Jesus Christ.

With a new resolve and renewed energy, our diocesan family is committed to supporting our families, led by our parents, as they provide the space where the new-

ness of faith is taught, celebrated and lived.

We know that by the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord makes all things new. We know, too, that each one of us must collaborate and foster the process.

The Lord wants to transform us so that we might be instruments of hope for a society that, in many ways, seems lost and without focus or vision.

As the new school year begins, I encourage us all to create a new attitude, expend renewed energy and resolve to allow Jesus more space in our lives so that we might be effective instruments of His love in our communities, embracing the newness and not letting the possibilities pass us by. Have a great school year everybody!

Members elected to Council of Deacons

Five deacons and two wives of deacons have been elected to serve on the newly formed Council of Deacons.

The group was formed to provide "prayerful, open reflection and fraternal dialogue among the deacons of the diocese in collaboration with the bishops and priests."

Bishop Terry R. LaValley signed the constitution of the new council during the Deacon Convocation held in May in Lake Placid.

The bishop already meets regularly with an elected Council of Priests and Council of Consecrated Life.

The members of the Council of Deacons are:

- Deacon Paul M. White of Westport, representing Adirondack, Essex and Hamilton-Herkimer deaneries

- Deacon Henry Leader of Gouverneur, representing St.

Lawrence Deanery

- Deacon Kevin T. Mastellon of Watertown, representing Jefferson and Lewis deaneries

- Deacon John A. Levison of Ellenburg Center, representing Clinton and Franklin deaneries

- Deacon Thomas F. Kilian of Ogdensburg, representing deacons in diocesan offices, chaplains, retired or disabled deacons

- Gayle Frank of Clayton and Kathleen Mastellon of Watertown, representing deacons' wives and widows.

Father James W. Seymour, vicar for pastoral personnel and Deacon John L. White, diocesan director of deacon formation will serve as ex-officio members of the council.

The group will hold its first meeting Oct. 10 in the Bishop Brzana Hall of St. Mary's Cathedral.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

A new beginning

Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, SSJ
Superintendent of Schools

Traveling through the North Country I have noticed, in addition to the landscape and deer and wild turkeys, garages. It is the unusual house that does not have a garage. Indeed, many homes have a double stall garage and a few have three stalls. Furthermore, it appears that in some instances the square footage of the garage is greater than the square footage of the house.

Garages are a significant piece of the landscape!

You may wonder what garages have to do with an article about our Catholic schools as they begin the new school year. Well, garages are an indication of what we value and what is necessary in our lives. They tell us our vehicles are important and even more to the point that we are people on the move, going from here to there, every day, many times a day.

People on the move, people traveling from one place to another is a good description of the Christian life. From birth to death we are on a journey from this life to eternal life.

Eternal life as our final destiny is one of the chief characteristics of a Catholic school. "The specific purpose of a Catholic education is the formation of boys and girls who will be good citizens of this world, loving God and neighbor and enriching society with the leaven of the gospel, and who will also be citizens of the world to come, thus fulfilling their destiny to become saints" (*Teaching on Catholic Schools*, Archbishop, J Michael Miller, CSB).

We believe that the students who are entrusted to our care are destined for eternal life. Thus our schools educate the whole child tending not only to the mind and body but also to the spirit and soul of our students.

We believe:

- every student is made in the image and likeness of God

- students are citizens of this world and called to become citizens of the world to come

- our schools are special places where students encounter the living God in His Son, Jesus

- all aspects of the curriculum should combine Catholic faith and teachings with academic excellence

- the education program and the school's environment promote a life of virtue modeled on the life of Jesus

- a welcoming and safe environment support teaching and learning

- moral development and self-discipline are vital areas of personal development

- service to others is an integral component of education

- our schools set high standards for student achievement

- partnership with parents is essential in the faith development of students

- the witness of adults within the school community, administrators, faculty and staff, is a vital part of the school's Catholic identity

- students can develop their full potential within a community of faith where people share a common faith and set of values, respect others and have the opportunity to work with and on behalf of others

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BACK TO SCHOOL

When 'back to school' means 'off to college'

By Marika Donders
Director for Evangelization

It's Back-To-School time and what comes to mind for most people is buying new school supplies and clothes for our kids: our teen and pre-teen kids.

But it is also back to school time for our college "kids" who will be going AWAY for college, some of them for the first time.

For many of them it will be the first time for them to decide whether or not to go to Mass.

It will be a time for questioning and doubts but can also be a wonderful time of finding lifelong friendships with other students through campus ministries or Newman Centers or Catholic Student Organizations.

Have you ever thought about what you and your

parish can do to stay connected to these young adult parishioners? Do you know which colleges your college student parishioners are attending?

Have you ever thought about what you and your parish can do to stay connected to these young adult parishioners?

Here are some ideas:

- Pray for your parishes' college students. Perhaps even have a special Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit to send them off.

- Put a list of college students in your adoration chapel so that they can be prayed for. Ask your home-bound parishioners to pray for specific students.

- Get your college students' college snail-mail addresses. Send them a card

to let them know that they are being prayed for. Better yet, send them a care package. Homemade cookies are always good. So are M&Ms or Skittles or other candy.

But also include prayer cards or a rosary and instructions on how to pray the rosary. Or perhaps send a seasonal prayer book for Lent and Easter. Perhaps your parish is sending out an advent booklet to give to parishioners. Don't forget your college students! Other suggestions would be the little book series of prayer books or the Notre Dame prayer book.

- Keep the students connected to the Diocese. Perhaps purchase a *North Country Catholic* gift subscription or mail them a weekly bulletin and ask them for prayers for specific projects and programs, especially those that involve

your youth.

- Support the Campus Ministries of the colleges your college students are attending. Let the Catholic Campus Minister know the students that are attending their college, especially if it is a secular college.

Many colleges do not ask for church affiliations and campus ministers may not know that your college kids are there. As campus minister I loved getting an email from parishes with a list of their kids attending my college. It allowed me as campus minister to send a personal invitation to ministry events.

- Financial assistance: If your college students participate in either a campus

ministry retreat or campus ministry mission trip, or even World Youth Day, consider a small donation towards the cost of their participation or allow the students to make an appeal for assistance through a bulletin announcement or bulletin insert (or a personal appeal if they are at one of the local colleges or are when they are home on break).

These are just some ideas to reach out stay connected with your college students. Perhaps you have other ideas.. Feel free to share them. Email Marika at mdonders@rcdony.org and the Office of Evangelization will collect them in a future blog post.

A new

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Our Catholic schools prepare students for the journey of life and faith. They are integral to the Church's mission to proclaim the Good News. Their effectiveness relies to a great extent on the teachers, administrators and staff who serve in these schools.

"Conduct is always much more important than speech; this fact becomes especially important in the formation of students. The more completely an educator can give concrete witness to the model of the ideal person that is being presented to the students, the more this ideal will be lived and imitated. For it will then be seen as something reasonable and worthy of being lived, something concrete and realizable" (*Lay Catholics in Schools: Witness to the Faith, Sacred Congregation of Catholic Education*).

I take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to the teachers, administrators and support staff in our Catholic schools.

Their dedication and commitment to our Catholic schools are a gift to the Church in the North Coun-

try.

A special word of gratitude also to the pastors who support our schools and to the parents who, often at a great sacrifice, choose a Catholic school for their children. May God bless the new school year.



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Bishop Terry R. LaValley has announced that two grants of \$5,000 each have been disbursed to Saint Mary's/St. Joseph's Church, Massena and Saint Ann's Church, Mooers Forks to assist them with projects to improve accessibility to their facilities for the disabled.

The funds are made available from the annual contributions of the New York State Knights of Columbus.

On May 30, a donation of \$10,000 was presented to Bishop LaValley at the annual Bishop's Bourse dinner by Knights of Columbus State Secretary Dr. Charles Robinson. These funds are distributed by the diocese on the recommendation of Catholic Charities and the Department of Education.

In announcing the grants to this year's recipients, Bishop LaValley noted the generosity of the Knights which "assist our diocesan institutions in their efforts to make Churches, schools and parish centers accessible to all people. I am most grateful to the Knights of Columbus for their generosity in this area and in the many ways in which they support the work of the Church in our Diocese. In addition to the grants that

improve accessibility to our facilities, the Knights are generous in their support of Catholic schools, disaster relief and pilgrimages. I am most grateful for their generosity and dedication to the Church in our North Country."

Announcement of the availability of these grants was made last April by Catholic Charities and the Department of Education. The criteria for acceptability of a request cover several factors. Improvement in already existing programs or facilities is considered as well as program development and the purchase of special equipment.

The grants awarded this year will assist Father Mark Reilly, pastor of St. Mary's/St. Joseph's Parishes with funds to provide a handicap accessible restroom in the nave of St. Mary's Church. Likewise, Father Adrian Gallagher, pastor of St. Anne's Church will use the funds to renovate an existing area to provide a handicap accessible restroom for the parishioners.

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the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy at 315-
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Bishop's Schedule

Aug. 19 – 5 p.m., Hamilton-Herkimer
Deanery Bishop's Fund Reception at
St. Anthony's Parish Center in Inlet

Aug. 21 – 12 p.m., Mass at St.
Mary's Cathedral

Aug. 22 – 11 a.m., Founder's Day
Mass at the Our Lady of the Adiron-
dacks House of Prayer in Ellenburg
Center

6 p.m., Mass at Clinton Correc-
tional Facility in Dannemora

Aug. 23 – 10:30 a.m., Mass at St.
Alexander's Church in Morrisonville

Aug. 24 – 5 p.m., Jefferson Dean-
ery Bishop's Fund Reception at
Sboro's Restaurant in Watertown

Aug. 25 – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal
Council Meeting at the Bishop's Res-
idence in Ogdensburg

5 p.m., St. Lawrence Deanery
Bishop's Fund Reception at the
Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

Aug. 26 – 12 p.m., Mass at St.
Mary's Cathedral

5 p.m., St. Lawrence Deanery
Bishop's Fund Reception at the
Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

Aug. 27 – 11:15 a.m., Catholic
Daughters of America Day of Reflec-
tion at St. Ann's Shrine in Isle LaM-
otte, Vermont

Aug. 28 – 10:50 a.m., Mass at St.
Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg

Aug. 29 – 4 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's
Cathedral

Aug. 30 – 8 a.m., Mass at St. James
Major Church in Lake Pleasant
10 a.m., Mass at St. Ann's Church
in Wells

Sept. 1 – 11 a.m., Roman Catholic
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tors meeting at Kateri Hall in
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Sept. 2 – 5 p.m., Diocesan Review
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1933;

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1931; Msgr. Griffith J. Billmeyer, 1988
Aug. 21 – Rev. John J. Waters, 1921;
Rev. Albert G. Salmon, 1997

Aug. 22 – Rev. James Rensing, 1936
Aug. 24 – Rev. Louis Lewis, O.M.I.,
1938; Msgr. Paul George Brunet, 1991

Aug. 25 – Rev. Damas Guilbault,
1919; Msgr. Hugh P.R. O'Reilly, 1948;
Rev. George W. Tobin, 2010

Aug. 27 – Rev. John F. Byrne, 1919;
Rev. Ubalde LaRose, 1919; Rev. Ed-
ward Henry Bernier, 1962

Aug. 29 – Rev. Leo Desmet, 1926; Rev.
Thomas F. Driscoll, 2003; Rev. Msgr.
Robert L. Lawler, 2013

Aug. 30 – Rev. Bartholomew
McLaughlin, 1914

Aug. 31 – Rev. James J. Sherry, 1890;
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Sept. 3 – 5:30 p.m., St. Augustine's
School, Peru

Sept. 5 – 10 a.m., Seton Academy,
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Sept. 9 – 5:30 p.m., Trinity Catholic
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Sept. 9 – 6 p.m., Seton Academy,
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of plant and animal species which
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dren will never see, because they
have been lost forever. The great ma-
jority become extinct for reasons re-
lated to human activity. Because of
us, thousands of species will no
longer give glory to God by their very
existence, nor convey their message
to us. We have no right."

In response to the loss of biodiver-
sity, Pope Francis states that "Greater
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search aimed at understanding more
fully the functioning of ecosystems
and adequately analyzing the dif-
ferent variables associated with any
significant modification of the en-
vironment. Because all creatures are
connected, each must be cherished
with love and respect, for all of us as
living creatures are dependent on
one another. Each area is responsible
for the care of this family." (#42)

What threats to biodiversity do
you see around you?

What ways can we protect and
care for earth's inhabitants?

What does nature teach us about
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created world helped you to pray or
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(Questions taken from USCCB Jus-
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Diocesan development director offers advice for August

Make a Will... join Memorare Legacy Society

By Scott Lalone
Executive Director, Development Office

We all know the importance of a Will and what purpose they serve. It's just taking that first step.

With August being National-Make-A-Will Month, what better time than now. Do not let state laws determine who will inherit your property/assets.

Over the years the so many

individuals have had bequests through their Wills or trusts and had the diocese, their parish, Catholic school, Catholic Charities, Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg and other ministries and institutions of the Diocese of Ogdensburg as one of their final beneficiaries.

Other donors who have been called home to God in

the past several years have used Charitable Gift Annuities as well as their Wills to provide for the future of the diocese.

In commemoration of their faithfulness and the commitment of those today and tomorrow who will make such gifts, in 2008 the Memorare Legacy Society was established. It is through this society that the Diocese of Ogdensburg will thank donors for their support of the diocese, parish or school, a diocesan program/ministry, the Bishop's Fund Appeal or to a Missionary Project of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

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Scott Lalone, left, executive director of development for the Diocese of Ogdensburg; and John Mullikin, third from left, of Raquette Lake, chairman of the development office's board of advisors, thank outgoing board members James Coughlin of Malone, second from left, and Deacon Joel Walentuk of Wellesley Island at a recent meeting at Camp Guggenheim. Also recognized but unable to attend the meeting was Mark Barie of Rouses Point.

OUR READERS WRITE

Finding healing after abortion

With the recent release of several CMP (Center for Medical Progress) videos exposing Planned Parenthood's tragic business I felt it necessary to reach out to the women and men in our church who may be hurting from a past abortion.

First I want you to know that you are not alone and second that NO sin is greater than God's mercy. How does a person begin to seek healing you may ask?

After attending a Rachel's Vineyard retreat in 2007, these words were placed on my heart and are meant for you too. "You are loved, you are His beloved."

True forgiveness from God can be found in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us and we put our trust in Jesus, the desire of wanting to rid ourselves of the guilt and shame can become so powerful that we no longer can remain in this state of isolation and denial. It is at this point that the truth of what has happened becomes a reality and we desire to be freed.

Do not be afraid to claim God's

mercy. He does not condemn you, the church does not condemn you. He desires you to be re-united with him and the soul of your child. He makes all things new.

The church has always been considered a hospital, Jesus ministered to the sick and still does. Our priests (in persona Christi) have been given the anamity through Jesus to bring us healing. I wish to encourage our priests to begin a new with courage to share this message, with the understanding that speaking of Jesus' mercy to those hurt from abortion loss will not incur further damage, but will set us free from suffering in silence.

Do we not speak openly of other illnesses? All afflictions need to be exposed to the loving mercy of Jesus' light in order to be healed. Not speaking is often portrayed as condemnation or as an attempt to deny the reality of abor-

tion. The church has the power to heal every one of us suffering from abortion loss. Christ wants to forgive the abortion, he wants to forgive you! Do not be afraid.

I close with the words of hope given by St. John Paul II in his Encyclical, The Gospel of Life.

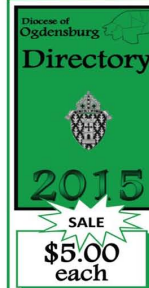
"The church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to the discouragement and do not lose hope."

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Pope's visit tests security forces charged with guarding his every move

A 'National Security Special Event'

By Dennis Sadowski
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - It comes as no surprise that security promises to be extremely tight everywhere Pope Francis goes during his U.S. trip in September - so tight that no one is saying much about it.

The Secret Service, the lead agency developing the security plan, and local law enforcement authorities have declined or not responded to requests by Catholic News Service to discuss any aspect - no matter how general - of security preparations for the pope's busy Sept. 22-27 visit.

The trip has been designated as a "National Security Special Event" by the Secret Service. Surely the trip is giving law enforcement and homeland security agencies a stringent test as they have worked for nearly year to

shore up any potential weaknesses in the multimillion-dollar plan that might be exploited.

By law, the "national security" designation for the event automatically puts the Secret Service in charge of security protocols, leaving everyone else to follow along.

That's not all bad, said Manny Gomez, president of MG Security Service in New York.

"This event is going to get more security than a presidential visit because of the 'X factor' and he is an international person," the former FBI special agent said. "It's going to be a huge production because it has to be. We're not going to be the city that loses the pope."

However, no matter how thorough the plan, it's never 100 percent foolproof and if someone is determined

enough to get through the protective bubble around Pope Francis, they will find a way, he cautioned.

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The key for the Secret Service and its allies at the FBI is making sure any people who are a threat to the pope's safety are under watch.

"When it comes to these events, the intelligence factor is huge," Gomez told Catholic News Service. "We always try to find out if there are any threats, any actionable information we need to act on.

"For example if there is somebody actually out there threatening the pope, they will be visited by agents to see if that person is a viable threat and that person will be dealt with accordingly."

Beyond such threats, the pope himself poses difficult challenges, especially because he is not averse to deviating from established protocols. Driven by a desire to be in touch with the faithful, Pope Francis has been known to make an impromptu stop every now and then to greet and bless the people of whom he is most fond.

"The pope is truly a man of the people and he loves to go out and press the flesh. He doesn't provide much lead time when he gets off the popemobile, which itself is not very secure," Gomez said.

"That's the most critical time that agents, etc., will have to contend with because that is something that

is not planned."

The most detailed plan announced thus far has come from Philadelphia, where Pope Francis will attend the World Meeting of Families.

Authorities have announced that an area described as a "traffic box" will be designated in the center city starting 6 p.m. (Eastern time) Sept. 25. How long it will be in effect after the end of the papal Mass Sept. 27 near the Philadelphia Museum of Art has not been determined.

Expecting a throng of 1.5 million people, city officials are prepared to continue street closures into Sept. 28 in the area of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

All weekend cars will be allowed to travel within the traffic box and leave it but will not be allowed back into the perimeter.

The restrictions include personal vehicles and any sort of bus -- including motor coaches, school buses, minibuses, RVs and passenger vans with a capacity of eight to 14 people.

Pedestrians and cyclists, however, will face no restrictions leaving and re-entering the traffic box.

In New York, officials are trying to determine if Penn Station, which 600,000 commuters use each weekday, will be closed when Pope Francis celebrates Mass during rush hour Sept. 25 at nearby Madison Square Garden.

Other street closures are a matter of routine to New Yorkers as world dignitaries regularly visit the United Nations.

Information related to Washington's security plans was pending Aug. 14. The pope will be moving around the nation's capital as he meets President Barack Obama at the White House, celebrates the canonization Mass for Blessed Junipero Serra at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, ad-

resses Congress on Capitol Hill and meets homeless people at lunch at a downtown parish.

Eloy Nunez, associate professor of public safety administration at St. Leo University in Florida, said authorities are expected to conduct various sweeps at each venue and along the routes the pope will travel.

Canine units checking for explosives, guards being posted at entry points, helicopters roaming the skies and eagle-eye snipers keeping watch from rooftops are just some of the measures undertaken for visits by dignitaries in cities around the country, said Nunez, a retired Miami-Dade police officer who helped plan the security detail at the 2007 Super Bowl.

Police in each city will play a major role in the Secret Service's plans because the agency has neither the staffing and resources nor the expertise needed for such undertakings.

"The Secret Service is very professional," he said. "They send advance teams. They're there to coordinate and discuss, but the meat and potatoes that do the security for the dignitaries are the local police departments."

In addition to security concerns, authorities must have a mass casualty plan in place, under which evacuation routes are in place and hospitals are on alert should a disaster occur.

"You have to have decontamination plans. You're involving hazmat, fire and rescue (units) and all the hospitals in the area," Nunez said. "And there's the power company on hand."

Both Nunez and Gomez have no doubt that the best plan possible will be in place in each city and that local police will take pride in the effort to keep the pope safe.

Only when the pope enters his jet for the return trip to Rome can the security effort be considered a success.

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Knights raising awareness of plight of Christians in Middle East

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) -- Christianity may be thriving around the world, but it is under severe attack and threatened with extinction in the Middle East, the region of its birth. This was a major theme at the 133rd Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus in Philadelphia Aug. 4-6. It was stressed at an Aug. 4 news conference with Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson and two Catholic archbishops of Eastern Catholic Churches with direct experience of the situation. They were Melkite Archbishop Jean-Clement Jeanbart of Aleppo, Syria, and Chaldean Archbishop Bashir Matti Warda of Erbil, Iraq. The two archbishops also spoke at a general meeting of the convention. Anderson quoted figures that said 80 percent of the religious persecution in the world is directed at Christians and a terrible microcosm of this is the persecutions in Syria and Iraq. "In Iraq, an estimated 125,000 Christians have been driven from Mosul and its surrounding area," he said. "In Syria, an estimated 700,000 Christians have been displaced."

Divorced and remarried are not excommunicated, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Catholics who have divorced and are civilly remarried "are not, in fact, excommunicated - they are not excommunicated - and they absolutely must not be treated as if they were," Pope Francis said. Resuming his Wednesday general audiences Aug. 5 after a month's break, Pope Francis returned to the series of talks he has been giving on the family. At his last audience, June 24, he talked about the damage caused especially to children when couples fight and hurt each other. "Today," he said, "I want to draw our attention to another reality: how to care for those who, after the irreversible failure of the matrimonial bond, have undertaken a new union." Without an annulment of the sacramental marriage, "such a situation contradicts the Christian sacrament," which is meant to be an indissoluble bond, the pope said. According to church teaching, in most cases such couples are not permitted to receive Communion. But bishops at the extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the family last October and preparing for the general synod Oct. 4-25 have been studying and debating possibilities for allowing some couples in some situations to return to the sacraments.

Pope: Don't be afraid or ashamed to go to confession

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Trusting in God's infinite mercy, people should not be afraid or embarrassed to go to confession, Pope Francis said. "There are people who are afraid to go to confession, forgetting that they will not encounter a severe judge there, but the immensely merciful Father," Pope Francis told thousands of people gathered in St. Peter's Square Aug. 2 for the midday recitation of the Angelus prayer. The pope also told the people gathered under a scalding sun that "when we go to confession, we feel a bit ashamed. That happens to all of us, but we must remember that this shame is a grace that prepares us for the embrace of the Father, who always forgives and always forgives everything." In his main address the pope commented on the day's Gospel reading from the Gospel of St. John, which recounts how the crowds followed Jesus after the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. "Those people followed him for the material bread that had placated their hunger the day before," Pope Francis said. "They didn't understand that that bread, broken for many, was the expression of the love of Jesus."

Elderly can keep growing, offer gifts, says U.S. priest

By Thandiwe Konguavi
Catholic News Service

EDMONTON, ALBERTA (CNS) - Paulist Father Thomas Ryan was turning 50 when he decided he didn't want just another birthday cake, scoop of ice cream and "Happy Birthday" song.

The U.S. priest wanted to look seriously at the second half of his life and its potential.

Instead of a birthday party, Father Ryan - who was directing an ecumenical center for spirituality in Montreal at the time - called for a 50th birthday weekend retreat, inviting family and friends.

It was refreshingly intercultural, engaging in topics such as retirement, health limitations and even some "wonderful sharings" about the kind of funeral people would like, he said.

Nearly 20 years later, Father Ryan, now 69, continues to lead the retreats all over North America. The Washington-based author and director of the Paulist Fathers' Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations led the weeklong Remember to Live retreat at Providence Renewal Centre in Edmonton July 31-Aug. 7.

In this age of obsession with youth, advertisements and nightly news programs often convey a sense that if you eat right, exercise regularly and take the right vitamins and medicines, people will live indefinitely, said Father Ryan.

He said never before have so many North Americans reached retirement age with such advanced education, social consciousness and good health.

"So what will we do with it?" he asked. "We have an unprecedented opportunity to keep growing, to learn and to offer our many gifts to our neighborhood, our city or school."

Passive aging sees the last season of life as "a slow slide toward death and the natural

changes of the body are accompanied by a creeping paralysis of the soul," Father Ryan said.

"But I'm talking about active aging, and active aging works with the effects of aging by adjusting the rhythm and the pace," he told retreat participants.

For Father Ryan, healthy aging means living life as a celebration. The person who ages actively "moves to simply a gentler form of exercise but stays active." Or, perhaps they compensate for their hearing loss by getting a good pair of headphones to listen to programs or CDs.

Today, the aging process can extend for 30 or more years, and several delicate passages need to be negotiated, he said. For example, it can mean the loss of one's professional identity. When you are no longer head of your corporation or your office, or principal of the school, who are you?

Other delicate passages might include the departure of your children; the new rhythm of life when all of a sudden your spouse is with you at home or the confrontation of solitude for those who have already lost a spouse; the arrival of grandchildren; or the decline of strength and energy.

"Those are difficult issues for us to face squarely," said Father Ryan. He pointed to a

study that found nearly 70 percent of adult children have not even talked to their parents about issues related to aging.

Facing these realities squarely and accepting their inevitability has a big reward, he said.

"When we truly accept that life as we know it on this lovely blue and green planet is not given in limitless supply, we begin to think more clearly about what is important to us," he said. "What do I want to do with the time I have, how do I want to use my available resources? We employ the talents which God has gifted us to leave our world better than we found it."

In 2012, Father Ryan published his book "Remember to Live! Embracing the Second Half of Life." The book is a compilation of 15 years of collecting people's experiences, listening to reflections and his own experience with aging.

When people open their eyes to life and to its richness in each day's living, they realize that every day, every minute, every breath, truly is a gift from God, Father Ryan said.

"In short, you remember to live. Each day's living just becomes so much richer - cultivating gratitude in your heart for the sweetness of life." he said.

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Two momentous events of salvation history

Today's readings capture two momentous events in salvation history. They capture two decisions that were changed everything for Israel and for the Catholic Church.

The first reading describes a choice that God offers Joshua and those who have just entered the Promised Land.

Joshua challenges the frightened people gathered around him, "Decide today whom you will serve... The God who brought you from Egypt to this lush, fertile land, or the gods of the Amorites in whose territory you now dwell? The choice is up to you."

And while still pondering

the decision they must make, he adds the now-famous statement, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Fortunately for themselves and their children, they respond, "We also will serve the one Lord God."

In today's Gospel, Jesus does the same thing. He puts the choice to His apostles of following Him, or of leaving Him.

Many of the Lord's followers had left him because of His teaching that He Himself is the Bread of Life, if they were willing to eat of His flesh and drink of His blood, they would live forever. Otherwise, they would die.

Many were shocked and

offended. So they "walked with him no longer."

Jesus turns to the Twelve and says, "Do you also want to leave?" It's as though He had added, "It's your decision. I'm not going to make your minds up for you!"

Fortunately for them and for the future Church, they must have seen the hurt in his eyes. Peter loved Him enough to reply, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. For we have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

There are many former Catholics who find the message of the Church today "too much for them". Some have left because of Church doctrine, others because of the stand of the Church on abortion or contraception—or social justice issues. If

understand St. Paul properly.

He starts off by telling us that Christians ought to be "subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ."

That means loving and caring for one another as Christ loves us. It means being attentive to each other's gifts.

Furthermore, St. Paul tells husbands to love their wives "as their own bodies... for no one hates one's own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it."

In a nutshell, marriage is all about sacrificing for one another, listening carefully to each other, and telling the truth to one another. All lack of respect, all physical, verbal, emotional or spiritual abuse is out.

And that's really God's idea of a perfect marriage - a romance between equals!

AUG. 23

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
READINGS

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69

only they too could see the hurt on Jesus' face! It might change their minds.

The second reading from Ephesians should capture the attention of all married couples, since it is so often misunderstood. It's the famous passage about wives being "subordinate" to their husbands. Women feel that this statement has led to much "wife beating" and worse..

It all hinges on the word "subordinate." We need to read the whole passage to



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RESPECT LIFE

Planned Parenthood and the invisible children

By Kathleen M. Gallagher
Director of Pro-Life Activities
New York State Catholic Conference

By now you have probably seen, or at least heard about, the videotapes on which Planned Parenthood officials speak bluntly about trafficking in the organs and tissues of aborted babies.

I must admit a certain uneasiness with the way the tapes were obtained: pro-life advocates posed as fetal tissue buyers and secretly recorded the conversations on hidden cameras.

That was fundamentally dishonest, and may even have been illegal in certain states.

That said, the words that come out of the mouths of high-ranking Planned Parenthood medical executives are their own. And they are chilling:

"... we've been very good at getting heart, lung, liver, because we know ... I'm not gonna crush that part. I'm gonna basically crush below, I'm gonna crush above, and I'm gonna see if I can get it all intact."

I have heard Cecile Richards, the President of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, interviewed about this, and she has no defense.

She basically says that the videotapes are "highly doctored" and are a product of

"deceptive editing."

Sorry, Cecile. Again, the words that come out of the mouths of your staff are their own.

Ms. Richards also insists that whatever "extraction of tissue for scientific research" that does occur at Planned Parenthood facilities is done "under the highest ethical and legal standards."

Wait. What? Isn't that an oxymoron, like "jumbo shrimp" or "almost exactly"? "Ethical barbarism."

It makes no difference whether the human organs Planned Parenthood provides to stem cell research companies bring them a big profit or just the processing and shipping fees. What matters is that the organs hold value because they are human. Those are not tiger hearts or monkey lungs that

are being carefully extracted; they are the hearts and lungs of unborn human beings.

When we pause long enough to really think about it, even the fact that organ harvesting is going on doesn't much matter. We need to remember that the victims of abortion whose bodies are not disassembled for organ collection are routinely vacuumed into a bottle and hauled away as regulated medical waste. Which is more heartless, shameful or cold-blooded?

I am hopeful these videos may wake people up to the reality that every abortion stops a beating heart. Abortion kills precious members of our human family, each one made in the image and likeness of God.

It is a tragedy that our so-

ciety has become desensitized to this, simply because the procedure is legal and performed in so-called "women's health centers." Unborn children have been devalued and dehumanized. They have been made invisible.

Last week I overheard two construction workers talking about the Planned Parenthood videos as they poured cement into the road.

This week I stepped into the middle of a conversation on this topic at the beauty salon.

Congressional committees and several state governments are conducting investigations into this, and the nightly news continues to report on the release of additional videotapes.

These are all good signs: people are talking and people are listening. I just pray it will lead them to open their eyes to see.



Kathleen
Gallagher



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AT THE MOVIES

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE - ROGUE NATION

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

Light the fuse and cue that nerve-jangling theme music everyone loves to hum; it's time for "Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation" (Paramount).

As helmed by writer-director Christopher McQuarrie, this fifth installment in a franchise that dates back, on the big screen, to 1996 - and that began life as a CBS-TV series a full three decades before that - delivers a steady but stylized parade of action.

The result is a nifty espionage adventure that most parents will likely find acceptable for their older teens.

Viewers of any age looking for something more substantive than a fun, globe-trotting ride -- with occasional reflections on the conflict between personal and patriotic allegiances thrown in along the way -- will, however, scratch this picture's slick surface in vain.

But, then, profundity has never been this property's foremost agenda item anyway, whatever the medium. The point here is to waste as little time as possible before positioning agent Ethan Hunt -- Tom Cruise, of course -- on the outside of an airplane that's roaring off the runway in some ex-Soviet republic, and making the fate of humanity depend on his sheer, headwinds-be-

darned stick-to-itiveness.

Do-dah-do, do-dah-do ...

This time out, Ethan and his colleagues on the Impossible Mission Force -- an IMF even Greek moviegoers can love -- are battling an underground terrorist organization of global reach called The Syndicate. (You can tell they must be dangerous by that capital T.)

Unfortunately for the good guys, Alan Hunley (Alec Baldwin), the stubbornly jealous director of the CIA, stoutly denies that The Syndicate exists. Worse yet, over the fruitless objections of the IMF's representative, William Brandt (Jeremy Renner), Hunley convinces the Senate committee charged with such matters to shut his rivals' super-secret agency down altogether.

Naturally, Ethan and his intrepid circle -- besides Brandt, there's desk jockey-turned-field operative Benji Dunn (Simon Pegg) and topflight computer whizz Luther Stickell (Ving Rhames) -- are not to be stymied by the machinations of mere Capitol Hill pen-pushers.

Still, they don't have much to work with: Hunt has gotten a glimpse of The Syndicate's villainous top dog, pasty faced Solomon Lane (Sean Harris). And he's been helped out of a fix by mystery woman Ilsa Faust (Rebecca Ferguson). Though Ilsa turns out to be a British agent who has managed to infiltrate The Syndicate, her

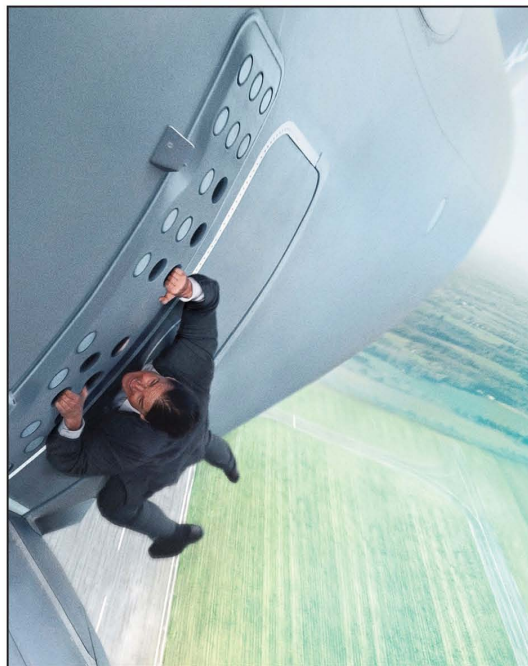
true loyalties remain uncertain.

The interaction between Ethan and Ilsa is not exactly all business. But those with enough brand memory to recall that Ethan is a married man will not be surprised to observe that romance, in this iteration of his eventful biography, is kept at the level of significant glances and tellingly raised eyebrows.

Along with not overheating things for the younger set, this brake on the central duo's flirtation also allows Ilsa -- whose skills in one dust-up after another impress even Ethan himself -- to stand on her own two, judo-wielding feet.

The dialogue occasionally ponders the morality of all the violence Ethan and his buddies deal out in defense of the American Way. Are such means justified in pursuit of justice writ large? How can operatives resist the urge to revel in mayhem for its own sake? The answer to these important ethical questions is: Do-dah-do, do-dah-do...

The film contains pervasive but virtually bloodless violence, brief glimpses of partial nudity and a couple of uses each of profanity and crude language. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.



CNS PHOTO/PARAMOUNT

Tom Cruise stars in a scene from the movie "Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation."



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 1 p.m. The drawing will be held after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday October 11, 2015 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 2016 Subaru Outback fully equipped from Jerry Strack of Central Garage here in Lake Placid.

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WONDERS OF CREATION RETREAT

Saranac Lake - Come to the Adirondack Mountains to enjoy the beauties of fall and ponder the mysteries revealed to us by God in this season of autumn

Dates: Sept. 18-20

Speakers: Paul Hetzler, Arborist; Writer; and Educator at Cornell Co-operative Extension (Sept. Weekend) Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ, Adult Faith Educator; Fr. Paul Kelly, Celebrant for Liturgy

Place: Guggenheim Lodge

Cost: \$145 (limited space)

Features: Weekend will include presentations, time for quiet prayer and reflection, communal prayer, nature hike and opportunities for sharing.

Contact: email srbethssj@gmail.com; call: 315-212-6592; See www.fourseasonsoftheheart.weebly.com

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FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION

Ellenburg Center - Our Lady of the Adirondacks will have a Founder's Day Celebration.

Date: Aug. 22

Schedule: Bishop Terry La Valley celebrates Mass with Father Jack Downs at 11 am; Spaghetti Lunch following Mass

PLANNED PARENTHOOD PROTEST

Plattsburgh - National Day of protest against planned Parenthood to protest the practice of aborting babies

Date: Aug. 22

Time: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Place: in front of Planned Parenthood of the North Country, 66 Brinkerhoff Street

Contact: Call Nancy Belzile at 518-593-6024 or nancys_56@hotmail.com
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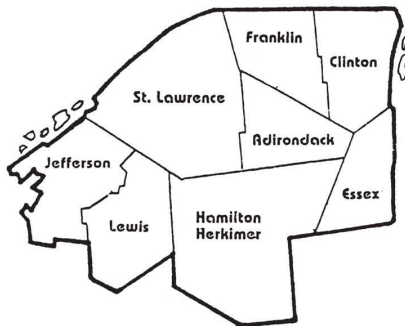
SETON ALUMNI REUNION

Plattsburgh - Seton Catholic Central School announces an alumni reunion honoring the 25th anniversary class of 1990 as well as the classes of 1995, 2000 and 2005.

Date: Sept. 11-12

Schedule: Reunion Weekend highlights include a High School Memories Mixer on Friday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. at UNO Pizzeria and Grill. Additional events on Sept 12 include participation in the Battle of Plattsburgh Parade at 1 p.m. and a Mass at St. Peter's Church at 4 p.m. The Reunion festivities will culminate with an Alumni Banquet and tours of Seton Catholic Central beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Contact: Development Office at Seton Catholic Central 206 New York Road, Plattsburgh, NY 12903 (518)561-4031



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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

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

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

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Ellenburg Center - Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer to begin First Saturday Devotion.

Date: through Nov. 2015

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Features: Mass, rosary

Contact: RSVP for lunch to olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or 518-594-3253.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Plattsburgh - A Eucharistic Adoration has been planned

Dates: Aug. 6 and 20

Time: 3:30 p.m. to 5

Place: St. Peter's Church.

Features: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, silent adoration, rosary, and benediction.

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

Keeseville - There is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday.

Time: 1 p.m. to 4

Place: Immaculate Conception Church

FRANKLIN

PLANNED PARENTHOOD PROTEST

Malone - National Day of Protest against Planned Parenthood.

Date: Aug 22

Time: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Place: 246 West Main Street/sidewalk.

Features: A prayerful presence to protest the practice of aborting babies and selling their body parts.

Contact: Steve Smith, 518-483-6876 or email: sbstevessmith@gmail.com

ROSARY RALLY

Chateaugay - St. Patrick's Church to have a rosary rally.

Date: Sept. 8

Time: 5:50 p.m.

Features: To pray for peace in our families, our country and in the world. Mass with Rev. John Looby and Deacon Brian Dwyer. Blessing of Our Lady's Statue. Recitation of the Rosary in procession and song with the Knights of Columbus. Rosaries and Prayer Cards will be available. A light reception to follow. Sponsored by the Catholic Community of Burke and Chateaugay Altar-Rosary Society in celebration of Our Lady's Birthday and their 75th Anniversary!

Contact: 497-0707

JEFFERSON

SUMMER CONCERT

Alexandria Bay - St. Cyril's Church presents their 7th Annual Free Summer Concert, Raising a joyful noise!

Date: Aug. 30

Time: 4 p.m.

Features: The choir will be performing a program of new selections and old favorite selections of sacred, jazz, and patriotic music; which will include a song honoring the end of the American Civil

War. The concert is being billed as "Something New and Something Old" and features American Jazz, Patriotic selections, Spiritual and Religious selections, as well as pieces by Billy Joel.

CHICKEN BARBECUE

Watertown - The Watertown council of the Knights of Columbus will be having a chicken barbecue fundraiser.

Date: Aug. 22

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: St. Anthony's Church

Cost: \$8 for full meal or \$5 for 1/2 chicken only.

LEWIS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Lowville - Eucharistic adoration to be held.

Date: Aug. 20

Time: 3:30 p.m. to 5

Place: St. Peter's Church

Features: All are invited for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, and the Benediction.

K OF C BRUNCH

Lyons Falls - The South Lewis Knights of Columbus will be having an all you can eat pancake brunch.

Date: Aug. 23

Time: 8 a.m. to Noon

Place: St. John's Church Hall

Cost: Adults, \$7; Children 5-12, \$4; under 5, Free

ST. LAWRENCE

GRIEFWORK TRAINING

Massena - This training session is designed for those who are currently offering grief support in their parish or who are interested in starting a Grief Support Group.

Date: Sept. 16

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: Sacred Heart Convent

Features: Our guest speaker, Maria Farrell, comes from Omaha, Nebraska and is Director of GriefWork, a National Service Ministry of Compassion

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ST. TERESA OF AVILA ANNIVERSARY

Ogdensburg - Bishop LaValley to celebrate the 500th anniversary of St. Teresa of Avila.

Date: Sept. 19

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: Morning Prayer followed by Mass with Bishop LaValley and Fr. Mark

Reilly. A holy hour including adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, presentations by the Discalced Carmelites, secular order & benediction will follow. Teresian & Carmelite information & literature will be available. All clergy, religious, teachers, Students and public are invited.

Contact: 713-4353 Rita Lewis OCDS

RCIA CLASSES TO BE HELD

Ogdensburg - St. Mary's Cathedral will be presenting an opportunity for interested people to explore their many questions about Roman Catholicism.

RCIA prepares adults for admission into full communion in the Catholic Church.

Contact: Call St. Mary's Cathedral at 393-3930 to sign up for Fall classes.

ST. VINCENT dePAUL STORE MOVING

Ogdensburg - The St. Vincent DePaul store will be moving from its Ford St. location to the former Bishop Conroy School (located behind the central fire station on Ford St.)

Date: to open up Aug. 31

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Massena - Sacred Heart/St. Lawrence holds a Bereavement Support Group last Tuesday of each month.

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: Sacred Heart Convent

Contact: 315-769-3137

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Massena - St. Mary's & St. Joseph's hold Benediction and Adoration every Friday

Time: 9 a.m. to 10

Place: St. Mary's Family Room.

LATIN MASS

Potsdam - A Tridentine (Latin) Mass is celebrated each Sunday

Time: 9:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

NOVENA FOR MILITARY

Ogdensburg - Notre Dame Church is holding a Weekly novena for the safety of U.S. military personnel

Date: Tuesday afternoons

Time: 1:30 p.m.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

MARRIAGE JUBILEE

Ogdensburg - Bishop Terry R. LaValley Will preside at the annual diocesan Marriage Jubilee

Date: Sept. 20

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: A reception Will follow in the Bishop Brzana Hall



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Father George Maroun, left is shown With friends in Mollendo, Peru, Where he served as a missionary from 1982 to 1989.

A missionary heart beats on

By Sister Mary Ellen Brett, SSI
Diocese Mission Director

Father George F. Maroun, director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith from 1989 to 2004, retired from active ministry July 1. He was initially named assistant director in 1978. I can't count the number of times that I have heard people say, "Father Maroun has the heart of a missionary."

For his farewell Masses in St. James Church, Carthage and in St. Mary's Church, Copenhagen, Where he had served as pastor since 2002, Father Maroun requested that a missionary briefly reflect upon mission life in developing countries. It was fitting that Sister Cindy Sullivan, BVM from the Working Boys Center of Quito, Ecuador offer the reflections. As the Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in 1990, Father Maroun gave Sister Cindy her first parish assignment through the annual Missionary Cooperation Appeal.

For those of us who have known Father Maroun whether for 40-plus years of priesthood or more recently, his missionary heart is obvious. He cherishes his Lebanese heritage, his diocesan-wide family to whom he has ministered as well as the memories of those he served for six years in Mollendo, Peru. No one can walk away from an encounter with Father Maroun without having been in the presence of a true missionary extending the love of God to all.

Molly Ryan and I are grateful for his advice through the years. We are especially grateful to him for serving on the Pontifical Mission Societies in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Inc. Board of Directors which he was instrumental in establishing. May God continue to bless him with his effervescent joy and peace!

OBITUARIES

AuSable Forks – Chester William Hart Sr., 68; Funeral Services Aug. 5, 2015 at Thwaites-Zaumetzer Funeral Home.

Brasher Falls – Mary A. (Duprey) Donie, 73; Funeral Services Aug. 3, 2015 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Brownville – Adolph K. Fromm, 79; Funeral Services Aug. 13, 2015 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in Sackets Harbor Military Cemetery.

Brownville – Mary A. Kozlowski Parks, 95; Funeral Services Aug. 14, 2015 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in Dexter Cemetery.

Brushton – Lorena A. (Cox) Gero, 58; Funeral Services Aug. 14 at St. Mary's Church.

Brushton – Philip E. Gratton, 68; Funeral Services July 31, 2015 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Brushton – Thomas A. Martin, 63; Funeral Services Aug. 4, 2015 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Carthage – Malcolm D. Campbell, 69; Funeral Services Aug. 12, 2015 at the Bezanilla-McGraw Funeral Home; burial in Glenwood Mausoleum, Watertown.

Champlain – Lillian B. (Gooley) Knowles, 90; Funeral Services Aug. 4, 2015 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Chaumont – Donald Glenn Berkman, 87; Funeral Services Aug. 11, 2015 at All Saints Church; burial in North Watertown Cemetery.

Chateaugay – Henry J. Juneau, 63; Funeral Aug. 11, 2015 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Memorial Gardens, Ellenburg Depot.

Croghan – Beatrice V. Kloster, 86; Funeral Services Aug. 10, 2015 at St. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery.

Deferiet – Roland D. Demers, 62; Funeral Services Aug. 11, 2015 at St. Rita's Church; burial in Black River Cemetery.

Fort Covington – Bruce A. McCaffrey, 83; Funeral Services Aug. 8, 2015 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Malone.

Glenfield – Edward Paul Cousin, 84; Funeral Aug. 14, 2015 at St. Mary's Church;

burial in Brantingham Cemetery.

Hogansburg – Alice M. Ivany, 69; Funeral Services Aug. 8, 2015 at St. Regis Church.

Lowville – Frederick Nellenback, 71; Funeral Services Aug. 12, 2015 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Brantingham Cemetery.

Lowville – Wilson A. Terrillon, 86; Funeral Services Aug. 3, 2015 at St. Peter's Church; in Lowville Rural Cemetery.

Lyon Mountain – Theodore F. Sauther, 76; Funeral Services Aug. 13, 2015 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery, Plattsburgh.

Malone – Eleanor Barre; Funeral Services July 22, 2015 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Malone – Alys Joyce Whitney Faubert, 79; Funeral Services Aug. 7, 2015 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Ridgeway Cemetery, Burke.

Massena – Theodore R. Catanzarite, 77; Funeral Services Aug. 3, 2015 at the Phillips Memorial Home; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena – Kenneth D. Kirkey, 92; Funeral Services Aug. 1, 2015 at the Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Morrisonville – Theresa B. "Tess" (Carey) McCall, 96; Funeral Services Aug. 12, 2015 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale.

Morrisonville – Frances E. Barton Rock, 91; Funeral Services Aug. 10, 2015 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery, Plattsburgh.

Norfolk – Walter Shyne, 74; Funeral Services Aug. 15, 2015 at Church of the Visitation; burial in Visitation Cemetery.

North Bangor – Marie J. Jock, 76; Funeral Services Aug. 10, 2015 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

North Bangor – Elaine M. (Hurteau) Turner, 84; Funeral Services Aug. 12, 2015 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Gloria J. (Mills) Besaw, 69; Funeral Services Aug. 12, 2015 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Timothy D. Forsyth, 61; Fu-

neral Services Aug. 7, 2015 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Esther M. Worden; Funeral Services Aug. 4, 2015 at the Fox & Murray Funeral Home.

Philadelphia – Gloria Ann (Burnham) Stoffel, 79; Funeral Services Aug. 3, 2015 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Fine.

Plattsburgh – Raymond "Emery" Boyd, 79; Funeral Services Aug. 15, 2015 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – William W. Bill Bouey Sr., 86; Funeral Aug. 14, 2015 at St. John the Baptist Church; burial in Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Dolores C. (Bersey) Bradley, 87; Funeral Aug. 8, 2015 at St. John's Church; burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Hazel A. (Rock) Delisle, 87; Funeral Services Aug. 10, 2015 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Eric John LaRocque, 33; Memorial Services Aug. 11, 2015 at St. Peter's Church.

Potsdam – Wayne Anthony LaPointe, Sr., 83; Funeral Services Aug. 10, 2015 at St. Mary's Church.

St. Regis Falls – Theron A. White, 72; Funeral Services Aug. 1, 2014 at St. Ann's Church.

Star Lake – Florence Mona (Baynes) Hanley, 90; Funeral Services St. Hubert's Church.

Watertown – Michael J. Bresnahan, 87; Funeral Services Aug. 24, 2015 at Holy Family Church.

Watertown – Bryn Patricia Gardner, Infant; Funeral Services Aug. 8, 2015 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Sanford Corners Cemetery.

Watertown – Daniel A. Fobert, 83; Funeral Services Aug. 11, 2015 at Reed & Benoit Funeral Home; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

West Chazy – Dorothy A. (Brown) Seymour, 95; Funeral Services Aug. 1, 2015 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

PARISH WELCOMES A SPECIAL VISITOR

A SUMMER SUNDAY

Bishop celebrates Mass for parishioners of St. Mary's in Indian Lake



Cross bearer Emily DeShaw led the procession into St. Mary's, followed by the Knights of Columbus and clergy.

PHOTOS BY PAT HENDRICK

On the first weekend of July, Bishop Terry R. LaValley traveled to Hamilton-Herkimer deanery, celebrating Mass at St. Mary's in Indian Lake July 5 at 9 a.m. and St. Paul's in Blue Mountain Lake at 11. Pictured are scenes from St. Mary's.

Father Philip Allen, pastor of St. Mary's, concelebrated the Mass With Bishop LaValley.



Leading music for the liturgy were John Slekman, at the piano; Taff Fitterer, Camille Bodden and Julie Fraoley.



Bishop LaValley accepts the Offertory gifts from Ken Cannan.