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## Pope: true believers serve others

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** - To ignore the suffering of another person is to ignore God, Pope Francis said.

And going to church does not automatically make someone love their neighbor, the pope said April 27 as he reflected on the Gospel para-

ble of the good Samaritan during his weekly general audience.

Christians are called to imitate the good Samaritan, stopping to help the injured, because the good Samaritan is a symbol of Jesus, who bent down to help and to

heal all humanity, Pope Francis said.

By describing the priest and the Levite who passed by without offering help, Pope Francis said, the parable makes it clear that "it is not automatic that one who frequents the house of God and

has known his mercy knows how to love his neighbor.

You can know the whole Bible, you can know all the liturgical rubrics, you can know all theology, but that knowledge does not make loving automatic," he said. "Love has another path."

## EXTRAORDINARY ENCOUNTER

### Bishop meets Pope Francis



PHOTO BY JESSE SOVIE

Pope Francis was beaming as he greeted Bishop Terry LaValley at the conclusion of the April 13 general audience at St. Peter's Square in Vatican City. Bishop LaValley writes about the experience in his Follow Me column in this week's NCC. "As I shook his hand, I thanked him for his prophetic leadership and humble witness of Christ," Bishop LaValley said. "I assured him of the prayerful support of the faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg."

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## Happy Mother's Day birth moms

A North Country woman who adopted her two children offers a message of thanks to their birth mothers.

"The decision to make an adoption plan for the child each carried close to their hearts for nine months was not an easy one to make," writes Mary Ellen Martin of Hammond.

"They each struggled with a heart wrenching choice. That is why we feel they are courageous, loving and selfless individuals for whom we have a tremendous amount of respect," she said.

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## The solar priest

Father Paul Beyette, retired priest of the diocese, continues efforts

to expand use of renewable energy

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## BRIDGING THE GAP



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Daughter of Charity Sister Patricia Collins of Catholic Charities, left, is pictured with her Bridging the Gap nutrition class of Seaway House in Ogdensburg as they celebrated graduation and success with learning healthy eating habits. The Catholic Charities Bridging the Gap Program reaches out to individuals and families who "fall between the cracks" of traditional services. It is among scores of services and programs offered by Catholic Charities which serve thousands of people in northern New York. Catholic Charities Annual Mother's Day Appeal is taking place in all of the parishes of the diocese this coming weekend. Full stories, pages 4 and 8-9.

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

# Checkup time for the Year of Mercy

As we near the half-way mark for the Year of Mercy, it's a good time to take stock of just how merciful we have been.

How are we meeting the challenge set forth by Pope Francis?

Have we accepted his invitation to encounter the incredible mercy of God and live with love, kindness and unbounded generosity?

A good "examination of conscience" for us, I think, would be a review of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that ultimately define our church.

Have we made the effort to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked and ransom the captive?

Maybe we have.

Maybe we're living with good intentions but little action.

Sometimes it's hard to know

how we can effectively give drink to the thirsty or comfort the afflicted or counsel the doubtful.

Fortunately, we have an organization in our midst which exists only to share God's mercy in our name.

Catholic Charities – in Bishop LaValley's words – "reflects the love of the Gospel and values of Christian service

every day throughout our diocese."

During the past year, Catholic Charities served over 18,000 people in all of its pro-

grams and services.

You know that includes friends and family members of each of us.

Sister Donna Franklin, the diocesan director of Catholic Charities, sees the Year of Mercy as a time for the agency to "recommit ourselves to living according to Jesus, the Way the Truth and the Life. Building community, showing respect for the dignity of each person, reaching out to the most isolated and marginalized members of our society all flow from hearts and spirits filled with mercy that nourishes compassion."

This weekend, we will each have an opportunity to support the critical work of Catholic Charities in the annual Mother's Day Appeal in our

parishes.

In his letter in support for the appeal, Bishop LaValley writes, "As a community of believers, we can participate in the mission and works of Catholic Charities through a generous financial gift. Your gift makes a difference in the life of each person who needs support during times of crisis.

"People in need are not faceless statistics or anonymous, abstract concepts," he said. "They are our family members, friends, co-workers, neighbors and members of our community. Catholic Charities depends on your financial support in order to continue reaching out to each individual and family who comes to our door looking for help."

Have mercy. Give generously.



Mary Lou  
Kilian

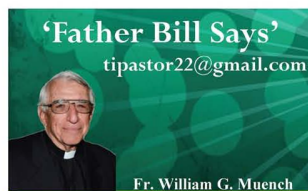
## A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

## Power and guidance of the Holy Spirit

Our Catholic Church's liturgical year leads us through the Easter celebration of Christ's Resurrection to the celebration of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Scriptures tell us that the apostles were completely transformed by the Holy Spirit from fearful disciples into courageous, enthusiastic witnesses for Christ. The Holy Spirit made disciples into dynamic missionaries.

I was ordained a priest at the hands of Bishop Navagh through the power of the Holy Spirit, just as the apostles received the Holy Spirit on that first Pentecost. That was a moment marked by such unforgettable signs as tongues of fire and a rush of wind. This Holy Spirit touched my life in a special way through my priestly ordination. There was no fire or wind but certainly the same challenge. The Lord asked a dedication from me – a life of ministry.

As I look back today over those years since my ordination, I must admit that I recognize the power and call of the Holy Spirit in my life. The influence of the Holy Spirit filled my life just as with the apos-



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Fr. William G. Muench

ties with a readiness to be a witness to the Lord Jesus.

Each Pentecost has become a time for me to offer my gratitude to the Holy Spirit for the gift of my priesthood, for guiding and supporting me during the many parish assignments that I have had during my ministry as a priest.

I know only too well how God's Holy Spirit guided my life as a parish. There are so many times I was in the right place at the right time. I have no doubt that the Holy Spirit touched my priesthood at those times. There were innumerable times that the Holy Spirit gave me the right words – the right words to preach, to teach, to write. I am certain many of my priest friends would agree with me that often the action of the Holy Spirit is a complete surprise. It is a complete surprise as I come up

with the ideas that I needed at that moment. This is the Holy Spirit's task and gift to me. I am truly grateful.

I believe passionately in the Holy Spirit's action in my life as a priest. However, the Gospels also make it very clear that everyone's Baptism brings the Holy Spirit into our lives. St. John the Baptist tells us so.

John came with a ministry of Baptism. He made it very clear that his Baptism was a Baptism of Repentance. People would come to him prepared to dedicate themselves to renounce their sins and seek conversion to a new life in the Lord. John says this to the people: "I baptize you in water for the sake of reform, but the one who will follow me is more powerful than I. I am not even fit to carry his sandals. He it is who will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and fire." {Matt 3:11} All who are baptized as Christians and Catholics are baptized in the Holy Spirit.

So, all of you – not just priests and bishops – are touched by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit continues to work in everyone's life, in the lifetime of all the baptized.

The Holy Spirit comes to guide us all, to lead us all. I hope that you recognize the times in your life – times when you noticed the Holy Spirit's guidance and recognized the challenges when you did the right thing and said the right thing.

We all should have confidence in the Holy Spirit. I know that the Spirit never forgets us. Despite this there will be times when we are surprised by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will lead us and guide us when we least expect. Often, the Holy Spirit's love and support will be brought into our lives by another person who will be a surprise to us – a person who we least expect.

Finally, when we stay open in heart and mind, the Holy Spirit will be one with each one of us. Jesus puts it this way: "the Holy Spirit will make his abode with us." With the Spirit's power and guidance, we will be the ones who bring the presence and the help of the Holy Spirit ourselves to someone else. Such a moment will be a surprise to us but the Holy Spirit can and does work though us.



FOLLOW ME

# A personal, joyfilled encounter

As part of our celebration of the Jubilee of Mercy, the *North Country Catholic* sponsored a special Holy Year Pilgrimage to many holy sites in Italy.

In our diocesan paper, you've read articles and seen some of the photos of our wonderful journey.

Each day began with Father Douglas Lucia leading us in prayer as we set out for a place whose sacred history would inspire and renew our faith.

As we entered many beautiful places of worship through Holy Doors, the bond of faith between the pilgrims became stronger and energizing.

This bond became even more palpable at the Wednesday General Audience when we were blessed to be in the presence of Pope Francis as his message of God's tender mercy and forgiveness stilled the attentive crowd of thousands.

I was particularly humbled as I met this successor of St. Peter for the first time. The Holy Father was beaming as I approached him after the prayer concluded. (No I didn't tell him a joke in



PHOTO BY CNS PHOTOGRAPHER PAUL HARING

**Pope Francis was all smiles as he met Bishop LaValley April 13 during the Holy Father's General Audience at St. Peter's Square. Bishop LaValley was in Rome as part of the Year of Mercy pilgrimage to Italy sponsored by the *North Country Catholic*. Here, Bishop LaValley writes about his impressions of his meeting with the pope.**

Italian!)

As I shook his hand, I thanked him for his prophetic leadership and humble witness of Christ. I assured him of the prayerful

support of the faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

My first impression was that I felt like I was the only person in the vicinity. He seemed totally focused on

our encounter - no distractions, no looking to see who was next to meet him.

I couldn't help but think that this would be so characteristic of each of our en-

counters with Jesus - so personal, so focused. Similarly, each of us is the only person that Jesus sees. That's the face of tender Mercy!

While the Pope handed me a Rosary that he had blessed, I came away from that encounter with so much more.

The Holy Father affirmed for me what our Divine Encounter with Jesus is like - so personal, joy-filled and affirming.

This occasion was also a challenge for me in my Episcopal Ministry - to give my whole attention to all those whom I meet, to be totally present to each person, something not always easy in an oftentimes too busy world.

While we were participating in our Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy, Pope Francis promulgated his long-awaited Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of Love*.

In his plea on behalf of the family, he presents a challenging, yet joyful message. Our Holy Father is truly Christ-led, Christ-fed, and Hope-filled. May that be said of you and me, as well.

## Rites held for Fr. Vinci, former pastor in Malone

YONKERS, N.Y. - A Mass of Christian Burial for Pallottine Father Terzo Vinci, 82, a former pastor of St. John Bosco Church in Malone, was held Feb. 9 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church where he served as pastor.

Father Vinci died Feb. 4; burial was in his hometown cemetery in Rocca Priora, Italy.

Father Vinci was born in Rocca Priora, near Rome, Jan. 18, 1934 to Paolino and Maria (Luciani) Vinci. He attended the Gregorian and St.

John Lateran Universities in Rome.

On Sept. 8, 1952 he made his first Pallottine consecration in his home town and was ordained a priest on Nov. 30, 1958.

In 1960, he was asked by his superiors to come to America to work in Pallottine parishes. Father Vinci served as the pastor of St. John Bosco in Malone, Our

Lady of Mount Carmel in East Harlem and, since 1986, Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Yonkers.

In Yonkers, he became very

involved in the community life, especially the Park Hill area and particularly in the activities of the Italian groups and their families. He was also an influential member of the Human Rights Commission and in 1994 was chosen as the Grand Marshall of the Columbus Day Parade.

Father Vinci served as Chaplain for the Exchange Club, the Armando Rauso Amvets Post, the Frank A. Rea American Legion Post, CIAO, the Columbus League, the Sons of Italy, and the Columbus Day Committee.

For many years, he maintained a religious radio program over the Italian

Communications Network. Fluent in Italian, Spanish, and English, the voice of Father Vinci could be heard almost anywhere, in his homilies, in his invocations, and on the streets of Park

Hill.

He is survived by his brothers in Italy: Damiano, Eduardo and Quinto. and by several nieces and nephews. One brother, Terenzo, predeceased him in 2014.



Fr. Terzo Vinci, SAC

### NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC HAS GONE GREEN



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# Catholic Charities helps with 'bridging the gap'

By Sister Donna Franklin, DC  
Diocesan director, Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities Bridging the Gap Program reaches out to individuals and families who "fall between the cracks" of traditional services.

This program offers counseling, financial assistance for critical needs and classes in budgeting and nutrition. You may not know this, but there are many individuals and families living in the shadows. They feel invisible. They live on the margins.

Assumptions about working people and the cost of living are the roots of misconceptions. These men, women and children often experience emotional distress, hunger, live with the threat of homelessness and struggle to meet their other basic needs.

These people includes the working poor, retirees, recently unemployed, underemployed, veterans, farmers, farm workers and other people who "fall between the cracks" of traditional services. Because they have earned a little too much over the poverty limit or have a pension or own a home, land or car, they may not qualify for any of the safety net services.

They deserve to have their stories heard and their needs recognized.

## Living paycheck to paycheck

Living in a pay check to pay check existence places an individual or family in a multi-layered, vulnerable position.

When the cost of food, utilities or home heating fuel goes up, the average working person does not receive a comparable raise in income. Wages for the working class person have remained static for over twenty years. Wages lagging behind the cost of living re-

sult in growing numbers of people living just one crisis away from financial distress and the emotional strain that accompanies financial challenges.

*I met Laura after her husband went to jail. His mother of three was left with the job of raising the children, paying the bills, working fulltime and carrying the burden of being a member of a family of someone identified as a criminal. Laura struggled to juggle all of the aspects of her life and responsibilities. When she found herself lacking enough funds to pay her electric bill, Laura came to meet with a Catholic Charities caseworker. Catholic Charities was able to help Laura and her family with the utility bill, school clothes and supplies for the children.*

Pope Francis says, "Let us rediscover the [the] corporal works of mercy: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned and bury the dead."

## In this Year of Mercy

During this Year of Mercy, we recommit ourselves to living according to Jesus, the Way the Truth and the Life. Building community, showing respect for the dignity of each person, reaching out to the most isolated and marginalized members of our society all flow from hearts and spirits filled with mercy that nourishes compassion.

*Like his father before him, Roy worked at the local industrial plant. All of his adult life, Roy worked hard, supported his family and paid into a retirement plan at work. When the plant closed suddenly Roy was out of work for the first time in his life. How would he support his family? What would he do when his small savings ran out? Where*

*would he find another job at age 57? What if he couldn't pay the mortgage or car insurance? His initial sense of powerlessness created anxiety and depression. Roy, at first, was embarrassed about going to counseling. Finally, his wife convinced him that he deserved to have some extra support through this difficult time. Catholic Charities provided counseling free of charge to Roy. This support service helped Roy avoid becoming demoralized and immobilized. He set goals, found a new job with benefits. He and his family benefitted from Catholic Charities supportive services.*

Catholic Charities provides services on a sliding fee scale basis. The agency can offer this support because of the donations we receive from our generous benefactors.

No one is ever turned away because of their inability to pay for the service.

## Mothers Day Appeal

Catholic Charities Annual Appeal will take place in all of the parishes of the Diocese on the weekend of May 8. Funds from this Appeal are used to support the programs and services of Catholic Charities. Healthy families are the foundation of healthy communities.

Your financial gift to Catholic Charities is an investment in the health and wellbeing of your community. You can give your donation through your parish or send your check directly to Catholic Charities. Please remember to note the name of your parish on your check so your parish can be credited for your gift to Catholic Charities. If you prefer, you can give your donation online. Go to the Catholic Charities website at: [www.cathcharities.org](http://www.cathcharities.org). If you have any questions contact Catholic Charities at: (315) 393-2255.



Members of the Kiwanis Builders Club in Ogdensburg held a baby shower in March and donated the gifts to Catholic Charities to help parents in need.

# Baby shower

Middle school service club holds event to help Catholic Charities serve needy parents

By Nancy Skelly  
Contributing writer

OGDENSBURG— The Kiwanis Builders Club for middle school students hosted a baby shower March 6 at the Sherman Inn, with unwrapped items presented to Catholic Charities.

Daughter of Charity Sister Patricia Collins accepted the baby gifts.

The idea was conceived last April by Alex Pinkerton and Reagan Kelly. Sitting on a plane from D.C. to Syracuse gave these two Builders Club members time to come up with several projects, but, the one they liked best was a baby shower. They mentioned this to the other members and then waited until November to really organize the project.

Baby shower to the boys was a foreign term that seemed to mean a baby was going to be showered. Soon the two girls had explained what this meant and they were off organizing.

Many places were mentioned to hold the event but because the Builders Club never really need money and does fund raisers for other organizations it was important to find a place that would not cost a lot.

Sloan Ryan and Rylee Bresett met with John Wade at Sherman Inn to see how much his place would cost. Wade listened to their plans and told them that as a former Key Clubber he would help them out. Leaving Sherman Inn, Sloan and Rylee both said they could not believe this and were very nervous.

March 6 saw many Builders Club members at the baby shower to help along with members of the Key Club and Kiwanians.

Entertainment and refreshments were a part of the afternoon. Ryan McNally played piano and sax, dancers from Jill's dance studio and an exhibit from Mooney's Martial Arts entertained those attending as they ate cookies, drank punch and made their donations to families in need.



## A VOICE OF FAITH

# Happy Mother's Day!

By MaryEllen (Wilson) Martin  
Contributing writer

Each year as Mother's Day approaches, I find myself thinking back to our children's adoptions and thinking of each of their birth mothers.

On this day, as I do on their birthdays and many other days, I take some quiet time to reflect and pray for their birth mothers, who gave my husband and me two very precious gifts.

The decision to make an adoption plan for the child each carried close to their hearts for nine months was not an easy one to make. They each struggled with a heart wrenching choice. That is why we feel they are courageous, loving and selfless individuals for whom we have a tremendous amount of respect.

We didn't have first hand knowledge of our daughter's birth parents, since her adoption was a closed adoption. We never met her birth parents, but we were given information about them.

We were also given a small stuffed farm animal that her birth mother chose with love to give her, along with a specially chosen name.

(We know it was with care because my husband is in a

farming business along with his brothers, and this just spoke volumes to us.)

**On this day, as I do on their birthdays and many other days, I take some quiet time to reflect and pray for the birth mothers who gave my husband and me two very precious gifts**

Our daughter still has this. She keeps it in a special place along with her birthmother's cherished note.

Our son's adoption was quite different since it was an open adoption, meaning that we were in contact with his birth mother prior to his birth, and we were actually able to meet her and spend time with her after his birth. We still keep in touch.

She had many questions for us, initially, and we talked several times before she made her decision to entrust her son to us. She had been through so much with little support to bring this baby into the world.

We really didn't know what to say to her at first, so fearful were we of possibly saying the wrong thing. But, then, we knew that God was with us. He had put

such a strong desire and yearning to have children in our hearts that we felt peaceful.

We always felt that when the time was right, the child meant for us would find us. With that in mind, we told her to do what she felt was best for her child, and that is exactly what she did.

She called us the night before he was born to tell us she was on her way to the hospital and wanted us to adopt him. Believe me; we quickly scampered to find a flight and a place to stay in Alabama.

We arrived at the hospital the first day of his life and immediately were brought to her room. She hadn't held him yet or named him because she wanted us to have this privilege.

Before she left the hospital, we wanted her to hold him, and she did. She nestled him close to her heart, and we saw the love she had for him. As the time came to say, "Goodbye," the nurses came to bring him back to the nursery, and we each hugged her.

We walked out of the room and down the hallway to the nursery knowing full well the pain of her saying, "goodbye" to the son - the created life that was a part of her for so many months and then was gone.

The world we live in has no real rituals for this type of loss. Few people understand this grief and most people make light of it.

We proceeded to the nursery, changed him into the clothes we had brought for him, and left out one door with our attorney, while she exited a different door. It was a tremendously happy experience for us and our families, but also bitter-sweet as we also knew that it was another's unbearable loss.

Many times as I look at my children from moment to moment with the overpowering love that a mother feels, I can't help but not think of their birth mothers. (Yes, as in any family there are patience trying times and misunderstandings, and with teenagers, arguments and rebellion, but there is also lots of love and acceptance. It's not always

easy, but the rewards are many. We continually celebrate their lives and the joy they bring into our lives, as well as others.)

I do not believe that our children's birth mothers feel any less love. Rather, I believe that society should honor them, as well, on this day. They, with their great love, and trust, have given us, adoptive parents, the privilege of parenthood.

We need to celebrate these individuals who have given life to our children and who I know think about and love them each and every day of their lives.

So, I wish a happy and loving Mother's Day to ALL birth mothers, especially to the two whose love is reflected in the eyes of our two children. They have long had a special place embedded in our hearts and will continue to for as long as we live.



## Sr. Anita Canale

Your most kind expression of sympathy was great appreciated.

Your masses, condolences, and prayers were a great comfort to us at our time of sorrow.

May the Lord bless you for your thoughtfulness.

~ The Canale Family



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# Respect Life grants awarded

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners across the Diocese of Ogdensburg, 20 grants were awarded from the Respect Life second collection.

Bishop Terry R. LaValley approved the grant amounts as suggested by the grant committee members John and Colleen Miner, Father Thomas Higman, Stephen Tartaglia and Angelo and Suzanne Pietropaoli.

This year's collection total was \$74,554, a \$4000 increase from the 2015 collection.

The organizations receiving grants are: five Gabriel

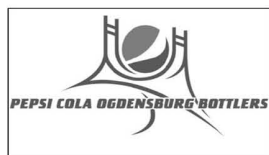
Project parish-based, crisis pregnancy apostolates (Brasher Falls, Gouverneur, Massena, Plattsburgh and Potsdam), five buses to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. (three Youth Buses for Life, Lewis County Bus for Life and Plattsburgh Bus for Life), three pro-life county fair booths (Clinton County, Lewis County and St. Lawrence County),

Also, Malone Catholic Charities Teen Pregnancy Counseling Program, Plattsburgh Pregnancy Center, Liferight of Watertown, Birthright of Plattsburgh, 40

Days for Life, Light of Truth Catholic Radio in Lake Placid, Champlain Valley Right to Life pro-life billboard project and Natural Family Planning Office Awareness week materials.

"Thank you to all who donated so generously to the collection and to all who work every day to build a culture of life in our diocese," said Colleen Miner, diocesan director of respect life ministry.

Further information on the grant process is available on the diocesan Respect Life Office website: [www.rcdony.org/pro-life](http://www.rcdony.org/pro-life).



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## ANNOUNCEMENT

**Carbon Monoxide Detectors**, powered by a 10-year battery, are now required in parish churches, Catholic schools, parish centers and other program facilities. This requirement goes into effect immediately under new regulations published by the New York State Department of State upon the advice of the State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council. Local code enforcement personnel will be coming to parishes to recommend where the alarms need to be placed. For further information, please contact Father O'Brien, (315-393-2920 x1300).

## 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: **May 7** - 9:30 a.m., Immaculate Heart Central High School, Watertown **June 9** - 6:30 p.m., Woodman Life Office, Boynton St., Plattsburgh

## Bishop's Schedule

**May 5** - 7 p.m., Confirmation at St. Peter's Church in Lowville

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

7 p.m., Canon Law Class for Deacon Aspirants at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

**May 7** - 4 p.m., Mass at Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora

**May 8** - 10 a.m., Confirmation at St. Ann's Church in Mooers Forks

**May 9** - 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

7 p.m., Confirmation at St. Mary's Church in Clayton

**May 10** - 7 p.m., Confirmation at St. Patrick's Church in Watertown

**May 11** - 7 p.m., Confirmation at St. Mary's Church in Massena

## Environmental Stewardship

### Seeds of Hope

Seeing Secretary of State, John Kerry holding his little granddaughter, sign the non-binding agreement in Paris with over 170 other nations to cut down carbon emissions that are one of causes of global warming was a 'seed of hope' for future generations.

Opening the Plattsburgh Press Republican newspaper and seeing the picture taken in Paris of Gina Fiorele, a student at University of Vermont and parishioner of St. Bernard's in Saranac Lake, where she witnessed this signing on Earth Day was another 'seed of hope.'

The U.N. Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon urged nations to listen to their youth and keep the promises made in Paris.

His words echo those of Pope Francis who tells us, "Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded." *Laudato Si.* (#13)

During his presentation on "Science and Ethics of Climate Change" this past Saturday at SUNY Canton, Dr. Curt Stager, climate scientist and author of *Deep Future*, stated emphatically that the decision we make at this moment regarding global warming will have serious consequences for thousands of years to come.

This statement was reiterated by Dr. Gerry Gacchio, Catholic Climate Ambassador, who cited the history of Catholic social teachings on care for the environment, reaching back to Pope John XXIII, Paul VI, Benedict XVI and now in the words of Pope Francis "Climate change is a problem which can no longer be left to a future generation."

As humans, we have a moral responsibility to care for our common home.

Some seeds of hope that I might plant today: urge legislators to make decisions that promote well-being of our common home; i.e. to support the Paris agreement; choose a practice this week that expresses my gratitude to God for one gift of Creation.

It may not 'save the world,' but it could change me.

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*Father Beyette challenges church to lead way in use of renewable energy*

# The Solar Priest

By Stuart Korfhage  
Reporter, St. Augustine Record.

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA. - Father Paul Beyette is happy to talk. He's a lot happier when that talk leads to action.

The retired priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg is a man who expects to see results when he acts.

It's one of the reasons he retired in 1995. He didn't retire to relax but instead to do more. The main area in which he wants to effect change: the use of renewable energy.

Father Beyette said the church has the opportunity — and the outright responsibility — to be a leader in the move toward solar power. He said it's a simple, effective way to reduce the environmental problems caused by the burning of fossil fuels.

"If anybody should be speaking about the moral aspect, it's the churches," Father Beyette said. "And their mouths are shut."

The same can't be said for Father Beyette, who spends several months a year living in a townhouse in the St. Augustine Shores and the rest of the year in Loon Lake, New York.

The 90-year-old priest is perfectly comfortable challenging local church leaders, business owners and his neighbors about the reluctance to switch to renewable energy.

Persistent but never disrespectful, Father Beyette doesn't hide his frustration at the inaction of people and institutions in the move to solar power.

He says many of the people he engages agree with the argument on an intellectual level but complain that the cost is too high to make a conversion.

His response is not so sympathetic to that argument: "How much do your fossil fuels poison God's earth?"

More than a spokesman, Father Beyette tries to live the way he talks. His home in New York has been off the grid since the 1970s, and he helped bring about changes at the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

In 2014, Bishop Terry R. LaValley had a solar power system established at his residence. In an article in the *North Country Catholic*, LaValley credited Father Beyette with introducing him to the idea of switching to renewable energy.

"Father Beyette invited me to meet with the Faith and Ecology Group to discuss alternative energy sources and our Christian responsibility to care for our environment," the bishop said in the article. "They were very knowledgeable and passionate about alternate energy, and convinced me that I could and should model sound environmental and spiritual leadership by going green."

It was a good start, Father Beyette said, but he's hoping to see a much larger expansion of the movement — both in the church and outside.

Father Beyette said he's been in contact with



Father Paul Beyette, a retired priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg spends the winter months in St. Augustine Florida, where he is trying to convince the diocese to invest in solar power. Bishop LaValley credits Father Beyette for introducing him to the idea of installing solar power at the Bishop's residence in Ogdensburg.

leaders in the Diocese of St. Augustine but has yet to convince them to invest in solar power equipment.

The diocese is not in disagreement with Beyette's general message of being a good steward of the earth, though.

According to Kathleen Bagg, spokeswoman for the diocese, local leaders have responded to Pope Francis' encyclical, "On Care for Our Common Home."

In the encyclical, the pope says: "There is an urgent need to develop policies so that, in the next few years, the emission of carbon dioxide and other highly polluting gases can be drastically reduced, for example, substituting for fossil fuels and developing sources of renewable energy."

Bagg said the diocese is working to implement those ideas into its operations.

"A few years ago, our diocese formed a committee to study ways parishes could make green choices when they renovate their buildings or plan new building projects," Bagg said in an email to *The Record*.

She added that the Diocesan Energy Commission has been in place since 2009 to encourage parishes to use green or energy-efficient practices. The two newest building projects by the diocese,

the St. John Paul II Mission multipurpose center in Nocatee and the St. Francis of Assisi Mission in Yulee both have "high-efficiency AC systems, high-rated insulation and reclaimed water irrigation systems for their new buildings."

But none of diocese buildings has converted to solar energy for heating and cooling.

Around St. Augustine, Father Beyette, the man dubbed "The Solar Priest," has been talking to anyone who will give him an audience. He said his goal is to get 1,000 people in the Shores area to convert to solar power.

"I'd like to make St. Augustine the leading solar city in Florida," he said. "I just hope we can start a revolution here."

It hasn't happened yet, but Father Beyette's proselytizing is at least helping people become more aware.

For assistance, he's reached out to the business community. Joe Giordano, a solar advisor for the Volusia County-based Solar-Fit company, is among his main contacts.

Giordano, whose sales territory includes St. Johns County, said Father Beyette has helped him make inroads in getting out the positive message about solar energy. There are still a lot of misconceptions about solar power, he said, which has slowed the movement. Father Beyette's energy is speeding things up.

"Father Paul is a tremendous asset to the solar industry," Giordano said. "He's a phenomenal man who believes we need to do something good for the planet. If more people with big voices spoke out, certainly that would help."

Giordano said he didn't know what to think about Father Beyette at first, but now he sees the man as someone who just wants to make a difference in the health of the planet.

"When I became closer with him, I understood how passionate he is about the planet and how solar is one way we can change things," Giordano said.

For Father Beyette, change has not been as rapid as he'd like. He wonders why people don't look at the earth and its natural resources as sacred.

He also wonders why all churches don't see environmental issues as important principles of faith.

"They (churches) don't treat climate change as a moral issue," he said.

Until that changes, Father Beyette plans to keep pushing people to look at their conscience and do what they know is right. He hopes that leads to action that will remove all the political opposition to the expansion of solar power.

"What we need is a march on Washington like (Martin Luther) King," he said. "People are not organizing to show their strength."

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*Cardinal Wuerl says all Catholics have a role to play*

# To renew marriage and family life

By Mark Zimmermann  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl said Pope Francis' new apostolic exhortation encourages a renewal of marriage and family life through a "pastoral accompaniment" on the part of the church and its members, bringing God's love and mercy to individuals and families in all stages of life, especially when they are facing difficulties.

"For the Holy Father, the pastoral mission of the church, focused on the lived expression of mercy and love, is expressed in these four principal activities: listening, accompanying, discerning and evangelizing," the cardinal told an audience April 27 at The Catholic University of America.

In "Amoris Laetitia" ("The Joy of Love"), Pope Francis "also draws attention to stages of life where this pastoral accompaniment of families is especially important: in preparing for marriage, in the first years after marriage, during times of crisis, in cases of marital breakdown, and when families are touched by death," the cardinal told about 150 people.

Cardinal Wuerl's address on the document was part of a special presentation to a class on the virtues taught by John Garvey, university president.

Cardinal Wuerl noted that listening, accompanying and helping in the discernment of people who might feel themselves apart from the church is an evangelizing outreach for all Catholics. "Such an effort can take place among friends, co-workers, even among family members," he said. "As in most efforts to evangelize, to bring another closer to Christ, the very activity itself brings the evangelizer that much closer to the Lord."

In his talk, Cardinal Wuerl emphasized how the docu-



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**Pope Francis greets newly married couples during his general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican in this Sept. 30, 2015, file photo. Pope Francis' postsynodal apostolic exhortation on the family, "Amoris Laetitia" ("The Joy of Love"), was released April 8. In a presentation on the exhortation April 27 at Catholic University, Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington, D.C. said the document encourages a renewal of marriage and family life through a "pastoral accompaniment" on the part of the church and its members.**

ment was a "consensus exhortation" reflecting the agreement of the world's bishops who worked together with Pope Francis in two synods of bishops in 2014 and 2015 that examined challenges facing married couples and families in today's world.

The cardinal, who participated in both synods, noted that last fall's gathering "affirmed that there is a difference between the teaching on the indissolubility of marriage (that is, that marriage endures until death), a doctrine of the church, and the pastoral judgment concerning individuals' relationships to the sacraments. The two realities are greatly related, but they are not the same thing."

Providing an overview of the document, Cardinal Wuerl noted that for Pope Francis, the starting point for strengthening and renewing marriage and family life is God's love.

The pope "reminds us of the vocation of the human family, which is revealed in the infinite love of the Lord who was made incarnate in a human family. So great is God's love for us that when he chose to become one of us, the context was a family," the cardinal said.

Another key point of the pope's document, the cardinal added, is that renewing marriage and families is the work of the whole church, and of every family.

"Without claiming to present an entire pastoral plan, our Holy Father calls for family apostolates that would offer more adequate catechesis and formation, that would be directed not only to engaged and married couples and their children, but also a renewed catechesis on the importance of families and marriage (directed) to priests, deacons, seminarians, consecrated religious, catechists, teachers, social workers, medical profession-

als and other pastoral workers," he said.

Underscoring how Pope Francis' exhortation is in continuity with Catholic teaching and reaffirms church doctrine regarding marriage, the cardinal said, "The teaching on marriage and human love of Blessed Paul VI, St. John Paul II and Benedict XVI is featured prominently in the document. Particularly notable is the rich use of John Paul II's catechesis on the body and on human love," the cardinal said.

He noted that the exhortation includes numerous citations from the teachings of St. John Paul II, the Second Vatican Council, St. Thomas Aquinas, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. "While we can refer to 'Amoris Laetitia' as a consensus document, we might also name it a continuity exhortation," he said.

Cardinal Wuerl also emphasized that many consider the heart of the document to

be its pastoral implications for married couples and families and for the priests and others who serve them. The tone of the document reflects Pope Francis' approach to his ministry, the cardinal said.

"Pope Francis approaches his teaching ministry as a pastor of souls," Washington's archbishop said. "Indeed, in many places in the document, one hears the voice of a pastor speaking directly to members of his flock, sharing his own experience and wisdom formed from many years of service to God's people."

Cardinal Wuerl noted that the document also underscores how the church's pastoral ministry to families is helping them discern their situation, and "a key part of discerning is the formation of conscience. ... One aspect of this formation is presenting the teaching of the church in all its fullness and without compromise, though in language which is welcoming rather than defensive. But it is families themselves who must be invited to understand how to apply and begin to live out this teaching in the particularity of their own situations."

The cardinal then addressed a point that has dominated media coverage of the exhortation: the question of whether the document points to an opening for some divorced and remarried people to receive Communion.

"Those in irregular situations, such as the divorced and civilly remarried, should be invited to deeper inclusion in the life of the church, but the Holy Father is clear that he is in no way changing the church's doctrine nor making general changes to its sacramental practice or canon law," Cardinal Wuerl said. "He is inviting such families and the pastors who accompany them to discern what it means for them to walk the path of conversion."



# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Ryan says he was 'wrong' about views on poor

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- House Speaker Paul Ryan apologized for his earlier criticism of recipients of government benefits as "takers and makers," and said Republicans strive for a country that is "open, diverse, dynamic" in a speech at Georgetown University. Ryan's one-hour talk April 27 at the Jesuit-run university's Gaston Hall was billed by him as an effort to reach out to millennials. Political observers described it as an effort to soften his image in preparation for a 2020 run for the presidency. The speech came nearly four years to the day that the Wisconsin Republican told a Georgetown audience, "The work I do as a Catholic holding office conforms to the social doctrine as best I can make of it." This time around, however, Ryan said nothing about his Catholic beliefs. "What prompted you to reconsider your previous statements about poor people as takers?" asked Rachel Hirsch, a graduate student. "I was just wrong," Ryan replied. "I didn't mean to give offense. ... There are people who get knocked down in life. And to lump an entire category of people in one broad brush is wrong, I think."

## Ohio seminary approves changes to strengthen admissions process

COLUMBUS, Ohio (CNS) -- Three initiatives designed to strengthen the admissions process at the Pontifical College Josephinum have been approved by the school's board of trustees. The initiatives include a formal recommendation to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to establish a national database listing all applications to each seminary and houses of formation in the United States; hiring a qualified private investigative agency to assist in verifying the integrity of all applicants, including a review of their social media postings; and interviews for all applicants with a representative of the seminary's admissions committee and the seminary's director of psychological evaluation and counseling. School officials planned to have the new practices in place for the 2016-17 academic year. The admissions changes were proposed by Msgr. Christopher Schreck, the seminary's rector-president, in March in response to criminal allegations against Joel Wright, 23, a former seminarian at the Ohio school and the Diocese of Steubenville. Wright was arrested in San Diego in January on federal felony charges. He pleaded guilty April 13 to one charge of attempted enticement of a minor as part of a plea agreement in which he said he traveled to Mexico with the intent of molesting children. He is to be sentenced July 1.

## Dive into world's problems with courage, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Dive into the world's problems with courage and help people turn their lives of desolation into abundance and hope, Pope Francis said. "You must take life as it comes. It's like being the goalie in soccer -- grab the ball wherever they kick it," he told people gathered in a Rome park for an Earth Day event. "We must not be afraid of life, afraid of conflict," he said April 24, because it is only by confronting challenges head-on and together that they can be solved. Making a surprise late afternoon visit to Rome's Villa Borghese park, the pope spoke to more than 3,000 people attending a four-day event sponsored by the Focolare Movement and Earth Day Italy. In conjunction with the celebration of Earth Day April 22, the Focolare Movement tried to create a "village" in the park in the center of Rome to promote ways for people to live together in friendship and solidarity and with respect for the environment.

# New ordinations give reason for hope, but need for priests still great

By Chaz Muth  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - It's ordination season and Catholics have reason to be pleased with the numbers of priests who will serve the church well into the future.

In recent years, the numbers of priestly ordinations have given Catholic Church observers reason to believe there is not a global vocations crisis, but they acknowledge there is still a need for more.

"The good news is that the global number of priests stopped declining about five years ago," said Father Paul Sullins, associate professor of sociology at The Catholic University of America in Washington.

Since 2012, the total has been stable at about 415,000 priests worldwide, a number that is the net of new ordinations and retirements or deaths, Father Sullins told Catholic News Service.

"The church now has about the same number of priests that it had in 1970," he said. "The bad news, though it is not really bad news, is that the global population of Catholics has grown dramatically since then, so today we have far fewer priests per Catholic."

Though the global numbers are currently strong and vocations are plentiful in some regions of the world, such as African and Asia, the quantity of priests are not as abundant in other continents, as in parts of North America, Father Sullins said.

"We are importing priests from areas of the world where young vocations are booming, or at least more prevalent than in the U.S.," he said. "In 2014, almost a third of priests ordained in the U.S. were foreign-born and that does not count foreign-

ordained priests who serve in the U.S. on assignment."

Many U.S. dioceses also are faced with a disparity in the number of new priests being ordained and the number who are retiring or leaving ministry, said Father Carl B. Fiset, director of vocations for the Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island.

"We have 18 men in formation at this time (and) over the years when they would be projected to be ordained, we will probably have about 54 priests who will be over the retirement age," Father Fiset told CNS. "So there will be quite a net decrease in the number of priests in active ministry over the next six to eight years."

These kinds of vocations trends are not unique to the New England states, said Providence Bishop Thomas J. Tobin, who said many of his fellow bishops throughout the country are faced with similar circumstances.

"It becomes a real challenge to ensure our parishes have enough priests to serve the people," Bishop Tobin told CNS.

Shrinking numbers of priests also coincide with fewer numbers of Catholics attending Mass, Father Fiset said.

Though he called that fact unfortunate, Father Fiset said it did make it easier to spread the wealth in terms of priests serving Catholics.

"Mass attendance rates nationwide are down," he said. "If you have fewer people going to Mass, you don't need to have as many Masses in each parish."

This allows the diocese to assign priests to multiple parishes, Father Fiset said.

The church also has more than 18,000 permanent deacons today who perform many functions, like homilies, baptisms and marriages, that were reserved to priests

in the 1960s, when the church did not have permanent diaconate in place, said Father Sullins, author of "Empty Pews and Empty Altars: A Reconsideration of the Catholic Priest Shortage."

Though growing secularization and parish closings have allowed dioceses to dispense shrinking numbers of priests with greater ease, Father Sullins argued those cultural trends show there actually is a need for more priests to evangelize through their presence in society.

In its report "The Class of 2016: Survey of Ordinands to the Priesthood," the Georgetown University-based Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate found that 51 percent of the respondents indicated that they were discouraged from considering the priesthood.

The laity can be an invaluable resource in increasing vocations simply by encouraging their sons to consider the priesthood, Father Sullins said.

"Many priests, including Pope Francis, relate that they first felt a call to priesthood from the example, devotion and encouragement of their mother and father," he said. "A mother can consecrate her son to God's service, which doesn't necessarily compel him, but has a powerful influence on his choice of vocation and state of life."

Regardless of the numbers, it's still important to increase vocations, Father Sullins said. "We need more priests, not because we are in some numeric crisis, but because God is always renewing his church through calling faithful young men to serve as priests," he said. "To pray and work to (strengthen) new priestly vocations is the work of evangelization, in which all of us can contribute to the renewal and proclamation of the faith." - - -



## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

## Physical touch of Jesus replaced by Holy Spirit

This Sunday marks the last of the Easter season.

The emotional "high" and joy that we have been experiencing as the meaning of Jesus' resurrection has gradually sunk in. Jesus has already ascended back to the Father, leaving his apostles alone with Mary to prepare for a new mode of connecting with Jesus.

His physical, human touch is being replaced by the unseen power of God the Holy Spirit.



Monsignor  
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The readings show us the great concern of Jesus for the perseverance and unity of the small band he has commissioned to "go out to all the world and proclaim the Good News."

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus pour out his love for them and for those of us who would come later.

He prayed for their strengthening and their courage.

He is so concerned that as yet, they still do not know His relationship with

the Father and with the Holy Spirit. He so wishes that they could understand the vibrant, joyful life of heaven. And so He prays for faith for them and for all who will hear the Word, as well as for that unity that will bind the Church on earth to the Church in heaven.

In His farewell address, he also prays for our generations of believers, those of us today will live in a Church still under siege.

He could see our worries for a Church that is often indifferent to love, and indifferent to his longing for a people at full attention to

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Act 7:55-60

Revelations 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

John 17:20-26

his offer of mercy for our sinfulness, and full unity with each other in love.

At the same time, we have so many saints among us. As there were martyrs soon after Pentecost like Stephen (in the first reading), so there are millions since then who have "washed their robes so as to have a

right to the tree of life." Our own century has produced more martyrs for the faith than all the preceding centuries of Christianity put together.

In this last Sunday before Pentecost, may we take courage in the vision of Stephen, then the vision of John in the Apocalypse, and finally the great vision of Jesus Himself of a world at peace, living in unity and love. May we pray the prayer of Jesus: "...so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in You, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me."

## THE HOLY LONGING

## Power of prayer and ritual in our helplessness

By Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI  
NCC columnist

In the movie based upon Jane Austen's classic novel, *Sense and Sensibility*, there's a very poignant scene where one of her young heroines, suffering from acute pneumonia, is lying in bed hovering between life and death. A young man, very much in love with her, is pacing back and forth, highly agitated, frustrated by his helplessness to do anything of use, and literally jumping out of his skin. Unable to contain his agitation any longer, he goes to the girl's mother and asks what he might do to be helpful. She replies that there's nothing he can do, the situation is beyond them. Unable to live with that response she says to her: "Give me some task to do, or I shall go mad!"

We've all had the feeling at times when in the face of a dire situation we need to do something, but there's nothing we can do, no magic wand we can wave to make things better.

But there is something we can do.

I recall an event in my own life several years ago: I was teaching summer school in Belgium when, late one evening, just as I was getting ready for bed, I received an email that a two friends of mine, a man and a woman recently engaged, had been involved that day in a fatal car accident. He was killed instantly and she was in serious condition in hospital.

I was living by myself in a university dorm, thousands of miles from where this all happened, and thousands of miles from anyone with whom I could share this sorrow. Alone, agitated, panicked, and desperately needing to do something but being absolutely helpless to do anything, I was literally driven to my knees. Not being able to do anything else, I picked up the prayer-book that contains the Office of the Church and prayed, by myself, the Vespers prayer for the dead.

When I'd finished, my sorrow hadn't gone away, my friend was still dead, but my panic had subsided, as had my desperate need to do something (when there was

nothing I could do).

**I'd done the only thing I could do, the thing that's been done in the face of helplessness and death since the beginning of time; I'd given myself over to prayer and to the rituals of the community**

My prayer that night gave me some sense that the young man who'd died that day was alright, safe somewhere in a place beyond us, and it also relieved me of the agitation and panicked pressure of needing to do something in the face of agitated helplessness.

I'd done the only thing I could do, the thing that's been done in the face of helplessness and death since the beginning of time; I'd given myself over to prayer and to the rituals of the community and the faith of the community.

It's these, prayer and ritual, which we have at our disposal at those times when, like the man in *Sense and Sensibility*, we need to do something or we will go

mad. That's not only true for heavy, sorrowful times when loved ones are sick or dying or killed in accidents and we need to do something but there's nothing we can do.

We also need ritual to help us celebrate happy times properly. What should we do when our own children are getting married? Among other things, we need to celebrate the ritual of marriage because no wedding planner in the world can do for us what the ritual, especially the church-ritual, of marriage can do. Weddings, just like funerals, are a prime example of where we need ritual to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

Sadly, today, we are a culture that for the most part is ritually tone-deaf. We don't understand ritual and therefore mostly don't know what to do when we need to be doing something but we don't know what to do. That's a fault, a painful poverty, in our understanding.

The Trappist monks who were martyred in Algeria in 1996 were first visited by the Islamic extremists who

would later kidnap and kill them, on Christmas Eve, just as they were preparing to celebrate Christmas mass. After some initial threats, their eventual murderers left. The monks were badly shaken. They huddled together as a group for a time to digest what had just happened. Then, not knowing what else to do in the face of this threat and their fear, they sang the Christmas mass. In the words of their Abbott: "It's what we had to do. It's all we could do! It was the right thing." He shared too, as did a number of the other monks (in their diaries) that they found this, celebrating the ritual of mass in the face of their fear and panic, something that calmed their fear and brought some steadiness and regularity back into their lives.

There's a lesson to be learned here, one that can bring steadiness and calm into our lives at those times when we desperately need to do something, but there's nothing to do.

Ritual: It's what we have to do. It's all we can do! It's the right thing.



## AT THE MOVIES

## MOTHER'S DAY

By Kurt Jensen  
Catholic News Service

Nearly everyone in the sprawling ensemble comedy "Mother's Day" (Open Road) harbors a secret.

They are, quite often, terribly complicated mysteries involving racist beliefs, homophobia and even children abandoned at birth. Each story line could, in theory, be a compelling and instructive drama on its own terms.

Garry Marshall's uneven direction, however, added to a discursive script by Tom Hines, Lily Hollander, Anya Kochoff and Matthew Walker, turns all of this into a leaky slop bucket of bromides.

Not only are none of the themes seriously examined, some of the characters are given equally short shrift. This is particularly noticeable with regard to the few African-Americans on screen. They're always on the sidelines of the plot, and appear to be written only as wisecracking comic relief.

In the manner of Mar-

shall's "Valentine's Day" in 2010 and "New Year's Eve" from the following year, there are six subplots, with more threads than a Tolstoy novel. This time, the setting is the upscale Buckhead neighborhood of Atlanta.

Sandy (Jennifer Aniston) and Henry (Timothy Olyphant) are divorced and share custody of their two sons on the friendliest of terms. But conflict develops when Henry announces he's married the much-younger Tina (Shay Mitchell).

Jesse (Kate Hudson) and Gabi (Sarah Chalke) are sisters who live next door to each other. Both are keeping secrets from their clueless parents, bigoted Texans Flo (Margo Martindale) and Earl (Robert Pine).

Jesse is married to South Asian doctor Russell (Aasif Mandvi) with whom she has a son and shares a stepson; Gabi is in a long-term lesbian relationship with Max (Cameron Esposito). But Jesse has told her parents she's engaged to a lawyer, while Gabi's cover story involves a fiance named Stan.

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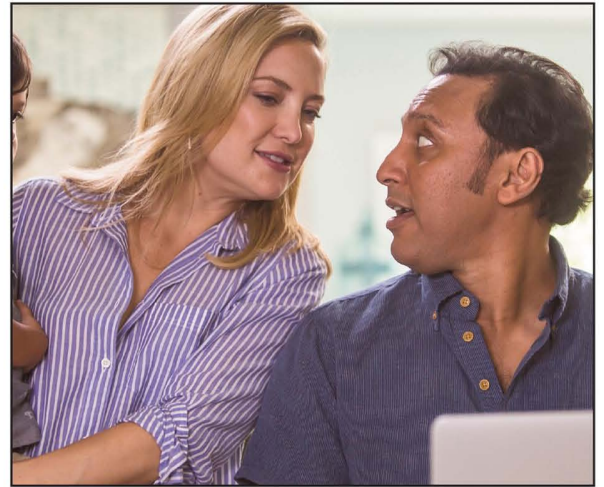
Sudeikis), a gym owner whose wife died overseas while serving in the Marine Corps, navigates being a single father of two young daughters while fending off the matchmaking schemes of his friends at the gym.

Hovering over all of this like Titania, the fairy queen of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," is Miranda (Julia Roberts). She hawks costume jewelry on a home-shopping network, and her occasional interaction with other characters is marked by a mix of brittle-ness and compassion.

It would require considerable focus and aplomb to keep an audience engaged with all this. Instead, Marshall and the screenwriters decide that the easiest way to better the outlook of their more recalcitrant figures is to place them in enlightening peril.

Serious issues involving blended families get brushed aside in favor of slapstick sequences and sappy expressions about mothers.

Such aesthetic flaws are matched by a faulty moral



CNS PHOTO/OPEN ROAD

Kate Hudson and Aasif Mandvi star in a scene from the movie "Mother's Day."

outlook. While the screenplay presents an ultimately positive view of marriage, other arrangements clearly at odds with scriptural values, though they may be dealt with only fleetingly, are given an unthinking pass.

There's no question of an agenda; cohabitation and same-sex unions, treated as marriages, are simply presented as aspects of contemporary society that the audience is meant to take for granted. Well-grounded

grownups will know how to assess -- and resist -- this skewed thinking.

The film contains tacit acceptance of immoral lifestyles, some distasteful humor, at least one rough term and occasional crude language. The Catholic News Service classification is L - limited adult audience, films whose problematic content many adults would find troubling. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned.

## ALSO PLAYING



CNS PHOTO/UNIVERSAL

Chris Hemsworth and Jessica Chastain star in a scene from the movie "The Huntsman: Winter's War." With barely a nod to the Brothers Grimm, the filmmakers cobble together a silly plot involving a quest to locate a missing magic mirror and prevent it from falling into the wrong hands. Cartoonish action violence, implied premarital sexual activity, an out-of-wedlock pregnancy, a few crass terms. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.



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## ADIRONDACK

## NAVE CONCERT

**Saranac Lake** - The Northern Adirondack Vocal Ensemble (NAVE) will give a performance of choral masterworks for organ and chamber choir.

**Date:** May 22

**Time:** 4:30 p.m.

**Place:** Saranac Lake United Methodist Church.

**Features:** The concert will feature organist Benjamin A. Stone as well as mezzo-soprano Angela Brown and tenor Christopher Gould performing Magnificat by Gerald Finzi and Maurice Duruflé's Requiem, Op. 9. NAVE, under the musical direction of Andrew M. Benware, is a chamber choir of professional and amateur singers that performs choral music from a variety of periods and styles with harmonies of four to eight parts.

## WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

**Saranac Lake** - The team that represented the Diocese of Ogdensburg at the World Meeting of Families is presenting a day of Adoration.

**Date:** May 6

**Time:** Immediately following the morning Mass.

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

**Features:** Holy Hour with a short presentation in the evening with an opportunity to meet the team members, ask questions and receive resources from the World Meeting of Families. This is a regional event and everyone is invited.

**Contact:** Fr. Higman at 518-891-4616

## CLINTON

## JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT

**Peru** - Christian Music Pioneer and TV Host, John Michael Talbot, is coming to Peru.

**Date:** May 5 & 6

**Time:** 7 p.m.

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

**Features:** John Michael Talbot is a Christian music legend, best-selling author and host of The Church Channel's popular TV show "All Things Are Possible". A love offering will be received each evening to support the ministries of John Michael Talbot & the Brothers and Sisters of Charity.

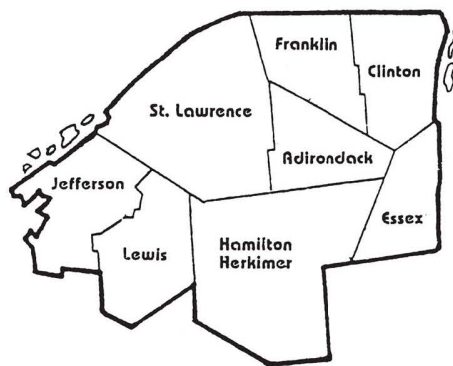
**Contact:** Jackie Torterilli 518-643-2435

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

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



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e-mail news@northcountycatholic.org.

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

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

## FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

**Ellenburg Center** - First Saturday Devotions to be held.

**Date:** May 7

**Time:** 11:30 a.m.

**Place:** Adirondack House of Prayer

## YEAR OF MERCY

**Ellenburg Center** - A special Year of Mercy presentation to be held.

**Date:** May 20

**Time:** 10 a.m.

**Place:** Adirondack House of Prayer

**Features:** "Christ Shows Mercy to Sinners"

**Contact:** Lunch reservations required:  
518-594-3253 or 315-483-4143

## FOR LAY MINISTERS

**Morrisonville** - Commissioned Lay Ministers Association of the Clinton, Essex and Hamilton-Herkimer Deaneries to have Spring event.

**Date:** June 3

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

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

**Speaker:** Msgr. Leeward Poissant

**Topic:** "The Seven Pillars of Wisdom"

**Cost:** \$10

**Contact:** Tom Hamilton at 518-572-5675 or Jeannie Grizzuto, 315-393-2920, Pre-registration required by 5/23/16

## FRANKLIN

## FR. JOHN LOOBY JUBILEE

**Chateaugay** - The Catholic Community of Burke and Chateaugay will celebrate

Father John Looby's 50th anniversary of priestly ordination with a Mass of Thanksgiving.

**Date:** May 20

**Time:** 4 p.m.

**Place:** St. Patrick's

**Features:** The Mass, With Bishop LaValley presiding, will be followed by a Hors d'oeuvres reception at the Knights of Columbus.

**Contact:** To provide an accurate count for the caterer, guests are asked to please RSVP by either emailing Angel Wilcox at cbc@twcny.rr.com or call her in the office at 497-6673.

## MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

**Brushton** - St. Mary's to have Mother's Day Breakfast.

**Date:** 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's Parish Center

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Seniors, \$7; Children, \$4; under 5 free, Immediate families of 5 or more, \$25 (Mom, dad and school age children).

**Contact:** Take-outs available by calling 518-529-6580

## SATURDAY DEVOTION

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

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

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

**Contact:** 518-856-9656

## JEFFERSON

## FAMILY ROSARY CRUSADE

**Carthage** - 14th Annual Rosary Crusade to be held.

**Date:** May 13

**Time:** Mass at 5:15 p.m.; Exposition at 6 and the beginning of each hour for 7 hours in honor of our Blessed Mother's 7 sorrows.

**Place:** St. James Church

**Features:** We will pray three complete Rosaries EACH HOUR for a total of 21 Rosaries. Come for one, two, or all seven hours. Those who join us in person and stay to pray for at least three hours at St. James Parish, will receive a free print of the painting Robet Renaud created for the Crusade; 'The Greatest Is Love'. Each hour during the night is dedicated to specific intentions.

**Contact:** For more information, visit catholicsofcarthagecopenhagen.org

## LEARN TO DISCERN

**Watertown** - Women of Grace will be hosting an event, Learn to Discern: Is it Christian, New Age or Occult?

**Date:** May 13

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

**Place:** Immaculate Heart Central High  
**Cost:** Pre Registration Cost: Adults \$20 \$35 Couples Students \$10 At Door Cost: \$25 Couples \$40 Students \$10. Discounted Rates for women who attend this event as well as Young Women of Grace Program: Informational Gathering and Hands-on Workshop for Facilitators/Teachers.

**Speaker:** Susan Brinkmann, OCDS, author and journalist, has joined Living His Life Abundantly & Women of Grace as Staff Writer.

**Features:** Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Contact:** mdillenback@womenofgrace.com or 315-771-1377 for more information or to register

## YOUNG WOMEN OF GRACE

**Watertown** - Young Women of Grace Program: Informational Gathering and Hands-on Workshop for Facilitators/Teachers to be held.

**Date:** May 14

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Place:** Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse

**Cost:** Pre Registration Fee \$25 including continental breakfast and lunch At door: \$30 Discounted Rates for women who attend this event as well as Learn to Discern: Is it Christian, New Age or Occult?

**Speaker:** Susan Brinkmann, author of the "Young Women of Grace: Embrace Your Femininity." Mary Dillenback and Sue Jacobsen co-developers of the newly published Young Women of Grace Facilitator/teacher Guide.

**Contact:** for more information or to register mdillenback@womenofgrace.com or 315-771-1377

## SPAGHETTI &amp; MEATBALL DINNER

**Evans Mills** - There will be a Spaghetti & Meatball dinner to benefit the Indian River Knights of Columbus.

**Date:** May 14

**Time:** 4 p.m. to 7

**Place:** St. Mary's Parish Center

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

## LAY MINISTERS DINNER MEETING

**Watertown** - The Assoc. of Commissioned Lay Ministers the Jefferson-Lewis Deaneries invites Commissioned Lay Ministers or Candidates of the Jefferson-Lewis Deaneries to attend the "Spring 2016 Dinner Meeting".

**Date:** May 19

**Time:** Event begins Mass at 5:15 p.m.

**Place:** St. Joseph's Motherhouse

**Speaker:** St. Ellen Rose Coughlin will share insights on "Celebrating Mercy in Our World"

**Cost:** \$10 per person

**Contact:** RSVP by May 13, 2016 to: Jeanne Grizzuto, Secretary @ 315-393-2920, ext. 1412 or mail: jgrizzuto@rcdony.org

## FR. LABAFF CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

**Clayton** - You are invited to participate in a Liturgy of Thanksgiving on the 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood of Fr. Arthur LaBaff.

**Date:** May 27 at 5 p.m. and May 29 at 9 a.m.

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

## SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

**Date:** May 26

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 7

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

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Children, \$4.50; under 3, Free; Sauce, \$5 per quart; Meatballs, \$7.5 each

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

## IHC OPEN HOUSES

**Watertown** - IHC and St. John Bosco Pre-School to have open houses.

**Primary School:** May 23 at 6:30 p.m.; call 315-788-7011 to make an appointment for Kindergarten screening

**Intermediate school:** July 19 and Aug. 9 at 6:30 p.m.





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## OBITUARIES

**AuSable Forks** – Marianne P. (Egan) Smith, 71; Funeral Services April 26, 2016 at Holy Name Church; burial in Norton Cemetery, Keene.

**Canton** – Pauline E. (Guyette) Freego, 87; Funeral Services May 2, 2016 at the O'Leary Funeral Home.

**Carthage** – Krystal Mary Kosztowski, 74; Memorial Services July 17, 2016 at St. James Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Colton** – Sarah (Clohosey) Collins, 74; Funeral Services April 29, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**Dannemora** – Marguerite "Margaret" (LaVarnway) Bell, 85; Funeral Services April 29, 2016 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Dannemora** – Sarah M. "Sally" (Archambault) McCasland, 103; Funeral Services April 27, 2016 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**Dexter** – Beverly L. (Kirch) Robbins, 82; Funeral Services April 26, 2016 at the Johnson Funeral Home; burial in Dexter Cemetery.

**Edwards** – Mabel E. (Allen) Davison, 80; Funeral Services April 26, 2016 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Fairview Cemetery.

**Harrisville** – Bruce J. Parow, 54; Funeral Services April 29, 2016 at the Scanlon Funeral Home; burial in Fairview Cemetery, Edwards.

**Malone** – Robert A. Johnson, 53; Funeral Services April 25, 2016 at Notre Dame Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Moers** – Vivian R. (Wood) Mashtare, 95; Funeral Services May 14, 2016 at the Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in St. Ann's Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – William J. Anable, 79; Funeral Services April 25, 2016 at Frary Funeral Home; burial in Arlington Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – Frederick L. Badlam, Jr., 55; Funeral Services April 28, 2016 at

Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Lisa M. (Burdo) Matott, 44; Funeral Services April 27, 2016 at St. Peter's Church.

**Sackets Harbor** – Richard G. "Butch" Coseo, 59; Funeral Services April 29, 2016 at St. Andrew's Church; burial in St. Peter & Paul's Cemetery, New Boston.

**Watertown** – Jerrine Marie "Jeri" (Wells) Remus, 89 Funeral Services April 30, 2016 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.



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## LEWIS

### CHICKEN BBQ

**Lyons Falls** – A Chicken BBQ will be held.

**Date:** May 3

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Place:** Stewart's Shop

**Cost:** \$7 Half; \$10 Dinner

**Features:** Proceeds will go to St. John's and St. Martin's Altar Rosary Societies.

### ST. PETER'S MAY FESTIVAL

**Lowville** - Plans for St. Peter's May Festival have begun.

**Date:** May 20, 21 and 22

**Place:** Lewis County Fairgrounds

**Features:** Friday is the Grand Opening at 5 pm; Carnival rides featuring Saturday matinee with unlimited rides from 1 p.m. to 5. The Festival will feature homemade food specialties including shiskabob, pizza, chili, hot dogs, hamburgers, fried dough, pie & ice cream. Other booths will include "This-N-That", a giant bake sale, and games. On Saturday, craft fair opens at 11 a.m., calk Walk at 2 p.m., Mass will be celebrated on the grounds at 4 p.m. On Sunday, a chicken barbecue from 11 a.m. until all are gone! Pre-sale tickets available, please call the office (376-6662). At 3 p.m., the drawings begin for cash totaling \$2000.

## ST. LAWRENCE

### FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

**Raymondville** – First Saturday Devotions to be held.

**Date:** May 7

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. with Rosary (Confessions) and 9 a.m. Mass

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

### CARNIVAL SET

**Gouverneur** – St. James to have Carnival.

**Date:** May 12, 13 & 14

**Features:** Rides, games, food all three days. BINGO will be May 13 at 7 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m.

### K OF C BRUNCH

**Norfolk** – The Knights of Columbus are holding a Sunday brunch.

**Date:** May 8

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Place:** Fr. Amyot Parish Center, Take-outs available

**Cost:** Adults: \$8; Under 12: \$5, under five, free; family: (of four) \$20.00, for every additional person add \$3 each

**Menu:** Pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, homefries, ham, sausage, toast, muffins, omelets: \$3 extra

### CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATION

**Potsdam** – Corpus Christi Regional Celebration to be held.

**Date:** May 29

**Time:** 2 p.m.

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

**Features:** Bishop Terry LaValley will be the main celebrant. Mass & Eucharistic Procession as we celebrate the Body & Blood of the Lord. All are welcome to attend this regular Sunday Mass. Members of parish societies and Catholic organizations are invited to attend in the robe & regalia of your group for the liturgy. Refreshments & fellowship will be enjoyed immediately following the procession.

**Contact:** Groups attending are asked to contact the Potsdam parish office at 315-265-9680 for planning purposes.

### FOR SR. RITA FRANCES

**Ogdensburg** – Memorial Mass to be held for Sister Rita Frances Brady, GNSH

**Date:** June 3

**Time:** 4 p.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's Cathedral

**Features:** A Memorial Mass for Sister Rita Frances Brady, GNSH, will be offered on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Bishop Terry LaValley will be the celebrant. A reception will follow at the Knights of Columbus. Priests are invited to concelebrate and all friends are welcome.

### SPRING RETREAT

**Morristown** - Spring Retreat Day . . .

"Nurturing the God-Seed Within" has been set.

**Date:** May 7

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Place:** Cedarhaven located along the St. Lawrence River

**Features:** In springtime the gardener plants seeds and cares for them; at this retreat We day will consider ways that we might tend the God-Seed that the Sower has planted in us.

**Cost:** \$25 for retreat day (lunch included)/Additional \$25 for overnight with dinner and breakfast included.

**Contact:** Space is limited. To register call 315-212-6592 or email srbethssj@gmail.com by May 4

### LIFECHAIN

**Potsdam** – Lifechain to be held.

**Date:** May 7

**Time:** 1 p.m. to 2 (Gather at 12:45 p.m.)

**Place:** Market and Main Streets (Meet in the parking lot across from the Roxy Theater to pick up your signs.

**Features:** Bring your whole family. Rain or Shine.

**Contact:** Dan Paladin & Christina Tartaglia; daniel.paladin@gmail.com; ckaralis@yahoo.com

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

### DIACONATE ORDINATION

**Plattsburgh** – Bishop LaValley Will ordain Michael Jablonski as a transitional deacon

**Date:** May 28

**Time:** 11 a.m.

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

### VOCATION PILGRIMAGE

Join Bishop LaValley, Father Bryan Stitt, the Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocations So-

ciety, and Catholics from across the Diocese to pray for Vocations in this Year of Mercy.

**Date:** Oct. 11-13

**Cost:** Single Occupancy \$460, Double Occupancy \$335/each

**Features:** Itinerary Includes: Mass and tour at Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, MA, Holy Hour, Mass and tour of Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany, visit to Norman Rockwell Museum, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, and 1 lunch, buses with pick-ups in Watertown, Ogdensburg, Potsdam, Plattsburgh, Schroon Lake. Space limited, sign up today! (Non-refundable payment due August 27. Any proceeds from the trip will be used for the promotion of Vocations within the Diocese of Ogdensburg.)

**Contact:** For more information contact Call Anne at (315) 353-2950 or Connie at (315) 265-2762.

### FAMILY GUGGENHEIM

**Saranac Lake** – Come celebrate family at Family Guggenheim.

**Date:** First Session August 11-14, Second Session August 18-21, Third Session October 7-9

**Features:** Do you long to jump off the merry go round of hectic schedules, activities and commitments that pull you away from family time? Come experience Family Guggenheim! You will enjoy a four day get away in the beautiful Adirondacks where you will be able to hike, swim and praise with other faithful families! You will enjoy engaging workshops, free time for the beach and nature and rest, fishing, liturgies, family rosary, campfires, a variety show, prayer, and lots of time to play.

**Contact:** Deacon Henry and Dayna Leader dleader@rcdony.org 315-287-2874

### CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP

**Ogdensburg** – Catholic HeartWorkcamp (CHWC) has announced that it will be returning to Wadhams Hall

**Date:** June 26 to July 1

**Cost:** The cost is \$375 per person, which includes meals, lodging, transportation to the work sites, t-shirts and snacks.

**Features:** CHWC is a national organization whose mission is to inspire young people to live as disciples of Christ through serving others and to foster the Catholic faith of each participant. During

the week, campers will volunteer at various sites throughout the Ogdensburg area during the day and participate in fun, faith-building programs in the evening. Daily Mass, adoration, penance and prayer nourish campers for their work in the community.

**Contact:** For information about the Ogdensburg camp or to register, please contact managers Jocelyn Kelly and Samantha Poulin at chwc.ogdensburg@gmail.com. For additional information, www.heartworkcamp.com.

### INSPIRE: CALLED TO LOVE

**Lake Placid** - The diocesan vocation summit With internationally known speakers has been set

**Date:** Sept. 25

**Time:** 9 a.m.

**Place:** Olympic Center Complex

**Features:** INSPIRE: Called to Love, is a free all day conference with keynote speaker Bishop Robert Barron, the creator and host of the Catholicism series. Other speakers include George Weigel (biographer to Pope St. John Paul II), Mrs. Jennifer Fulwiler (author and radio host), Bishop Christopher Coyne (Bishop of Burlington, VT and Chairman of the USCCB Communications Committee). Come pray together and be inspired by our speakers and each other so that together we can cultivate a culture of vocations.

**Contact:** For more information, full schedule and to register, go to www.inspirecalledtolove.org.

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD

**Saranac Lake** - The spring Rachel's Vineyard after-abortion healing retreat will be offered.

**Date:** June 3- 5

**Place:** Guggenheim Lodge

**Features:** A Rachel's Vineyard retreat offers a safe, non-judgmental environment of hope and healing for those suffering after abortions. The chaplains for the spring retreat are Father Mark Reilly and Father Thomas Higman

**Note:** The fall Rachel's Vineyard retreat will be held over Labor Day weekend Sept. 2 – 4. Confidential registration forms will be available soon.

**Contact:** For a list of retreat locations or for more information about Rachel's Vineyard visit www.ogdensburg.org and for local information www.rcdony.org/pro-life.

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