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'Watch out for false gods'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Watch out for the tempting promises and easy rewards of false gods and idols because they always lead to confusion, disappointment and even death, Pope Francis said.

"We are tempted to seek even fleeting comfort, which seems to fill the emptiness of

solitude and ease the exertion of believing" in God, especially in times of trouble, the pope said Jan. 11 during his weekly general audience at the Vatican.

But the hope and security that come from God "never ever disappoint," he said. "Idols always let you down"

since they are figments of the imagination and not "alive and real" like God.

The pope continued his series of talks on Christian hope by reflecting on Psalm 115, which warns of the false hopes and securities offered by man-made idols.

While the psalmist speaks

of statues made of "silver and gold," the pope said idols also include anything people hold up as the ultimate answer to their happiness and security like money, power, success and false ideologies - all of which carry "illusions of eternity and omnipotence."

Bishop urges support for respecting life

Jan. 22 marks the 44th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in the United States.

Bishop LaValley has urged generous support of the annual diocesan Respect Life collection, Jan. 21-22, "that supports our many local efforts to help form consciences to embrace the gift of human life at all its stages."

Also, Kathleen Gallagher, Director of Pro-Life Activities, for the bishops of New York State, writes about the pro-life movement 44 years after Roe.

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CREATING A CULTURE OF VOCATIONS



Father Thomas Higman, assistant director of vocations for the Diocese of Ogdensburg, and Leagon Carlin, a diocesan seminarian from Plattsburgh, visited the students of Seton Academy in Plattsburgh Jan. 6. They talked about following Christ and presented the Gospel story of the Rich Young Man. Carlin, at left, and the Seton students also joined in a "selfie" taken by Father Higman. "The students had great fun and really enjoyed Father's visit," said St. Joseph Sister Mary Helen Herrmann, principal of Seton Academy.

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SYNOD ON YOUTH

To include their input



CNS photo/Bob Roller

Pope Francis waves as he arrives for a welcoming ceremony during the 2016 World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland. As the Catholic Church prepares for a meeting of the Synod of Bishops focused on youth, set for October, 2018, the pope wrote a letter to young people saying the church wants "to listen to your voice, your sensitivities and your faith, even your doubts and your criticism." The pope's letter was released Jan. 13 along with the preparatory document for the synod. The document includes a series of questions to be answered by national conferences of bishops and other church bodies. The responses, along with input from young people themselves, will form the basis of the synod's working document.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

For the young and faithful

The NCC's January edition of "Young Faith" (page 4) is well-timed since Pope Francis also has his mind on young Catholics this week.

As does Bishop LaValley. Kelly Donnelly, our diocesan youth director, takes a look at the next 12 months that are filled with faith-building opportunities for teenagers.

Pope Francis is looking ahead to 2018 when he will convene the next Synod of Bishops.

And, Bishop LaValley is looking ahead to Jan. 27 when he will join scores of mostly young people from the North Country at the annual March for Life in Washington, DC.

The article by our youth di-

rector offers great hope for those of us (all of us!) who care about youthful Catholics.

In addition to opportunities that have been offered for decades (Guggenheim, the national youth conference, the March for Life) there are some intriguing new events to sample.

Kelly has been working closely with members of the Diocesan Youth Council to plan two day-long Lenten retreats held in Malone on March 25 and Canton on March 26.

As she writes, the Reawaken

retreat is "a day of prayer, reflection and fun for all in grades 6-12."

It *almost* makes me wish I was back in high school!

A slightly older group is the focus for the pope and the synod "Young people, faith and vocational discernment." The October 2018 synod will address the faith of Catholics from the ages of 16 to 29.

For their discussion, the bishops will be asked to consider the voices of these young people.

This past week, Pope Francis

released a letter to young people, saying the church wants "to listen to your voice, your sensitivities and your faith, even your doubts and your criticism."

"Make your voice heard," the pope told them. "Let it resonate in communities and let it be heard by your shepherds of souls."

Young people will have an opportunity to contribute to the working document by submitting reflections "on their expectations and their lives" through a dedicated website -- www.sinodogiovani.va -- that will be launched March 1.

And this *almost* makes me wish I was 20 again!

Mary Lou
Kilian

FATHER MUENCH SAYS

John & Jesus - different kind of baptism

Our Catholic Christmas Liturgical Season continues every year until the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, a commemoration of Jesus being baptized by John the Baptist. Then we will begin the next liturgical season, our solemn preparation for Easter with the penitential time of Lent.

Today, I would like to take some time with you to consider this interesting event of the Baptism of Jesus.

As you may remember, John's Baptism was not the sacramental Baptism that you and I received. Our Baptism was that essential sacramental moment when we were brought into new life by the Holy Spirit, uniting us to Our Savior, Jesus Christ, as a member of his Church. Jesus, as Our Savior, brought that new Baptismal life through the Holy Spirit.

John the Baptist and Jesus were cousins. They were about 30 years old during the stories in the Gospels, when John began his public ministry. John became a public preacher at a spot along the Jordan River. His message was simple

– repent and believe. He challenged people to make a decision to change and live a better life.

Part of his method was to do something so that the people would remember their new dedication. So he baptized them. He took them into the Jordan River and plunged them into the water. It was a baptism of repentance.

As far as we can tell Jesus often visited this place where John preached. The Gospels indicated that John knew Jesus and believed in him as the

Messiah.

In one story John pointed Jesus out to his disciples. So, we can assume Jesus spent some time near where John preached. They may have even spent some time together. I would love to have listened in on their conversations.

So, one day Jesus lines up with the people who were coming to John seeking baptism. Many have tried to imagine why Jesus did this. Possibly, in humility, Jesus wanted to make it clear that he wanted to be united even with sinners. This

would be furthered verified when he suffered and died for all sinners.

John was rather surprised when Jesus came before him; we are told that John tried to prevent Jesus from accepting his baptism. "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me."

Jesus tells him, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." So John baptized Jesus.

As it turned out, this became a spectacular, miraculous moment. As Jesus came out of the waters of the River Jordan, a voice is heard – "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." The voice of God the Father blesses Jesus and, in a touching, loving moment, speaks this supporting, loving praise.

John the Baptist, speaking of Jesus, tells us that he will come baptizing with the Holy Spirit.

For us, sacramental Baptism brings us new life, brings a new moment in our lives. As we are blessed through the Holy Spirit, our life takes on a new value. We are called to bring the message of our Savior to our world as members of Christ's Church.

I have often thought about that day when John baptized Jesus. Can you imagine being there?

Imagine noticing Jesus in the line of us sinners before John the Baptist. I guess I would have hope that Jesus would give a talk to the rest of us. Instead he humbly joins us in approaching John the Baptist to be baptized.

It is obvious to me that he is far more innocent than we are. Yet, he calmly walks with us – no explanations – just strongly supporting us, walking with us, that we may all live out our new decision in the Lord.

Rev. William G.
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'Every life is a gift to be treasured'

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Psalmist proclaims:

*For it was you who created my being,
Knit me together in my mother's womb.
I thank you for the wonder of my being,
For the wonders of all your creation.*

*Already you knew my soul,
My body held no secret from you
When I was being fashioned in secret
And molded in the depths of the earth.*

(Psalm 139:13-15)

These words are particularly inspiring when we reflect on the gift of human life. The sentiments of the Psalmist are clearly those of gratitude: *I thank you for the wonder of my being, for the wonders of all your creation.*

Do we believe every human life is a wonder-filled gift? When I don't embrace human life as a gift, then I need not treat it with any special dignity or respect. The body becomes merely an object that I can do with as I please. Enter: pornography, euthanasia, abortion. If I don't believe that every human life is precious, my heart risks becoming hardened towards the sufferings endured by others who are vulnerable: the refugee, the homeless, the immigrant.

Back in 1995, Pope John Paul II, in *Evangelium Vitae*, wrote: "Every individual, precisely by reason of the mystery of the Word of God who was made flesh, is entrusted to the maternal care of the Church. Therefore, every threat to human dignity and life must necessarily be felt in the Church's very heart."

The Church's heart continues to suffer the wounds inflicted by our nation's Supreme Court *Roe v Wade* decision, when it decided, forty-four years ago, that human life in a mother's womb was not a precious gift from God to be protected and nurtured.

Again this year, tens of thousands of people from throughout our nation, including faithful pilgrims from the North Country, will join together in the annual *March for Life* in Washington, DC. Although the media gives this event scant attention, our legislators will see the large numbers of their constituents who care deeply about the right to life from conception to natural death. The message is clear and compelling: *with grateful hearts, every human life is a gift to be treasured, not discarded.*

Thank you for your generous support of this year's collection that supports our many local efforts to help form consciences to embrace the gift of human life at all its stages. Let us continue to pray that minds be opened and hearts softened.

Faithfully yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg



PHOTO BY SISTER NOEL CHABANEL, SSJ

Watertown Mayor Joseph Butler issued a proclamation announcing Jan. 11 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. The Sisters of St. Joseph will be holding a program "A Look at Human Trafficking Close Up and Personal" Jan. 22 at 1:30 p.m. at the SSJ Motherhouse. Watertown City Manager Sharon Addison presented the proclamation on behalf of the mayor. She is shown above with members of the Sisters of St. Joseph social justice committee. From left are St. Joseph Sister Cathleen Moore, Patricia Fanning, Ms. Addison and St. Joseph Sisters Bethany Fitzgerald and Jennifer Votaw.

SSJ's to raise awareness of human trafficking in area

WATERTOWN - Mayor Joseph M. Butler, Jr. issued a proclamation Jan 11, declaring that day as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

In the statement the mayor urged the citizens to citizens to support the Sisters of St. Joseph in actively working towards stopping human trafficking.

The Sisters of St. Joseph have planned a program "A Look at Human Trafficking Close Up and Personal" for Jan. 22 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 at the SSJ motherhouse.

The presentation will be given by Andrea Marie, Program Director of DISARM THE DARK in Montreal, Quebec, and a member of the North Country Human Trafficking Task Force.

Ms. Marie will present some root causes of human trafficking, methods often used to recruit victims, and conclude with a discussion about ways all of us may be able to help stop this modern-day slavery.

Also presenting will be Anita K. Seefried-Brown, Director of Community Prevention at the alcohol and substance Abuse Council of Jefferson County.

In the United States today, it is estimated that 300,000 minors are at risk for being trafficked for exploitation. Human trafficking continues because of the huge potential for profit, based on enormous demand, and because of the negligible or low risk of prosecution.

The proclamation

The text of Mayor Butler's proclamation follows:

PROCLAMATION
WHEREAS the United States Senate designated January 11 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day in 2007,

WHEREAS human trafficking is the modern day practice of slavery,

WHEREAS today in the United States, it is estimated that 300,000 minors are at

risk for being trafficked for sexual exploitation. Nearly 75% of the victims are American citizens,

WHEREAS the average age of entry into the sex industry is 12 to 14 years old,

WHEREAS human trafficking continues because of the huge potential for profit, based on enormous demand, and because of the negligible or low risk of prosecution,

WHEREAS mortality rates for women in prostitution are over 200 times greater than those of women with similar demographic profiles,

NOW THEREFORE I, Joseph M. Butler, Jr., Mayor of the City of Watertown, New York, do hereby proclaim January 11, 2017, as

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY

and urge all citizens to support the Sisters of St. Joseph in actively working towards stopping human trafficking.

Joseph M. Butler, Jr.

YOUNG FAITH

Youth pilgrimages, retreats, camps & more

By Kelly Donnelly
Diocesan youth director

Greetings from the Department of Youth Ministry! In Pope Francis' homily for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, he stated, "Celebrating the feast of the Holy Mother of God makes us smile once more as we realize that we are a people, that we belong, that only within a community, within a family, can we as persons find the climate, the warmth, that enables us to grow in humanity, and not merely as objects meant to consume and be consumed."

As we enter 2017, I am

profoundly filled with gratitude as I look at the many people working tirelessly to help guide our young people so that they are fully aware of the beautiful family of faith that they belong to.

Across the diocese, many past and upcoming events speak to the ever-growing warmth enabling all of us to grow together in humanity.

Two bus-loads of youth from the diocese are traveling to Washington, D.C. to participate in the March for Life. Organized by Colleen and John Miner, the Respect Life Directors, teens will attend a youth rally and Mass for Life, tour the National Basilica, hear guest speakers

Laura and Mary Kizor, and stand up for life as they participate in the National March for Life.

Please keep the youth and chaperones in your prayers as they participate in this profound pilgrimage!

Diocesan Youth Council members are hard at work planning for two day-long Lenten retreats held in Malone on March 25 and Canton on March 26.

The members of Diocesan Youth Council met for an opening retreat in Malone where they participated in leadership workshops and prayer, and now they are putting some of that training into action as they plan and prepare for the upcoming peer-led Lenten retreat.

The theme of the retreat is Reawaken, and it will include a day of prayer, reflection, and fun. Open to all in grades 6-12, registration for the retreat is available at: www.rcdony.org/lentenretreat

Planning for the 2017 High School Youth Rally is underway! Committee members are planning workshops and finalizing the schedule for this full-day event that is open to students in grades 9-12. The youth rally will be held at IHC in Watertown on May 6, and the theme of the day is "You Were Made for More."



PHOTO BY ZACK LEADER

Busloads of young people traveled to Washington D.C. in Jan. 2016 for the March for Life. Diocesan youth will take part in the annual pilgrimage again this year with two busloads of teenagers planning to attend a youth rally and Mass for Life, tour the National Basilica, hear guest speakers Laura and Mary Kizor, and stand up for life as they participate in the National March for Life. The march is one of several youth events scheduled for 2017 according to diocesan youth director Kelly Donnelly.

The rally will feature the inspiring and engaging Paul J. Kim as the keynote address, include opportunities for prayer, workshops, fun, and a closing Mass presided by Bishop LaValley.

Youth ministry leaders can register chaperones and youth at rcdony.org/youthrally/rally.

This summer will offer several opportunities for youth to stay active in the Church. Registration for Catholic Heart Work Camp, which will be held in Plattsburgh from June 25-30 is open; youth in grades 9-12 interested in attending can register by email: chwc.ogdensburg@gmail.com.

Camp Guggenheim registration for 2017 is also available. Weeks 1-5 are open to youth ages 12-15, and Week 6 is available for 16-18 year olds; campers can be registered at www.rcdony.org/camp.

Staff and Teen Vision applications for Camp Guggenheim 2017 are also available

on the website and are due on February 21.

Looking ahead, the National Catholic Youth Conference will be held in Indianapolis November 2017. The diocese will be taking a group of 9th-12th graders to this inspiring event that welcomes Catholic teens from across the country and includes speakers, music, workshops, interactive programs, and prayer. Interested teens can register and get more information at rcdony.org/youthncyc/ncyc

In addition to these upcoming events, parishes across the diocese continue to host local and regional youth ministry events where teens are growing closer to the Lord.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding youth ministry, feel free to get in touch with the Department of Youth Ministry at 315-393-2920. Thank you for all your prayers and support for the youth of our diocese!


Diocese of Ogdensburg Diocesan Youth Council
presents

REAWAKEN
A Lenten Retreat

Open to grades 6-12

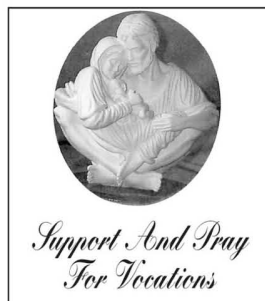
March 25, Malone
or
March 26, Canton

Come to the date/location that works best for you!



"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy."
-Pope Francis

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RESPECT LIFE

The pro-life movement 44 years after Roe

I recently signed an online petition at change.org. I'm not ordinarily a petition kind of person, but this particular petition caught my eye.

It was aimed at media organizations and implored them to show the diversity of the pro-life movement when covering the issue of abortion. It was developed by a group called The Consistent Life Network, and it took issue with the media feeding false stereotypes.

As a signer, I attested to the fact that I am "frustrated that news organizations, who would never think of discriminating against women or ethnic minorities in other contexts, do so with free abandon by not selecting them as spokespersons" for the pro-life cause.



**Kathleen
Gallagher**

Boy have they got that right. I have been active in the pro-life movement for more than forty years, and I have witnessed the diversity of the cause up close and personal all across this country.

I've attended conferences sponsored by Concerned Women for America and seminars organized by Feminists for Life. I've spoken at roundtables convened by peace-loving social justice organizations and conservative Evangelical Christian groups.

I've worked with members of the Knights of Columbus and members of Atheists for Life.

I've marched for life alongside the Thomas More Society and the Pro-Life Al-

liance of Gays and Lesbians.

In the state legislature, I have worked hand-in-hand with both Democrats and Republicans, women and men, to advocate for laws to protect the unborn.

And I recently became aware of a group called the 'New Wave Feminists,' an edgy new-age bunch of millennials with brightly colored hair and sharp wit who say "Sometime before we were born, our womanhood was traded for a handful of birth control pills, the 'privilege' to degrade ourselves in Playboy, and the 'right' to abort our children."

They aim to take feminism back from those who have corrupted it. You go, girls.

Diverse? You bet we are.

And yet the secular media consistently portray us as a single issue, male-dominated, right-wing, intolerant bunch of zealots.

I can personally swear to the media bias that the petition seeks to eliminate.

Back in the early 90's, I was seven months pregnant with my second child, and testifying at a legislative hearing in Albany about the need for better maternity leave policies. I knew the Associated Press reporter who covered the Capitol was in attendance, and I also knew he was planning a feature piece on "the face of the pro-life movement." "Here I am," my expectant body seemed to say as I waddled up to the microphone, my witness broadening the very meaning of "pro-life" by encouraging more family-friendly policies in our state.

No such luck. The reporter's syndicated piece ran that weekend. It featured an angry old man who often stood outside the Senate chamber holding large

graphic photos of dead unborn children.

Then there was the time I handed my business card to the New York Times reporter so that he would get my correct spelling and title when the paper printed my quote. You know, the card that reads "Director of Pro-Life Activities" for the Catholic Bishops. Except when the story ran the next day they quoted me as the "Director of Anti-Abortion Activities." Apparently they can't even read without bias. They were forced to publish a correction.

We need to shatter the stereotypes and discourage the media from typecasting the pro-life cause. Yes, it's an uphill battle. But it needs to be done to bring balance and fairness into the public conversation surrounding abortion, a conversation that's showing no signs of ending, even after 44 years.

Support the **Respect Life Collection** of the **Diocese of Ogdensburg** in our parishes the weekend of **January 21-22**



Proceeds will be distributed through grants

to various North Country parishes, organizations, and programs

for the support of a variety of respect life initiatives.



Thank you for your generosity toward this most special need.

Please continue to pray that all will recognize,

honor and protect the precious gift of life.

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JAN. 18-25 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The ecumenism of St. Peter Faber

By Deanna Hagan
Contributing Writer

"We need to win their goodwill (i.e. of the Protestant reformers such as Luther) so they can love us... This can be done by speaking familiarly with them about matters we both share in common and avoiding any debate in which one side tries to put down the other." (*The Spiritual Writings of Pierre Favre, Institute of Jesuit Sources, St. Louis, 1996, p. 379*).

Such was the advice of St. Peter Faber (co-founder of the Society of Jesus together with St. Ignatius Loyola and St. Francis Xavier) to Jesuit Father Diego Laynez on his way to the Council of Trent. Father Faber was also appointed by Pope Paul III to the Council, but never made it due to his death in 1546 at the age of 40.

However, Father Faber's approach to church unity has not been forgotten by today's Jesuits. In fact, Jesuit Father Don Ward of St. Therese Catholic Church in Mooresville, North Carolina, repeated this theme more than any other in his homilies given during a pilgrimage to France in September 2016 entitled "In Search of Peter Faber."

During this Octave of Church Unity, it seems fit-

Editor's Note

Deanna Hagan, a former resident of Watertown, who now lives in North Carolina, took part in a pilgrimage to France this past September "In Search of Peter Faber." St. Peter Faber was a co-founder of the Jesuit order who was known for his efforts for ecumenism. Here, Mrs. Hagan shares insights she gained during the pilgrimage.

ting to consider these words of Father Faber especially since Pope Francis considers Father Faber as one of the roles for his papacy and canonized him on his birthday Dec. 13, 2013.

Will the method proposed by Father Faber help us to accomplish unity, i.e. to agree in friendship on that which unites us and avoid that which divides us?

The pope declared in an interview with Jesuit Father Antonio Sparada in 2013 that he admired Faber's "ability to dialog with all... even his adversaries." Moreover, the pope has incorporated the humility and openness of Father Faber in his ecumenical efforts.

In tune with the vision of Pope Francis, Father Ward called Father Faber "a gentle soul who wanted to do great things for God" when he celebrated Mass in Paris at the St. Denis Chapel, the place where the Jesuits took their vows of Montmartre in 1534.

Also in his sermon, Father Ward went on to recall Father Faber's advice to Father Laynez.

These words were especially moving in this place where Pierre (Father Faber), as the first priest of the Society, and his companions, received their preliminary vows "to leave for Jerusalem at a date which would be indicated to us and to place ourselves under the authority of the Roman Pontiff, and to begin each one of us at a certain time to leave our parents and our nets, keeping only a little money for the journey." (Pierre Favre, Memorials, #15.)

These early companions had all met at the University of Paris, where the Protestant reformers studied with the same professors as the companions. Influenced by the ideas of Luther, one such student was John Calvin, who had to escape through the roof of his dormitory to avoid execution when King Francis I of France decided to crack down on some of the university's freedoms in discussing new ideas challenging the faith.

This topic of Christian unity was a recurrent theme throughout the pilgrimage especially at the Pierre Favre Chapel in Villaget, Haute Savoie, which stands on the birth site of Faber in the alpine shadow of the rugged Grand Borland.

It was made a permanent chapel by the Bishop of Geneva, St. Francis de Sales (1602-1622) who did his best to promote the beatification of Favre.

Interestingly the feast of St. Francis de Sales falls on January 24 within the church unity octave. St. Francis De Sales had been tormented in his youth by the Calvinist idea of predestination and tried diligently to reconvert his flock. Although the sainted bishop was successful with many, to this very day, the northern shore of Lake Geneva remains Protestant while the southern side is Catholic.

In these troubled times of Christian persecution and even genocide, many recall the words of Jesus in John 17:20, "I pray that they all will be one."

Will the method proposed by Father Faber to Father Laynez help us to accomplish this unity, i.e. to agree in friendship on that which unites us and avoid that which divides us?

Bishop's Schedule

Jan. 19 - 12:00 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Jan. 20 - 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council at the Bishop's Residence

Jan. 23 to 26 - New York State Bishops' Retreat in N. Palm Beach, Florida

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Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults. Pre-registration online is required in order to participate. Participants may pre-register at www.virtus.org by selecting the registration button and following the directions. Further information is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 1440. Upcoming sessions: **Jan. 26 - 7:30 p.m.**, Wakefield Hall, SUNY Potsdam **Feb. 2 - 5:30 p.m.**, Holy Family School, Malone

Rest in Peace

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

Jan. 18 - Rev. Hugh Shields, 1881; Rev. Telesphore Campeau, 1935; Rev. Paul Martin Hagan, 1980
Jan. 19 - Rev. Arthur P. Condon, 1966; Rev. Aloysius R. Isele, 1974
Jan. 20 - Rev. William D. O'Byrne, 1928; Rev. Joseph Ponture, 1940
Jan. 21 - Rev. Albert W. Giroux, 1991; Rev. Adam Zajdel, O.F.M. Conv., 1997; Rev. Patrick C. Callaghan, O.F.M., 2001
Jan. 22 - Rev. James E. Joy, 1950
Jan. 23 - Rev. J. C. Manning, 1909

Environmental Stewardship

Mistaken Notion

Often people who have not read Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si*, mistakenly think that it is only about the environment.

While care for our "common home" upon which our life depends is crucial for our survival, Pope Francis speaks of integral ecology. "A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real, if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings." #91

In Chapter 3 "The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis," the Pope states "In the absence of objective truths or sound principles other than the satisfaction of our own desires and immediate needs, what limit can be placed on human trafficking, organized crime, the drug trade, commerce in blood diamonds and the fur of endangered species." #123

During this month of January designated as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, Mayor Joseph Butler, of the City of Watertown, proclaimed January 11 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

The Proclamation states that "... today in the United States it is estimated that 300,000 minors are at risk for being trafficked for sexual exploitation. Nearly 75% of the victims are American citizens. The average age of entry into the sex industry is 12 to 14 years old."

In an effort to provide more education about this modern day practice of slavery, the Sisters of St. Joseph are offering the fifth annual presentation on the topic.

The presentation, to be held on January 22 at 1:30 - 3:30 pm at their Motherhouse in Watertown, will include a look at the root causes of human trafficking and how persons even in our own backyard may be recruited.

A discussion will follow on how we can take an active part in helping to stop this fastest growing crime in the world.

For more details, see: Calendar Events for Jefferson Deanery; web page for USCCB, Catholic Relief on human trafficking.

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Father Scanlan, college and church leader, dies at age 85

STEBENVILLE, OHIO (CNS) -- Franciscan Father Michael Scanlan, whose name is almost synonymous with the Franciscan University of Steubenville, died Jan. 7 at Garvey Manor, a Catholic nursing home in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, after a long illness. He was 85. The priest transformed the struggling College of Steubenville -- now known as the Franciscan University of Steubenville -- in the 1970s. He was its longtime president -- from 1974 to 2000 -- and then chancellor at the university from 2000 to 2011 when he retired. The school became a university in 1980 and changed its name in 1986. Father Scanlan's funeral arrangements reflect his involvement not only at the school but also his roots with his order: Third Order Regular Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, based in Loretto, Pennsylvania. A memorial Mass was to be celebrated at the school's fieldhouse Jan. 11. A viewing and vigil service also was to be held Jan. 11 at St. Francis Friary in Loretto, followed by Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 12 at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at St. Francis University, Loretto. Father Scanlan, whose 1997 autobiography was titled "Let the Fire Fall," was described by the provincial of his order, Franciscan Father Richard Davis, as "one of the most obedient, charitable, humble, and very holy men in our community."

McDonald's near Vatican to give free meals to the poor

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- While the controversial opening of a McDonald's near the Vatican may not have all local residents singing, "I'm lovin' it," the popular fast food chain is trying to do its part in the neighborhood by helping the poor and the hungry. "Medicina Solidale" ("Solidarity Medicine") announced Jan. 12 that it is joining forces with McDonald's and the papal almoner's office, which gives the pope's charitable aid to the homeless around the Vatican, to distribute 1,000 meals to poor men and women who often find shelter in and around St. Peter's Basilica. Starting Jan. 16, volunteers from the charitable organization will distribute a specially prepared menu for the poor; it includes a double cheeseburger, fresh apple slices and a bottle of water. Lucia Ercoli, director of "Medicina Solidale," said that the organization plans to distribute 100 meals a week for 10 consecutive Mondays. The program, she added, is "the beginning of a dialogue" with McDonald's to expand in the future. "It is truly a small drop in an ocean of things being done by so many other associations, by so many people who spend their time helping others," Ercoli said Jan. 12 in an interview with Vatican Radio.

Bishop opposes death sentence for man Who killed churchgoers

CHARLESTON, S.C. (CNS) -- Jurors unanimously agreed to sentence Dylann Roof to death for killing nine black churchgoers. In closing statements before the deliberation Jan. 10, the unrepentant 22-year-old told jurors that "I still feel like I had to do it," the Associated Press reported. Bishop Robert E. Guglielmo said in a statement that the Catholic Church opposes capital punishment and reminded people that all life is sacred. "We are all sinners, but through the father's loving mercy and Jesus' redeeming sacrifice upon the cross, we have been offered the gift of eternal life. The Catholic opposition to the death penalty, therefore, is rooted in God's mercy. The church believes the right to life is paramount to every other right as it affords the opportunity for conversion, even of the hardened sinner," Bishop Guglielmo said.

Catholic panel sees need to find common ground with Trump administration

By Rhina Guidos
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Catholic panelists gathered to discuss "Faithful Priorities in a Time of Trump" said it is difficult to get over some of the words the president-elect said during the campaign - and even before he was a candidate.

But as his presidency nears, many of them said it's important to find ways to work with him for the common good.

"When Donald Trump says things about women ... I have a hard time stomaching those comments," said Msgr. John Enzler, president and CEO of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington. "We can still find a way, though, to listen and say, 'How do we find common ground?'"

Msgr. Enzler was one of five panelists Jan. 12 who addressed the role the Catholic faith can play as the country gets ready for the incoming Trump administration. Some Catholics such as Rep. Francis Rooney, R-Florida, expressed great optimism.

"We can have a lot of hope that he will protect life the way we want him to do ... defunding Planned Parenthood, protecting life," Rooney said. "Things like the insurance mandate can be brought into harmony of First Amendment rights."

Yet others such as panelist Jessica Chilin Hernandez expressed uncertainty and apprehension of the days ahead. Chilin works at Georgetown University's Kalmanovitz Initiative for Labor and the Working Poor, thanks to a work permit she has through the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, known as DACA.

President Barack Obama, through executive action in

2012, created a policy that allows certain undocumented young people who came to the U.S. as children to have a work permit and be exempt from deportation.

Chilin is one of more than 750,000 people who signed up for DACA. During the campaign, Trump said he would kill the program and threatened mass deportations, sending those like Chilin into panic.

"I felt a fear unlike any other fear I have had before," she said about the moment she learned Trump won the election. "The fear was visceral. ... one thought that occupied my mind was that homeland security knows exactly where I live. It was hard to imagine myself having a future in 2017."

Joan Rosenhauer, executive vice president of U.S. Operations for Catholic Relief Services, said now is a good time to review the principles of Catholicism and social justice, explaining that they don't divide people and don't say refugees or immigrants are enemies or a burden on society.

"What we have to do is lift up our principles," Rosenhauer said. "The problem is deeper because our own Catholic people do not know those principles."

Sister Simone Campbell, executive director of Network, a Catholic social justice lobbying organization, said the country is showing a high level of ambiguity, fear, dysfunction and chaos.

"I think that challenges all of us as people of faith," she said.

Now is the time to stand up for the stranger, the working poor, and anyone who needs our kindness or help, and Catholic social teaching has a lot to say about it, Sister Campbell said.

Msgr. Enzler noted that it is also important to understand

that individuals can do much by performing kind actions toward others. People can start by asking: "What did I do today? It's not an agency that can make things better but people," he said.

Chilin said it's important to keep in mind language that we use in daily conversation.

"Be conscientious of language," she said. "Illegal is a racial slur. No human being is illegal and yet, in many circles, they use it to describe us."

Panel moderator John Carr, director of Georgetown University's Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life, which sponsored the event, asked how Catholics can build bridges in "an angry country, a divided country." There are a lot of people who feel under attack, he said.

"It's important to see what role (Catholics) can play in divisions that have been created over the past year," Rosenhauer said. "I was really struck by Cardinal (Joseph) Tobin and his homily at his installation where one of his key points was that our kindness must be known to all."

It's important to stand up for beliefs even when others disagree with them, she said, "but we have to find a way to do it with kindness."

"We want to protect children in the womb. That's something we can work with this (the Trump) administration and Congress on," Rosenhauer said. "Senator (Jeff) Sessions said there would be no Muslim ban. That's something we would support and work together on ... then let's be clear about the areas for disagreements."

Msgr. Enzler said Catholics, particularly the church's leaders, must also speak and raise their voices for the vulnerable, and strongly speak the church's message.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Seeking unity and light in times of darkness

Our readings this weekend speak loudly of the importance of "unity" and "light." How important for us who live in a world and in a nation overshadowed by darkness and division!

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah announces: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."

How very much we need that assurance that Jesus brings!!

His world was filled with as much darkness as ours,

yet his message of deliverance and the power of His grace brought tremendous changes..

With fear and anxiety we begin a new administration in our country. We see hints of policies and attitudes that are quite the opposite of the teaching of Jesus. Our leaders are confused and divided.

How can we bring the light of our Christ's teaching into our present distress?

Into the darkness comes

Christ's answer: He is the true light that has power to dispel the darkness.. His message of love for all peoples is the true source of unity. The marvelous prophecy of Isaiah concerns the land of Zebulun and Naphtali in northern Galilee where Jesus lived and worked.

What worked there so long ago can also work today in our world and in our country. It will take much prayer, trust, and courage for those who are true followers of Jesus and lovers of the world God has created.

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READINGS

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

I Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Matthew 4:12-23

Gentiles sat in darkness until Jesus came, so too do those in our time and in our culture, await a new evangelization.

Pope Francis calls for a new boldness and fiery hearts from all followers of Christ that will bring the message of God's love,

mercy, and salvation for all people and nations.

Next week, thousands of people will flood Washington with the message of respect for life at all stages. Their mission seems even more urgent this year. Never have we seen such abuse of human dignity as in our time.

In the Middle East especially our refugee children are deprived of education, freedom, security, and a future. In 2016, there were 150 million child laborers. Thousands of children are kidnapped and forced into human trafficking.

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT!



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MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

Thinking through the temptation of cohabitation

Men and women clearly need each other and naturally gravitate towards arrangements of mutual support and lives of shared intimacy. Because women are frequently the immediate guardians of the next generation, they have a particular need to ascertain if there will be steady support from a man prior to giving themselves sexually to him.

The bond of marriage is ordered towards securing this critical element of ongoing commitment and support. Cohabitation, where a man and woman decide to live together and engage in sexual relations without marriage, raises a host of issues and concerns. Sex, of course, has a certain power all its own, and both sides may be tempted to play with it in ways that are potentially damaging, all the more so when they decide to cohabit.

One concern is that cohabitation can often become a rehearsal for various selfish patterns of behavior. It perpetuates an arrangement of convenience, popularly phrased as, "Why buy the cow when you can get the milk for free?"

Even as many women try to tell themselves they are "preparing" for marriage by cohabiting with their partner, they may sense the trap of the "never ending audition" to be his wife, and become intuitively aware of how they are being used.

Cohabitation is clearly bad for men, worse for women and terrible for children

Cohabitation also invites the woman to focus on lesser concerns like saving on rent or garnering transient emotional attention from her partner by moving in with him and becoming sexually available.

Even as a woman becomes attuned to the power of sex from an early age, she can eventually fall prey to an easy mistake. Aware that sexual intimacy is also about bonding, she may suppose that by surrendering this deeply personal part of herself through cohabitation, she now has a "hook" into a man and his heart.

While such an arrangement can trigger various

platitudes, (that he "cares for her," "loves her", etc.), experience shows it doesn't typically help him reach the commitment reflected in those all-important words, "Will you marry me?"

Cohabitation, in fact, is a relationship that is defined by a holding back of commitment. The notion that it somehow allows both parties to "try out" a marriage beforehand is conveniently make-believe, a kind of "playing house," mostly because it's impossible to try out something permanent and irrevocable through something temporary and revocable.

As Jennifer Roback Morse has described it, "Cohabiting couples are likely to have one foot out the door, throughout the relationship. The members of a cohabiting couple practice holding back on one another. They rehearse not trusting."

They don't develop the elements crucial to a successful marriage, but instead keep their options open so

they can always beat a hasty retreat to the exit.

Or as Chuck Colson has put it: "Cohabitation -- it's training for divorce."

Many studies confirm that the divorce rate among those who cohabit prior to marriage is nearly double the rate of those who marry without prior cohabitation. Some researchers believe that individuals who cohabit are more unconventional to begin with, being less committed to the institution of marriage overall and more open to the possibility of divorce.

Others suspect something more insidious - that living together slowly erodes people's ability to make a commitment by setting them up into patterns of behavior that work against succeeding in a long-term relationship.

Both may actually be true. Various risks correlate strongly with cohabitation. Compared with a married woman, a cohabiting woman is roughly three

times as likely to experience physical abuse, and about nine times more likely to be murdered.

Children also tend to fare poorly when it comes to these live-in arrangements. Rates of serious child abuse have been found to be lowest in intact families; six times higher in step families; 20 times higher in cohabiting biological-parent families; and 33 times higher when the mother is cohabiting with a boyfriend who is not the biological father.

Cohabiting homes see significantly more drug and alcohol abuse, and bring in less income than their married peers.

Cohabitation is clearly bad for men, worse for women, and terrible for children.

"Marriage," as Glenn Stanton notes, "is actually a very pro-woman institution. People don't fully realize what a raw deal for women cohabitation is. Women tend to bring more goods to the relationship - more work, more effort in tending to the relationship - but they get less satisfaction in terms

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Father Tadeusz
Pacholczyk Ph.D.

AT THE MOVIES

LA LA LAND

By Joseph McAleer
Catholic News Service

Though it's set in present-day Los Angeles, the comedy-drama "La La Land" (Lionsgate) takes a spirited stab at reviving the musicals of Hollywood's golden age.

Writer-director Damien Chazelle ("Whiplash") dreams big in this over-the-top fantasy where drivers exit their cars on a freeway overpass and burst into song, and lovers float in the air amid the projected stars in a planetarium.

Beautifully shot in widescreen CinemaScope, "La La Land" is a unique and self-indulgent film, to say the least. But it tends to lose its way when song and dance take over.

Fortunately, that's largely made up for by Chazelle's engaging script, a cast of

first-rate actors, and superb jazz music.

In the city where dreams are manufactured, two star-crossed lovers meet: Mia (Emma Stone), an aspiring actress, and Sebastian (Ryan Gosling), a jazz pianist. Each is driven toward a singular goal. Mia wants to be a movie star, while Sebastian hopes to open his own club.

Their gooey romance bubbles over into a series of numbers worthy of Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron. In this context, the corny dialogue is utterly appropriate, even charming:

"It's pretty strange that we keep running into each other," Mia tells Sebastian.

"Maybe it means something," he replies.

And how!

Needless to say, the path to success is rocky, and perseverance is sorely tested. Mia suffers one humiliating audition after another. Se-

bastian, broke, joins a rock band led by his newfound friend Keith (John Legend), and heads out on the road, sacrificing his craft for a paycheck.

Separation frays the relationship, and conflict ensues. As the music swells and Mia warbles tunes like "The Fools Who Dream," the power of love to conquer all seems momentarily in doubt.

The film contains an implied premarital relationship, a few rough terms and some crude language.

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.



CNS PHOTO/LIONSGATE

Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone star in a scene from the movie "La La Land"

Thinking

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of relational commitment and security." While marriage doesn't automatically solve every problem, it clearly offers a different and vastly better set of dynamics than cohabitation for all the parties involved.

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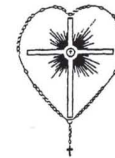
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MAR	Sat.	3/4/2017	8:15 a.m.	Mon.	3/13/2017	9:00 a.m.
APR	Sat.	4/1/2017	8:15 a.m.	Wed.	4/12/2017	9:00 a.m.
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BREAKFAST

Mooers Forks – All you can eat breakfast to be held.

Date: Jan. 22

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Place: St. Ann's Hall

Cost: Adults, \$8; Children 6-12, \$5; under 5, Free

Contact: call 236-6118 for take-outs

CDA TEA PARTY

Peru – Tea Party to be held to honor women serving in WWII sponsored by the CDA Court St. Monica #2598.

Date: Feb. 12

Time: 1 p.m. to 4

Place: St. Augustine's Church

Cost: \$10; 50% of the proceeds will go to the Plattsburgh Honor Flight.

Contact: Jane Woods 518-834-5324 or Janice at 518-643-2435 ext. 101

MARCH FOR LIFE

Plattsburgh – The Champlain Valley Right to Life is sponsoring the annual Plattsburgh March for Life.

Date: Jan. 22

Time: 12:15 p.m.

Place: Gather at Newman center and March to St. John the Baptist Church

Features: Guest speaker, Dale Barr, RN, Silent No More Coordinator to speak at 1 p.m. Reception follows in Parish Center.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Peru – St. Augustine's Knights of Columbus Council will host a spaghetti dinner.

Date: Jan. 21

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6:30

Place: St. Augustine's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$7.50; Children 6-12,

\$2.50; Children under 5, Free

Features: Regular & gluten-free spaghetti. Take-outs available.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Treadwell Mills – St. Alexander and St. Joseph to hold pancake breakfasts.

Dates: Feb. 5, March 5, April 2 and 23

Time: 8 a.m. to Noon

Place: St. Joseph's Hall

Cost: Adults, \$7; kids, \$3; under 5, Free

FRANKLIN

SATURDAY DEVOTION

St. Regis Falls – First Saturday Devotion and Holy Hour to be held

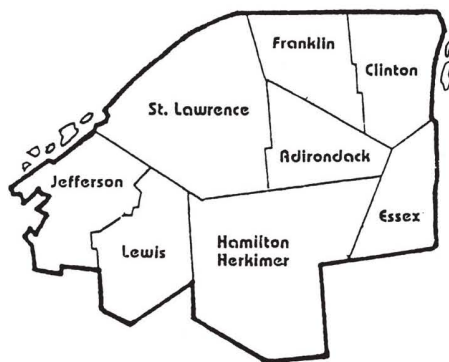
Time: after 4:30 p.m. anticipated Mass

Place: St. Ann's Church

HAMILTON-HERKIMER

DAYS OF DISCERNMENT

Old Forge – Discerning men are invited



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Dates: Jan 22; Feb 5&19; Mar ch 5&26; April 9 and 23; May 7 & 21

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Bartholomew's Rectory

Features: Reflection, Vespers & dinner. Juniors in high school and older.

Contact: Fr. Howard Venette, pastor-st-barts

@roadrunner.com/ 315-369-3554;

JEFFERSON

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Watertown – Presentation on Human Trafficking to be held.

Date: Jan. 22

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30

Place: Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse

Features: Andre Marie, from Montreal, Member of the North Country Human Trafficking Task Force, will present how people are often recruited and ways that we may be able to help. Event is free and open to the public.

Contact: To reserve a seat, please call 315-782-3460.

LIFERIGHT PRAYER VIGIL

Watertown – Liferight will hold a prayer vigil.

Date: Jan. 23

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: St. Anthony's parking lot

Features: Refreshments in Sechi Hall.

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Watertown – Ecumenical Bereavement Meeting to be held.

Date: Jan. 23

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Sisters of St. Joseph Mother House, Hearthside Hospitality Center

Speaker: Joyce Combs: Chaplain and Bereavement Coordinator at Hospice of Jefferson County

Topic: "Facing the New Year"

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

Date: Jan. 26

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Take-outs

begin at 4 p.m., bring containers

Place: Msgr. Sechi Hall

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

LIFERIGHT MEETING

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

Time: 1 p.m.

Place: 870 Arsenal Street.

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

Contact: Phone 315-788-8480

CURSILLO MEETINGS

Carthage – The Jefferson/Lewis Cursillo holds its monthly meeting on the third Tuesday of every month.

Time: 6 p.m. to 8

Place: Community Room of St. James Church

Features: All Cursillistas are encouraged to attend. We also welcome those interested in deepening a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Contact: Anne Seegebarth
ams2962@gmail.com, 315-783-4596

WEEKLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Time: 5 p.m. to 6

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Watertown – Holy Hour for vocations

Date: Mon.-Fri.

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

Place: Holy Family Church

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Lyons Falls – The Father Pascal Rys

Knights of Columbus will sponsor an all-you-can eat brunch.

Date: Jan. 22

Time: 8 a.m.

Place: St. John's Church

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

DIVINE MERCY

Houseville – Divine Mercy Devotions for the month of February to be held.

Date: Feb. 5

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Features: The program includes: Vespers (Evening Prayer), Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction.

Contact: 348-6260 for information.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Lowville – All are invited to one hour of exposition, silent adoration, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and benediction.

Date: Jan. 19

Time: 4 p.m. to 5

Place: St. Peter's Church

ST. LAWRENCE

WINTER RETREAT DAY

Morristown – Sister Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ will lead a retreat day on the theme "Praying With the Psalms."

Place: Cedarhaven

Date: Feb. 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 with option of overnight for extended retreat

Suggested offering: \$25 for day (includes lunch); Additional \$25 for overnight (dinner, breakfast included)

To register: Call 315-212-6592 or email srbethssj@gmail.com by Feb. 1

DAYS OF DISCERNMENT

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

Dates: Jan 29; Feb 12; Mar 5;

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Time: 9 a.m. to 10

Place: St. Mary's Family Room

DIOCESAN EVENTS

CAMP GUGGENHEIM REGISTRATION

Registration for 2017 season for Camp Guggenheim is now open through

www.rcdony.org/camp

Contact: For more information contact the Office of Youth Ministry at 315-393-2920 or vvalonde@rcdony.org or visit camp website: www.rcdony.org/camp/guggy

COLLEGE SPRING RETREAT

Ogdensburg – If you are an area college student, please join us for our annual Catholic Campus Ministry Spring Retreat.

Date: Feb. 10 – 12

Place: Wadhams Hall

Cost: \$20, includes meals and lodging

Features: Come take a rest from the business of campus for Faith, Fellowship, and Formation.

Contact: Please contact your local Campus Minister or Amanda Conklin at aconklin@stlawu.edu or 315-386-2543 for more information or to register.

PILGRIMAGE TO EASTERN EUROPE

Father Donald Robinson is hosting a pilgrimage to Poland and Eastern Europe.

Date: April 24- May 7

Cost: \$3199 per person from New York.

Price includes roundtrip airfare, government taxes/airline surcharges, first class select hotels, most meals, services of a professional tour director & comprehensive sightseeing, all hotel service charges, local taxes, portage & entrance fees.

Features: Visit Warsaw, Poland's capital; Krakow, site of the Divine Mercy Shrine; Jasna Gora Monastery in Czestochowa, birthplace of Pope John Paul II; Budapest, capital of Hungary; Vienna, and beautiful, 1,000 year old Prague.

Contact: Father Robinson at 315-493-3224 or donrob@twcny.rr.com



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The founder of SPOF

January 9, 2017 marked the 155th anniversary of the death of the founder of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Pauline Marie Jaricot.

Baptized Marie Pauline Jaricot on the day of her birth (July 22, 1799), she was the last child born to Antoine and Jeanne Jaricot in Lyons, France. The couple had seven children. Pauline wrote of her parents: "Happy are those who have received from their parents the first seeds of faith.... Be praised Lord, for giving me a just man for a father and a virtuous and charitable woman as a mother."

Lyons, Pauline's hometown, was an industrial city that became famous for its silk factories. Her family were silk merchants, and bourgeois family of that French city. While the early years of her childhood were marked by the exclusive society life of Lyons, something would happen as a teenager that would open her heart to the whole world. Pauline saw this as her vocation – to become a missionary of the love of God. She came to believe that "to truly help others is to bring them to God."

One day while at prayer, 18-year-old Pauline had a vision of two lamps. One had no oil; the other was overflowing and from its abundance poured oil into the empty lamp. To Pauline, the drained lamp signified the faith in her native France, still reeling from the turbulence of the French Revolution. The full lamp was the great faith of Catholics in the Missions – especially in the New World. By aiding the faith of the young new country of the United States of America, Pauline knew that seeds planted would grow and bear much fruit.

So she came up with a plan to support missionaries. She gathered workers in her family's silk factory into "circles of 10." Everyone in the group pledged to pray daily for the Missions and to offer each week a soup, the equivalent of a penny. Each member of the group then found 10 friends to do the same. Within a year, she had 500 workers enrolled; soon there would be 2,000.

As a child, Pauline had in fact dreamed of building such support for the Missions: "Oh! I'd love to have a well of gold to give some to all the unfortunate, so that there would not be any more poor people at all and that no one would cry anymore."

Pauline's successful efforts – where clearly not isolated or unique – were the main thrust behind the formation of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. She was "the match that lit the fire." Pauline died on January 9, 1862; the prayer found after her death, written in her own hand, ended with these words: "Mary, O my Mother, I am Thine!" In 1963, 100 years after her death, Pope John XXIII signed the decree which proclaimed the virtues of Pauline Jaricot, declaring her "venerable." The cause for her beatification and canonization continues.

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OBITUARIES

Au Sable Forks – Ruth C. (Clodgo) Borrette, 91; Funeral Jan. 13, 2017 at Holy Name Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Au Sable Forks – Virginia M. Wray, 92; Funeral Services Jan. 14, 2017 at Holy Name Church.

Carthage – Leslie "Red" Nevills, 93; Funeral Services Jan. 8, 2017 at the Bezanilla-McGraw Funeral Home.

Croghan – Paul J. Martin, 91; Funeral Services Jan. 12, 2017 at St. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery, Belfort.

Ellenburg – Vincent Victor Fisher, 70; Funeral Services Jan. 14, 2017 at St. Edmund's Church.

Ellenburg – Doritha Tourville Fisher, 91; Funeral Services Jan. 14, 2017 at St. Edmund's Church.

Hogansburg – Hubert J. "Hubie" Rourke, 59; Funeral Services Jan. 9, 2017 at St. Regis Church.

Indian Lake – Maria King, 89; Funeral Services Feb. 6, 2017 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Cedar River Cemetery.

Malone – Grace M. (Emery) Bourey, 95; Funeral Jan. 10, 2017 at Notre Dame

Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Malone – Lee W. Dumas, 70; Funeral Services Jan. 14, 2017 at Notre Dame Church.

Massena – Evelyn M. McKenzie, 75; Funeral Services Jan. 12, 2017 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Bombay.

Massena – Cecile M. (Pomainville) Rafter, 88; Funeral Services Jan. 10, 2017 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Pine Grove Cemetery, Norfolk.

Morrisonville – Edward Robert DuBray, 65; Funeral Services Jan. 9, 2017 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Morrisonville – Gloria (Frenyca) Phaneuf, 84; Funeral Services Jan. 14, 2017 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Shirley E. (Spooner) Smith, 98; Funeral Services at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Robert F. Champagne, 77; Funeral Services Jan. 10, 2017 at St. Peter's Church.

Plattsburgh – Donald L. Durocher, 86; Fu-

neral Services Jan. 16, 2017 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Todd Christopher Filion, 45; Funeral Services Jan. 11, 2017 at St. Peter's Church.

Redford – Margaret Mary Waldron, 86; Funeral Services Jan. 14, 2017 at Church of the Assumption.

Saranac Lake – George Joseph "Larry Walker" Campion, 62; Funeral Services Jan. 7, 2017 at St. Bernard's; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Saranac Lake – Germaine (Martin) Miller, 87; Funeral Services at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Saranac Lake – Peter H. Sullivan, 80; Funeral Services Jan. 10, 2017 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. John's Cemetery, Lake Clear.

Watertown – Michael L. Murphy, 61; Funeral Services Jan. 9, 2017 at Church of the Holy Family; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – Edna E. (Shaw) Sullivan, 79; Funeral Services Jan. 12, 2017 at Cummings Funeral Home; burial in Indian River Cemetery, Indian River.

OUR READERS WRITE

Mercy in Motion

Jesus said,
"I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me."

Then He will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to 1 of the

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least of these, you did it not to me.'
And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." (Matthew 25:43, 45-46)

Bishop LaValley's Christmas message in the Dec 21st *North Country Catholic* invited us "to see His Face in our sisters and brothers who we so often neglect" . . . to make room in our hearts for our hurting neighbors and family members.

Being a disabled shut-in, I am aware of feeling alone and abandoned, a useless member of the Body of Christ, like

an appendix.

Yes, the Year of Mercy is over, but the need for love and mercy abounds all around.

Here's a New Year Resolution for 2017:

- Have you ever visited someone in a nursing home, hospital, a sick person or someone who is shut-in/homebound?

Won't you please make a visit and you will visit Jesus in His distressing disguise.

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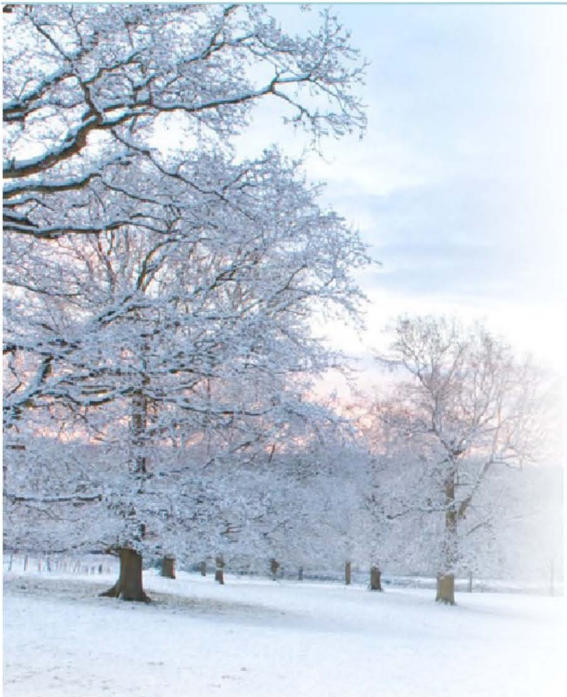
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Pope: Vocations require prayers, open doors, big hearts, busy hands

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - While God is the one calling people to a vocation, clergy and religious have to cooperate by being inspirational role models, keeping their doors open and giving restless young people constructive things to do, Pope Francis said.

Praying for vocations and holding meetings to discuss effective strategies are key, he said, but if those things are done "without making sure that the doors are open, it's useless."

The pope made his remarks near the end of a Jan. 3-5 conference on pastoral ministry for vocations, sponsored by the Italian bishops' conference national office for vocations.

Setting aside his prepared text, the pope told his audience he wanted to talk to them about the conference theme of the divine command -- "Get up!"

The pope recalled how Peter heard this call while he was sleeping, chained in prison awaiting trial. An angel told him, "Get up quickly" and "Put on your

cloak and follow me." The angel freed him and led him safely to an alley, but then left him there alone, a bit confused at first, but then excited and eager to find his friends.

Unfortunately, the pope said, when Peter got to the home where his friends were praying fervently for him, the door was shut and the servant didn't think to open it right away when she heard him calling.

How often does this happen today, the pope wondered, with so many people praying for vocations and for the Lord to tell people to rise up and be free, but then when those people go out to seek what they are looking for, they find a closed door.

This happens when a priest has very limited or inconvenient hours for receiving the public or for hearing confessions or when the parish has a very unfriendly secretary who "scares the people away. The door is open, but the secretaries show their teeth" like a snarl.

"To have vocations, being welcoming is necessary. It's in a home that you welcome" people, he said.

The pope said he knows

how tiring, frustrating or difficult it can be to do outreach with today's young people.

He said when he was young, he and his friends were happy to go to parish-organized meetings where they just sat around and talked about a particular topic, then went out after to watch a game at the stadium or do some charity work. "We were easygoing" and didn't need so much activity like young people today crave.

To foster vocations, he said, "you need to make young people walk," do something, go on a journey and accompany them -- "an apostleship of walking" and working because it will be while they are helping and interacting that they will feel part of the church and then start going to confession and Communion -- not the other way around, he said.

Priests also have to "be nailed to the chair" when they listen to young people who come to see them for guidance or answers. They have to be patient and make the person feel they have all the time in the world to listen, offering very brief comments like "a seed that will do its work from the inside."

Young people may have dreamy, crazy ideas or really tough questions or cause trouble with their "shenanigans," but that's because they are young, "thanks be to God," and eventually they will get their act together with time, the pope said.

The pope urged the priests and religious men and women how important it was they set a good example for young people.

It's true people are called to a religious vocation by God, he said, but it is also true a majority of those vocations were also prompted by the effective, inspiring witness of the people in their lives.

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