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BISHOP BARRON INSPIRES



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Bishop Robert Barron, auxiliary bishop of Los Angeles and founder of the global media ministry Word on Fire delivers the keynote address to the nearly 4000 Catholics who gathered at the Olympic Arena in lake Placid Sept. 25 for the diocesan vocation summit "Inspire: Called to Serve." Full story on Bishop Barron's presentation is on page 7.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Blessed to be part of Inspire

Don't tell anybody, but one of my favorite parts of the diocesan summit "Inspire: Called to Love" was spending time at our *North Country Catholic* booth.

Along with Christine Ward, editorial assistant for the NCC, and her six-year-old daughter Melanie (the best little salesperson ever!) we met lots of old friends and finally put faces to some voices we've heard for years.

It was our great luck to be located just inside the doors of the mezzanine level of the Olympic Arena so almost everyone walked by us on their way to the 30 other exhibits, coffee stations and bathrooms.

The placement also offered us a great view of the stage/altar. We couldn't have hoped for anything better!

It was a particular joy for me to see the



At the NCC's booth at Inspire: Melanie, Christine and Mary Lou were blessed to talk with everyone who stopped by.

men and women who serve the diocese through their contributions to the diocesan newspaper. My talented writers and photographers put up with regular emails from me - "can you cover this?" "do you have any ideas about that?" - and answer

with great generosity.

I was delighted to hold mini staff meetings with Suzanne, Amanda, Rachel, Colleen, Andrew, Kelly, Kevin and Tom - not to mention our own Father Muench and Msgr. Whitmore - as they prepared to write about/photograph every aspect of our extraordinary diocesan day.

As you read through the pages of this paper, I think you'll agree that we've published a real keepsake of Inspire: Called to Love." Starting with Bishop LaValley's reflection on how Inspire grew out the work of the diocesan envisioning process and then including reports about each of the speakers, the liturgies, the youth rally and more, I dare to say that this is a paper that will inspire every single Catholic in the diocese.

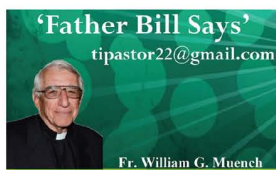
'Why? Why is all of this going on?'

I was walking down one of the hallways of the Olympic arena, traveling from one breakout session of "Inspire: Called to Love" to another when a lady came up to me and asked to interview me. I could tell from her cap that she represented a local radio station. She had a microphone in her hand. So, not being very bashful, I agreed.

Her initial question was, "Why?" "Why is all of this going on?" I had to stop for a brief moment and do some quick thinking. What should I say that would make sense to her and her listeners? What would sum up all of my feelings?

Here is my answer: "We had all come here to reaffirm and understand who we are as Catholics." I was thinking that this gathering of Catholics from all over the Diocese of Ogdensburg is a call and challenge to us and to all Catholics in the diocese to remember who we are and to challenge us to bring new life into our Catholic parishes throughout our diocese.

So, there we were - our Bishop, our priests, our deacons, all of our people from every parish in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. All of us had gathered in Lake Placid to celebrate our Catholic faith. This was truly a "fiesta."



In addition, we were joined by people and priests from neighboring diocese - from Burlington, Syracuse and Rochester - as well as people and priests from several Canadian diocese. Bishops from each of these diocese came to join us, to speak to us and to challenge us.

However, most of all it was about people. Personally, I renewed friendships with friends from the past and with former parishioners from the parishes where I was once pastor. It spent so much enjoyable time just talking and sharing with friends.

The one thing I noticed as I wandered around that day was that everyone was having a good time. I also found myself meeting all sorts of new friends. Please forgive me here for bragging - but I was frequently stopped by someone - a complete stranger to me who happened to be a reader of this column - offering me gratitude for my words. That was pretty neat.

There was one place in the

arena where folks had to climb a set of circular stairs. I remember at one time I was heading in one direction and ended up joining a crowd who were going up the stairs. At the same time, another crowd was coming down. I noticed that often the motion was slowed down as someone spotted someone they hadn't seen as yet. So they slowed us down with hugs and a bit of conversation.

So, what did I learn?

For me, the presentations were great so let me try to summarize some of what they said. The speakers were rather important in our American Catholic Church - there was Bishop Barron, Bishop Coyne, Bishop Durocher (from Canada) as well as the author, George Weigel. Each speaker reminded us of our call to holiness - our personal holiness - through our Baptism as Catholics. The challenge for us now is to live out our Baptism in our daily lives through the vocation that we were called to follow, whether as a married couple, as a single person in the world, as a religious Sister or Brother, as a priest or, finally as a Bishop.

Each of us has been blessed through the Spirit to live that life in following Our Savior, Jesus Christ. In this way we

bring Christ to our world and to all those others who we meet along the way. We become evangelizers. We become prophets in our time. It may be in simple, little ways and it may be in great and challenging opportunities given us by God. As we follow Christ's call, we cooperate to transform our parishes into new life.

And all of this day - the people and the message - was drawn together by the Celebration of the Eucharist. The Mass was such a wonderful liturgy such a prayerful time with magnificent music. What a sight to see the arena filled with a worshiping people - the people of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. What a sight to see all of us priests joined together in our white vestments in one section. What a sight to see the several Bishops joined together in the sanctuary. And to remind us of why we together during the Mass we all - priests and people - joined together in renewing our Baptismal promises, reminding us of our call to holiness.

So, my congratulations to all who made this day possible. It was a real celebration of being a Catholic and of being a Catholic of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, a Catholic of the North Country.

DIOCESE MOVES FROM ENVISIONING TO INSPIRING



Members of the Diocesan Envisioning Team, charged with discerning a mutually shared vision for the Diocese of Ogdensburg, are shown in this 2014 file photo. Among the fruits of their work was the "Inspire: Called to Love" vocation summit, planned as part of diocesan efforts to "create a culture of vocations. Pictured, front are Michael Fulam of the Catholic Leadership Institute who, along with Barbara Eckert facilitated the 13-month process; St. Joseph Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, Bishop LaValley and Cathy Romano, middle, Dr. William Amoriell, Father Kevin O'Brien, and James Coughlin; back, Patrick Murnane, Father Thomas Higman, Father Garry Giroux, and Father Douglas Lucia; missing, Deacon Mark Bennett and Barbara Boyle.



PHOTO BY TOM SEMERARO

Bishop Terry R. LaValley is shown with speakers at the diocese's "Inspire: Called to Love" vocation summit held Sept. 25 at the Olympic Arena in Lake Placid. The event drew nearly 4000 participants from dioceses in New York State, Vermont and Canada. From left are Bishop LaValley, Jennifer Fulwiler, George Weigel, Bishop Robert Barron and Bishop Christopher Coyne.

FOLLOW ME

'The Holy Spirit had a field day'

By Bishop Terry R. LaValley

I wonder if standing at center ice before the puck is dropped at the start of a crucial hockey game in a packed arena is as personally invigorating an experience as standing in that same arena before a crowd of almost 4,000 faith-filled persons eager to celebrate their Catholic faith.

Your shepherd's adrenaline was really flowing when he welcomed those standing on the covered ice and in the stands (many in the rafters) in anticipation of what the day had in store for each of us.

What led this local Church we love, the Diocese of Ogdensburg, to that Lake Placid event of September 25, 2016?

For many months, so many of the faithful of our

parishes have worked diligently on several commitments as we sought to meet goals that have been set to address three diocesan priorities.

Guided by Catholic Leadership Institute, these priorities were established by our Diocesan Envisioning Team after extensive discussion, study, and consultation (including feedback from eleven diocesan-wide listening sessions).

You are familiar with our Diocesan Priorities: *Creating a Culture of Vocations*, *Strengthening Faith Formation in Family Life*, and *Building Parishes with Living Stones*. Life in all our parishes - our ministries, services and decision-making now focus on these Priorities.

The last of the time-sensitive goals was accomplished in Lake Placid last Sunday,

our Vocations Summit—*INSPIRE: Called to Love*.

This event has now launched our parishes into focusing our prayer-filled energies, time and resources on these Priorities.

By virtue of our baptism, we are missioned to make our homes, parishes, our schools and our communities places that foster encounters with Jesus.

Think of the difference we can make, if we are ready to allow ourselves to be transformed, re-formed, by a closer relationship with Jesus Christ! Christ-led, Christ-fed, and Hope-filled, each of us is a Disciple in Mission. It's who we are. It's what we do: our identity defines our mission, as Archbishop Durocher so beautifully preached at our Eucharist.

There are many individuals to thank for making *IN-*

SPIRE: Called to Love such a graced-filled moment in the life of our diocesan Church. We are grateful to Father Garry Giroux and his Vocations Summit Planning Committee for their tireless coordinating efforts that oversaw the many details (large and small) that made the day go smoothly.

Diocesan staff members, clergy, religious, and many, many volunteers spent hours making the day such a success.

We are grateful to the Knights of Columbus (local councils, State and National) who made significant contributions to help fund the event.

Additionally, many Courts of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and other service organizations were so supportive. We express thanks to the many businesses throughout the

North Country, as well as family and individual contributors who enabled us to offer this event free of charge.

I am truly humbled and grateful to all who were able to join us for the Summit.

Of course, the true success of the Vocations Summit will be told in the years ahead.

We have been gifted with a day in which we found such joy in our faith as we (young and not-so-young) shared and celebrated being a Catholic Christian up here in the North Country.

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With much gratitude, I pray that as we now roll up our sleeves and extend our hands and hearts to one another, the Lord will give us a standing ovation for we gave it a shot and scored, all through the grace of God!

Inspired and called to love

By Mary Lou Kilian
Editor

LAKE PLACID – Bishop Terry R. LaValley's mind was on miracles Sept. 25 as he welcomed nearly 4000 Catholics to the Diocese of Ogdensburg's "Inspire: Called to Love" vocation summit at the 1980 Olympic Arena.

Nearly 4000 Catholics gather at the site of a miracle to share the miracles of their faith

On the site of the legendary "Miracle on Ice" - 36 years after the American Olympic hockey team astonished the world with a victory over Russia - Bishop LaValley opened a program focused on the miracles of the Catholic faith.

With a letter of encouragement from Pope Francis, the presence of six bishops and archbishops and four renowned Catholic speakers, the summit participants heard a steady call to embrace lives of personal holiness.

Pope Francis' message to Bishop LaValley noted that he would be praying "that the vocations summit would contribute to a clearer awareness of the unique vocation of every member of God's people to be a missionary disciple, filled with the passionate love for the Lord Jesus and zeal for the spread of the Gospel."

Keynote speaker Bishop Robert Barron took up the mantle with a message that every individual is called to be a "priest, prophet and king."

Auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and founder of the global media ministry Word on Fire, Bishop Barron said, "the vocation of the human is to lead all creation in praise of God... not in praise of wealth, prestige or ego."

"Jesus was the best model



PHOTO BY TOM SEMERARO

Bishop Terry R. LaValley welcomed participants to "Inspire: Called to Love," a day in which close to 4000 Catholics from the Diocese of Ogdensburg, neighboring dioceses and Canada joined in prayer and listened to world renowned speakers.

of this but it cost him," Bishop Barron said. "In the measure that we join our lives to his sacrifice, we become aligned right with God."

The day continued with three breakout sessions led by Bishop Christopher Coyne, George Weigel and Jennifer Fulwiler.

Bishop Coyne of Burlington, Vermont, is the chairman of the United States Catholic Conference's Committee on Communication. With the topic "Spirituality of the Church and Vocations," the bishop offered practical advice on "creating parishes people want to be part of."

"Jesus calls us out of our selfishness and into relationship, into communion," Bishop Coyne said, adding

that Catholics had two unique marks of their communion: the Eucharist and the Communion of Saints.

Mrs. Fulwiler of Austin, Texas, grew up as an atheist and began "a search for truth and the meaning of life" after her marriage 13 years ago.

In the process of her conversion to Catholicism, she discovered that "Catholic moral teaching is the owner's manual to the human soul."

A writer, speaker and host of the Jennifer Fulwiler show on Sirius XM radio, she spoke to her Lake Placid audience about "Promoting Vocations in a 'Francis World.'"

George Weigel, Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center of Washington, D.C. addressed the theme "Mission,

Evangelization and Vocations."

Author of "Witness to Hope, The Biography of Pope John Paul II," he said that "we are living in an extraordinary moment in church life, a time of 'new evangelization.'" "Every Catholic has a mission," Weigel said, "whether the mission territory is at the kitchen table, your neighborhood, your business, your life as a citizen."

Concurrent with the breakout sessions was a youth rally, drawing 380 teenagers to Inspire. The rally featured an interactive park with a variety of youth oriented activities as well as a concert by the Catholic group Full Armor Band.

In addition to Bishops LaValley, Barron and Coyne,

three archbishops from Canada took part in the vocation summit: Archbishop Terrence Prendergast of Ottawa, Archbishop Brendan O'Brien of Kingston, Ontario; and Archbishop Paul-Andre Durocher of Gatineau, Quebec.

Archbishop Durocher served as homilist for the closing Mass, sharing his own vocation story about how he stepped away from his life as a musician to enter the priesthood.

Another special guest at the summit was Adrian Pallarols of Argentina, a personal friend of Pope Francis.

A silversmith, Pallarols crafted the chalice which the pope used during his visit to New York City in September, 2015. Pallarols brought the chalice to Lake Placid where Bishop LaValley used it at the closing liturgy.

The Mass featured a 300-voice choir under the direction of Father Scott R. Seymour of Morrisonville. The liturgy also offered married couples and consecrated religious the opportunity to renew their vows.

At the conclusion of the vocation summit, Bishop LaValley expressed his pride in a diocese "where such dedicated, faith-filled women and men joined together in prayer and feasted on insightful presentations that illustrated how each of us can better respond to God's call to holiness."

"Our honored visiting guests, including a national radio host and mother of six children, a world-renowned Catholic theologian and author, three archbishops, an auxiliary bishop, and a diocesan bishop came away from our Vocation Summit in Lake Placid in awe of the great number of participants who gathered for an event that was permeated with such excitement and joy," Bishop LaValley said. "Faith shared can do that."

"This big family of faith knows how to celebrate," the bishop said.

SCENES FROM DIOCESAN VOCATION SUMMITSEPT. 25, 2016

FACES OF INSPIRE



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Bishop LaValley greets three of the young priests of the diocese as the day begins. From left are Father Thomas J. Higman of Lyon Mountain, Father Joseph W. Giroux, Malone; and Father Bryan D. Stitt, Rouses Point.



St. Joseph Sister Marie Cordata Kelly, a member of the planning committee for "Inspire: Called to Love," organizes the names tags for the day. The sisters of her religious order were enlisted to put the 3700+ name tags together.



Young families were a welcome site at Inspire. Above are the Bosleys of St. Philip of Jesus Parish in Willsboro. At left are Hudson, Jonathan, Jessica and Bryce Holm of St. Michael's in Fort Drum.



Joe and Dana Martineau traveled to Lake Placid from Mooers where they are parishioners of St. Joseph's Church.

BISHOP'S FUND 2016....MERCY IN MOTION

Fund supports vocations

By Catherine Russell
Diocesan vocation coordinator

Christ led, Christ fed and hope filled! This is the challenge issued as a result of the envisioning process our diocese recently underwent.

This is our stance as we move forward into a future that is unknown but full of promise!

Without the Bishop's Fund appeal to support the work of moving toward these diocesan priorities, little could get done.

An important office supported by the Bishop's Fund is the office of Vocations. Besides the essential work of supporting young men and women interested in discerning the call to the priesthood and religious life, this office promotes the diocesan priority of "creating a culture of vocation."

What is a culture of vocation?

This means is that not just Father and Sister need to be holy. Every one of us, by virtue of our baptism, is called to be holy and mission driven!

With that call to a deep and meaningful prayer life comes a call to a particular vocation.

Each one of us has a special mission to perform for the kingdom.

Supporting each Catholic in realizing and accepting this call is one work of the vocation office.

With the recent announcement from Bishop LaValley about the reconfiguration of the office, there is a new responsibility to support the ongoing work of the parish vocation committees, trained last year in deanery meetings.

The new diocesan Vocation Coordinator is responsible for encouraging parishes in this work. The program, We Are Called, with its binder full of many resources, is available to assist each parish's vocation committee.

In addition, Catholic school teachers and parish catechists have free access to a wonderful on line curriculum on priesthood and religious vocations.

The new diocesan Vocation Director and Associate Vocation Director, Father Lucia and Father Higman respectively, will continue to visit parishes and schools to promote vocations, especially vocations to the priesthood.

The monthly vocations E newsletter is another resource for those involved in vocation promotion.

All of these wonderful things are available because of support the Vocation Of-

fice receives from the Bishop's Fund.

The wonderful Inspire event in Lake Placid has refocused and reenergized the faithful of the North Country. We are indeed all called to love! We are indeed missioned to go forth Christ led, Christ fed and hope filled each in our own vocation.

Many thanks for the support of the faithful of the north country to the annual Bishop's Fund appeal for helping to make it all happen.

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

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Bishop's Schedule

Oct. 5 - 11 a.m., Foundation Board Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg.

Oct. 6 - 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Oct. 7 - Superintendent's Day at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid

Oct. 8 - 11 a.m., Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev. Mr. Todd Thibault at St. Mary's Cathedral

Oct. 9 - 11 a.m., Mass at St. Anthony's Church followed by Dedication of new Knights of Columbus Council Rooms in Watertown

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

Rest in Peace

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

Oct. 5 - Rev. Victor Balcerak, O.F.M.Conv., 1960; Rev. Euren Beaucauge, O.M.I., 1984

Oct. 7 - Rev. Jean N. Laverlocher, O.M.I., 1884

Oct. 8 - Rev. Edward Letourneau, 1898

Oct. 9 - Rev. William Joseph Norman-deau, 1892; Rev. Francis Xavier Chagnon, 1911; Most Rev. Leo R. Smith, 1963

Oct. 10 - Rev. Robert Duford, 1949; Rev. J. A. Sirois, O.M.I., 1950

Oct. 11 - Rev. William Burns, 1837

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Environmental Stewardship

What is the connection?

Often times in conversation between people who are very committed to caring for the needs of God's people and people who are concerned with environmental issues, the latter are labeled as 'tree huggers' and easily dismissed.

The more that we learn about the incidents of water and air pollution and their adverse effects on our health, the more evident it becomes that a 'sick planet' will produce 'sick people.'

Care for our common home is implicitly caring for ourselves, for we are made of the elements of the earth, nurtured by it and housed in it. Our moral responsibility to care for it then touches the lives of all beings that inhabit the earth. In *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis says "Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society." (#91) It is the seamless garment of Christ.

As we begin this respect life month of October, let our prayers, like St. Francis of Assisi whose feast we celebrate on October 4, be inclusive of ALL life. Scripture speaks of the sacredness of all life and our moral responsibility to care for both human persons and the natural world around us. Let us pray with Pope Francis his prayer taken from the World Day of Prayer For Our Common Home on September 1:

*O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned
and forgotten of this earth,
who are so precious in your
eyes...*

*God of love, show us our place in
this world
as channels of your love
for all the creatures of this earth"*
(*ibid.*, 246),

*God of mercy, may we receive
your forgiveness
and convey your mercy through-
out our common home.*

*Praise be to you!
Amen.*

Bishop Robert Barron delivers the keynote address at INSPIRE

‘Everyone in this room is sent by Christ’

By Suzanne Pietropaoli
Staff Writer

“Everyone in this room is called, summoned, and sent by Christ!”

Thus keynoter Bishop Robert Barron encouraged INSPIRE participants to understand and embrace the universal call to holiness.

Evangelization is the bold proclamation that Jesus is Lord

“Vatican II reminded us that we are all grafted onto Jesus Christ, the new Adam, who is Priest, Prophet, and King. It is in the exercise of these offices that we find our holiness and mission,” the Bishop explained.

“We see the first exercise of priesthood in Adam, before the Fall,” he said. “There is a great ‘de-throning’ in the Book of Genesis; all that God has made is good, but it is NOT God.

“This reminds us that we do not worship creatures. Instead we are to worship the one true God, leading creation in a great chorus of praise,” he said.

Bishop Barron noted that the word “adoration” implies being “mouth to mouth with God,” being aligned with him. “Orthodoxy means right belief, but also ‘right praise.’

“God does not need our praise,” Bishop Barron said. “We need to praise God because in the great act of praising him we become rightly ordered; we become aligned with God, and everything else falls into harmony.

“We must ask ourselves what we truly value: wealth, honor, power, or pleasure? When we give the highest value to these things, we offer ‘bad praise’; we fall apart and cause disintegration in ourselves and others,” he said. “Yet when we give God right praise, all is peace around us.



PHOTOS BY JOCELYN KELLY AND JESSE SOVIE

Charlotte Lauzon of Fort Covington presented Bishop Robert Barron with an icon of Melchizedek after his keynote address at “Inspire: Called to Love.” Bishop Barron posted the photo on his Facebook page - which is followed by nearly 900,000 people - with the comment “Charlotte Lauzon wrote this beautiful icon of Melchizedek for me in gratitude for Word on Fire. Melchizedek was the beguiling Old Testament priest who prefigured the eternal high priest, Jesus Christ.” At right, Bishop Barron is pictured during his presentation for the nearly 4000 Catholics who gathered in the 1980 Olympic Arena in Lake Placid for the diocesan vocation summit.

“Jesus the high priest gives his Father right praise as he suffers on the Cross and brings the world back into harmony with God,” Bishop Barron said. “But in a world gone wrong through sin, there is no communion without sacrifice; to get back on line hurts. This is why priesthood is associated with sacrifice.”

All the baptized, Bishop Barron reminded, “are configured unto Christ Jesus and so are meant to be priests, participating in his sacrifice.

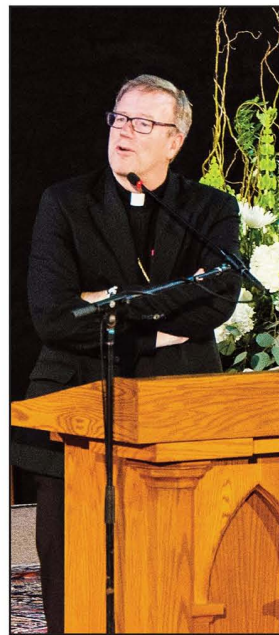
“This happens at Mass, the sacrifice of Calvary that is the fulfillment of what it means to be human,” he said. “Eighty percent of U.S. Catholics stay away from Mass, the source and summit of the Christian life. This is bad for all of us, since our mission to give right praise to God is not private but on behalf of the world.”

The prophetic role of the baptized emerges in Genesis, where all created things have come forth from God endowed with intrinsic intelligibility.

“God brings all the animals to Adam to name,” Bishop Barron said. “This discovery, this naming, is part of the glory of humanity. Sin, however, removes this prophetic function; not content to name things, we think we can choose/decide what they mean.

“The idea that ‘human beings decide for themselves the meaning of reality and of the universe’ is now enshrined in law,” he said. “This pervasive mindset reverses the cataloging task of Adam, of reading intelligently the meaning that God has written into creation.”

Jesus, says Bishop Barron, is the Prophet of prophets. Against disordered pursuit



ity placed in creation by God?”

“Like Adam, we are also kings. Adam’s job was to defend the garden from intruders—but then, to go out and bring the peace and order of Eden to all the world,” Bishop Barron said.

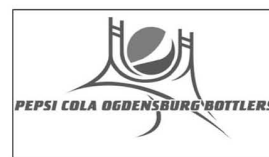
Bishops, priests, religious, and faithful laity all come together as baptized people, configured unto him who is Priest, Prophet, and King

“The Old Testament reveals the vocation and purpose of Israel,” he said. “As priestly people, they offered the right praise of God; as prophetic people, they drew the whole world into that praise; as kingly people, they defended God’s order and went on the march to bring harmony and peace to the world.”

“Having been baptized into Christ, we are likewise conformed to his kingship: reigning on the cross, he is priest and prophet carrying a crown,” Bishop Barron said. “On the cross he does battle with cruelty, stupidity, hatred, injustice and scapegoating—by swallowing them up in the bath of divine mercy.

“Our task is to announce this new king to everyone in the world,” Bishop Barron said. “Though it can be awkward, even dangerous, to bring our faith into public places, that is what kings do; they go on the march.

“Evangelization is the bold proclamation that Jesus is Lord, the bishop concluded. “Bishops, priests, religious, and faithful laity all come together as baptized people, configured unto him who is Priest, Prophet, and King.”



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Bishop Coyne says 'build relationships'

By Andrew Lauria
Staff writer

LAKEPLACID - What is the experience of being inspired? It is an encounter with others that draws us out of ourselves in the direction toward God. To be inspired is to be lifted up together and therefore live in communion with each other in Christ. And the natural gift of being inspired is the desire to love and to give that joy to others.

The vocational call to community and communion

In his anecdotal, presentation-style talk titled "The Vocational Call to Community and Communion" Bishop Christopher Coyne offered a practical and light-hearted reflection of our call to love. He began by reminding us that we know God through our relationships with others and that our Church is based on communion. We are all called to contribute to the church community and he offered us tangible ways to better love in an effort to live out our communion and strengthen our parish communities.

First, we need to be welcoming. Bishop stressed the importance of individually acknowledging people in church and of reaching outside our comfort zones to get to know others who we see but may not know at Mass. He reminded us that no matter how true our faith is, people will not want to come to our churches if they do not feel personally welcomed.

Second, we need to be encouraging of one another. Bishop stated that "we need to say the things that men and women need to hear".

Everyone needs to be encouraged along the journey of life so we need to make a conscious effort to reach outside of ourselves and do this in our faith communities.

Third, Bishop Coyne deeply stressed the need for our parishes to become places of intentional discipleship. He said that we must live the faith by praying at home, taking care of others, going to Mass, and doing the things that Christ asks us to do for others. And this, Bishop said "makes us attractive".

People who follow Christ and live an intentional life naturally evangelize because their life has purpose and joy. People are longing for purpose and joy! And when people live this way, they want to give their love to others and this brings us to the call to charity.

Bishop Coyne rightfully stated that we as Catholics do a very good job at helping others. Charity is "the virtue by which we love". Living a welcoming, encouraging life as a disciple allows us to give in charity the great love that we share together in our community of faith but also naturally draw others into communion with our church.

"It is a terrifying gift to step out of isolation and into community." This was the quote on the screen that hung in the conference room before Bishop Coyne's presentation. This is a very real experience, even in our own churches, and although it may seem challenging at times, it is the inspirational love of Christ that overcomes our own obstacles and allows us the grace to live in community. And our community is Christ-led and Christ-fed, a people that is inspired and called to love.



PHOTO BY MARY LOU KILIAN

Amanda Conklin, left, NCC writer and campus minister in Canton, had a chance to meet Jennifer Fulwiler before Mrs. Fulwiler's breakout session "Promoting Vocations in a Francis World".

Finding the true 'good life'

By Amanda Conklin
Staff writer

Jennifer Fulwiler's workshop entitled "Promoting Vocations in a 'Francis World'" was poignant for people serving in all vocations. She used her interesting conversion journey and her vocation as a wife and a mother to lay out three important keys to living one's vocation.

Her first vocation lesson was that the meaning of life is service.

I listened in the audience and chuckled as I can relate to her funny mom stories. It wasn't until after attending her workshop, when I was sitting in the front row of the large celebration of Mass, preparing to read one of the prayers of the faithful, that I fully understood and realized I was actively living her first lesson.

My three-year-old who is currently potty training was acting up so I let her sit on my lap. About fifteen minutes before I was supposed to get up in front of 4,000 people to read, she

announced that she needed to go potty, and so it happened, right on my lap.

As I rushed out the back and yelled to my husband that he needed to read in my place, I could feel the red in my cheeks and the warmth of the large puddle of urine on my pants.

Sacrifice.

Mrs. Fulwiler's second vocation lesson was conveying how important it is that we all "fill up our own tank." Taking examples from Mother Teresa's order's daily schedule she highlighted that even saints have to take time to meet their own physical and spiritual needs in order to bring Christ to others. You cannot give what you don't have.

I had spent the previous day on retreat with my college students, filling up my own spiritual tank and I know one of the reasons I kept it together during the front row Mass incident, is because I had just been to confession the day before.

The third and final vocational key was that you must live your vocation

your way. Jennifer talked about how Instagram has ruined so many moms because they try to portray the perfect family and compete with other moms. I know my life looked far from perfect on Sunday of the Inspire conference, but the way I had to live my vocation was to change my daughter into dry clothes while allowing my toddler son to munch on the strawberries meant for the guests and then desperately try to dry my pants under the electric dryer in the women's bathroom.

Mrs. Fulwiler ended her talking explaining how she had finally found "the good life" through the joy that comes from sacrifice in living one's vocation. This is opposed to her previous belief as an atheist that the good life comes from doing whatever you feel like.

As I laid my very worn out toddlers in bed that night of the conference, I smiled because I knew that I too, through the beauty of Christ's Church, had found the good life, potty-training accidents and all.

Catholic scholar George Weigel leads breakout session

Sees extraordinary moment in Catholic life

By Rachel Daly
Staff writer

LAKE PLACID - For those interested in an intellectually rich presentation on our moment in Church history and its implications on our life of faith, George Weigel's breakout session was the one to attend.

In a densely packed presentation, punctuated here and there with unexpected jokes, Weigel made the case that we are living in an extraordinary moment in the Church's life, one which demands that each of us take up anew the call of our baptism to be missionary disciples.

Explaining how we as a Church arrived at this moment - the moment in which Counter-Reformation Catholicism is giving way to a New Evangelization - Weigel gave particular attention to key actions in the pontificate of Pope John Paul II.

He pointed out that in his apostolic letter "Entering the New Millennium," John Paul II gave us the image of "putting out into the deep" from the Gospel of Luke as a definitive image for the Church of the 21st century.

We must "leave the shallow water of institutional maintenance Catholicism," Weigel interpreted, "transform all of those institutions into launch pads for mission, and become a church in which every member understands him- or herself as a missionary."

Catholics must take greater ownership of their baptism and of their baptismal call to 'go and make disciples'

"Mission territory today is your kitchen table, your neighborhood, your business, your profession, your life as a consumer, your life as a citizen," he said. "It's all mission territory."

What does this require of you and me?

To start, Weigel suggested, the Catholics of our time must be more thoroughly versed in "the symphony of Catholic truth."

He secondly suggested that we must be a people of the Bible more so than we have been in the past. Thirdly, and with greatest emphasis, he pointed out that Catholics must take greater ownership of their

baptism and of their baptismal call to "go and make disciples."

"We are called to be converters of the culture," he said. "We do that first and foremost by bringing people into friendship with Jesus Christ."

"In this moment of Catholic history," he concluded, "we're all being summoned to that mountaintop in Galilee. We're all being told by the Lord, 'Go and make disciples of all nations.' If [the] 70 million Catholics in the United States ... actually had that experience, actually believed they were on the mountain hearing the Great Commission, we would transform our Church; we would transform our society."

In a follow-up email interview, Weigel noted that he was struck by the unique challenges of living the New Evangelization in the North Country, but reflected, "I was also struck by the enthusiasm of the people who attended the event and their response to my challenge to 'own' their baptism by living as missionary disciples in a retail, person-to-person way.



PHOTO BY TOM SEMERARO

George Weigel, Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center of Washington, D.C. led a breakout session on "Mission, Evangelization and Vocations."

"There seems to be a tacit acknowledgment that what I called 'transmitting the faith by osmosis' just isn't going to cut it in 21st century America," he said.

"So I hope that these are all indicators that the people of the diocese recognize that mission and evangelization are everyone's responsibility," Weigel said.

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Liturgies at Inspire: 'truly a call to love'

By Deacon Kevin Mastellon
Staff writer

Perspective is the best word to describe my reflection on the liturgies at Inspire. The liturgies truly were a call to love as I witnessed and participated in them from the sanctuary, from afar and from the sacristy; three very unique perspectives.

We started the summit in the Olympic Arena in Lake Placid with Morning Prayer. It was my honor to serve Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J. of Ottawa, Canada as deacon for the service.

We met outside the sacristy before the liturgy. He came to our gathering area and walked directly to me and said "Hi, I'm Bishop Prendergast; and you must be my deacon." After an introductory exchange, the Archbishop proceeded to introduce himself to the whole team assembled to assist at Prayer. The reader, the signer, the servers all received the same kind, genuine welcome from Bishop Prendergast.

His kindness set the proper tone for me as I sat beside him in the sanctuary looking out at the thousands gathered for the summit to pray and prepare to be inspired.

And we were indeed inspired.

Inspired by Bishop Robert Barron from Los Angeles, California who reminded us of our baptismal call to be priest, prophet and king.

Inspired by Bishop Christopher Coyne from Burlington, Vermont who encouraged us to enliven our parishes, to find ways to connect with those who are attracted to other denominations because we sometimes fail as Catholics to be welcoming and genuine.

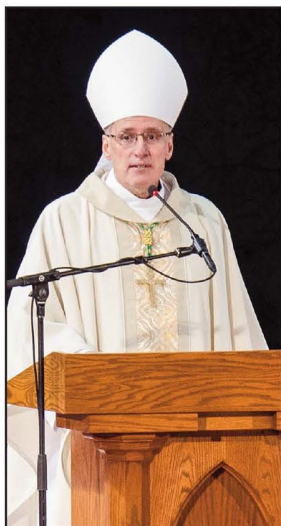


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Bishop Paul-Andre Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau, Quebec, delivered the homily at the closing Mass of Inspire

Inspired by Jennifer Fulwiler who identified vocation as distinctly separate in many cases from career; characterizing the former as God's call to her to love and to serve others which she does as an author, broadcaster, wife and the mother of six children.

Inspired by George Weigel, theologian and author, who exhorted his audiences to memorize the date of their baptism and celebrate it annually as the greatest day of their lives; the day they became Catholic, friends of Jesus.

It was a day full of inspiration and practical suggestions. But it was the final liturgy, the Mass, which, as always, brought the day to its greatest moment of love. The love Christ has for us.

My perspective for the Mass was from the top row of the mezzanine. With 20 of my brother deacons, we took our positions "off the floor" of the arena so we would be in-place to distribute Communion. It gave us

a panoramic view of the celebration; a unique appreciation for the witness of several thousand lay men and women joined in prayer with their clergy and consecrated religious for one faith-filled reason; to receive Jesus Christ.

Bishop Paul-Andre Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau, Quebec shared his own vocation experience. Destined, he thought, to a career in music the young college student felt an emptiness, something missing from his life. He rediscovered Jesus and followed His call.

"We cannot know our vocation until we know who we are," Bishop Durocher said during the homily.

With those inspiring words he caused me, and I suspect most of his audience, to evaluate and affirm our personal call.

From high above the arena floor it was easy to see this homily, indeed this celebration of the Eucharist, had everyone's attention.

When the distribution of Eucharist ended, I joined Deacons Mark Bennett and John Drollette in the Sacristy. We purified the ciboria used by the priests and deacons at Communion. That perspective allowed me to recognize that every priest and deacon is called to share God's love through a vocation of service, Christ led; that each communicant receives Christ's body as a sign of his or her desire to be fed on the bread of life, Christ fed; that each host is the body of Christ, an act of love from our God. We are indeed hope filled.

The prayers, the music, the participation of all present and feeling Christ present among us were indeed inspiring.

The liturgy of the final Mass was a fitting end to a day filled with inspiration and love.



PHOTO BY DAYNA LEADER

Colleen Miner, diocesan director of respect life ministry, is pictured at the Respect Life booth at Inspire in the neon green vest worn by the 70 volunteers for the event. Mrs. Miner took on a third hat in support of Inspire by writing about some of the behind-the-scenes activity for the MCC.

Faith and fun: a look behind the scenes at Inspire

By Colleen Miner
Staff writer

LAKE PLACID- Inspire: Called to Love Vocations Summit was two years in the planning but many were not involved until the week before the big day.

Earlier in the summer, the plea went out from Tri-Lakes Catholic churches that volunteer guides were needed for the day. Seventy volunteered to serve and attended a one hour training the week before the gathering.

The volunteers were reminded that hospitality is a hallmark of our Catholic faith and that helping to make the day run smoothly would allow those in attendance to enjoy and benefit from the day. Volunteers were led on a walk around the venue to learn where assignments would be. Reminders of the famous 1980 Olympic Hockey game between the United States and Russia were everywhere and there was still ice on the rink.

How would the Inspire Planning Committee renovate the location to accommodate a spiritual gathering of 3,700?

I had already volunteered to serve as a guide before I was asked to provide a Respect Life table. I agreed and

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INSPIRE...by the numbers

3,700+ registered, 130 in childcare, 386 youth registered for the youth track, 70 volunteers, 40 buses, 300+vocal choir, 31 exhibitors, six sponsors Who donated \$2500 or more.

Unity and division: Ecumenical realities on display at papal Mass

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

TBILISI, GEORGIA (CNS) — At a papal Mass focused on two female saints, the longing for Christian unity and the painful reality of Christian division were strong undertones.

Celebrating Mass Oct. 1, the feast of St. Therese of Lisieux, Pope Francis also praised St. Nino, a woman who evangelized Georgia in the fourth century, and is recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church and hailed by the Georgian Orthodox as "equal to the Apostles and the enlightener of Georgia."

A few thousand people -- including many expatriates living and working in Georgia -- attended the morning Mass, which was celebrated in a Tbilisi soccer stadium.

While the official theme of the pope's visit to Georgia was "Pax vobis" - "Peace be with you" - the caps and scarves handed out at the Mass and worn by most in the crowd said, "Ut unum sint," the Latin for "that all may be one."

The vast majority of Georgians are members of the Orthodox Church. Catholics, including Armenians, Chaldeans and members of the Latin-rite church, account for only about 2 percent of the population.

Vatican officials and people involved in Catholic-Orthodox relations had hoped that Georgian Orthodox Iliia II would send an official delegation to the Mass despite rules preventing the church's clergy from attending a non-Orthodox liturgy.

In the end, however, no Georgian Orthodox bishops were present.

The patriarchate had issued a statement Sept. 28

saying that Orthodox attendance at a Catholic liturgy was not possible "as long as dogmatic differences exist."

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"We accept their decision," said Greg Burke, the Vatican spokesman, who also noted that Georgian President Giorgi Margvelashvili, a member of the Orthodox Church, was at the liturgy, as were several Armenian Orthodox bishops.

Members of the crowd, though, represented a wide variety of different Christian denominations, as did the choir, which melded singers from the choirs of the Catholic parishes and the Armenian Orthodox, Baptist, Lutheran and Pentecostal churches.

Cliff Reed, an Episcopalian who works at the U.S. embassy in Tbilisi, brought his family to the Mass.

"Everyone I talked to -- Georgians or not -- asked, 'Are you going?' I said, 'Yes.' Some asked, 'Are you Catholic?' I said, 'No, but it's the pope.'"

In his homily, Pope Francis focused on the feast of St. Therese and a line from Isaiah from the first reading at Mass, "As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you."

The experience of loving, faithful mothers and grandmothers, the pope said, helps believers understand the scriptural description of God.

"As a mother takes upon

herself the burdens and weariness of her children, so too does God take upon himself our sins and troubles," he said.

"Beyond any evil we are capable of," the pope said, "we always remain his children; he wants to take us in his arms, protect us and free us from harm and evil."

The church, too, is called to be a mother, Pope Francis told the people. But if the church is all the baptized together, then individuals must ask themselves how they can ensure that the church is "the house of the consolation of God."

"Do I know how to welcome others as guests and console those whom I see tired and disillusioned?" he asked.

Catholics cannot allow their parishes or the church to become a "closed ecclesial micro-environment," the pope said, but must have the courage to reach out to others with humility and respect.

Humility is one of the keys to Christian life and a virtue taught simply by St. Therese of Lisieux, he said. "God is not known through grand ideas and extensive study, but rather through the littleness of a humble and trusting heart."

Being a child of God means living simply, relying on God and delighting in the surprises God has in store, he said.

"Blessed are those Christian communities who live this authentic Gospel simplicity! Poor in means, they are rich in God," Pope Francis said.

Blessed are the shepherds who do not ride the logic of worldly success, but follow the law of love: welcoming, listening, serving."

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Pope: Anyone who repents, desires God's embrace can be saved

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The church is not just for people who are good, who think they're good or pretend to be good, it is for everyone, especially the bad because the church is mercy, Pope Francis said. No one is excluded from God's forgiveness, even the worst sinners, who only must draw near to Jesus with a repentant heart "and the desire to be embraced," he said Sept. 28 at his weekly general audience. In his continuing series of talks on mercy, the pope focused on St. Luke's Gospel account of the crucifixion and its story of the "good thief." Jesus was nailed to a cross between two criminals, was jeered at by the crowds, and still he begged God to forgive them because "they know not what they do." Not many understood how the Messiah could allow himself to be nailed to the cross and do nothing to try to save himself, the pope said. But "Jesus saved us by remaining on the cross. And all of us know that it is not easy to remain on the cross, our little everyday crosses." But upon that great cross and with great suffering, Jesus "stayed there and there he saved us, there he showed us his great omnipotence and there he forgave us," the pope said.

College president urges 'zeal' in defending religious liberty

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (CNS) -- A pharmacy in Olympia, Washington, loses its court challenge to a state law requiring the owners to violate their religious beliefs by supplying emergency contraceptives. A Colorado court cites discrimination in ruling against a baker who refused on religious grounds to make a wedding cake for a same-sex couple. A California bill proposes to deny significant state funding for religious colleges and universities if they don't remove perceived discriminatory policies against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students, faculty and staff. These recent cases reflect a decreasing ability for people in this country to exercise their constitutional right to religious freedom, according to John Garvey, president of The Catholic University of America in Washington. "This political and cultural climate has become increasingly hostile toward people of faith," Garvey, one of the nation's leading scholars on religious liberty, told a gathering of approximately 300 people during his presentation, "The New Religion Wars," at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester. Garvey, who delivered the second annual Catholic Courier lecture Sept. 15, described a trend of increasingly coercive actions toward those who, because of their religious beliefs, refuse to submit to the established order -- even though, he said, our nation's Founding Fathers emphasized the freedom to practice such beliefs.

U.S. bishops carefully unpacking, teaching 'Amoris Laetitia,'

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Leaders of the U.S. Catholic Church have been proceeding carefully in their efforts to understand and implement the pope's exhortation on marriage and family, according to a report issued Sept. 27. The report, from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, is based on responses from 59 dioceses and 18 national organizations. Philadelphia Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, a member of the 2015 Synod of Bishops on the family, is chairman of the U.S. bishops' ad hoc committee studying implementation of the exhortation. A number of dioceses and Catholic groups said they are spreading the word about the document through articles or columns by bishops in diocesan newspapers, websites and social media outreach. Several national organizations have been conducting webinar presentations and some dioceses have provided online toolkits with resource guides and supplementary materials for Catholics and church leaders.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

The best ways to show gratitude: pray and share

Have you ever given an expensive gift to a visiting nephew, only to find the same gift the next day in the wastepaper basket? I have, and I still feel his lack of gratitude.

God must often feel that way.

There are two great stories in this Sunday's readings that point this out.

The first reading is really a shortened version of the very exciting story of God's healing an "outsider" named Naaman, a foreign military commander, who has contracted leprosy.

His wife's Jewish slave had suggested that he seek help from the prophet Elisha. He goes to the King of Israel loaded with gifts and letters of introduction from his own king. Fearful of a plot, the King sends him to the prophet Elisha who tells him to wash seven times in

the Jordan river. At first he storms away in anger. "Aren't our rivers better than yours?" he complains.

But on the advice of his own servants, he swallows his pride and obeys the prophet.

As soon as he enters the waters of the Jordan, his leprosy is cured! He is immensely grateful, and worships the God of Israel.

In the story, this Syrian has more faith in God's power than the Jews have!

A similar theme is found in today's famous Gospel about the ten lepers. Because their disease, incurable at the time, was contagious, lepers were shunned by all, and looked down upon as great sinners.

The disciples must have been appalled when Jesus shows these outcasts such compassion.

When He sends them to the priests for official reinstatement into society, He also heals them during their journey. One of them, a Samaritan, returns immediately, and falls down in thankful adoration at Jesus' feet. Luke emphasizes how disappointed the Master is that only one of them comes back. "Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"

Both of today's readings deal with God's disappointment with His special chil-

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- Luke 17:11-19

dren, the ones to whom He calls His chosen people.

As disciples of Jesus, we have ample proof that we are His special ones, His chosen ones. Yet, over and over again we have been disobedient complainers.

Often we have even turned to false gods of money or possessions, and neglected to love Him and to serve Him. God must be so disappointed when we don't show our gratitude for His favors. On the contrary, we are often resentful that God hasn't done more for us. Like spoiled children, we just take God for granted!

This ingratitude in the face of His gifts and our indifference in response to His love is what hurts God the most.

We need to ask ourselves today, "Am I really grateful for God's constant love and many gifts? Or do I just take Him for granted?"

The best way to show our gratitude is to say so in prayer...and then to share our gifts with those in some kind of need.

Forgive us our past ingratitude for your many gifts, Lord. Help us to reach out in love to those who are poor or need of God's healing.



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AT THE YOUTH RALLY

By Kelly Donnelly
Diocesan Youth director

"Inspire Youth Rally was such an amazing and spiritual experience! Nothing compares to being surrounded by other teens who value faith. To see adults leading their families in religion creates my own personal aspirations for my future leading a life in Christ! As a teen, it can be tempting to put your faith on the back burner, especially without constant peer validation. But spending time with other teens at the rally excites me to continue to spread the Good News!"

This was the reaction of Taylor Ormasen, of Gouverneur, who attended the youth rally held at the Vocations Summit.

Over 380 youth attended the rally. Teens had a chance to view the exhibits at the arena and heard Bishop Barron's keynote before going to Lake Placid High School for the youth rally events.

After eating lunch, teens had a chance to participate in an interactive park. The interactive park included a variety of activities designed to meet teens' differ-



PHOTO BY TOM SEMERARO

Some of the nearly 400 teenagers who took part in the Inspire Youth Rally are shown with members of the Full Armor Band which performed during the rally. In front are Elizabeth Peo and Victoria Mallette of St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg; back, Katie Rogers, St. Mary's, Ogdensburg; Keegan Poste, St. Peter's, Plattsburgh; Caroline Lalone, St. Mary's Ogdensburg; and band members Francis, Matt, Tara, Douglas and Brando.

ent interests. A Respect Life corner included materials to make cards for expecting mothers and building blocks for toddlers, which will be donated to Gabriel Project and Maggie's Place, as well as information on those organizations. There were materials for teens to

learn how to make wrist rosaries. The photo booth corner included Scripture passages from the day's Gospel with props for teens to take photos acting out various parts of the Gospel.

Activities held in the gymnasium of the interactive park were designed to help

teens work on teambuilding and communication through human foosball, a rolling marble maze, and tennis ball tarp. Additionally, a carbon walk, in which teens could follow the life of a carbon atom and learn about environmental issues were paired with excerpts

from *Laudato Si*.

A prayer corner was also available during the interactive park. The prayer corner included an area for teens to write prayer intentions and read Scripture, a prayer map that had information about various current events and prayers to be offered for the situations, and saint icons in an adult-coloring style, along with brief biographies of the saints.

The youth rally concluded with an interactive concert by Full Armor Band. The Catholic band performed songs that got the teens up and involved, as well as some more prayerful songs. In addition to the band's ability to get the youth involved in the music and expressions of faith, they were a wonderful witness of young, faithful Catholics who began a band to spread the faith when they were in high school.

At the conclusion of the youth rally, teens went back to the arena to take part in Mass. The youth rally had high numbers of attendees and there was great energy throughout the event as the youth came together with the Church at large together to be inspired to live out their vocations.

Behind the scenes

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soon became part of the vendor scene too.

Exhibitors were given the opportunity to set up their location on Saturday afternoon. Upon arrival, I saw other vendors bustling around - carrying items in, using hand carts to transport boxes.

As I entered the Olympic Center, I caught my first glimpse of the Mass venue. The athletic arena had been transformed into a beautiful

worship space with a large hanging crucifix, altar, flowers atop pillars and even holy water fonts at the street level and mezzanine entrances.

Name tags - put together by the Sisters of St. Joseph were lined up in small boxes.

Signs had been placed above the doorways and in the halls to give direction for the breakout sessions of the three afternoon speakers.

Outside the mezzanine level of the arena, there was

a display featuring the history of the chalice which would be used at Mass. It was hand crafted by a friend of the pope, Adrian Pal-larols, a silversmith from Argentina by melting down silver pieces donated by Americans across the US.

The chalice was made to commemorate Pope Francis' visit to New York City last September, used at the papal Mass at Madison Square Garden and was not used again until Inspire.

Excitement was in the air as people chatted while going about their duties, hearing the practicing organist in the background.

Religious orders, with a variety of habits, were setting up their tables, too. Once tables were completed, they were covered with a sheet, in anticipation of the next day's crowd.

It was a chilly Sunday morning for an outdoor registration but no one seemed to care. We were there to

celebrate our faith and learn from a variety of speakers.

Guides put on their fluorescent yellow vests, Inspire Guide buttons and began leading the bus loads of faithful to the arena.

The thousands of Catholics who came enjoyed socializing, meeting old friends - there were many hugs and laughs - and at the end of the day, all shared in holy Mass. Inspire was a fun, faith-filled, fall, Adirondack day.

ADIRONDACK

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

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 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

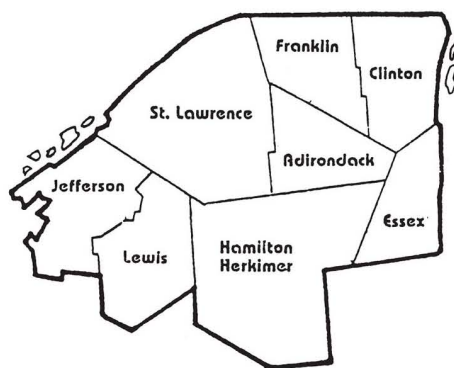
SPAGHETTI DINNER

Lyon Mountain – All you can eat spaghetti dinner is set

Date: Oct. 8

Time: 4 p.m. to 6:30

Place: American Legion



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North Country Catholic, PO Box 326,
 Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 1-866-314-7296;
 e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

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

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

CDA HARVEST DINNER

Ellenburg – CDA Court Little Rose #1300 will hold an all-you-can-eat Roast Beef/Roast Pork dinner.

Date: Oct. 9

Time: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place: St. Edmund's Parish Center

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

under 5, Free

Features: The Big Ticket Raffle will take place at 4 p.m.

Contact: Take-outs by calling 594-3121

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 – 10th 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 invite you to 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).

HARVEST DINNER

West Chazy – St. Joseph's Church to hold its 43rd Annual Harvest Dinner.

Date: Oct. 9

Time: Noon to 5 p.m.

Place: St. Joseph's Parish Center

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

Children under 5, Free

Features: Turkey with the trimmings, a country store. Take-outs available.

FOR LAY MINISTERS

Peru – The Eastern Region Commissioned Lay Ministers' Association serves the commissioned lay ministers of the Clinton, Essex and Hamilton-Herkimer deaneries will have a Fall Event.

Date: Oct. 14

Time: 5 p.m.

Place: St. Augustine's Parish

Cost: \$10

Features: The evening will begin by praying the Rosary in church, followed by Mass celebrated by Bishop Terry

LaValley. All diocesan commissioned lay ministers, are welcome as well as priests, deacons and religious of the three deaneries. Dinner will follow in Parish Center. Bishop LaValley will speak.

Contact: Please RSVP by October 5 through the Formation for Ministry Office at (315) 393-2920 or jgruzzito@rc-dony.org.

PULLED PORK DINNER

Peru – Join us for a pulled pork dinner.

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

HARVEST DINNER

Ellenburg – CDA Court Little Rose #1300 to have their Annual Pork & Roast Beef Harvest Dinner.

Date: Oct. 9

Time: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place: St. Edmund's Church

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

under 5, Free

Features: Raffle tickets to be sold. Take-outs available. Country Store.

HARVEST DINNER

Dannemora – St. Joseph's Annual Harvest Turkey Dinner is set

Date: Oct. 9

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

Place: St. Joseph's Church

Cost: Adults, \$10; Children 5-11, \$7;

under 5, Free

Features: live music, country and craft store, Chinese auction, raffle, and 50-50.

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. Proceeds will be used for necessary restorations and fuel expenses for both our Churches.

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.

HAMILTON-HERKIMER

MASS & CANDLELIGHT ROSARY

Inlet – Mass & Candlelight Rosary Procession to be held.

Date: Oct. 7

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: St. Anthony's Church

Features: Desserts welcome for the reception to follow.

DAYS OF DISCERNMENT

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

Dates: Oct. 16, 30;

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

ROSARY CRUSADE

Watertown – City-wide Rosary Crusade sponsored by Watertown Curia, Legion of Mary, is set

Date: October 6

Time: 5:15 p.m. Mass followed by recitation of four Rosary mysteries

Place: Our Lady Sacred Heart Church

Features: Crusade theme is "Mary's Immaculate Heart Will Conquer".

Contact: Deanna Smith, deanna-smithdnn@aol.com

DAILY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Watertown – A holy hour of Eucharistic adoration to pray for vocations takes place daily Monday through Friday.

Time: After 9 a.m. Mass

Place: Holy Family Church

Contact: 782-2468

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The Pontifical Mission Societies of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Inc.

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Missionary cooperation

Each summer, the Diocese of Ogdensburg invites in to our churches 16-20 mission aid societies to participate in our Mission Coop program. This past summer, the East Side Deaneries in our Diocese hear from missionaries from around the globe.

What does this mean to you?

Your support of this program is appreciated and the impact of local generosity is felt around the globe.

Since the 1930's, dioceses around the country have been implementing Mission Coop plans. First started in the Archdiocese of Newark, it's original purpose was to help send mission societies to solicit funds for their mission efforts to appeal for vocations to their communities. Up to this point, churches often received request by missionaries to allow societies to make appeals to their parishes.

Then, the Society for the Propagation of the faith took over these programs. Pastors embraced this idea because it took the burden of personal choice out of their hands and gave it to a priest who was only there for a few days enabling their parishioners to hear of missionary experience to promote a universal spirit.

One such organization that visited this summer recently wrote to the Mission Office telling of how they use their funds donated to them through the Mission Coop program. The Congregation of the Holy Spirit, with over 300 years of presence felt in the world, they have expanded from Africa, Asia and South America/Caribbean into China, India, Vietnam and Taiwan. With over 3,000 Spiritan priests, brothers, and lay associates, their work never ends. With help received from the Mission Coop Plan they are able to support formation programs and construct new theology residence buildings for seminarians. With six members of their Congregation on the pathway to sainthood, they have a "rich reservoir of missionary spirituality" and are always thrilled to share their charisma.

October is Mission Month. Please keep the thousands of busy hands around the world doing work in the Mission in your thoughts and prayers. Take note of their example as they are living life through such a simple and spiritual existence.

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



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OBITUARIES

AuSable Forks — Cookie Smith Kurz, 72; Funeral Services Oct. 1, 2016 at Holy Name Church.

Black River — Samantha Lucille Turner, 22; Funeral Services Sept. 28, 2016 at St. Paul's Church; burial in Sanford Corners Cemetery.

Brushton — George Moses, Jr., 93; Funeral Services Oct. 4, 2016 at St. Mary's Church.

Constable — Bonnie T. Law, 66; Funeral Services Oct. 1, 2016 at St. Francis of Assisi Church; burial in St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery.

Ellenburg — Dean A. Decosse, 46; Funeral Services Sept. 26, 2016 at St. Edmund's Church; burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Churubusco.

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

Malone — Susan Marie (Stacy) Cayea, 63; Funeral Services Sept. 29, 2016 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Malone — Erma M. (Lamondie) Lamica, 81; Funeral Services Sept. 30, 2016 at St. John Bosco Church; burial in St. John Bosco Cemetery.

Malone — Eli A. "Whitney" Robert, 94; Funeral Services Oct. 3, 2016 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

The Miraculous Prayer

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked for many favors. This time I ask you this very special one. Take it Dear Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in our merciful eyes it will become your favor, not mine. Amen KM

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Massena — Thomas B. Murphy, 91; Funeral Services Sept. 30, 2016 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena — Mary Burcume Edgar Plourde, 69; Funeral Services Sept. 27, 2016 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Brasher Falls.

North Lawrence — Lynn G. (Ayers) Villave, 69; Funeral Services Sept. 26, 2016 at St. Lawrence Church.

Peru — Sophronia E. "Sophie" (St. John) Favro, 87; Funeral Services Sept. 29, 2016 at the Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in St. John's Cemetery, Keeseville.

Plattsburgh — John Francis Day, 53; Funeral Services Sept. 28, 2016 at St. Peter's Church.

Plattsburgh — Esther S. (Lafoe) Seymour, 93; Funeral Services Sept. 30, 2016 at the

RW. Walker Funeral Home; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Potsdam — Hilda M. (Taillon) Shampine, 88; Funeral Services Sept. 30, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. James Cemetery, Gouverneur.

Ogdensburg — Margaret H. (Morley) Ashley, R.N., 90; Funeral Services Sept. 27, 2016 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Ticonderoga — Geraldine Joan (Robert), 89; Funeral Services at the Wilcox & Regan Funeral Home; burial in Valley View Cemetery.

Tupper Lake — Larry E. Keniston, 81; Funeral Sept. 27, 2016 at Holy Name Church; burial in Holy Name Cemetery.

Waddington — Lorraine M. (Prashaw) Blair, 92; Funeral Sept. 28, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial parish cemetery.

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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 & MEATBALL DINNER

Evans Mills - Spaghetti & Meatball dinner to be held.

Date: Oct. 8

Time: 4 p.m. to 7

Place: St. Mary's Parish

Cost: Adults, \$7; Senior Citizens, \$6; Children under 12, \$5; under 5, free

Features: Benefit Theresa Free Library for exterior repairs. This dinner is prepared by the Indian River K of C.

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

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

POLISH FESTIVAL

Houseville - St. Hedwig's Polish Fest to be held.

Date: Oct. 9

Time: Following the 11 a.m. Mass



Features: Polish Platter \$8, Bake Sale items, Polish Hot Dogs \$1, Ice Cream Sundaes \$1, Theme Basket Raffles, and a 50/50 Raffle. Take-outs are available.

Proceeds to benefit church repairs and expenses. Theme Baskets, Baked Goods and Volunteer workers needed.

Contact: 348-6260 or 348-8836.

ST. LAWRENCE

CLM ANNUAL 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.

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.

RUMMAGE SALE

Canton - Rummage sale to be held.

Schedule: Oct. 7, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

and Bag sale Oct. 8, from 8 a.m. to 11

Place: St. Mary's School Gym

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 16, 30

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Time: 9 a.m. to 10

Place: St. Mary's Church

DIOCESAN EVENTS

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 School Lake.

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