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Mother Teresa: model of mercy

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - When Pope Francis canonizes Blessed Teresa of Kolkata Sept. 4, he won't simply be fulfilling a special duty of his office, he will be honoring a woman he has called "a symbol, an icon for our age."

When talking about the intersection of prayer, mercy,

concrete acts of charity and peacemaking, Mother Teresa was Pope Francis' go-to reference.

In one of his early morning homilies in November, Pope Francis spoke about war and about how, by the way they live their lives, many people promote hatred rather than

peace and selling weapons rather than sowing love.

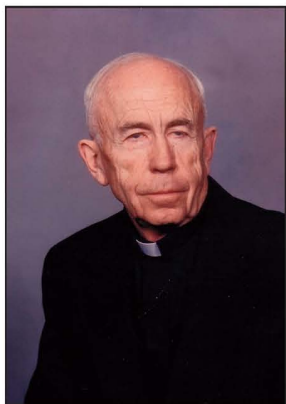
"While weapons traffickers do their work, there are poor peacemakers who give their lives to help one person, then another and another and another," the pope said.

Mother Teresa was clearly one of the peacemakers, he

added.

"With cynicism, the powerful might say, 'But what did that woman accomplish? She spent her life helping people die,'" Pope Francis said, noting that the cynics do not realize that Mother Teresa understood the path to peace and they do not.

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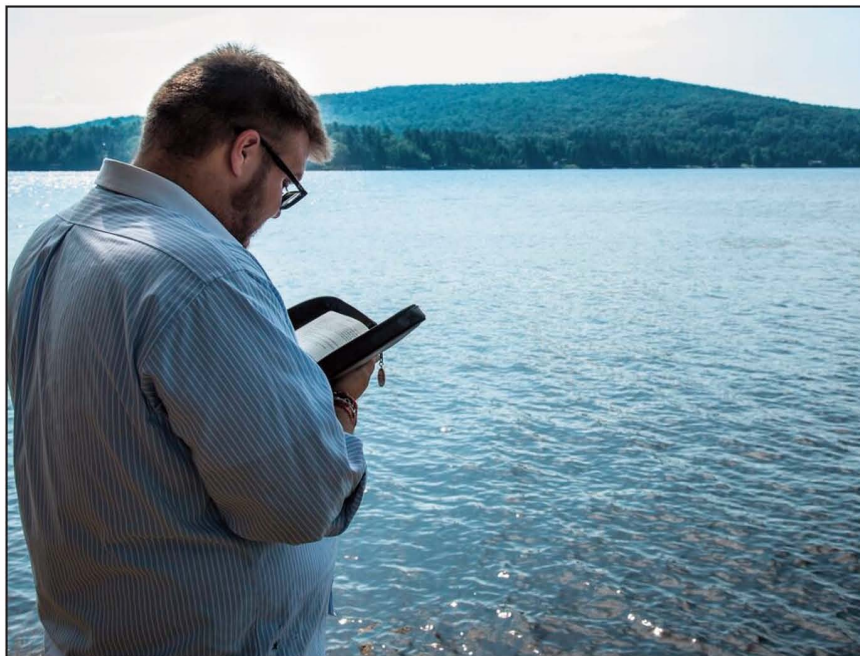


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Leagon Carlin, shown during a seminarian retreat held at Guggenheim in July, will join fellow diocesan seminarians at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, to start a new school year this month. Catholic elementary and high schools of the Diocese of Ogdensburg will open their doors in September. See back-to-school section, pages 7-9.

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MEET BISHOP BARRON

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Bishop Robert E. Barron prays during his Sept. 8, 2015, episcopal ordination at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles. Bishop Barron will travel to the Diocese of Ogdensburg next month to serve as keynote speaker for the *INSPIRE*: Called to Love summit set for Sept. 25 in Lake Placid. This week's *North Country Catholic* features reports on two encounters with Bishop Barron: the diocesan World Youth Day pilgrims met him in Krakow and he answered questions in an *NCC* interview.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Rest in peace, Father Cotter

With love and great thanks for a life well-lived, our diocese bid farewell to Father Lawrence Emmett Cotter this past week, a man who served the North Country church as a priest for 64 years.

Father Cotter could rightly be called a Renaissance Man since, during his 93 years of life, he reached tremendous intellectual, spiritual and physical heights.

In a *North Country Catholic* article printed in 1955, the Chancery announced that the priest, who already served as a professor of Greek and Church history at

Wadhams Hall, would begin advanced studies in science and mathematics.



Mary Lou
Kilian

He devoted 30 years of his life in service as a professor at the seminary and later, at Mater Dei College.

In addition to intellectual challenges, Father Cotter also took on physical tests. He became a 46-er, having climbed all 46 of the traditionally recognized high peaks of the Adirondack Mountains.

Not content just to climb the mountains, he also wrote about the climbing. Father Cotter edited the Guides to Adirondack Trails and

served on the publication committee of the Adirondack Mountain Club and as chairman of the Map and Guidebook Committee of the same organization. He also served on the Outdoor Leadership Workshop Committee of the Adirondack 46ers.

My most vivid memories of Father Cotter are from the 1980s when he came into the *North Country Catholic* offices to do a bit of research for a project stemming from his position as diocesan archivist.

It was always a time for delightful conversation.

But, first and foremost, Father Cotter was a priest whose primary goal in life was sharing his faith with his students,

his parishioners and friends who came into his life.

He grew up in a family in which religious devotion and practice were paramount. As a priest, he followed in the footsteps of his twin brother, Robert, and younger brother, Charles who spend his early years as a priest of the Archdiocese of Montreal.

Father Cotter also followed the example of three aunts who became Religious Sisters of Mercy.

Parishioners in Hammond, Rossie, Colton, South Colton and Parishville were certainly blessed by his presence, as were we all.

Well done, good and faithful servant. May you rest in peace.

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Medal winning as a Christian Olympian

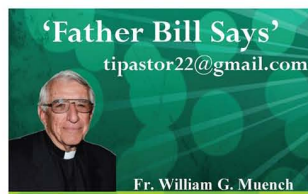
I love following the Olympic Games. I really can't get enough. I watch all the different competitions and even enjoy watching the sports that I know nothing about.

I continue to be impressed with the dedication and the preparedness of each of the athletes. I can only imagine the training they have endured to make themselves elite athletes. The conditioning that they undergo to meet the challenge of their sport is immense.

I am fascinated by the various stories of the decisions that these athletes – women and men – have made to dedicate themselves to become Olympic level athletes. That decision is where it all begins in their preparation to make the Olympic team. Once they made that decision, then begins the readiness to accept the hard work of training.

The goal is the same for all: to make yourself the best. The challenge is to win an Olympic medal.

I, as a priest, have often used the Olympic story in a homily – let's say every four years. I am certain Jesus would see the de-



isions made by these Olympic athletes as a good example for the dedication of his disciples.

The decision to train and work hard to prepare for the Olympics is a powerfully important decision in the whole process of getting ready for the Olympics. Every disciple who wants to follow Jesus must make the same demanding decisions. Many young people make the decision to train for the Olympics but never make the Games.

Yet, the training will have a profoundly great influence on their lives and futures. Because of their dedication and training they will become good people, with success in life, even though they do not make the team. When we decided to follow Jesus – and we are all called to that path – we will always make the team as a disciple of Jesus.

Jesus, the Gospels tell us, was the one who called his friends to make that decision – to follow him.

Peter and Andrew, James and John knew Jesus, they had heard his message, they knew his hopes and dreams. However, I think they were surprised when Jesus approached them and asked them to leave all behind and follow him. They had to be surprised when he asked them to make such a life changing decision – Follow me. Yet, they discovered that their lives would be truly enriched and blessed by the Lord's invitation.

Jesus invites you and me to prepare ourselves, to find the presence of God through prayer and the celebration of the Mass so that we will hear the Lord's invitation. We are all called by the Lord to use well the opportunities to bring Christ's message to this world as disciples of the Lord.

Here we will find our happiness and our purpose as a Christian.

Where does it start? Jesus prepared his apostles by telling them, "Do not be afraid." Fear, spiritually speaking, is a

loss of confidence.

As a disciples of the Lord, fear will make us fail to recognize our value as Christians, as followers of Jesus. Fear causes many to lose the confidence to live a good life, to live well our Christian faith.

I have no doubt that an Olympic athlete must avoid fear, avoid being afraid of failing, of not performing well. A coach knows that an athlete who loses confidence has already lost.

Our coach, Jesus, constantly wants to bring into our lives a strong faith and the confidence to be a disciple of the Lord.

Jesus urges us to turn to God often to find the strength to live well, to do well in the love of Our God. In this way we make our world a better place in the Lord.

Our goal as disciples of Jesus is more than a crown of olive branches – more than a medal. Our preparation to follow Jesus must lead us to bring Christ's love and peace to this world of ours. So, as you watch the Olympics, stop for a moment to consider how successful you are as a disciples of the Lord, as a Christian Olympian.

Funeral held for Father Lawrence E. Cotter

CANTON— A Mass of Christian Burial for Father Lawrence Emmett Cotter, 93, was held Aug. 11 at St. Mary's Church, with Bishop Terry R. LaValley presiding and priests of the diocese concelebrating. Father F. James Shurtleff delivered the homily.

Father Cotter died Aug. 7 at the United Helpers Riverledge Health Care and Rehabilitation in Ogdensburg. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Father Cotter was born in

Canton Nov. 10, 1922, the son of Edward and Margaret Cotter. After graduating from Canton High School, he received a Bachelor of Science from St. Lawrence University in 1943.

Four years later he began his studies at Wadhams Hall Seminary and in 1952 completed his advanced studies at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland.

Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart ordained him to priesthood

June 7, 1952 at his home parish, St. Mary's Church in Canton.

Father Cotter's twin brother, Robert, had been ordained a priest June 14, 1947; their younger brother Charles was ordained June 3, 1950.

Father Lawrence Cotter served as an assistant pastor for two years at St. Mary's Church in Potsdam.

In 1954 he began an extended period as a professor at Wadhams Hall Seminary, archivist and other positions within the Chancery and professor and chaplain at Mater

Dei College in Ogdensburg.

During this period, Father Cotter served briefly as the administrator of St. John the Evangelist Church in LaFargeville.

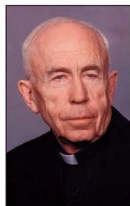
The priest was appointed pastor of St. Peter's Church in Hammond in 1978. A decade later, he served as pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Colton and St. Paul's Church in South Colton and St. Michael's Church in Parishville.

Father Cotter retired in 1997, continuing to serve at St. John the Baptist Church in Madrid until 2010.

For 72 years, he was a member of the Knights of Columbus. In 1943, he joined Sarto Council #1059, Canton and was later made an Honorary Lifetime member. He became a Fourth Degree member of Bishop McEntegart Assembly #707 in 1944.

Father Cotter was predeceased by his parents, and his brothers Fathers Charles and Robert Cotter.

He is survived by his brother, Maurice, who resides in St. Joseph Nursing Home, and a cousin Lauren Stiles.



Fr. Lawrence E. Cotter

Missionaries of the Sacred Heart mark 140 years

By Deacon Kevin Mastellon
Staff writer

WATERTOWN— "There's all kinds of hurt out there in the United States. There are hurts that are disappointments; there are hurts that are the pain people feel in their daily lives. Those will drive our missionary work in the United States going forward as we bring God's love to any situation."

Missionary of the Sacred Heart Father Raymond Diesbourg, the Provincial Superior, made those comments during an interview prompted by the 140th Anniversary of the MSC's arrival in the United States.

Missionaries from Quebec first came to this country across the St. Lawrence River to Watertown in 1876. They came to minister to a small French speaking Catholic community and to establish a school in the Watertown community.

The US Province Father Diesbourg shepherds includes Columbia, South America. American MSC have worked for 65 years in Papua New Guinea. The latter mission now has its own province and will be on its own. Columbia is not quite ready to be self-governing as

a province. On the occasion of the 140th Anniversary of the MSC presence in the United States the congregation is prepared to "redefine their mission with a renewed emphasis on sharing their charisma of God's love and mercy" with those searching for support and healing.

"We consider the US in need of missionary presence," Father Diesbourg said. We see "immigrants, college students, professionals, returning military veterans, and men and women experiencing divorce" as examples of people

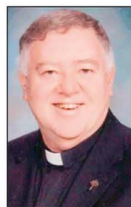
in need of healing; in need of God's love.

The priests, deacons and brothers, with many lay ministers, will continue their pastoral work throughout this country and in Columbia.

In the Diocese of Ogdensburg, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart are serving as pastors in Watertown (Our Lady of the Sacred Heart) and the Roman Catholic Community of Cape Vincent, Chaumont and Rosiere. In addition an MSC serves as

parochial vicar to the linked parishes of St. Anthony's and St. Patrick's in Watertown.

"Pastoral work is ministry too and we will not abandon our parish work," Father Diesbourg said. However the congregation will begin to promote its program of Life Healing Journey retreats as a way of bringing "the goodness and tenderness of God" to believers and those far away "as a sign that the kingdom of God is already present in our midst," Father Diesbourg concluded.



Fr. Raymond Diesbourg, MSC



MERCY Pilgrimage to pray for Vocations

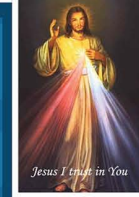
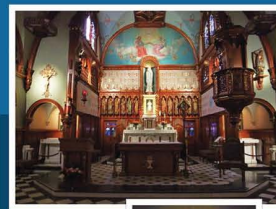
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World Youth Day pilgrims from the Diocese of Ogdensburg enjoyed a chance meeting with Bishop Robert Barron in Krakow and were able to talk with him about his upcoming trip to Lake Placid to serve as keynote speaker for INSPIRE: Called to Love in September. From left are Leagon Carlin, Father Bryan Stitt, who writes about the encounter in the article below; Bishop Barron, Carter Pierce, Kevin McCullough, Sam Bashaw, Marika Donders, Father Scott Belina, Lillia Wooschlager and Anna Fisher. Reflections on World Youth Day from each of the pilgrims will be published in upcoming issues of the *North Country Catholic*. The photo at right shows a portrait of young Father Karol Wojtyla (the future Pope Saint John Paul II) before which Bishop Barron and the WYD group from Ogdensburg were able to pray together. The display features his iconic papal cross, his rosary and his upturned kayak doubling as an altar for his outdoor adventure Masses.



INSPIRE-d at World Youth Day

By Father Bryan D. Stitt
World Youth Day chaplain

The Old City was packed. This was the night before the Saturday/Sunday celebration in the field with millions of youth and Pope Francis. In anticipation, Krakow was alive with World Youth Day pilgrims.

What to do for our last free evening?

Thanks to Father Scott Belina, parochial vicar in Malone and co-chaplain for the pilgrimage, we decided to visit St. Florian's Church.

St. Florian's was the first parish assignment of Father

Karol Wojtyla from 1949-1951 (29 years before becoming Pope John Paul), and according to George Weigel, it was in this parish that the seeds of World Youth Day first saw the light of day.

The eleven pilgrims in our group all agreed to the visit. Eager to pray there, Father Belina and Marika Donders, director of the New Evangelization for the Diocese and coordinator of our group, arrived before the rest of us.

Upon arrival they realized that it was for more than just the connections to Pope Saint John Paul II that we were supposed to go to this church.

Bishop Robert Barron, founder of Word on Fire Ministries was also there to shoot a new video segment.

Father Belina introduced himself, and Bishop Barron quickly responded: "I'm coming to your diocese!"

No news to us! We've been excited for the past couple years to have Bishop Barron keynoting our INSPIRE: Called to Love summit, but we were all very pleased to hear that he likewise was excited to be coming to Lake Placid in September.

Our visit outside the church had some noteworthy exchanges:

Leagon Carlin, our seminarian (Plattsburgh), spoke to the bishop about his

presentation at the Josephinum last year.

Father Belina introduced himself, and Bishop Barron quickly responded: 'I'm coming to your diocese!'

Carter Pierce (Heuvelton) found out that like him, Bishop Barron studied at Catholic University of America.

And when Kevin McCullough (Watertown) mentioned that he was discerning his vocation, Bishop Barron quickly pointed back to the church saying, "Get in there and pray!"

Our visit wrapped up getting to pray with Bishop Barron before my new favorite image of Wojtyla/JPII—clearly this wasn't just a backdrop for his latest video; this was a personal pilgrimage to one of his he-

roes.

But what struck us most about this "chance" exchange in the busy streets of old Krakow was this:

We were 4000 miles from home with this great bishop 6000 miles from his L.A.--united.

We were united in our admiration for the great Saint John Paul.

We were united in our anticipation of the great INSPIRE event so many of us have registered for already.

And, most especially, we were united in our love of Jesus and His Holy Church.

There and then it occurred to me, this is a great big Church in a very small world.

If you would like the opportunity to be INSPIRED by Bishop Barron, join us on September 25 at the Lake Placid Olympic Center for www.inspirecalledtolove.org where he will be the keynote speaker. Registration is FREE."

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INSPIRE: Called to Love, the speakers... third in a series

Meet Bishop Barron

By Suzanne Pietropaoli
Staff Writer

Accepting the invitation to keynote the September 25th *INSPIRE: Called to Love* summit in Lake Placid was easy for then-Father Robert Barron: "The summit sounded great. I was also intrigued because I had never been to Lake Placid, and because I remembered watching the 1980 Olympics on TV," he told the *North Country Catholic*.

But after becoming an auxiliary in Los Angeles last September, his new responsibilities forced Bishop Barron to cancel many upcoming speaking engagements.

Happily, Lake Placid was spared.

In an *NCC* interview, Bishop Barron considered a wide range of issues. Here he reflects on his own vocation, his ecclesial responsibilities, and the development of "Word on Fire," the award-winning media outreach that has made him familiar across the country and around the world.

NCC: Could you share your own vocation story?

BISHOP BARRON: When I was growing up in Chicago, my parents were devout people who sent us to Catholic schools and brought us to Mass. But it was the 1970's. The Catholic culture of that time was not particularly strong, and the version of Catholicism that I was getting was not very substantial. I call it "banners and balloons."

When I was 14, our Dominican theology teacher introduced us to St. Thomas Aquinas' proofs for the existence of God. Those arguments had a galvanizing effect on me; they so captivated my mind that I began



CNS PHOTO/JEFFREY BRUNO

Los Angeles Auxiliary Bishop Robert E. Barron addresses the 2015 World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia in September, 2015. This September he will serve as the keynote speaker for the diocesan *INSPIRE: Called to Love* summit to be held Sept. 25 in Lake Placid. In the first of a two-part interview for the *North Country Catholic*, Bishop Barron discusses his own vocation, among other topics.

reading Aquinas.

I started to read, study and think - and eventually that intellectual effort opened the door to much more serious engagement with the Catholic tradition. That opening deepened, and became a much broader and richer engagement with God. That relationship led me to the priesthood, to giving my life completely to God. That decision took me first to seminary in Chicago, then to Catholic University in Washington (M.A. Philosophy), and eventually to Paris where I earned my doctorate in Theology.

My early love of Aquinas remains strong, and I chose his words as my episcopal motto: "Nothing but you, Lord."

NCC: Your love of learning has fitted you to serve the Church as professor and later rector at Mundelein

Seminary in Chicago. Then you were named a bishop. Was that a surprise?

BISHOP BARRON:

Yes!! It surprised me when Cardinal George appointed me rector in 2012, but it surprised me much more to be named a bishop—especially for Los Angeles, since most auxiliaries are named for their own dioceses. But life is full of surprises!

NCC: Did your experience as rector help to prepare you for your responsibilities as bishop?

BISHOP BARRON:

Yes and no. Serving as rector was my introduction to administrative work, to being responsible for the daily management of the people, the plant, the finances—which of course I continue to do as bishop. Yet the situations are very different: at Mundelein, our school community num-

bered about 350 people. The Santa Barbara Pastoral Region, which I serve as Bishop, encompasses 750,000 Catholics - more than most U.S. dioceses. My mission is the same: to take care of the people entrusted to me.

NCC: How would you describe the ministry of bishop?

BISHOP BARRON: The bishop is the successor of the apostles, those who sat in intimate company with the Lord. Out of that intimacy, bishops are called to sanctify, teach and govern a particular area of the Church.

A bishop has considerable priestly, or liturgical work - in schools, parishes, hospitals - offering Mass, hearing confessions, administering Confirmation. Wherever you go as bishop, you preach - so you are acting as prophet. And the kingly di-

mension is expressed in the practicalities of governance.

But I think today it is the role of teacher that matters most; we need to keep reminding people of God!

NCC: You also do that through the media outreach of "Word on Fire," your books, and various study programs. How did this work begin, and how do you manage it now that you are a bishop?

BISHOP BARRON: Over the years I have written 15 books, some popular, some academic, and the media work just emerged naturally from that. "Word on Fire" ministries got started in the year 2000 as a way to evangelize, and as a way to engage the culture through new media. "Catholicism" and the other study programs have been well received.

The ministry continues to grow because of the 12 wonderful people who keep it going; the team moved to L.A. when I did. I write a sermon every week; I write an article every week and we turn that into a video.

Putting these on YouTube means they reach millions of people. This is a way to engage those who would never walk into church, and I do check responses to see if there is something that is important to respond to. All this I can do easily. Keeping up with the production of the video programs is more challenging. We were halfway through the newest, "Catholicism: The Pivotal Players", when I was made bishop. We finally decided to release the six completed episodes while awaiting opportunities to travel and finish the rest.

We just have to be faithful and creative in using the new media to remind people of God's goodness.

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK

Funeral held Aug. 1 for Sr. Joan Lashway, SCSL

PLATTSBURGH—A Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Joan Marie Lashway, 78, a Sister of Charity of St. Louis, was held Aug. 2 at Our Lady of Victory Church. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dannemora/

A resident of CVPH-Skilled Nursing Facility she died July 29 at Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital.

Sister Joan was born on Oct. 9, 1937, to Francis LeRoy and Anna Marie (Lussier) Gordon in Plattsburgh. She attended elementary and high school in Dannemora and obtained her High School Equivalency Diploma.

She married Sheridan Lashway and was the mother of three children. She worked as a cook at St. Joseph's Rectory in Dannemora and later obtained a Nurse's Aide Certificate, and a Home Health Aide Certificate for New York and Connecticut. She also obtained a Catholic Home Study Course Certificate, and spent a summer at Loyola Institute of Spiritual Renewal at Regis College, Toronto, Ontario.

After the death of her husband, she entered the Sisters of Charity of Saint Louis. She made her First Profession at St. Joseph's Retreat House in Valatie, N.Y., and her Final

Profession on Aug. 25, 1994, at Our Lady of Victory Church in Plattsburgh.

Sister Joan Lashway was missioned in Brookfield Center, Conn., Our Lady of Victory in Plattsburgh, as well as in Clifton Park, N.Y. Besides being a Nurse's Assistant, Pastoral Assistant, Home Health Aide, and Personal Care Aide, she became a volunteer for Hospice, Gabriel Project, OLV Clothing Store, Apostles for Life, and the Pro Life Movement.

Sister Joan remained a Catholic Daughter from Dannemora, and became involved with the OLV Altar Rosary Society. She trimmed cancelled postage stamps for our sisters in Canada who then used them for the missions.

She was always ready to offer a helping hand besides having a cheerful and humorous disposition.

Sister Joan Lashway is survived by her three children, Mary L. (Lashway) Schilling of Morrisonville, Richard Lashway, Saranac; and Vicky (Lashway)/John Carter of Chesterfield, Va. She is also survived by three grandchildren: Heather Carter, Cole Longtemp, and Michael Rivers II; her sister-in-law, Gloria Gordon, in-laws, John and Marianne Lashway; as

well as 11 nieces and nephews, eight grand-nieces and nephews and six great-grand nieces and nephews.

She is also survived by her Religious Community, the Sisters of Charity of Saint Louis.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband and three brothers, Donald Francis LeRoy Gordon, Stanley James Gordon, and Robert James Gordon.

Donations in Sister Joan's memory may be made to Our Lady of Victory Church.

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Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults. Pre-registration online is required in order to participate. Participants may preregister at www.virtus.org by selecting the registration button and following the directions. All employees and volunteers who participate in church sponsored activities with minor are required to participate Further information is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 1440. Upcoming sessions: **Sept. 10** - 10 a.m., Seton Academy, Plattsburgh
Sept. 14 - 6 p.m., Seton Academy, Plattsburgh
Sept. 15 - 5:30 p.m., Trinity Catholic School, Massena
Sept. 20 - 6 p.m., St. Bernard's School, Saranac Lake

Bishop's Schedule

Aug. 17 - 5 p.m., Hamilton-Herkimer Deanery Bishop's Fund Reception at St. Anthony's Parish Center in Inlet

Aug. 18 - 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Aug. 19 - 4 p.m., Mass at Family Guggenheim in Saranac Lake

Aug. 20 - 4:00 p.m., Installation of Rev. Stephen Rocker as Pastor of St. Mary's, Potsdam & St. Patrick's, Colton at St. Mary's Church

Aug. 21 - 8:30 a.m., Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Tupper Lake
11 a.m., Mass at St. Alphonsus Church in Tupper Lake

Aug. 22 - 5 p.m., Jefferson Deanery Bishop's Fund Reception at Sboros Restaurant in Watertown

Aug. 23 - 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
5 p.m., St. Lawrence Deanery Bishop's Fund Reception at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

Aug. 24 - 2:30 p.m., Closing Liturgy for CORE at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg
5 p.m., St. Lawrence Deanery Bishop's Fund Reception at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

Rest in Peace

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

Aug. 17 - Rev. Joseph Winfrid Vinet, 1907
Aug. 18 - Rev. Leoneo Proulx, O.M.I., 1979
Aug. 19 - Rev. J. N. Emery, O.M.I., 1933; Rev. Richard A. Maher, O.S.A., 1959
Aug. 20 - Rev. J. McCarthy, O.S.A., 1931; Msgr. Griffith J. Billmeyer, 1988
Aug. 21 - Rev. John J. Waters, 1921; Rev. Albert G. Salmon, 1997
Aug. 22 - Rev. James W.M. Rensing, 1936

Environmental Stewardship

What is it all about?

Pope Francis recently declared September 1 as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, as the Orthodox Church has done since 1989.

This day of prayer opens the Season of Celebration which lasts until October 4 on the Feast Day of St. Francis. What is this day all about and why has the Holy Father designated September 1 as a World Day of Prayer?

According to Pope Francis, "The annual World Day of prayer for the Care of Creation offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvelous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

Some suggestions for observing this Day taken from web page Season of Celebration: as an individual, begin your day by praying Ps. 8 or Ps. 104, or the Canticle of St. Francis of Assisi, or by praying one of the prayers that Pope Francis composed for his Laudato Si' encyclical.

Below is an excerpt from his prayer.

"Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,

to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognize that we are profoundly united

with every creature, as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen"

As a parishioner, consider suggesting a prayer for caring for creation to be included in Prayers of the Faithful.

For more resources to help celebrate, see: Global Catholic Climate Movement and Season of Celebration web pages.



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It's back-to-school-time!

Fidelis Care awards \$60,000 to the diocese

OGDENSBURG - Fidelis Care, the New York State Catholic Health Plan announces the distribution of \$60,000 from its Catholic School Grant Fund to the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

The grant will support the diocesan Landscape for Learning Program.

Landscape for Learning is a comprehensive approach to enhance and update the schools' social studies programs, emphasizing the tenants of Catholic social

teaching for children in Catholic schools of the diocese.

To support Landscape for Learning program

The Diocese of Ogdensburg serves 1,921 students in ten elementary schools and two junior/senior high schools in five counties.

The Landscape for Learning program addresses the Social Studies curriculum

with a focus on the seven Catholic Social Teachings:

- life and dignity of the human person;
- call to family, community and participation;
- rights and responsibilities;
- option for the poor and vulnerable;
- dignity of work and rights of workers;
- solidarity and care of God's creation.

The grant funds are specifically used for Teacher Pro-

fessional Development, Development of Teacher Teams to create Social Studies Resource Toolkits for each grade level, and Student Toolkit Participation.

"Fidelis Care is committed to the development and enrichment of students across New York State," said Father Patrick J. Frawley, President and CEO.

"We are proud to support the Diocese of Ogdensburg and are pleased to have the opportunity to enhance

brighter futures for tomorrow's leaders," Father Frawley said.

Fidelis Care makes regular distributions from its Catholic Schools Grant Fund to Catholic schools across New York State. Each grant is awarded in coordination with the bishops of the Roman Catholic Dioceses in New York.

This year, Fidelis Care awarded more than \$512,000 to Catholic schools statewide.



SCHOOL DAYS



Twelve Catholic schools will open their doors in the Diocese of Ogdensburg in September. Here are scenes from schools in recent weeks. Above, are participants of the Summer Mission of Immaculate Heart Central School in Watertown who assisted Mrs. Ryder, a 93 year old veteran of WWII. The students worked with Kate Gross and Shirley Williams from Ministries in the North Country and Rural Rehab who helped sponsor the summer mission: Heart @ Work.

ABOVE LEFT:

Trinity Catholic finished the school year with a pizza lunch purchased by one of the school's generous benefactors and provided by Coach's Corner. Erica Johnson, Makayla Markes and Yajna Chakranarayan as well as all students and faculty alike, feasted on the delicious food as they counted down the days until summer vacation.



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2016 election marked by passionate electorate, coarseness, incivility

'A clash of visions'

By Tom Tracy
Catholic News Service

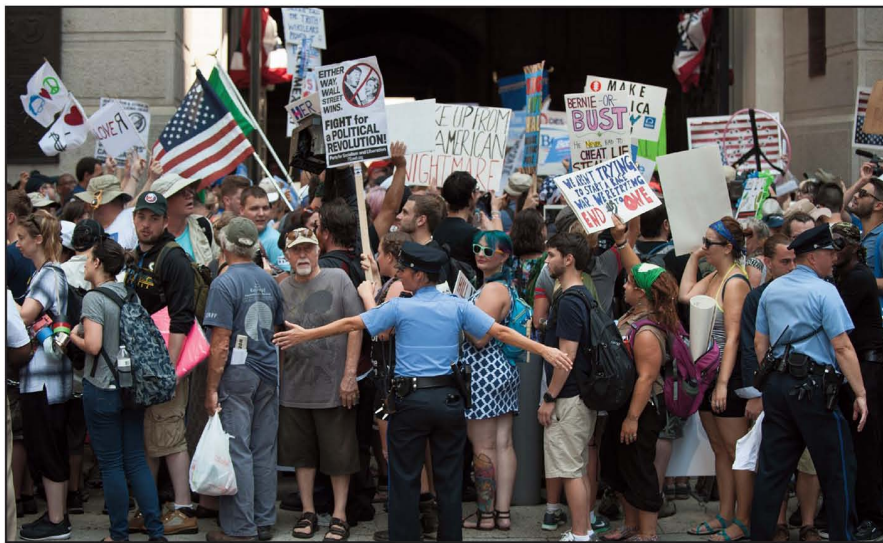
WEST PALM BEACH, FLA. (CNS) — With the raucous Republican and Democratic conventions long concluded, assessments of the U.S. electorate routinely include such phrases as "mutual loathing," "contempt," "unbridgeable antipathy," a "clash of visions" and "appalling eruptions of hatred."

November's presidential contest between Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton and Republican nominee Donald Trump is shaping up to be the most negative and "dark" U.S. presidential election since the late 1960s, replete with party infighting, alleged election interference from Russian cyberhacking squads and defiant supporters of U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders still looking for political options.

Meanwhile, police and racial tensions, ambivalence about global immigration and a spate of horrific terrorism at home and abroad -- including the July 26 murder of a Catholic priest celebrating Mass in France -- have further inflamed political climates everywhere as raw emotions and hyperbole seem to trump political platforms and issues.

The level of popular rancor has some wondering if the remaining months of the election season will be marked by an ever escalating incivility and rudeness, or if all the election noise somehow indicates a healthy level of voter engagement.

"The political conventions displayed many examples of the lack of civility in the public sphere: There were examples at both conventions of booing or chanting during a speech by those who disagreed, and there were frequent ad hominem arguments rather than legitimate criticisms of an opponent's positions or



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Demonstrators protest on the first day of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia July 25.

experiences," said Diana Carlin, a former professor of communication at St. Louis University and a retired associate provost for graduate and global education.

Carlin, who is writing a book related to the 1996, 2000 and 2004 U.S. elections, spoke with Catholic News Service following the Democratic convention, which ended July 28.

"While the processes both parties use are not perfect, they are the processes and everyone plays by the same rules. To have supporters or even candidates refuse to accept the process rather than move on and try to change it does not provide a good example for young people," she said.

This election not unique

It should be noted, Carlin said, that what is happening in the 2016 election cycle is not altogether unique and that past political conventions have had very contentious moments.

The 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago "was worse than anything

that has happened since," she said, noting the role of social media today for encouraging anonymous, often reckless political speech and reactions.

1968 was a year of violence, political turbulence and civil unrest for the country. In Chicago, the DNC drew anti-war protesters; the demonstrations were met with police force. Inside the convention hall, the party was divided.

The DNC followed the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., and presidential hopeful Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. Vice President Hubert Humphrey was eventually picked as the party's presidential nominee, without competing in any primaries; he compiled delegates in caucus states controlled by party leaders.

"Compromise is missing in our system now and the lack of civil discourse in governing bodies, the media, and social media make it difficult to find those points of common ground and compromise or to enable someone to establish empathy for an-

other's position without necessarily accepting it," Carlin said.

Washington State University's Cornell Clayton, who is director of the Thomas S. Foley Institute for Public Policy and Public Service, agrees that America has known periods of even greater incivility, including the run up to the Civil War, along with elections in the early 19th century as well as the violence attending the 1960s civil rights movement.

"Political incivility has been around a long time and in American history there have been periods of much worse; today's rhetoric would pale in comparison," said Clayton, who has facilitated conferences on the topic civility and democracy in America.

What may be new today is the thoroughgoing nature of polarization and staunch partisan identification of American political elites, party leadership and the media.

The Democratic and Republican conventions, Clayton said, were "perfect distillations of how polarized

our country is in terms of our parties as tribal-like camps and what that does to Americans' psychologically and how they feel about the party."

While democracy requires certain forms of civility -- acts of violence, threats or intimidation are not helpful to democracy -- we should spend less time being concerned about some the anger and passion coming out in our politics in the form in our discourse, and more concerned about the issues dividing our country," he added.

"Thinking that civility will solve our problems is wrong; the reason that we have incivility is because we are divided a country."

Religious speak out

In Toledo, Ohio, four groups of women religious have issued a joint statement calling for a greater civil discourse, drawing upon Pope Francis' address to U.S. congress last fall in which the pope urged lawmakers to seek greater dignity for every human person and for greater cooperation toward the common good.

In early August, 5,650 women religious made a similar plea. They signed a letter written by the Leadership Conference of Women Religious urging presidential candidates to engage in civil discourse.

The Ohio statement, from the Sisters of Notre Dame, Sylvania Franciscans, Sisters of St. Francis and Ursuline Sisters of Toledo, notes that the problem is not our many disagreements but rather how conflicts are handled:

"We call for a return of civility in our discourse and decency in our political interaction that promotes the common good, reaches out to others, engages in constructive dialogue, and seeks together the way forward," the statement notes.

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Gymnast Simone Biles keeps rosary close when she competes

RIO DE JANEIRO (CNS) -- U.S. Olympic gymnast and gold medalist Simone Biles says when she travels, she sometimes takes with her a statue of St. Sebastian, the patron saint of athletes, and she also carries a rosary her mother gave her. Biles, who won gold in the women's gymnastics all-around competition Aug. 11 and helped lead the U.S. women to a team gold Aug. 9, made those comments to Us Weekly. "My mom, Nellie, got me a rosary at church. I don't use it to pray before a competition. I'll just pray normally to myself, but I have it there in case," the 19-year-old told the magazine in a July 8 interview. Her remark about her patron saint was part of a list in an Aug. 9 article about Biles posted by the magazine online with the headline, "25 Things You Don't Know About Me." Biles' hometown is Spring, Texas, which is in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. The London-based Catholic Herald described her as "a Sunday Massgoer." Other news accounts said that Sunday is the only day she does not practice gymnastics so she can go to church with her family at St. James Catholic Church in Spring.

Mercy received must be mercy shared, pope says at audience

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- God's mercy is infectious and must be shared with others, Pope Francis said. Mercy is "a journey that departs from the heart to arrive at the hands," the pope said Aug. 10 at his weekly general audience. In his main audience talk, Pope Francis focused on the Gospel story of Jesus raising from the dead the son of the widow of Nain, giving renewed hope not just to the woman and her son, but to all. "The powerful word of Jesus can make us rise again and takes us, too, from death to life," the pope said. "His word revives us, gives hope, refreshes weary hearts and opens us to a vision of the world and of life that goes beyond suffering and death." Pope Francis ended his main talk by insisting that "Jesus watches you, heals you with his mercy and says, 'Arise,' and your heart is new. And what do I do now with this new heart healed by Jesus?" he asked. "I do the works of mercy with my hands and I try to help, to heal the many who are in need. Mercy is a journey that departs from the heart and arrives at the hands, at the works of mercy."

Pope names six women, six men to panel to study women deacons

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis has appointed six men and six women to a commission to study the issue of women deacons, particularly their ministry in the early church. In addition to the 12 members named Aug. 2, the pope tapped Archbishop Luis Ladaria Ferrer, secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, to serve as president of the commission. The pope set up the commission at the request of the International Union of Superiors General, the organization for the leaders of women's religious orders around the world. Meeting the group in May, Pope Francis said that while his understanding was that the women described as deacons in the New Testament were not ordained as male deacons are today, "it would be useful for the church to clarify this question." The International Theological Commission, a body that advises the doctrinal congregation, included the question of women deacons in a study on the diaconate almost 20 years ago. While its report, issued in 2002, did not offer recommendations for the future, it concluded that biblical deaconesses were not the same as ordained male deacons. At least one of the members Pope Francis named to the commission -- U.S. scholar Phyllis Zagano -- has written extensively on the role of women deacons in the early church, arguing that they were ordained ministers and that women can be ordained deacons today.

Poll: Majority of Americans say they approve of restrictions on abortion

NEW HAVEN, CONN. (CNS) - In the wake of the Supreme Court striking down a Texas abortion law June 27, a new Marist Poll commissioned by the Knights of Columbus finds that Americans strongly support abortion restrictions.

Paired with their opposition to the court decision, "strong majorities also oppose taxpayer funding, support the right of conscientious objectors to opt out of abortions, and would generally limit the procedure to - at most - the first trimester," the poll said.

"The American people have spoken clearly on their desire for abortion restrictions, less taxpayer funding of it, and common sense regulations on this industry to protect women's health," said Knights of Columbus CEO Carl Anderson, in a news release.

"Our courts, politicians, candidates and parties should heed this consensus," he said.

Results of the poll, released July 25, showed that the number of those who support of abortion restrictions has remained consistent.

"The majority of Americans in favor of abortion restrictions has been consistently around 8 in 10 for the better part of a decade," said Barbara Carvalho, director of the Marist Poll at the Marist Institute for Public Opinion in Poughkeepsie, New York. "Though self-identification as pro-life or 'pro-choice' can vary substantially from year to year, the support for restrictions is quite stable."

Though 51 percent of Americans say they are "pro-choice," the new poll showed again that about 8 in 10 Americans support substantial restrictions on abortion and would limit it to be per-

formed within the first three months of pregnancy. This includes 62 percent of those who identify as "pro-choice," 85 percent of African-Americans and 84 percent of Latinos.

Andrew Walther, vice president of communications for the Knights of Columbus, noted that the findings from the poll provided a stark contrast with the Supreme Court's ruling.

"I think the poll shows very clearly that Americans continue to have a very clear and large consensus in favor of restrictions on abortion," he told Catholic News Service. "The majority of Americans have a thinking that is substantially different from what the Supreme Court ruled here this summer in terms of the Texas case. ... I think Americans disagree with the reasoning in that case."

In its 5-3 decision, this high court struck down restrictions on Texas abortion clinics that required them to comply with standards of ambulatory surgical centers and required their doctors to have admitting privileges at local hospitals. The court said the law placed "a substantial obstacle" in the path of women seeking an abortion and constituted an undue burden on abortion access, which violates the Constitution.

The case, Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt, challenged a 2013 state law, H.B. 2, placing the requirements on the state's abortion clinics. Opponents of the law claimed the requirements were aimed at closing abortion clinics. But the state and many pro-life advocates maintained that the law protected women's health.

Americans want doctors to be required to have hospital admitting privileges, Walther said. "And Americans think

that abortion clinics should be subject to the same regulations as any other patient surgery center. The American people's mind is not in the same place as the court's reasoning."

Walther suggested people "look beyond" the label of "pro-choice" when it comes to the debate over abortion restrictions.

"I think that we attach certain meaning to labels when we assume that 'pro-choice' means that someone is for abortion all the time," he said. "The numbers tell a very different story. ... I think that people need to start looking past the label because the self-identification, because the real story is where people stand on the actual issues. What do they want is policy ... laws that are generally described as pro-life."

The poll showed that 70 percent of Americans want doctors who perform abortions to be required to have hospital admitting privileges. This includes 71 percent of women, 77 percent of millennials and 78 percent of Latinos.

In other key findings:

- 62 percent said they oppose taxpayer funding of abortion. This includes 65 percent of African-Americans, 61 percent of Latinos and 45 percent of those who say they are "pro-choice," as well as 84 percent of Republicans, 61 percent of Independents and 44 percent of Democrats.

- By almost 20 percentage points, a majority of Americans (56 percent to 37 percent) do not believe that health care providers should be forced to perform abortions against their conscience or religious beliefs. This includes 6 in 10 Latinos (61 percent) and 4 in 10 who identify as "pro-choice" (41 percent).

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

The discipline we need to enter heaven

If someone were to conduct a survey that asked a simple question, "When you die, do you want to go heaven or to hell?", can you imagine anyone answering, "I prefer hell?"

Everyone wants happiness without end, yet how many people are willing to undergo the disciplined life that is necessary to attain it?



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No wonder Jesus, in today's Gospel, answers the way he does to the person who asks "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" Jesus tells the crowd to do their best to enter through the narrow door.

Furthermore, just because someone has followed Him around and listened to his teaching, does not guarantee their salvation.

They can't just say, "We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets." He goes on to tell them that they must put his teaching into practice.

Jesus might have been referring to today's first reading from Isaiah when God tells Israel not to think that the chosen people are the only ones who will be saved. "Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last... I am coming to gather all nations and all tongues..." Jesus said, and to bring hope of

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Isaiah 66:18-21

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Luke 13:22-30

heaven to many of these who had never heard the Good News before.

This Sunday, make sure your children really listen to the reading just before the Gospel. It's all about discipline. "My child, do not re-

gard lightly the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when you are punished by him; for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves, and chastises every child whom he accepts".

The writer is speaking to the early Christians, but also to all of us today. We are all God's children.

"Therefore, lift your drooping hands, and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet".

What a wonderful pep talk the Lord gives us today!

DO YOU LOVE ME? KEEP MY COMMANDS

Living with reverence for the name of God

The Second Commandment demands that we only use God's name with reverence and respect.

When I was a vice-principal, two girls got into a fight. When we were sorting things out and trying to resolve the issues, one girl told the other "don't you ever put my name in your mouth." I had never heard the concept expressed like that before and it took me by surprise. What she was saying is "you will respect me and if you don't, then don't ever talk about me to anyone."

She took her name and reputation so seriously that she was ready to physically fight someone who smeared them.

When we don't respect people we make fun of their names or give them unpleasant nick-names, and when we're angry at them we might call them bad names. We teach young children that sticks and stones may break their bones but names will 'never' hurt them, precisely because names will 'really' hurt them. Physical respect for a person starts with intellectual respect for them.

This concept extends out-

ward from persons to all of reality. Confucius said that the beginning of wisdom is to call things by their proper name. Proverbs 1:7 says that the beginning of wisdom is reverence for God. When we don't "call things by their right name" we don't judge things correctly. In other words, we don't see evil as evil and good as good. We flip things around. We don't give things the proper value, honor, respect or dignity that they deserve, starting with God.

This kind of erroneous thinking leads people to a disregard for the natural law. It leads them to have more regard for so-called animal rights than they do for an unborn baby. It leads to the explosion of pornography which teaches men to see women as objects to be used for pleasure, rather than as persons to be loved. It leads to a redefinition of marriage that disregards the complementarity of the spouses. It leads to seeing the elderly and sick as disposable. It also leads to labeling people who experience same-sex attraction as gays, lesbians, or homosexuals, as if their

identity is based on their attraction.

Their real identity is as a man or woman who is a beloved child of God.

On the other side of the coin, who doesn't remember being attracted to someone and trying to learn their name. Once you learned their name, it forever meant something different to you. You couldn't hear that name again without thinking of the person you were attracted to and the name itself became very beautiful to you.

Learning someone's name and respecting it is very important if you want to be in a friendship with them. As the friendship progresses, trust grows and intimacy deepens and the friends share more and more of their deepest, most personal secrets with each other.

When we love God by having reverence for His name, we strengthen our relationship with Him. As we grow closer to God, we experience the renewal of our minds, and we begin to

think more clearly about things. The veil over the mysteries of the faith is drawn back and we understand what had previously been hidden. We recognize

Jesus in the breaking of the bread and our hearts burn within us as our love for God grows stronger. Very closely related to the concept of reverence for God's name is the concept of truth telling and trust. The idea of calling things by their proper name could also be called 'telling it like it is.' Relation-

ships between people rely on honest communication and trust. Truth telling builds up trust in a relationship whereas lying and deception destroy the trust and the relationship.

When parents don't keep promises to their children, eventually the children stop believing their parents. Even worse, children may question their own importance in the eyes of their parents. Certainly things come up which make it impossible to fulfill our promises, but when this happens



Stephen M.
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Editor's note

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

it is important to explain, apologize and discuss how the promise will be fulfilled in the future.

Keeping promises is essential to the covenants we make when we commit to the vocations God calls us to. As parents, we build a foundation that is solid and strong for our children by modeling the importance of keeping our promises.

This foundational training in promise keeping will help them to understand the difference between a contract and a covenant, which is central to the difficulties that society has with the concept of marriage.

In a contract, if one party fails to fulfill their promises, the other party can cancel the contract and does not have to fulfill their promises. In a covenant, each person must keep their promises, even if the other person fails to keep theirs.

AT THE MOVIES

SUICIDE SQUAD

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

Initially stylish but ultimately ridiculous and chaotic, the DC comics-based adventure "Suicide Squad" (Warner Bros.) also features some dubious moral values.

Add to that the film's lurid atmosphere overall and its appeal, along with its appropriate audience, dwindles still further.

If there's any good news to be salvaged from this mess, it's that casting Viola Davis as a tough-as-nails government bureaucrat works quite well. Davis plays hard-bitten intelligence agent Amanda Waller.

Waller's pet project is the creation of the combat team of the title, an ensemble of violent villains she's determined to spring from prison and put at the service of the government.

The leading figures in this dirty half-dozen are skilled assassin Floyd Lawton (Will Smith), aka Deadshot, and psychiatrist-turned-psychopath Harley Quinn (Margot Robbie), or Dr. Harleen Quinzel in her old job.

Together with Australian killer Boomerang (Jai Courtney), arsonist Diablo (Jay Hernandez), skin disease-afflicted brute Killer Croc (Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje) and escape artist Slipknot (Adam Beach), Deadshot and Quinn find themselves placed under the command of the military's leading special ops warrior, Col. Rick Flag (Joel Kinnaman), and

compelled to do Waller's bidding. Their first mission is to take on an evil specter whose campaign of destruction has forced the evacuation of an entire city.

Whence this malignant spirit?

Well, it seems that archaeologist June Moone (Cara Delevingne), Flag's true love, got more than she bargained for when she went barging into an Aztec temple one day. She not only unleashed - and became possessed by - a long-dead witch called the Enchantress, she also summoned up the Enchantress' brother, thus ultimately enabling his current bout of urban non-renewal.

As if to complicate a murky plot still further, Batman's (Ben Affleck) long-standing adversary, the Joker (Jared Leto), gets added to the mix, pursuing an agenda of his own. Primarily, that means reuniting with his girlfriend, Quinn, whose love - or at least lust - he won in prison, and whom he then drove bonkers using the tools of electroshock therapy.

And then, straight out of left field, there's Katana (Karen Fukuhara), a lady samurai whose deceased husband's soul is trapped in her sword. For no very clear reason, she winds up tagging along on the quest to quell the Enchantress' sibling as well.

Writer-director David Ayer's film is barely passable while the action is chugging along. But scenes attempting to give moral shading to the characters -

and bonding them as a pseudo-family - misfire completely.

Viewers are supposed to be impressed by the fact that career hitman Deadshot loves his young daughter, Zoe (Shailyn Pierre-Dixon), for instance. More persuasively, Diablo expresses his penitence for having misused the fire that shoots from his hands at will by refusing to employ this supernatural gift -- at least, that is, until the script really needs him to for the sake of an explosive finale.

The film contains pervasive action violence but with minimal gore, scenes of debased sensuality, a couple of uses of profanity, and much crude and crass language.

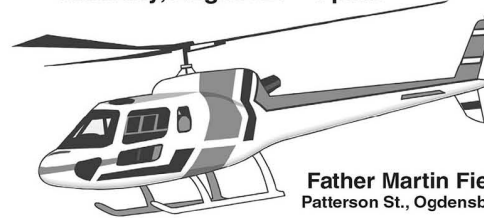
The Catholic News Service classification is L -- limited adult audience, films whose problematic content many adults would find troubling. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.



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Jared Leto and Margot Robbie star in a scene from the movie "Suicide Squad."

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ADIRONDACK

FALL RETREAT

Saranac Lake – Fall Weekend retreat for adults to be held.

Place: Guggenheim Lodge

Dates: Sept. 16-18

Cost: Suggested Offering \$145

Theme: "Pondering the 'Gospel of Creation' *(taken from Laudato Si)

Features: Facilitated by Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ and will include a guided nature walk by Paul Gabaldi, Adirondack guide and published nature photographer, times to pray and to share with others the spiritual wisdom revealed by God in Autumn. Mass will be offered by Fr. Paul Kelly during the weekend.

Contact: Space limited. For more information, call 315-212-6592 or email sr-bethssj@gmail.com

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REDFORD PICNIC

Redford – 161st Annual Redford Picnic to be held.

Date: Aug. 21

Place: Grounds of the Parish Center at Church of the Assumption

Schedule: Events start at 11:30 a.m. beginning with "Saranac Hollow Jammers" until 1:30; "Roy Hurd" from 2 p.m. to 4 followed by "Bob, Anne Marie & The Backroads Band" from 4:15 p.m. to 6:15. Drawing for the \$5000 cash prize will be at 6:15 p.m.

Features: Ham and Roast Beef dinners will be served in the gym. Games, Fancy Booth and rides on one of the oldest merry-go-rounds in North America rummage sale and numerous other events.

OLA FOUNDERS DAY

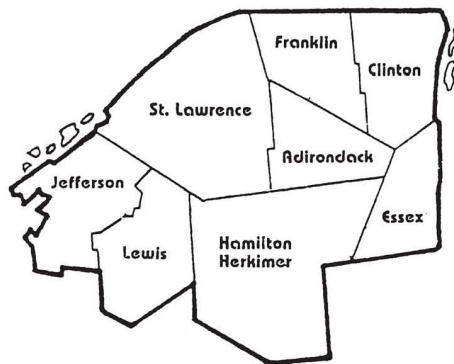
Ellenburg Center - Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer to celebrate Founders Day.

Date: Aug. 27

Time: 11 a.m.

Features: Father Jack Downs is scheduled to present a program on Mercy. Bishop Terry R. LaValley will celebrate the Mass for the day and a Spaghetti Dinner will follow

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



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

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Plattsburgh - Seton Catholic is seeking host families for international students

Features: Seton is currently accepting applications for fall 2016. Each family receives a monthly stipend to offset the expense of hosting a student.

Contact: (518) 561-4041.

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Place: Seton Catholic

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PROGRAMS AT OLA

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

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

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Plattsburgh - Eucharistic Adoration is held throughout the year every Wednes-

day, Thursday, and Friday.

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

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

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

FRANKLIN

SATURDAY DEVOTION

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

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

Place: St. Ann's Church

Contact: 518-856-9656

HAMILTON-HERKIMER

DAYS OF DISCERNMENT

Old Forge - Discerning men are invited to come together & consider the call to the Roman Catholic Priesthood.

Dates: Sept 4 and 18; Oct 2, 16, 30; Nov 13; Dec 4; Jan 29; Feb 12; Mar 5; Apr 2 and 23; May 7

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Bartholomew's Rectory, 189 Park Ave, Old Forge

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

Contact: If you plan to attend or for more info contact: Fr. Howard Venette, pastor.stbarts@roadrunner.com/ 315-369-3554; or Fr. Bryan Stitt, bstitt@rcdony.org.

CDA CEREMONY

Long Lake - Court Our Lady of Mercy #1511, Catholic Daughters to honor de-

ceased members

Date: Aug. 17

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Place: Long Lake Cemetery

Features: The ceremony will honor deceased members of Our Court by placing an official Catholic Daughter Grave Marker on the respective graves of deceased members. Families of the deceased will be invited to participate in the placing of the markers. A Eucharistic celebration will follow in St. Henry's Church. All Parishioners will be invited to attend. The Court wishes to thank George and Shirley Britton for the generous donation in honor of George's Mother, Marcella Britton who was a member of her court in Pawling, N.Y.

JEFFERSON

WEEKLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sackets Harbor - St. Andrew's Church has weekly exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on every Friday.

Time: 5 p.m. to 6

FREE SUMMER CONCERT

Alexandria Bay - 8th Annual Free Summer Concert: Raising a Joyful Noise.

Date: Aug. 28

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: St. Cyril's Church

Features: Please join the world traveled St. Cyril's Choir, under the direction of Rebecca Rose. The choir will be performing a program of religious and patriotic music all revolving around the theme of Ubi Caritas - peace and love.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Watertown - Holy Hour for vocations

Date: Mon.-Fri.

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Place: Holy Family Church

LIFERIGHT MEETING

Watertown - Liferight of Watertown meets the first Wednesday of the Month.

Time: 1 p.m.

Place: 870 Arsenal Street.

Features: The office has a variety of pro-life videos, books and educational materials which may be borrowed.

Contact: Phone 315-788-8480

LEWIS

PARISH BUS TRIP

Lowville - St. Peter's is sponsoring a bus trip to benefit Loaves and Fishes.

Date: Oct. 10-12

Place: Samson the biblical being presented at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster PA.

Cost: \$389 for 40 or more and \$404 for less than 40.

Features: This trip includes The performance of Samson, 2 nights stay, 2 breakfast, 2 dinners, Guided tour of the Amish Countryside and more. We will pick up in Lewis and Jefferson County.

Contact: For more information or to sign up call Nadine Logan 315-376-7391. Nlogan@twcny.rr.com

ST. LAWRENCE

DAYS OF DISCERNMENT

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

Dates: Sept 4 and 18; Oct 2, 16, 30; Nov 13; Dec 4; Jan 29; Feb 12; Mar 5; Apr 2 and 23; May 7

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, fdoug@twcny.rr.com or Fr. Bryan Stitt, bstitt@rcdony.org.

SUMMER SOCIAL

Norfolk - Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond will be hosting the Annual Summer Social.

Date: Aug. 21

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Place: Fr. Amyot Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$8; Children 5-10, \$4 for full meal (simple meal of a hot dog, chips, drink and a sundae for \$2)

Features: Traditional American food and samplings of Mexican, French, Hungarian, Chinese, Italian, and Irish food. There will be a Children's Midway with a Fish Pond, Face Painting, Balloon Pop, and more; a Cake Spin, Games of Chance, and the Raffle drawing at 2 p.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Time: 9 a.m. to 10

Place: St. Mary's Family Room

MANICOTTI MONDAY

Norfolk - Manicotti Monday is the first Monday of every month.

Time: 4 p.m. to 6:30

Place: Fr. Amyot Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$9.75; Under 5, Free
Features: Homemade meat-filled manicotti and/or homemade spaghetti and meatballs, tossed salad,

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A tribute to Sr. Veronica Louis

By Sister Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ
Diocesan Mission Director

On May 8, 2016, Sister Veronica Jane Louis, a native of Castorland and a member of the Congregation of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY with her earthly mission completed entered heaven. I'm sure Jesus met her with open arms for her many years of loving his poverty – stricken people and especially those in the mission lands of Brazil and Bolivia.

In 1979 she returned to the U.S. never forgetting the missions but furthering efforts to assist in her congregation role of Field Representative for the St. Elizabeth Mission Society. Msgr. Anthony Milia and Father George F. Maroun, Directors of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, knew that a missionary originally from the North Country would be great to share stories with the students in the Holy Childhood Association. This began Sister Veronica's many trips around the diocese.

The following are memories of Sister Veronica's visits.

- St. Joseph Sister Helen Hermann, writes, "Sister Veronica visited St. Augustine's in Peru. The kids enjoyed her very much and the years she came to visit resulted in higher contributions to Missionary Childhood Association. The kids liked dressing up in the hats and clothing articles she brought from Mission Lands. She was a great missionary!"

- St. Joseph Sister Sharon Anne Dalton writes, "Sister Veronica visited St. Mary's in Ticonderoga and was a great friend of Father Alan Shnob and his mother. The children were always so excited to see her and listen to her stories. She inspired us all. She was one of a kind."

- St. Joseph Annunciata Collins said, "Sister Veronica was always a welcome guest when she visited Augustinian Academy. The clothes she brought from Peru helped the children really get in touch with the reality of the people in Peru and of their needs. Two of our students, Wesley and Daria Mahan were always thrilled to welcome their great Aunt Ronnie!"

- St. Joseph Sister Kathleen Deboalt, said, "It was always fun when Sister Veronica would come to our school. She always had a wonderful message for the children to hear and would get them excited about helping children around the world!"

- St. Joseph Sister Judith Baumert, remembers, "Sister Veronica would visit Seton Catholic and the kids were

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Sister Veronica, left, a Franciscan Sister of Allegany, and Mercy Sister Brian Marie Latour are shown during Sister Veronica's last visit to the diocese school system in 2005.

OBITUARIES

Alexandria Bay – Jane (Taylor) VanBrocklin, 86; Funeral Services Aug. 1, 2016 at St. Cyril's Church; burial in Barnes Settlement Cemetery.

Altona – Eli J. Lambert Jr., 73; Funeral Services Aug. 1, 2016 at Holy Angels Church; burial in Holy Angels Cemetery.

Brownville – Phyllis M. (St. Hilaire) Kirch, 91; Funeral Services Aug. 5, 2016 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in Glenwood Mausoleum.

Brasher Falls – David J. Barnes, 72; Funeral Services Aug. 1, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Winthrop Cemetery.

Brasher Falls – Roger P. Oakes, 78; Funeral Services Aug. 12, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial, parish cemetery.

Cadyville – Nancy Ann (Ahern) LeFevre, 51; Funeral Services Aug. 2, 2016 at St. James Church; burial in Church of the Assumption, Redford.

Cape Vincent – Kathleen A. (Culkin) Closter, 90; Funeral Services Aug. 6, 2016 at St. Vincent of Paul Church.

Carthage – Michael Robert Young, 74; Funeral Services Aug. 5, 2016 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

Ellenburg – Juanita M. Durant, 61; Funeral Services Aug. 2, 2016 at St. Edmund's Church; burial in St. Edmund's Cemetery.

Hogansburg – Geraldine E. Gray, 62; Funeral Services Aug. 11, 2016 at St. Regis Church.

Long Lake – Allen E. Wood, 68; Memorial Services Aug. 20 at St. Henry's Church.

Malone – John Cosgrove; Funeral Services Aug. 2, 2016 at St. Joseph's Church.

Malone – David B. Sample, 48; Funeral Services Aug. 12, 2016 at the Brusco-Desnoyers Funeral Home; burial in St. Bridget's Cemetery, Trout River.

Massena – Winifred Shirley Marie Clements, 85; Funeral Services Aug. 10,

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

Massena – William "Bill" Hurley, 83; Funeral Services Aug. 6, 2016 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery, Massena

Massena – Edward J. Mere, 92; Funeral Services Aug. 3, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena – Catherine Jane (Pernice) Stacey, 69; Memorial Services Aug. 13, 2016 at the Phillips Memorial Home.

Morrisonville – Betty Ann Rocque Daniels, 85; Funeral Services Aug. 9, 2016 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Nicholville – Walter Wercholak, 91; Funeral Aug. 6, 2016 at St. Therese's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Annabelle "Belle" (Robinson) Baker, 91; Funeral Services Aug. 10, 2016 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

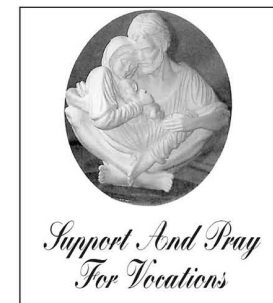
Ogdensburg – Rose M. (Seguin) Seymour, 93; Funeral Services Aug. 2, 2016 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

Ogdensburg – Isabella R. Stripe, 101; Funeral Services Aug. 6, 2016 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Sherri L. Tynon, 46; Funeral Services Aug. 8, 2016 at Fray Funeral Home.

Peru – Joan M. (Beshaw) Barcomb, 74; Funeral Services Aug. 4, 2016 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Peru – Doris (Butler) Fuller, 84; Funeral Aug. 1, 2016 at the Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in Port Douglas cemetery.



Peru – Nila D. (Macey) Lamoy, 66; Funeral Services Aug. 1, 2016 at the Hamilton Funeral Home.

Peru – Sandra S. (Morrow) Ledwith, 62; Funeral Services Aug. 9, 2016 at the Hamilton Funeral Home.

Plattsburgh – Jimmy J. Ducharme, 56; Funeral Aug. 5, 2016 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Mary E. (Cotter) Graser, 85; Funeral Services Aug. 6, 2016 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery.

Port Henry – Margaret M. (Dumar) Kolodzey, 86; Funeral Services Aug. 12, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in parish cemetery, Moriah.

Sackets Harbor – Martin T. Mitchell, 63; Funeral Services Aug. 8, 2016 at St. Andrews Church.

Tupper Lake – Rena Bishop Amell, 89; Funeral Aug. 3, 2016 at Holy Name Church; burial in Holy Name Cemetery.

Tupper Lake – Jacqueline E. (Powers) Smith, 82; Funeral Services Aug. 12, 2016 at St. Alphonsus Church; burial in St. Alphonsus Cemetery.

Watertown – Linda (Horton) Moran, 55; Funeral Aug. 2, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – Charles T. Snyder Jr., 78; Funeral Services Aug. 2, 2016 at the Hart & Bruce Funeral Home; burial in N. Watertown Cemetery.

Watertown – Kenneth E. Sullivan, 81; Funeral Services Aug. 12, 2016 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Lowville Rural Cemetery.

West Chazy – Kitara Lynn Myatt, 16; Funeral Aug. 6, 2016 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.



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MEN'S RETREAT

Saranac Lake – Catholic's Men's Retreat to be held.

Date: Sept. 9-11

Place: Camp Guggenheim

Cost: \$100 includes meals and lodging

Features: Are you ready to step "Into

the Breach"? Based on Bishop Olmsted's Apostolic Exhortation "Into The Breach", weekend participants are encouraged and challenged to reclaim and live the virtues of Christian masculinity. Outdoor activities include canoeing and hiking.

Contact: Online registration coming soon or for more information please contact John Miner 518-354-0727 jd-miner@roadrunner.com

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The price for the ticket is \$20 or six (6) tickets for \$100 with all proceeds going to St. Agnes School.

The car this year is a 2016 Subaru Outback fully equipped from Jerry Strack of Central Garage here in Lake Placid.

If you wish to buy tickets by mail, please fill out the form & enclose your check made out to **St. Agnes Church**

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FAMILY GUGGENHEIM

Saranac Lake – Come celebrate family at Family Guggenheim.

Date: Aug. 18-21; and Oct. 7-9

Features: A four day get away in the Adirondacks 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

VOCATION PILGRIMAGE

Join Bishop LaValley Will lead a pilgrimage to pray for Vocations.

Date: Oct. 11-13

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

Features: 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 pickups in Watertown, Ogdensburg, Potsdam, Plattsburgh, Schroon Lake. Space limited, sign up today! (Non-refundable payment due August 27.

Contact: Call Anne at (315) 353-2950 or Connie at (315) 265-2762.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Saranac Lake – After-abortion Healing Retreat to be held.

Date: Sept. 2 – 4

PARISH NURSES



Six new Parish Nurses were recently commissioned for parish health ministry by Mercy Care for the Adirondacks during a Dedication Ceremony held at the Newman Center in Plattsburgh. The Parish Nurses commissioned were: Jacqueline Bracy, Margaret Holland, Lisa Mockus and Debra Tackett for health ministry at St. John's Church in Plattsburgh; Shirley LaReau-Kemp for health ministry at St. Augustine's Church in Peru; and Patricia Winters for health ministry at United Methodist Church in Colton. Parish Nurses offer health education and counseling, assistance in obtaining community services, help with understanding diagnoses, medications and diagnostic tests, health screening, spiritual care and more.

Place: Guggenheim Lodge

Features: If you or a friend are suffering after an abortion, consider attending a Rachel's Vineyard retreat. Chaplain for the fall retreat is Fr. Bryan Stritt. A confidential registration form is located at www.rcdony.org/pro-life.

Contact: Colleen Miner 518-524-0774

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: 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), 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.

Sister Veronica

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spellbound with her stories and her enthusiastic love for the children of Bolivia. She would make her stories come alive. She would also visit St. Mary's Academy in Champlain with the same magic and attraction that drew the children to love her and to better understand the Missions."

Mercy Sister Brian Marie Latour writes "I was always amazed at her energy. She would blow in like a hurricane and get set up and away she'd go! The kids here in Plattsburgh used to get so excited when she was coming because they knew she would ask them to carry her bags and boxes full of things for them to dress up with. She appealed to their hearts and was so grateful for whatever they would be willing to do or contribute to the missions."

Sister Veronica's last trip around the diocese was in October, 2005. She was a joy to travel with as she shared many of her mission ventures.

On behalf of all the people of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, I thank the Congregation of the Franciscan Sister of Alleghany, NY for enabling Sister Veronica to continue to enrich her life to do what she loved in educating others about her beloved Brazil and Bolivia.

If you have memories of Sister Veronica, please email them to mbrett@rcdony.org and they will be shared with our readers.

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

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