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## Seeks simple, loving acts

VATICAN CITY (CNS)-- All it takes is just one person carrying out one simple, loving act of mercy every day to start a revolution and stamp out the "virus of indifference," Pope Francis said.

Sharing God's mercy is not about expending a huge amount of effort or performing "superhuman" acts, he

said during his audience Oct. 12 in St. Peter's Square.

Jesus showed with his words and deeds that it's much simpler than that: It's about making "small gestures that in his eyes, however, hold great value, so much so that he told us we will be judged upon these" actions, the pope said.

As he continued his series of talks about God's mercy, the pope said he would begin looking at each one of the seven corporal and seven spiritual works of mercy in the following weeks.

The audience began with a reading from the Gospel of Matthew's "Judgment of the Nations" (25: 31-46) in which

Jesus tells his disciples they will be blessed with eternal life for helping the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the ill and the prisoner, because "whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me. Those who do not bother to help will "go off to eternal punishment,"

## Blue Mass set Oct. 30 in 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, Malone.

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.

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## READY FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

St. Joseph Sister Mary Ellen Brett, diocesan mission director, is shown with two teachers of Immaculate Heart Central Primary School in Watertown during the Oct. 7 Superintendent's Day in Lake Placid. Jenna Alteri is at left and Nicole Murray, right. Sister Mary Ellen had a chance to promote the work of the Mission Office among the Catholic school teachers in the diocese in advance of World Mission Sunday Oct. 22-23. This week's NCC features the annual diocesan mission report, pages 7-10

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## A FIRST BLESSING

As ordination concludes



PHOTO BY TOM SEMERARO

Father Todd E. Thibault offers a blessing to Bishop Terry R. LaValley after his ordination to the priesthood Oct. 8 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. A native of Colchester, Vermont, Father Thibault has served as a deacon associate at St. Mary's Parish in Canton for the past several months. He will now serve as parochial vicar for the Canton parish.

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

# Mission mercy: it changes the world

We've heard a lot about the importance of evangelization in our diocese and parishes in recent years.

We have a diocesan director of evangelization who assists evangelization teams in parishes across the north country, all striving to spread to Good News in the most effective ways.

But we shouldn't forget that our diocese has always been a force for evangelization around

the world, particularly under the leadership of the diocesan Mission Office.



Mary Lou  
Kilian

Back in the "old days" (when I started to work for the diocese in the 1970's) the diocesan mission director (aka, the director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith) and diocesan evangelization director were one and the same person.

Of course, that person was Msgr. Anthony Milia (a true force of nature) who had no

problem making sure that the diocesan newspaper, Catholic schools and parishes were as mission-minded as could be!

Part of the reason for his success – and the success of his followers, Father George Maroun and Sister Mary Ellen Brett – could certainly be traced to the high percentage of former missionaries among the priests who staff our parishes.

The 20 priests who served in Mollendo, Peru, and returned to minister among us have enriched our faith lives tremendously.

Their witness during the 40 years of the Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate has been a sign for us that we each have an obligation to be missionaries in whatever way we can.

The simplest way is to answer the Mission Sunday plea for prayer and generous gifts to support the work of our missionaries.

This year's theme is "Mercy Changes the World," something people in our diocese have seen through the eyes of our many mercy-filled missionaries. We can't stop sharing that mercy now.

## A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

# Of MASH and Mass... a vision for parishes

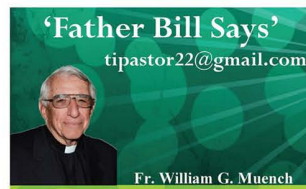
Recently, I have again been watching some episodes of that old favorite TV program, "MASH." My TV cable program have introduced a channel for several of those former TV programs including "MASH."

Do you remember "MASH"? It was a series of episodes that followed the activities around a "field hospital" in Korea during the Korean War. The programs center on the various American doctors and nurses who treat the soldiers who were wounded during battle.

Thinking about this idea of a "field hospital" I remembered Pope Francis' way of describing our Catholic Church as a "field hospital." Like this MASH unit, Pope Francis sees Catholic parishes as places of refuge. The parish is a place for help and spiritual healing. Pope Francis envisions Catholic parishes as places where the right people are always ready and prepared to help those in need.

The Catholic parish is a place where all are welcome to come and seek help and comfort, especially the suffering and disturbed. Among other things, the parish is about bringing Christ's healing power to those in need.

I see the idea of a "field hospital" as giving a perfect vision of what every Catholic parish



is meant to be. Every pastor hopes that their parish is a welcoming place for all who are in need. When I say needs I mean all sorts of difficulties – especially spiritual concerns – each parish has so many ways to help through all that Jesus gives to our Church to help all form a good and sound spirituality. I am thinking first of all our sacraments which unite us with our God and with each other in the Holy Spirit as the Church of Christ as the Body of Christ. I think first of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist that is ours through the celebration of Mass.

Through Sunday Mass, each Catholic parish unites together in prayer with a readiness to work together to help those in need, locally and throughout the Church Universal. All are united in a new and powerful relationship with our God to send this parish community into the world to make it a better place. The Mass is such a powerful event in every parish. The Mass becomes a time to

bring the people of a parish community into a group ready to be a force that unites a parish and truly makes it ready to be a "field hospital".

The other sacraments unite us as well into a powerful answer to the call of Our Savior to bring God's help and peace to others as a blessed community. Through Baptism, a parish welcomes an infant or an adult into a new life in unity with our God.

In Confirmation, the baptized receive and live in the power of the Holy Spirit to live well and become an integral member of a parish community, ready to do their part in bring help to others. The Sacrament of Penance brings those of us whose life and dedication to God may become broken through sin. In repentance we turn to the forgiving mercy of God to recover our relationship with God so that we can become actively involved in the work of the parish.

Through the sacraments of our Church, the parishes of our Church become strong communities of refuge, become "field hospitals." As such, the parish will be a community ready to welcome and help the confused and disturbed. Many today find a need for support and wisdom because their lives

have become difficult and unhappy. Literally, they do not know where to turn. The Catholic parish through dedicated pastors and dedicated communities is always ready to stand with and serve as a guide to those in need.

The Catholic parish as a "field hospital" must reach out to help all in need – especially the poor – a dedication given us by Jesus. Our Lord Jesus Christ gave his disciples and all of us a directive to always remember and care for the poor – first of all. Pope Francis continues that call and urges his Catholic Church to never forget those who have little. In fact, he encourages us to be a Church of the Poor – those who are poor in this world's goods and those who are poor spiritually. Our parishes must be a refuge for those who have lost their relationship with God that they may again find faith and renew their love and peace through a closeness to a parish community.

To accomplish all of this the Church community – the people of a parish – must be united and dedicated as a family, dedicated to bring God's love and help to those in need. Our task is to make our parish a place where all are welcome and where all will find help – love and peace.



PHOTOS BY TOM SEMERARO

Bishop Terry R. LaValley ordained Father Todd Edward Thibault to the priesthood Oct. 8 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. At left, the bishop lays hands on the new priest as Deacon Richard Staab and Father Thomas Higman look on. Above, Father Thibault prays the Eucharistic Prayer for the first time, with Bishop LaValley, Msgr. Richard LaValley and Father Scott Gratton, pastor and parochial vicar of St. Francis Xavier Church in Winooski, Vermont, Father Thibault's home parish. Father Thibault celebrated his first Mass at St. James Minor Church in Carthage where he had served a pastoral year during his seminary studies. The Vermont native studied for the priesthood at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. He will serve as parochial vicar at St. Mary's Parish in Canton where he has been assigned since his deacon ordination in April. More photos on page 5.

## Bishop ordains Father Todd E. Thibault

By Mary Lou Kilian  
Editor

OGDENSBURG – A path that started in Colchester, Vermont, and continued through decades of work and school brought Father Todd E. Thibault to St. Mary's Cathedral Oct. 8 where he was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Bishop Terry R. LaValley presided at the ordination with priests from the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Vermont and the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, concelebrating.

In his homily, Bishop LaValley reminded Father Thibault that the life he was taking on would not be easy.

"Jesus knew that his mission was to lay down his life for God's people," the bishop said. "Todd, it is no different for you. Your priestly min-

istry makes that claim on your life."

"Priests must inspire, bless, and affect profoundly those around them," he said. "To warm up the world in God's merciful ways requires energy, patience, much sacrifice, profound prayer and trust."

"You must enter into the messiness of the lives of God's people," Bishop LaValley said. "Your spirituality must animate and sustain the pastoral charity that marks priestly ministry so that you are a true pastor of souls."

### Ordination rite

After listening to scripture readings proclaimed by Bonnie Picard, Deb Kepler and Deacon Michael Jablonski, the rite of ordination began with the election of the candidate.

Father Bryan D. Stitt, who

served as diocesan vocation director throughout Father Thibault's years in the seminary, attested to the worthiness of the candidate.

Bishop LaValley delivered his homily before accepting a promise of obedience from Father Thibault who expressed his resolve to "carry out his office in accord with the mind of Christ and the Church, under the direction of the bishop."

The Litany of Supplication followed as the assembly prayed for the intercession of the saints and for God's grace as Father Thibault prostrated himself on the floor in front of the altar.

The actual moment of ordination followed as Bishop LaValley laid his hands on the head of Father Thibault and said the Prayer of Ordination.

Each of the priests at the ordination came forward and

laid hands on his head as well.

Father Thibault was then vested with the priestly stole and chasuble by Father Donald Robinson, pastor of St. James Minor Church in Carthage where Father Thibault spent a pastoral year, and Father Scott Gratton, parochial vicar of St. Francis Xavier Church in Winooski, Vermont, Father Thibault's home parish.

Next, Bishop LaValley anointed the hands of the new priest symbolizing the "priest's distinctive participation in Christ's priesthood."

Father Thibault's parents, Maurice and Pauline Thibault, brought the bread and wine to the altar. The handing over of the priest and wine, placed into the hands of the newly ordained priest, "points to his duty of presiding at the celebration of the Eucharist and of fol-

lowing Christ crucified."

The ordination rite concluded with the "fraternal kiss" as the bishop and each of the priests welcomed Father Thibault as a co-worker with the bishop in a shared ministry in their order.

### Those who took part

In addition to the bishop and priest concelebrants, others who participated in the ordination liturgy included Deacons James Snell and Richard Staab as chaplains to the bishop.

Servers included seminarians and discerners of the Diocese of Ogdensburg and altar servers from St. James in Carthage and St. Mary's in Copenhagen.

Music was led by Christine Bookman, Judith Fredericks and the diocesan choir.

Father Thibault celebrated his first Mass Oct. 9 at St. James in Carthage.

## CORPORAL WORK OF MERCY... VISIT THOSE IN PRISON

# 'I was in prison and you visited me'

By Suzanne Pietropaoli  
Staff writer

**MALONE**-Franklin Correctional Facility is just one of many prisons in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. And the men who gather there for the Catholic Education Group on Monday evenings are only a small part of that facility's population. But for them, this opportunity to pray, to share, and to learn about their faith is the highlight of their week. Those evenings are likewise a blessing for Anne L. and Will B., whose commitment makes the group possible.

What led these parishioners of St. Andre' Bessette Parish in Malone to prison ministry?

For Will, it was experiencing Residents Encounter Christ (REC).

"More than twenty years ago I started with REC - in Bare Hill, Franklin, Altona, and Gouverneur," he said. "REC is a way to bring the Gospel message to those in prison, and it generates a lot of enthusiasm. I have been involved ever since, so when I heard Anne was looking for help, I prayed about that. I sensed that I should help, and I really enjoy it."

Anne's call came quietly in 2012. "I read Jesuit Father Greg Boyle's book *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*. It had a profound effect on me because it was so beautiful. The message is so simple:



treat everyone the way Jesus did, and take everybody where they are, with unconditional love. I thought, here I am, living in this town with all these prisons. Then a friend made a comment about the thousands of men incarcerated here with no one to bring Jesus to them. God was speaking to my heart."

In addition to the gift of their presence, Anne and Will bring with them the best of what is Catholic.

"The men are enthusiastic learners," says Anne, "and they are starving to learn more about our faith. They loved Bishop Barron's Catholicism because it is so lavishly beautiful, but they have responded equally well to Symbolon, to the Bible Time Line, to Jeff Cavins' The Book of Matthew, to Fa-

ther Michael Gaitley's Divine Mercy, and to everything else we have used.

"We try to be responsive to the topics the men show interest in, and we try to keep things fresh," she said. "Father Joe Giroux, pastor at St. Andre's, has purchased programs for our use, and the Marian Helpers and St. Joseph Communications have donated materials."

Bible study is especially important for these inmates, as is the Rosary.

"After using Edward Sri's meditations on the mysteries of the Rosary," Anne explains, "the men asked to close each session with a decade of the Rosary, so we do that. They just love the Blessed Mother! Since this is the Year of Mercy, we have done a lot on mercy, including the novena in prepara-

tion for Mercy Sunday. Now many of the men get together each day at 3:00 to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. A few also have devotion to the souls in purgatory. They love the idea that they, who are sinners, can help these souls by their prayers—so we include prayer for those holy souls as well."

"Our focus is definitely Catholic," adds Will, "We try to help the men understand their faith better. If they know it and love it, they won't leave it. This is very satisfying work. The men are very appreciative, and we can really see the Lord working."

"A lot of people have given up on inmates and just see them as 'human garbage,' but we see God working in them and we see

how they respond to him and to each other," he said. "When we are with them, we let the Lord do what he wants, let him do the work. We try to be his instruments as much as possible. If one person is helped or changed, it is mission accomplished!"

"These men will not all ways be in prison, and getting them involved and giving them opportunities to grow in their faith is really investing in the future," Will said. "Also, since most of the men are married, it helps them and their families when they are able to focus on Jesus in their marriages."

Anne, too, knows how important this ministry is. She quotes a Jesuit chaplain at San Quentin prison: "We have to agree to go with Jesus to all people and all places." That is what we are doing. These men have so little in their lives, and we have so much. Jesus asks us to share that in his name—and yes, people need to know that a woman can definitely do this."

Will points out, "Many Catholics think that others will meet this need. Or they excuse themselves by saying, 'I could never do that.' That is a copout. We do it because Jesus commands us to—and if we can do it, anyone can! We hope and pray that other people will give it a try. Pray about it; talk to your pastor. Listen to Jesus in Matthew 25, 37: 'I was in prison and you visited me.'"

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## AT THE ORDINATION



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Bishop LaValley accepts the Offertory gifts from Pauline and Maurice Thibault, parents of the new priest. Patrick Rhinehart, pastoral associate and campus minister at St. Mary's, Potsdam, is shown at left.



A warm embrace from the bishop for Father Thibault.



Father Donald Robinson, pastor in Carthage, vests Father Thibault in his priestly stole and chasuble.



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BISHOP'S FUND 2016...MOVED BY MERCY

# Bishop's Fund supports ministry to family life

By Stephen Tartaglia  
Diocesan Family Life director

The Inspire Conference was a success! The keynote speaker, Bishop Baron, explained that the challenge that we have in this life is to worship correctly. We have to be oriented toward God and when we are, things make sense. When we worship anything besides God, we are left unfulfilled and wanting.

Referring back to the teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas, Bishop Baron said that we tend to worship wealth, pleasure, power, and honor, and he connects these with the beatitudes: Blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, and those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness.

He said that Jesus dying on the cross was the most perfect sermon, because he perfectly exemplified each of these. He was stripped naked, in complete agony, powerless, and being shamelessly spit upon and mocked.

The family, the domestic church, is the special place where people learn to orient their lives to God and to worship correctly.

Family life is really a team effort, but the responsibility of building and conducting the family so that it is oriented toward God is the responsibility of the parents. Through their example and leadership, the children learn to love and honor God in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health for their entire lives.

When families do this well they support vocations. First, they support the universal call to holiness. Second, they help their children to develop a relationship with God and an ability to experience His presence in their lives and

hear His call to pursue a vocation to Matrimony, Religious Life, or Holy Orders.

I believe that the best thing anyone can do is to say yes to God in whatever He asks us to do. This is about the universal call to holiness. We all need to continually strive to grow in holiness and be faithful to our state in life, no matter what it is.

In *Casti Connubii*, Pope Pius XI says that: "All men of every condition," in whatever state of life they are, "can and ought to imitate that most perfect example of holiness," Christ himself, "and by God's grace to arrive at the summit of perfection." This orientation toward holiness is developed in families that recognize they continue to struggle with sin, and yet strive to "be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect."

The Office of Family Life exists to help families with this task of growing in holiness. We offer programming and resources to parishes and families throughout the diocese. These include enrichment and support services and contact with movements geared to the needs of families at various stages in the family life cycle.

We work closely with other ministries and offices, such as Pre Cana, Natural Family Planning and Respect Life. We are committed to making resources available to anyone interested in developing Family Ministry as encouraged and promoted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Even though many families these days face economic challenges, the more insidious problem is the cultural embrace of relativism because it rejects objective truth. Without objective truth there is no way to be grounded in reality. The in-

stitutions that exist to preserve value and protect people, for example, our legal system, education system and health care system, all depend on objective reality. When objective reality goes out the window, religious families are isolated and often have to fend for themselves.

It would be hard to pick the best thing that we do as an office, but I think the most enjoyable, for me, is the Family Guggenheim Program. It's wonderful for families to connect with other families from across the diocese.

Not only is it fun, it helps the families to know they are not alone, or strange because they take the faith seriously.

I see the Holy Spirit at work among the staff and families as we all interact with each other, and I can see the transformative effect that this has on all the families, including my own. With all of the challenges that families face, this program is a breath of fresh air, a place of refreshment like an oasis in a desert.

I whole-heartedly thank God for allowing me to be involved in ministering to you and your families. This office is supported through the Bishop's Fund, and I thank you for your ongoing support as well.

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## Bishop's Schedule

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

**Oct. 20** - 11 a.m., Mass & Luncheon celebrating Msgr. Robert McCarthy's 70th Anniversary Ordination to the Priesthood at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Watertown

**Oct. 21** - 1 p.m., Mass at Bare Hill Correctional Facility in Malone

**Oct. 24-28** - Directed Retreat for the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers in Maryknoll, NY

## Rest in Peace

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

**Oct. 20** - Rev. Walter Plaisance, O.M.I., 1918; Msgr. Stephen J. Wojciechowski, 1978

**Oct. 21** - Rev. Peter LaFort, 1939; Msgr. Robert A. Farmer, 1979

**Oct. 22** - Rev. Thomas McNally, 1883; Rev. George J. Savage, 1918; Rev. Michael A. Jarecki, 2012

**Oct. 23** - Rev. Discorides Forget, O.M.I., 1916

**Oct. 24** - Rev. John P. O'Rourke, 1918

**Oct. 25** - Rev. J. Michael Duvic, O.M.I., 1917

## 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](http://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

## Environmental Stewardship

### Where does the Work of mercy to our common home begin?

Walking or driving in our North Country during these Autumn days one can not help but be awed by the magnificence of beauties around us and moved to wonder at the generosity of the Creator.

A noted African Environmentalist, Baba Dioum says "We will conserve only what we love." Perhaps that is where mercy and compassion begins.

Pope Francis seems to echo this same thought in *Laudato Si* (220): "We need a recognition that the world is God's loving gift. It entails a loving awareness that we are not disconnected from the rest of creatures, but joined in a splendid universal communion."

When we experience someone or something that is very precious to us being destroyed, wasted or harmed, it evokes a deep sense of sadness and even anger. From this disturbance comes a desire to protect, to use with care and to preserve not only for ourselves but for others to enjoy. It is only when we experience this bond with the other will we be moved with compassion to make changes in our daily routines.

Pope Francis calls us to ecological conversion. "Inasmuch as we all generate small ecological damages, we are called to acknowledge our contribution, smaller or greater, to the disfigurement and destruction of creation. . . . As individuals, we have grown comfortable with certain lifestyles shaped by a distorted culture of prosperity and a disordered desire to consume more than what is really necessary" (L.S. 123) and we are participants in a system that "has imposed the mentality of profit at any price, with no concern for social exclusion or the destruction of nature." (World Day of Prayer for Care of our Common Home).

Let us repent of the harm we are doing to our common home, and replace these harmful habits with a work of mercy.

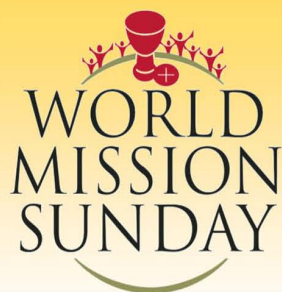
# World Mission Sunday 2016



## Mercy Changes the World



# Diocese of Ogdensburg Mission Office 2015 Annual Report



### Making A World Of Difference

A gift of \$25 is on month's support for a mission catechist; \$75 provides for the work of Religious Sisters. An offering of \$100 is a month's help for a village mission. Your World Mission Sunday gift may be used to buy Bibles for catechists in Sierra Leone, or provide for a small parish in India. Your 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.

### Mission Support

Mission Sunday	\$ 84,476.36
Legacies	\$ 75,230.68
Memberships	\$ 1,000.00
Unrestricted Gifts	\$ 2,345.00
Lenten Appeal	\$ 10,682.00
Christmas Appeal	\$ 5,050.00

### The Special Funds

Missionary Project of the Diocese of Ogdensburg	\$41,860.98
Missionary Cooperation Plan	\$27,237.67
Announced Mass Offerings	\$30,880.00
Unannounced Mass Offerings	\$2,649.88

Each year, about one half of the parishes take up the **Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg (MPDO)** Collection, while the other half takes up the **Missionary Cooperation Appeal**, in the following year the collections are reversed.

### St. Peter Apostle Appeal

\$6586.16 was given by our people to the *Society of St. Peter the Apostle* to educate native priests and novices for mission areas.



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## A MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

"Missionaries know from experience that the Gospel of forgiveness and mercy can bring joy and reconciliation, justice and peace. The mandate of the Gospel to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you..

.....This Jubilee year marks the 90th anniversary of World Missionary Day, first approved by Pope Pius XI in 1926 and organized by the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith. It is appropriate then to recall the wise instructions of my Predecessors who ordered that to this Society be destined all the offerings collected in every diocese, parish, religious community, association and ecclesial movement throughout the world for the care of Christian communities in need and for supporting the proclamation of the Gospel even to the ends of the earth. Today too we believe in this sign of missionary ecclesial communion. Let us not close our hearts within our own particular concerns, but let us open them to all of humanity...."

*Excerpt from Pope Francis annual World Mission Sunday letter, from the Vatican.*



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Students at Trinity Catholic in Massena shown with donations they raised for Christmas.

### Holy Childhood Association Funds for School Year 2015-2016

School Totals	\$ 5,058.39
Religious Education Totals	\$ 2,012.08
<b>MCA TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 7,070.47</b>

### 2015 Summary of Funds

Propagation of the Faith	\$193,381.93
Summary of Expenses	\$55,129.06

### Notice

This report covers the fiscal year of Jan. 1, 2015 to Dec. 31, 2015; with the exception of the Missionary Childhood, which covers September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

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Picture of children from St. James school in Gouverneur



## 2015 Annual Report of Donations to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith

Parish	Mission Sunday	Missionary Cooperation Plan	Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg (MPDO)	Number of Families
Adams	\$1,060.00			700
Henderson	\$499.00			79/winter; 207/summer
Community of Alexandria	\$1,003.00	\$1,505.00		441
Altona	\$800.00		\$541.00	310
Sciota	\$168.00		\$152.00	152
AuSable Forks/Black Brook	\$740.52		\$739.00	350
Wilmington	\$247.00		\$81.08	65
Black River	\$494.00	\$174.50		132
Deferiet	\$76.00	\$747.35		54
Brasher Falls	\$1,145.75	\$616.00		511
North Lawrence	\$718.00	\$596.26		117
Brownville/Dexter	\$951.00	\$2,278.00		532
Brushton	\$1,188.00		\$1,060.00	370
North Bangor	\$642.00		\$546.00	178
Cadyville	\$1,010.50		\$863.00	300
Canton	\$1,778.75	\$2,798.00		661
Cape Vincent /Chaumont/Rosiere	\$864.00	\$1,980.00		340
Carthage	\$1,600.50	\$2,270.50		945
Copenhagen	\$351.00	\$773.00		176
Champlain	\$1,129.00		\$513.00	700
Chateaugay	\$754.00		\$1,012.40	403
Burke	\$15.00			205
Chazy	\$585.00		\$397.00	420
Clayton	\$1,911.00	\$3,785.00		535
LaFargeville	\$353.00	\$129.00		113
Colton	\$782.00	\$1,411.00		182
Constable/Westville	\$465.79	\$800.43	\$356.05	400
Constableville	\$405.00	\$208.00		160
West Leyden	\$172.00	\$485.00		100
Croghan	\$1,488.00	\$2,047.00		552
Dannemora	\$935.00		\$704.34	538
Redford	\$523.00			413
Elizabethtown	\$303.00		\$404.00	150
Westport	\$336.00		\$485.00	90
Ellenburg	\$463.00			295
Evans Mills, Theresa	\$703.00	\$467.00	\$505.00	103
Philadelphia	\$411.50			75
Fort Covington	\$276.50		\$423.60	246
Hogansburg - SP			\$318.10	174
Bombay				170
Gouverneur	\$1,065.00	\$1,035.00		585
Edwards	\$512.00	\$198.00		70
Heuvelton	\$265.00	\$477.59		240
Lisbon	\$206.00	\$226.00		190
Indian Lake	\$770.00		\$765.00	138
Blue Mountain Lake	\$86.00		\$297.00	12
Olmstedville	\$507.00		\$345.00	
Keeseville Community	\$1,220.60		\$932.00	719
Lake Placid	\$4,540.45	\$40.00	\$1,525.05	500
Keene	\$487.00		\$573.82	130
Lake Pleasant, Speculator	\$562.00		\$250.00	265
Wells	\$298.00		\$600.00	206
Lowville	\$1,183.00	\$2,069.35		777
Glenfield	\$175.00	\$430.26		216
Houseville	\$207.00	\$557.00		44
Lyon Mt	\$491.00		\$647.60	340

Parish	Mission Sunday	Missionary Cooperation Plan	Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg (MPDO)	Number of Families
Malone	\$3,099.95		\$2,292.50	1081
Malone - SJ				595
Malone - SJB				257
Chasm Falls				142
Massena - SH	\$2,491.50	\$3,340.00		1044
Louisville				265
Massena - SM & SJ	\$1,553.06	\$2,104.80	\$80.00	1251
Moers Forks	\$457.00	\$20.00	\$373.00	383
Moers	\$287.00			252
Morrisonville	\$1,185.00			1027
Treadwells Mill				224
Morristown	\$1,351.00	\$2,230.38		336
Hammond				50
Rossie				30
Newcomb	\$308.00		\$225.00	70
Long Lake	\$95.00		\$140.00	90
Norfolk	\$904.00	\$1,075.00	\$238.00	400
Raymondville				135
Norwood	\$554.00	\$491.00	\$191.05	450
Ogdensburg - SM	\$2,184.75	\$2,968.00		1249
Ogdensburg - ND	\$1,313.00	\$1,661.00		1100
Old Forge			\$568.71	217
Inlet, Raquette Lake			\$798.80	134
Peru	\$1,542.00	\$1.00	\$558.00	769
Plattsburgh - St. John	\$3,153.00		\$3,689.00	700
Plattsburgh - OLV	\$1,261.00		\$441.00	800
Plattsburgh - SP			\$2,229.81	1844
Port Henry	\$851.92		\$806.88	372
Crown Point		\$296.00	\$331.71	203
Mineville	\$964.75			
Port Leyden	\$453.00	\$794.00		150
Lyons Falls	\$700.00	\$524.00		110
Potsdam		\$989.00		1223
Rouses Point	\$920.00		\$1,241.00	595
Coopersville				120
Sackets Harbor				260/winter; 311/summer
Saranac Lake	\$1,405.50		\$1,369.50	1046
Bloomington	\$100.00		\$466.00	150
Gabriels	\$325.00			56
Lake Clear	\$153.00		\$383.51	101
Schroon Lake	\$582.00		\$2,987.75	243
Olmstedville				87
Star Lake	\$330.00	\$922.51		293
Harrisville	\$319.55	\$568.36		196
St. Regis Falls	\$573.00		\$582.00	165
Hopkinton	\$86.00		\$136.00	75
Ticonderoga	\$1,541.50		\$1,570.00	673
Crown Point	\$231.50			158
Tupper Lake - SA			\$2,154.97	964
Tupper Lake - HN				575
Waddington	\$356.00	\$778.00	\$366.00	220
Madrid	\$187.00	\$413.00	\$148.00	150
Watertown - SP	\$2,012.18	\$2,325.45		721
Watertown - SH	\$706.71	\$1,341.43		650
Watertown - SA	\$1,256.00	\$2,595.00		550
Watertown - HF	\$2,362.41	\$3,695.50		1246
West Chazy	\$461.00		\$437.75	719
Willsboro/Essex	\$414.00		\$93.00	326
Individual Donations	\$2,405.00		\$13,253.40***	NA
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$85,476.36</b>	<b>\$57,237.67</b>	<b>\$53,188.38</b>	

• **Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg Appeal 2015** is calculated using the dates of Jul. 2015 - Dec. 2015. The Diocese is split in half between Mission Coop and Missionary Projects for the Diocese of Ogdensburg Appeals. **These totals do not reflect any 2015 payments that were received in the Mission Office after January 1, 2016 for the purpose of our annual financial review/audit.**

• It is also possible that some amounts represent combined totals amongst parish groupings.

\*\*\*Indicates a total from individual donations and from donors at a special event in honoring Fr. Andrew Amyot.



## “Mercy Changes the World”

Under its banner “children helping children”, monies raised through schools are directed towards self-help programs involving the building of schools, the provision of health and nutrition programs and medications, school fees, and teaching and learning resources.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL GIFTS TO THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION September 1, 2015- August 30, 2016 (School Year)



Principal Sister Sharon Anne Dalton, SSJ at St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga with Sister Mary Ellen Brett, Mission Office director and a group of St. Mary's students showing off their Mission Coin Boxes.

CANTON-St. Mary's School	\$67.50
CARTHAGE-Augustinian Academy	\$800.00
GOUVERNEUR-St. James School	\$35.00
MASSENA-Trinity Catholic School	\$554.69
PLATTSBURGH-Seton Academy Elem School	\$1883.77
SARANAC LAKE - St. Bernard's School	\$244.00
TICONDEROGA - St. Mary's School	\$800.00
WATERTOWN- IHC Elem School	\$673.43
<b>* TOTALS</b>	<b>\$5058.39</b>

\* These totals do not reflect those donations that were mailed directly to National Office by the individual schools.

### Religious Education Program Gifts to the Missionary Childhood Association September 1, 2015 – August 30, 2016 (School Year)

Parish	Totals
St. Joseph's Church – Dannemora	\$377.00
St. Anthony's Church- Watertown	\$102.00
St. Patrick's Church – Rouses Point	\$35.00
St. Peter's Church – Lowville	\$135.03
St. Francis Faith Formation – Croghan	\$345.35
Church of the Assumption – Redford	\$100.12
Churches of Saints Peter, Mary & Hedwig – Lowville	\$37.83
St. Cecelia's Church – Adams	\$86.00
St. Andrew's Church – Sackets Harbor	\$94.50
Church of Immaculate Conception – Brownville	\$226.00
St. Mary's Church – Copenhagen	\$100.00
Church of the Holy Family – Watertown	\$23.75
Miscellaneous/Anonymous Donors	\$349.5
<b>* TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,012.08</b>

\* These totals do not reflect those donations that were mailed directly to National Office in NYC by individual Parish Religious Education Programs.



Pictured are a group of students from St. Bernard's School in Saranac Lake with their MCA bookmarks.

# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Catholic Charities assesses damage, begins helping storm victims

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Catholic Charities agencies joined emergency response efforts in coastal communities in four Southeastern states as residents and parish staffers began returning to assess the damage Hurricane Matthew left behind. Some evacuation orders remained in effect in South Carolina, where the storm came ashore Oct. 7, dumping up to 18 inches of rain in communities near Charleston. High water blocked some roads, preventing people from returning to their homes in South Carolina and North Carolina and others were prevented from leaving their homes as they awaited the delivery of food and water. In Florida, churches sustained serious damage and the historic Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine in St. Augustine experienced flooding, preventing Mass from being celebrated indoors the weekend of Oct. 8-9. One Catholic Charities official in North Carolina said that in discussions with some residents he learned that the damage and flooding caused by Matthew exceeded that of the powerful Hurricane Floyd in 1999.

## Mary's life is a lesson in trusting God, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Imitating Mary's life of humility and gratitude, men and women in the church must place complete trust in God's will and not in material possessions or intellectual prowess, Pope Francis said. In choosing Mary to bear his son, God chose "a simple young woman of Nazareth, who did not dwell in the palaces of power and wealth, who did not do extraordinary things" yet placed complete trust in him, the pope said Oct. 9 during a Holy Year Mass with pilgrims who have a special devotion to Mary. "Let us ask ourselves - it will do us good - if we are prepared to accept God's gifts, or prefer instead to shut ourselves up within our forms of material security, intellectual security, the security of our plans," the pope said during his homily. The Mass capped off a weekend of events dedicated to Mary, including a concert and a prayer vigil presided over by the pope Oct. 8.

## Aid slowly makes its way to Haitians displaced by hurricane

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 1,000 on Oct. 9, five days after the storm's 145-mile-an-hour winds and torrential rains slammed into the country, according to a tally by Reuters. However, Haiti's Civil Protection Agency reported that 336 people had died. The agency's accounting of casualties is lower because of a policy that requires emergency workers visit each village to confirm the number of casualties. Health care workers were becoming increasingly concerned Oct. 9 that cholera would explode throughout the worst hit areas of Grand'Anse and South departments because of a lack of water and sanitation. The water-borne disease was introduced into Haiti in 2010 by U.N. peacekeeping troops. More than 800,000 cases and nearly 10,000 deaths have been attributed to the disease since then by Haiti's Department of Public Health and Population. Reports of damage and casualties in Cuba and other nations affected by the storm were sporadic. In Cuba, the entire eastern tip of the island, from Baracoa to Punta de Maisi, was cut off from neighboring Guantanamo, said Father Jose Espino, pastor of San Lazaro Church in Hialeah, Florida, and the archdiocese's liaison to Caritas Cuba.

## VATICAN LETTER

# Off the beaten path: Pope looks far afield for cardinals

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Choosing new members of the College of Cardinals, Pope Francis once again looked to countries and particularly to dioceses that were not and never had been represented in the body that advises the pope and bears responsibility for electing his successor.

Announcing the names of 17 cardinals he will create Nov. 19, Pope Francis chose men from 14 nations, which will bring the total number of countries represented in the College of Cardinals to 79. When he announced the names Oct. 9, the college had members from 72 countries.

The number includes three from the United States: Archbishop Blase J. Cupich of Chicago; Bishop Kevin J. Farrell, prefect of the new Vatican office for laity, family and life; and Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin of Indianapolis.

The cardinal electors - the prelates under the age of 80 and therefore eligible to vote in a conclave to elect a new pope - currently represent 57 nations; after the consistory to create new cardinals, the group will bring together men from 60 countries.

The 115 cardinal electors who entered the conclave in 2013 that elected Pope Francis had come from 48 countries. Eight years earlier, the group that elected now-retired Pope Benedict XVI came from 53 nations.

Under Pope Francis, the idea that some large archdioceses are always led by a cardinal is fading, but is not altogether gone. His latest choices included the archbishops of Chicago, Malines-Brussels and Madrid. But other traditional cardinal sees like Venice and Turin in Italy or Baltimore and Philadelphia in the United States were not included in the pope's latest picks.

Not only did Pope Francis name the first ever cardinal electors from Bangladesh, Central African Republic and Papua New Guinea, he named Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin the first cardinal elector of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; Archbishop Baltazar Porras Cardozo the first cardinal elector of Merida, Venezuela; and Archbishop Carlos Aguiar Retes the first archbishop of Tlalnepantla, Mexico, to be a cardinal elector.

(The late Cardinal Joseph E. Ritter of St. Louis had been archbishop of Indianapolis 15 years before being named cardinal and the late Cardinal Adolfo Suarez Rivera of Monterrey had been archbishop of Tlalnepantla 14 years before being named a cardinal.)

The 2016 consistory will be the third

called by Pope Francis to create new cardinals and, once again, members of the Roman Curia received just a nod. Irish-born U.S. Bishop Farrell, the prefect of the new Vatican office for laity, family and life, is the only member of the Curia chosen this time. Archbishop Mario Zenari, the pope's nuncio to Syria, also was tapped, but the pope made it clear that the Italian archbishop would remain in war-torn Syria.

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After the distribution of red hats Nov. 19, members or retired members of the Curia will make up 28 percent of the cardinal electors. Just over 35 percent of the members of the group that elected Pope Francis in 2013 were Curia veterans, although only 24 percent of the cardinals in the conclave that elected Pope Benedict were.

After the consistory, the electors named cardinals by Pope Benedict will account for just over 46 percent of the total; just over 36 percent will have been named by Pope Francis; and just over 17 percent will be cardinals created by St. John Paul II.

St. John XXIII and Blessed Paul VI expanded the size of the College of Cardinals and began the modern internationalization of the body. In 1970, Blessed Paul decreed that cardinals over the age of 80 could not vote in a conclave, and in 1975 he set the limit of cardinal electors at 120 men.

Fifty-two percent of the members of the conclave that elected Pope Francis were European. In early October, 46.8 percent of the cardinal electors were from Europe, and after the consistory the group will make up 44.6 percent of the electors. The 24 Italian electors as of Oct. 10 account for 21.6 percent of those eligible to enter a conclave. With Cardinal-designate Zenari, the Italians will account for 20.6 percent of the electors after Nov. 19.

The second-largest group is and will be from North and South America. Currently 30 of the 111 electors, or 27 percent, are from the Americas. The percentage will grow to 28 percent when the new cardinals are inducted.

With three new U.S. cardinals, the United States and Canada will account for 10.7 percent of the college.

With 25 electors after the consistory, Italy will remain the nation with the most cardinals by far. The United States will be second with 10 electors. France and Brazil each will have five electors. Spain, Poland, Mexico and India each will have four.

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# The need for humility when we pray

On November 19th, the Holy Father will close the Holy Doors, signifying the end of the Year of Mercy. He will also create new Cardinals, four of them from the United States.

Today, the readings are all about the need for humility when we pray. Without humility, we will not see a need for God's

mercy.



Monsignor  
Paul E.  
Whitmore

The Pharisee in today's parable wasn't really praying to God, but merely talking to himself about all his virtues.

At the same time, he was guilty of rash judging that poor tax-collector at the rear of the Temple who didn't even dare raise his eyes to heaven as he begged forgiveness for all his sins.

The Pharisee didn't see the need for God's forgiveness. He forgave himself! And so he did not

return home justified..

On the other hand, the tax collector's prayer earned him forgiveness from God. Why? Not because of his offenses, but because he honestly acknowledged them, threw himself on God's mercy, and received it.

God loves us when we pray with humility. We could even say that humility is the key to God's heart, a sure guarantee to a favorable reply.

The first reading from the Book of Sirach teaches the same thing. Humility is the beginning of wisdom. A

OCT. 23

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

humble heart puts us on the level of the poor and needy to whom God always bends an ear. Of course, when we pray, we must not play games with God.

We must really mean what we say when we acknowl-

edge our sins and imperfections.

St. Paul's words to Timothy in the second reading are so very beautiful. "I have competed well, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

Some would ask, "Why is Paul's prayer any different from that of the proud Pharisee?"

The difference is the humility in Paul and the complete lack of it in the other.

When we pray, may we always humbly seek God's mercy—and receive it with gratitude.

## MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

## The multiple moral problems of surrogacy

Sometimes when there is infertility in marriage, couples make the decision to seek out the services of a surrogate in order to have a child. A surrogate is a woman who agrees to be implanted with an embryo produced by in vitro fertilization (IVF) and to hand over the newborn baby to the couple upon completion of the gestation and birth.

In recent years, gestational surrogacy has become a multi-million dollar industry, attracting a broad clientele ranging from married couples to single women, gay couples to anyone else with the desire for a baby and the ability to finance the undertaking.

Surrogacy raises grave moral concerns, and powerfully undermines the dignity of human procreation, particularly when it comes to the women and children involved in the process.

One of the significant moral concerns around surrogacy is that it introduces fractures into parenthood by multiplying parental roles. Surrogacy coerces children into situations where they are subjected to

the unhealthy stresses of ambiguous or split origins, perhaps being conceived from one woman's egg, gestated by another woman, raised by a third, and maybe even dissociated from their father by anonymous sperm donation.

**A woman's reproductive powers and her God-given fecundity should never be reduced to the status of a 'gestator for hire' or a 'breeder' as they are sometimes called by industry insiders**

Such practices end up being profoundly unfair and dehumanizing for the children caught in the web of the process.

One woman, who was herself conceived by anonymous sperm donation, describes her experience this way: "My existence owed almost nothing to the serendipitous nature of normal human reproduction, where babies are the natural progression of mutually ful-

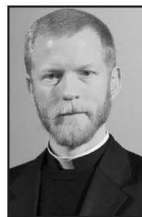
filling adult relationships, but rather represented a verbal contract, a financial transaction and a cold, clinical harnessing of medical technology."

Moreover, women who sign up as surrogates often feel deeply conflicted about giving up the baby at birth and tearing asunder an important 9 month connection and relationship that had been carefully developed and nurtured.

There can be no doubt that the hawkers and promoters of surrogacy exploit vulnerable, financially challenged women, often in overseas settings, to undergo the risks of drug-induced artificial pregnancy.

While the proponents of the procedure will often portray these women as motivated primarily by a desire to help others, surrogates themselves will privately note how they do it for the money, and in the absence of substantial payments, wouldn't be willing to move ahead with the arduous procedure.

Alex Kuczynski, describing her own experience of engaging a surrogate in a 2008 New York Times interview, speaks frankly: "We encountered the wink-nod rule: Surrogates would never say they were motivated to carry a child for another couple just for money; they were all motivated by altruism. This gentle hypocrisy allows surrogacy to take place. Without it, both



Father Tadeusz  
Pacholczyk Ph.D.

sides would have to acknowledge the deep cultural revulsion against attaching a dollar figure to the creation of a human life."

Indeed, surrogacy involves turning human life into a commodity on multiple levels, as Kathleen Sloan recently described in testimony given to a Minnesota state commission studying the issue.

A seemingly unlikely opponent of the procedure, Sloan works as a pro-abortion feminist and director of the National Organization for Women in Connecticut.

On gestational surrogacy,

however, she agrees with pro-life critics, noting how it involves "children intentionally severed from genetic and biological sources of identity, human rights be damned. In essence, it is the ultimate manifestation of the neoliberal project of capitalist commodification of all life to create profit and fulfill the narcissistic desires of an entitled elite," Sloan said.

Those narcissistic desires are readily catered to by an IVF industry that generates offspring in the laboratory for clients. In this process, extra embryonic humans are produced, stored and often-times orphaned in freezers, or even discarded outright by throwing them away as "biomedical waste."

In fact, the process of IVF, central to the practice of surrogacy, generally ends up killing more babies than it delivers. Coupled with the fact that contracting couples can pressure the surrogate mother to undergo an abortion if the in-utero child appears to be "imperfect," or to eliminate a twin through "selective reduction" in a multiple pregnancy, it can

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## AT THE MOVIES

# THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN

By John Mulderig  
Catholic News Service

"The Girl on the Train" (Universal), director Tate Taylor's adaptation of Paula Hawkins' best-selling novel, is a film that would like to be taken seriously.

The dialogue is meant to be weighty and the time-hopping presentation of events challenging - even deliberately confusing - for viewers.

For all its artsy pretensions, however, this seamy suburban melodrama ultimately has the feel of a sometimes voyeuristic anecdote told by a persistent barfly.

While merely unpleasant at first, moreover, the movie reaches a profoundly immoral conclusion as an act of justifiable self-defense gets mixed up with revenge at its rawest.

Admittedly, Taylor does manage to elicit an intense performance from Emily Blunt in the central role of unemployed alcoholic Rachel Watson, the passenger of the title who also serves as narrator.

Obsessed about the

breakup of her marriage to her now-remarried ex, Tom (Justin Theroux), aimless Rachel spends her time riding the train that passes directly by their former home along the Hudson River, where Tom now lives with his new bride, Anna (Rebecca Ferguson).

She also becomes fixated on Megan and Scott (Haley Bennett and Luke Evans), the seemingly perfect couple who live just a few houses up the track.

So when Rachel observes Megan apparently cheating on Scott, she's outraged enough - and thinking in a sufficiently blurry way as a result of the booze - to try to intervene in these strangers' lives. What follows is a tangled tale of addiction, adultery and murder with a semi-paranoid feminist theme and a male villain straight from central casting at the Lifetime network.

Mixed into it all are intrusive visits to various couples' bedrooms and one duo's shower. There's even some cavorting in the nearby woods. Private life in New York's tony Westchester County hasn't seemed this

disorderly since the great John Cheever last put down his pen.

What really pushes the picture over the ethical edge, however, is its wrap-up, a nasty bit of mayhem the audience is invited to approve and applaud. There's a visceral appeal here to moviegoers' basest instincts that's only aggravated by the fact that it follows closely on a more morally sound, though barely less violent, development.

The film contains skewed values, some brutal violence with gore, strong sexual content, a couple of uses of profanity and pervasive rough and occasional crude language.

The Catholic News Service classification is O - morally offensive. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R - restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.



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Emily Blunt stars in a scene from the movie "The Girl on the Train."

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## Surrogacy

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hardly be disputed that children are pawns in the merciless endgame of satisfying parental and customer desires and corporate profit motives.

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band, so that all the children born of her are genetically and otherwise her own.

All children merit and deserve this loving consideration and assurance of protection at the point of their fragile and sacred beginnings.

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*Father Pacholczyk, Ph.D. earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did post-doctoral work at Harvard. He is 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*

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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.

## HALLOWEEN HARVEST

**Saranac Lake** - Halloween Harvest Fund-raising Dinner featuring roast pork and all the trimmings will be held.

**Date:** Oct. 29

**Time:** 5 p.m. to 8

**Place:** St. Bernard's School Cafeteria

**Cost:** Adults, \$10; Under 8, Free

## CLINTON

## WMOF FAMILY MISSION

**Plattsburgh** - The team that represented the Diocese of Ogdensburg at the World Meeting of Families is presenting a day of Prayer for Families.

**Date:** Nov. 1

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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

**Features:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 9 a.m. Mass. Free dinner at 5 p.m. followed by a Holy Hour from 6 p.m. to 7 with a short presentation by a team member, an opportunity to meet team members, ask questions and receive resources from the World Meeting of Families. This is a regional event and everyone is invited.

**Contact:** To sign up for adoration and/or to register for dinner, please call the parish by Oct. 28 at 518-563-0730

## 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:** benefit North Country Mission of Hope and The Jamaica Project

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## RCIA PROGRAM

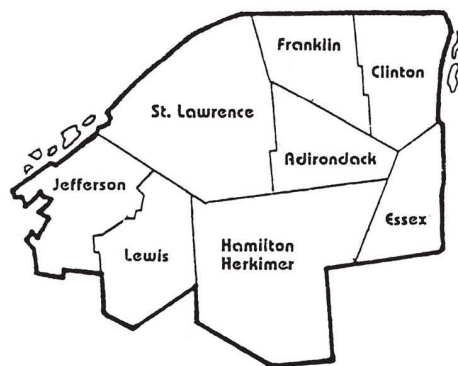
**Ticonderoga** - St. Mary's RCIA Program is an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic faith.

**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 Sacra-



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**Contact:** Fr. Kevin or Sr. Suanne at (518)-585-7144 or email: stmarysti@bridgepoint1.com

## FRANKLIN

## 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.

## HAMILTON-HERKIMER

## DAYS OF DISCERNMENT

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

**Dates:** Oct. 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

## 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

## LEWIS

## HEALING MASS

**Lowville** – A Healing Mass to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 22

**Time:** 10 a.m.

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

**Features:** The Sacrament of the Sick will be offered during Mass, followed by a breakfast in the church hall.

## K OF C BRUNCH

**Lyons Falls** – Fr. Pascal Rys Knights of Columbus will have an all you can eat pancake brunch.

**Date:** Oct. 23

**Time:** 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Place:** St. John's Church Hall

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

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Lowville** -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

## ST. LAWRENCE

## HARVEST DINNER

**Star Lake** – Harvest dinner of turkey and homemade desserts to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 22

**Time:** 5 p.m.

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

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

## FALL BAZAAR

**Norfolk** – Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond to have their Fall Bazaar.

**Date:** Oct. 29

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Place:** Fr. Amyot Parish Center

**Features:** Food Sale featuring Cabbage Rolls, hot foods, baked goods, and homemade candy, Christmas Table, Craft Table, Religious Items, Country Store, a Raffle Drawing beginning at 2 p.m. This will benefit the Altar Rosary Society.

## 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

**Speaker:** Father Mark Reilly

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

## ROSARY INVITATIONAL

**Ogdensburg** – St. Mary's and Notre Dame will hold 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.

## 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"

## 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.

## DAYS OF DISCERNMENT

**Potsdam** – Discerning men are invited to come together & consider the call the Roman Catholic Priesthood.

**Dates:** Oct. 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, pastorsmsp@gmail.com, 315-265-9680; or Fr. Doug Lucia, frdoug@twcny.rr.com

## CRAFT SHOW

**Brasher Falls** – St. Patrick's Altar Rosary Society will be sponsoring a craft show.

**Date:** Nov. 12

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

**Place:** K of C Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$10; Students, \$.50; under 5, Free

**Features:** Luncheon is available. Artisans and crafters from several counties will display their items. There will be a bake sale and raffle. Begin your holiday shopping here.



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# World Mission Sunday, Oct. 22-23

This weekend, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Its theme this year is "Mercy Changes the World."

Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve some of the poorest of the poor.

Your prayers and generous support on World Mission Sunday, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, directly benefit the Mission Church in its service to the world's most vulnerable communities.

Please encourage your parishioners to be generous in the World Mission Sunday collection, connecting with their family in 1,111 mission dioceses.

- Connect With the Americas... where catechists travel to remote areas to bring the Good News of God's great love to families.
- Connect With Europe... where new churches are being built to Welcome faith communities, renewed after years of persecution.
- Connect With Asia... where six million children receive an education from Religious Sisters in some 16,000 Church-run elementary schools
- Connect With Oceania (Pacific Islands)... where 1,000 young men are preparing for the priesthood to bring the Lord's healing HOPE and peace to those in need.
- Connect With Africa... where those who are sick are provided with loving care at 6,400 Catholic hospitals and small clinics

Pope Francis notes, "The mercy of God is His loving concern for each one of us.... As the Father loves, so do His children. Just as He is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other."

World Mission Sunday celebrates our missionary vocation, from our Baptism, and extends God's loving mercy to those in greatest need.

Your support reaches clinics caring for the sick and dying, orphanages providing a place of safety and nourishment, shelters for victims of human trafficking, schools educating children from kindergarten through high school.

Your help provides for seminarians preparing for the priesthood, and religious Sisters and Brothers information programs.

Please keep the Missions in your prayers. Please be generous in next week's collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.

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## OBITUARIES

**Colton** — Martha E. (Collins) Snell, 83; Funeral Services Oct. 15, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**Malone** — Lynda M. Sousey, 72; Funeral Services Oct. 15, 2016 at St. Joseph's Church.

**Massena** — James H. Casey, 82; Funeral Services Oct. 12, 2016 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Morrisonville** — Kyle R. Broadwell, 42; Funeral Services Oct. 12, 2016 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in Broadwell Family Cemetery.

**North Bangor** — Frederick "Fred" H. Taver-

nia, 70; Funeral Services Oct. 11, 2016 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in Burke Center Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** — Joan (Swan) Bromley, 80; Funeral Oct. 10, 2016 at Frary Funeral Home; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Peru** — Albert William Ston, 95; Funeral Services Oct. 15, 2016 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery

**Plattsburgh** — Russell J. Brothers, Sr., 69; Funeral Services Oct. 15, 2016 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** — Clara C. LaRose, 74; Funeral Oct. 8, 2016 at St. Peter's Church; burial in

St. Peter's Cemetery Columbarium

**Port Leyden** — John P. Buneo, 92; Funeral Services Oct. 10, 2016 at St. Martin's Church; burial in Wilcox Cemetery.

**Rouses Point** — Lone Lena Duffy, 92; Funeral Oct. 12, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Watertown** — Joan A. McClusky, 81; Funeral Services Oct. 11, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Willboro** — Noda M. (Christian) Howard, 90; Funeral Services Oct. 11, 2016 at St. Philip of Jesus Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

# Pope: Christians who reject all refugees are 'hypocrites'

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Meeting a pilgrimage of Catholics and Lutherans from Germany, Pope Francis said he does not like "the contradiction of those who want to defend Christianity in the West, and, on the other hand, are against refugees and other religions."

"This is not something I've read in books, but I see in the newspapers and on television every day," Pope Francis said.

Answering questions from young people in the group Oct. 13, the pope said, "the sickness or, you can say the sin, that Jesus condemns most is hypocrisy," which is precisely what is happening when someone claims to be a Christian but does not live according to the teaching of Christ.

"You cannot be a Christian without living like a Christian," he said. "You cannot be a Christian without practicing the Beatitudes. You cannot be a Christian without doing what Jesus teaches us in Matthew 25," which is to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and welcome the stranger.

"It's hypocrisy to call your-

self a Christian and chase away a refugee or someone seeking help, someone who is hungry or thirsty, toss out someone who is in need of my help," he said. "If I say I am Christian, but do these things, I'm a hypocrite."

Asked what he thought of the Reformation, Pope Francis said the Christian community is called to continual growth and maturity, and its entire history has been marked by reform movements "small and not so small," some of which were healthy and holy, others which went awry because of human sin.

"The greatest reformers of the church are the saints, those men and women who follow the word of God and practice it," he told the pilgrims, most of whom came from Martin Luther's home region of Saxony-Anhalt.

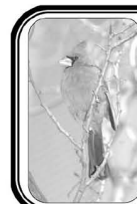
In his formal talk to the group, Pope Francis said Christians must praise God that, in the past 50 years,

Catholics and Lutherans have moved "from conflict to communion. We already have traveled an important part of the road together."

Noting that he would go to Lund, Sweden, at the end of the month to participate with Lutheran leaders in opening commemorations of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, Pope Francis said an important part of the commemoration would be a joint commitment to working together in a world "thirsting for God and his mercy."

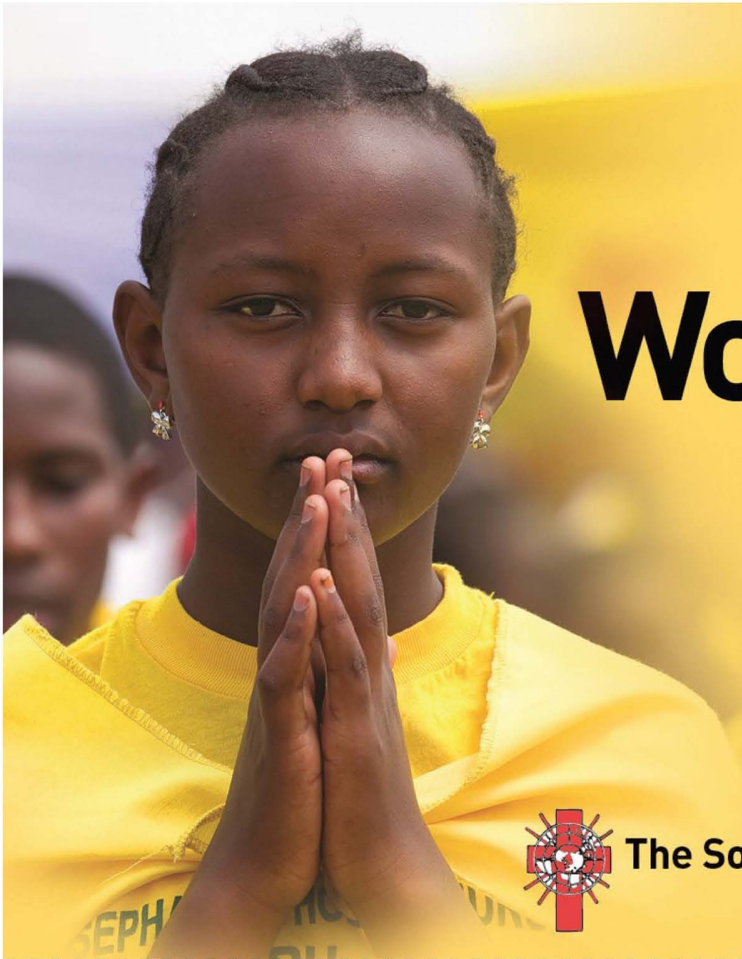
The world needs Christians to witness God's mercy "through service to the poorest, the sick (and) those who have abandoned their homelands in search of a better future for themselves and their families," he said.

"In putting ourselves at the service of the neediest," Pope Francis said, "we will experience that we already are united; it is God's mercy that unites us."



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