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Pope asks for prayers

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Francis asked for prayers for his trip to Cuba and the United States, calling it "a mission" he had high hopes for.

He said while the main purpose of his 10th apostolic journey abroad, Sept. 19-28, was to attend the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, he also high-

lighted his planned visit to the United Nations in New York as it marked its 70th anniversary.

"I greet with affection the Cuban people and the people of the United States, who, guided by their pastors, have spiritually prepared" for the visit -- "a mission I'm preparing for with great hope,"

Pope Francis said at the end of his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square Sept. 16.

The pope said his talk Sept. 16 would be his last audience talk on the family and marriage, thus concluding a series he began in December 2014.

The reflections were meant

to help prepare for the now imminent World Meeting of Families Sept. 22-27 and the gathering of the Synod of Bishops on the family in Rome Oct. 4-25.

A correct vision and culture of the family are necessary for defending the world from many threats, he said in his catechesis.

NEW YORK IS READY

To welcome Pope Francis



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St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City is seen at night Sept. 17, one week before Pope Francis is to hold vespers with priests and men and women religious at the cathedral. Early in the morning Sept. 25, the pontiff will visit the headquarters of the United Nations to greet officials and give a speech. Mid-morning he will participate in an interreligious meeting at the ground zero 9/11 Memorial and give a speech there. The rest of his itinerary includes a visit to Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Elementary School in East Harlem and a meeting with children and immigrant families. That evening he will celebrate Mass at Madison Square Garden with 200 Catholics from the North Country in attendance.

Sister makes profession of religious vows

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For next month's Celebrate Christ and Caritas dinner and next year's

INSPIRE vocation summit

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THANK YOU, SISTERS



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Pope Francis leaves an audience with religious from around the world in Paul VI hall at the Vatican Sept. 17. The pope praised women religious for always heading to the "front lines" to bring the church's tenderness and motherly love to those most in need. Two days later he began a ten-day apostolic trip to Cuba and the United States.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Welcome, Pope Francis!

It should come as no surprise that the pages of this week's *North Country Catholic* are filled with anticipation about the pope's visit to the United States.

Depending on when you're reading this, we may already be talking about what Pope Francis had to say to the people of Cuba or the members of Congress.

Hundreds of Catholics from the North Country will have the opportunity to hear the Holy Father live, in Washington, New York or Philadelphia but most of us

will be watching and listening from our own homes.

**Mary Lou
Kilian**

The bishops of the United States have encouraged us homebodies to take part in a "virtual pilgrimage," making the visit "a time of spiritual renewal and evangelization." (The complete list of ideas is available on the usccb.org website by clicking on the "Love is our Mission" icon.)

The suggestions aren't surprising: pray for the pope as he makes his way to more than a dozen locations, have a "papal visit watch

party" or respond to Pope Francis's call to *encounter* by reaching out to those in need, supporting parish or community charitable efforts, acting to promote life, human dignity, families and religious freedom, and by caring for creation.

And, it wouldn't hurt to remember that Pope Francis originally decided to make the trip to the United States to show his support of families at the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia.

If we do nothing else during the coming week, we could make this World Meeting of Families Prayer part of our daily conversation with God: *God and Father of us all, in*

Jesus, your Son and our Savior, you have made us your sons and daughters in the family of the Church. May your grace and love help our families in every part of the world be united to one another in fidelity to the Gospel.

May the example of the Holy Family, with the aid of your Holy Spirit, guide all families, especially those most troubled, to be homes of communion and prayer and to always seek your truth and live in your love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

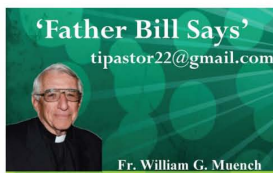
A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

If you had five minutes with the pope...

Finally, it is time for Pope Francis' visit to the United States. Suppose you could spend five minutes with Pope Francis alone, what would you like to talk about with him? What would you like to do with your five minutes? Suppose you are one of those who would spend time with Pope Francis. I contacted several people, inquiring what he or she would do if they had those five minutes with Pope Francis. So, I would like to share some of those responses that I received.

Here is one that I found especially wonderful. It is from my niece, Susan, who is married to my nephew, Paul. They have three children – two in college, one in high school – and Susan is also a member of her parish's Parish Council.

Susan wrote: "I would thank him. I think he is breathing new life into Catholicism. I feel like he truly is speaking on behalf of the teachings of Jesus, without regard for how it plays in the modern world, even in spite of it, just because it is not going to be easy to take care of the poor or take care of the gift of the earth that God gave us, does not mean



we shouldn't make it our life's work to try and do that.

All my life, Popes, Cardinals, and Bishops have always spoken with what seemed to be shaded speech, Susan continued. They always seemed to have to be careful with how the audiences were going to interpret and react. I am sure Pope Francis put tremendous thought into what he says and what words he uses, but the words always go back to the basics of what Jesus said, not some agenda that is colored by modern politics or secular forces."

Susan goes on: "I would like the church to come around on homosexuality and still has some catching up with the position of women in the Church. Pope Francis has come up a little short on those two issues for me. However, I do feel for the first time that the Pope is actively trying to make strides

with respect to that. So, if I had five minutes, I would probably love just to take a walk with him. Although I'd be torn between asking about church stuff or just talking to him like a regular person and see what comes up. Might be fun to play a game of Apples to Apples with him."

So, thanks Susan – for your wonderful insight – of an involved Catholic – I have no doubt Pope Francis would enjoy five minutes with you.

Here is another response from my friends, Sister Janet, a Mercy Sister. She wrote this: "I would first thank him for sharing his gifts of gentleness, kindness, and love for the poor and marginalized. I would also ask him to continue the challenge and encouragement of me to follow his example.

I would add a special thanks for his initiative in calling the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Sister Janet said. We will expect a focus on God's compassion and love, and our responsibility to love on another. When I made vows, we chose a motto and my motto is "love one another."

Here is one more from another Susan, who I remember

from many years ago when she was just a child. She writes: "I would thank him for his bravery in caring less about the restrictions of the Church than the teachings of Jesus. I feel like he approaches each matter with the simplest (and yet the hardest to live) formula of unconditional love and acceptance, which is what I was taught when I was young. For me, that is the most refreshing, positive and potentially revolutionary thin, that he can do for our Catholic Church."

I have found personally with so many who have written to me a readiness to form a close relationship with the Pope as a friend. They approach him as a human – as a friend – not some far off Supreme Leader of the Church. They see in him a real embodiment of Jesus – they find the Lord and his message through this Holy Father. He has come across to them as a real person.

As for me, I see in him the priest – that compassionate and merciful priest – I would certainly ask him, if I could go to confession to him – he seems like the merciful and compassionate confessor I have always looked for.

FOLLOW ME

'Your prayer-filled life challenges the world'

Sister Mary Catherine Pham made her first religious profession as a Sister Adorer of the Precious Blood Sept. 19 at St. Patrick's Church in Watertown. Bishop LaValley's homily for the occasion follows:

This Holy Year, this Year of Consecrated Life, Pope Francis has challenged our consecrated religious to: "Wake Up The World."

Well, a tiny portion of the world located at 400 Pratt Street here in Watertown has been doing just that. The Sister Adorers of the Precious Blood have given us good reason to celebrate and praise God because you, dear Sisters, continue to respond to the Holy Father's challenge by so generously answering the Lord's invitation to live a life of totally self-less love.

The witness of your prayer-filled, cloistered life challenges the world to wake up and not be drowsily lulled along by the God-less current now infiltrating our society.

So, today is a day that brings us all great hope, steeped in much joy!

Sister Mary Catherine Pham, what a privilege it is for all of us gathered here this afternoon to witness your First Profession as a Sister Adorer of the Precious Blood, the offering of your total being to Almighty God.

We just heard from the Song of Songs: "Were one to offer all he owns to purchase love, he would be roundly mocked." Surely, today's world cannot understand your offering--the

total commitment of oneself to God as you are making.

Your offering and the lived witness of consecrated religious is a wake up call for all of us--You proclaim, you insist that it is possible in today's world, for a person to courageously set Christ as an indelible seal on your heart, a heart that shares, in an intimate way, with that Most Precious Blood that beat through the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

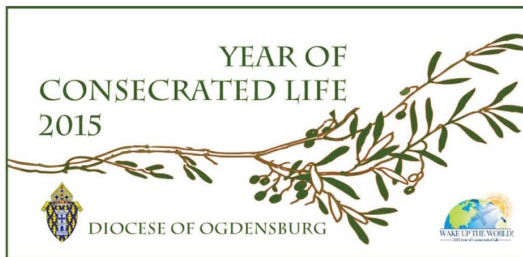
My friends, in response to their baptismal call, certain women and men en-

trust the totality of their lives to God by means of the evangelical counsels. They open themselves in a particular manner to the Divine Presence and spend their lives being transformed into that Presence.

Through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience, Sister Mary Catherine, you and the Sisters of the Precious Blood, indeed all consecrated Religious, breathe the pure air of the Holy Spirit who frees you from all that would hinder a total gift of self.

Through these vows, you yearn to love God with an undivided heart. Consecrated religious have not lost something through these vows, no they have found Someone: Jesus Christ!

In solitude, freed from the



distractions of this world, you joyfully give yourselves completely to a life of adoration and reparation. Your docility to God's Spirit will give you the grace to walk forward on the path of holiness, that holiness of the Church which is so beautiful and which enables you to live the Gospel boldly.

I think that we would all agree that we need role models such as these consecrated religious, to teach us the delicate art of listening to God's silence, which resonates from the heartbeat of His Most Sacred Heart. We adore that Most Precious Blood which flows from this Divine Fount of Love and Mercy.

Yes, today, Sister Mary Catherine, you are unwrapping the Spirit's gift of courage and, in all humility, boldly setting out to follow Jesus, so aware of what the shedding of His Precious Blood has gained for us.

You are declaring before all present here, indeed before the whole Church, that Jesus is your first and only love. It takes courage for those who feel loved by the Lord to know how to place

full trust in Jesus.

Hear what Bishop Bourget told your fledgling community so many years ago: "Consider yourselves as imbued with His Precious Blood; and may remembrance of the love Jesus has shown you by shedding it enkindle within you the fire of His love."

It is the igniting and stoking of that fire of love which awakens a sleeping world. In this way, you make Jesus' prayer to the Father (which we heard in our Gospel) your own: that others may see your love for God and His for you.

The principal mission of the Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood is to give glory to the Father through the worship of His Son in

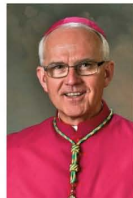
the mystery of His precious Blood, and to honor Mary, Immaculate in her Conception.

Sister Mary Catherine, the first Adorer of the Precious Blood, as you know, is the Virgin Mary. She is your inspiration and the model of what you hope to be as you participate by your consecrated life of prayer and penance in the apostolic mission of the Church.

As Pope Francis wrote: "the effectiveness of your consecrated life depends on the eloquence of your life, a life which radiates the joy and beauty of living the Gospel and following Christ to the full."

The Church congratulates the Sister Adorers of the Precious Blood and particularly you, Sister Mary Catherine. God bless you abundantly as you respond so generously and selflessly to Jesus' call: Follow Me!

Like St. Paul did, you are allowing yourself to be "taken possession of by Christ Jesus." The journey of discipleship continues and we are companions-- May God be praised... forever may God be praised!



Bishop
Terry R.
LaValley

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Celebrate Christ set for Oct. 16 and 17 in Lake Placid

LAKE PLACID - Celebrate Christ 2015 - a conference for Catholic school principals, teachers, staff, catechetical leaders, catechists, lay ministers and all involved in faith formation ministry - will be held Oct. 16 and 17 at the Crowne Plaza.

The theme for the two day event, Nurturing Families and Parishes with Living Stones, highlights two diocesan priorities, the faith formation of families and building parishes with living stones.

The Oct. 16 program is for Catholic School administrators and faculties. Dr. JoAnn Paradis, national catechetical



Dr. JoAnn
Paradis

consultant for Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum division, will speak on the topic "Crossing the Threshold to Intentional Discipleship."

She has served as a catechetical administrator in the Diocese of Pittsburgh in several parishes, most recently as Director of Parish Ministerial Life and Spiritual Formation at St. Sebastian Parish.

The program on Oct. 17 is designed for pastors, catechetical leaders, catechists and all people engaged in



Dr. John
Roberto

parish life. Bishop Terry R. LaValley will celebrate an opening Mass at 9 a.m.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. John Roberto, president of Lifelong Faith Associates. He is the editor of the journal Lifelong Faith, and works as a consultant to churches and national organizations, teaches courses and conducts workshops in faith formation, and has authored several books and program manuals in faith formation.

Registration, due by Oct. 2, may be made through the diocesan website, www.rc-dony.org; click on the Celebrate Christ 2015 logo.

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Save the date for 2016 diocesan vocation summit

Convening a 2016 vocations summit is one of the two goals of the diocesan priority, *Creating a Culture of Vocations*.

In an Aug. 15 letter to the priests of the diocese, Bishop Terry R. LaValley said, "the purpose of the summit is to remind God's people of their universal call to holiness, and to provide both formation and encouragement in the living out, or discerning of God's particular call for them."

The summit, to be known as *INSPIRE: Called to Love*, will be held Sept. 25, 2016, at the Olympic Arena in Lake Placid.

The slate of speakers follows:

- Bishop Robert Barron of Los Angeles, noted evangelist and creator/host of the *Catholicism* and the *New Evangelization* series, will give the keynote address;
- George Weigel, official biographer of St. John Paul II, noted author, and Vatican analyst for NBC news, will lead the breakout session, Mission, Evangelization & Vocations;
- Jennifer Fulwiler, young Catholic evangelist, author, speaker and radio host will lead the breakout session, Promoting Vocations in a Francis World;
- Bishop Chris Coyne of Burlington, Vermont, the US Church's most digitally-engaged bishop, will lead the breakout session, Ecclesial Spirituality and Vocations;
- Archbishop Paul-André Durocher of Gatineau, Quebec and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops will be the guest homilist at the Mass concluding the summit.

The bishops and people of the Dioceses of Albany, Burlington, Alexandria-Cornwall and Syracuse as well as the Archdiocese of Kingston, Ontario have been invited to participate in the summit.

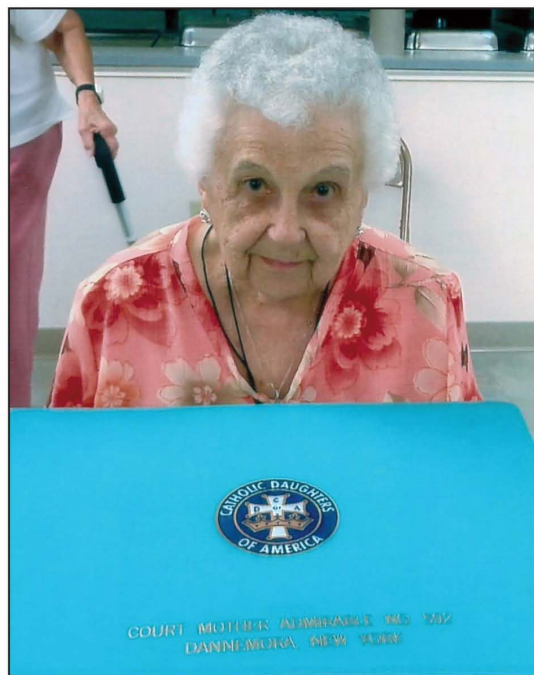
Further information will appear in upcoming issues of the *North Country Catholic*.

ACROSS THE NORTH COUNTRY AS SUMMER ENDS

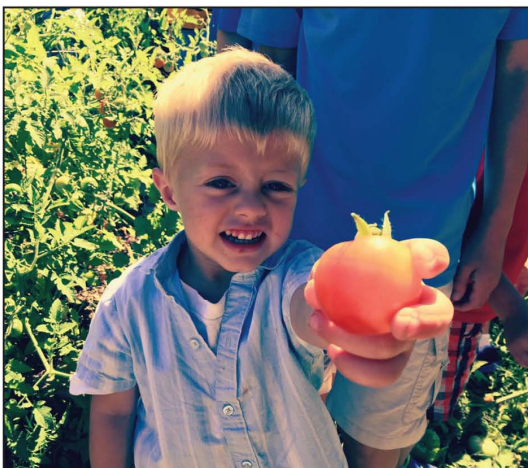
FACES OF FAITH



Father Donald J. Manfred, pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart and St. Lawrence in Massena, presented five graduating seniors from Sacred Heart Parish with a Papal Blessing in recognition of their ministry as altar servers. Above, Father Manfred is shown with Elizabeth Furnace who is now attending LeMoyne College in Syracuse. Other graduates honored were Molly Broderick who is also attending LeMoyne and her brother Brendan Broderick who entered the Maine Maritime Academy; Annie Casey, Nazareth College in Rochester; and David Elman, SUNY Canton.



Eleanor Mayette, a "Life Member" of Court Mother Admirable #592 Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Dannemora, has once again won recognition for her court in the scrapbook competition held at the NYS 54th CDA Biennial State Convention, held in Albany in April. According to the court: *Mrs. Mayette is an active (90-plus, but who is counting?) member, who has some outdoor winter limitations, but keeps herself very busy inside; she is always willing to do what she can to help. In August of 2007, she agreed to re-activate the scrapbook, and at each of the four CDA State Conventions since, the court's scrapbook, under Mrs. Mayette's assembly, has won: three times second place and once honorable mention. Court Mother Admirable applauds Mrs. Mayette for eight years of diligent, time consuming, hard work! Sadly, the court has to now give her time off from their scrapbook, as she has too many others to do, and she commented something like, "just in case I'm running out of time".*



Matthew Dwyer, son of Deacon Brian and Monique Dwyer, a pre-kindergarten student at Holy Family, Malone, shows everyone a ripe tomato grown in the school's garden. Matthew has three older siblings in the school, Stephen, Angela and Paul.



Catholic Daughters Court Sts. Kateri & André of Morrisonville sponsored a day retreat to Ste. Anne's Shrine, Isle LaMotte, Vermont, Aug. 27. Bishop Terry R. LaValley presided at Mass with Father Scott R. Seymour of Morrisonville and Father J. Michael Demo of Dannemora concelebrating. In attendance were Regent Christina Packwood and members of Court Sts. Kateri & André, Regent Nancy Clancy and members of Court Mother Admirable of Dannemora, Regent Brenda Owens and members of Court Our Lady of the Snows of Lyon Mountain, members of Court Lily of the Mohawk of Champlain, Regent Linda Manchester and members of Court St. Monica of Peru, and Regent Christina Bigelow and members of Court Joan of Arc of Willsboro. Following Mass the Catholic Daughters enjoyed a picnic lunch, shopped at the shrine shop, visited the grottos, walked the grounds along Lake Champlain, and then participated in a Holy Hour and Adoration with the rosary and music accompaniment by Shirley Butler.

Annual Caritas Dinner Oct. 28

OGDENSBURG- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg will hold its annual Caritas Dinner Oct. 28 at the Gran-View Restaurant.

A highlight of the dinner will be the presentation of the 2015 Caritas Award to John and Jane Pinkerton of Ogdensburg.

This award has been presented each year since 1978 for "devoted and unselfish service to the people of the North Country, exemplifying the spirit and ideals that Catholic Charities embodies in its mission, ideals of service and social action, of justice and charity."

In addition, Catholic Char-

ities will present its President's Award to Timothy and Jeanine McLellan, co-owners of Northern Physical Therapy in Ogdensburg.

Reservations are required and may be made by sending \$40 per person to Caritas Dinner, Catholic Charities, 6866 State Highway 37, Ogdensburg, NY, 13669.

Checks should be made payable to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

The event starts with a cash bar at 5:30 followed by dinner at 6.

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Bishop's Schedule

Sept. 24-25 – Papal Visit in Washington, D.C. and New York City

Sept. 27 - 11 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Sept. 29 – 9 a.m., Opening School Mass at St. Peter's Church followed by School Visit to Seton Academy in Plattsburgh

Sept. 30 – 12:00 p.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

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Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked for many favors.

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Rest in Peace

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

Sept. 23 – Rev. P. Phillips, 1872; Rev. Marcel Dupont, M.S.C., 1982

Sept. 24 – Rev. John Talbot Smith, 1923; Deacon Reginald F. Merrill, 2005

Sept. 25 – Rev. Frederick P. Shue, 1989

Sept. 26 – Rev. Francis Van Compenhandt, 1880; Rev. Stephen Royet, M.S.C., 1933; Rev. Michael F. Gallivan, 1939; Rev. Joseph Ludger Desjardins, 1941; Rev. Earl Mayo, 1994; Msgr. Francis A. White, 2007

Sept. 29 – Rev. Patrick O. Thompson, 1955

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults. Pre-registration online is required in order to participate. Participants may preregister at www.virtus.org by selecting the registration button and following the directions. All employees and volunteers who participate in church sponsored activities with minor are required to participate. Further information is available from Atone-
ment Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 1440

Upcoming sessions;

Sept. 24 - 6 p.m., Holy Family School, Malone

Oct. 14 - 6 p.m., St. Augustine's Church, North Bangor

Oct. 14 - 6:30 p.m., St. James Church, Gouverneur

Environmental Stewardship

How can I praise God's creation?

Viewing the news these days and witnessing our brothers and sisters suffering from the effects of climate change around us, drought, famine, wildfires, and floods, you may find yourself asking, "What can I do?"

During this 'Season of Creation' that began on September 1 with the World Day of Caring for Creation and which concludes on October 4 with the Feast of St. Francis, the Holy Father encourages us to find time to ponder the wonders of Creation and to take action on climate change.

One couple in our Diocese, Molly and Bill Amorrell from Colton, took the initiative to investigate solar energy as an alternative to fossil fuel in an effort to lessen their carbon footprint and concretely care for our "common home."

They invited James Ammon, the owner of Ampersand Electric and a parishioner of St. Bernard's Church in Saranac Lake, to come to their home to provide information on solar energy. They then invited their neighbors and friends to join them for an evening of inquiry about the pros and cons of solar energy for both their homes and for businesses.

After a pleasant and informative session, the couple and several of their neighbors asked Jim to return to conduct a free energy assessment of their homes.

While there is considerable saving on one's energy bill, the initial investment can be costly, although there are state and federal incentives to off-set the installation.

However, this cost needs to be seen not only from a financial perspective, but also from an ethical standpoint, an investment that can insure a healthier planet for their children and for all of God's children around the world.

Some suggestions provided by the Catholic Climate Covenant include:

- Praying for world leaders as they prepare for the world summit on Climate Change;
- Reading and discussion with others Pope Francis' Encyclical
- Taking action by considering ways to reduce your own energy consumption and to reduce heat loss this winter in your home.

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Bishop's Fund supports Camp Guggenheim

By Sister Jennifer Votraw
Chancellor, Diocese of Ogdensburg

In its Sept. 9 issue, the North Country Catholic focused on youth ministry in our diocese. A portion of that issue highlighted people and events in Guggenheim, our diocesan summer camp, located in Saranac Lake.

This beautiful camp is right on the lake, with five buildings used by our various programs. Over 350 youth participated in our youth summer camping program, followed by several families who took part in our family camping program.

These programs are supported by a dorm and meet-



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A Guggenheim camper works on an arts and project this past summer. The diocesan camp facilities are maintained with financial support from the annual Bishop's Fund Appeal.

ing rooms, the Inn, which houses arts and crafts, the cafeteria which can feed participants from each week and a building which is combina-

tion storage, garage, with rooms overhead.

Additionally, we have a lovely lodge which is separate from our children's and family camp and provides a place for adults, family respite/vacation, retreats and prayer days. All these buildings are modern, well-kept with clean water, bathrooms, and beds.

These facilities are made possible for our use and enjoyment because of the Bishop's Fund. A segment of these monies are set aside each year to help maintain this special place. Without your generous contributions, it would not be possible to continue to keep Guggenheim open. Thank you so much for your generosity.

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Father Christopher Carrara blessed flowers, herbs and grains at St. Hedwig's, Houseville, Aug. 16. This is a Polish custom to honor the Blessed Mother's Assumption. The many flowers represent the many virtues of Mary that we are to imitate. The grains represent thankfulness for a new harvest. On this feast day of beautiful flowers Mary is known as "MATKI BOSKIEJ ZIELNEJ" Mother of God of the Herbs. Herbs in Polish means anything green and growing – flowers, trees, herbs. There are many flowers, trees, grains and herbs mentioned in the Bible and there are over 2,000 plants, flowers and herbs later named after the Blessed Mother.

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A Holy Year offers unique opportunities for spiritual growth. This Holy Year Pilgrimage to Italy promises to be a time for prayer, an increase in faith, and a whole lot of enjoyment for all the pilgrims. The frosting on the cake: gaining the plenary indulgence associated with such a pilgrimage during a Holy Year.

I hope you'll join us for what promises to be an exciting and spiritually enriching time together.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

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Bishop Terry R. LaValley



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YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

Of passports and papal encyclicals

By Thomas Pietropaoli
Contributing Writer

The skeptical TSA agent was clearly not amused with the situation in front of him: an individual with an unsigned replacement passport and no form of secondary ID, attempting to take an international red eye flight out of Boston's Logan airport.

What sort of person would get into such a foolish situation? Unfortunately, I am.

Serving this past February as part of a mission team to a remote mountainous region of the Dominican Republic, I had prepared rigorously for the trip, carefully making sure to cross all the T's and dot all the I's—apparently except for those on my passport!

Though Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment had not yet come out, the task we were embarking on under the leadership of a Redemptorist priest was an attempt in a small but concrete way to live out some of the central principles laid out in *Laudato Si'*, to answer the call to bring the "human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development" (*Laudato Si'* 13). Though much attention has been given to the mention of climate change made in the Encyclical, global warming and its purported causes are ultimately on the periphery of the Pope's message, which calls into question the justice and sustainability of our modern 'first-world' way of life.

It is a prophetic demand that we not live lives blind to the systemic disorder and resulting degradation that have become heavily entwined with our prosperity—and the poverty of the global majority.

And an excellent place to



Malone native Tom Pietropaoli holds a little friend from the Dominican Republic during a recent mission trip.

begin heeding this call is by opening one's heart to those who dwell on the far side of the great economic divide, and often on the far, or at least a different, side of the globe, where absolute necessities such as water can be scarce or challenging to procure.

Though we went in response to the poverty of others, our own neediness was inevitably disclosed, reminding us of how dependent we are on each other—and how this interdependence is essential to being a created person, formed in the image of the perfect community which is the Trinity.

Our 'first world' society, so fixated as it is on individuality and autonomy, often obscures this reality, and does little to facilitate that "openness to others [which] remains the source of our nobility as human persons" (LS, 119).

In the Dominican Republic, and especially in the remote rural regions, this openness to others is an essential part of the social code, and the warmth with which we were routinely welcomed into villages and houses was moving and memorable.

On my first mission trip, back in 2013, one hike into

a very isolated village was particularly poignant, as it turned out to be about twice as long as we thought it would be, and involving getting caught in a torrential tropical downpour.

However, both the length of the trip and the rain were more than offset by the welcome extended by the people, who unhesitatingly took in a troupe of soggy strangers, smilingly giving up the few chairs resting on the earthen floor or preparing a filling meal of rice, chicken, and beans.

Without such hospitality, we would never have completed our projects, or perhaps even survived our sojourn in a place with no semblance of the vast socioeconomic safety net that usually surrounds us.

Usually this safety-net works to our advantage, but when you are standing in front of an increasingly incredulous and agitated airport security officer charged with keeping flights safe by implementing carefully calibrated protocols of which you are in violation, the desire for a simpler way of life is hard to avoid.

However, after some tense minutes of carefully explaining where I was from, where I was going, and exactly what I would be doing when I got to my destination, I was allowed to sign my passport and rejoin the rest of the mission team, only to face the next procedural hurdle - bag screening.

The supplies which filled many of the bags, ranging from multivitamins to a micro-hydro electric generator, came from the abundance and generosity of the Catholic Community of New Hampshire, and were aimed at both alleviating immediate needs and implementing infrastructure.

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Progress report on Trinity School's 'garden to table' project

A Garden of Eatin'

MASSENA—As the school year begins, Trinity Catholic has been transformed into a true "Garden of Eatin'" as pumpkins, beans and beets grow alongside an unexpected orchard planted by the Massena Electric Department.

Almost 60 plum, apple and pear trees now abound on the property surrounding Sacred Heart Church and TCS and complement the beautiful garden planted last spring as a result of a Fidelis grant.

"The planting [of the trees] was a result of a joint effort between MED, Global ReLeaf USA and the New York Power Authority's Tree Power program, which focuses on targeting neighborhoods in need of trees. The MED received funding that was made possible by the Alcoa Foundation and American Forest organizations," the Courier Observer reported last week.

"Part of the Global ReLeaf grant is to engage the use of volunteers in the community to help with the planting, said Laurie A. Marr, Alcoa Massena Operations communications and public affairs manager. MED used the help of six Alcoa employees and nine members of the Massena Rotary Club, along with employees of MED and North Raquette Greenery to



SCHOOL PHOTO

Carina Cook, Eliza Perez, Paige Francis and Brooke Terry, students of Trinity Catholic School in Massena, enjoy the fruits - a vegetables - of their labors in their school's garden project. Trinity and eight other Catholic schools in the diocese shared a \$39,400 grant from Fidelis Care to take part in "Teaching Gardens: Healthy Food from Seed to Table."

plant the fruit trees.

Trinity's Read and Weed students were the first to see the trees last summer, as they went out three days a week to weed their vegetable garden as part of a five-week summer program designed by teachers Margie Ilisco and

Michele Bombard to develop ELA skills and gardening knowledge.

Along with researching and writing about plants, students dove deep into projects that involved learning from parents, grandparents, and local experts about

many aspects of gardening.

Parent, Candace O'Neill talked to them about unique uses for fruit and flowers, such as aromatherapy and medicinal use, and guided students in making lavender butter cookies.

Master Gardener, Jane Por-

tolese brought in herbs and talked to students about composting.

Licensed nutritionist, Mary Mittiga, talked to students about nutrition and taught them how to make kale salad and chips.

Community members, Paul and Joan Rufa and Eileen Boots showed students around their home flower and vegetable gardens.

Lastly, students got their hands dirty looking for decomposers, "nature's recyclers," in piles of compost donated by grandfather, Tony Covais.

But, most importantly, these children saw how tiny seeds emerge into God's nutritious bounty as a plethora of tomatoes, kale, beets, beans, peppers have slowly evolved into delicious tidbits to don their plates this fall.

Although Read and Weed students finished a couple of weeks before school began, teachers and cafeteria employees continued putting their heads together to decide the best way to preserve the garden's yield.

Freezing and canning the harvest for students to eat in this year's lunches will serve as great practice for sustaining the coming years' yield of fresh fruit from a surprise orchard in a modern-day version of an Edible Eden.

Passports

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However, the many material goods we carried with us were not merely a large-scale, one time handout divorced from a deeper sense of commitment to the people with whom the providence of God has brought us into contact.

As Pope Francis has pointed out so emphatically, we must not "live and reason from the comfortable

position of a high level of development" that lacks "direct encounter" (LS 49) with those we ought to serve.

Instead, we need to share our lives with them, and especially that which is the source and summit of our lives as Christians.

After one afternoon spent dispensing medical supplies, clothes, and toys in a remote mountain village, we

cleared away the items from the benches and lone table in the simple, one room building we were using, so that it could fulfill its proper function as the local church.

As the priest we were with celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, few of the recognizable liturgical trappings were visible, and the plastic water bottle within

which the wine had been transported was the only vessel available for the precious blood - yet the liturgy was no less real, and was highlighted by the background of poverty and charity which had colored the day. Indeed, it is authentic worship of Jesus which is the true pivot point of all our charitable activity, and the key to a more integrated

and sustainable approach to inhabiting our common home.

For in him we find the healing of our hearts and minds, and the transformation of desires from an addicted consumerism to a liberated communion with the Eucharistic God who is the "living center of the universe" (LS 236) of which we are all a part.

A HAND FOR THE HOLY FATHER



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Bishop Paul S. Loverde of Arlington, Va., helps Pope Francis with his mantle after a gust of wind blew it during the pope's general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Sept. 16.

'Complex' trip to Cuba, U.S. will be the pope's longest

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis' 10th foreign trip will be the longest of his pontificate and, with stops in Cuba, three U.S. cities and the United Nations, it also will be a "very complex trip," the papal spokesman said.

Briefing reporters about the trip, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, said the plans were "enriched" after Pope Francis agreed to go to the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia and, particularly, after the United States and Cuba announced they

were moving toward normalizing diplomatic relations.

The pope will be away from the Vatican Sept. 19-28 and is scheduled to give 26 formal speeches -- only four of them entirely in English, Father Lombardi said.

The all-English texts are prepared for Pope Francis' visit to the White House Sept. 23, his address to a joint meeting of Congress Sept. 24, his meeting with U.N. staff members Sept. 25 and his thank you to trip organizers in Philadelphia

Sept. 27.

His address to the U.N. General Assembly will be entirely in Spanish, Father Lombardi said. Other speeches in the United States either will be in Spanish or a mixture of Spanish and English, but translations will be provided.

The spokesman noted that not only will Pope Francis be the first pope to visit the U.S. Congress, but papal speeches to parliaments of any single nation are extremely rare.

The Polish St. John Paul II addressed the Polish and Italian parliaments; German Pope Benedict XVI addressed the German and Italian parliaments.

Cardinal predicts pope's topics for trip to Cuba, US

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Arriving in the United States from Cuba, Pope Francis "will enter as a migrant" as millions of people have done before him, said Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state.

The cardinal, who will accompany the pope on his Sept. 19-27 visits to Cuba, the United States and the United Nations, said immigration will be one of the main topics of the pope's speeches, along with the need for greater freedom for the people of Cuba and a global call for "integral ecology," which is an approach to safeguarding all of creation, including the sanctity and dignity of human life.

Immigration will be "one of the most important themes" of the pope's visit, the cardinal said in an interview with the Vatican television center on the eve of the trip. The United States is "a country with a long history of immigration and, at the same time, a long history of openness, welcome and integration of the various waves of immigrants who arrived."

The U.S. heritage of welcoming newcomers, he said, should be valued as a treasure to be built upon in "facing the modern challenges of migration."

Immigration is an issue close to the heart of Pope Francis, whose family immigrated to Argentina from Italy, the cardinal said. The pope hopes to be able to offer some points for consideration in the current U.S. debate on immigration reform.

Pope Francis also is likely to encourage a new season of greater freedom and respect for human rights in Cuba, Cardinal Parolin said.

Asked about the economic embargo the United States has had in place against

Cuba since 1960, the cardinal said the Holy See has always been against the embargo and consistently has supported United Nations' resolutions in favor of lifting the economic sanctions on the island.

"There is a simple fact and that is that the embargo, this kind of sanction, provokes poverty and suffering" among a country's population, he said. In addition, the Vatican hopes that lifting the embargo will have the impact predicted by the Cuban bishops, which is that greater contact with the United States and increased trade "also would bring greater openness from the point of view of freedom and human rights, a flowering of these aspects that are fundamental for the life of persons and peoples."

The invitations for Pope Francis to address a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress and to speak to the General Assembly of the United Nations are special opportunities, he said. The pope is likely to relaunch the central messages of "Laudato Si'," his encyclical on the environment, which "takes into consideration the human person within creation," urging respect for "the transcendental nature of the person, from which flows his or her fundamental rights, especially the right to life and to religious freedom."

Pope Francis, he said, will call people "to change our lifestyles so that we can be custodians of creation, as he says, and not dominators or aggressors."

Cardinal Parolin said he knows some people in the United States and elsewhere have read the encyclical as an overly harsh attack on capitalism.

"I think the pope is touching fundamental points," the cardinal said, and calling for reflection.

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Vatican welcomes its first family of refugees following pope's appeal

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Embracing Pope Francis' request to sponsor a refugee family, the Vatican's St. Anne parish has welcomed a family of four from Damascus, Syria. In an appeal Sept. 6, the pope called on every parish, religious community, monastery and shrine in Europe to take in a family of refugees, given the ongoing crisis of people fleeing from war and poverty. He said being Christian means giving a concrete sign of hope and God's mercy to those in need. The papal Almoner's Office, which responds to individual requests for assistance and helps coordinate Pope Francis' direct requests for assisting the homeless in Rome, announced Sept. 18 that a refugee family was being cared for by St. Anne's parish inside Vatican City. The family -- a mother, father and two children -- belong to the Melkite Catholic Church, one of the Byzantine-rite churches in full union with Rome. The family arrived in Italy Sept. 6, the day the pope made his appeal, the Vatican said; they have been offered a Vatican apartment near St. Peter's Square, as requested by Pope Francis.

Catholic Charities campaign takes aim at 'scandalous' poverty rate

OMAHA, Neb. (CNS) -- Seeking to create awareness about poverty in the United States and to stand in solidarity with Pope Francis' commitment to the poor, Catholic Charities USA has launched a new national campaign. Dominican Sister Donna Markham discussed the effort Sept. 10 in her first address as president and CEO of the organization during its national convention in Omaha. Dubbed "#End45 -- Raise a Hand to End Poverty in America," the name reflects the 45 million people in the U.S. who live in poverty. "That's scandalous," said Sister Donna, the organization's first female president. The campaign is appearing online nationwide on member websites, Facebook, Twitter and other social media accounts, with videos of people who have been helped by Catholic Charities. In addition, people are encouraged to show support by taking a picture of their hand with "End45" written on their palm and post it to their social media channels using the hashtag #End45. We are asking our country to work with us to end 45," Sister Donna.

Pope: Plunder, waste mean rich nations have 'ecological debt' to pay

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Wealthier nations have an "ecological debt" they must pay back to poorer countries by ending food waste, cutting back on nonrenewable energy consumption and investing in sustainable development, Pope Francis said. "The environment is a collective good" that everyone has the duty to protect -- a duty that "demands an effective collaboration within the entire international community," he told a group of environment ministers from countries belonging to the European Union. When it comes to formulating environmental policy and goals, leaders must take into account the principles of justice, solidarity and participation, he said during the Sept. 16 meeting. Greater justice, the pope said, means addressing "ecological debt," that is, the debt richer countries owe poorer countries because of the huge trade imbalances and "disproportionate use" of natural resources wealthier countries have created. "We must honor this debt," he told the ministers, first by "setting a good example."

U.S. Catholics support pope, see need to embrace 'new balance' in politics

By Dennis Sadowski
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Pope Francis enjoys extremely high levels of support among Catholic likely voters and that support could reshape the Catholic Church's engagement on political and social issues, a new poll reveals.

Undertaken by the Institute for Policy Research and Catholic Studies at The Catholic University of America and Faith in Public Life, the survey found that Catholics across the political spectrum are hearing the pope's message of love and mercy and would welcome a widening of the perception that the church's primary concerns are the so-called "culture war" topics of abortion and same-sex marriage.

"The most important take-away (from the survey) is for all of us to recognize that this pope offers a framework for consideration of so many aspects of our public life," Stephen Schneck, institute director, said during a news briefing Sept. 16 at the National Press Club to release poll results. "He's offering us a way to rethink issues that are so important in our contemporary world."

The survey focused exclusively on Catholics, many in 10 battleground states identified for the 2016 election: Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Michigan, Nevada, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin.

The survey found that 82.5 percent of Catholic likely voters favorably viewed the pope while 10.9 percent saw him unfavorably.

A related question on whether the pope was moving the church on the right path or the wrong direction found that 82 percent supported his work while 18

percent did not.

In the battleground states, 78.9 percent of respondents favorably viewed the pope and 14.4 percent had an unfavorable view.

Poll respondents said that religious leaders should pay attention to seven policy issues including abortion, immigration, international affairs, same-sex marriage, climate change, poverty and religious liberty

Latinos supported the pope by an 84.4 percent to 6.5 percent margin, with 9.1 percent unsure. On whether the church is on the right path, 89.6 percent of Latinos agreed while 10.4 percent disagreed.

Broken down further, 92 percent of self-identified Democratic respondents support the pope as do 77 percent of independents and 70 percent of Republicans.

The sample was taken July 22-31 and included 1,121 respondents. The sample was pared to 1,000 respondents to obtain the final results. The margin of error is plus or minus about 3 percent.

The poll's findings were released six days before Pope Francis was to arrive in the United States for a tour of Washington, New York and Philadelphia. He will speak to a joint meeting of Congress and the U.N. General Assembly and participate in the World Meeting of Families.

In addition, he planned to visit a Catholic Charities-run meal program, a Catholic elementary school and a prison at each locale.

The poll examined issues related to economic inequality and the pope's encyclical on the environment,

"Laudato Si', On Care for Our Common Home," as well as the feelings of Latinos for the pope. Latinos represent a significantly growing segment of the Catholic Church.

By a 77 percent to 23 percent margin, respondents agreed that Catholics should pay attention to a wide range of issues as opposed to a set of "non-negotiable" issues when deciding whom to support at the election booth.

Specifically, respondents said that religious leaders should pay attention to seven policy issues including abortion, immigration, international affairs, same-sex marriage, climate change, poverty and religious liberty.

The poll also revealed a wide gap between conservatives and non-conservatives in regard to economics, with 65 percent of non-conservatives agreeing that unregulated capitalism poses a significant challenge to protecting human life and dignity while only 25 percent of conservatives holding the same view.

John Gehring, Catholic program director at Faith in Public Life, explained that the poll's results point to the desire by Catholic respondents to "expand the voice on what encompasses human dignity."

"Perhaps more than any other religious leader, Pope Francis provides a different kind of face to Catholics. Pope Francis is not changing church teaching, but has emphasized the church cannot only be known for those positions (on abortion and same-sex marriage)," Gehring said. "I think he is reorienting the conversation, not throwing doctrine out the window, but putting people at the center."

He sees human beings as the center of church doctrine," he added.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

We are all brothers and sisters under God

No matter how good a leader is, many people will grumble and complain about his leadership.

In today's first reading from the Book of Numbers, Moses was discouraged at all the complaints he receives from the Israelites. "If only we had meat to eat", they cried.

God, seeing Moses' frustration, decides to lighten the burden of leadership. He pours the divine Spirit also on seventy elders who will share Moses' authority.

Now, two of the elders



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were not present at the ceremony, but received the Spirit anyway.

When they began prophesying on their own, Moses' young assistant, Joshua, became envious.

"Moses, stop them!" he cried. To Joshua's surprise, Moses praised the two, and told Joshua he wished everyone had that gift.

Jesus, in today's Gospel, teaches the same lesson.

When a few of his disciples complained to Jesus that some, not of their com-

pany, were driving out demons, Jesus, like Moses, rebuked his followers for being so exclusive.

"Whoever is not against us, is for us" became Jesus' rule for his Church. Two of the great rules for the Catholic Church are unity and inclusivity.

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In the not so distant past, lay persons were not invited to share their gifts in running the ministries and programs of the Church.

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Numbers 11:25-29

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

shortage, the help of deacons is absolutely essential to the smooth running of a parish.

In addition, we have many hundreds of the laity who have trained and commissioned as lay ministers.

Pastors now urge all Catholics to take seriously their baptismal consecra-

tion, and become active in church ministries.

Those who respond are welcomed with open arms as they learn how to visit the sick and shut-ins, how to teach the beautiful truths of the Gospel to our children, and how to work with our youth, to name just a few.

In the current massive refugee crisis in the Middle East, our Holy Father has urged all nations to show compassion and aid to those fleeing for their lives.

We are all brothers and sisters under God.

May the hearts and purses of all nations we open to their needs.

MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

Jailed for defending marriage

Kim Davis, the now-famous Clerk in Rowan County, Kentucky, who became known for her refusal to issue marriage licenses, was arrested and incarcerated in September of 2015.

She had refused to affix her signature to licenses being sought by two people of the same sex, even after the Supreme Court had legalized gay marriage, noting that this would force her to act against her conscience and her deeply-held religious convictions.

Her resolve to stop issuing licenses under these circumstances needs to be grasped for what it really is, namely, a morally coherent course of action that respects the authentic nature of marriage and recognizes the duties of an informed conscience.

Jonathan Adler, a law professor at Case Western University noted that Kim Davis "asked to be the person who issues marriage licenses. And the state defines who is eligible to marry," and sometimes "the eligibility changes."

In point of fact, however, he only begs the question under dispute.

Opponents of the Supreme Court's Obergefell decision stress that the state does not determine the nature of marriage; instead, it is nature that makes that determination through the radical complementarity of man and woman, a reality entirely outside the purview of the state to redefine or negate.

The unique and exclusive eligibility of one man and one woman to marry each other cannot be changed by court order any more than gravity can be overturned by court decree.

Commenting on the Supreme Court decision on gay marriage, Ed Peters, a canonist in Detroit, explains it this way:

"Five justices imposed on marriage (true marriage, natural marriage, traditional marriage, whatever pleonastic phrase one wishes to use) the lie that marriage includes the union of two persons of the same sex.... The Court has published a

naked, gross falsehood that tears simultaneously at the fabric of law, language, family, and society. The word marriage has, and will always have, an objectively true meaning—no matter how many times it has been degraded."

Ms. Davis resolutely declined to lend her signature, and the authority of her office, to affirm this falsehood.

Even so, various commentators have tried to insist that Ms. Davis was elected to serve as a government official, and should carry out the provisions of the law even if she might not agree with them. But this argument is flawed on at least four counts.

First, the claim that public servants have a stringent duty to uphold the law tends to be selectively applied by those who make the claim.

Nearly 18 months before Ms. Davis was jailed, and 15

months before the Supreme Court decision on gay marriage, another public servant in Kentucky named Jack Conway, the state Attorney General, failed to carry out his duty of defending the Kentucky Constitution that affirmed marriage to be between one man and one woman.

He publicly refused to defend the law of the Commonwealth before the Supreme Court; and Mr. Conway was praised and celebrated for his decision by numerous voices in the national media and in the legal establishment.

Mr. Conway's refusal to perform this duty clearly contravened Kentucky law KRS 522.020; nevertheless, he was neither punished nor incarcerated for his failure to uphold the fundamental marriage laws of the state.

Second, it would be wrong to suppose that workers and employees are mere cogs in the machinery of govern-



Father Tadeusz
Pacholczyk Ph.D.

ments or corporations, mindlessly following orders. Many German government officials and workers seemed to make this assumption during the last World War.

Officials and employees are rather called to assist their employers in an attentive and collaborative way, so that the work of the institution or corporation they represent is marked by integrity and sound ethics.

Ms. Davis sought to conscientiously protect the integrity of marriage and the work carried out in the Clerk's Office by declining to issue licenses to two people of the same sex.

Third, when Ms. Davis was elected to the office of Clerk in Rowan County, gay marriage was still illegal, so she was elected to a position where, some time later, the ground beneath her feet abruptly shifted, and a new job description requiring her to violate her conscience was suddenly thrust upon her.

Simply put, she hadn't

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AT THE MOVIES

BLACK MASS

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

The somber fact-based crime drama "Black Mass" (Warner Bros.), adapted from the eponymous book by Dick Lehr and Gerard O'Neill, chronicles the rise and fall of notorious Boston kingpin James "Whitey" Bulger.

Johnny Depp brings an intriguing blend of two-faced charm and menacing intensity to the central role. And the underlying values of this cautionary tale about the dangers of government collusion in wrongdoing are sound.

Yet, while the often harrowing bloodletting integral to director Scott Cooper's film is generally surrounded with an appropriate sense of dread, a note of exploitative excess does creep in as the story progresses. Thus even those few moviegoers for whom it can be considered tolerable may ultimately judge this gritty journey through Beantown's insular back streets offensive.

Bulger's story -- which Cooper marshals to convey a resounding admonition against using illicit means to achieve valid ends -- would be hard to credit if it weren't true. Motivated by a

misguided sense of ethnic and neighborhood loyalty, John Connolly (Joel Edgerton), a childhood acquaintance of Bulger's in the Irish-American enclave of "Southie," uses his position as an FBI agent to engineer a deal between the bureau and the initially small-time gangster.

According to the implicit terms of this corrupt bargain, Bulger will be given free rein to expand his underworld empire in exchange for information about his rivals in the Italian-American mafia.

For Connolly's boss, Charles McGuire (Kevin Bacon), and his closest coworker, John Morris (David Harbour) -- both of whom, despite some ethical misgivings at the start, become willing accessories to the arrangement -- the goal seems a straightforward one: Use the small fry to catch the big fish. For Bulger himself, of course, it's a win-win: Use the feds to destroy your enemies, then take over their turf.

As Bulger's uncontrollable barbarism causes events to spiral out of control, however, his rampaging ways threaten not only his G-men partners but his wily brother Billy (Benedict Cumberbatch) as well. An ostentatiously

respectable public figure who waltzes nimbly around his sibling's shady reputation, Billy is a popular Massachusetts state senator.

Despite its indirectly religious title, and the unmistakably Catholic atmosphere in which its characters move, "Black Mass" devotes relatively little attention to faith.

We're shown the fleeting image of a fatuous priest enjoying himself at a St. Patrick's Day banquet where the Provisional IRA (to which Bulger has ties) is being praised. And Bulger sits silently in a church while brooding on his downfall. But otherwise religious expression is confined to the scenery.

So it's not irreverence but rampant indifference to human life that may give even the heartiest ticket buyers pause.

The film contains frequent brutal violence mature themes, including prostitution, about a dozen uses of profanity and pervasive rough and crude language. The Catholic News Service classification is L -- limited adult audience, films whose problematic content many adults would find troubling. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted.

Jailed

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signed up for this. Fourth, legality does not automatically equate to morality. If workers or officials are asked to perform a gravely immoral activity, even one sanctioned by a legislature, a parliament, or a Supreme Court, they must instead advert to a higher law, and individual conscience rights must be safeguarded to assure that they are not forced to comply

with serious wrongdoing.

In sum, Kim Davis' measured actions at the Clerk's Office in Kentucky offer a coherent and courageous response to chaotic attempts to undermine marriage and the rule of law.

Our society needs more of her coherence and courage, not less.

Father Pacholczyk, a priest of the diocese of Fall River, MA, and serves as the

Director of Education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. See www.ncbcenter.org



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ROSARY RALLY

Bloomington – St. Paul's is holding a rosary rally for the nation.

Date: Oct. 10

Time: 11:45 a.m.

Place: St. Paul's Church

Features: This will be one of over 14,000 rallies throughout the nation asking God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Bring a sandwich, dessert and drinks will be provided.

'LAUDATO SI'

Lake Placid – Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si'" will be the center of three evenings of discussion.

Date: Sept. 29, Oct. 6 and Oct. 13

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: St. Agnes

Theme: "On Care for Our Common Home"

Features: Curt Stager, Ph.D. of the faculty of Paul Smiths will facilitate. A light dinner will begin the sessions. Pre-registration is required

QUEEN'S CLOSET SALE

Saranac Lake – The Queen's Closet sale to be held.

Date: Oct. 3

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Place: St. Bernard's School Cafeteria

Features: Will be featuring gently used sweaters, scarves, jewelry and accessories. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Tea and crumpets will be served. Proceeds benefit the St. Bernard's Church Hand Bell Choir

CDA MEMORIAL MASS

Lake Placid - Annual fall CDA Past Regents Chapter Memorial Mass/Luncheon to be held.

Date: Oct. 3

Features: All CDA members are invited

CLINTON

PLATTSBURGH LIFE CHAIN

Plattsburgh – 28th Annual National Life Chain to be held.

Date: Oct. 4

Time: 2:30 p.m. to 3:30

Place: Smithfield Blvd at Route 3

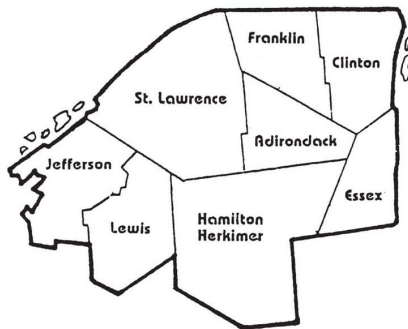
Features: To support and pray for our Pre-born Children. Join in and stand for life. All are welcome.

CELEBRATE OUR LADY THE ROSARY

Plattsburgh – St. Peter's Parish is holding a meditation on the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary.

Date: Oct. 7

Time: 6:45 p.m. Prelude of Marian



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

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North Country Catholic, PO Box 326,

Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 1-866-314-7296;

e-mail news@northcountycatholic.org.

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

Music: 7 p.m.

Place: St. Peter's main church

Speaker: Msgr. Dennis Duprey

HARVEST DINNER

West Chazy – St. Joseph's Church will hold their 42nd annual all you can eat Harvest Dinner.

Date: Oct. 11

Time: Noon to 5 p.m.

Place: Parish Center

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

Features: The menu will include a Buffet Style Ham Dinner with all the trimmings. Take-outs are available at \$10; Country Store, Benefit Drawing.
Contact: call 518-493-4521.

WALK OF FAITH & DINNER

Peru – The CC of St. Augustine's and St. Patrick's Parish, The Peru Community Church, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Monica 2598 and Knights of Columbus Council 7273 in Peru, NY are holding their 9th annual Walk of Faith and a Pulled Pork Dinner to benefit The North Country Mission of Hope and the Jamaica Project.

Date: Oct. 11

Schedule: Early registration begins at 11:45 a.m. Opening Ceremony begins at 12:30 PM, followed by the Walk of Faith Dinner is from Noon to 2 p.m.

Place: Walk, Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine (2.7 miles total); Dinner is at the St. Augustine Parish center

Cost: Walk is free, but donations are accepted. Dinner is \$8 (Non-Walkers), \$6 (Walkers) adult guests will get a plate

full of pulled pork, corn on the cob, baked beans, salad and rolls. Beverages and dessert come with the meal. Children 12 and under are \$4 each (non-walkers) and \$3 each (walkers).
Contact: Christa Reyell at 566-6404.

HARVEST DINNER

Chazy – Sacred Heart Church to have their annual harvest dinner.

Date: Sept. 27

Time: Buffet style 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: Sacred Heart Church

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

Features: Raffle with dozens of prizes. Sinners' Den Party.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Plattsburgh – Join the worldwide movement to protect mothers and babies.

Date: Sept. 23 – Nov. 1

Time: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Place: Outside of the Planned Parenthood

Features: 40 Days for life is a peaceful pro-life effort that will join hundreds of other cities in this life-saving campaign.
Contact: Nancy Belzile 518-593-6024 nancys_56@hotmail.com or 40daysforlife.com/plattsburgh

HARVEST DINNER

Dannemora – St. Joseph's Church to have a harvest dinner.

Date: Oct. 11

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

Cost: Adults, \$9; Children 5-11, \$5; under 5, Free

Features: Roast turkey with all the trim-

mings will be served. Take-outs available. There will also be a Chinese raffle, craft tables, country store, flea market and live music by Ann-Marie Petrashune and Robert Rubado. Proceeds benefit St. Joseph's Renovation Fund and St. Pauls in McKee, Ky.

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

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.

ESSEX

ROAST BEEF DINNER.

Elizabethtown – Roast Beef dinner will the trimmings to be held.

Date: Oct. 4

Time: 2 p.m. to 6; take-outs at 1:30

Place: St. Elizabeth's Church

Cost: Adults, \$9; Children, \$5; under 5, free

WILLSBORO LIFECHAIN

Willsboro – All Pro-lifers are invited to join us for one hour as we join others around the nation in the 27th Annual Life Chain.

Date: Oct. 4

Time: 2 p.m. to 3

Place: Main street (Old IGA)

Features: We stand for life rain or shine. Signs provided. Bring a chair, bring a friend.

Contact: 518-963-7814 or e-mail: rrm-smith2000@gmail.com

HARVEST DINNER

Elizabethtown – St. Elizabeth's Church will have a Harvest Dinner.

Date: Oct. 4

Time: 2 p.m. to 6

Place: Parish Center

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

Features: Roast Beef with all the trimmings. Take-outs available at 1:30 p.m. Children's activities and music provided by the Old Timer's Band.

FRANKLIN

ROAST PORK DINNER

Brushton – St. Mary's Church has planned a harvest roast pork dinner

Date: Oct. 4

Time: Noon to 4 p.m.; take-outs available 11:30 to 4, call 518-529-6580

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Prices: Adults, \$9; seniors, \$8; ages 6-12,

\$5 and children five and under, free;

Features: Raffle tickets may be purchased; drawing during the meal

FALL FESTIVAL

Bombay – St. Joseph's to have their 24th Annual Fall Festive Dinner.

Date: Sept. 27

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

Place: St. Joseph's parish hall

Cost: Adults, \$9; under 12, \$4; 5 and under, Free

Features: Take-outs available. There will be a country store this year. Enjoy shopping for baked goods, canned goods, fresh produce & flea market items. 50/50 Raffle, Multi-Prize Raffle & More! Sponsored by St. Joseph Society.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

St. Regis Falls – First Saturday Devotion and Holy Hour to be held the first Saturday of each month.

Time: after 4:30 p.m. anticipated Mass

Place: St. Ann's Church

Contact: 518-856-9656

JEFFERSON

CONCERT AND DEDICATION

Carthage – St. James Church is holding a concert and dedication of its new Allen Renaissance Quantum Organ.

Date: Sept. 27

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. James Church

Featuring: Organist Michael Perfetto, Jr. and Guest Organist Wayne Skinner with St. James Family Choir and Flute soloist Theresa Lorence. Reception and refreshments to follow. This concert will be recorded live, therefore, we request no children under the age of five.

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Watertown – An Ecumenical Bereavement Meeting to be held.

Date: Sept. 28

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse Heartside Hospitality Center

Speaker: Rev. Douglas Ort, Baptist minister, who has had a private counseling practice for 24 years. Topic: "Treasuring Memories in the Midst of Loss"

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Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday

This week, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, will visit the United States to spread his message of love, peace and forgiveness.

With this in mind, it is appropriate to share with our readers his annual message on World Mission Sunday. Below is a large excerpt of his words from the Vatican for the upcoming World Mission Sunday.

"The 2015 World Mission Sunday takes place in the context of the Year of Consecrated Life, which provides a further stimulus for prayer and reflection. For if every baptized person is called to bear witness to the Lord Jesus by proclaiming the faith received as a gift, this is especially so for each consecrated man and woman. There is a clear connection between consecrated life and mission.

Those who follow Christ cannot fail to be missionaries, for they know that Jesus "walks with them, speaks to them, breathes with them. They sense Jesus alive with them in the midst of the missionary enterprise

Today, the Church's mission is faced by the challenge of meeting the needs of all people to return to their roots and to protect the values of their respective cultures.

This means knowing and respecting other traditions and philosophical systems, and realizing that all peoples and cultures have the right to be helped from within their own traditions to enter into the mystery of God's wisdom and to accept the Gospel of Jesus, who is light and transforming strength for all cultures.

Living as Christian witnesses and as signs of the Father's love among the poor and underprivileged, consecrated persons are called to promote the presence of the lay faithful in the service of Church's mission.

As the Second Vatican Council stated: "The laity should cooperate in the Church's work of evangelization; as witnesses and at the same time as living instruments, they share in her saving mission" (Ad Gentes, 41).

Consecrated missionaries need to generously welcome those who are willing to work with them, even for a limited period of time, for an experience in the field. They are brothers and sisters who want to share the missionary vocation inherent in Baptism. The houses and structures of the missions are natural places to welcome them and to provide for their human, spiritual and apostolic support.

The Missionary Societies of the Successor of Peter have a universal apostolic horizon. This is why they also need the many charisms of consecrated life, to address the vast horizons of evangelization and to be able to ensure adequate presence in whatever lands they are sent.

Dear brothers and sisters, a true missionary is passionate for the Gospel. Saint Paul said: "Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!" (1 Cor 9:16). The Gospel is the source of joy, liberation and salvation for all men and women.

OBITUARIES

Canton - Alberta M. Pierce, 91; Funeral Services Sept. 17, 2015 at the O'Leary Funeral Home.

Champlain - Real A. Richard, 79; Funeral Services Sept. 15, 2015 at St. Mary's Church.

Brushton - Lionel "Buck" Marshall, 90; Funeral Sept. 18, 2015 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ellenburg - Leo R. Lashway, 92; Funeral Services Sept. 19, 2015 at St. Edmund's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Mausoleum.

Fort Covington - Donald F. Avery, 80; Funeral Services Sept. 16, 2015 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Augustine's Cemetery, North Bangor.

Lowville - Eugene J. Hutt, 79; Funeral Services Sept. 18, 2015 at Sundquist Funeral Home; burial in Lowville Rural Cemetery.

Malone - Clarabell (Spinner) Warner, 90; Funeral Services Sept. 17, 2015 at St. John Bosco Church; burial in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Massena - Ann (Fregoe) Andress, 85; Funeral Services Sept. 19, 2015 at the Donaldson Funeral Home; burial in Calvary

Cemetery.

Massena - Joseph W. Derouchie, 83; Funeral Services Sept. 18, 2015 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery, Malone.

Massena - Josephine (Marando) Poore, 87; Funeral Services Sept. 17, 2015 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena - Dorothy Mae (Charette) Silmsner, 89; Funeral Services Oct. 20, 2015 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in St. Edmund's Cemetery, Ellenburg.

North Lawrence - Leo J. Hourihan, Jr., 84; Funeral Services Sept. 18, 2015 at St. Lawrence Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Ogdensburg - Elizabeth "Liz" A. (Sherry) Duprey, 85; Funeral Services Sept. 15, 2015 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh - George R. Steele, 70; Funeral Services Sept. 14, 2015 at St. Peter's Church;

Potsdam - Leona M. (Narrow) Rockefeller, 74; Funeral Services Sept. 15, 2015 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Rouses Point - Rodney C. Chevalier, 71; Funeral Services Sept. 21, 2015 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Champlain.

Tupper Lake - James J. Foti, 63; Funeral Services Sept. 18, 2015 at St. Alphonsus Church; burial in St. Alphonsus Cemetery.

Watertown - Lois K. (Davis) La Forest, 90; Funeral Services Nov. 29, 2015 at Church of the Holy Family; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

West Chazy - Sheryl A. (Brothers) Mattott, 56; Funeral Services Sept. 14, 2015 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Coopersville.

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JEFFERSON

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Watertown – The Altar Rosary Society will be having a spaghetti supper.

Date: Sept. 24

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7

Place: St. Anthony's, Msgr. Sechi Hall

Cost: Adults, \$8; Children, \$4.50; under 3, Free; Sauce, \$5 per quart; Meatballs, \$.75 each

Features: Take-outs begin at 4 p.m., please bring your own containers

LEWIS

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Houseville – Divine Mercy Devotions to be held.

Date: Oct. 4

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Features: Vespers (Evening Prayer), Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. All are welcome.

Contact: 348-6260.

SWING DANCE

Lowville – There will be a Swing Dance (Jitterbug) Fundraiser for the various youth ministry programs.

Date: Oct. 10

Place: St. Peter's Church Hall

Cost: Adults, \$6; Students/Seniors, \$3; Family \$15

Features: A seminarian from the diocese of Albany is coming to help teach everyone how to swing dance and there will be a contest to for the best 1940's costume! (Note: you do not have to come in costume) Everyone is welcome, to dance, watch the dancing, or just listen to some swing band music. Refreshments will be sold at the dance.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Lowville – Middle School Youth Group to meet.

Date: Oct. 21 and third Wednesday of each month

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: St. Peter's Church

Features: If you have any questions, please speak with Siobhan. OK to come a little late

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Lowville – Theology on Tap to be held.

Date: Oct. 29

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Barkeater Brewery

Features: Fr. Christopher Carrara will be speaking on something related to the topic of evil in the world and will be answering questions after.

PIZZA AND PRAYER

Lowville – Pizza and Prayer to be held every Monday.

Schedule: 5:30 p.m. to 6:15, pizza and social time; Bible Study 6:15 to 6:45; Pick up at 7 p.m.

Place: St. Peter's Church

Features: Open to high school students. If you have your own Bible, you are welcome to bring it, but Bibles will be provided. Most P&P will be Bible studies. The first Monday of the month will be Eucharistic adoration in the chapel, following the same time structure.

IMPACT NIGHTS

Lowville – IMPACT (High school youth group) nights are the first and third Sundays of the Month.

Time: 6 p.m. to 8

Place: St. Peter's Church

Features: For all high school students.

ST. HEDWIG'S POLISH FEST

Houseville – Save the date for St. Hedwig's Annual Polish Fest.

Date: Oct. 11

Time: Noon after the celebration of the 11a.m. Mass.

Features: Tasty Polish Platter (takeouts will be available); Theme Basket Raffles, Bake Sale, Ice Cream Sundaes; Polish Hot Dogs; and a 50/50 Raffle. Donations of Theme Baskets, Pies and Monetary Donations to defray the cost of the food appreciated. The event is a fundraiser for church repairs and restoration.

Contact: Joann 348-8735, Mary 348-8836 or Mary Ann 348-6260.

TURKEY DINNER

Copenhagen – St. Mary's to have Annual Turkey Dinner

Date: Oct. 1

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Place: Copenhagen Fire Hall

Cost: Adults, \$9.00; Children 6 – 12, \$4.50; 5 & under free; Take outs \$8:00

Features: Bazaar & Bake Sale, Raffle Items, 50/50 Raffle

ST. LAWRENCE

RUMMAGE SALE

Norfolk – Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond Altar Rosary Society is having

Rummage Sale.

Date: Sept. 26

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

Place: Fr. Amyot Parish Center

Features: Clothing, household goods, books, puzzles, and more

LASAGNA DINNER

Heuvelton – The annual St. Raphael's Lasagna Dinner, prepared by Theresa Smith's Culinary Arts Class, to be held.

Date: Sept. 30

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7

Place: Heuvelton School Cafeteria

Cost: Adults, \$7; Senior Citizens (over 65), \$6; Children 6-12, \$5; under 6, Free

Features: Proceeds from the meal will be donated to a charitable purpose.

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

Massena – St. Mary's Church is holding a special Rosary to mark First Saturday.

Date: Oct. 3

Time: 3:15 p.m.

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

MANICOTTI MONDAY

Norfolk – Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond will resume hosting the monthly edition of Manicotti Monday.

Date: Oct. 5

Time: 4 p.m. to 6:30

Place: Fr. Amyot Parish Center

Cost: \$9.75; under 5, free

Features: Homemade meat-filled Manicotti and/or Spaghetti and Meatballs salad, Italian bread, dessert, beverage.

Contact: Take-outs are available and delivery is available in the Norfolk area by calling 384-4242 before 1 p.m. Oct. 5.

LIFECHAIN IN POTSDAM

Potsdam – All Pro-lifers are invited to join us for one hour as we join others around the nation in the 27th Annual Life Chain.

Date: Oct. 4

Time: Gather at 1:45 p.m. in parking lot across from the Roxy Theater to pick up signs. 2 p.m. to 3

Place: Market and Main Streets

SENIOR CITIZEN DINNER

Brasher Falls – Annual Senior Citizen dinner to be held.

FOOD PANTRY SUPPORT



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St. Mary's Food Pantry in Evans Mills received a donation of \$1,000 from Northern Credit Union in Watertown for the construction of a handicap ramp. Above, Christine Booth, branch manager of the credit union, presents a check to Mary Boucher, Food Pantry coordinator, and Father Christopher Looby, pastor.

Date: Oct. 14

Time: Cocktails 5 p.m.; Dinner 6 p.m.

Place: Knights of Columbus Hall

Features: Open to ALL seniors living in the Quad-Town area. Choice of Roast Beef or Chicken.

Contact: If you would like to join, please call 315-328-4077 or 315-389-5557 by Oct. 5.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

HOLY HOUR

Canton – A Holy Hour has been planned at St. Mary's Church as part of respect life month.

Date: Oct. 4

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Features: Knights of Columbus to host a Miriam holy hour of prayer. The program will include liturgy, rosary. Bishop LaValley will attend. Refreshments will be served at St. Mary's School. Families are strongly encouraged to attend.

CELEBRATE CHRIST

Lake Placid – Celebrate Christ 2015 has been planned. The theme for this two day event, Nurturing Families and

Parishes with Living Stones, highlights two of our diocesan priorities, the faith formation of families and building parishes with living stones.

Dates: Oct. 16 for Catholic School administrators and faculties. Oct. 17 is for all people engaged in parish life

Place: Crowne Plaza

Features: Dr. JoAnn Paradis, national catechetical consultant for Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum division, will speak on the first day on the topic "Crossing the Threshold to Intentional Discipleship." Dr. John Roberto, president of Lifelong Faith Associates, will speak on the second day. Bishop Terry R. LaValley will celebrate the opening Mass Saturday at 9 a.m.

Registration: www.rcdony.org and click on the Celebrate Christ 2015 logo

CARITAS DINNER

Ogdensburg – The 2015 Catholic Charities Caritas Dinner will be held.

Date: Oct. 28

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: GranView Restaurant

Cost: \$40 per person

Contact: Reservations are needed. Call 315-393-2255