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## 'Nothing is resistant to love'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Christians are never pessimistic, resigned or weak, thinking life is an unstoppable train careening out of control, Pope Francis said.

Throughout history, every day is seen as a gift from God and "every morning is a blank page that Christians

start writing on" with their good works and charity, he said Oct. 11 during his weekly general audience.

Continuing his series of audience talks on Christian hope, the pope reflected on a reading from the Gospel of St. Luke, in which the disciples are asked to be like

faithful and vigilant servants, who stand ready for their master's return - the day Jesus will come again.

Jesus wants his followers to never let down their guard and to be on their toes, ready to welcome "with gratitude and amazement each new day God gives us," the pope

said. Even though "we have already been saved by Jesus' redemption," he said, the people of God are still awaiting his second coming in glory when he will be "all in all."

Nothing in life is more certain than that -- that he will come again, the pope said.

## MEET A SEMINARIAN

John Kennedy Ojuok

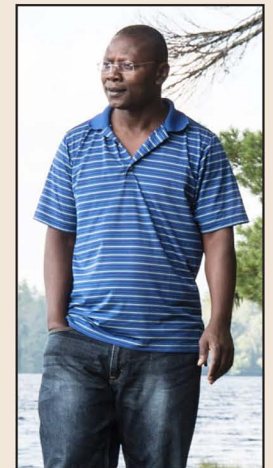
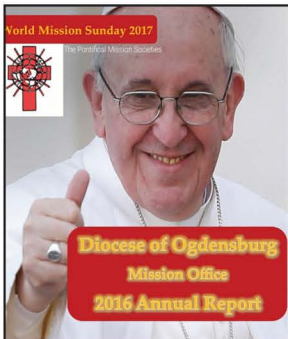


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John Kennedy Ojuok, a native of Kenya, is one of nine seminarians currently studying to become a priest for the Diocese of Ogdensburg. After spending several months ministering at St. Bartholomew's Parish in Old Forge, he began theological studies at Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, N.Y. In answer to the question of why he wants to be a priest, John said, "I want to bring people closer to God through my actions, deeds and way of life." He is shown above during a gathering of diocesan seminarians at Camp Guggenheim in July.

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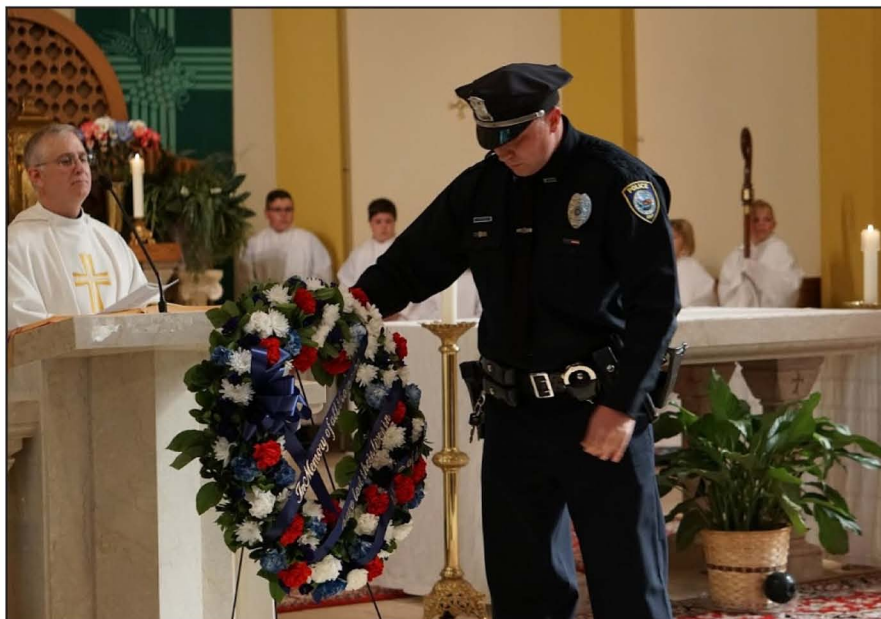


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Officer Joshua Davis of the Watertown Police Department places a memorial wreath on the pulpit of St. Patrick's Church in Watertown during the annual diocesan Blue Mass Oct. 1. Bishop Terry R. LaValley presided at the Mass held to give prayerful support to those in law enforcement. The memorial wreath was presented in remembrance of all who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Officer Davis is the brother of Trooper Joel Davis who was killed July 9 while responding to a call. Full coverage of the Blue Mass appears on pages 4-5

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

## Embracing the heart of our faith

During the autumn months in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, we move from special event to special event as we celebrate the place of faith in our lives.

Just over the past few weeks, the *NCC* has shared the good news of the Marriage Jubilee, Blue Mass, deacon ordination, respect life activities, events for youth and parish programs from east to west.

Mary Lou  
Kilian

Still to come: coverage of the religious jubilee, Celebrate Christ, Caritas dinner, Leadership Weekend and more.

There just aren't enough pages in a normal issue of the *NCC* to keep up!

But despite all the busy-ness we can never forget about what Bishop LaValley calls "the heart of our Christian faith - mission."

This week's *NCC* features the annual report from

the diocesan Mission Office, which includes an accounting of the donations from parishes, Catholic schools and Christian Formation program for mission appeals over the past year,

In his letter for the Oct. 22 observance of World Mission Sunday, Bishop LaValley writes, "Every October, the celebration of World Mission Sunday leads us to the heart of our Christian faith - mission."

He quotes Pope Francis: "the Church's mission, directed to all men and women...is based

on the transformative power of the Gospel."

"We urgently need the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ," the bishop said. "I ask you to open your hearts as we reach out this World Mission Sunday to every corner of the globe with Christ's message of hope and peace."

As we joyfully celebrate our church of the North Country during this glorious time of year, we can never forget that the world - every corner of the globe - needs hope and peace more than ever!

## FATHER MUENCH SAYS

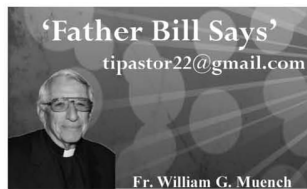
## We are all called to be missionaries

October, among other things, is the month dedicated to prayer for the Propagation of the Faith, the Missions. On a Sunday in October, the Catholic Church celebrates World Mission Sunday, a time to remember those who dedicate their lives to being missionaries, who carry the Lord's message and Spirit to the world.

After the Resurrection, before the Ascension Jesus instructed his apostles: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the good news to all creation." (Mark 16:15). We, Catholics, are a mission Church. We are all called to be missionaries.

I have had the opportunity to meet many faith-filled bishops and priests who dedicated their priesthood to be foreign missionaries. These priests impressed me with their readiness to make this sacrifice. They are filled with Jesus, with a love to want to live like Jesus. They are dedicated to go into the world, to go to another place, another culture, to bring Christ to the people of another place.

Several priests from our own diocese became missionaries and gave years to work and minister in our diocesan parish in South America, in Mollendo, Peru. I have talked with them



Fr. William G. Muench

and asked them why they chose to be a missionary. In each case, the priest realized that he saw in this decision part of his vocation to be a priest. God chose him; God directed him to be a priest, and a missionary.

I have had the opportunity to meet and know many religious Sisters who became missionaries. Their vocation to be a Sister, included a call to be a missionary. They were willing to go to another country recognizing the need for their presence; they were ready to join in the mission of Christ to reach out to the poor in another place.

I can guarantee to you that their stories and dedication were truly impressive to me. Their accomplishments were truly miraculous.

Today, I think of Madre Antonia, a Maryknoll Sister, originally from Brooklyn, who found her vocation in ministering to the people of Yankee in the altiplano of Peru. Her love

of God brought her to this place and she brought so much love and help to the people of that village. In that love she found a home in that place.

Finally, and possibly most importantly, I have had the opportunity of meeting several lay men and lay women who chose to spend a time as a Christian missionary in a foreign land.

They chose to dedicate a part of their lives - a year or two years or more - to live with others in their homeland to share with them their Christian values. These lay missionaries sought to demonstrate their love for Jesus just as St. Paul did as he traveled through so many places to bring the first message of Jesus.

I remember in language school meeting a married couple who were studying in preparation of spending several years in a parish as missionaries in Bolivia with their three children. They wanted to do this by living in this parish and sharing with these people their own love for the Lord. I truly loved them. This family, my friends, are not Catholic - they are dedicated Christians. Seeing their joy of being a good Christian family it was easy to recognize their love

and faith in God. I also know a woman, now married and with her husband beginning their family, who decided to be a missionary. After graduating from college, she chose to give two years of her young life joining in the work of the Canossian Sisters as a missionary in Egypt.

One more thing: each Sunday when I celebrate Mass in this parish here at home, I recognize that each person in this congregation is a missionary. These people who remind me that they are just ordinary people have unique opportunities each day of bringing Jesus to the people they meet along the way. They are truly missionaries. Their action may be something simple - living a good and Christian life - but this is truly being a missionary. However, there may be a time when they must do something demanding, even heroic, to bring Christ's love to someone in need, someone whose life is mixed up and they need help to change.

So, missionaries come in different forms but they are all loving and dedicated. They realize this is a vocation from the Lord and they are ready, with God's help, to make the world a better place.

## PRECIOUS BLOOD SISTER MAKES FINAL VOWS



PHOTO BY SR. MARY EAMON LYNG, SSI

Sister Linh Therese Nguyen consecrated her life as a Sister of the Adorers of the Precious Blood in her perpetual profession of vows before Bishop Terry R. LaValley, Sister Marilyn McGillan, superior and Sister Rose Rossi Oct. 8 at St. Patrick's Church in Watertown. Bishop LaValley was the celebrant for the Mass with priests from the Watertown parishes concelebrating. Father Douglas



Lucia, judicial vicar of the diocese served as master of ceremonies and Deacons Kevin Mastellon, Lawrence Ambeau and Guy Javarone assisted the bishop. Sister Linh's parents, family members and friends came from California to join in the celebration. Pictured with the bishop after the liturgy are Precious Blood Sisters Martha Emery, Marilyn McGillan, Linh Therese, Mary Catherine Pham and Rose Rossi.

## MASSENA CHURCH BECOMES ORATORY



PHOTO BY BOB BECKSTEAD

Bishop Terry R. LaValley celebrated the final regularly scheduled Mass at St. Joseph's Church in Massena Oct. 8 as the church moves to oratory status. As an oratory, the church is only available for special occasions such as weddings and funerals. St. Joseph's combined with St. Mary's Parish in Massena in 2005. In recent years, St. Joseph's became a seasonal worship site, closed from Columbus Day through Easter. As the population continued to decline, the diocese made the decision to designate the church as an oratory. Joining the bishop for the final Mass were, from left, Father Tojo Chacko, parochial vicar in Massena, Father Joseph Elliott, a native of Massena; Father John Downs of Raymondville and Father Mark Reilly, pastor of the Massena parishes which include the Church of the Sacred Heart and St. Lawrence as well as the Church of St. Mary's and St. Joseph's.

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*Knights of Columbus Council 255 would like to offer congratulations and thanks to all the new deacon's who were ordained on Saturday Oct. 7.*

*Special congratulations and thanks to our own Brother Knights, Deacon David Clark and Deacon Randall Smith.*

*May God bless you both in your new ministry.*



## FOLLOW ME

# 'We need you'

Bishop LaValley's homily for the annual Blue Mass at St. Patrick's Church, Watertown Oct. 1

In our second reading, St. Paul tells the people of Philippi: "humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others."

Boy, that's not always easy, is it?

I suspect if more of us had that really heroic Christian philosophy of life, the jobs of those charged with public safety and law enforcement would be a whole lot easier and safer.

But, because the world in which we live finds evil lurking in too many places, because sometimes we find it easier to use and take advantage of our neighbor than humbly consider their interests, because, too often, we just plain can't seem to get along, we place you, the women and men in blue who we honor today, in stress-filled, often dangerous situations.

In our fractured society, in many ways, we expect you to keep us from falling apart. Too many times, we need you to protect us from ourselves.

We need you because sometimes the way we treat our neighbor indicates that we have fallen from the path of Jesus.

We need you because, by and large, we mean well, but our actions don't always reflect such good intentions, like that one son in today's Gospel.

We need you because things happen: hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, fires and we are not self-suffi-



PHOTO BY RYAN GRANT

**Before the Blue Mass began Bishop Terry R. LaValley welcomed members of the color guard to St. Patrick's Church. Representatives from customs/border patrol, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, the New York State Department of Corrections, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and the Lowville Police Department, shown above, carried flags from their agencies**

cient.

We need you because too many people are overtaken by evil and we are scared and fearful for ourselves and for our loved ones.

As you place yourself, time and again, in harm's way, you place the interests of others over your own. Unless one were to walk in your shoes, we can't pretend to know the great stress you must endure because of that.

As I was reading an inspiring reflection of a 30-year retired veteran of one of our police departments, I was reminded that as you meet trauma and crisis on a regular basis, as you confront a wide spectrum of evil behaviors in our prisons, jails, streets, schools, homes and workplaces, there is a personal cost that you and your families pay.

Too often, we forget the

physical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual toll on you and your loved ones. For such disregard and insensitivity on our part, we express our sincere regret.

You are on the front lines, often in crisis situations, as you face the consequences of what society is unable or unwilling to address. Sometimes we expect you to accomplish super-human feats in the face of our less-than-human behavior.

Our Gospel story today presents us with another reason why we rely on your sacrifice and bravery: And then they asked, "Which of the two did the father's will?" They answered correctly, "The first son." Jesus doesn't put on this little quiz to see how clever his listeners are. He is making a crucial point about their relationship with God.

By means of His little

parable, He is telling them that in the matter of obedience to God's will, it is better by far to move from bad intentions to good positive action than to remain locked into good intentions and no action. I wonder how many of you, in your law enforcement roles have heard "I didn't mean to do this or that." We claim that our intentions are always noble. Maybe, just maybe sometimes what we really intended was not to get caught.

We all stumble, we slip, we waffle, we fail... But our loving Father is always there, ready to pick us up if we only make an honest effort to repent—to change and live in harmony with His rule.

Repentance takes us beyond good intentions. Repentance is the process of actually becoming the kind

of person God wills us to be. God doesn't write anybody off when it comes to the possibility of changing, of moving from the good intention mode to the good behavior. That's why it's so important that we never, never give up on anyone.

On behalf of the Church of Ogdensburg, extending from Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Herkimer, Lewis, St. Lawrence, to here in Jefferson County, I want to thank you for accepting the awesome responsibility of providing protection and safety for all who call our North Country, 'home.' It is with much personal sacrifice, as well as that of your loved ones, that you accept this charge.

Please know of our ongoing strong support for you as we implore God to keep you safe from harm. You have our trust and respect. We commend you as peacemakers and sisters and brothers in Christ. We ask God to bless all of you who wear the uniform in service to your communities.

I also want to ask a special blessing upon your families today, because it's your spouses, children, and parents who daily pray for your safety while you are at work, and who love and support you at the end of the day when your duty is done.

Finally let us remember all those who have fallen in the line of duty, who never failed in their generous service, even when it meant the giving of their very lives. Let us give thanks to God for the witness they left us, a witness of sacrifice, and a witness to the dignity and honor of their vocation of service. God bless you and your families for your selfless service.

## AT THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN BLUE MASS OCT. 1



PHOTO BY FATHER SHANE LYNCH

Father Chris Carrara, chaplain of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, left, is shown after the Blue Mass with Investigator Thomas Malone, retired from the New York State Police; Supervisory Investigator Paul Fuhr of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; Supervisor James Dillon and Officer Chris Dufrane of the US Border Patrol Honor Guard, Senior Investigator Michael Franz of the New York State Police and Peter Cincotta, chaplain for the Selden, N.Y. Fire Department. Father Carrara, recently appointed as vicar for pastoral personnel for the diocese, reflects on the reasons for his involvement in the law enforcement community in the article below.

# 'Why I like cops so much'

By Father Christopher Carrara  
Chair, Blue Mass planning committee

Two years ago I was invited to be part of the newly forming Diocesan Blue Mass Committee whose task it was to help plan a diocesan wide Blue Mass celebration. The Blue Mass is the Church's way of acknowledging the sacrifices of and praying for those who serve in the police and corrections community.

I was both happy and honored to be asked to participate in such a great cause. Recently I was asked "why do you like cops so much, what makes them so special?"

Almost 23 years ago I was appointed the first chaplain of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office by then Sheriff James Lafferty. Prior to that I had been a volunteer firefighter and EMT but had never worked with Law Enforcement.

Over those 23 years I have been given rare access to the world of law enforcement, both local and federal, and have truly grown in my appreciation and respect for the integrity and dedication of the women and men in "Blue".

Probably the best way I can answer the question as to why I like cops so much is to quote a line from a movie.

In the movie "A Few Good Men" starring Tom Cruise, Demi Moore and Jack Nicholson released in 1992, Moore and Cruise played military lawyers defending two Marines charged with murder.

In the movie Cruise's character asked Moore's character "why do you like them so

much?" Moore said "because they stand on a wall and say nothing is gonna hurt you tonight, not on my watch."

That's why I like cops so much! Each shift they go to work on our streets or in our prisons and they don't really know for sure whether or not they will make it home. Some tragically do not.

They leave family and loved ones, put on the uniform and stand between good and evil, freedom and tyranny. Men and women whose sole job it is to protect us. How do you not love people like that?

As chaplain I have married, confirmed, baptized the kids of, counseled, buried and cared for cops.

I have had the privilege of seeing them at their best and been with them in terrible situations when most of us would run the other way yet they stand their ground.

Yes sometimes their language is a little crude, sometimes they don't get to Mass as they should, and after dealing regularly with people who do really bad things to others, they can get a bit jaded, but I still like them. Why? Because every day "they stand on a wall and say nothing is gonna hurt you tonight, not on my watch."

Cops realize most of us will never know how difficult their jobs are and that is ok with them. What they need and want and quite honestly have a right to expect is that we appreciate and pray for them.

In my opinion, that is why the Blue Mass is so important! Thank you men and women in blue, I sleep well each night knowing you stand that *thin Blue Line*.



PHOTO BY RYAN GRANT

Brett and Laura Cronizer presented the Offertory gifts to Bishop LaValley. Mr. Cronizer is a deputy in the Lewis County Sheriff's Office and his wife is an inspector with the New York State Police.



PHOTO BY FATHER SHANE LYNCH

The procession into the Blue Mass featured a parade of flags from the various law enforcement agencies. The colors were posted at the front of the church as Michael Franz of the New York State Police and Thomas Malone, a retired state police investigator, played the bagpipes.

SCENES FROM THE OCT. 8 ORDINATION AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

# 16 NEW DEACONS



PHOTOS BY JESSE SOVIE

The 16 newly ordained permanent deacons pose for their official class photo after the Oct. 7 ordination at St. Mary's Cathedral. Pictured, front from left, are Deacon Timothy D. Foley, St. Bartholomew's, Old Forge; Deacon Brent A. Charland, St. Andre's, Malone; Deacon Philip J. Regan, St. Andrew's, Norwood; Deacon Randal J. Smith, St. Peter's, Plattsburgh; Deacon Michael J. Howley, St. Peter's, Plattsburgh; Bishop Terry R. LaValley, Deacon Neil J. Fuller, St. Mary's, Clayton; Deacon David D. Demers, Notre Dame, Ogdensburg; Deacon Lawrence C. Morse, St. James, Gouverneur; and Deacon Nicholas J. Haas, St. Andre's, Malone; back, Deacon Richard L. Burns, St. Mary's, Potsdam; Deacon Ronny J. Gingerich, St. Peter's, Lowville; Deacon William P. O'Brien, St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg; Deacon David L. Clark, St. Peter's, Plattsburgh; Deacon Thomas J. Yousey, St. Peter's, Lowville; Deacon John A. Fehlner, St. Brendan's, Keene; and Deacon James D. Crowley, St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg.



At the moment of ordination, Bishop LaValley lays hands on Deacon Thomas J. Yousey.



Deacon John A. Fehlner makes a promise of obedience to Bishop LaValley and all his successors.



As a sign of humility, the candidates prostrated themselves during the Litany of Supplication as all present pleaded for God's grace upon them.

# Why consecrate to Immaculate Heart of Mary?

By Maura Hearden Fehlner, Ph.D.  
Contributing writer

On Oct. 22, Bishop Terry R. LaValley will consecrate the Diocese of Ogdensburg to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This act might leave some people scratching their heads, wondering "What good will that do?" or shrugging their shoulders saying "That's nice. What's the NFL schedule that day?"

But if our eyes and hearts are opened to God's wisdom, we will see that this consecration is the most powerful aid that our diocese could receive. Marian consecration makes all the difference in the world!

"My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." This is what Our Lady said to Lucia dos Santos, one of the three seers of the famous apparitions in Fatima, Portugal in 1917.

The Blessed Virgin told Lucia that Our Lord wished Lucia to spend her life promoting devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary so that humanity could avoid turmoil and suffering on earth and, more importantly, be guided to everlasting salvation in the arms of Christ.

But why would Our Lord request consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary? What does it all mean?

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To consecrate yourself to someone is to give yourself, or, as St. Pope John Paul II would say, to "entrust" yourself entirely to someone. Strictly speaking, we can only consecrate ourselves to God because we are His. However, when the Church speaks of consecration to Mary, it means that we are giving ourselves to God through Mary.

St. Louis de Montfort, who was arguably the most famous promoter of Marian consecration (and the person from whom St. Pope John Paul II took his motto, *Totus Tuus*, "Totally Yours"), coined the phrase, "To Jesus through Mary!"

Mary's relationship with her Son and with us is unique. She is the woman

who said "Yes" at the Annunciation, giving herself without reservation to the Father so that she could give her humanity to the Son, and she is the mother who stood at the foot of the cross, heartbroken, but freely offering her only beloved Son to God for all the world.

In return for this great sacrifice, God extended her divine maternity to include all of His adopted sons and daughters. She is now Queen of the Universe, our Heavenly Mother and Advocate.

Mary's life and Jesus's life are uniquely intertwined for all eternity. Her will is His will and, as mother of all God's adopted sons and daughters, she has been entrusted with the formation of souls. The Son entered the world through Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit and the world is drawn to the Son through Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Does it seem strange that God would choose to draw us to Himself through a creature?

While I would not pretend to be able to explain the great mysteries of God's wisdom, I would point out that this seems to be the way that God works throughout history. He

comes to us through prophets, saints, objects like the burning bush, and the material elements of the sacraments. We give ourselves to Him through the manmade words of prayers and hymns, acts of corporal and spiritual mercy, and reception of the sacraments. God has always used the material realm to commune with His children who are of the material realm.

When we consider this, it does not seem so strange that He would commune with us through the Son's Beloved Mother.

God created Our Lady with her special motherhood in mind. This is why she was and is the Immaculate Conception - the one born without sin, who was, and always shall be in communion with the Holy Trinity. She shows us the glory of God's plans for humanity and she is His greatest instrument for making those plans happen.

If our earthly parents, priests and teachers can form us in the faith, how much more can our Heavenly Mother whose heart and mind are perfected and whose life has always been

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so intimately intertwined with her Son's do for our salvation?

On Oct. 22, our diocese will be consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. To the extent that we entrust ourselves to her motherly care and conform to her immaculate example, our diocese will receive great graces. We enter this consecration knowing that it is not magic. There will still be times when we will falter and fail. But we will persevere in faith, remembering that Our Lady of Fatima promised, "In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph."

## Funeral held for Sr. Faith Reff, CFC, Clayton native

**ST. LAURENT, QUE.** - A Mass of Christian Burial for Holy Cross Sister Faith Reff, 94, formerly known as Sister Charles Raymond, was held Oct. 3 at St. Joseph's Pavilion.

She died Sept. 27 at St. Joseph's Pavilion.

A native of Clayton, she was the daughter of Charles John Reff and May Elizabeth Moineau.

Sister Faith spent 77 years in religious life, teaching in Baie Comeau, Quebec; St. Gabriel's, Quebec; Montreal,

Ottawa, Clayton and Pakenham, Ontario.

In addition to her Holy Cross family, Sister Faith is survived by her brother Charles (Pat) of Watertown, and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by Virginia Comins (Raymond) of Clayton, Grace Ahlheim (John) of Watertown, Robert (Pat) of Campsville, Kentucky; Holy Cross Sister Rita Reff, St. Laurent, Quebec and John (Lorraine,) Watertown.

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**Deadline for application is October 27, 2017.**

ONE BREAD... ONE BODY... ONE FAMILY

# Bishop's Fund supports natural family planning

By Suzanne Pietropaoli  
Diocesan NFP director

The 2017 Bishop's Fund theme connects the great mysteries of our faith: nourished by the Eucharist, we become one body in Christ, and thus form the family of God. Within that larger family, of course, each of us lives in our own family as well. Likewise, the Natural Family Planning Office functions within the Family Life Department and shares in its mission to "help families grow healthier, stronger, and holier."

The constant teaching of the Church reminds us that God created us in love and for love, in his own image—and that our happiness depends upon accepting and living out his love in our lives. Human love is designed to mirror God's love in a particular way in the married vocation, where husband and wife are called to image the free, total, faithful, fruitful love of the Blessed Trinity: the human family thus reflects the community of the Blessed Trinity, three Divine Persons loving one another eternally.

The human family does not exist apart from this Divine family, nor apart from its presence in the Church. Natural Family Planning helps couples to shape their families in a way which accepts the plan of God and honors his presence in their marriages. Following the constant teaching of the Church and enriched by St. Pope John Paul II's theology of the body, NFP is rooted in the truth of the human person and in the authentic demands and joys of becoming one in Christ. NFP respects the bodies of man and woman, and the gift of fertility with which the Creator has endowed them—



and so is open to life. Honoring God as the Author of life, NFP educates couples to live in harmony with their fertility rather than suppressing it with drugs or destroying it with surgery. Such couples choose to cooperate with God's design for life and love, a choice which tends to deepen their faith and enrich their relationship with one another, and with God.

The faith question tends to loom large for couples who choose NFP. To be sure, they are impressed by the "natural" in Natural Family Planning: no toxic drugs to harm the woman's body or the environment, no devices, no surgeries. Just knowledge—which yields highly effective means (to 99%) for postponing pregnancy; this knowledge can also be used to achieve conception.

Such couples are impressed by the wealth of information that NFP opens to them, and they are empowered by learning how to observe, record, and interpret the bodily signs of fertility. They appreciate that this method is shared by both husband and wife, and by the fact that it tends to deepen couple-communication. But above all, they want to accept the Divine design for married love and offer God the obedience of

faith.

Such faithfulness bears fruit for families, and for the whole Church. Such couples witness to the fact that it is possible to live what the Church teaches, and that doing so leads to greater happiness and harmony in marriage. (Studies consistently show that, among NFP users, the divorce rate is less than 5%.) They know that God's ways, though different from ours, really are good for us. Their openness to life leads them to welcome children lovingly from God, and these precious new human persons hold great promise for the future of the Church.

NFP ministry is a joyous opportunity to journey with couples as they strive to discover what God asks of them. Whether educating couples in NFP methodology, assisting them through ongoing consultation, or proposing this part of the Good News in marriage preparation and other venues, we in the NFP Office are privileged to introduce people to this beautiful way of life which affirms God's plan for married love. How grateful we are to the Bishop's Fund, and to so many in our diocesan family: your generosity makes possible this work of grace-filled love!

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## Bishop's Schedule

**Oct. 19** – 10 a.m., Opening School Mass at St. Mary's Church followed by a visit to St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga

**Oct. 20-21** - Celebrate Christ at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid

**Oct. 22** - 9:30 a.m., Mass at Notre Dame Church in Ogdensburg 2 p.m., Rosary followed by the 65th Anniversary Mass of the Dedication of St. Mary's Cathedral with the Consecration of the Diocese of Ogdensburg to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**Oct. 23** – 11 a.m., Foundation Board of Directors Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg 7:15 p.m., Novena and Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

**Oct. 24** – 10 a.m., Opening School Mass at Notre Dame Church followed by a visit to Holy Family School in Malone

**Oct. 25** - 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting, Bishop's Residence 5:30 p.m., 100th Anniversary Caritas Dinner at the Gran-View Restaurant in Ogdensburg

## Rest in Peace

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

**Oct. 18** – Rev. Edwin A. Kennedy, 1990; Deacon Chester L. Price, 1991

**Oct. 20** – Msgr. Stephen J. Wojciechowski, 1978

**Oct. 21** – Rev. Peter LaFort, 1939; Msgr. Robert A. Farmer, 1979

**Oct. 22** – Rev. Thomas McNally, 1883; Rev. George J. Savage, 1918; Rev. Michael A. Jarecki, 2012

**Oct. 24** – Rev. John P. O'Rourke, 1918

## Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults. Participants may preregister at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) by selecting the registration button. Upcoming sessions: **Oct. 25** – 6 p.m., St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga

## Environmental Stewardship

### What would happen if ...?

As we observe Respect Life month, we are encouraged to pray, to learn and advocate for the life of the unborn child.

We ask the question, How can we work together to protect this precious gift of God made in His own image with a unique role in our world today?

Through the tireless efforts of so many people to raise our consciousness, we are learning ways to reach out to those in need as well as being educated in legislation that affects the life of the unborn.

Pope Francis tells us that we need to ask another urgent question, What is happening to the 'home' that we are bringing this precious child into?

After a birth the great joy of any parent and family is to bring the child home and introduce this precious gift of God to the place where life will be nurtured.

Pope Francis reminds us that our home is more than four walls and one's family; it is the magnificence of the natural world upon which this child will depend for the rest of his/her life.

God has designed our planet as a place of beauty and fullness, without want. What have we done to it?

There is no question that technological advances, especially in the last two hundred years, have made our lives much more comfortable. At least those of us in the developed world reap the benefits of these conveniences.

But at what cost?  
Two tasks emerge:  
How can we become more aware of what is happening to our 'common home?' and  
How can we become messengers of hope to the child in the womb?

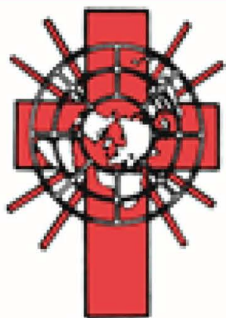
### October Eco-Fest

See: Events Calendar (on page 18) for information on the annual October-ECO-Fest being held on Sunday, October 29 at Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse.

It is an opportunity to explore these questions in light of Gospel justice and Christian simplicity.



## World Mission Sunday 2017



The Pontifical Mission Societies

**Diocese of Ogdensburg  
Mission Office  
2016 Annual Report**



# WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



The Pontifical Mission Societies in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Inc., thanks our generous donors who participate in collections, appeals and bestow unsolicited gifts to the Missions. God bless you!

## Mission Support

Mission Sunday	\$ 86,365.88
Legacies	\$ 10,756.43
Memberships	\$ 1,700.00
Unrestricted Gifts	\$ 2,070.00
Lenten Appeal	\$ 6,345.04
Christmas Appeal	\$ 4,378.00

## The Special Funds

Missionary Project of the Diocese of Ogdensburg	\$42,242.30
Missionary Cooperation Plan	\$52,527.42
Announced Mass Offerings	\$13,690.00
Unannounced Mass Offerings	\$2,027.07

Each year, about one half of the parishes take up the **Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg (MPDO)** Collection, while the other half takes up the **Missionary Cooperation Appeal**, in the following year the collections are reversed.

## St. Peter Apostle Appeal

**15,443.77** was given by our people to the *Society of St. Peter the Apostle* to educate native priests and novices for mission areas.



## A message from Pope Francis on World Mission Sunday 2017

### Mission at the heart of the Christian faith

....Once again this year, World Mission Day gathers us around the person of Jesus, "the very first and greatest evangelizer" who continually sends us forth to proclaim the Gospel of the love of God the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. This Day invites us to reflect anew on the mission at the heart of the Christian faith. The Church is missionary by nature; otherwise, she would no longer be the Church of Christ, but one group among many others that soon end up serving their purpose and passing away. So it is important to ask ourselves certain questions about our Christian identity and our responsibility as believers in a world marked by confusion, disappointment and frustration, and torn by numerous fratricidal wars that unjustly target the innocent. What is the basis of our mission? What is the heart of our mission? What are the essential approaches we need to take in carrying out our mission?

....The Pontifical Mission Societies are a precious means of awakening in every Christian community a desire to reach beyond its own confines and security in order to proclaim the Gospel to all. In them, thanks to a profound missionary spirituality, nurtured daily, and a constant commitment to raising missionary awareness and enthusiasm, young people, adults, families, priests, bishops and men and women religious work to develop a missionary heart in everyone. World Mission Day, promoted by the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, is a good opportunity for enabling the missionary heart of Christian communities to join in prayer, testimony of life and communion of goods, in responding to the vast and pressing needs of evangelization.

....Through Baptism, the Gospel becomes a source of new life, freed of the dominion of sin, enlightened and transformed by the Holy Spirit. Through Confirmation, it becomes a fortifying anointing that, through the same Spirit, points out new ways and strategies for witness and accompaniment. Through the Eucharist, it becomes food for new life, a "medicine of immortality".....



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Students at Trinity Catholic in Massena.

## Missionary Childhood Association Funds for School Year 2016-2017

School Totals	\$ 5,517.60
Religious Education Totals	\$ 11,228.85
<b>MCA TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 16,746.45</b>

## 2016 Summary of Funds

Propagation of the Faith	\$197,154.36
Summary of Expenses	\$53,773.95

## Notice

This report covers the fiscal year of Jan. 1, 2016 to Dec. 31, 2016; with the exception of the Missionary Childhood, which covers September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

## The Pontifical Mission Societies of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Inc.

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## 2016 Annual Report of Donations to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith

Parish	Mission Sunday	Missionary Cooperation Plan	Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg (MPDO)	Number of Families	Parish	Mission Sunday	Missionary Cooperation Plan	Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg (MPDO)	Number of Families
Adams	\$651.00		\$620.95	700	Malone - St. Andre Bes.	\$2,974.00	\$3,965.76		1081
Henderson	\$283.00		\$880.00	79/winter; 207/summer	Massena - SH	\$1,714.00		\$1,489.75	1044
Community of Alexandria				441	Louisville				265
Altona	\$329.00	\$1,001.00		310	Massena - SM & SJ	\$1,069.00		\$1,346.36	1251
Sciota	\$147.00			152	Mooers Forks	\$329.86	\$917.00		383
Alexandria Bay	\$1,062.00		\$817.00		Mooers - SJ	\$242.02	\$602.00		252
Redwood					Morrisonville	\$618.00	\$1,624.00		1027
AuSable Forks/Black Brook	\$503.27	\$626.00		350	Treadwells Mill				224
Wilmington	\$108.00	\$172.00		65	Morristown			\$2,338.80	336
Black River	\$459.00		\$328.00	132	Hammond				50
Deferiet	\$108.20		\$136.00	54	Rossie				30
Brasher Falls	\$100.00			511	Newcomb	\$250.00	\$578.00		70
North Lawrence	\$25.00			117	Long Lake	\$110.00	\$879.00		90
Brownville	\$1,148.00		\$474.00	532	Norfolk	\$837.00		\$868.00	400
Dexter			\$484.00		Raymondville				135
Brushton	\$1,031.00	\$1,159.36		370	Norwood	\$806.50		\$688.20	450
North Bangor	\$50.00	\$1,029.00		178	Ogdensburg - SM			\$2,178.85	1249
Cadyville	\$941.00	\$1,719.00		300	Ogdensburg - ND	\$1,009.00		\$1,085.70	1100
Canton	\$1,286.75		\$1,202.50	661	Old Forge	\$324.00	\$602.00		217
Cape Vincent /Chaumont/Rosiere	\$995.00		\$1,125.00	340	Inlet, Raquette Lake	\$474.42	\$1,654.00		134
Carthage	\$1,698.30		\$1,192.91	945	Peru	\$572.25	\$566.00		769
Copenhagen	\$460.00		\$436.25	176	Plattsburgh - St. John	\$2,254.00	\$3,739.00		700
Champlain		\$424.00		700	Plattsburgh - OLV		\$1,143.00		800
Chateaugay		\$515.00		403	Plattsburgh - SP	\$2,589.12	\$4,070.86		1844
Burke				205	Port Henry	\$841.00	\$1,472.50		372
Chazy	\$521.00	\$132.00		420	Mineville				
Clayton	\$1,538.22		\$2,651.94	535	Port Leyden	\$622.00		\$344.00	150
LaFargeville	\$50.00		\$384.00	113	Lyons Falls	\$429.00		\$372.00	110
Colton			\$1,008.00	182	Potsdam	\$1,163.00		\$2,100.00	1223
Constable/Westville	\$692.35	\$804.20		400	Rouses Point	\$1,076.00	\$1,569.00		595
Constableville			\$523.00	160	Saranac Lake	\$2,495.00	\$1,787.55		1046
West Leyden			\$120.00	100	Bloomington				150
Croghan	\$1,686.00	\$20.00	\$1,402.00	552	Gabriels				56
Dannemora	\$770.00	\$1,341.00		538	Lake Clear				101
Redford				413	Schroon Lake	\$898.00	\$2,321.00		243
Elizabethtown	\$377.00	\$218.00		150	Olmstedville				87
Westport	\$491.00	\$514.00		90	Star Lake	\$268.00		\$380.00	293
Ellenburg	\$552.00	\$613.00		295	Harrisville	\$446.00			196
Evans Mills, Theresa	\$703.00			103	St. Regis Falls	\$618.00	\$999.00		165
Philadelphia	\$287.00			75	Hopkinton	\$119.00			75
Fort Covington	\$693.35	\$413.40		246	Ticonderoga	\$1,312.25	\$2,846.22		673
Hogansburg - SP				174	Crown Point	\$937.00	\$395.50		158
Bombay	\$201.55	\$302.00		170	Tupper Lake - SA	\$1,126.75	\$1,265.75		964
Gouverneur			\$644.00	585	Tupper Lake - HN	\$1,287.75			575
Edwards			\$193.00	70	Waddington			\$409.00	220
Heuvelton	\$395.00		\$525.00	240	Madrid				150
Lisbon	\$114.00			190	Watertown - SP	\$1,937.80		\$792.63	721
Indian Lake	\$463.00	\$1,119.00		138	Watertown - SH	\$871.30		\$678.00	650
Blue Mountain Lake	\$35.00	\$314.00		12	Watertown - SA	\$1,701.00		\$1,976.00	550
Olmstedville	\$389.00				Watertown - HF	\$2,747.31		\$1,969.98	1246
Keesville Community	\$957.00	\$1,433.97		719	West Chazy	\$441.00	\$441.00		719
Lake Placid	\$1,182.00	\$1,372.00		500	Willsboro/Essex	\$440.30	\$690.00		326
Keene	\$203.00	\$424.00		130	Individual Donations	\$22,053.26		\$7,280.48	NA
Lake Pleasant, Speculator	\$458.00	\$1,458.00		265	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$86,365.88</b>	<b>\$52,527.42</b>	<b>\$42,242.30</b>	
Wells	\$335.00	\$501.00		206					
Lowville	\$1,457.00		\$1,370.00	777					
Glenfield	\$199.00		\$357.00	216					
Houseville	\$169.00		\$262.00	44					
Lyon Mt		\$774.35		340					

Mission Sunday and Mission Coop Appeal 2016 collections are calculated using the

dates of our Fiscal Year (Jan. - Dec. 2016)

Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg Appeal 2016 is calculated using the dates of Jul. 2016-Dec. 2016. The Diocese is split in half between Mission Coop and Missionary Projects for the Diocese of Ogdensburg Appeals. These totals do not reflect any 2016 payments that were received in the Mission Office after January 1, 2017 for the purpose of our annual financial review/audit. It is also possible that some amounts represent combined totals amongst parish groupings.



## “Children Helping Children”

All funds raised through schools are directed towards self-help programs involving the building of schools, the provision of health and nutrition programs and medications, school fees, and teaching and learning resources.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL GIFTS TO THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION September 1, 2016- August 30, 2017 (School Year)



Students from St. Agnes School, Lake Placid showing off their Mission Coin Boxes.

CANTON-St. Mary's School	\$1000.00
CARTHAGE-Augustinian Academy	\$833.62
MASSENA-Trinity Catholic School	\$381.51
PLATTSBURGH-Seton Academy Elem School	\$1596.93
LAKE PLACID - St. Agnes School	\$146.00
TICONDEROGA - St. Mary's School	\$700.00
WATERTOWN- IHC Elem School	\$799.54
WATERTOWN- IHC High School	\$60.00
<b>* TOTALS</b>	<b>\$5517.60</b>

A 10% increase from the year prior. Thank you!

\* These totals do not reflect those donations that were mailed directly to National Office by the individual schools.

### Religious Education Program Gifts to the Missionary Childhood Association September 1, 2016 – August 30, 2017 (School Year)

Parish	Totals
St. Joseph's Church – Dannemora	\$85.56
St. Anthony's Church- Watertown	\$50.00
St. Patrick's Church – Rouses Point	\$50.00
St. Francis Faith Formation – Croghan	\$320.00
St. Mary's Church - Canton	\$159.64
St. Andrew's Church – Sackets Harbor	\$85.00
Catholic Community of Brownville & Dexter	\$388.40
St. Mary's Church – Copenhagen	\$45.00
Church of the Holy Family – Watertown	\$45.25
Miscellaneous/Anonymous Donors	\$10,000.00
<b>* TOTALS</b>	<b>\$11,228.85</b>

\* These totals do not reflect those donations that were mailed directly to National Office in NYC by individual Parish Religious Education Programs.



## MEET OUR SEMINARIANS

## From Kenya to CKS

By Cathy Russell  
Diocesan Vocation Coordinator

## Fifth in a series

Meet John Kennedy Ojuok!

John brings a wide range of life experience to our diocese. A native of Kenya, he is the youngest in his family with one sister and two brothers. John's father died but his mother remains in Kenya, raising six orphaned children as her own.

In Kenya, John attended a minor seminary, like our high school in the United States. After his high school, John attended the Consolata Institute, a branch of the Pontifical Urbaniana University in Rome, Italy.

John has had the opportunity to experience many forms of pastoral care. While studying, John worked with the poor in the slums of Nairobi. He ministered to those affected by the AIDS epidemic. In the hospital, he visited and cared for the sick and lonely who had no one else. He has prepared people to receive the sacraments. He taught and ministered to street children.

While living religious life in two different congregations, John discerned the call to diocesan priesthood. During his time with one of those congregations, John was introduced to our diocese and he fell in love with the bishop, priests, the people he met and the beautiful landscape that reminded him so much of home. He was able to spend several months at St. Bartholomew's in Old Forge ministering in the parish.

John has begun his theological studies at Christ The King Seminary in East Aurora. "I am very happy here," he said. "The people at the seminary are wonderful and kind and the peace I experience here, allows for



PHOTO BY TOM SEMERARO

**John Kennedy Ojuok, a native of Kenya, is beginning theological studies at Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, N.Y., in his quest to become a priest for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.**

reflection and prayer."

John's faith hero is St. John the Baptist (when Christ increases I decrease, the profound humility St. John had).

In his spare time, you can find John playing soccer or hiking. It was Father Philip Allen and Father Howard Venette who introduced him to hiking, though he readily admits he has a hard time keeping up with them!

John's favorite scripture passage is from Luke 11: "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you." The wisdom of this verse is "the assurance that the best way to communicate with God is through prayer, He listens and He answers," John said. "Prayer is the most powerful tool we have."

In answer to why he wants to be a priest, John said, "I want to bring people closer to God through my actions, deeds and way of life."

That desire can be the desire of each one of us! Welcome, John, to our diocese and thank you for your YES.

## FINAL STEPS ON JOURNEY TO DIACONATE

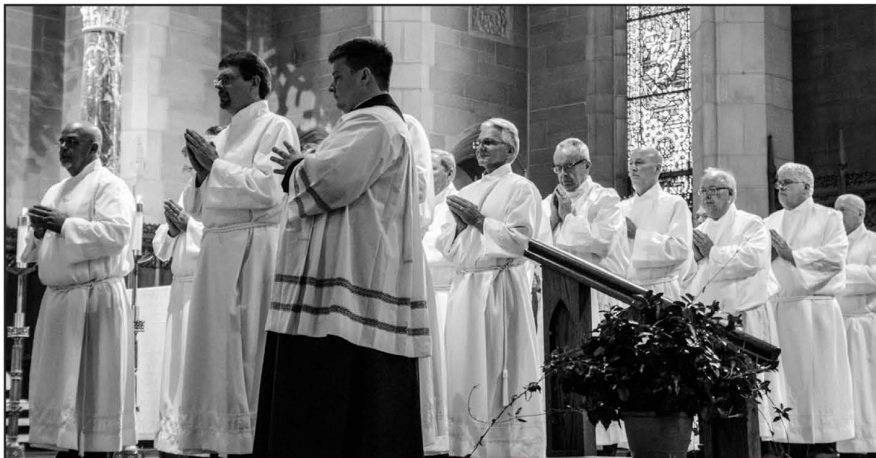


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**The 16 men ordained as permanent deacons Oct. 8 at St. Mary's Cathedral are shown as they prepare to approach Bishop Terry R. LaValley. The bishop laid his hands on the heads of each of the men and prayed "send upon them, Lord, we pray the Holy Spirit that they may be strengthened by the gift of your sevenfold grace for the faithful carrying out of the work of the ministry." Father Thomas Higman, shown at the left of the deacons, served as one of the master of ceremonies for the ordination.**

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The North Country Cursillo Movement of Ogdensburg Diocese would like to offer congratulations to all the new deacons who were ordained on Saturday Oct. 7. May God bless each of your families in your ministry of service to the Church of Ogdensburg.

**Special congratulations and thanks to our own Cursillo brother, Deacon David Clark.**



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## VATICAN LETTER

# Making the catechism shine in the 21st century

By Junno Arocho Esteves  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- As the church marks the 25th anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, promoting it as a means of teaching the truth about faith remains a challenge and a priority.

Since its publication in 1992, the catechism has been translated into 50 languages, including Swahili, Japanese and Gaelic, and it is also available in Braille, video and digital editions.

Nevertheless, in today's digital age, when people have limitless access to information with the click of a mouse or the swipe of an app, opinions and even "fake news" can either inform or misinform Catholics on the principles of the Catholic faith.

"Society is changing in a very massive way, and it's much more difficult to reach people," especially in the digital age, Katharina Karl, professor of pastoral theology and religious education at the Philosophical-Theological University in Muenster, Germany, told Catholic News Service.

This ongoing challenge was what prompted the Catholic Church a quarter of a century ago to create a go-to reference that synthesized church teaching and serve as a guide for the faithful.

The idea of a compendium of Catholic doctrine was one of the fruits of the 1985 Synod of Bishops marking the 20th anniversary of the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council.

After requests from participants for a point of reference "for the catechisms or compendiums that are prepared in various regions," St. John Paul II accepted

their proposal, "considering it as fully responding to a real need, both of the universal church and of the particular churches."

## Silver anniversary

"The presentation of doctrine must be biblical and liturgical. It must be sound doctrine suited to the present life of Christians," St. John Paul wrote in his Apostolic Constitution "Fidei Depositum" ("The Deposit of Faith") Oct. 11, 1992.

Entrusting this task to 12 cardinals and bishops, St. John Paul chose Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the future Pope Benedict XVI, to lead the commission responsible for the drafting of the catechism.

While the need for a text that clearly explained the church's teachings was welcomed, some criticized it for being too static or dogmatic and not in line with the spirit of the Second Vatican Council.

"It was said that the catechism failed to take into account the theological developments of the last century, particularly exegetical developments; it was not ecumenical; it was not dialogical" as it made affirmations as established beyond dispute, Cardinal Ratzinger said Oct. 9, 2002, during an address commemorating the catechism's 10th anniversary.

The future Pope Benedict responded to those opinions by seeking to explain "what a catechism is and what is its specific literary genre," as well as its proper purpose and doctrinal relevance.

The catechism is "a proclamation of faith," of witness, for the teaching of the faith, he said. It presents a "given that precedes us," but whose doctrinal formu-

lation develops in the church, he said.

After his papal election, Pope Benedict continued to urge Catholics to use the Catechism of the Catholic Church as a handbook to rediscover the truths of faith and a deeper knowledge of church teaching.

"Read the Catechism of the Catholic Church and rediscover the beauty of being Christian, of being church, of living as part of the great 'we' that Jesus formed around him to evangelize the world," Pope Benedict said in 2012.

In his speech marking the 25th anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church Oct. 11, Pope Francis said the catechism is not only an important tool for believers to understand the faith, but also provides concrete answers to new challenges.

Just as the challenges people face evolve, so does the Christian response since "the word of God cannot be preserved in mothballs as if it were an old blanket to protect against insects," he said. In fact, "the word of God is a dynamic reality that is always living, that progresses and grows, because it is stretched toward a fulfillment that men and women cannot stop."

Austrian Cardinal Christoph Schonborn of Vienna, who served with then-Cardinal Ratzinger as co-editor of the catechism, told Vatican Radio Oct. 12 that while the development of church teaching evolves over time, the church and the Gospel don't change.

"We must change. This catechism is only 25 years old. The previous one -- the Council of Trent -- lasted 400 years. Therefore, I hope this catechism is at the beginning of its work for the church," Cardinal Schonborn said.

# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Devotion to Padre Pio evident

CHICAGO (CNS) -- When the relics of St. Pio of Pietrelcina -- commonly known as Padre Pio -- stopped at two Chicago churches, more than 19,000 people turned out to venerate them, organizers said. The relics, which included a lock of Padre Pio's hair, blood from his wounds, a glove used to cover his stigmatized hands and part of his religious habit, visited St. Francis Borgia Church Sept. 25 and St. Ita Church Sept. 26. They were part of a national tour Sept. 16-Oct. 8 sponsored by the St. Pio Foundation to mark the 130th anniversary of Padre Pio's birth and the 15th anniversary of his canonization. Almost a dozen U.S. dioceses and archdioceses hosted the relics. Born in Pietrelcina in southern Italy in 1887, Padre Pio was a Capuchin priest who, in 1918, received the stigmata -- an occurrence where the five wounds Jesus' passion appear on a person's body. Those wounds stayed until his death. People flocked to Mass and confession with Padre Pio during his lifetime. He was known to have the gifts of bilocation (ability to appear in two places at once), healing and levitation.

## Death penalty is 'contrary to the Gospel,' pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The death penalty, no matter how it is carried out, "is, in itself, contrary to the Gospel," Pope Francis said. Marking the 25th anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church at the Vatican Oct. 11, Pope Francis said the catechism's discussion of the death penalty, already formally amended by St. John Paul II, needs to be even more explicitly against capital punishment. Capital punishment, he said, "heavily wounds human dignity" and is an "inhuman measure." "It is, in itself, contrary to the Gospel, because a decision is voluntarily made to suppress a human life, which is always sacred in the eyes of the Creator and of whom, in the last analysis, only God can be the true judge and guarantor," the pope said. The death penalty, he said, not only extinguishes a human life, it extinguishes the possibility that the person, recognizing his or her errors, will request forgiveness and begin a new life.

## Pope tops 40 million followers on Twitter

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis' @Pontifex Twitter accounts reached more than 40 million followers just a few months before the fifth anniversary of when Pope Benedict XVI launched the initiative. The papal Twitter accounts, in nine different languages, have grown by over 9 million followers in the past 12 months, representing the interest and attention of "the people -- ordinary people, Christians and non-Christians, political leaders -- for the Holy Father's tweets," the Vatican Secretariat for Communication said Oct. 11. The accounts, it said, are a way for Pope Francis to personally connect with people around the world. "Every day, through his tweets, Pope Francis makes himself available to men and women through social media, at times offering a spiritual thought," it said, "other times sharing with his followers a reflection on events of great significance for the international community."

## AUTUMN ACTIVITIES IN THE NORTH COUNTRY CHURCH

# FACES OF FAITH



Court Lily of the Mohawk #1451 from Champlain attended the Past Regents Memorial Mass at St. Bernard's Church in Lyon Mountain Sept. 30. Pictured, from left, are Roxanne Downs, treasurer; Kim Trombley, regent; Joan Duquette, financial secretary, Bishop Terry LaValley, Evelyn Ashfield, vice regent and Sabrina Barcomb, recording secretary. Bishop LaValley presided at the Mass with Father Thomas Higman, Father Gilbert Menard and several other priests concelebrating, assisted by Deacon Francis Siskavich. Heather Rave, state regent; Emma Lou Smith, second vice state regent; Christa Covell-Reyell, state secretary; and Helene Shepard, national regent, attended as well as representatives from several other courts.



Deacons Nicholas Haas and Brent Charland, newly ordained deacons from the Church of Saint Andre Bessette in Malone, received new vestments from the Knights of Columbus Council #308 at their October meeting. Grand Knight John Gokey made the presentation.



Knights of Columbus Council #340, Potsdam, presented a Knights of Columbus dalmatic and stole to newly ordained Deacon Richard Burns at his first Mass as deacon Oct. 8 at St Mary's Church in Potsdam. Grand Knight Colin Myers, left, made the presentation. Deacon Burns' son, Michael, and wife Kathy are also shown.



Father Christopher Looby, pastor in Evans Mills, was a special guest at the St. John Bosco's junior kindergarten in Watertown recently to teach the four and five year olds about baptism. Above, Father Looby is shown with Peyton Ward, as he leads the children in prayer.



St. Mary's Parish in Constableville started off the fall season with a turkey dinner. The weather was perfect and it brought out 360 (plus children) who enjoyed the family style meal prepared and served by the members of St. Mary's parish. Above, some of the workers who prepared and served the dinner were able to sit down and enjoy the 'leftovers' of the annual harvest dinner, as Father Lawrence Marullo, pastor, stopped to chat and comment on the excellent meal.

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# What belongs to Caesar? What belongs to God?

The one phrase we should take with us today into our week is this: "...Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God".

In fact, we should meditate on its meaning all week long.

What do we "owe" to our government? What do we owe to God?

The Pharisees and the Herodians felt threatened by Jesus' teaching and his popularity among the common Israelites. Jesus had told the



**Monsignor  
Paul E.  
Whitmore**

people, "Do what they say, but not what they do".

Today's story is about the religious leaders' attempt to trap Jesus, to catch him on the horns of a dilemma. "Should we pay taxes to Caesar or not?" If Jesus said "no", the Romans would arrest him; if he said "yes", the people would abandon him.

Jesus slips out of their wily question with a clear, simple reply that no one could disagree with.

In today's first reading

from Isaiah, he tells us that God the Father has anointed Cyrus, a pagan king, with authority over the Jews, and they must obey him.

God's Son also reminds him that His Father has ultimate authority over all other kings, and his power is supreme.

Thus, this second reading provides the truth of Jesus' reply in the Gospel. Both the civic authority of the City of God, and the Divine power of the City of God place obligations on us.

What are the civic responsibilities we owe toward our government? To follow its laws (provided they are not contrary to God's justice

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Isaiah 45:1,4-6

Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Matthew 22:15-21

ments. We must seek to know Scripture, the teaching of the Church, its guidance for our living.

Old TV's had roof-top antennae. The controls sat on top of our TV cabinet, and were marked N E S W. We need direction controls for our ears, eyes and hearts, pointing to the voice of God, and the wisdom and grace of the Holy Spirit. They can inspire us to eagerly use our talents and gifts to grow in knowledge of our God and of his purposes for us in this world.

Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, but to God, the things that are God's.

## RESPECT LIFE

# For Respect Life Month: celebrating adoption

**By Kathleen Gallagher**  
Director, pro-life activities for  
New York State Catholic Conference

My friend Mary is one-of-a-kind. She is a retired police lieutenant from busy suburban Long Island, where we both grew up.

Today Mary has relocated to a rural hamlet in the northernmost county of New York State. She owns a 300+ acre farm that includes goats, cows, horses, a donkey, two dogs, and lots of chickens, some of whom occasionally roam through the farmhouse.

As if that wasn't enough, Mary is also a single mom

who is parenting two energetic fourth-graders—Luke and Sebastian.

She's an adoptive parent who opened her heart and her home to two baby boys in need of some love and stability.

I am in awe of her strength and her courage.

Somewhat later in life, with an established career, Mary knew that she wanted to adopt. She felt a calling. She pursued both domestic and international adoption tracks at the same time.

She'd be the first to tell you that adoption is not an easy road. You have to be in it for the long haul, wade through all the cumbersome

paperwork, endure home studies and evaluations, provide references and fingerprints.

You have to find the right agencies, attorneys, notaries and courts.

And you have to have a large chunk of change to absorb all the medical and legal fees, travel expenditures, court costs and other related expenses.

States like New York don't provide an awful lot of incentive for folks to adopt; there's no tax credit or deduction available for those expenses, even for those who might adopt a child out of the foster care system or a child with some special needs, as Mary did.

There are requirements

and restrictions on who can adopt that vary from state to state and country to

country. It's pretty tough to untangle.

But Mary persevered, and her Catholic faith sustained her; she prayed her way through.



**Kathleen  
Gallagher**

She adopted Sebastian first, here in New York, then received a call just a few months later from the Kazakhstan government, telling

her about a baby boy left in an orphanage.

She relied on her family to care for Sebastian as she ventured on her own, twice, to the central Asian country, ultimately welcoming Luke into his permanent family.

Because Luke is hearing impaired, the family lived in Canada for two years so he could attend a special school that has helped him learn the skills he uses every day to listen, speak, and thrive. His progress has been truly amazing, a testa-

ment to Mary's love and devotion.

The family talks openly about the adoptions, though the boys don't seem all that inquisitive at this point—they're too busy with homework and farm chores.

Mary has let them know she is always willing to answer any questions they may have, and they pray for their birth mommies each and every night.

Mary wishes that young girls faced with an unplanned pregnancy could somehow know about the hundreds of thousands of people who desperately desire children. Nine months, she says, is the blink of an eye, and those girls have the ability to give the greatest gift in the world.

My friend Mary is no saint, but she's a terrific mom, and one of the strongest people I know.

During this Respect Life Month, and as we look toward November, National Adoption Month, I celebrate and honor her and her family.

## NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC HAS GONE GREEN



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## AT THE MOVIES

# BLADE RUNNER 2049

By Kurt Jensen  
Catholic News Service

Misogyny hangs over "Blade Runner 2049" (Warner Bros.) as blithely as the thick yellow fog of the post-apocalyptic Los Angeles it portrays.

While that's hardly unusual for science-fiction epics with a substantially male core audience, director Denis Villeneuve, working from a script by Hampton Fancher and Michael Green, has made a two-and-a-half-hour film that, in its solemn eagerness to have the audience relish every special effect and linger over every underlined point about artificial life developing authentic human emotions, feels more like four hours.

There's also an abundance of female nudity and a complicated sexual encounter that may have you thinking about the risk of electrocution.

This is not a remake of Ridley Scott's 1982 epic, based on a Philip K. Dick novel, about synthetic humans called replicants interacting with, and often threatening, human civilization. It's the second chapter,

set a few decades hence, after an entire breed of replicants revolted in the manner of a slave rebellion.

K (Ryan Gosling), a world-weary police officer, has the job, in his flying car, of locating scattered rebellious androids, putting them out of commission, and retrieving their eyeballs, on which are engraved serial numbers. He's bossed around by his grumpy chief, Lt. Joshi (Robin Wright).

The core plot is a film noir-type murder mystery. Someone killed and buried a female replicant, and when her "bones" are examined, it turns out she had given birth. If these artificial life forms can procreate on their own, they also can control their destinies.

The question of who in the film is a replicant and who is not makes up the rest of the plot. It's not a question that's answered, since the intention is to build a sci-fi franchise, and that's not really the point of the goings-on, anyway.

Along the way, Villeneuve explores the question of whether his holographic pal, Joi (Ana de Armas), whom K purchased as one does a computer app, is just a col-

lection of artificial intelligence or a amorous gal capable of falling in love with a real live boy -- in this case, K.

There's also an evil tech visionary, Niander (Jared Leto), with an equally malevolent aide, Luv (Sylvia Hoeks) who manufactures the supposedly more compliant replicants and controls them with lethal force.

K eventually connects with Rick Deckard (Harrison Ford), the hero of the first film, who has surrounded himself with performing holograms of Elvis Presley and Frank Sinatra and is handy with his fists.

There's a bit of a message here about mankind's relationship to technology, what we expect out of it, and our ability to truly connect spiritually as humans.

But this existential argument doesn't go very far, and in lieu of philosophy, some of the building-size street advertisements turn out to be seductive 3-D nude ladies. In this future, women exist pretty much only to be evil cardboard cutouts or just to be sexualized.

The film contains female nudity, a discreet sexual en-



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Ryan Gosling and Harrison Ford star in a scene from "Blade Runner."

counter involving a holograph melding with a human prostitute, frequent rough language and some profanities.

The Catholic News Service classification is L -- limited adult audience, films whose problematic content many adults would find troubling.

The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17

requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.



## ALSO PLAYING... MY LITTLE PONY: THE MUSICAL



CNS/LIONSGATE

In "My Little Pony: The Movie," the popular candy-colored Hasbro toy line gallops on to the big screen in this animated musical. Amid the relentless prancing and preening, smiles and squeals, and some toe-tapping tunes, these magical quadrupeds have an important message to convey to their young fans: Friendship is paramount. The Catholic News Service classification is A-1, general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG, parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children

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## ADIRONDACK

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**Lake Placid** – St. Agnes School Christmas Bazaar and Craft Show to be held.

**Date:** Dec. 2

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Place:** St. Agnes School

**Features:** Trees, wreaths, holiday plants, toys, gifts, crafts, baked goods raffle items. Vendor space is available with costs between \$35 - \$45.

**Contact:** Kathleen Murphy at the school at 518-523-3771 or by email at info@stagneslp.org for more information or to reserve your space.

## CRAFT SHOW

**Moers** – St. Ann's Sodality's 30th Annual Craft Show to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 21

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

**Place:** The Moore's Fire Station

**Features:** Craft and Non-craft vendors, Hot Food & Baked Goods, and Raffle Prizes. Gladly accepting nonperishable food items for Moers Food Pantry.

## CLINTON

## HARVEST DINNER

**AuSable Forks** – Knights of Columbus AuSable Council 2301 will have their annual Roast Pork Harvest Dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 22

**Time:** 1 p.m. to 4

**Place:** Holy Name Parish Center

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

**Features:** A silent auction with all proceeds supporting vocations, and a pie sale to support the Sisters of St. Joseph mother house renovation.

## CLMs CELEBRATING MARY

**West Chazy** – Commissioned Lay Minister Marian Feast day to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 28

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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

**Cost:** \$10

**Contact:** Starr Burke at sburke7035@gmail.com; register online at [www.rcdony.org/formation/commissioned-layministers/clm-event-registration.html](http://www.rcdony.org/formation/commissioned-layministers/clm-event-registration.html) or send a check by mail to The Diocese of Ogdensburg, PO Box 106, Canajoharie, NY 13317, write ERCLM on the memo of check.

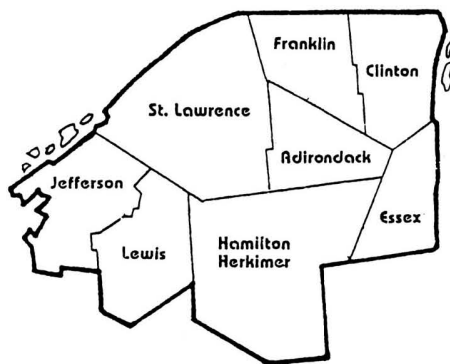
## TURKEY HARVEST DINNER

**Morrisonville** – St. Alexander's Church to have a Turkey Harvest Dinner

**Date:** Nov. 12

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

**Cost:** Adults, \$10; Children 6-12, \$5; 5 and under, \$5



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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:** country store, silent auction

**Contact:** For take-out, 518-561-5039

## FRANKLIN

## EVENING DEVOTED TO MARY

**Constable** – The CWTR Rosary Society invites everyone to join them for an enjoyable evening devoted to Mary

**Date:** Oct. 19

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Place:** St. Francis of Assisi Church

**Speaker:** Fr. Ted Crosby, known for his devotion to Our Blessed Mother

## HARVEST DINNER

**North Bangor** – The CC of St. Augustine's will be hosting a Turkey Dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 29

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

**Place:** John C. Dwyer Parish Center

**Cost:** Adults, \$10; Senior Citizens, \$9; Children under 12, \$6; under 5, Free

## TURKEY DINNER

**Fort Covington** – St. Mary's of the Fort to have their Annual Turkey Dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 15

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

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

**Cost:** Adults, \$10 (\$13 Canadian); Children 12 and under, \$6; under 5, Free  
**Features:** Take-outs available. Country Store, 50/50 raffle, Chinese Auction.

## JEFFERSON

## OCTOBER ECO-FEST

**Watertown** – Second Annual October-Eco-fest to be held with the theme "To Heal a Wounded World, We Need a Revolution of Love."

**Date:** Oct. 29

**Time:** 1:30 p.m. to 4:30

**Place:** Hearthside Center, Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse

**Features:** program will explore ways to protect God's creation for generations to come, embrace justice for all, and seek an ecological spirituality. Sponsored by the Watertown Faith & Ecology Group. Event is free. Light Fall refreshments served. Donations accepted.

**Contact:** Reservations are requested since seating is limited. To reserve a place, call 315-782-3460 or e-mail sr-bethssj@gmail.com

## BEREAVEMENT MEETING

**Watertown** – Bereavement Meeting to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 23

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** SSJ Mother House

**Speaker:** from Hope for the Bereaved, in Syracuse

## ELECTION NIGHT DINNER

**Alexandria Bay** – Annual Election Night Ham Dinner to be held.

**Date:** Nov. 7

**Time:** Take-outs start at 4 p.m.; serving from 5 p.m. to 7

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

**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Children, \$5; under 5, Free; Take-outs, \$9.50

**Contact:** For deliveries call Joanne Fitch at 315-955-5504

## HARVEST HAM DINNER

**Black River** – Harvest Ham dinner set

**Date:** Oct. 26

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

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

**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Seniors (65+), \$8; Children 5-12, \$4; Families, \$25; under 5, Free

## SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

**Date:** Oct. 26

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

**Place:** Msgr. Sechi Hall

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

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

## PRAYER FOR HUMAN LIFE

**Watertown** – Join us for a peaceful prayerful presence as we pray for renewed respect for all human life.

**Date:** Every day during October

**Time:** Noon to 1 p.m.

**Place:** Across from Planned Parenthood

**Contact:** For transportation contact Richard Doell at 315-788-1201

## LEWIS

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Lowville** – A one hour of exposition, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, silent adoration, and benediction is set

**Date:** Oct. 19

**Time:** 4 p.m. to 5

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

## ST. LAWRENCE

## HARVEST DINNER

**Gouverneur** – Harvest dinner with all the trimmings.

**Date:** Nov. 2

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. until all are served

**Place:** St. James School

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

## CRAFT SHOW

**Brasher Falls** – The Altar and Rosary Society of St. Patrick's Church will hold its annual craft show.

**Date:** Nov. 4

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

**Place:** K of C Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$1; Students, \$.50; under 5, Free

**Features:** Luncheon and refreshments

## BAZAAR &amp; BAKE SALE

**Star Lake** – St. Hubert's will have a Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale.

**Date:** Nov. 4

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

**Place:** Parish Hall

**Features:** Hand crafted items, gift baskets, live wreaths, raffle, and silent auction. Coffee and donuts served at 9 a.m.; Lunch served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## ANNUAL BAZAAR

**Massena** – The Greater Massena Catholic Parishes will hold their annual Bazaar.

**Date:** Nov. 11

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's Social Hall

**Features:** fun-filled family activities and an array of wonderful items for purchase. The kitchen will be open all day to serve tasty foods. The day will end with the big money raffle and a homemade turkey dinner.

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

## CARITAS DINNER

**Ogdensburg** – The Annual Catholic Charities Caritas Dinner is set.

**Date:** Oct. 25

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. Cash Bar; followed by dinner at 6

**Place:** Gran View Restaurant

**Features:** 2017 Honorees for the Caritas Award are Msgr. Joseph Aubin and (posthumously) Rev. Patrick Mundy. President's Award (posthumously) Mr. Alex Velto.

**Contact:** 315-393-2255

## DOVS LUNCHEON

**Norfolk** – The Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocation Society (DOVS) invite you to be their guest at a luncheon.

**Date:** Nov. 15

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

**Place:** Fr. Amyot Parish Center

**Speaker:** Fr. Ray Moreau will be the guest speaker and the topic to be discussed will be "Bored At Mass?"

**Contact:** Anne at 315-353-2950 or Connie at 315-265-2762

## OPERATION ANDREW

Two Operations Andrew dinners have been set.

**Schedule:** Nov. 8, at St. Anthony's Church in Watertown; Nov. 30 at St. John Bosco Church in Malone

**Time:** 5 p.m.

**Features:** Prayer, dinner and discussion on vocations for young men, middle school age and older, and parents. Holy Hour to know your vocation, vespers and dinner to follow with Bishop LaValley and area priests.

**Contact:** RSVP to Cathy Russell, Vocation Coordinator at crussell@rcdony.org or 315-393-2920



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# World Mission Sunday 2017

When we experience a difficult period in our lives, we can become so consumed by our problems and pain that we forget that God is with us always. St. Paul tells early Christians, who had made a point of helping him, that he is grateful for their generous efforts. However our Lord has given him the grace and power to endure both good situations and bad. "In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in Him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress (Philippians 4:12-14).



Each of us must willingly open ourselves to God's plan and understand that sometimes this means persevering despite suffering of body, mind or spirit. Whatever distress we face, we are never alone. Our Lord will bless and help His faithful people, whether or not we realize it at the time or even completely comprehend what He wants of us. We must trust Christ's love. He will never fail us. As we look forward this weekend to World Mission Sunday, we are reminded to support missionaries who deliver the hope-filled good news that God is with us always to our brothers and sisters in greatest need.

In anticipation of World Mission Sunday next week, why not offer a World Mission Rosary asking Jesus to care for missionaries and those they serve and to help us express our faith in all we do. Remember World Mission Sunday in your thoughts, prayers, words and deeds. This Sunday, the Catholics of the world, will gather at the Eucharist and celebrate the hope that saves through prayer and participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Today we must realize that we are still a missionary Church. The ministry, passion and death of Jesus were not just ancient historical events. Through His resurrection, Christ saved us from the consequences of sin and death. Our Lord lives as truly now as He did two thousand years ago. And it is up to us to share our faith through prayer, example and support for the Missions through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will.  
<http://www.rcdony.org/mission-office.html>

## OBITUARIES

**Altona** – Vera D. (LaPlant) Dragon, 87; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 13, 2017 at Holy Angels Church; burial in St. Louis of France Cemetery, Sciota.

**Cadyville** – M. Betty (Tobin) Carter, 91; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 13, 2017 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

**Cape Vincent** – Jean (Fitzgerald) Farmer, 80; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 11, 2017 at St. Vincent of Paul Church; burial in St. Vincent of Paul Cemetery.

**Chateaugay** – Carmen (Fournier) Paterson, 85; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 13, 2017 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery, Constable.

**Keeseville** – Mary E. (Quinn) Moran, 73; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 11, 2017 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Malone** – William R. Loffer, 91; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 13, 2017 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Massena** – Maurice Ouimet, 79; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 13, 2017 at St. Mary's; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** – Richard W. Smith, 61; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 12, 2017 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Pine Grove Cemetery.

**Morrisonville** – Dr. Edmond C. McLane, 85; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 11, 2017 at St. Alexander's Church.

**Morrisonville** – Patricia Anne Pardy, 85; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 10, 2017 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Mausoleum.

**Moors Forks** – Theresa Marie Burdeau Laroche, 88; Mass of Christian Burial in Oct. 10, 2017 at St. Ann's Church; burial in

parish cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – Sandra Bartman Halpin, 65; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 12, 2017 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

**Plattsburgh** – Gabrielle C. (Bechard) Bishop, 99; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 11, 2017 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – John "Jack" Dennis Buckley, 88; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 14, 2017 at St. John's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery, Saranac Lake.

**Plattsburgh** – Tom Glasgow, 68; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 14, 2017 at St. Peter's Church.

**Plattsburgh** – Shirley Ann (Schneider) Stetz, 84; Memorial Mass Oct. 12, 2017 at St. Peter's Church.

**Redford** – Marguerite "Peg" (Fitzgerald) Defayette, 73; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 14, 2017 at Church of the Assumption.

**Star Lake** – Monica R. (Sherman) Shene, 86; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 14, 2017 at St. Hubert's Church; burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Fine.

**Star Lake** – Janet M. (DeCosse) Waters, 83; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 13, 2017 at St. Hubert's Church; burial in St. Hubert's Cemetery.

**Watertown** – Loretta A. (Bocciolatt) Erdner, 83; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 14, 2017 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** – Agnes D. Siedlecki Gaffney, 94; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 14, 2017 at Holy Family Church; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

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