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God sent his son to show mercy

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - God did not send his son into the world to cast off the wicked but to offer them a path to conversion through mercy and love, Pope Francis said.

Those who object to Jesus' mercy toward sinners often create an "image of God that impedes them from enjoying his real presence," the pope

said Sept. 7 at his weekly general audience.

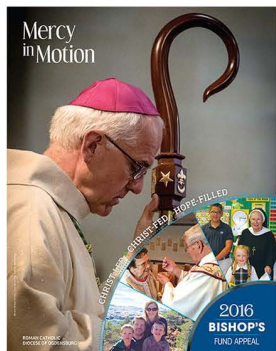
"Some carve out a 'do-it-yourself' faith that reduces God to the limited space of their own desires and their own convictions," the pope said. "Others reduce God to a false idol; using his holy name to justify their own interests or even to incite ha-

tred and violence."

An estimated 25,000 people attended the audience in St. Peter's Square; many visitors were in Rome for the Sept. 4 canonization of St. Teresa of Kolkata. Before delivering his final blessing, the pope called on young people to follow her example and be "artisans of mercy."

He asked those who are ill "to feel her compassionate closeness, especially in the hour of the cross." In his main talk, the pope reflected on the Gospel story in which John the Baptist, while imprisoned, sends his disciples to ask Jesus if he is "the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"

Bishop's Fund begins in parishes



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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AT AUGUSTINIAN



SCHOOL PHOTO

The school garden at Augustinian Academy in Carthage is flourishing this year and features the addition of a new sign. Shown as a new year of growing and learning begins at Augustinian are Logan Sadler, Holli Campeau and Mrs. Linda Carney

ST. TERESA CANONIZED

On Sept. 4 at St. Peter's



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

A Missionaries of Charity nun presents a relic of St. Teresa of Kolkata as Pope Francis celebrates the canonization Mass of Mother Teresa in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Sept. 4. An estimated 120,000 people packed the square, many holding umbrellas or waving fans to keep cool under the sweltering heat of the Roman sun.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

In motion with faith and mercy

Not surprisingly, the pages of this week's *North Country Catholic* are filled with voices of support for the 2016 Bishop's Fund Appeal.

After all, if it's September in the North Country, it's time to think about the Bishop's Fund.

This actually makes a lot of sense since events in autumn almost always show the fruits of this annual appeal: children have passed through the doors of our Catholic schools ready to

begin a new year, formation classes for seminarians, deacons and lay ministers are starting again after summer break and, this year – hooray(!) – we have an ordination to the priesthood.

Mary Lou
Kilian

On Oct. 8, Bishop LaValley will ordain Deacon Todd Thibault, a man who is ready to become a priest because of the support of Bishop's Fund.

He says so himself in the message printed in the centerfold of this week's paper.

The theme for this year's Bishop's Fund is Mercy in Motion, an appropriate choice as we move through the final months of the Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis.

If, as in recent years, the Bishop's Fund surpasses its goal, extra money will be funneled through the Good Samaritan Fund to people in need throughout our region.

Last year that meant that food pantries across the diocese were able to show the mercy of our church with extra support for the hungry people in our midst.

This year, it will mean more money for families whose lives are ravaged by poverty, disease, fires or accidents.

Many who receive Good Samaritan grants have been generous supporters of the Bishop's Fund throughout their lives. Now it's available in their time of need.

This year, we may be particularly inspired by the example of our newest saint, St. Teresa of Calcutta a model of love for the poor.

A sacrificial gift to the Bishop's Fund in St. Teresa's honor would certainly honor her well.

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Becoming a saint: not an impossible feat

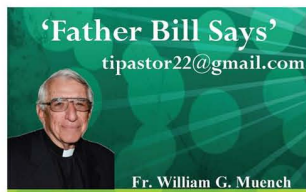
We, Catholics, love our saints. Each canonized saint is assigned a day as their feast day. For example, we always remember March 17th as St. Patrick's Day. I remember as a child my grandfather always remembered to send me a gift on St. William's Feast Day. Of course, he was a William, also.

You may know that in several parts of the world a child's name is determined by the name of the saint on whose Feast Day he or she is born.

The process leading up to canonization for a saint is rather complicated in our Catholic Church. There is a special congregation in the Vatican that analyzes and advises the Holy Father as to someone being worthy of canonization. They read about everything a person has written and teaches. It takes quite a while for that whole process. There was a time in the early years of the Catholic Church when it did not take so long but in the present time it seems to take a much longer time.

So, it is interesting that Mother Teresa was canonized a saint only 20 years after her death. That is rather quick for our times. I am sure Pope Francis intervened a bit.

Mother Teresa is now a can-



onized saint. Of course, she has always been a saint but now it is official with the Catholic Church.

I am sure you all know a great deal about Mother Teresa – her story has been made popular since her canonization. She is what you would call a headliner. She received the Nobel Peace Prize among other distinctions during her life. Now, her congregation of Sisters, the Missionaries of Charity, are located in every country in the world. They are very recognizable and their work, especially among the poor, is well known.

Mother Teresa dedicated herself and her whole congregation to the care of the poor, the homeless, the sick and the dying. Mother Teresa lived out poverty as do her Sisters. At the same time, they bring joy and happiness and love to so many. They accept many sacrifices but always in peace and love. Saints are important to us

Catholics; they are our heroes. They show us the way. Many Catholics say, "I could never be a Mother Teresa." That is not what life is all about. Mother Teresa is an exceptional person – her faith and determination constantly challenged her to do exceptional things and to life exceptionally. Yet, we are all called to become a saint, a saint just like Mother Teresa.

As you know, there are many, many saints with the Lord that our Church has not canonized.

There is a fellow who often comes to me for confession. I smile, because he usually begins by saying, "Well, Father, I'm no saint." I respond, "You better get busy. This is the only reason we are on this earth."

Our path to sanctity is very different for each of us and may never be as extraordinary as Mother Teresa. Becoming a saint is a life journey and adventure for all of us.

Sanctity is not something that is suddenly bestowed on us when we finally meet the Savior face to face. Each and every day we take a step along that path toward sanctity with Jesus.

Becoming a saint is not an impossible journey. First of all, we have the Lord Jesus sup-

porting us and showing us the way. I believe that each and every day of our lives the Lord fills our days with opportunities to do something good and holy – making a difference in our own lives – making our world a better place. They are often rather simple, even ordinary, yet, each are powerful moments in our way to sanctity.

Our prayer must be that we do not miss the Lord's challenges to us.

Someone taught me that – I use it often – "A saint is someone who does ordinary things in an extraordinary way." A saint care and wants to make their own lives special with the help of the Lord.

In the Eucharistic Prayer of the First Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation, we this after the consecration of the Eucharist – "Help us to work together for the coming of your Kingdom, until the hour when we stand before you, Lord, Saints among the Saints in the halls of Heaven, with Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with St. Joseph, her spouse, with the blessed Apostles and all the Saints, and with our deceased brothers and sisters, whom we humbly commend to your mercy."

BISHOP'S FUND 2016... MERCY IN MOTION

2016 Bishop's Fund Appeal set to begin

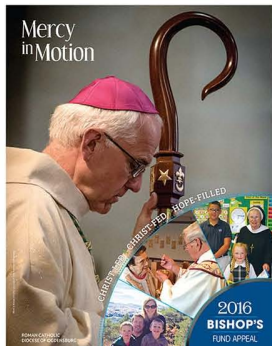
By Valerie Matthews
Bishop's Fund director

"Thank you Bishop LaValley and the people of the Diocese who donate to the Bishop's Fund Appeal, your gift is greatly appreciated."—

Michael of Moers

When Michael was diagnosed with myelodysplasia, a form of blood cancer, he decided to put his faith in God and let God handle all the worries and stress. After a bone marrow transplant, Michael developed a condition called graft-versus-host disease. The condition became very aggressive leading to treatments which requires Michael to travel to Boston on a weekly basis. As a result, travel expenses such as gas, meals and hotel stays, have put a strain on Michael and his family's finances.

Michael's pastor requested a grant from the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund on Michael's behalf. After receiving the grant, Michael expressed his gratitude to the donors of the Bishop's Fund Appeal. "I thank God every day for the grant I received from the Bishop's



Good Samaritan Fund," he said. "There is no way I can thank you enough for the help I have received. After years of volunteering with my parish and the Knights of Columbus, it is very humbling to be on the receiving end of charity."

The Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund is just one of the many ministries and programs of the Bishop's Fund Appeal which allow us all to be Mercy In Motion to our sisters and brothers in Christ. It is through the support of Catholics across the Diocese who donate to the Bishop's Fund Appeal that we are able to bring the Mercy of God to thousands of lives each year.

The 2015 Bishop's Fund Appeal experienced another recording setting year. As a result, special grants were made available to food pantries located throughout the Diocese which helped ease the burden of many who struggle each day to put food on the table.

The 2016 Bishop's Fund Appeal goal has been set at \$1,280,000 with any funds raised over the goal to be used to further supplement the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund.

This year, the Bishop's Fund Appeal will kick-off in parishes across the Diocese the weekend of September 17 and 18. Please take a moment to prayerfully consider a gift to the 2016 Bishop's Fund Appeal.

Every gift, no matter the size is important to the many people we serve. Donations can be mailed to: The Bishop's Fund Appeal, PO Box 150, Ogdensburg, New York 13669 or made online at www.rcdony.org/bishop-s-fund-appeal. To learn more about the Appeal and to view the 2016 Bishop's Fund Video, please visit our website at www.rcdony.org/bfaveideo.

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On 'errands of mercy' for the elderly

By Colleen Miner
Staff writer

LAKE PLACID— The mission of Mercy Care for the Adirondacks is revealed in its very name.

Through Mercy Care for the Adirondacks

Volunteers carry out *errands of mercy* as they enhance the lives of their elder neighbors with companionship, friendship and spiritual care.

Since 2007, Mercy Care has served elders of all faiths who are living in their own homes or other independent living communities in the Tri-Lakes region - Lake Placid, Tupper Lake and Saranac Lake.

Sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, Mercy Care of the Adirondacks offers Friendship Volunteers and Faith Community Nurses, also known as Parish Nurses.

Parish nurses are registered nurses who volunteer their time and talents in monitoring the health needs



of elders. They serve as personal health counselors, educators and make referrals for community resources. Mercy Care Faith Community Nurses do not provide "hands on" nursing care but help with understanding the aging process,

answer questions about medical conditions, tests and procedures.

Mercy Sister Catherine Cummings is the director of both the Faith Community Nurse & Friendship Volunteer Programs.

"Our elders are valued members of our communities," Sister Catherine said. "We are so grateful for the generosity of our many volunteers who touch the Adirondacks with mercy by reaching out to these elders."

Mercy Care Friendship Volunteers are asked to do many things: drive to Mass or medical appointments, telephone a friend, help with computer use, grocery

shop or help with household chores.

It may be a scenic ride, picnic lunch or offering a prayer that helps.

Friendship and Parish Nurse volunteers work together to help elders.

Volunteers may notice needs which an aging person may have and refer those needing health counseling or evaluation to the parish nurse.

Bernadette Clarke of Lake Placid is one of the about 100 Mercy Friendship volunteers. She began in 2010 after two days of training. In addition to the initial training, there are yearly in-service seminars

Clarke became a volunteer because she wanted to "make a contribution to our community. It helps me live out my beliefs." She has served as a companion for one elderly woman for the past six years.

"We grew to be friends and I was called upon to help more as her health declined," she said. "I read to my visually-impaired elder friend. We visit and discuss her grandchildren - it has expanded my friends to include all the family."

Clarke believes that she is making a difference in her elder friend's quality of life allowing her to 'age in place'.

"She wanted to remain in her home and she can; I help her achieve that freedom," Clarke said. "It's been rewarding to me because I am making a real contribution to another's happiness and health."

Sometimes, Clarke acknowledges, helping another person comes with its challenges

"One day when I opened her door to go in and visit, she was sitting on the stairs. I was shocked and ran to her," Clarke said. "She said, 'Don't worry, I did not fall. I just sat down quickly!' I helped her up. She is like that, very independent but she is getting weaker. She knows I worry about her being alone."

"Being able to call Sister Catherine is very helpful," Clarke said. "She is knowledgeable and can answer questions."

Elder adults who would welcome the services of Mercy Care, should contact Sister Catherine Cummings at 518-523-5582 or by e-mail at ccummings@ad-kmeryc.org.

Mercy Care services are supported through charitable donations.

Tax-deductible donations may be sent to: Donna Beal, Executive Director, Mercy Care for the Adirondacks, 185 Old Military Road, Lake Placid, NY 12946 or telephone 518-523-5580, or by e-mail at dbeal@ad-kmeryc.org.

There is also an online donation option at www.ad-kmeryc.org.

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2 p.m. to 3:30 - Christina Tartaglia 315-704-3688

Saranac Lake - Bandshell Park at River St.
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 - Colleen Miner 518-891-2309

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Clergy assignments made

Bishop Terry R. LaValley has announced that Father Bryan D. Stitt, completing nine years of service in the diocesan Vocation Office, has been assigned as Parochial Vicar to St. Mary's Parish in Champlain and to St. Patrick's Parish in Rouses Point with Oratory of St. Joseph's in Coopersville, effective Sept. 12.

Father Stitt will continue to

assist with preparations for the "Inspire Summit" in Lake Placid on Sept. 25.

Also, Father Eduardo Pesigan is expected to arrive this week from the Philippines to

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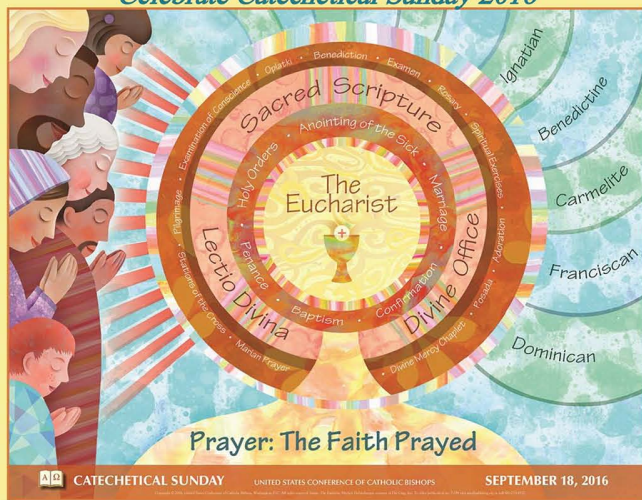
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Bishop's Schedule

Sept. 14 – 12 p.m., Heritage Circle Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral followed by Lunch at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

Sept. 15 – 9:30 a.m., Diocesan Department and Office Heads Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

Sept. 16 – 12 p.m., Heritage Circle Mass at St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh followed by a luncheon at Anthony's Restaurant

Sept. 17 – 10 a.m., Council of Religious Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg
4 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg

Sept. 18 – 8:15 a.m., Mass at St. Martin's Church in Port Leyden
10 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Church in Constableville
12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Sept. 20-22 - New York State Catholic Conference Bishops Meeting in Douglaston, NY

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. 14 - 6 p.m., Seton Academy, Plattsburgh

Sept. 14 - 6 p.m., St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga

Sept. 14 - 6:30 p.m., St. Alexander's School, Ticonderoga

Sept. 15 - 5:30 p.m., Trinity Catholic School, Massena

Sept. 20 - 6 p.m., St. Bernard's School, Saranac Lake

Sept. 20 - 6 p.m., St. James School, Gouverneur

Oct. 29 - 9 a.m., St. Peter's Church, Lowville

Environmental Stewardship

What time is it? (Part 4)

In this Season of Celebration for all Creation it is time to celebrate some efforts that are happening in our Diocese to care for our common home."

Did you know that in August 2014 Bishop LaValley installed solar panels on the Chancery property to provide energy for his Residence saving nearly 60% on the energy bill, while witnessing a commitment to reducing carbon emissions that affect the health of the planet and the health of all of us?

Last year St. Augustine's parish in Peru installed solar panels to provide energy for the Church, rectory and several parish buildings.

During this past year St. Peter's Church rewired the Church and installed LED lighting that provides better lighting, saves energy while decreased their carbon footprint.

Father Paul Beyette has been living off the grid in Loon Lake for over 40 years relying solely on solar energy witnessing to his commitment to our moral responsibility to care for Creation. Other parishes in our Diocese have invested in energy audits to discover ways that they can conserve energy.

Did you know that a few years ago the Youth group in St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Cape Vincent with the expertise of some of parishioners made the retrofits recommended by their energy audit? Not only did the students participate in helping to conserve energy, but they also learned how to do conserve energy for their own future homes.

It is truly a time to give thanks to all the people who made possible the changes mentioned and to all of you in other parishes around the Diocese not mentioned here. Your efforts no matter how small or great to lower your carbon footprint is truly a response to the cries of the earth and the poor.

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Rest in Peace

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

Sept. 14 – Rev. Russell Charles O'Neil, 1951

Sept. 15 – Rev. George Lessard, O.M.I., 1978

Sept. 17 – Rev. William E. Capron, 1949; Msgr. Louis D. Berube, 1999

Sept. 18 – Rev. Charles E. Campeau, 1952

Sept. 19 – Rev. Clement J. Dwyer, O.S.A., 1956; Rev. Francis C. McMahon, 1975

Sept. 20 – Msgr. Edmund J. Brown, 1954; Rev. Donald Gallagher, 1959; Rev. Edward J. Wright, 1993; Msgr. Floyd J. Brown, 1994

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Mercy in Motion

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

“How much I desire that the year to come will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God.” As Pope Francis inaugurated this Jubilee Year of Mercy, he calls each of us to action, to be *Mercy in Motion*.

We are challenged to meet the increasing needs of so many of our sisters and brothers. Steeped in tender love and concern for our neighbors, the Diocese of Ogdensburg is addressing those needs through your generous support of the annual Bishop’s Fund Appeal. For instance, we are *Mercy in Motion*:

- At beautiful Camp Guggenheim where teens from all over the North Country and beyond look forward to a fun and faith-filled week of hiking, swimming, praying and making life-long friendships;
- When we assist the faithful who are strengthening their vocations in life through programs and ministries for our Youth, Young Adults, Family Life, Pre-Cana, Formation for Ministry, Deacon Formation and the Education of Priests and Seminarians;
- By assisting parents who send their children to our Catholic Schools, through the Tuition Assistance Program; and
- Through the Bishop’s Good Samaritan Fund that helps ease the burdens experienced by families and individuals who are experiencing financial hardships. Our hurting neighbors rely on our prayers and receive assistance to help them meet unexpected expenses, such as travel for medical treatments.

As you see, through our support of the Bishop’s Fund Appeal, Christ-led, Christ-fed, and Hope-filled, we are partners in the *Mercy in Motion* efforts of the Church in the North Country.

In 2015, the Bishop’s Fund Appeal had another record setting year. In fact, we were able to offer special grants to food pantries located throughout the Diocese, easing the burden of many who struggle each day to put food on the table. Our goal for the 2016 Bishop’s Fund Appeal has been set at \$1,280,000. Any funds we raise over our goal will again be used to further supplement the Bishop’s Good Samaritan Fund.

I am truly grateful for the support that has been given in past years. I invite you to support the 2016 Bishop’s Fund Appeal as we all continue to bring the goodness and tenderness of God to others this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

With the promise of prayers for you and your loved ones, I am

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg



Bishop's Fund Prayer

Mercy in Motion - Christ-led, Christ-fed, Hope-filled

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Help our Diocesan family to show the merciful Face of God
by being “Mercy in Motion.”

Send forth your Spirit of consolation and advocacy upon us
so that “Christ-led, Christ-fed, and Hope-filled”

we may help our sisters and brothers in the North Country
and beyond, to know that they are sought after, loved,
and cared for by God.

Bless, then, the 2016 Bishop’s Fund Appeal
which fosters our mission of Mercy.

Through its generous support
continue to give success to the work of our hands,
the Church alive in northern New York.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus,
through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy;
you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
forever and ever.

Amen.

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I would like to express my personal gratitude to the people of the Diocese of Ogdensburg for their prayers and financial support of me through the annual Bishop's Fund Appeal. It's because of the financial aid that I have received through the annual appeal that I was able to complete my studies and prepare to serve the people of this Diocese as they deserve to be. Since the day I arrived in this Diocese, I have been made to feel welcomed and supported. I could not have made this journey alone and due to the generosity of the faithful of this Diocese, I didn't have to and I now look forward to ministering to the people who have made this journey possible. Thank you and may God bless you all.



Deacon Todd Thibault of Canton, New York

I am privileged to minister here to the students and families of many parishes in the Plattsburgh area. Seton Academy benefits each year from the Bishop's Fund Appeal in the form of tuition assistance. Last year 42 students received scholarship assistance. That is about 20% of our students.

There are many, many parents in the Diocese who truly want to send their children to Catholic schools, but they can't pay the full tuition. My heart goes out to them because I remember my own situation. There were 9 children in my family and my Dad was a farmer. My Mom helped on the farm and took care of the family. Obviously, my parents could not afford to pay tuition. Still there was someone who made it possible for them to send all of us to a Catholic school. I often wonder how different our lives would have been if we had not been able to attend Sacred Heart School and Immaculate Heart Academy in Watertown. Chances are I wouldn't be a Sister of St. Joseph today!

Just as it takes a whole village to raise a child, so it takes the support of the whole church to raise a baptized child. Some of you were blessed to receive a Catholic education. I beg you; please pass that torch on to the new generation much like the Olympic torch is passed from one group to another. You can do that by supporting the Bishop's Fund Appeal. I thank you for the sacrifices you make to support Catholic Schools and the programs of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. May you be blessed abundantly!



Sister Helen Hermann, S.S.J. of Plattsburgh, New York



Camp Guggenheim is a wonderful and spiritual place which I have grown extremely close to in the past two years. It is such a spiritual and magical place because it is so unlike everyday life. Everyone is happy and the gift of God's grace radiates through each and every person there. Camp Guggenheim makes praising God exciting and fun because of all the different activities the campers participate in. At camp, I feel free to discuss my faith with other teens my age, without being judged for what I believe in.

Music plays a large role in Guggenheim culture. The music played at camp resonated within me and I still remember most of the songs played at camp. The camp counselors made me feel right at home and they were all full of God's grace, and each counselor portrayed God's grace in their own unique way.

I cannot wait for another life-changing week at Camp Guggenheim, a place that abounds with God's amazing power. Thanks to the Bishop's Fund, this is a possibility for me.

Georgia of LaFargeville, New York



With the encouragement, support and guidance of my pastors, family and friends, I reluctantly entered the four year Deacon Formation Program. As I discerned my calling, my reluctance gave way to acceptance and my acceptance has grown into ready desire. My journey through this program has strengthened my doctrinal knowledge, fortified my prayer life and sharpened my ministerial skills helping me to help others more effectively within my parish and our Diocese. When the program is complete, I will be among 16 men

who will be able to guide and serve our parish communities in a way that is unique to the ordained ministry. Our formation has transformed us spiritually and continues to prepare us for the challenges that face our Diocese. The Bishop's Fund has made all this possible and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to continue my studies and discern my call to the Diaconate.

John of Lake Placid, New York

When I was first diagnosed with Myelodysplasia, a form of blood cancer, the one thing I realized was that this is out of my hands. I decided to let God take on all the worries and distress from what was happening to me. My faith got me through the most difficult time when I was in the hospital for one month following a bone marrow transplant. My doctor and his team would come in my room every morning and asked if I was in any pain or sick. To their amazement, I never got sick and had no pain throughout the whole procedure.



I thank God every day for carrying this burden for me. It has been a year and a half since I had the transplant and I still let God do the worrying for me. I try to live a normal life for my family and my grandchildren. My wife has been my rock. The transplant has been a full success, except for a condition which I have developed called Graft-versus-host disease. This disease became really aggressive in September of last year. My immune system was attacking my body. The treatments I've been receiving are helping with this problem but it requires me to spend two days a week in Boston. The financial burdens of the gas to get there along with the hotel and meals have put a strain on our finances. I thank God every day for the grant I received from the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund. There is no way I can thank you enough for the help I have received. After years of volunteering with my parish and the Knights of Columbus, it is very humbling to be on the receiving end of charity. Thank you Bishop LaValley and the people of the Diocese who donate to the Bishop's Fund Appeal, your gift is greatly appreciated.

Michael of Mooers, New York

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

USCCB urges HHS compromise on contraceptive mandate case

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- A Sept. 9 letter from USCCB officials to the Department of Health and Human Services stressed that a compromise could effectively be reached in the Affordable Care Act's contraceptive requirement. The letter, in response to the government's request for comments on a proposal mandating contraceptive coverage, echoed the Supreme Court's May 16 decision in *Zubik v. Burwell* -- the combined lawsuit of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Priests for Life, and several other religious groups, that said providing contraception coverage to employees through their insurance plans violated their religious beliefs. The court sent the cases back to the lower courts saying religious employers and the government should be "afforded an opportunity to arrive at an approach going forward that accommodates petitioners' religious exercise while at the same time ensuring that women covered by petitioners' health plans receive full and equal health coverage, including contraceptive coverage." For this accommodation to happen, the USCCB letter stressed that "any government-mandated contraceptive coverage must be truly independent of petitioners and their plans," meaning the coverage should be offered by a separate communication and with a different policy, enrollment process, insurance card and payment source.

Retired pope says governance wasn't his gift, but Francis is good at it

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- While retired Pope Benedict XVI said organization and governance are not his strong suits, he also said, "I am unable to see myself as a failure." In a book-length interview with the German author Peter Seewald, Pope Benedict said that when he resigned he had the "peace of someone who had overcome difficulty" and "could tranquilly pass the helm to the one who came next." The new book, "Last Testament," will be released in English by Bloomsbury in November. The German and Italian editions were in bookstores Sept. 9, but some excerpts were published Sept. 8 by the Italian daily newspaper *Corriere della Sera*. Pope Benedict insisted once again that he was not pressured by anyone or any event to resign and he did not feel he was running away from any problem. "My weak point perhaps is a lack of resolve in governing and making decisions," he said. "Here, in reality, I am more a professor, one who reflects and meditates on spiritual questions. Practical governance was not my forte and this certainly was a weakness."

On Mother Teresa's feast day, cardinal praises her defense of unborn

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Love for those society considers "useless" or even a bother led St. Teresa of Kolkata to a courageous defense of the unborn, said Cardinal Pietro Parolin. Like prophets and saints before her, Mother Teresa would not "kneel down before anyone but the Almighty" and would not bow before "the fashions or idols of the moment," said Cardinal Parolin, Vatican secretary of state. On the 19th anniversary of Mother Teresa's death, Sept. 5 -- her feast day -- the cardinal presided over a Mass in St. Peter's Square to give thanks for the canonization of the founder of the Missionaries of Charity. With hundreds of Missionaries of Charity gathered on the steps of St. Peter's Basilica and several thousand pilgrims in the square, Cardinal Parolin held Mother Teresa up as "a gleaming mirror of God's love and a marvelous example of service to one's neighbor." Her example, the cardinal said, is a call to all Christians "to convert from being lukewarm and mediocre to allow ourselves to be set alight by the fire of Christ's love."

St. Teresa of Kolkata will always be 'Mother' Teresa, pope says

By Junno Arocho Esteves and Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - With a large tapestry bearing the portrait of the woman known as the "Saint of the Gutters" suspended above him, Pope Francis proclaimed the sainthood of Mother Teresa of Kolkata, hailing her courage and love for the poor.

Despite the formality of the occasion though, "her sanctity is so close to us, so tender and fruitful, that spontaneously we will continue to call her 'Mother Teresa,'" Pope Francis said to applause at the canonization Mass Sept. 4.

"Mother Teresa, in all aspects of her life, was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defense of human life, those unborn and those abandoned and discarded," the pope said in his homily during the Mass in St. Peter's Square.

An estimated 120,000 people packed the square, many holding umbrellas or waving fans to keep cool under the sweltering heat of the Roman sun. However, upon hearing Pope Francis "declare and define Blessed Teresa of Kolkata to be a saint," the crowds could not contain their joy, breaking out in cheers and thunderous applause before he finished speaking.

The moment was especially sweet for more than 300 Albanians who live in Switzerland, but came to Rome for the canonization. "We are very proud," said Violet Barisha, a member of the Albanian Catholic Mission in St. Gallen.

Born in 1910 to an ethnic Albanian family in Skopje, in what is now part of Macedonia, Mother Teresa went to

India in 1929 as a Sister of Loreto and became an Indian citizen in 1947. She founded the Missionaries of Charity in 1950.

In his homily, Pope Francis said God's will is explained in the words of the prophets: "I want mercy, not sacrifice."

"God is pleased by every act of mercy because in the brother or sister that we assist, we recognize the face of God which no one can see," he said. "Each time we bend down to the needs of our brothers and sisters, we give Jesus something to eat and drink; we clothe, we help and we visit the Son of God."

Like Mother Teresa, he said, Christians are called not simply to perform acts of charity, but to live charity as a vocation and "to grow each day in love."

"Wherever someone is reaching out, asking for a helping hand in order to get up, this is where our presence -- and the presence of the church which sustains and offers hope -- must be," the pope said.

Mother Teresa, he said, lived out this vocation to charity through her commitment to defending the unborn and bowing down "before those who were spent, left to die on the side of the road."

She also "made her voice heard before the powers of this world so that they might recognize their guilt for the crime of poverty they created," Pope Francis said. "For Mother Teresa, mercy was the 'salt' which gave flavor to her work, it was the 'light' which shone in the darkness of the many who no longer had tears to shed for their poverty and suffering."

For all Christians, especially volunteers engaged in works of mercy, the life of the saintly nun remains an example and witness to

God's closeness to the poorest of the poor, he said.

"Today, I pass on this emblematic figure of holiness!" Pope Francis said. "May this tireless worker of mercy help us to increasingly understand that our only criterion for action is gratuitous love, free from every ideology and all obligations, offered freely to everyone without distinction of language, culture, race or religion."

As she made her way through the tight security to St. Peter's Square, Maria Demuru said, "I couldn't miss this. Even if there's no place left for me to sit."

The small Italian woman said, "Mother Teresa is a sign of the times. In her smallness, she revealed the calling we all have. She said we are all saints by our baptism and we must recover our original holiness. She lived in humility and simplicity like the poor of the earth and was never ashamed of that."

Mother Teresa's simplicity did not keep the powerful away from the Mass, though. Some 20 nations sent official delegations to the Vatican for the canonization. Queen Sofia of Spain led a delegation. The president and prime minister of Albania attended, as did the presidents of Macedonia and Kosovo and the foreign minister of India.

After the Mass, 250 Missionaries of Charity Sisters and 50 Missionaries of Charity brothers served pizza to about 1,500 poor people who had come to the Mass from shelters, dormitories and soup kitchens the order runs throughout Italy.

Pope Francis, through the office of the papal almoner, funded the lunch, which was prepared by a team of 20 pizza makers, who brought three ovens with them from Naples.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

As Christians, there is no alternative to charity

There are often striking parallels in the writings of the Prophets with similar conditions in our own time.

In our first reading today, the prophet Amos condemns the greed of "those who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land." "We will diminish the ephah, add to the shekel, and fix our scales for cheating!"

How like our own times in which the greed of many in the nations of the world is the root cause of debasing poverty. Our new



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saint, Mother Teresa of Calcutta spent most of her life trying to restore the dignity of those lying at the side of the streets left to dye.

In his homily at her canonization this past Sept. 4th, Pope Francis sounded like Amos when he said of Mother Teresa, "she made her voice heard before the powers of this world, so that they might recognize their guilt for the crime—the crimes of poverty they created."

In the Gospel, the unjust

steward puzzles us. Why is he commended for making friends of the "mammon" of iniquity? He even hoped that his master who had just fired him for "cooking the books" would notice how very clever he was!

Yes, the master noticed and commended him for his wily ways!

Jesus tells his disciples that if they (the children of the light), were as clever and industrious as the children of darkness, they could have gained spiritual treasures for eternal life instead of earthly wealth.

"You cannot serve both God and money" Jesus said. Greed is not really a private

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READINGS

Amos 8:4-7

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Luke 16:1-13

sin. By inordinate love for money, we make it into a god. We worship it instead of God.

Christ spent his whole life in service, especially to the poor and downtrodden.

As Pope Francis commended Mother Teresa for seeing the face of Christ in the poor and the sick, so he tells us that our mercy and

love of the poor unlocks real justice.

As Christians, there is no alternative to charity. Mother Teresa's mercy was "the salt which gave flavor to her work, it was the light that shone in the darkness of the many who no longer had tears to shed for their poverty and suffering."

As Jesus stooped down to us many times in our needs, so we can do a little more "stooping down" to aid the misery and poverty which pervades our world.

It's a question of good stewardship. And the Lord will one day commend us with the abundant treasure of eternal life.

DO YOU LOVE ME? KEEP MY COMMANDS

6th commandment: love is more than attraction

Several years before I was married I was chatting with a young woman who started talking about her boyfriend. She let me know – very tactfully – that she was not interested in me so that the conversation could continue without being awkward.

The technique is effective because it orients the conversation and sets boundaries at the outset so that problems are avoided.

Years later, as a married man, I've used that tool and others like it to protect my marriage.

Before I was married, I thought my wife was so beautiful that every other man must feel the same attraction to her that I did. The priest who prepared us for marriage told me that one day we would wake up and see each other at our

worst. Choosing to stay with each other anyway, love would begin in earnest at that moment.

Love is more than an attraction. It is a choice for the good of another. Sometimes instead of love deepening when the feelings of attraction and romance fade, people stray into adultery.

We promise fidelity at our wedding. The ring, the visible sign of this promise, acknowledges that temptation to stray is likely. The ring silently and tactfully tells everyone we are not available and it helps us avoid infidelity.

The most important tool is not the ring, it's the development of an infrastructure that supports a healthy marriage and bears the stresses and loads that inevitably arise.

This is a fancy way of saying "Center your marriage on Christ."

The sixth commandment, you shall not commit adultery, is pivotal. A violation of the sixth commandment always violates the seventh, eighth and ninth command-

ments (stealing, lying and coveting) in the process.

Most importantly, though, it violates the first commandment. There is a clear link between adultery and idolatry in the scriptures. People seek things other than God. At first these other things are very pleasurable, but over time they fail to satisfy, and the person needs more and other stimulations.

Eventually the person turns to infidelity, and adultery comes with a gigantic cost.

If you commit adultery you hurt yourself, your spouse and children. You will feel guilt. Your anniversaries will lack meaning. You will live in fear of being caught.

If your spouse finds out, divorce, while not a sure thing, is a very likely possibility. Everyone in your family will end up in counseling.

Your children will have a greater chance of having a

failed marriage in the future. You will hurt the reputation of your family. Your family and true friends will neither understand nor sympathize with you nor trust you, instead they will have anger and disappointment toward you.

You may contract a disease which you could very easily share with your spouse. You may have a pregnancy with someone other than your spouse, which may lead to an abortion.

The spouse of the other person may react violently. The pain and negative consequences are also experienced by the other family.

It is truly a living death, and, worst of all, adultery is a mortal sin, which means you destroy your relationship with God and if you die unrepentant, you will go to Hell, where the living death will go on forever.

On the other hand, faithful marriage has positive effects on happiness, health



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and well-being. It results in longer life, emotional, economic, and physical stability. There is decreased anxiety and less chance of developing depression.

States with the highest proportion of married parents show the strongest economic success, the least child poverty, and the least violent crime.

Children from intact families with both parents have less truancy and behavioral problems in schools, perform better on standardized tests, are more likely to graduate high school, are less likely to commit serious crime and have less probability of being abused or neglected.

Most importantly, though, marriage is a sacrament, a way for us to grow closer to God and to witness God's love to others.

It is clearly in our best interest both individually and as a society to build strong, healthy, faithful marriages. To do that, we need a good blueprint to work from.

(We'll look at this in the next article.)

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Editor's note

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

AT THE MOVIES
SULLY

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

Putting Tom Hanks in the cockpit as everybody's favorite aviator, US Airways Capt. Chesley Sullenberger, and bringing Clint Eastwood on board to direct him certainly sounds like a formula for high-flying success.

And so it proves with "Sully" (Warner Bros.), Eastwood's satisfying adaptation of Sullenberger's memoir (co-written with Jeffrey Zaslow) "Highest Duty: My Search for What Really Matters."

Hanks is in his element conveying the understated heroism of the aviator whose 2009 feat in landing his plane on the Hudson River after it was crippled by a bird strike - and saving all 155 souls on board in the process - gained him instant fame.

Even as the public was embracing him as a hero, however, behind the scenes Sullenberger was being second-guessed by a team of federal investigators led by somberly suspicious

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If you've made the mistake of committing adultery, the best thing you can do is to go to confession. This gives you the grace you will need to heal your marriage, to break free of the sin and not repeat it.

But staying close to God through prayer, regular confession and reception of the Eucharist are probably the best ways to avoid falling into the trap in the first place.

There are other tools too, but the best tools in the toolbox really don't matter if you don't use them. What are some of the tools that you use to help protect your marriage?



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Arron Eckhart and Tom Hanks star in a scene from the movie "Sully."

Charles Porter (Mike O'Malley). In fact, the early stages of the National Transportation Safety Board's inquiry seemed to suggest that the aircraft's engines had not been totally disabled, as Sullenberger asserted, and that a much safer landing could have been made at any one of three nearby airports.

It's these hidden events, together with Sullenberger's torturous self-doubt, that lend the drama an element of suspense, despite the universal familiarity of its protagonist's exploit. They also inspire Eastwood to maintain a surprisingly sober tone, the enjoyable flashes of wit in Todd Ko-

marnicki's script notwithstanding.

What emerges is the portrait of a morally deep-rooted and honorable man with a heartfelt concern for those in his charge. Other facets of his fine character are revealed by his appreciative attitude toward his co-pilot, Jeff Skiles (Aaron

Eckhart), with whom he rapidly forms a friendship, and the mutually supportive love he shares with his wife, Lorrie (Laura Linney). Despite some salty language in the dialogue, these ethical assets make "Sully" possibly acceptable for older adolescents.

The film contains potentially disturbing scenes of peril and destruction, and crude or crass terms.

The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned.



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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.

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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: 315-212-6592 or email sr-bethssj@gmail.com.

CLINTON

TENT SALE

Peru – St. Vincent's Thrift Store will hold its annual Fall/Winter Tent Sale

Schedule: Sept. 15 6:30 p.m. to 8:30; Sept 16, 17 and 18 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Features: Customers can fill a large bag of gently used clothing/footwear for \$6.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S APPLEFEST

Peru – The 39th Annual St. Augustine's Applefest will be held.

Date: Sept. 17 and 18

Schedule: Saturday's parade begins at 11 a.m. Enjoy live music, a giant craft fair, food, games, rides and a Sunday afternoon chicken BBQ. Saturday's music features the Plattsburgh Pipe and Drum Corps, The SUNY Plattsburgh Gospel Choir and the Bootleg Band. Sunday the Movin' On Band will perform.

LASAGNA DINNER

Lyon Mountain – All you can eat lasagna dinner to be held.

Date: Sept. 24

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: American Legion

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

FRANKLIN

HOLY HARVEST FESTIVAL

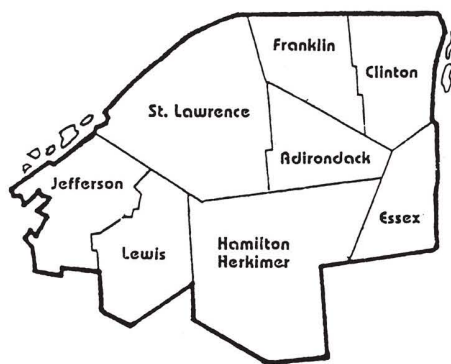
Malone – St. Andre Bessette Parish is holding its annual Holy Harvest Festival.

Date: Sept. 18

Time: Noon to 3 p.m.

Place: Holy Family School

Features: The festival will begin with Mass at 11 a.m. under the tent. Following Mass, there will be a harvest dinner featuring smoked pulled pork starting at noon, a raffle with all cash prizes including a \$1,000 first prize, harvest table,



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children's activities and music by the Old Timers Band. Dinner tickets will be sold at the event. Adults \$10, Seniors \$8, Children 6-12 \$6 and Children under 5 are free. Take out dinners available.

HAM SUPPER AND RAFFLE

Constable – St. Francis Church, Altar Rosary and K of C Annual Ham Supper and Raffle to be held.

Date: Sept. 17

Time: 4 p.m. to 7

Place: St. Francis Church

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

Features: Lots of great raffle prizes

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Burke – St. George's Church will hold a Spaghetti Dinner.

Date: Sept. 18

Time: Noon to 4 p.m.

Cost: Adults, \$9; Children 6-12, \$5; under 5, Free

Features: Raffle on prizes of \$100 - \$75 - \$50 for donation of \$1 each.

HAMILTON-HERKIMER

DAYS OF DISCERNMENT

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

Dates: Sept. 18; Oct. 2, 16, 30;

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Bartholomew's Rectory

Features: Reflection, Vespers & dinner.

Open to men who are Juniors in high school and older.

Contact: 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.

JEFFERSON

5K RUN/WALK AND FAMILY DAY

Watertown – IHC is holding a 5K Run/Walk and Family Fun Day.

Date: Sept. 24

Time: 7:30 a.m. Registration

Place: IHC Intermediate School

Cost: 5K walk/run: Pre-registration prices \$20/person (t-shirt included), \$50/Family (Shirts extra) 1.5 mile fun run 6 and under free Students \$5 Adults \$8, Family \$12, T-Shirts Extra

Features: Other Events: Grand opening of Gym, DJ Cookout, kids activities.

Contact: www.ihcschools.org

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Watertown – Ecumenical Bereavement meeting to be held.

Date: Sept. 26

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Sisters of St. Joseph Hearthside Hospitality Center

Speaker: James Monaco on "Healing the Wounds of Grief"

OCTOBER- ECO-FEST

Watertown - Watertown Faith and Ecology Group is hosting an Interfaith October-Eco-Fest.

Date: Oct. 1

Time: 1 p.m. to 3

Place: Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse

Features: In response to Pope Francis's call to the religions of the world for dialogue this Fest will feature speakers from different religions who will share on how

their faith traditions speak about our responsibility to care for our common home, the Earth. This will be followed by blessing of a Peace Pole, the planting of a tree, and Fall treats. public is invited.

CIDER DAYS

Sackets Harbor – St. Andrew's church to celebrate a Fall Family Event.

Date: Oct. 2

Time: 12 p.m. to 5

Place: St. Andrew's Church

Features: Homemade Apple Pie ala Mode, Cider Donut Puffs, Hoffman Hot Dogs, Chili, Drinks. Live entertainment all day. Kids games, Face painting, Cake Wheel, bean bag toss and prizes. Red Thompson's 1949 Chevy Stake Truck on display.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Evans Mills - Knights of Columbus Council 7471 is again leading an adult Bible study course this fall.

Date: Eight Wednesdays beginning Sept. 14

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Features: The topic is the Epistle to the Galatians. Jeff Cavins, a nationally known Scripture instructor, will be our lecturer via DVD. Knights will head up discussions of outside reading and homework. Catholics from any parish are welcome. The parishes of St. Mary's-St. Joseph's-St. Theresa's pay for all course materials and provide free refreshments.

Contact: We request that students register beforehand at 767-1065 to allow time to order the appropriate number of workbooks.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

Date: Sept. 29

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

Place: Msgr. Sechi Hall

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

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POLISH FESTIVAL

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

Date: Oct. 9

Time: Following the 11 a.m. Mass

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

expenses. Theme Baskets, Baked Goods and Volunteer workers needed.

Contact: Contact 348-6260 or 348-8836

K OF C BRUNCH

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

Date: Sept. 18

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

Place: St. John's Church Hall

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

TURKEY DINNER

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

Date: Oct. 6

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Place: Copenhagen Fire Hall

Cost: Adults, \$9; Children 6-12, \$4.50; under 5, Free; Take-outs, \$8

Features: Bazaar and bake sale. Raffle items and 50/50 raffle.

ST. LAWRENCE

DAYS OF DISCERNMENT

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

Dates: Sept 18; Oct 2, 16, 30

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Rectory

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

Contact: Your Catholic Campus Minister or Father Stephen Rocker, pastorsmsp@gmail.com, 315-265-9680; or Fr. Doug Lucia, frdoug@twcny.rr.com or Fr. Bryan Stitt, bstitt@rcdony.org.

CABBAGE ROLL SALE

Norwood -The Norwood Knights of Columbus will have their 21st annual cabbage roll sale.

Date: Sept. 17

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or until all sold

Place: St. Andrew's Church basement

Cost: \$3

Contact: For pre-sale orders call Mark Tebo 353-8821, Phil Regan 353-9917 or Jim Murray 261-9975.

MANICOTTI MONDAY

Norfolk – Manicotti Monday is set

Date: Oct. 3

Time: 4 p.m. to 6:30

Place: Fr. Amyot Parish Center

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

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



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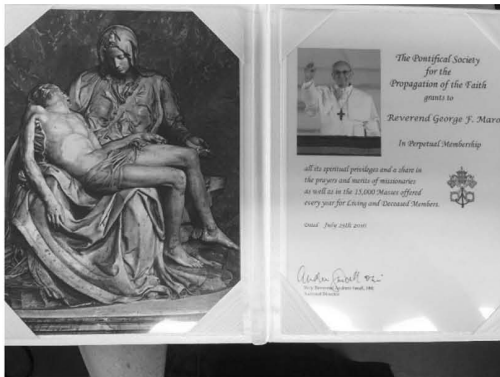
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A Perpetual Gift for Father Maroun

On July 25, this office received a beautifully bound Perpetual Membership of Masses enrolling Father George Maroun, who recently passed away after retiring in Saranac Lake.

Upon Father's passing I wrote to Father Andrew Small, the National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies of the United States to inform him our Diocese's great loss. He quickly responded with a note and the gift of enrollment of perpetual Masses. A letter and the enrollment presentation were forwarded to Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg.

The enrollment entitles Father Maroun and all of its spiritual privileges a share in prayers and merits of missionaries as well as in 15,000 Masses offered every year for Living and Deceased Members. This is such a great honor for Father Maroun. I have included the text of the letter from Father Small and a picture of the beautiful perpetual



enrollment presentation bound in leather.

Dear Bishop LaValley,

Prayerful greetings! On behalf of all of us in our mission family in the United States, I offer prayerful sympathy on the death of Father George Maroun, a champion for the Missions in your diocese.

Through his service in Peru and his more than a quarter century tenure in the Mission Office, he encouraged what he carried within his own heart, a deep love and an abiding enthusiasm for the mission ad gentes.

As we extend our prayerful sympathy to you and all in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, we pray that Father Maroun's legacy be to inspire others to such great solidarity with the Mission Church.

With gratitude for your own leadership in supporting the Missions, and with prayers for the good works of your diocese, I remain,

Sincerely in Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate,

OBITUARIES

Cadyville — Mary E. (Rabideau) Burgess, 79; Funeral Services Sept. 7, 2016 at St. James Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Champlain — Elizabeth J. (Senecal) Emery, 83; Funeral Services Sept. 8, 2016 at St. Mary's Church.

Champlain — Richard Rushford, 65; Funeral Services Sept. 9, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Clayton — Margaret L. Thomas, 82; Funeral Services Sept. 8, 2016 at St. Mary's Church.

Coopersville — Mary A. Proulx, 89; Funeral Services Sept. 7, 2016 at St. Joseph's Church.

Ellenburg — Harold J. "Pete" LaBarge, 81; Funeral Services Sept. 6, 2016 at St. Edmund's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Memorial Gardens.

Glenfield — Glenn Pominville, 75; Funeral Services Sept. 5, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Old Glendale Cemetery.

Hogansburg — Norma Anna "Teriwane" Lazore, 73; Funeral Services Sept. 8, 2016 at St. Regis Church; burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery, Akwesasne.

Keeseville — Anita (Garcia) Harper, 93; Funeral Services Sept. 9, 2016 at St. John's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Madrid — Eileen Rose Tully McAvooy, 91; Funeral Sept. 9, 2016 at St. John the Baptist Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Malone — Hazel (Bassett) Robare, 90; Funeral Services Sept. 9, 2016 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Morningside Cemetery.

Ogdensburg — Barbara J. (Fitzgerald)

Dishaw, 79; Funeral Services Sept. 9, 2016 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Ogdensburg — Amos J. Groulx, 86; Funeral Services Sept. 9, 2016 at Notre Dame Church; burial parish cemetery

Plattsburgh — Elizabeth H. (Rabideau) Venne, 94; Funeral Services Sept. 6, 2016 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Potsdam — Gerald Frederick Fullerton, 79; Funeral Services Aug. 25, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Therese Cemetery, Nicholville.

Rouses Point — Silva Mary Marnes, 72; Funeral services Sept. 5, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's cemetery.

Ticonderoga — Charles H. "Gusher" Smith, 95; Funeral Services Sept. 8, 2016 at St. Mary's Church.

Tupper Lake — Antoine Maurice St. Pierre, 82; Funeral Services Sept. 8, 2016 at St. Alphonsus Church.

Watertown — Michael Eshaunasee Anderson, 68; Funeral Services Sept. 5, 2016 at Holy Family Church; burial in North Watertown Cemetery.

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THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



A few happy students from St. Agnes School in Lake Placid are pictured on the first day of school. From left are Sophie Spanburgh, Ellie Morgan, Mason Patterson, Griffin McComber, Jordan DeForest, Mia D'Arco and Yosef Spear.



Seton Academy in Plattsburgh encouraged "Fathers Bring Your Child to School on the First Day." Amerah and Maher Hanna pose with their four children Liana, Maya, Aneece-Joseph and Emma.

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