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Pope: attract people to Christ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Christians are called to follow the example of St. Therese of Lisieux, who helped draw people to Jesus by way of attraction, not by proselytizing, Pope Francis said.

She was a reminder that an authentic witness is proclaimed through a union

with Christ "in prayer, adoration and in concrete charity, which is serving Jesus, who is present in the least of our brothers and sisters," he said Oct. 5 during his weekly general audience.

Among the estimated 25,000 in St. Peter's Square were 33 former prisoners of

the Auschwitz concentration camp, whom he greeted after the audience and posed for pictures.

Addressing the former prisoners and Polish pilgrims present, he said the day's feast of St. Faustina Kowalska "reminded the world that God is rich in mercy and that

his love is more powerful than death, than sin and every evil."

In his main audience talk, Pope Francis reflected on his Sept. 30-Oct. 2 visit to Georgia and Azerbaijan, fulfilling his desire to encourage the Catholic communities in the Caucasus region, he said.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Moved By Mercy in October

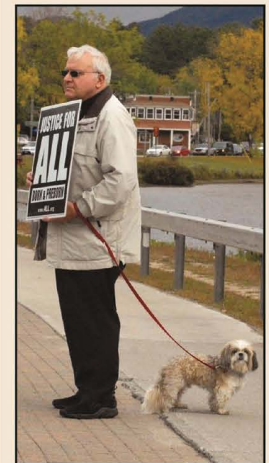


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Father Patrick Ratigan, pastor in Saranac Lake, Lake Clear and Bloomingdale, and his dog Iggy took part in the Oct. 2 Lifechain in Saranac Lake. Other Lifechains - peaceful, prayerful protests against abortion - were held in Massena, Plattsburgh, Potsdam and Schroon Lake, opening the diocesan observance of October as Respect Life Month. Bishop LaValley, who took part in the Saranac Lake Lifechain, offers a respect life message among other pro-life features in this week's *North Country Catholic*.

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In support of Sacred Heart Foundation

Father Mark McDonald, Watertown native and superior general of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, came home from his posting in Rome, Italy, to address this year's annual dinner and meeting of the Sacred Heart Foundation.

The dinner, with about 250 in attendance, was held Sept. 21 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Watertown.

Since its origin in 1967, the Sacred Heart Foundation has granted over \$1.6 million in scholarships to seminarians including \$78,000 awarded this year.

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God's Mercy in God's Country

NCC's Year of Mercy series continues with a reflection on caring for elderly parents

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WELCOME, FATHER TODD THIBAUT



PHOTO BY TOM SEMERARO

Bishop Terry R. LaValley congratulates Father Todd E. Thibault in the moments after the bishop ordained Father Thibault as a priest for the Diocese of Ogdensburg Oct. 8 at St. Mary's Cathedral. More coverage of the ordination will be published in next week's *North Country Catholic*.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

A day to rejoice and be glad

It may have been gloomy on the outside this past Saturday but inside St. Mary's Cathedral the world couldn't have looked brighter.

Before a church-ful of worshippers from Vermont, Ohio and northern New York, Bishop Terry R. LaValley ordained Father Todd E. Thibault as the newest priest for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

"The Church of Ogdensburg welcomes and rejoices with your family and all present," the bishop said. "We are

**Mary Lou
Kilian**

and trust in the Lord," the

blessed!"

On the chilly October morning Bishop LaValley called on the new priest to "warm up the world in God's merciful ways," a feat which requires "energy, patience, much sacrifice, profound prayer

bishop said.

Since Father Thibault was ordained just before the paper went to press, full coverage of this special day will have to wait until next week's *North Country Catholic*.

In the meantime, we're focusing on October as Respect Life Month in today's paper.

Not surprisingly, the words of mercy we heard at the ordination match the theme of this year's Respect Life observance: Moved by Mercy.

We are reminded by our

pope, our bishop and all who devote themselves to protecting life at all its stages that "life is a gift from God and so is mercy."

"We are called to show mercy," Pope Francis said, "because mercy is shown to us."

On Saturday we were witness to the mercy shown us by God in the form of a new priest.

That certainly raises the bar for the kind of mercy we must share with all the wonderful - and not so wonderful - people in our own lives.

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

The compelling spirit of St. Francis

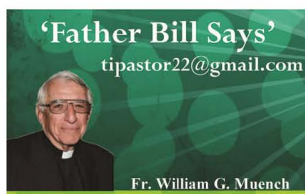
I am writing this on October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi so my attention today is on St. Francis. My reading and study of his life and spirit has had a profound effect on my life.

St. Francis is a special saint; his love of the cross of Jesus has encouraged me to find joy and peace each time I look up at the cross. He lived his life in union with the crucified Jesus. This led him to accept poverty and to always try to help the poor and needy. He worked to bring peace to his own life and to his world. And his spirit has encouraged many to work for peace. I pray that I may walk with St. Francis in bringing his call to peace in every way I can as a priest.

The attention of the Catholic Church to St. Francis and his message has increased greatly since the election of Pope Francis who chose "Francis" as his Papal name.

Pope Francis made it clear that he was making St. Francis his model and guide. Pope Francis continues to be a great advocate for the poor and needy. This is the kind of challenge that Pope Francis gives to all of us Catholics.

I have grown in my devotion of St. Francis because of my good fortune of visiting Assisi several times. On one trip, I joined several parishioners of



St. Mary's, Ticonderoga, on a tour of Italy during which we spent two days in Assisi. During that trip, I had the exceptional opportunity of celebrating Mass at the sanctuary of the Porziuncola. This is the small church over which the large Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels was built, enclosing this small church and protecting it. I have read that this small church was beloved by St. Francis. I understand that it is an important Franciscan site. St. Francis died near there in 1226. Personally, that Mass was one of the most wonderful spiritual experiences in my life. It touched me deeply.

I visited Assisi another time when several priests of the Diocese of Ogdensburg traveled to Rome to attend the deacon ordination of Father Bryan Stitt. One of the days there we took a day trip to Assisi. While there we concelebrated Mass - attended by Father Stitt's family and friends. The Mass was offered in the upper Basilica of St. Francis. The walls of that upper Church are filled with

beautiful frescoes of scenes from the life of St. Francis. I remember being distracted during that Mass as I looked around at these frescoes.

This Basilica of St. Francis is a very beautiful, imposing Church. It is part of the Franciscan Friary, where many Franciscan priests and brothers reside. There is also a college as part of the Friary. In the lowest level of the Basilica there is the tomb of St. Francis. As you can imagine this is a very special and holy place. The Spirit of St. Francis fills this space. It is a very deep experience to pray there with your forehead against this resting place of St. Francis.

Recently, just a few years ago, I decided that Assisi would be a great place for a retreat. So, I investigated and made plans. I stayed at the St. Anthony's Guest House, a very nice bed and breakfast operated by the Graymoor Sisters. I was able to offer Mass each day in the house chapel with the Sisters and Guests. Each day I walked and prayed, visiting all the Churches and sites of Assisi, absorbing the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare. Let me guarantee you that spirit was everywhere I went. Each day offered a new and wonderful experience. Each evening I attended the singing of vespers by the cloistered Sisters at the

Basilica of St. Clare.

I was also fortunate to meet two priests from Boston who were also guests there and I joined them for supper each evening. That proved to be a great addition to my time of retreat. Most evenings I went out for more walking. It was so quiet since most of the tourists, who flooded Assisi during the day, were now gone on their way. I had the whole place to myself. That proved to be so peaceful and spiritually calming. The whole place was mine - to walk with St. Francis.

So, many other things could be talked about St. Francis - his concerns and causes, many so intriguing, like his love for creation and the creatures of this world. He truly is a patron saint for those concerned with all creation and with ecology. Also his love for peace - his effort to bring peace to his world. It is truly phenomenal of how his spirit grew into such a meaningful and impressive of Franciscans throughout our world - thousands and thousands of priests, brothers and religious Sisters.

I have been influenced a great deal by Franciscan spirituality and by good Franciscan friends. So, St. Francis continues to touch me and our Church.

St. Francis, pray for us.

FOLLOW ME

'We must walk the talk of our faith'

Bishop Terry R. LaValley's homily for Respect Life Sunday Oct. 2

The Apostles did the right thing this time. They had been traveling with Jesus for more than a year. They had been his disciples long enough to start realizing that they weren't very good disciples at all. They still didn't understand many things that Jesus said. They still couldn't help people as much as Jesus did. It would have been tempting for them to get discouraged. But, instead, they go up to Jesus and they ask for His help. They ask Him to increase their faith.

You can almost see Jesus looking at them with a broad smile on his face. He must have been glad that they had asked for help instead of abandoning the mission. Then He tells them they don't need more faith, they just need to use the faith they already have. He explains that a tiny bit of faith, the size of mustard seed, which isn't very big, is enough to do marvelous things.

Like the Apostles, we know in our hearts that we are capable of doing much more, that we were made for greater things. But we don't realize that God has already given us everything we need to achieve them. He has already planted in our souls the seed of faith, of divine life—He did so at baptism. Now, it's up to us to exercise it. If we do, it will grow. And the more it grows, the more room God will have to do truly wonderful things in and through us. That's how we respond to God's call, how we live out our vocation in life.

Sometimes though, our faith never gets beyond the mustard-seed stage because we have the wrong idea of what it really is. Faith in-



PHOTO BY COLLEEN MINER

Bishop LaValley took part in the Lifechain event held on Respect Life Sunday in Saranac Lake. Above he offers a prayer before the participants begin their peaceful, prayerful protest against abortion. Life chains were also held in Massena, Plattsburgh, Potsdam, Saranac Lake, and Schroon Lake on Oct. 2; Willsboro will hold its Lifechain Oct. 23.

volves believing in Christ and His goodness. But it's a kind of belief that also requires action.

Faith is the same word at the root of the Latin motto used by the U.S. Marines you sometimes see on car bumper stickers: "Semper Fidelis" - always faithful. Faith always implies being faithful - it implies a commitment to another person, a trusting commitment. And that means sticking by that person's side. For us, that person is Jesus Christ. Faith in Christ means following Him.

Picture a man on a sinking ship. He may have faith in a life-preserver. He may remember cases of people being saved because they were wearing a life-preserver when their ship went

down. He may be a physicist, and understand the laws of hydro-dynamics that make the life-preserver work. He may understand perfectly how the Velcro straps function and where to attach them. But if this man doesn't actually put on the life-preserver—his faith is absolutely useless. He's going to sink.

Today's Responsorial Psalm gives us one surefire way to activate the power of faith. "If today you hear his voice, harden not your heart." If we believe in God's wisdom, love, and power, we will obey Him. We will follow where He leads.

And He is always making His voice heard.

The most common way He does so is through our

conscience. Our conscience is like an inner radio station that is always tuned to God's voice. But it's not the only station out there, and, unfortunately, it's not always the loudest. Sometimes, we turn up the station of peer pressure really loud, or the station dedicated to making only me happy, never mind others, and other stations that broadcast soothing but death-dealing sounds.

That's why the Psalmist tells us: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." We should decide ahead of time that whenever our conscience starts to ring, we will pay attention.

And we should decide ahead of time that if we aren't sure what exactly our conscience is saying, but we

know it's saying something, we will get some good advice from someone who knows Christ and His teaching before we act.

On this Respect Life Sunday, it is good to reacquaint ourselves with the voice of God in our conscience.

That's the only way God will be able to strengthen us to move mountains—the mountains of sin and sorrow that clutter the world and stifle our growth. That's the only way God will be able to guide us, giving us the joy and inner peace we long for.

On a day in which we especially focus on the dignity of all human life from the moment of conception to that of natural death, this Respect Life Sunday, it is good to reacquaint ourselves with the voice of God in our conscience.

Hardened hearts today are formed from deaf ears tuned in to other blaring deadening stations that ridicule and drown out God's law of life and Church teaching.

Two resolutions seem opportune in light of today's readings: we need to redouble our efforts to have our young baptized, and then be determined to tend the seed of faith given at baptism, by forming a right conscience by learning more about our faith and in the process promoting a real culture of life.

The ballot box is a critical place where our faith must be expressed. For too long, for too many individuals, political party loyalty has deadened our sensitivity to crucial life issues.

We must walk the talk of our faith. It's who we are. It's what we must do. Anything else is a schizophrenic spirituality tuned in to a Godless station.

Sacred Heart Foundation holds annual dinner

By Deacon Kevin Mastellon
Staff writer

WATERTOWN - The superior general of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart told a Watertown audience that clericalism is a major concern for clergy and should be for the lay community.

"You find clericalism in the man who says 'I am a priest and I am better than everyone else,'" Father Mark McDonald said. "Or in the priest who says 'the laws don't apply to me.'"

Father Mark, as he is affectionately called in the Watertown community, came home from his posting in Rome, Italy for a visit with family and friends and to address this year's annual dinner and meeting of the Sacred Heart Foundation.

The dinner, with about 250 in attendance, was held Sept. 21 at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Father Mark is the son of Don and Anna Murrock McDonald who were long time members of Our Lady of the

Sacred Heart parish in Watertown. Along with his sisters, Mary and Sally, he attended Sacred Heart School and Immaculate Heart Academy.

Father Mark McDonald, Watertown native and superior general of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, was guest speaker

His sister Mary, Mary McDonald Mascott, served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the dinner.

The foundation provides funds for the education and formation of priests and brothers for the Sacred Heart Order worldwide. It was in the context of forming men for the priesthood that the man who has led that denomination since 2005 spoke of the "dangers of clericalism."

"Humility must be present to be in ministry," Father McDonald said. "We all have one life; the same life.

"You," he told the audience, "must keep us honest in our vocation so we can help others in theirs."

This was the 43rd dinner meeting of the Foundation. Among the highlights of the evening was the presentation of a \$10,000 donation from Watertown Council 259 of the Knights of Columbus. The gift brings the Council's support of the Foundation goals to \$15,000 and results in an annual scholarship named for the Council.

The Sacred Heart Foundation Board of Directors awarded \$78,000 in scholarships for 2016 at its March Board Meeting. The Scholarship Committee reviewed applications from ten different MSC Provinces located in eight countries. Eighty-eight MSC deacons and seminary students will receive financial assistance.

The 2016 distribution was the highest annual award the Sacred Heart Foundation has given in scholarships. Since its origin in 1967, the foundation has granted over \$1.6 million in scholarships.



Missionary of the Sacred Heart Father Mark McDonald, Superior General of his religious order, was guest speaker at the 2016 Sacred Heart Foundation dinner. He is shown with Nancy McCabe, past president of the foundation

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Blue Mass to be held Oct. 30

MALONE - Bishop Terry R. LaValley will preside at a Mass honoring the law enforcement personnel of the North Country Oct. 30 at 2:30 pm in St. Joseph's Church

Commonly referred to as the "Blue Mass," the event is planned to offer thanks to God for the dedication and sacrifice made by the women and men in law enforcement and to pray for their safety, as well as, for their families and communities.

Representatives from various local agencies of law enforcement and the Department of Corrections will be recognized.

Further information is available from Father Shane Lynch, Chaplain Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Watertown Police Department

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To support vocation ministry

NORFOLK - The diocesan Vocations Office has invited Rhonda Gruenewald of "Vocation Ministry" to speak at the Church of the Visitation Nov. 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 2.

Gruenewald has authored "Hundredfold: A Guide to Parish Vocation Ministry" a supplement to the Diocese of Ogdensburg's plan for vocations.

Based in Houston, Gruenewald has been invited by many dioceses to help develop vocation ministries in their dioceses. The workshop will cover how to build a culture of vocations at every parish in the North Country.

The program is designed for lay Catholics who want to help form parish vocation committees, or simply wish to learn more.

Also encouraged to attend are those with an official role in parishes: priests, deacons, sisters, parish council presidents, youth ministers, DREs, members of DOVS and catechists, especially those who have been introduced to the "We Are Called Plan."

Information is available from rcdony.org/vocations; registration may be made through the website.

BISHOP'S FUND 2016...MERCY IN MOTION

October is Respect Life Month

By Colleen Miner

Diocesan director, Respect Life Office

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has chosen the theme "Moved by Mercy" for this year's Respect Life month. The poster includes a quote from Pope Francis: "We are called to show mercy because mercy was first shown to us." The "Year of Mercy" will conclude in November and now we are encouraged to put mercy into action. In our diocese, there are many pro-life activities in which to participate.

The Bishop's Fund supports the work of the Respect Life Office

- The Fall 40 DAYS FOR LIFE campaign kicked off Sept. 28 with Father Mickey Demo leading a prayer service outside of the Plattsburgh Planned Parenthood. This worldwide movement has three components: prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach. The local 40 Days for Life presence at 66 Brinkerhoff Street in Plattsburgh will continue through Nov. 6. To sign up for an hour of witness, please register at: www.40daysforlife.com/plattsburgh. Also, a group in Watertown is standing outside the Stone Street Planned Parenthood from noon to 1 p.m. every day in October, including weekends, praying for a greater respect for human life.

- Sign-ups began for the 2017 Youth Buses for Life pilgrimage to the Washington DC March for Life opened Oct. 1. Three buses of high school students and Virtus: Protecting God's Children-trained chaperones will depart from Watertown, Schroon Lake, and Massena (with stops in Canton and Gouverneur) Jan. 26 and return Jan. 28. (The March for Life is later this year due to

the presidential inauguration.) Online registration is at www.rcdony.org/prolife. For more information, like "2017 Youth Buses for Life" on Facebook or contact the Respect Life Office. There will also be two family buses departing from Plattsburgh and Lewis County. The Lake Champlain Bus for Life is coordinated by Karen Smith 518-566-6229. The Lewis County Bus for Life is coordinated by Paul Campeau 315-376-3569.

- Respect Life Sunday Oct. 2 marked the 29th year of the annual LIFECHAIN, a peaceful, prayerful, public, pro-life presence. Five Lifechains were held in our diocese: Massena, Plattsburgh, Potsdam, Saranac Lake, and Schroon Lake. Bishop LaValley joined the Saranac Lake Lifechain this year. Willsboro will hold their Lifechain Oct. 23.

- Two Rachel's Vineyard after-abortion healing retreats are offered yearly - Spring and Fall. There are opportunities to serve as a prayer partner for a retreatant or donate baked goods for the retreats. Since 43% of women will have had an abortion by the age of 45 (Alan Guttmacher Institute), sharing information about this opportunity to experience God's mercy, may benefit someone you know. Visit the diocesan website or www.rachelsvineyard.org for more information.

- You may be "Moved by Mercy" to volunteer at one of the ten Gabriel Project, parish-based crisis-pregnancy apostolates in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. There is a complete list of the Gabriel Project parishes on the Respect Life website.

- Opportunities to help build a culture of life that are not church-affiliated include volunteering at a crisis pregnancy center (www.plattsburghpregnancycenter.org) or Birthright ([burgh\).](http://www.http://birthright.org/en/landingpage/lp-platts-

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There are also three New York State Right to Life affiliates in our diocese who are

always looking for new members: Lewis County Right to Life, Champlain Valley Right to Life [\[plainvalleyrighttolife.org\]\(http://plainvalleyrighttolife.org\) or Liferight of Watertown \[www.liferight.org\]\(http://www.liferight.org\).](http://www.cham-</p>
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Funeral held for Brother Pierre Marceau, MSC

WATERTOWN – A Mass of Christian Burial for Brother Pierre T. “Peter” Marceau, 94, a member of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, was held Oct. 5 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church.

He died Sept. 30 at Samaritan Medical Center. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

Brother Peter was born in East Broughton, Quebec, Canada on Jan. 31, 1922, son of Alfred and Marie (Dion) Marceau. He attended Ecole St. Jean Baptiste (primary grades) in Ste. Henedine, Quebec and Ecole St. Jean Baptiste (high school) in Quebec City, Quebec.

In 1940 he entered the novitiate at St. Clothilde, Quebec, making his first profession of vows in 1941. He professed perpetual vows in 1947.

Brother Peter was assigned to church maintenance at

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Watertown, from 1943 - 1961. He was then transferred to house maintenance in the Watertown MSC community. In 1981 he worked as electrician and carpenter during construction in the Columbian mission of the MSC. These were also his maintenance specialties in Watertown.

He was an avid hockey player and enjoyed skiing, golf, and fishing.

He is survived by his sister, Marie Mathe Martineau, Montreal, his nephew, Mario Lacroix, Quebec City, Quebec, and several other nieces, nephews, and cousins. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his two brothers, Clement and Raymond Marceau, and two sisters, Therese Lacroix and Marguerite Marceau.

Donations in his name may

be made to either Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, 320 W. Lynde St. or Sacred Heart Foundation, 668 Thompson St., both in Watertown, NY 13601.

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Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults. Pre-registration online is required in order to participate. Participants may pre-register 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 Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 1440. Upcoming sessions:
Oct. 20 - 6 p.m., Holy Family School, Malone
Oct. 29 - 9 a.m., St. Peter's Church, Lowville

Bishop's Schedule

Oct. 11-13 - Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocations Society Pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, Massachusetts

Oct. 14 - 5:30 p.m., Mass and Fall Event Program of the Commissioned Lay Ministers' Association at St. Augustine's Church in Peru

Oct. 15 - 10:30 a.m., Council of Deacons Meeting at St. Mary's Cathedral 4 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Oct. 16 - 9:30 a.m., Mass at Notre Dame Church in Ogdensburg 2 p.m., Prayer Rally at St. Mary's Church in Canton

Oct. 17-18 - Pontifical College Josephinum Board Meeting in Columbus, Ohio

Oct. 19 - 5:30 p.m., Caritas Dinner at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid

Environmental Stewardship

What does respect for life demand?

In the book of Genesis (2:15) God tells us to treat the earth as if your life depends upon it. As human beings we are part of the earth. Our bodies are made from the elements of the earth, the water, the soil, the air and sustained by them at this very moment. So care for our planet truly is crucial to caring for ourselves and our neighbor as well as the other creatures who share this precious dwelling with us.

As we continue to celebrate “respect life” month, it is time to look beneath the surface of the many life issues that confront us today; i.e. protection of the unborn, welfare of children, the sick and elderly, and victims of war and violence, to name but a few. The root that connects all of these issues is the earth beneath our feet... without which there will be no healthy life for any of us.

What does respect for life in ALL its forms demand of us?

In Evangelii Gaudium Pope Francis states, “Almost without being aware of it, we end up being incapable of feeling compassion at the outcry of the poor, weeping for other peoples’ pain, and feeling a need to help them, as though all this were someone else’s responsibility and not our own. The culture of prosperity deadens us; we are thrilled if the market offers us something new to purchase; and in the meantime all those lives stunted for lack of opportunity seem a mere spectacle; they fail to move us.”

This grace of compassion moves us beyond our well-defined walls that prevent us from responding to the cries of the poor and the earth... May the Prayer of St. Francis move our hearts to action.

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Thank you to all who are “Moved by Mercy” to support the efforts of the Respect Life Office through donations to the Bishop's Fund Appeal. Please participate in pro-life efforts in your area and especially in this election year, please pray for liberty and justice for all - born and unborn.

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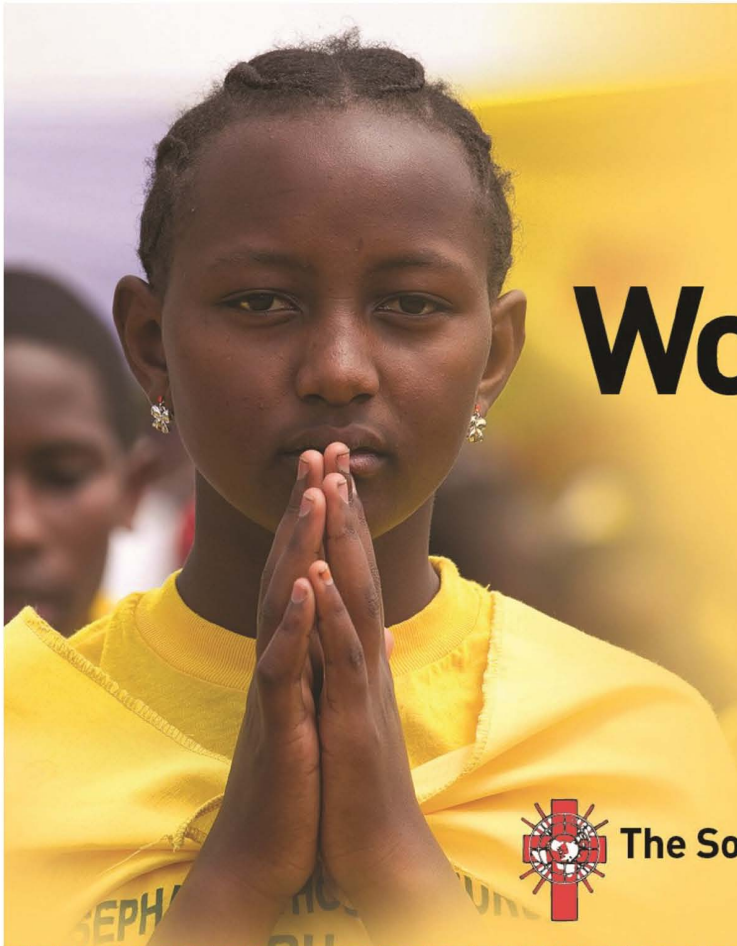
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CORPORAL WORK OF MERCY... VISITING THE SICK

Caring for an aging parent

By Kathleen M. Gallagher
NCC columnist

She is frail and delicate, with paper-thin skin, like a butterfly's wings; I fear I might tear it each time I hold her hand. A widow for more than three decades, her life is much different than it was just a year ago. This was a proud woman who had her hair styled once a week, and slept on a satin pillowcase so it would stay perfectly coiffed. She was active, continuing to bowl on a league even into her 93rd year, albeit with a considerably lighter ball. But now she is here, in this place, aging alongside many others, some living with disability or disease, some confused and disoriented. Neither the pillowcase nor the bowling ball made the trip.

When mom received her diagnosis of dementia several years ago, I did my research. I devoured every book and scholarly article on the subject, hoping that a fuller understanding would make me a better daughter: more compassionate, more patient, more accepting of the endless loop of conversation.

It did not. It just made me better educated on the progressive deterioration of the human brain.

What made me a better daughter



Kathleen Gallagher with her mother

was reading a simple article in a recent edition of Family Circle magazine. It had a box of five or so points with the heading "What People with Dementia Wish They Could Explain to You." All of the tips were helpful, but the first was the most insightful for me: "When you get upset, I get upset."

Du-uhh. Of course! When I visit mom and bring with me the day's frustrations, or bitter resentment



(why my mom?), or anger (I want my mommy back!), it rubs off on her. She feels it, and then models my behavior. She senses negativity and impatience; it sours her.

But the opposite is also true: when I am happy, she is happy. When I smile, she smiles. When I keep my tone upbeat, calm and even-keeled, it makes for a lovely visit. Sometimes the substance of what I am saying to her doesn't even matter, as long as I am focused on her, looking into her eyes, and saying it with love.

It makes sense, of course, in that like begets like, anger elicits anger, hate produces hate. Hate cannot produce love. Only love awakens love.

What a powerful lesson mom teaches me, even in her declining years! This is such a profound truth, and one that our world so desperately needs – in our political dis-

course, in our international relations, in our everyday conversations with colleagues, neighbors, classmates and family members. Insults, condemnations and raised voices will not cultivate empathy, understanding and mercy. They simply cannot.

Whenever I start to feel like my momma has left me, I try to shift my focus from the disease to the person. My mom is still here. She has many stories to tell and lessons to share. I have taken a page from the book of a friend, who founded a national non-profit organization called The Best Day of My Life So Far. Using group settings and social media, her organization reduces senior isolation by engaging the seniors in sharing their memories, stories and feelings.

Moving mom to a facility was not easy. In truth, it was excruciatingly painful. But today, when my husband and I visit mom, we do crossword puzzles (she is still very sharp), play poker (she usually wins), and listen to music (Glen Miller). I give her a manicure with pretty pink polish. We look at old photos together. Joe tells her goofy jokes. We laugh. We engage.

Whatever we do, we are determined to make it the best day of her life, so far.

October-ECO-Fest explores faith and ecology

By Mary Palamar
Contributing Writer

WATERTOWN - An interfaith gathering to share how various faith traditions model environmental responsibility was sponsored by the Watertown Faith and Ecology Group Oct. 1 at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse.

The event was planned as a response to Pope Francis' recommendation in *Laudato Si'*: Care for Our Common Home, that all religions come together to dialogue on ways that we might respond to the environmental crisis of today's world.

St. Joseph Sister Bethany Fitzgerald, moderator for the group, welcomed more than

50 people to learn from four different faiths how they respond to the "cries of the poor and the earth."

Father Philip Yanulis spoke on the Orthodox faith tradition; Rabbi Teresa Snyder on the Jewish tradition; Mother Anne Wichelns on the Anglican tradition and Dr. Khalid Pervaiz Sindhuon the Islamic traditions.

As the panelists concluded, what became evident was how each faith not only teaches care for the earth, but strives for justice and peace on earth, by living and acting on behalf of all life and advancing harmonious human civilization.

The participants then moved outdoors where a peace pole, donated by the

Anglican Church of Christ the King, Watertown was blessed by Anglican Archbishop Peter Goodrich of Niagara Falls, Ontario.

The portable peace pole, inscribed in eight different languages: "May peace reign on the earth", may be borrowed by religious groups to be used in their place of worship for one month.

Any domination that would like to have the pole at their location, may contact Fr. Douglas Marlow (315-408-9032).

Anne Thomas led those in attendance in a blessing of a red maple tree. This tree, donated and planted by Jake's Lawn Service of Watertown, is a symbol of the beauty of creation and represents a

concrete action that will help to heal the earth.

The ceremony was concluded with the Native American Mohawk Prayer of Thanksgiving.

Everyone was then invited inside to enjoy Harvest snacks of donuts and apples from our local area. Burrville Cider Mill donated cider to go with our snacks.

Each participant was provided a pamphlet summarizing the encyclical *Laudato Si'*: Care for Our Common Home.

A brochure describing the mission of the Faith and Ecology group was also distributed.

The group, open to people of all faith traditions, reflects on how the wisdom of their religious tradition can bring

light to the scientific discoveries regarding the Universe and our planet. In dialogue and prayer together they seek ways to protect and sustain the earth for generations to come.

There are two groups that meet monthly in two locations in the diocese, in Watertown and Lake Clear. The next meetings are: October 11 in Watertown at 6 pm. in Hearthside Hospitality Center of Srs. of St. Joseph Motherhouse, and October 21 in Lake Clear at 10-00 a.m. in St. John of the Wilderness Parish Center.

Further information about joining a Faith and Ecology group is available from Sister Bethany at 315-212-6592/srbethssj@gmail.com.

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Pope Francis

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As his film debuts, Mark Wahlberg finds time to praise priesthood in video

By Rhina Guidos
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Typically, the Facebook page for the Diocese of Providence Office of Vocations in Rhode Island gets anywhere from 3 to 40 likes on their posts - most which celebrate seminarians, priests and their ministry.

But it took an actor and former member of a boy band to set its Facebook page on fire, not with a song, but with a video praising the priesthood, and one which has been viewed - as of Oct. 6 - 560,000 times, and received more than 6,000 likes and upward of 8,000 shares.

Actor Mark Wahlberg, a native of Boston, where the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors held its annual conference Sept. 30-Oct. 7, made the homemade video shown to those who attended, and later posted on Diocese of Providence vocations office Facebook page.

"We, the Catholic faithful, are counting on you to bring us good and holy priests," Wahlberg said in the video. "Enjoy my hometown this week and know that I will pray for you and for your success. Thank you for all that you do and God bless."

Some priests from the Boston area, who know Wahlberg, had brought up the idea of asking the actor to attend the conference once the city had been chosen as the location, said Rosemary Sullivan, executive director of the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors.

But as his schedule got tighter and tighter, he asked if he could do a video instead. Wahlberg is currently promoting a film in which he stars, "Deepwater Hori-



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Actor Mark Wahlberg is seen in Rome Oct. 3.

zon," about the 2010 BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and how it affected the workers. The film was released the day the conference started.

He wasn't given a script for the priesthood video, but spoke from his heart, Sullivan said in a phone interview with Catholic News Service from Boston Oct. 6. Wahlberg spoke about how priests have helped him during difficult moments in his life and also are there for the good times: when he got married, when his children were baptized, when members of his family died and were buried, when he needs God's forgiveness, when he receives the body and blood of Jesus Christ to replenish his faith.

In the video, Wahlberg

said he wants his children and future generations to have "good priests in their lives, just like I had." And even though he got into trouble in his youth, "I always had a priest to stick by me," he said.

When the video was shown in the conference, the reaction was silence, but a good kind of silence, Sullivan said: "He was so deeply sincere and you could feel it when you're watching the video."

"My Catholic faith is the anchor that supports everything I do in life," said Wahlberg, adding that he would be praying for the success of the conference and of the vocation directors.

What's plain to see is that the actor "spoke as a son of Christ" in his plea to keep the priesthood alive, and about a responsibility that doesn't belong to vocation directors alone, Sullivan said.

"We all bear that responsibility," she added.

And Wahlberg, as a Catholic, took that responsibility seriously in trying to see what he could do to help.

"This is an example where you use a gift God has given you," she said, adding that Wahlberg also was present at the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia in 2015 and emceed an event attended by the pope.

It's important to follow his example and, as Wahlberg did, let priests, those who thinking about the priesthood, and vocation directors, know what they mean to Catholic communities, Sullivan said.

"They need to know how much we love them and support them," Sullivan said. "Mark Wahlberg is challenging them, saying 'We need you to help us.'"

Aid slowly makes its way to Haiti

By Dennis Sadowski
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Emergency aid slowly began to reach some of the thousands of Haitians displaced by Hurricane Matthew in the country's picturesque southwest as reports of casualties slowly trickled in from communities cut off by the storm.

The number of deaths reached 842 on Oct. 7, two days after the storm's 145-mile-an-hour winds and torrential rains slammed into the country, according to a tally by Reuters based on conversations with local officials.

However, Haiti's Civil Protection Agency reported that 271 people had died. The agency's accounting of casualties is lower because of a policy to count only the bodies that emergency workers can actually see.

Reports of damage and casualties in Cuba and other nations affected by the storm were sporadic. Cuba's easternmost region experienced widespread damage. There were no details on casualties available.

Emergency supplies that had been stored in warehouses before the storm were being distributed to people whose homes were turned into matchsticks by Matthew, said Chris Bessey, Haiti country director for Catholic Relief Services.

CRS staff flew into Les Cayes, a city of 71,000 on the southwest coast. Bessey said thousands of people remained in shelters in the city.

"I don't know if that is decreasing. I imagine that won't decrease all that quickly because more than 80 percent of the houses were damaged or destroyed," he said.

Bessey expressed concern for outlying coastal communities on the far end of Haiti's southern peninsula, which took the brunt of Matthew's

assault and have been cut off from communications.

"Time is of the essence and we want to keep going," Bessey told Catholic News Service from Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital.

In a telegram to Haitian Cardinal Chibly Langlois of Les Cayes, president of the Haitian bishops' conference, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, said Pope Francis wanted the people of Haiti to know how sad he was to hear of the death and destruction brought by Hurricane Matthew.

Pope Francis offered condolences to "all those who lost a loved one" and assured "the injured and all those who have lost their homes and belongings" that he was close to them through prayer. "Welcoming and encouraging solidarity in facing the country's latest trial, the Holy Father entrusts all Haitians to the maternal protection of Our Lady of Perpetual Help," said the telegram, released Oct. 7 by the Vatican.

The U.S. bishops' overseas relief and development agency planned to send additional staff and vehicles into the region. Among the areas CRS was attempting to reach was Jeremie, a town northwest of Les Cayes. Initial reports said that little was left standing after the storm passed.

Meanwhile, CRS on Oct. 7 committed \$5 million as an initial contribution to help Haiti and other Caribbean nations to recover from the storm, the strongest to hit the region in a decade.

"Haiti in particular has once again been struck by tragedy," Sean Callahan, chief operating officer of CRS, said in a statement announcing the aid package. "This commitment shows that we will continue to stand with its people, offering our hand in friendship to help and support them in this time of dire need."

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Retired Vermont bishop dies; called a good-humored man of faith

BURLINGTON, Vt. (CNS) — Retired Bishop Kenneth A. Angell, eighth bishop of the Diocese of Burlington, died Oct. 4 after suffering a stroke. He was 86. His funeral Mass is to be celebrated Oct. 11 at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral in Burlington, with Bishop Christopher J. Coyne as principal celebrant. Burial will take place in the Angell family lot at St. Anne Cemetery in Cranston, Rhode Island, at a later time. The retired bishop, who headed the diocese from 1992 to 2005, is remembered as a good-humored man of faith with a heart directed toward the dignity of all humanity. His episcopal motto was: "Serve the Lord With Gladness." Beginning at his installation, Bishop Angell publicly showed his keen sense of humor. His predecessor, Bishop John A. Marshall -- a more serious personality -- said Bishop Angell's sense of humor would be a welcome change for Vermonters. Everyone's been talking about his sense of humor and different personality, and it's good to have that contrast," Bishop Marshall said, indicating his own more serious side. But, he added, "He's very serious about the teachings of the church."

Faith and politics take the stage in vice presidential debate

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- In opening remarks during the vice presidential candidates' debate Oct. 4, each candidate alluded to faith, but they didn't return to how their beliefs influenced their political views until the last 10 minutes of the night. Both candidates were raised Catholic and attended Catholic schools, but Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, the Republican vice presidential candidate, became an evangelical Christian while in college. Sen. Tim Kaine of Virginia, the Democratic vice presidential candidate, has been a member of St. Elizabeth Parish in Richmond, Virginia, for 30 years. In first few minutes of the debate at Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia, Kaine said when Hillary Clinton asked him to join her ticket, she highlighted, among other things, that he had "been a missionary," referring to the time he took off from Harvard Law School to work with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Honduras. Pence began his remarks by speaking of his experience, which he said he "would pray" it helps him if he were to become the nation's vice president. Over the next nearly hour and a half, the candidates -- in between interrupting each other -- talked about the economy, jobs, gun violence, police, foreign policy and national security. The issue of abortion came up close to the end of the debate. Pence opposes it. Kaine, as he has often stated, is personally opposed to abortion as a Catholic, but feels the government should not interfere with a woman's decision to have an abortion.

Bishop Loverde says his successor 'possesses the heart of a shepherd'

ARLINGTON, Va. (CNS) -- Bishop Michael F. Burbidge expressed deep gratitude to Pope Francis on his appointment as the fourth bishop of Arlington on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. At an Oct. 4 news conference, he pledged his continued loyalty and obedience to the pope, who named the bishop of Raleigh, North Carolina, to succeed retiring Bishop Paul S. Loverde, who has headed the Arlington Diocese for 17 years. Bishop Burbidge also thanked Bishop Loverde for being "a treasured friend" and said he will continue to depend on him for prayers and support as he begins his new ministry in Arlington.

Catholics urged to be 'stewards of mercy' amid growing polarization

By Peter Finney Jr.
Catholic News Service

NEW ORLEANS (CNS) -- The polarization that exists in our secular culture, so visible in the acerbic campaign for the White House, has crept into the church and compels Catholics of goodwill to be "stewards of mercy" and civility, the head of Catholic News Service told an audience in New Orleans Oct. 5.

Greg Erlandson, the director and editor-in-chief of CNS, was a keynote speaker at the annual conference of the International Catholic Stewardship Council.

Erlandson's talk on polarization and mercy in the church, which closed the four-day conference that attracted more than 1,000 stewardship and development professionals from around the world, focused on the broader culture's increasingly coarse, political discourse.

"You are all aware that this is one of the most polarized and polarizing elections in U.S. history," Erlandson said. "Besides the usual chasm regarding the life issues and the almost nonexistent discussion of the poorest and most vulnerable among us, this year we have the personal attacks, the tabloid journalism, the social media trolls, the exploitation of race, class and gender issues."

But just as St. Teresa viewed the sick people she picked up from the streets of Kolkata, India, as "Jesus in one of his more distressing disguises," Erlandson asked his audience to go through a "thought exercise" about the person "who is supporting the candidate you most dislike."

"Maybe it's someone you've argued with, repeat-

edly; maybe someone you are no longer talking to, someone you have unfriended, unfollowed and blocked," Erlandson said. "Think of that person in the words of Mother Teresa: That person is Jesus in one of his more distressing disguises."

"Say a prayer for that person, and not a prayer that he converts to your position or that she be struck down by a temporary illness on election day. Say a prayer for that person, and say a prayer that you are able to approach that person with humility and charity."

Erlandson said the church is not immune to "binary" thinking. Recently, "dueling bands of theologians" issued positions "regarding some of the church's sexual teachings," and there were disagreements over the results of the two synods on the family and Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, "Amoris Laetitia."

Erlandson said human diversity is a gift from God.

"I want to point out that ours is a God who does not appear to expect all of us to be in a kind of lockstep harmony, like a parade ground full of goose-stepping North Korean soldiers," he said.

When aliens from outer space are portrayed in films and books, Erlandson said, they often are shown as "indistinguishable and uniform. Their sameness is what makes them different from our gorgeous mosaic."

"Unfortunately, we do this all the time with our 'aliens' here on earth," he said. "Those people we don't encounter, we don't see and interact with on a daily basis become the 'same.' They are lumped into one indistinguishable template of otherness. They are defined as 'not us.'"

Political and ideological

silos make it easier for people to segregate themselves in secular society, he said. In the church, those divisions play out as Catholics divide themselves, Erlandson said.

"We are progressives or traditionalists; we are converts or cradle Catholics; we are home-school parents or parish R.E. (religious education) parents or Catholic school parents; we are Latin Massers or English Massers; we are 'Pope Francis people' or 'Pope Benedict people,'" Erlandson said.

The "importing of political categories into the church" is a problem that needs to be addressed, he said.

Even a cursory reading of the Acts of the Apostles reveals divisions within the early church, but Erlandson said Catholics would be mindful to recall St. Paul's exhortation that we are not Jew or Greek, slave or free, but all one in Christ Jesus."

In the face of major disagreements, Erlandson said, "civility becomes an expression of mercy. ... It starts with us. We can't wait for politicians to start being nice or for some great civility program to come down from the USCCB (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops). We are called to be disciples of mercy. We are called right now, in this inglorious scum, this merciless age, to be agents of mercy."

One way to do that is by accompanying those "who are wounded and hurting," Erlandson said.

"But I think we also need to accompany those with whom we disagree," he added. "Accompaniment involves listening. It also involves speaking. We need to know how to do both effectively, and this is something we must live and we must teach. ... This takes humility, especially when we disagree."

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Persevere in prayer to find justice

The theme for the readings this Sunday is persistence in prayer.

Although we think ourselves powerless, pray and work for justice without ever giving up.

Above all, trust in a God who cares.

The practice of raising one's hands in prayer goes all the way back to Moses who keeps



Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore

his hands aloft while praying for victory for the Israelites who are attacked in the desert by the Amelikkites.

When he drops his hands from weariness, the enemy prevails.

With help of Aaron and Hur, he again raises his hands until God gives final victory.

Notice that the priest at Mass prays

with hands raised.

In the Gospel, Jesus fears that his disciples may grow weary and lose faith at the long wait for the Second Coming.

He uses the example of a poor, helpless widow who is frustrated at the failure of a corrupt judge to secure justice for her.

The judge who eventually is fearful that she will "give him a black eye" finally renders her a just decision.

Jesus then points out how much more will God give us

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Exodus 17:8-13

Timothy 3-14 thru 4-2

Luke 18:1-8

full justice if we only persevere in prayer.

God adds that not only will His Father answer the prayer, but that He will be the first to give in.

The second reading today gives us the assurance that all of Scripture is divinely inspired, and is "useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction and for training in righteousness..."

While God allows the Sacred Writer to use his own style and vocabulary, the Holy Spirit is the one who inspires the ideas presented by the writer.

We need to always reverence the Word of God, and read it daily for our nourishment.

DO YOU LOVE ME? KEEP MY COMMANDS

8th commandment: 'our minds are made for truth'

Did you ever notice that the 6th commandment and the 9th commandment go together? In the same way, the 7th commandment goes together with the 10th commandment. What is more fascinating is that right in the middle is the 8th commandment, which forbids lying.

First the mind embraces a lie through coveting, and then the body expresses the lie through adultery or theft.

A few years ago I went to confession and said that "I told my wife a white lie." The priest told me I violated my wedding vow to be true to Christina in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, to love and honor her all the days of my life.

It seemed a bit over-the-top to equate a white lie

with infidelity, so I had to really think about this for a long time. Eventually I understood. My intention was to give myself completely to my wife the day of our wedding and every day after that. I never want to violate that promise because it was my sacred oath.

When we testify in court we promise to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me God. In "A Man For All Seasons" Thomas More says "What is an oath then, but words we say to God? When a man takes an oath, he's holding his own self in his own hands like water. And if he opens his fingers then, he needn't hope to find himself again."

Why does More equate truth telling with a man's very identity?

God made us in His image with reason and free will. Our minds are literally made for truth. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life, so we are made for God.

In stark contrast, Jesus said that the Devil is a liar, the father of lies, and a murderer from the beginning, there is no truth in him, and when he lies he speaks out of his own character.

When we lie we act

against both our Heavenly Father and our very human nature. We act more like the Devil.

When we persist in living out a lie, the Devil becomes our Father, as repulsive as it may seem, because we have set ourselves up against God.

God wants us to love him with all of our mind, heart, soul and strength. Sometimes we believe that it's okay for us to think about something as long as we don't actually do it.

Jesus said if you look at a woman with lust you've committed adultery with her in your heart. It's not enough for God that we don't actually commit the action.

God wants our minds and hearts to be so transformed by love that sin is weeded out of our minds and hearts before they become actions.

The accuracy of the Garden of Eden narrative is amazing. When children are confronted for misbehavior they tend to do two things that Adam and Eve did.

They try to avoid the consequences of their actions by

covering up and shifting responsibility to someone else.

In contrast, Jesus died uncovered on the cross, taking responsibility for our sins. To be an adult means taking responsibility for our own actions.

It's common for children to lie.

As a father, I've found that the most effective approach has been to discuss with them how lying damages trust and hurts our relationship.

I tell them how much I love them and that I need to be able to trust them in small things because there are so many bigger, more wonderful things that I hope to trust them with in the future. Things like borrowing the car, or using my tools, or going places with their friends.

It's not so much the hope for future rewards that influences them, rather, what really penetrates their hearts is the thought that they have disappointed me or let me down even in the small things.

If my children see me telling white lies to mommy,

Editor's note

This column continues a series of articles written by Mr. Tartaglia, diocesan family life director, exploring faith development within families as he considers each of the Ten Commandments

then they will expect they can do so with me and with their future spouse. Conversely, if they see me tell her the truth even in small things, they will feel confident to be truthful with me.

As beings created to reflect God, truth is conceived in our minds and we have the responsibility to express truth in word and in action, to let our yes mean yes and no mean no. We are to avoid twisting the truth to support a particular agenda.

This presidential election has been challenging and we need to consider our sources of information carefully. The Church is the pillar and bulwark of the truth. When trying to assess a candidate's position or make comparisons between platforms, Catholics should consult the USCCB website: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/index.cfm>.



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MOVIE REVIEW

MISS PEREGRINE'S HOME FOR PECULIAR CHILDREN

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

Director Tim Burton is on his home turf with the gothic fantasy "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" (Fox).

While his adaptation of Ransom Riggs' 2011 novel is mildly entertaining, however, it's hobbled by an overly complicated premise and by the head-scratching implications of time travel.

Bridging the film's two settings, present-day Florida and the Britain of the 1940s, is kindly grandfather Abraham 'Abe' Portman (Terence Stamp). As a boy during World War II, Abe had been sent from his native Poland to a remote island off the coast of Wales where he had found a refuge in the institution of the title.

Though he has a frayed relationship with his son, Frank (Chris O'Dowd), Abe and his grandson, Jake (Asa Butterfield), are the best of friends, and Abe delights in regaling Jake with tales of the otherworldly goings-on he experienced at Miss Peregrine's (Eva Green) establishment. As he gets older, though, Jake becomes skeptical about Abe's yarns, to the detriment of their bond.

Following Abe's mysterious death, which seems to be linked to his past, Jake convinces Frank to take him



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Eva Green, Asa Butterfield and Georgia Pemberton star in a scene from the movie "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children."

to Wales where he hopes to learn the truth about grandpa's childhood.

Once there, Jake enters the "time loop" which allows Miss Peregrine and her charges -- all of them endowed with paranormal gifts -- to live the same day in the fall of 1943 over and over again. Each evening, we learn, they magically reverse time at precisely the moment a Luftwaffe bomb is about to obliterate their

Victorian mansion.

As Jake falls for Emma (Ella Purnell), a girl who can float through the air, and battles an eyeless villain named Barron (Samuel L. Jackson), familiar Hollywood tropes about the value

of being different from everyone else and substituting a self-selected family for an inadequate biological one are trotted out yet again. Jake discovers that he, too, is a "peculiar," and receives from Miss Pere-

grine and her kids the love and attention good-hearted but ineffectual Frank has always failed to deliver.

While too scary for tots -- one scene shows Barron and his evil cohorts feasting on gouged-out eyeballs -- "Miss Peregrine" is generally well suited for their older siblings, many of whom will likely appreciate its macabre elements. There's mayhem aplenty, but it's almost all bloodless. Accordingly, only the occasional touch of slightly vulgar language, together with a couple of lapses where the Second Commandment is concerned, will raise a red flag for parents.

The film contains much stylized violence with minimal gore, some disturbing images, at least one use of profanity, a milder oath and a few crass terms. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II -- adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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QUEEN'S CLOSET SALE

Saranac Lake – Queen's closet sale to be held to benefit CDA Court St. Bernard.

Date: Oct. 22

Place: St. Bernard's School Cafeteria

Features: Gently used sweaters, scarves, jewelry and accessories. Tea and crumpets will be served.

ROSARY RALLY

Saranac Lake – Rosary Rally to Our Lady of Fatima to be held.

Date: Oct. 15

Time: Noon

Place: St. Bernard's Church

Features: Meet at 11:45am. We will pray outside at Our Blessed Mother's Statue on River St. or inside if inclement weather. Bring a chair for outside.

Contact: For more information call Viv at 891-1884, Sister Carol 891-2286 or Mary Lou 891-1308.

CLINTON

HARVEST DINNER

AuSable Forks – The Knights of Columbus is holding a Harvest Dinner.

Date: Oct. 16

Time: 1 p.m. to 4

Place: Holy Name Parish Center Gym

Cost: Adults, \$10; Children under 12, \$5
Features: All you can eat Roast Pork with all the trimmings and dessert table with silent auction and bake sale. Take-outs available.

CRAFT SHOW

Mooers – St. Ann's Sodality 29th Annual Craft show.

Date: Oct. 15

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place: Mooers Fire Station

Features: Craft and non-craft vendors, hot food & baked goods. Raffle and prizes. Gladly accepting nonperishable food items for Mooers Food Pantry.

HARVEST DINNER

Chazy – Turkey Harvest Dinner to be held.

Date: Oct. 16

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

Place: Sacred Heart Parish Center

Features: Sinners' Den Pantry for "sinfully" delicious goodies. Raffle

HEALING MASS

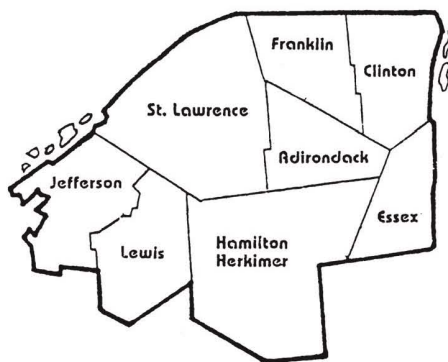
Ellenburg – Healing Mass to be held.

Date: Oct. 15

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: Our Lady of the Adirondack House of Prayer

Features: Confessions at 9:30 a.m. with



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Communal Anointing of the sick during Mass and after Mass time for private prayer for those who wish.

Contact: 518-594-3253 for lunch reservations

HARVEST DINNER

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

Date: Oct. 16

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

Place: Sacred Heart Church

Cost: Adults, \$10; Children 6-12, \$4; under 5, Free; Take-outs, \$10

Features: Buffet style with Turkey and all of the trimmings. Raffle with dozens of prizes. Sinners' Den Pantry.

WALK OF FAITH

Peru – Annual Walk of Faith to be held.

Date: Oct. 16

Time: Schedule 11:45 a.m. Early registration; 12:30 p.m. Opening ceremony

Place: Lady of Lourdes Shrine (behind St. Augustine's Church)

Features: Event is free. Walk rain or shine. Donations will be accepted day of event for The North Country Mission of Hope and The Jamaica Project.

SSJ LAY ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

Plattsburgh – The Sisters of St. Joseph are holding a meeting about the Lay Associate Program.

Date: Oct. 16

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: St. John XXIII Newman Center

Features: Associates meet once a month to learn about the spirituality of the Sisters, pray together, and discuss

ways to deepen one's spiritual life. This group is open to men and women.

Contact: Call Sr. Helen Herman (518-561-8252) or Sister Bethany Fitzgerald (315-212-6592).

PULLED PORK DINNER

Peru – A pulled pork dinner is planned.

Date: Oct. 22

Time: 5 p.m. to 7

Place: St. Augustine Parish Center

Cost: \$6 for Walkers in the Walk of Faith (\$3 for walkers 12 & under) \$8 for Non-Walkers (\$4 for non-walkers 12 & under)

Features: All proceeds will benefit North Country Mission of Hope and The Jamaica Project

PROGRAMS AT OLA

Ellenburg Center – Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer program for the coming months has been announced.

Schedule: Each first Saturday through Nov. Rosary will begin at 11 a.m. (with confessions available) and Mass will be offered at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch; Each third Saturday there will be a retreat day on a theme of Mercy starting at 10 a.m. with Mass and lunch. Reservations are required. The House of Prayer will be opened each weekday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Contact: call 518-594-3253 or email olahouse@gmail.com

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

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

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

ESSEX

ROAST BEEF DINNER

Elizabethtown – Annual Roast Beef Harvest dinner to be held.

Date: Oct. 16

Time: Take-outs begin at 1:30 p.m.; dinner from 2 p.m. to 6

Place: St. Elizabeth's parish hall

RCIA PROGRAM

Ticonderoga – St. Mary's RCIA Program is an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic faith.

Date: First Meeting Oct. 24

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Rectory

Features: Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season.
Contact: Fr. Kevin or Sr. Suanne at (518)-585-7144 or email: stmarysti@bridgepoint1.com

FRANKLIN

YANKEE POT ROAST

Chateaugay – 35th Annual Yankee Pot Roast Dinner to be held.

Date: Oct. 16

Time: 12 p.m. to 5 (continuously serving)

Cost: Adults, \$10; Children 6-11, \$5; under 5, Free

Features: Take-outs available for pickup or delivery from 1 p.m. to 4. Quilt tickets are \$1 donation each. Prize tickets are available, the drawings will take place at the conclusion of the dinner. You need not be present. Additional tickets are available at the rectory office at 497-6673.

ROSARY CRUSADE

Malone – Join the 2016 Public Square Rosary Crusade.

Date: Oct. 15

Time: Noon

Place: St. Joseph's Church

TURKEY DINNER

Fort Covington – St. Mary's to have their Annual Turkey Dinner.

Date: Oct. 23

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

Place: St. Mary's Parish Hall

Cost: Adults, \$10; Children under 12, \$6;

under 5, Free

Features: Country store, baked goods, canned goods, fresh produce & flea market items, raffles, Chinese auction.

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

HAMILTON-HERKIMER

DAYS OF DISCERNMENT

Old Forge – Discerning men are invited to consider the call to the priesthood.

Dates: Oct. 16, 30; Nov. 13, Dec. 4

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Bartholomew's Rectory

Features: Reflection, Vespers & dinner. Open to men who are Juniors in high school and older.

Contact: Fr. Howard Venette, pastor.st-barts@roadrunner.com/ 315-369-3554;

JEFFERSON

CURSILLO MEETING

Carthage – The Jefferson/Lewis Cursillo holds its monthly meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

Time: 6 p.m. to 8

Place: Community Room of St. James Church

Features: All Cursillistas are encouraged to attend. We also welcome those interested in deepening a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Contact: Anne Seegebarth
ams2962@gmail.com, 315-783-4596

PRO-LIFE PRAYER

Watertown – During the entire month of October, including weekends, there will be an hour of prayer for Pro-Life.

Time: Noon to 1 p.m.

Place: Planned Parenthood on Stone St.

Features: Join us as we pray for renewed respect for all human life

Contact: 788-4359

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Watertown – St. Anthony's Altar Rosary Society to have a spaghetti dinner.

Date: Oct. 27

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Take-outs begin at 4 p.m.; please bring your own containers

Place: Msgr. Sechi Hall

Cost: Adults, \$8; Children, \$4; Children under 3, Free; Sauce, \$5 per quart; Meatballs, \$.75 each

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Some questions answered by the Pontifical Mission Society.

Ever wonder what happens when you place \$10 (\$5 or \$20 or more) into your special collection envelope for World Mission Sunday? First, after you place your envelope in the collection basket, your pastor sends your offering – and those of all his parishioners – to your diocesan office of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of four Pontifical Mission Societies. Then, your pastor jots down your name and address, and sends this information along to the diocesan mission office as well so that you can receive a free subscription to MISSION magazine, published four times annually.

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our offering may be used to help Sisters in Sudan lovingly care for orphans in Jesus' name, or it may buy a bicycle for a priest in Thailand so that he can travel from village to village to celebrate Mass.

Most importantly, wherever your offering is sent, it brings with it the Good News of Jesus Christ and His message of peace, hope and salvation.

Want to do more for the Missions?

Contact your local diocesan mission office or the national office at pmsusa@propfaith.org.

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will.

<http://www.rcdonny.org/mission-office.html>

OBITUARIES

Ausable Forks – Russell E. Smith, 75; Funeral Services Oct. 5, 2016 at the Thwaits-Zaumetzer Funeral Home; burial in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Keeseville.

Brasher Falls – Jeannine A. (Morgan) Lynch, 82; Funeral Services Oct. 6, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Brasher Falls – Emma A. (Hilaire) McLaughlin, 89; Funeral Services Oct. 5, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery, North Lawrence.

Brushton – George Albert Moses, Jr., 93; Funeral Services Oct. 4, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Champlain – Orville Francis Babbie, 99; Funeral Services Oct. 7, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Coopersville – Arnold Beeman, 80; Funeral Oct. 1, 2016 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Fort Covington – Kathryn (Dempsey) Brethour, 55; Funeral Services Oct. 5,

2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Gouverneur – Alice Ann (Campany) Courts, 84; Funeral Services Oct. 8, 2016 at St. James Church; burial in New St. James Cemetery.

Hammond – Francis "Frank" Valerio, 98; Funeral Services Oct. 6, 2016 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Rossie.

Keeseville – Francis Wayne Robare, 73; Funeral Services Oct. 8, 2016 at St. John's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Lowville – Amy Jo (Mezey) Ferrance, 48; Funeral Services Oct. 13, 2016 at Iseneker Funeral Home, Inc.; burial in Brantingham Cemetery.

Norfolk – Theresa Mae (Davey) Lindsey; Funeral Oct. 3, 2016 at Church of the Visitation; burial in Visitation Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Erdine J. "Peggy" (Woodcock) Cole, 71; Funeral Services Oct. 7, 2016 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

Philadelphia – Barbara M. (Watson) Mosher, 91; Funeral Services Oct. 22, 2016 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Antwerp.

Plattsburgh – Kevin McCabe Curley, 56; Funeral Services Oct. 3, 2016 at St. John XXIII Newman Center.

Plattsburgh – Robert Delisle Munn, 92; Funeral Services Oct. 4, 2016 at St. John's Church; burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Port Henry – Edward D. Ida, 40; Funeral Services Oct. 6, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in parish cemetery, Moriah Center.

Port Henry – Michelle Ann Scozzafava Scheibler, 38; Funeral Services Oct. 7, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church.

Watertown – William A. Horne, 94; Funeral Oct. 6, 2016 at Benoit Funeral Home; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

West Chazy – Armand Frank Derusha, 90; Funeral Services Oct. 8, 2016 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Pope chooses youths, vocational discernment as theme for synod

By Junno Arocho Esteves
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Following up on the Synod of Bishops on the family, a synod in 2018 will focus on accompanying young people on the path of faith and in discerning their vocations, the Vatican said.

Pope Francis chose "Young people, faith and vocational discernment" as the theme for the 15th general assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which will be held in October 2018, the Vatican announced Oct. 6.

The theme of young people and their path of discernment is a continuation of "what emerged from the recent" synod on the family and the pope's apostolic exhortation "Amoris Laetitia" on family life, a Vatican statement said.

The synod will look at the best ways to accompany

young people on their path toward maturity and providing a process of discernment so "they may discover their life plan and fulfill it with joy, opening themselves to an encounter with God and with men and women, and actively participating in the building of the church and society," the Vatican said.

Greg Burke, Vatican spokesman, told journalists Oct. 6 that the synod will focus on the transmission of faith and helping young people make their "spiritual decision" to choose marriage or religious life.

According to the statement, the pope chose the theme after consulting the bishops' conferences, the Eastern Catholic churches and the men's Union of Superiors General.

He also consulted with bishops and cardinals who took part in the previous synod of bishops.

The council helping to prepare the next synod assembly includes two North Americans: Canadian Cardinal Marc Ouellet, prefect of the Congregation for Bishops; and Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia.



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PARISH DANCE

Glenfield – St. Martin's and St. John's Church are sponsoring a dance.

Date: Oct. 15

Time: 7 p.m. to 11

Place: Glenfield Fire Hall

Cost: \$5

Features: Music will be provided by Patti Stanford and her crew, there will be raffles, 50/50, door prizes and many Chinese Auction baskets. Food and beverages will be available.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Lowville – To Thank God for & To Honor the Most Blessed Sacrament, all are invited to worship the Exposition, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Silent Adoration, and Benediction.

Date: Oct. 20

Time: 4 p.m. to 5

Place: St. Peter's Church

ROAST BEEF DINNER

Harrisville – St. Francis Solanus Church will hold its Annual Roast Beef Dinner.

Date: Oct. 20

Time: 4 p.m. to 6

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

ROSARY RALLY

Turin – Rosary Rally to Pray for Peace to be held.

Date: Oct. 15

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Place: Spirit Walk, West Main Street

Features: light refreshments

ST. LAWRENCE

LAY MINISTERS DINNER MEETING

Norfolk – Commissioned Lay Ministers of St. Lawrence, Franklin and Adirondack to have annual dinner meeting.

Date: Oct. 26

Time: 5:15 p.m.

Place: Church of the Visitation

Cost: \$12 per person

Features: Father Mark Reilly will be the guest speaker

Contact: Jeannie Grizzuto @ 393-2920 Ext. 1413 or email jgrizzuto@rcdony.org by Oct. 17.

MANICOTTI MONDAY

Norfolk – Manicotti Monday is set

Date: Nov. 7

Time: 4 p.m. to 6:30

Place: Fr. Amyot Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$9.75; Under 5, Free

Features: Serving homemade meat-filled manicotti and/or homemade spaghetti and meatballs, tossed salad, Italian bread, beverage and dessert.

ROSARY RALLY

Potsdam – The annual Public Square Rosary Rally to be held.

Date: Oct. 15

Time: Noon

Place: Route 11 and Maple Street

(Across from Kinney Drugs)

FAMILY PRAYER RALLY

Canton – 5th Annual Family Prayer Rally to be held with Bishop LaValley in observance of Right to Life Month.

Date: Oct. 16

Time: 2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

Features: Refreshments will be served in the school by Canton Council 1059.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

Massena – Human Trafficking Awareness workshop to be held.

Date: Oct. 19

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8

Place: St. Mary's Hall

Speaker: Renan Salgado

Features: "Human Trafficking in the North Country".

ROSARY INVITATIONAL

Ogdensburg – St. Mary's Cathedral and Notre Dame will be hosting a Rosary Invitational.

Date: Oct. 28

Time: 3 p.m. to 10

Place: St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: For more information and how to register a family or group, please contact Bill O'Brien by email at: billob315@gmail.com or call 528-0461.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE

Star Lake – Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale to be held.

Date: Nov. 5

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

Place: St. Hubert's Parish

Features: Live wreaths, gift baskets, children's shoppe. Coffee & Donuts, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

HEALING MASS

Raymondville – Healing Mass to be held.

Date: Oct. 20

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: St. Raymond's Church

Features: Confessions at 5:45 p.m. with Communal Anointing of the sick during Mass and after Mass time for private prayer for those who wish.

FALL FESTA ITALIANA

Massena – Trinity Catholic is holding a Fall Festa Italiana, elegant Italian dinner.

Date: Oct. 22

Time: Two Seatings 5:30 p.m. and 7:30

Place: River Road Restaurant at the Massena Country Club

Cost: \$35 per person, only 200 people

Features: Tickets will go on sale at Amici's and the Trinity office.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

DAYS OF DISCERNMENT

Potsdam – Discerning men are invited to come together & consider the call the



The parishioners of St. Peter's, Lowville, St. Mary's, Glenfield and St. Hedwig's, Houseville gathered at Whitaker Falls Park in the Town of Martinsburg Aug. 28 for their annual Tri-Parish Mass and Picnic. Guests for the day included Bishop Terry R. LaValley. Above, the bishop and Father Christopher C. Carrara, pastor; pose with Mildred Zehr who recently celebrated her 101st birthday, and her daughter Suzanne Matuszczak.

Roman Catholic Priesthood.

Dates: Oct 16, 30, Nov. 13, Dec. 4

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Rectory

Features: Reflection and vespers. No reservation necessary. Open to men who are Juniors in high school and older.

Contact: Your Catholic Campus Minister or Father Stephen Rocker, pastormsp@gmail.com, 315-265-9680; or Fr. Doug Lucia, frdoug@twcny.rr.com

DIOCESAN BLUE MASS

Malone – Bishop LaValley will preside at a Blue Mass.

Date: Oct. 30

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Place: St. Joseph's Church

Features: Offering thanks to God for the dedication and sacrifice made by the women and men in law enforcement and to pray for their safety, as well as, for their families and communities. On this occasion, we hope to draw representation from various local agencies of law enforcement and the Department of Corrections to join in this special moment of prayer.

PARISH VOCATION MINISTRY

Norfolk – A program on supporting vocation ministry in parishes is set.

Date: Nov. 5

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Place: Visitation Parish Center

Features: Rhonda Gruenewald, author of "Hundredfold: A Guide to Parish Vocation Ministry" will present the "how to" and give time to work in parish groups to get started.

Contact: Register at <http://www.rcdony.org/vocations>

YOUTH BUSES FOR LIFE

Washington DC – Registration for High school pilgrimage to the Jan. 26-28 March for Life is opening

Date: Oct. 1

Cost: \$150 includes transportation, hotel, breakfast, dinner & shirt.

Features: Three coach buses will travel to the March for Life. Pickup locations include Massena, Canton, Gouverneur, Watertown, and Schoon Lake.

Contact: www.rcdony.org/pro-life for registration forms. Call 518-524-0774/518-891-2309

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