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## Jesus' mercy even for great sinners

VATICAN CITY (CNS)-- Jesus' loving gaze of tenderness and mercy extends to all who seek forgiveness no matter how great or small their sins may be, Pope Francis said.

While many often feel "cast aside" because of their sins, Jesus offers encouragement and "tells us, 'Courage, come to me,'" the pope said Aug. 31 at his weekly general au-

dience.

"It is the moment of forgiveness, of inclusion in Jesus' life and the life of the church. All of us are sinners; whether great or small, we all are. The Lord tells us, 'Courage, come, you are no longer discarded. I forgive you, I embrace you.' This is mercy," he said.

Reflecting on the Gospel

reading of Jesus' miraculous healing of a woman suffering from hemorrhages, Pope Francis noted the woman's persistence in trying to reach out to Jesus despite the fact that she was excluded from society because of her condition.

"She was a woman discarded from society. It is important to consider this

condition -- discarded -- to understand her state of mind," he said.

"She senses that Jesus can free her from her sickness and from the state of marginalization and indignity in which she has found herself for years.

In short, she knows and feels that Jesus can save her," the pope said.

### Registration deadline is on Friday



Bishop LaValley has asked every Catholic in the diocese to join him in Lake Placid Sept. 25 for the vocations summit *INSPIRE: Called to Love* "to celebrate our Catholic faith together." Registration information is on page 16.

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## ST. TERESA OF KOLKATA, PRAY FOR US



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

A tapestry of St. Teresa of Kolkata hangs from the facade of St. Peter's Basilica after being positioned by workers at the Vatican Sept. 1. Mother Teresa was declared a saint by Pope Francis during a ceremony at the Vatican Sept. 4. A biography of the newest saint of the Church is on pages 9-10; full coverage of the canonization ceremony will be printed in next week's *North Country Catholic*.

## NEW TEAM FOR VOCATIONS

### Vocation Promotion Plan announced



NCC FILE PHOTO

Bishop Terry R. LaValley announced the implementation of a new Vocation Promotion Plan for the Diocese of Ogdensburg. The new plan calls for the restructuring of the Office of Vocations. The Vocations Promotion Plan and the restructuring of the Office of Vocations are a direct result of the Envisioning Leadership Process led by Bishop LaValley in 2013-2014. The bishop has appointed Catherine Russell, shown above, former principal of Seton Catholic Central in Plattsburgh, as the Diocesan Vocation Coordinator. Also, Father Douglas Lucia will serve as Diocesan Vocation Director, and Father Thomas Higman, will serve as Associate Vocation Director.

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

## Please come to our family reunion!

Nobody enjoys family reunions more than I do!

After all, I'm part of a very large, very loving family with members who enjoy nothing more than spending a summer day together on "our" river.

Everyone relishes the food, the friendly competitions and the gift of time to catch up on each other's latest adventures.

Maybe that's why I'm so looking forward to the next family reunion on my calendar with thousands of brothers and sisters in my North Country family of faith.

This reunion won't be on my favorite river but it will be held in my favorite mountains during my favorite time of year.



Mary Lou  
Kilian

Like many NCC readers, I'll be in Lake Placid on Sept. 25 to take part in INSPIRE: Called to Love.

We'll gather in the Olympic Arena to listen to world renowned speakers and join for Sunday Mass with our bishop, all the priests of our diocese and a 300-voice choir.

Personally, I can't wait to see diocesan friends who live too far from Ogdensburg for regu-

lar face-to-face conversations.

Facebook and email are wonderful tools for connecting with friends but they can't match a good hug.

Earlier in the year, I asked members of the INSPIRE planning committee to answer the question "why should Catholics of the diocese want to come to the summit?"

Marika Donders, diocesan director of the Office of New Evangelization, gave a response that captures what I'm trying to say:

*"Although I am looking forward to the excellent speakers and learning a great deal, what I am most looking forward to with the INSPIRE: Called to*

*Love event is to gather together in prayer and conversation with thousands of ordinary Catholics from all walks of life.*

*It takes all of us to bring Christ to our neighbors and friends, but first, we ourselves need to be fed, and strengthened and inspired by the Holy Spirit.*

*We have all received the gift of faith, but in order to use it, we must unwrap the gift and share it with each other."*

Amen!  
If you haven't registered yet, don't hesitate for another minute. (See page 16 for all the information you'll need to sign up for this special day.)

## A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

## Reconciliation: the Sacrament of Mercy

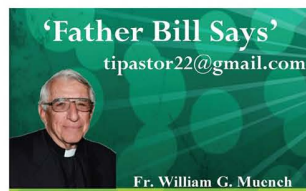
As our Church and our diocese reflects more and more on God's great merciful love for us all, I would like to focus today on the Sacrament of Mercy, the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

You have probably noticed that many are writing about Reconciliation, about Confession these days. I know I have written about the Sacrament of Reconciliation before so forgive me, I would like to share a bit about this sacrament today.

Cardinal Walter Kasper in his book, "Mercy," expresses a tone of disappointment that few Catholics continue to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Both Cardinal Kasper and Pope Francis urges us, priests, to make a greater effort to encourage Catholics to use this Sacrament of Reconciliation more frequently.

So, today, I would like to share with you some of my reflections on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You first learned about the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the time of your First Holy Communion. I want you to approach this Sacrament now like an adult. Many continue to go to Confession just as they did as a child with a child's attitude.

Now you have the wisdom of an adult so you should exam-



Fr. William G. Muench

ine your life as an adult.

First off, notice that the Church speaks of this sacrament as Reconciliation rather than Confession. This sacrament is about more than rattling off a bunch of sins. Here we should be considering our relationship with our God. In life we often separate ourselves from the Lord by our poor decisions – our sins.

It is now time to reconcile ourselves with God in this magnificent sacrament because our merciful God invites us to celebrate his love and peace for us and experience his forgiveness.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation begins with a prayerful preparation. In prayer, we ask God to become part of our lives and help us to find peace and conversion as we consider our lives and find reconciliation with the Lord.

In this regard, the first question, we must ask ourselves is

"Am I a good person?"

As I truly live in the spirit and with the love of my Savior?

Each day God gives us so many opportunities to bring joy and peace to my part of the world. Or do I miss those opportunities – do I do nothing? Do I make poor decisions? Do I sin?

So, many of us must admit that although we want to be good people – we fail. I know only too well, personally, that I fail often to make things better and happier for the people in my life, that I act selfishly. I am a sinner.

This is where I need to share this, with my God, with myself, with my priest. I recognize my failings to be a loving person in my relationships. I fail to live like a disciple of Jesus and so separate myself from my God. It is time for reconciliation now. I want to be a good person.

Then comes the major decision of this Sacrament of Reconciliation. "What am I going to do about this?" "What is my plan for the future?" What must I do to make my life what it should be? What must I eliminate from my life that separates me from my God? How can I work out this reconciliation with the Lord? With an

open heart, the Lord will be with me to transform me into a new person, into that good disciple of Jesus. In my reconciliation I will unite myself with the Lord in a special, new way.

All of this will require a spirit of penance, an honest effort to change my failings and heal my faults. In prayer, Jesus will help to transform me and, in prayer, I will allow Jesus to transform me, to heal me, to make me a new person.

What a wonderful sacrament! How magnificent is the Lord's mercy. God is always ready to forgive me. He cares about us. How wonderful to hear the words of absolution "You are forgiven." God loves you so much, you are a good person! Now you must live as a forgiven, good person.

Cardinal Kasper writes this: "This sacrament corresponds today, just as in previous times, to a deep need, and it still has relevance. It is a work of mercy, both for the individual and the church community. It could help to overcome aggression, it could assist in giving Christian humility a new lease on life, establishing more merciful dealings with one another in the church and thereby helping the Church to become more merciful."



## FOLLOW ME

# Summertime and the livin' is.... busy!

I don't stay home much during the summer months. I enjoy making pastoral visits to our beautiful parishes tucked away in the North Country.

These visits give me an opportunity to celebrate Eucharist with so many faith-filled Catholics. I experience their deep faith and see the great love that parishioners have for their priests, deacons, and consecrated religious.

Let me share with you my travels of a recent weekend.

The last weekend in August began for me with the annual diocesan picnic held behind my house on Friday afternoon. Occasions such as this remind me of how fortunate and truly blessed we are to have such dedicated and highly competent women and men who serve our parishes in our diocesan offices.

The next morning, I enjoyed breakfast with a young man who is discerning the call to be a priest. Our conversation gives me confidence in the seriousness with which our youth reflect on the role their faith plays in choosing a vocation.

I then enjoyed presiding at the annual Founder's Day Mass at Our Lady of the Adirondacks. Many individuals joined us for Eucharist in this small prayer house dedicated to Mary followed by a delicious spaghetti lunch.

Our Lady of the Adirondacks provides many programs through the year that helps participants respond to the Lord's call to holiness.

I encourage you to check out our *North Country Catholic* for their schedule.

Saturday concluded for me with a beautiful Mass at St. Alexander's Church in Morrisonville followed by the baptism of my great-nephew, Carsen Michael.

Sunday morning, I was greeted by Father Chris Carrara, Deacon Ken Seymour and the faithful of St. Peter's Church for Mass in Lowville. I, also, had the opportunity to meet little Jamison

Joseph who was soon to be baptized, and his parents.

After Mass, Father Chris led me to Whittaker Park for Mass and the annual parish picnic for the folks of Lowville, Glenfield, Houseville and the surrounding area.

I met Mildred, a delightful parishioner who has seen 102 summers and many young children!

Parish picnics such as this are grace-filled occasions to share our faith and enjoy time together on a beautiful summer day.

After the picnic, I traveled to St. Cyril's Church in Alexandria Bay to enjoy the 8th Annual Summer Concert performed by St. Cyril's Choir.

This year's theme: *Raising a Peaceful Joyful Noise* provided all present with an inspiring, hope-filled expression of faith by a very talented and dedicated group of women and men. What a wonderful prayer for peace it was!

You'll notice that nestled in the midst of all these events, were the celebrations of two baptisms. They

led me to ask our Chancellor to do a little research.

## During the summer months, I enjoy making pastoral visits to our beautiful parishes tucked away in the North Country

According to our official diocesan records, there were a total of 1,959 baptisms celebrated in our diocese in the year 2000. In 2015, that number was 818!

There are a number of factors that have contributed to such a precipitous decline in baptisms—some we can control, others we can't. Demographics indicate, and we see in our own families, that many of our young people are leaving northern New York, seeking good jobs and raising their young families elsewhere. Today, many of those choosing to marry and raise families opt for smaller families than our parents and grandparents raised.

The faith factor is troubling. More and more, parents are choosing not to have their children baptized. Yet, in John's Gospel, we hear Jesus tell Nicodemus: "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit." (3:5) Baptism is necessary for salvation. The Church teaches: "The Church does not know of any means other than Baptism that assures entry into eternal beatitude" (CCC, #1257).

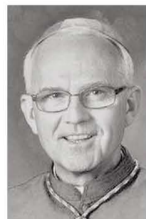
With trends in membership and active participation in the Church headed in the wrong direction, it is urgent that everyone of us do our part in addressing our

Diocesan Priorities: *Creating a Culture of Vocations, Strengthening Faith Formation in Family Life and Building our Parishes with Living Stones*. It is timely that we come together as a diocesan family of faith to gather in Lake Placid to celebrate our Catholic faith. Each of us hears again the resurrected Christ's great commission to His followers: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy

Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matt.28:19-20). Baptism is a gift that we must cherish and nurture. *Please be sure to register today* to attend our vocations summit: **INSPIRE: Called to Love**.

Baptism is crucial for eternal life. Let's joyfully live out our baptismal promises and reverse the trend. Baptism makes all the difference in the world (this and the next).

Hope to see you in Lake Placid!



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CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY... FEED THE HUNGRY, GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY

# On a Tuesday night in Plattsburgh

By Shawn Ryan  
Staff writer

**PLATTSBURGH** - At the very top of the Corporal Works of Mercy is feeding the hungry, and giving drink to the thirsty. Nowhere are these works more wholly embodied than at St. Peter's Tuesday night soup kitchen, and in the person of Deacon Mark Bennett.

The soup kitchen was originally opened in 1997 by then Pastor Father John Yankovig and Deacon Bob Diehl. Deacon Bennett took over running the soup kitchen - located at the Seton Academy, next door to St. Peter's - 11 years ago.

One of the primary roles of a deacon, he explains, is to work with the poor.

"My guiding light is certainly the words of Jesus himself. 'What you do to the least of our brothers...' says Deacon Bennett.

Over the course of the year, the soup kitchen feeds on average about 65 to 70 people every Tuesday night starting at 5 p.m., and continuing until all are fed.

**At St. Peter's soup kitchen:  
You're not only reading  
the Gospel, you're  
living the Gospel**

In slow seasons their numbers might drop to around 40, but during the peak winter months the number of people seeking a meal can number over 100.

"The vast bulk are the working poor," he explains. "They find by the end of the month the money is short, and they stop by the soup kitchen for a good meal.

"But it's not just feeding them, it's a social time as well," Deacon Bennett said.

The food shelf is funded primarily by the parish, as

well as by gifts from the Knights of Columbus Council 255 in Plattsburgh, and a yearly FEMA Grant. Some of those sources, says Bennett, are more reliable than others.

"The Knights are extremely generous," the deacon said. "That's something I can count on, as opposed to the FEMA grant, the Knights are always there."

But the weekly food shelf is not the only work of charity for the venerable Plattsburgh church. Last year parishioners distributed over 100 full Thanksgiving baskets, and stocked a Christmas giving tree with over \$10,000 of clothes and toys for children.

They also provide some less well known programs such as occasional gas vouchers for the working poor, and financial help with some medical expenses.

For the 1970 Mount Assumption Institute graduate, a calling to the ministry was something many years in the making. After high school Deacon Bennett enrolled in Wadhams Hall, and eventually transferred to Catholic University in Washington D.C.

"It was around that time that Father Harry Giroux introduced me to my wife," he said.

After 30 years in banking, he received a call in 2009 from Father Yankovig, asking him to consider a calling as a deacon.



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Deacon Bennett, right, is shown with the St. Peter's soup kitchen volunteers Jack Beaumont and Helene Verrillo and chef Doris Leazott

"Basically I came full circle," he said. "For me it's been the best of both worlds." He and his wife Theresa have celebrated 40 years of marriage, and have three sons and four grandchildren.

In a serious moment, the man sporting Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle socks contemplated the future of the St. Peter's Soup Kitchen.

"Jesus said there will always be the poor among you," Deacon Bennett said. "In a perfect world we wouldn't need it, and with

some of the new businesses coming to Plattsburgh hopefully it'll be needed less and less."

What he's happiest about, he says, is the support he and the soup kitchen receive from the parish and from the community.

With it they've been able to hire a dedicated cook, Doris Leazott, and plan to respond in the future to whatever challenges might come their way.

"You're not only reading the Gospel," he said. "You're living the Gospel."



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# Creating a Culture of Vocations

## *Bishop LaValley announces new positions for Vocation Promotion Plan*

OGDENSBURG - Bishop Terry R. LaValley announced the implementation of a new Vocation Promotion Plan for the Diocese of Ogdensburg. The new plan calls for the restructuring of the Office of Vocations.

The Vocations Promotion Plan and the restructuring of the Office of Vocations are a direct result of the Envisioning Leadership Process led by Bishop LaValley in 2013-2014.

"Our Envisioning Leadership Process made clear the need for our parishes to create a culture of vocations that promotes vocational awareness and supports vocational discernment" Bishop LaValley said.

"While we continue to focus on the call to the ordained priesthood due to our current need for priests, we also recognize the need to promote and support all vocations," he said.

The Vocations Promotion Plan structures the Office of Vocations for the implementation of the *We Are Called* vocation plan. This vocation plan guides parishes in creating a culture of vocations.

A key element of the *We Are Called* plan is the formation of vocation committees in every parish to promote and encourage all vocations.

*We Are Called* highlights the universal call to holiness.

"By reminding our people about the universal call to holiness, we set all vocations in their proper context and create a culture in which each person faithfully responds to God's call," said Bishop LaValley.

"All vocations arise in the context of the family," he said. "Therefore, we need to support and encourage the Sacrament of Marriage as a response to the call to holiness. In the context of the family all vocations are nurtured."

The Office of Vocations is being restructured to imple-



Catherine Russell

ment and support the *We Are Called* vocation plan. The Office will include a Diocesan Vocation Coordinator who will assist parishes in the implementation of the *We Are Called* vocation plan, and manage the overall administration of the office.

### New vocation leaders

Bishop LaValley has appointed Catherine Russell as the Diocesan Vocation Coordinator.

Miss Russell is originally from Watertown and is a graduate of Immaculate Heart Central High School. She has a strong background in education, having taught in Catholic schools for many years, serving as Guidance Counselor at Crown Point Central School, and most recently serving as Principal of Seton Catholic Central School in Plattsburgh.

Miss Russell has also been active in the Church, serving as a lector and member of the Catholic Daughters in her parish of St. Alexander's in Morrisonville.

She has been a Sister of St. Joseph associate for many



Father Lucia

years, and served on the *We Are Called* vocation committee.

In accepting this position, Miss Russell said, "I am so grateful to Bishop LaValley for this opportunity to continue serving the Church I love in this new position. It is a challenge to which I look forward."

Working with the new Vocation Coordinator will be Father Douglas Lucia, who will serve as Diocesan Vocation Director, and Father Thomas Higman, who will serve as Associate Vocation Director.

The Vocation Directors will accompany persons interested in a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated



Father Higman

life in order to guide them in the discernment process. The Vocation Directors will also work with the Diocesan Vocation Coordinator in promoting Vocations throughout the diocese.

Fathers Lucia and Higman will succeed Father Bryan Stitt, who has served as Diocesan Vocation Director for nine years.

"I wish to thank Father Bryan Stitt for his tireless work as Vocation Director. He has held this position for nine years," said Bishop LaValley. "Being Vocation Director is a challenging ministry and I am grateful for Father Stitt's determination and dedication in this position."

"As Father Stitt accepts a new assignment, I want to express my gratitude for his fine service," the bishop said.

Father Douglas Lucia will continue to serve as pastor of St. Mary's Church in Canton, Adjutant Judicial Vicar and Episcopal Vicar for Worship and Family Life.

"I am most grateful to Father Lucia for undertaking these new responsibilities," said Bishop LaValley. "Father Lucia brings a great deal of knowhow and energy to this position."

Father Thomas Higman, the Associate Vocation Director, will continue to serve as administrator of St. Bernard's Church, Lyon Mountain and St. Edmund's Church in Ellenburg.

"Father Higman has gifts and talents that will make him effective in this new position," said Bishop LaValley. "I am most grateful for his willingness to serve in this position."

"I am excited about the restructuring of the Office of Vocations," said Bishop LaValley. "We are responding to the call from the grass roots for a culture of vocations in our diocese."

"Let us pray that the Master of the harvest will bless our efforts and send workers into the vineyard," he said.



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

# Bishop's Fund supports New Evangelization

By Marika Donders  
Diocesan director, Office of New Evangelization

Thanks to your generous support of the Bishops Fund, the Diocesan Office of the New Evangelization exists to assist parishes, groups and individuals to become aware of the need for evangelization and to assist every baptized Catholic to become a disciple who shares the faith with others.

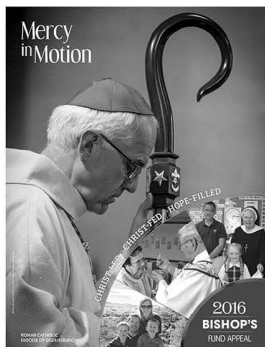
Following the document of the US Bishops, "Go and Make Disciples, a National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States," the Office of the New Evangelization has three goals:

- To bring about in all Catholics such an enthusiasm for their faith that, in living their faith in Jesus, they freely share it with others;

- To invite all people, whatever their social or cultural background, to hear the message of salvation in Jesus Christ so they may come to join us in the fullness of the Catholic faith;

- To foster gospel values in our society, promoting the dignity of the human person, the importance of the family, and the common good of our society, so that our nation may continue to be transformed by the saving power of Jesus Christ.

To these ends, the Office



of the New Evangelization offers workshops on parish evangelization and how to create parish evangelization teams and form intentional disciples who are eager share their own faith through stories and the witness of their encounter with Jesus.

The office also suggests programs, books and other material for group study, prayer groups and individual enrichment.

The office also collaborates with other diocesan offices such as Formation for Ministry and Family Life with workshop such as the recent regional series on the World Meeting of Families or the upcoming Hospitality workshop in June of 2017.

With the idea that people cannot actively participate in events they do not know about, the Office of the New Evangelization also works to

communicate the faith through social media and our new Diocesan newsletter eNotes.

The office can also assist parishes with workshops on evangelization through social media.

For more information, how Office of New Evangelization can assist your parish, please contact Marika Donders at [mdonders@rcdony.org](mailto:mdonders@rcdony.org) or 315-393-2920 ext 1360 or see <http://rcdony.org/evangelization.html>.

## 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](http://www.virtus.org) by selecting the registration button and following the directions.

All employees and volunteers who participate in church sponsored activities with minor are required to participate.

Further information is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 1440.

Upcoming sessions:

**Sept. 8** - 7:30 p.m., Wakefield Recital Hall/SUNY Potsdam

**Sept. 10** - 10 a.m., Seton Academy, Plattsburgh

**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

## Bishop's Schedule

**Sept. 7** - 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

**Sept. 8** - 8:30 a.m., Opening School Mass and Visit at St. Mary's Church in Canton

**Sept. 9** - 12:00 p.m., Mass for Day of Prayer for Peace at St. Mary's Cathedral

**Sept. 10** - 10:30 a.m., Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting at St. Patrick's Church in Colton

**Sept. 11** - 9:40 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Church in Copenhagen  
11 a.m., Mass at St. James Minor Church in Carthage

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**Sept. 9** - Rev. Michael Olivetti, 1863;

Rev. Thomas P. Fitzgerald, 1914; Rev.

Antonio Audet, 1957

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When we celebrate what is right in the world, Dewitt tells us that we will have the passion and energy to do what needs to be done to heal and take care it.

During the Season of Celebration that began on Sept. 1 with the World Day of Prayer and continues to October 4 with the Feast of St. Francis, Pope Francis calls us to prayer "God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. The poor and the earth are crying out. O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty." (*Laudato Si* Prayer)

As we look around our Church for signs of caring for our common home, we see our leaders take very seriously the need to lower carbon emissions.

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## Local Sisters of St. Joseph attend U.S. federation event

Among the nearly 700 Sisters of St. Joseph who recently attended the 50th Anniversary of the U.S. Federation held in Orlando in early July were local Sisters of St. Joseph Kathleen Mary DeBoalt, Mary Louise Fiedler, Bethany Fitzgerald, Constance Marie Sylver and SSJ Associates Gladys Cameron of Massena and Kathy Robinson, Norfolk.

The federation is a union of Sisters of St. Joseph of the United States who claim a common origin in the foundation at LePuy, France in 1650 and which now embraces approximately 4500 Sisters and 2900 Associates among 16 Congregations throughout the U.S.

One of the presentations at the Orlando gathering focused on challenges that the Sisters meet in finding where God is calling them in the midst of shifting demographics.

Another presentation took the participants from an institute into a movement reminding them that people all long to be part of the flow of something greater.

Some issues of social jus-



From left, St. Joseph Sisters Kathleen DeBoalt, Mary Louise Fiedler, Constance Sylver and Bethany Fitzgerald; and lay associates Kathryn Robinson and Gladys Cameron represented the Diocese of Ogdensburg at the 50th annual U.S. Federation of Sisters of St. Joseph held earlier in the summer in Orlando.

ture were discussed at length. The Sisters were encouraged to create an awareness and advocacy network concerning labor trafficking and the exploitation of farm workers in the United States.

In a conflicted 21st century world, the Sisters of Saint Joseph seek to bring their traditions and vision of life in a way that will speak to society and be a positive influence for change.



## NEW FACES

September 7 is the day new and returning students were welcomed to Seton Catholic Central in Plattsburgh. Lynn Gilbert, the new principal at the high school, is looking forward to meeting other new members of the Seton Family from Seton Academy, as well as new international students, and those who are entering the Seton Schools for the first time. Information about Seton is available from Susan FitzPatrick Pellerin at [spellerin@thesetonschools.org](mailto:spellerin@thesetonschools.org) or by phone at 518-561-4031.



*'Do small things with great love'*

# St. Teresa of Kolkata

**KOLKATA, INDIA (CNS)** - A favorite motto of Blessed Teresa of Kolkata was: "Do small things with great love."

But the "small things" she did so captivated the world that she was showered with honorary degrees and other awards, almost universally praised by the media and sought out by popes, presidents, philanthropists and other figures of wealth and influence.

Despite calls on her time from all over the globe Mother Teresa always returned to India to be with those she loved most - the lonely, abandoned, homeless, disease-ravaged, dying, "poorest of the poor" in Kolkata's streets.

On Sept. 4, Pope Francis, who has spent this year preaching about mercy, will canonize Mother Teresa, who traveled the world to deliver a single message: that love and caring are the most important things in the world.

"The biggest disease today," she once said, "is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted, uncared for and deserted by everybody. The greatest evil is the lack of love and charity, the terrible indifference toward one's neighbor who lives at the roadside, assaulted by exploitation, corruption, poverty and disease."

## Worldwide influence

Her influence is worldwide. The Missionaries of Charity, which Mother Teresa founded in 1950, has more than 5,300 active and contemplative sisters today. In

## The Life of Mother Teresa



Source: Catholic News Service reports

addition, there are Missionaries of Charity Fathers, and active and contemplative brothers.

In 1969, in response to growing interest of laypeople who wanted to be associated with her work, an informally structured, ecumenical International Association of Co-Workers of Mother Teresa was formed.

The members of the congregation take vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, but the vow of poverty is stricter than in other congregations because, as Mother Teresa explained, "to be able to love the poor and know the poor, we must be poor ourselves."

In addition, the Missionaries of Charity - sisters and brothers - take a fourth vow of "wholehearted and free service to the poorest of the poor."

The tiny, wizened Mother Teresa in her familiar white and blue sari opened houses for the destitute and dying, for those with AIDS, for or-

- 1910** Born Aug. 26 in Macedonia
- 1928** Makes first vows with Loreto Sisters in Dublin
- 1934** Named principal of girls school in Kolkata
- 1946** Receives inner call to serve the poor
- 1950** Establishes Missionaries of Charity
- 1952** Opens home for dying destitute in Kolkata
- 1965** Receives pontifical approval for her order
- 1971** Receives first Pope John XXIII Peace Prize  
Establishes first U.S. foundation of her order
- 1979** Receives Nobel Peace Prize
- 1990** Resigns as head of order, but re-elected in unanimous vote
- 1997** Turns over leadership of order to Sister Nirmala  
Dies in Kolkata Sept. 5
- 2003** Beatified by Pope John Paul II
- 2016** Elevated to sainthood

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phans and for people with leprosy. She founded houses in Cuba and the then-Soviet Union - countries not generally open to foreign church workers.

## Simple faith, practical efficiency

Her combination of serene, simple faith and direct, practical efficiency often amazed those who came in contact with her.

In 1982, when Israeli troops were holding Beirut under siege in an effort to root out the Palestine Liberation Organization, Mother Teresa visited a community of her nuns at Spring School, a home for the aged in East Beirut. It was her first visit in a war zone but not her last.

Meeting with Red Cross officials about relief needs, she asked what their most serious problem was. They took her to a nearby mental hospital that had just been bombed, requiring immediate evacuation of 37 mentally and physically

handicapped children.

"I'll take them," she said.

"What stunned everyone was her energy and efficiency," a Red Cross official involved in the evacuation said afterward. "She saw the problem, fell to her knees and prayed for a few seconds, and then she was rattling off a list of supplies she needed -- nappies (diapers), plastic pants, chamber pots. We didn't expect a saint to be so efficient."

## Outspoken against abortion

She was an advocate for children and was outspoken against abortion.

In a 1981 visit to New York, she proposed a characteristically direct and simple solution to the problem of unwanted pregnancy: "If you know anyone who does not want the child, who is afraid of the child, then tell them to give that child to me."

When Mother Teresa received the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway, Dec. 10,

1979, she accepted it "in the name of the hungry, of the naked, of the homeless, of the blind, of the lepers, of all those who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared for throughout society."

She also condemned abortion as the world's greatest destroyer of people.

"To me, the nations who have legalized abortion are the poorest nations," she said. "They are afraid of the unborn child, and the child must die."

Often when criticized about her approach to social issues, Mother Teresa told of a man who suggested she could do more for the world by teaching people how to fish rather than by giving them fish.

"The people I serve are helpless," she said she told him. "They cannot stand. They cannot hold the rod. I will give them the food and then send them to you so you can teach them how to fish."

When she was criticized for not using her considerable influence to attack systemic evils such as the arms race or organized exploitation and injustice, she simply responded that was not her mission, but one that belonged to others, especially to the Catholic laity.

"Once you get involved in politics, you stop being all things to all men," she said in an interview in 1982. "We must encourage the laypeople to stand for justice, for truth" in the political arena.

## Born Agnes Ganxhe Bojaxhiu

Mother Teresa was born Agnes Ganxhe Bojaxhiu to Albanian parents in Skopje, in what is now Macedonia, Aug. 26, 1910. She had a sister, Aga, and a brother, Lazar. Her father was a grocer, but the family's background was more peasant than merchant.

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## Editor's note

Pope Francis canonized St. Teresa of Kolkata Sept. 4, after this issue of the *North Country Catholic* was printed. Coverage of the canonization will appear in the next issue.



# St. Teresa

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Lazar said their mother's example was a determining factor in Agnes' vocation.

"Already when she was a little child she used to assist the poor by taking food to them every day like our mother," he said. When Agnes was 9, he said, "She was plump, round, tidy, sensible and a little too serious for her age. Of the three of us, she alone did not steal the jam."

As a student at a public school in Skopje, she was a member of a Catholic sodality with a special interest in foreign missions.

## A vocation to help the poor

"At the age of 12, I first knew I had a vocation to help the poor," she once said. "I wanted to be a missionary."

At 15, Agnes was inspired to work in India by reports sent home by Yugoslavian Jesuit missionaries in Bengal - present-day Bangladesh, but then part of India.

At 18 she left home to join the Irish branch of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, known as the Loreto Sisters. After training at their institutions in Dublin and in Darjeeling, India, she made her first vows as a nun in 1928 and her final vows nine years later.

While teaching and serving as a principal at Loreto House, a fashionable girls' college in Kolkata, she was depressed by the destitute and dying on the city's streets, the homeless street urchins, the ostracized sick people lying prey to rats and other vermin in streets and alleys.

## 'Call within a call'

In 1946, she received a "call within a call," as she described it. "The message was clear. I was to leave the convent and help the poor, while living among them," she said.

Two years later, the Vatican gave her permission to leave the Loreto Sisters and follow her new calling under the jurisdiction of the archbishop of Kolkata.



CNS PHOTO/JACLYN LIPPELMANN, CATHOLIC STANDARD

Sisters from the Missionaries of Charity admire the official canonization portrait of St. Teresa of Kolkata just after its unveiling Sept. 7 at the St. John Paul II National Shrine in Washington. The image was displayed during her canonization Sept. 4.

After three months of medical training under the American Medical Missionary Sisters in Patna, India, Mother Teresa went into the Kolkata slums to take children cut off from education into her first school. Soon volunteers, many of them her former students, came to join her.

In 1950, the Missionaries of Charity became a diocesan religious community, and 15 years later the Vatican recognized it as a pontifical congregation, directly under Vatican jurisdiction.

In 1952, Mother Teresa opened the Nirmal Hriday (Pure Heart) Home for Dying Destitutes in a dormitory - formerly a hostel attached to a Hindu temple dedicated to the god Kali - donated by the city of Kolkata. Although some of those taken in survive, the primary function of the home is, as one Missionary of Charity explained, to be "a shelter where the dying poor may die in dignity." Tens of thousands of people have been cared for in the

home since it opened.

## Gifts, honors

When Blessed Paul VI visited Bombay, now Mumbai, India, in 1964, he presented Mother Teresa with a white ceremonial Lincoln Continental given to him by people in the United States. She raffled off the car and raised enough money to finance a center for leprosy victims in the Indian state of West Bengal.

Twenty-one years later, when U.S. President Ronald Reagan presented her with the presidential Medal of Freedom at the White House, he called her a "heroine of our times" and noted that the plaque honoring her described her as the "saint of the gutters."

He also joked that Mother Teresa might be the first award recipient to take the plaque and melt it down to get money for the poor.

In addition to winning the Nobel Peace Prize, Mother Teresa was given Pope John XXIII Peace Prize in 1971; the

Templeton Prize in 1973; the John F. Kennedy International Award in 1971; the \$300,000 Balzan Prize for Humanity, Peace and Brotherhood in 1979; the Congressional Gold Medal in 1997; and dozens of other awards and honors, including one of India's highest - the Padma Shri Medal.

## Answering critics

The work of Mother Teresa sometimes faced criticism from those who sought to foster social justice in the world and religious renewal in the Catholic Church.

For Mother Teresa, love for the dying, the scandal of abortion and the obedient servanthood of women were paramount -- to the exclusion of such issues as social problems and male domination in the church, New York Daily News columnist Dick Ryan wrote

American columnist Colman McCarthy sought to answer the critics.

"Undoubtedly," he wrote, "Mother Teresa would be

much closer to the orthodoxies of American social improvement if she were more the reformer and less the comforter. But instead of reports on how many people she's moved 'above the poverty line,' all she has are some stories of dying outcasts. Instead of acting sensibly by getting a grant to create a program to eliminate poverty, she moves into a neighborhood to share it.

"When Mother Teresa speaks of 'sharing poverty,' she defies the logic of institutions that prefer agendas for the poor, not communion with individual poor people. Communion disregards conventional approaches. It may never find a job for someone, much less ever get him shaped up. Thus the practitioners of communion are called irrelevant. They may get stuck - as is Mother Teresa - with being labeled a saint."

## Health problems

Even after health problems led her to resign as head of the Missionaries of Charities in 1990, her order re-elected her as superior, and she continued traveling at a pace that would have tired people half her age. In 1996 alone she had four hospitalizations: for a broken collarbone; for a head injury from a fall; for cardiac problems, malaria and a lung infection; and for angioplasty to remove blockages in two of her major arteries.

In late January 1997, her spiritual adviser, Jesuit Father Edward Le Joly, said, "She is dying, she is on oxygen." That March, the Missionaries of Charity elected her successor, Sister Nirmala Joshi. But Mother Teresa bounced back and, before her death Sept. 5, 1997, she traveled to Rome and the United States.

Mother Teresa was beatified in record time - in 2003, just over six years after her death - because St. John Paul set aside the rule that a sainthood process cannot begin until the candidate has been dead five years.



# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Pope meets with Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Continuing his dialogue with leaders in the world of social media and technology, Pope Francis met with Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg. Zuckerberg and his wife, Priscilla Chan, met the pope Aug. 29 in the Domus Sanctae Marthae, where the pope lives. "It is an honor to be with you today," Zuckerberg told the pope, adding that he hoped to help spread the pope's "message of mercy and tenderness." He also presented Pope Francis with a model replica of Aquila, a solar-powered aircraft that will beam internet connectivity to areas with limited or no connection. Greg Burke, Vatican spokesman, said the pope and Zuckerberg spoke about "how communications technology can be used to alleviate poverty, encourage a culture of encounter and help deliver a message of hope, especially to the most disadvantaged people."

## Parties seek criminal justice reform, but debate focuses on how much

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Over the last two years, criminal justice reform has become the focus of both Democrats and Republicans as prison overcrowding drives up government spending on incarceration and law enforcement. With Election Day nearing, presidential candidates have been refining their views on the issue. A review of the campaign platforms of the major parties and their candidates, along with statements from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, reveal that there has been a broad interest in reform, but with no significant action by Congress even though a major bill is pending in the House of Representatives. The party platforms address several related issues, including mass incarceration, mandatory minimum sentencing, rehabilitation and community re-entry, and alternatives to incarceration. Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton have said little about criminal justice issues, mostly limiting their comments to responses in media interviews or town hall meetings during the long campaign. While the U.S. is home to 5 percent of the world's population, it houses a quarter of the world's prison population. Some observers attribute the disparity to the growth of private prisons, which often have minimum occupancy policies that can appear to incentivize prison sentences for minor offenses.

## Vatican: Ideology can slant scientific views of difference in sexes

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Be cautious about scientific data that offer to be the sole basis and single explanation for the differences between men and women, the Vatican newspaper said. Different eras have produced different scientific conclusions about sex differences, it said, in part because assumptions were built on the knowledge available at the time. But past scientific views were also inspired by the particular social concepts in force and were "marked, in general, by a strong 'male-centric' ideological slant, aimed at scientifically establishing female inferiority," the newspaper article said. The article, "History of Biological Difference," was published Sept. 1 in L'Osservatore Romano's monthly insert dedicated to women in the church and the world. The article presented a run-down of different findings, spanning from the 1800s to present day, by scientists in explaining why men and women are different.

# Pope Francis proposes care for creation as a new work of mercy

By Junno Arocho Esteves  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Calling for concrete actions that benefit human life and the environment, Pope Francis proposed adding the care and protection of creation to the traditional list of corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

As a spiritual work of mercy, the pope said, care for creation requires "a grateful contemplation of God's world," while as a corporal work, it calls for "simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness."

The pope reflected on the need for an integral ecology in Christian life in his message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Sept. 1.

The message, titled "Show Mercy to our Common Home," reflects on the day of prayer as an occasion for Christians to "reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation" and to thank God "for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care."

Presenting the pope's message Sept. 1, Cardinal Peter Turkson, president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, said the day of prayer follows the example of the Orthodox Church, which initiated the prayer day in 1989.

Pope Francis' message, the cardinal told journalists, calls on Christians to be "honest with ourselves" and acknowledge that "when we hurt the earth, we also hurt the poor" and thus commit "a sin against creation, against the poor and against those who have not yet been born."

"This means that we must examine our consciences and repent. I realize that this is not the way we traditionally

think about sin. These are sins, Pope Francis says, that we have not hitherto acknowledged and confessed," Cardinal Turkson said.

**Adding care for creation to the corporal and spiritual works of mercy acknowledges human life and everything that surrounds it as 'an object of mercy'**

In his message, the pope said concern for the planet's future unites religious leaders and organizations and draws attention to "the moral and spiritual crisis" that is at the heart of environmental problems.

"Christians or not, as people of faith and goodwill, we should be showing mercy to the earth as our common home and cherishing the world in which we live as a place for sharing and communion," the pope said.

Pollution and global warming, due partly to human activity, he said, has turned the beauty of God's creation into a "polluted wasteland" that impacts the world's poor, who have suffered the brunt of "irresponsible and selfish behavior."

"As an integral ecology emphasizes, human beings are deeply connected with all of creation. When we mistreat nature, we also mistreat human beings," the pope said. The Year of Mercy, he added, offers Christians an opportunity to experience not only an interior conversion but also an "ecological conversion," one that recognizes "our responsibility to ourselves, our neighbors, creation and the Creator."

The first step on the path of conversion is to reflect on the harm done to creation by lifestyles inspired by "a dis-

torted culture of prosperity," which brings about a "disordered desire to consume more than what is really necessary," he said.

Ecological conversion, the pope said, requires a serious examination of conscience, recognizing one's sins "against the Creator, against creation and against our brothers and sisters," and sincere repentance.

Sincere conversion and repentance are shown by a firm resolve to change course and bring about concrete actions that respect creation, such as energy conservation, recycling and caring concern for others.

"We must not think that these efforts are too small to improve our world. They call for a goodness which, albeit unseen, inevitably tends to spread and encourage a prophetic and contemplative lifestyle," he wrote.

A change of course also requires governments to take steps to protect the environment. While praising the adoption of the 2015 Sustainable Development Goals, Pope Francis called on world leaders to honor their commitments in halting the rise of global temperatures and on citizens to hold them accountable and "advocate for even more ambitious goals."

Pope Francis said that adding care for creation to the corporal and spiritual works of mercy acknowledges human life and everything that surrounds it as "an object of mercy."

"In our rapidly changing and increasingly globalized world, many new forms of poverty are appearing," Pope Francis said. "In response to them, we need to be creative in developing new and practical forms of charitable outreach as concrete expressions of the way of mercy."



## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# God's patient mercy and forgiveness

This Holy Year of Mercy is coming soon to a close.

Have you visited a church or chapel yet near you that has been designated by the Bishop for special indulgences? We have less than three months left.

Our readings this week are about God's patient mercy and forgiveness and about His great joy in recovering the lost.

The first reading tells about the sin of the Israelites when they panicked at Moses' long absence on the mountain. They made a golden calf as a substitute

for the One True God.

At the very time God was presenting Moses with the Ten Commandments, they were breaking the first one!

It was Moses', of course, who cooled God's anger, so that God relented of His blazing anger and gave them a second chance.

In the second reading, we read about God's patience with Paul (then called Saul), who had been murdering the new Christians with great zeal. Paul tells us that Christ came to redeem sinners, and mercifully treated him "so that in me, as the foremost (sinner), Christ Jesus might show His

mercy and patience as an example for those who would come to believe in him for everlasting life".

In the Gospel, we have the story of a lamb, a coin, and two brothers that were lost. Actually, it's more about the joy of a Shepherd, a housekeeper and a loving father. Really, they all stand for God the Father and His mercy toward wayward and the lost..

The second story about the woman sweeping the house for a single coin, then throwing a party in her joy, seems a bit exaggerated for us today. But we must remember how difficult it was for a shepherd to go over rocks and ravines, carrying a 75 lb. sheep, and for a housewife to sweep a dark

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Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-32

and rough dirt floor of her house.

We certainly get the idea that God is filled with happiness when someone like ourselves, not much more important than a small coin, comes back to our senses.

The third story is the most famous, the one about the Prodigal Son. The spendthrift, younger son, can't even get his carefully-rehearsed speech out of his

mouth, before the Father smothers him with kisses, and treats him like a returning hero. He could well sing for the rest of his days, "I once was lost but now am found". We're not so sure of his angry, resentful older brother. The tearful father could not persuade him to come into the party, but the merciful father forgives him anyway.

What about us? We're often impatient and unforgiving with people who do not measure up to our standards. Our attitude can offend and discourage family members.

Just remembering God's forgiveness of our sins and failings should help us to be much more patient and merciful than we are!

## DO YOU LOVE ME? KEEP MY COMMANDS

# Caterpillars, bacon and the Fifth Commandment

I don't remember if I was nine or 10 years old, but it was the middle of the summer, I was bored, and there was a caterpillar moving slowly along the driveway.

I decided it would be fun to pretend I was a bomber airplane on a mission to drop pine cone bombs on unsuspecting slow moving targets. It was a direct hit on the first attempt!

I was so excited at my skill and accuracy that I threw a party for myself which only lasted about three seconds, because I looked down and saw the caterpillar squirming in pain, and then it just lay there and did not move at all.

Suddenly, waves of guilt

### 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

washed over me. I looked around to see who might have observed my heinous act and I slinked away.

I don't know why I felt the way I did, after all, I was a serial killer. I routinely killed billions of bacteria through my use of Listerine and antibacterial soap. When it came to flies, mosquitos and spiders, I was deadly. I had no compunction in digging up weeds in the garden, and I enjoyed bacon and eggs.

For the first time in my life I wondered if I violated the fifth commandment, thou shalt not kill!

I began to consider that my way of thinking about the fifth commandment must be faulty because otherwise it would be impossible to obey.

I wrestled with the question for several years and eventually I came to understand that the commandment is a prohibition against murder.

Even though one might

say that at face value they are the same thing, there are three things that differentiate killing from murder.

First, the killing must be intentional. Accidental death is not murder. The person might still be held accountable for the death, but they are not culpable to the same degree.

Second, the victim must be innocent in that they are not posing a threat to kill or seriously injure someone else. If they pose such a threat, then use of deadly force is justifiable if necessary to stop them from acting.

Third, the victim must be human. Hurting or killing an animal may be animal abuse, which is certainly gravely immoral, but never the equivalent of murder.

This third component requires us to consider what it means to be a human as op-

posed to an animal. Error about what it means to be a human person is squarely at the center of just about every threat to families these days.



Stephen M. Tartaglia

In short, what makes humans different is that we have a dignity because we have been given the gifts of reason and free will by God to enable us to love. Without either of those gifts, it is impossible to love, and love is our mission.

We feel attracted to something or someone because of some good thing we perceive, like a moth is attracted to light. Love is more than attraction. Love is willing the good of another regardless of how you feel about them.

When someone is seen as an object to be used for another's pleasure rather than a person to be loved, it is easy to abuse them.

Sometimes people are temporarily unable to exercise reason and free will. If a person is unconscious because they are intoxicated, asleep, or in a coma, do they suddenly become an object for our use and disposal?

When we treat humans as objects, we act in a way that is beneath both our dignity and theirs. When we abuse animals, we also act in a way that is beneath our dignity, but not the dignity of the animal.

This is easy to see when we consider three things. It is morally acceptable to own an animal as either a pet for our pleasure or a beast of burden to do our work, and also to kill an animal for food. You could never morally do those things to a human being. To kill or hurt an animal for no good reason is beneath our dignity because loving means acting in accord with reason.

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AT THE MOVIES

# THE LIGHT BETWEEN OCEANS

By Joseph McAleer  
Catholic News Service

Beginning with 1979's "The Europeans," the producer-director team of Ismail Merchant and James Ivory, whose partnership was already of 15 years standing, churned out a succession of high-quality period films. The duo's pictures were famous for their lush cinematography, all-star casts and compelling story lines, usually based on a deep, dark secret.

Think "A Room with a View" (1985), 1992's "Howards End" and "The Remains of the Day" (1993).

Writer-director Derek Cianfrance ("The Place Beyond the Pines") picks up the Merchant-Ivory mantle with "The Light Between Oceans" (Disney), his adaptation of the 2012 novel by M.L. Stedman.

Beautifully shot in Australia and New Zealand, this melodrama is an old-fashioned weeper about love and loss, with a powerful message about forgiveness and the role of conscience.

After fighting in World War I, Tom Sherbourne (Michael Fassbender) returns home to Australia a broken man. He eagerly



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Michael Fassbender and Alicia Vikander star in a scene from the movie "The Light Between Oceans."

takes a job as a lighthouse keeper on a remote island called Janus Rock, seeking solitude as a balm for his emotional wounds.

He lives just at the point where the Indian and Pacific Oceans meet, and his signal is thus a vital beacon for passing ships.

As he sets out from the mainland, Tom catches the

eye of charming, spirited Isabel Graysmark (Alicia Vikander). They correspond, fall in love, and eventually marry.

Making a home on their lonely island, the pair initially finds happiness together. But they remain childless. Two miscarriages drive Isabel to the brink of despair.

But not for long. One morning a dinghy washes ashore, carrying a dead man and an infant girl who's barely alive. In this, Isabel sees the answer to her prayers. She persuades her reluctant husband not to report the tragedy so that they can raise the child, christened Lucy (Florence Clerly), as their own.

Years pass, but the weight on Tom's conscience never lifts. A chance encounter on the mainland with Hannah Roennfeldt (Rachel Weisz), Lucy's real mother, only makes matters worse. Hannah continues to mourn the loss of her husband and child.

From its perch on the aptly named Janus Rock, "The Light Between Oceans" looks both toward the past and into the present, keeping viewers guessing as to whether the truth will out and some version of justice prevail. In passing through this beautifully landscaped vale of tears, sensitive viewers will find that a jumbo box of tissues comes in very handy.

The film contains mature themes, scenes of marital sensuality and a few profane oaths. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

## Caterpillars

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Some people express anger by abusing animals and children because they cannot tell others about the abuse. Anger is an emotion, that can be used for good or bad.

When it's good it motivates us to address injustice, but when it's bad, it can lead to violence. Too often it gets the better of us.

Realizing the reasons that get us to bad anger can help

us. Love is patient. If I'm reacting in anger rather than patience, it's usually because I'm tired, hungry or

frustrated.

When we are angry at another person, are we seeing that person as a human

being?


All of God's creation is worthy of respect.

All people deserve love.



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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-bethsj@gmail.com.

## CLINTON

## BATTLE OF PLATTSBURGH PARADE

**Plattsburgh** - Seton Schools Will be represented in the annual Battle of Plattsburgh Parade.

**Date:** Sept. 10

**Time:** Meet at the Wilcox Dock at 12:30 p.m. for a 1 p.m. start

**Features:** Participants should Wear blue and green.

## 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 after 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

## TURKEY DINNER

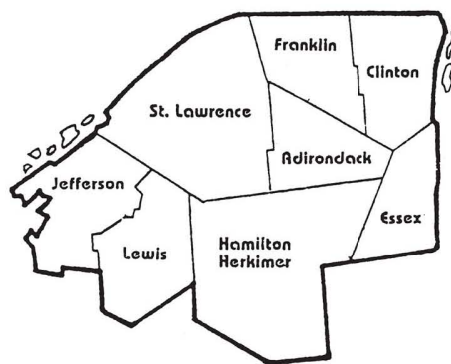
**Lyon Mountain** – St. Bernard's to have their Annual Roast Turkey Dinner.

**Date:** Sept. 11

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

**Place:** Lyon Mountain American Legion Post 1623

**Cost:** Adults, \$10; Children 6-12, \$7; under 5, Free; EMT's, Firefighters & Police Offices will be offered Free dinners.



The North Country Catholic welcomes contributions to "Around the Diocese." Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:

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

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

**Features:** 50/50 and raffle tickets to be sold. Take-outs available by calling 735-4372 or 593-7567.

**Contact:** For more info, call 593-2052

## ESSEX

## REMEMBERING ABORTED CHILDREN

**Willsboro** – Memorial Service for aborted children to be held.

**Date:** Sept. 10

**Time:** 9 a.m.

**Place:** Calvary Cemetery

**Features:** Solemn vigils will be held at to commemorate the more than 55 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child.

**Contact:** Nancy Belzile at 518-593-6024; <http://abortionmemorials.com>

## FRANKLIN

## HOLY HARVEST FESTIVAL

**Malone** – St. Andre Bessette Parish is holding its eighth 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, 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.

## BREAKFAST BUFFET

**Brushton** – St. Mary's Church events committee to have a breakfast buffet.

**Date:** Sept. 11

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

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

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Seniors, \$7; Children 6-12, \$4; under 5, Free; Immediate Family of 5 or more, \$25 (Mother, Father, and school age children)

**Contact:** For take-outs 518-529-6580

## 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.

## 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 consider the call to the priesthood.

**Dates:** Sept 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

**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** – The IHC Booster Club will be sponsoring 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:** For more information or to download the registration form please go to [www.ihschools.org](http://www.ihschools.org)

## SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALL DINNER

**Evans Mills** – The Indian River K of C to have a Spaghetti and Meatball dinner.

**Date:** Sept. 10

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

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

## 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

## LEWIS

## 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

## 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 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.

## 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:** 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, pastormsp@gmail.com, 315-265-9680; or Fr. Doug Lucia, frdoug@twcny.rr.com or Fr. Bryan Stitt, bstitt@rcdony.org.

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# Catechetical commitment

As we look to begin another year of catechetical studies in our Diocese with our Catholic youth, the Mission Office would like to take this opportunity to wish you all our best as you embark on a year filled with nurturing, celebrating and growing our children.

**Pope Francis emphasizes to our youth, "Dear Young People, let us not be satisfied with a mediocre life. Be amazed by what is true and beautiful, what is of God!"**

Another year brings so many to learn of the sacraments they will take on over the year and the valuable lessons they will learn as they enter into the World. Children and young people - under the direction of a catechist, teacher or parent - ordinarily use texts that are developed from a variety of sources, some of which are similar to the new Catechism, such as the National Directory for Catechesis.

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website, "...the Catechism serves as a point of reference for the development of such catechetical texts which in turn are directly used by children and young people with the assistance of catechists, teachers and parents."...

In the Mission Office, we also encourage using the MCA or Missionary Childhood Association program in your instruction. MCA is a program that is run out of the Mission Office and can offer a variety of programming ideas and plans. The Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) was founded in France in 1843 and its purpose is to encourage all children to be aware of the needs of children living in mission lands throughout the world and support them both spiritually and sacrificially.

One very popular item is the "We are Missionaries! Monthly Prayer Intentions/Coin Box" program. Each month has a different prayer to be offered. By participating in the MCA and Society for the Propagation of the Faith you are helping children worldwide come to know and be amazed by our loving God. Accompanying your sacrifices for the Missions are your prayers for your mission family and the work of the Missionaries. Since we are in September, we thought we would share the September prayer intention for all to pray: "That Mission Churches may be signs and instruments of hope and resurrection for all the Children...." And then pray the Hail Mary.....

Pope Francis emphasizes to our youth, "Dear Young People, let us not be satisfied with a mediocre life. Be amazed by what is true and beautiful, what is of God!"

Let us not have a mediocre year. Let us have an amazing year! Best wishes from the Mission Office to all of our parents, children and educators.

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

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

## OBITUARIES

**Canton** — Josephine F. (Pertillo) Kingston, 97; Funeral Services Aug. 31, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Bayside Cemetery.

**Carthage** — Carmel L. Kamide, 89; Funeral Services Sept. 2, 2016 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

**Colton** — Sylvia Jane (Tenney) Bouck, 87; Memorial Services Sept. 3, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church.

**Edwards** — Jimmy John Jarrell, 61; Funeral Sept. 2, 2016 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Fairview Cemetery.

**Ellenburg** — Audrey M. (Boulerice) Smith, 86; Funeral Services Aug. 29, 2016 at St. Edmund's Church.

**Ellenburg** — Esther Elaine (Miller) Trombley, 88; Funeral Services Aug. 30, 2016 at St. Edmund's Church; burial in Riverside Cemetery, Ellenburg Center.

**Gouverneur** — Millette Renee' Desormeaux, 42; Funeral Services Aug. 27, 2016 at Green Funeral Home.

**Louisville** — Carl E. Girard, 37; Funeral Services Sept. 3, 2016 at St. Lawrence Church.

**Lowville** — Jeanette P. (Nellenback) Ash, 70; Funeral Services Sept. 2, 2016 at Iseneker Funeral Home, Inc.; burial in Brantingham Cemetery.

**Malone** — Margaret R. (Dupras) Pollic, 92; Funeral Services Aug. 27, 2016 at the Notre Dame Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Malone** — Thomas Francis Rouselle, 54; Funeral Services Aug. 29, 2016 at the Spaulding Funeral Home.

**Massena** — Ricky J. Brainard, 58; Funeral Sept. 2, 2016 at the Phillips Memorial Home; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Mooers Forks** — Stanley Marvin "Stan" Rushford, 78; Funeral Services Aug. 31, 2016 at St. Ann's Church

**Morrisonville** — Donald J. Campagna, 83; Funeral Services Sept. 3, 2016 at St. Alexander's Church.

**Ogdensburg** — Charlotte L. (Cisco) Sears, 90; Funeral Services Sept. 3, 2016 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

**Port Leyden** — Gordon E. Fahey, 65; Funeral Services Aug. 31, 2016 at St. Martin's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

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

**Watertown** — Stephen K. Fitzgerald,

Ph.D., 68; Funeral Services Sept. 3, 2016 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** — Timothy R. O'Brien, 78; Funeral Services Aug. 29, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Glenwood Mausoleum.

**Watertown** — Carolyn Jean (Goutremout) Peters, 75; Funeral Services Sept. 3, 2016 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in New Cedar Grove Cemetery, Chaumont.

**Winthrop** — Dorothy Agnes Flynn Elliott, 93; Funeral Services Sept. 24, 2016 at the Hammill Funeral Home; burial in St. Andrew's Cemetery, Norwood.

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## CAR RAFFLE

Our Annual Car Raffle is underway. Tickets will be sold after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. They are also available at the rectory Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The drawing will be held after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday October 9, 2016 and the winner may choose the car or \$15,000 in cash.

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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## ST. LAWRENCE

### 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.

### CHICKEN BBQ

**Gouverneur** – St. James School will hold their annual Chicken Bar-B-Que.

**Date:** Sept. 11

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

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

### MANICOTTI MONDAY

**Norfolk** – Manicotti Monday has been canceled for the month of September and will resume in Oct.

**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. The meal includes the main course, tossed salad, Italian bread, beverage and dessert.

**Contact:** Laurie at 315-384-4242

### EUCCHARISTIC 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

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

### 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). 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](http://www.inspirecalledtolove.org).

### 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](mailto:jd-miner@roadrunner.com)

### FAMILY GUGGENHEIM

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

**Date:** Oct. 7-9

**Features:** A four day get away in the Adirondacks to hike, swim and praise with other faithful families! Families will enjoy engaging workshops, free time for the beach and nature and rest, fishing, liturgies, family rosary, campfires, a variety show, prayer, and time to play

**Contact:** Deacon Henry and Dayna Leader, [dleader@rcdony.org](mailto:dleader@rcdony.org) 315-287-2874

### LIFE CHAIN 2016

Life Chain to be held across the diocese.

**Date:** Oct. 2

**Schedule:** Massena (Main Street at

Route 37) 2 p.m. to 3; Plattsburgh (Smithfield Blvd at Route 3) 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Potsdam (Market Street at Main Street) 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Saranac Lake (Bandshell Park at River Street) 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Schroon Lake (Route 9 at Leland Ave) 2 p.m. to 3; Willsboro (Route 22 at Main Street) 2 p.m. to 3

**Features:** A peaceful, prayerful, public, pro-life presence. Open to all faiths, rain or shines. Signs are provided.

### YOUTH BUSES FOR LIFE

**Washington DC** – High school pilgrimage to the March for Life.

**Date:** Jan. 26-28

**Cost:** \$150 includes transportation, hotel, breakfast, dinner & shirt.

**Features:** Three coach buses will travel to the March for Life. Pickup locations include Massena, Canton, Gouverneur, Watertown, and Schoon Lake.

**Contact:** Registration opens Oct. 1 at [www.rcdony.org/pro-life](http://www.rcdony.org/pro-life) for registration forms. Call 518-524-0774/518-891-2309

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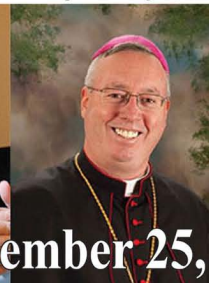
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Bishop of Burlington, VT



Jennifer Fulwiler  
Author, Radio Host



The Most Rev.  
Paul-André Durocher  
Archbishop of Gatineau, Québec  
Guest Homilist for Holy Mass



Sunday, September 25, 2016