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# NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC

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## Share hope says the pope

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The same hope that moves people to seek a better life for themselves and their loved ones also moves the hearts of men and women to welcome migrants and refugees with open arms, Pope Francis

said. "Those who come to our land and we who go toward their heart to understand them, to understand their culture and language" embark on a shared journey that "without hope cannot be done," the pope said Sept. 27

at his weekly general audience. "Brothers and sisters, do not be afraid to share the journey! Do not be afraid to share hope," he said.

During the audience, Pope Francis launched the "Share the Journey" campaign, an

initiative sponsored by Caritas Internationalis, the global network of Catholic charitable agencies. The campaign encourages Catholics to understand, get to know and welcome refugees and migrants.

## Meet the 16 men to be deacons

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## Marriage Jubilee

Scenes for the 35th annual diocesan celebration of married couples  
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## AN EXTRAORDINARY ENCOUNTER



OSSERVATORE ROMANO PHOTO

During a pilgrimage to Rome, Father Raymond J. Moreau, pastor of St. Mary's in Brushton, had the opportunity to concelebrate Mass with Pope Francis Sept. 28 and. After the liturgy, he was able to meet the pope.

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## OCTOBER: RESPECT LIFE MONTH

'Be Not Afraid'  
is 2017 theme



Respect Life Month is observed every October by the church in the United States, beginning with Respect Life Sunday, this year on Oct. 1. The theme for the coming year is "Be Not Afraid." John and Colleen Miner, directors of the diocesan Respect Life Office, have announced pro-life activities planned for the diocese. Respect Life Month opened with LIFECHAINS held this past Sunday in five communities of the North Country. Registration for Youth Buses for Life to the DC March for Life in January also opened on Sunday.

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

## Deacons and more deacons!

In this week's *North Country Catholic*, we're beginning what will turn out to be a "Month of Deacons" in the diocesan newspaper.

We're starting with an introduction of the 16 men who will be ordained on Saturday.

As you read their short biographies, beginning on page 7, I'm sure you will take great hope in the desire of these men to serve God and the people of the North Country for the rest



Mary Lou  
Kilian

We are greatly blessed!

In the Oct. 11 issue of the *NCC*, we will continue our focus on deacons with a celebration of the 40th anniversary of the permanent diaconate in the diocese.

When the first class began their studies in 1977 no one knew the impact that this newly established order would have on our local church.

Today, there are about 75

deacons enhancing the vitality of our Catholic faith in parishes, prisons and diocesan offices across the diocese. By Saturday afternoon, that number will top 90.

One of these men, Deacon Fred Oberst who was among those who started on the diaconal road 40 years ago, shared a reflection (to be printed in its entirety in our anniversary issue) about what it takes to be an *exceptional* deacon.

It seems like good advice for those ordained for a couple of days or a couple of decades:

"To be a deacon, a really exceptional deacon requires a breadth of knowledge that spans the gamut from a full understanding of ministry, a heart that cares beyond a single cause, a broad biblical knowledge of church history and practice, a psychologist's understanding of what makes people tick, a keen eye on current events, an ability to deliver prayers to suit countless environments and needs, the communication skills of a TED speaker and the business savvy of a company CEO" Seems about right to me!

## FATHER MUENCH SAYS

## Blessed by days of autumn travel

The month of September was definitely a time of travel for me. It has been great fun – traveling around the diocese and also to Canada. I have piled up many miles especially through the Adirondacks. That has been rather enjoyable at this colorful time of the year.

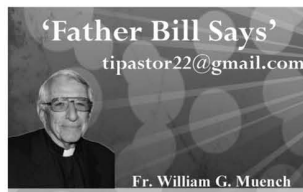
I have covered two parishes and visited many friends and families.

During two of those weeks, I covered St. Mary's Parish, Ticonderoga. This was an opportunity for me to do some ministry that is not part of my life as a retired priest. I visited the grade school, giving me an opportunity to renew my friendship with Sister Sharon and her faculty. I visited the hospital and brought the sacraments to the sick. I made some home visits. And, of course, I celebrated many Masses.

These are the usual ministries a pastor does on a regular basis. It was so good for me to do these ministries.

In addition, I also covered the weekend Masses at St. Peter's Parish, in Lowville.

I would like to tell you also of my trip to Canada to visit Madonna House in Comber-



Fr. William G. Muench

mere, Ontario, Canada.

I believe I have written of this community before. Madonna House is a religious community of lay men and lay women and priests – founded by Catherine Doherty – one of my favorite saints.

I must admit it is rather difficult to even try and describe this community, this family in words; it must be experienced. However, if I must describe it I would say that Madonna House is a life style of prayer and work leading to a finding and following of Jesus so that Jesus can live in us and we can live like Jesus.

This spirituality has its foundation in the words and teaching of Catherine Doherty. It is an effort to empty ourselves so that Jesus can live in us.

I went up to Madonna House this week to attend a meeting of the associate priests and

deacons of Madonna House. As an associate priest, I strive to join in the spirit and life style of Catherine Doherty and Madonna House so as to discover the blessings of bringing Jesus more alive in my life.

The associate priests and deacons continue their ministry in their home dioceses while staying close to the life of Madonna House. This Associates Meeting is a unique opportunity to renew in our lives the experience of Madonna House and our friendships with the various members of the Madonna House community.

For me, many of the members have been friends since I visited Madonna House as a young priest. At this meeting, we join in the prayers and Masses of the community – as well as the meals and other activities.

At this yearly meeting, there is usually a series of presentations on something to do with Madonna House. This year the priest staff of Madonna House shared with us the Russian roots of Catherine's spirituality.

You may remember that Catherine is Russian and much of her spirituality and religious

background was influenced by Russian religious figures and saints.

I want to share with you that this Russian spirituality is very different from our Western approach and culture.

A simple example is the note of simplicity in the Russian spirituality. Western religious writing and teaching can be rather legalistic, philosophical and complicated. That Russian approach emphasizes simplicity and the experiences of life.

Madonna House continues to have a profound effect on my life and my priesthood. The writings, talks and teachings of Catherine Doherty have touched me deeply. (By the way, many of her talks are recorded on You-tube.)

I remember well visiting and joining in the work and life of this family as a young priest. It was a very special part of my life. Catherine is an important saint in my life.

This annual visit is a magnificent opportunity each year to experience again the life and happiness of being a part of this family.

It is a time of gratitude for all that Madonna House has given to me.

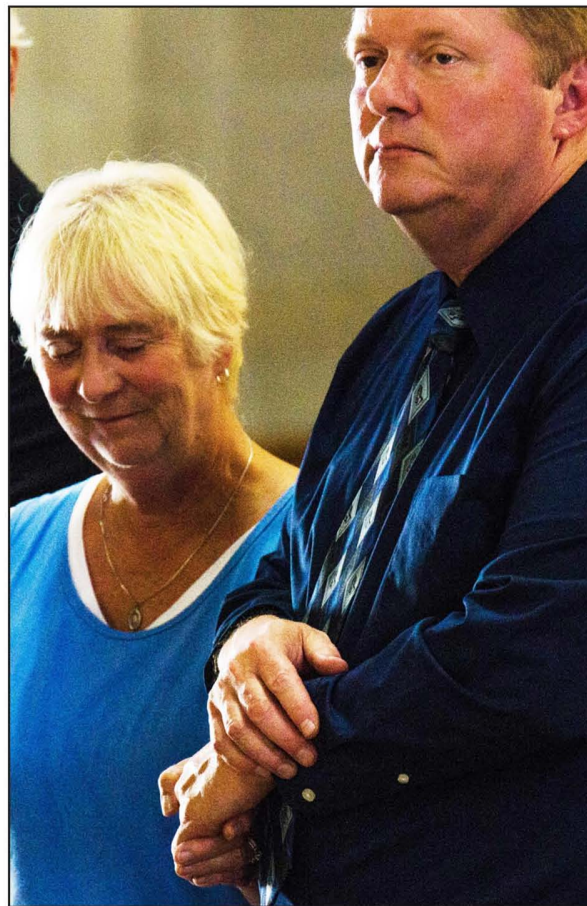
A DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

# MARRIAGE JUBILEE



PHOTOS BY JESSE SOVIE

Bishop LaValley greeted each of the couples who gathered at St. Mary's Cathedral Sept. 24 for the 35th annual diocesan Marriage Jubilee. He is shown above with Robert and Joan Howe of St. James Church, Gouverneur, who are celebrating their 65th Anniversary this year.



Neil and Dee Fuller of St. Mary's Church in Clayton, hold hands as the bishop delivers a special blessing over the wedding rings of the jubilarians.



In his homily, Bishop LaValley thanked the couples for "celebrating your milestones of wedded love as a family of faith here at your cathedral. Your witness of faith and married love inspire us all to expand our hearts as you continue to do with the graces you received on your wedding day."



Rod and Donna Roca of Notre Dame Parish in Ogdensburg are celebrating their 40th anniversary this year. They are pictured during the renewal of vows.

# October is Respect Life Month: Be Not Afraid

By Colleen Miner

Diocesan director, Respect Life Office

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has chosen the theme "Be Not

Afraid" for October's Respect Life month.

Its purpose is to provide encouragement and comfort in difficult times, as well as to inspire the motivation and courage to help others

and stand for life.

New materials are produced each year to help Catholics to understand, value and become engaged with supporting the God-given dignity of every per-

son - which naturally leads to protecting the gift of every person's life

In this year's packet, pastors received a beautiful poster with the artwork from a 17th century, Italian painting of The Ascension and the following informational brochures:

- What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion
- How to Build a Culture of Life
- Top Reasons to Oppose Assisted Suicide
- Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing
- Death Penalty: Catholic Q & A
- Understanding Conscience

Once again this year, Respect Life Month opened with LIFECHAIN across the diocese, in Saranac Lake, Schroon Lake, Massena, Plattsburgh and Potsdam. LIFECHAIN is a peaceful, prayerful, prolife witness.

## Youth buses for life

Online registration became available Oct. 1 for the Youth Buses for Life high school pilgrimage to the March for Life in Washington, DC.

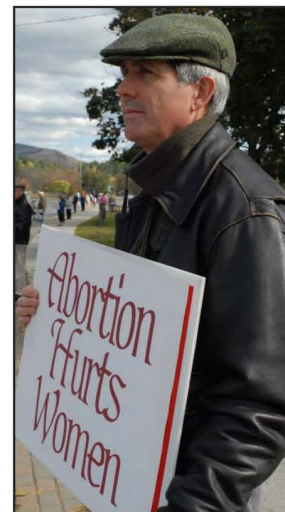
Three coach buses will depart the North Country Jan. 18 and return January 20.

Pick up locations include: Northern bus: Massena, Canton, and Gouverneur; Western bus: Immaculate Heart Central Jr/Sr. High School; Eastern bus: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Schroon Lake.

A \$150 fee includes transportation, hotel, breakfast, dinner and t-shirt. In addition to participation in the annual March for Life, the teenagers will tour the Saint John Paul II Shrine, Holocaust Museum and National Basilica.

All chaperones must be Virtus: Protecting God's Children trained.

This year, Bishop LaValley will join the Youth Buses in Washington. Sign up at [www.rcdony.org/prolife](http://www.rcdony.org/prolife)



Respect Life Month opened on Sunday With LIFECHAINS held in five sites in the diocese. John Miner, Who directs the Respect Life Office With his Wife, Colleen, is shown during the 2014 LIFECHAIN in Saranac Lake.

## Catholic Action Network

Catholics of the diocese are encouraged to register for the NYS Catholic Conference Action Network at [www.nyscatholic.org](http://www.nyscatholic.org). This will allow them to stay informed about important legislation and receive "action alerts" to send to state representative to let voices be heard in Albany. Recently we were alerted that The New York State Court of Appeals unanimously refused to legalize physician-assisted suicide which is a huge prolife win!

## Gabriel Projects

During Respect Life month you may consider helping a Gabriel Project. The list of crisis pregnancy parish outreaches in our diocese is available at the Respect Life website. The newest Gabriel Project is a joint effort between Notre Dame and St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. There are others who could use help too - Birthright or the Plattsburgh Pregnancy Center in Plattsburgh.

**BE NOT Afraid** : *"Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."*

MATTHEW 28:20

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## MEET OUR SEMINARIANS

# First steps to the priesthood for Kevin McCullouch

By Cathy Russell  
Diocesan Vocation Coordinator

*Fourth in a series*

Kevin McCullouch hails from Holy Family Parish in Watertown. A resident of Black River, he graduated from Carthage Central School and attended Jefferson Community College. The son of Gary and Laurie McCullouch, he has an older sister and a younger brother.

During high school, Kevin was a captain of his swim team. He was involved in the school's musicals and was a member of a select chorus.

Attending Sunday Mass as a family was an important activity in shaping the person Kevin has become. At an early age, he became a server at Mass and soon discovered a special gift of working with young people. As a counselor at Camp Guggenheim, Kevin has been able to develop his gift in youth ministry.

As far as priesthood is concerned, "I first began thinking about priesthood around the time I started serving at Mass," he said. "In ninth grade, I spoke to the Vocation Director. From there, I continued to pray and develop my prayer life.

Now he is in his first year of seminary at the Pontifical College Josephinum where he continues to discern what God is calling him to be.

Kevin's faith heroes are St. Faustina and St. John Paul II. His favorite



PHOTO BY TOM SEMERARO  
**Kevin McCullouch of Black River is beginning his first year of seminary at the Pontifical College Josephinum.**

prayers include the Liturgy of the Hours and the rosary. When he reflects on the scriptures, Kevin is drawn to the parable of the lost son.

"I want to be a priest to provide the sacraments to the people and service in humble ways," Kevin said.

When he needs to relax or have a little fun, Kevin enjoys bowling, riding his bike and ice skating.

When asked what advice he would give to a man thinking about priesthood, Kevin smiles broadly and says, "First of all, that's amazing! We need more men to respond courageously to our Lord's call. Keep praying and surround yourself with good Catholic friends who will support and pray for you."

## BISHOP'S FUND 2017: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, ONE FAMILY

## Lay ministry: on becoming 'Co-Workers in the Vineyard'

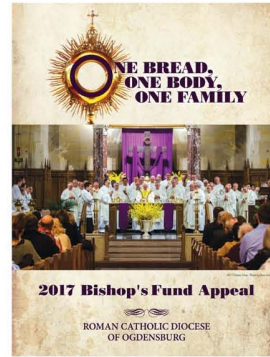
By Deacon Patrick Donahue  
Coordinator, Formation for Ministry

It was only a couple of years ago that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) celebrated the tenth anniversary of the document "Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord." That document that was released in the fall of 2005 was influential to lay ministry formation programs in dioceses across the country. If it has been groundbreaking, it is because the document expressed the bishops' strong desire for a meaningful and productive collaboration of ordained and lay ministers to serve side by side in "distinct but complementary ways" and continue the Church's saving mission of Christ for the world.

*Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord* has become a common framework, especially for the Diocese of Ogdensburg, where the Formation for Ministry program tries to ensure that our forming lay ministers remains both continuous and consistent with the Church's theological and doctrinal traditions, while at the same time effectively responding to contemporary pastoral needs and situations in the North Country.

The document appropriately references lay ministers as "Co-Workers" while it recommends concepts, goals, strategies, resources, and ideas that should reasonably be considered in developing and implementing a formation program.

It invites local adaptations and innovations that improve such formation and better prepares the laity for more active and significant roles in their parishes, faith communities and a variety of other ministry structures



within a diocese.

And so it is in the Diocese of Ogdensburg where our recent initiatives to build our parishes with living stones have underscored the need for more priests, deacons, consecrated religious... and commissioned lay ministers.

Formation for Ministry is a lay ministry program designed to provide academic, pastoral, and spiritual formation for lay ministers.

With the support of the Bishop's Fund each year, Formation for Ministry prepares men and women for their chosen ministry and helps develop their ministerial skills. Once commissioned, these newly trained lay ministers provide pastoral care and ministry support to our parishes and Catholic communities across the diocese.

The Bishop's Fund has been successful in fostering the development of the Formation for Ministry program which has resulted in the commissioning of over 1300 lay ministers since 1991. Now a staple program for ministry development in our diocese, lay ministers have become important "Co-Workers" lending help to a variety of ministries that include catechetical, youth, liturgical and parish and community outreach. Becoming a "Co-

Worker" is becoming a discipline. Recent studies conducted by Georgetown University suggest that there are over 40,000 commissioned lay ministers; these are men, women; single, married and religious-working in pastoral ministry positions and being active contributors and vital participants to the ministry life of their parishes.

In the Diocese of Ogdensburg, where our own Bishop LaValley's 2017 homily delivered at the June 25th commissioning of Pastoral Lay Ministers said: "We are blessed because you have decided to participate in the Formation for Ministry program. You are allowing the Lord, through His Body Blood, the Church to help equip you for discipleship. Today, on behalf of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, I send you out for more active discipleship in Jesus name but the formation must continue. Prayer must continue."

And so, in our Diocese of Ogdensburg where our bishop calls for "Building Parishes with Living Stones", there is good news that the Formation for Ministry program recently had 59 candidates become commissioned as lay pastoral ministers and currently has 85 candidates who have recently begun this two-year formation program that is currently being offered at three sites located in Lake Placid, Waddington and Carthage. Once commissioned these ministers will also continue the tradition of assisting their pastors and ordained clergy and religious in progressing Christ's message of love and hope here in the North Country. For additional information please contact Dcn. Donahue pdonahue@rcdony.org or call (315) 393-2920 ext. 1412

## Funeral held Sept. 30 for Sr. Anne Marie Gastle, GNSH

HUNTINGTON VALLEY, PENN. – A Mass of Christian Burial for Grey Nun Sister Anne Marie Gastle, 93, was held Saturday in the Holy Redeemers Sisters Chapel. She died Sept. 22 at St Joseph's Manor, Meadowbrook, Pennsylvania.

Born in Buffalo, NY, in 1924 Sister Anne Marie entered the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart on January 1, 1942.

She received a bachelor's degree in English from D'Youville College and the Catholic University of America awarded her an Master of Fine Arts degree with a minor in religion.

She held membership in the Catholic Fine Arts Society, St. Luke's Art Guild, the

Diocesan Art Teachers Association and The International Society of Art Through Education.

A lifelong educator, Sister Anne Marie taught at Bishop Conroy Memorial School in Ogdensburg in 1952-3 and at St. Mary's Academy in 1953-6 and 1959-60. From 1964 to 2001 she was a teacher at Holy Angels Academy in Buffalo.

Other assignments took her to Jackson Heights, Corona and Eden, NY and Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania.

A gifted artist, she offered instruction in painting, calligraphy and photography over a span of almost 60 years.

Retiring in 2001 she moved to the Motherhouse in Yardley, Pennsylvania, where she became a driver for sisters in need of transportation.

She moved to St Joseph Manor in 2013 where she lived until the time of her death, enjoying bingo and visiting with residents.

In addition to her religious congregation, she is survived by her sister, Sally Anne Sheehan of Fresno, California and two nieces.

Memorial donations may be made to the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart, 14500 Bustleton Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19116-1188 or [www.grey-nun.org](http://www.grey-nun.org).

## Local collections to assist victims of all recent disasters

Parishes of the Diocese of Ogdensburg have held second collections in recent weeks originally designated to support Hurricane Harvey victims in Texas and Louisiana. Before most collections were taken, Hurricane Irma devastated Florida and then Hurricane Maria flattened Puerto Rico.

All funds collected in the



diocese for disaster relief in or near the United States are distributed through the local Catholic Charities office to the Catholic Charities USA Disaster Relief Fund.

The CCUSA Fund supports local people through emergency grants requested by local dioceses, parishes and Catholic Charities offices without administrative overhead. CCUSA provides assistance from the fund before any collections are held. Any gifts given will be distributed to all those requesting assistance regardless of which hurricane struck.

Additional donations may be mailed to Catholic Charities, 6686 State Highway 37, Ogdensburg, NY 13669, with a notation that the contribution is for the Disaster Relief Fund.

### Announcement

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has been notified that it is in compliance with the data collection requirements for the 2016-17 audit period of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

### 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](http://www.virtus.org) by selecting the registration button and following the directions. Upcoming sessions:  
**Oct. 12** - 6:30 p.m., Holy Name School, AuSable Forks

### Bishop's Schedule

**Oct. 6** - 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg

**Oct. 7** - 11 a.m., Diaconate Ordination at St. Mary's Cathedral

**Oct. 8** - 8 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Church in Massena  
2 p.m., Mass and Final Profession of Vows by Sister Linh Therese Nguuyen, APB at St. Patrick's Church in Watertown

**Oct. 10** - Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocation Society Pilgrimage to St. Marianne Cope's Shrine in Syracuse

**Oct. 11** - 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg  
5:15 p.m., Mass at Parish of the Visitation with the Commissioned Lay Ministers Association followed by Dinner and Presentation.

### Rest in Peace

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

- Oct. 4** - Rev. George Drummond, 1839; Rev. Daniel F. O'Reilly, 1946; Rev. Thomas P. Fogarty, O.S.A., 1950
- Oct. 5** - Rev. Victor Balcerak, O.F.M. Conv., 1960; Rev. Eugene Beaucage, O.M.I., 1984
- Oct. 8** - Rev. Edward Letourneau, 1898
- Oct. 9** - Rev. William Joseph Normandeau, 1892; Rev. Francis Xavier Chagnon, 1911; Most Rev. Leo R. Smith, 1963
- Oct. 10** - Rev. Robert Duford, 1949; Rev. J. A. Sirois, O.M.I., 1950

### To Report Abuse

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact **Victims Assistance Coordinator**, Terrianne Yanulavich, Adult & Youth Counseling Services of Northern New York, PO Box 2446, Plattsburgh, NY, 12901; [terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com](mailto:terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com) Phone: 518-483-3261; or Fr. James Seymour, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy at 315-393-2920, ext. 1340

### Environmental Stewardship

#### We are All Connected (Part 2)

St. Francis' other great love was for the poor. He reached out to beggars, homeless and lepers. He came to see that when he and his brothers had more than enough, it deprived the poor of what they needed. So growing in what it means to us, today, and listening to Pope Francis in *Laudato Si* and what the Psalmist says in "The Lord hears the cry of the poor," we come to know we are all connected.

It isn't enough to be careful recyclers, that's important; to turn down the thermostat or spend less on food or clothes. These all matter, but what really matters is how all of this affects our brothers and sisters who have a great deal less than enough.

Father Augusto Zampini Davis, an official at the Vatican Dicastery for promoting Integral Human Development says "You cannot try to tackle poverty without caring for the earth and equally you can't care for the earth without caring for the people who live on the earth" (quoted from article "caring for creation means caring for the poor" NCC 9/6/17.)

The final clause of our pledge is: "Advocate for Catholic principles of solidarity and stewardship of God's creation in climate change discussions, especially as they impact those who are poor and vulnerable." This calls us to pay attention to laws enacted and policies made that benefit or harm all of our resources and to have our voices heard by those who make and enforce these decisions.

So, this brings us back to our pledge and the call us to live it! To learn how to sign the Pledge and learn more about ways to live it, go to: [www.CatholicClimateCovenant.org](http://www.CatholicClimateCovenant.org).

*Submitted by Anne Thomas, Sackets Harbor, Member of Faith and Ecology Group*

### Mark Your Calendars

- Oct. 15** - Religious Jubilee, Ogdensburg
- Oct. 20-21** - Celebrate Christ, Crowne Point, Lake Placid
- Oct. 25** - Catholic Charities Caritas dinner, Gran View, Ogdensburg

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# ✠ Meet Our New Deacons ✠



Deacon Burns



Deacon Charland



Deacon Clark



Deacon Crowley



Deacon Demers

## Bishop LaValley to ordain 16 deacons Saturday

Bishop Terry R. LaValley will ordain 16 men as permanent deacons Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral. Profiles of the new deacons follow:

### Deacon Richard Lawrence Burns St. Mary's Parish, Potsdam

Deacon Burns was born June 18, 1964, in Watertown and grew up in Adams. He and his wife, Kathy (nee Stenard) have been married 31 years. They are the parents of one son, Michael, 24, who currently lives in New York City

Deacon Burns graduated from South Jefferson Central School in 1982; earned an associate's degree in engineering science from Jefferson Community College in 1984; and a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Clarkson University in 1986. He currently works as Manager, Community & Customer for National Grid in Potsdam

*As a deacon... I look forward to more deeply sharing in the sacramental life of my parish, through proclaiming the Word, serving at the altar, and teaching others to live their faith.*

### Deacon Brent A. Charland St. Andre' Bessette, Malone

Deacon Charland was born at the family home in Malone July 17, 1962, has been married to his high school sweet-

heart Becky (McClai) for 32 years. They have a daughter Colleen who lives in Plattsburgh with their granddaughter Chloe, and a son Chadd and his wife Julie (Myre) who live in Bangor.

A graduate of Franklin Academy in Malone, he completed the University of Notre Dame STEP program and looks forward to continuing his education.

Since 1983, Deacon Charland has worked as church sexton for St. Andre' Bessette Parish in Malone. "As I start my 35th year working for the parish I give thanks to God every day for all the blessings I see, receive and live," he said. "Working for the Church has been an awesome way to spend my life; I am truly blessed."

*As a deacon... I truly look forward to proclaiming the Gospel. I would like to meet with and bring people who have fallen away back to Church. If I had to pick a theme for my ministry it would be focused on forgiveness. It is such a beautiful gift that we are all capable of and once received can change a life!*

### Deacon David Lawrence Clark St. John the Baptist, Plattsburgh

Retired as a colonel in the United States Air Force, Deacon Clark was born Aug. 20, 1948 in Bath, N.Y.

He and his wife Mary have been mar-

ried for 46 years and have three children and four grandchildren. Matthew of Colorado Springs is married to Teresa (Caleb, age 2, Amelia, 1); Amy lives in Plattsburgh and Sarah lives in Lansdale, Pennsylvania and is married to Shawn Matthews (Brody, 4 and Kyle, 3)

A registered nurse for 29 years, Deacon Clark earned a BSN in nursing, an MS in nursing personnel management and an MSN in nursing administration

He is retired from the Air Force, as nurse and also from New York State Department of Corrections (Altona CF)

*As a deacon... I look forward to making a difference to those in need within and around Plattsburgh. I hope to find some method of providing charitable works for those who are suffering and have no other options. I don't know what that will look like just yet, but I hope the Lord sends me some guidance. My job now is to listen for God's gentle whisper inspiring me to take a pathway. I pray I can hear Him. I have spent my entire adult life as a registered nurse caring for others, now I want to expand that care to more people with a different focus.*

### Deacon James David Crowley St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg

Deacon Crowley, who serves as chan-

cellor for the Diocese of Ogdensburg was born Feb. 3, 1964 in Buffalo.

He and his wife, Rita, have three daughters, Allison, Bethany, Margaret who will all serve at the Ordination Mass.

Deacon Crowley earned a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy and religious studies from Wadhams Hall Seminary-College in 1991. Among his responsibilities as chancellor is communications director, delegate to pastoral ministers and executive director of the Family Life Office for diocese. He is the former owner of C3 - Crowley Computer Consulting

*As a deacon... I hope to continue exploring the path the Lord calls Rita and me toward and to use the gifts and grace God gives me to serve the Church and His people.*

### David D. Demers Notre Dame, Ogdensburg

Deacon Demers was born in Ogdensburg Aug. 1, 1959 and married Laurie Galvin on March 14, 1987. The couple have two sons, Alex of E. Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania; and Kyle of Ogdensburg; and one granddaughter June E. Demers, the daughter of Kyle.

He graduated from Ogdensburg Free Academy in 1976 and attended Seminole Community College in Lake Mary, Florida, obtaining a degree in fire science

shortly after starting a career as a firefighter/EMT in Tamarac, Florida.

Deacon Demers moved back to Ogdensburg in 1986. He joined the Ogdensburg Fire Department in 1989 and retired in 2002.

*As a deacon... through my love of God and His people I look forward as a deacon to serve Him and His Church.*

### John Anthony Fehner St. Brendan's, Keene

Deacon Fehner was born in Detroit, Michigan, April 16, 1957 and is retired from the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

He and his wife Maura (Hearden) have three children, Corey, Malachy and Mary and two grandchildren, Colden and Ryland.

Deacon Fehner earned a bachelor's degree and currently operates WCLP Catholic radio station in Lake Placid.

*As a deacon... strengthened by the grace of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, I pray that the Holy Spirit will infuse my thoughts words and deeds with new vitality as I participate in the liturgy, continue to operate WCLP Catholic radio in Lake Placid, and do all that I can to attend to the corporal and spiritual needs of my parish, community and the Diocese of Ogdensburg.*

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# Meet Our New Deacons

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## Deacon Timothy David Foley St. Bartholomew's, Old Forge

Deacon Foley, a native of Utica, was born Oct. 7, 1948. He and his wife, Patty are the parents of one daughter.

A practicing attorney, he is a graduate of Blessed Sacrament Elementary School, Notre Dame High School, Boston College, University of Mississippi Law School

*As a deacon... I most look forward to growing closer to God by following His will and serving His church.*

## Deacon Neil J. Fuller St. Mary's, Clayton

Deacon Fuller was born in Watertown April 8, 1958, graduated from Water-



Deacon Fehner

town High School (1976) and attended Jefferson Community College.

Married to Dee Streets Brabant Fuller, he has one son Neil Fuller, two step-sons Jerome (Dana) Brabant and John Paul Brabant, two grandsons Liam and Samuel Brabant and one granddaughter June Brabant.

He currently works as the Elderly Nutrition Program Manager for Jefferson County through the Office for the Aging.

*As a deacon... I look forward to ministering to the people of St. Mary's and St. John's through daily and weekend liturgies by assisting Father LaBaff and helping families plan liturgies for their deceased loved ones. I will continue to promote and expand lay ministries in our parishes. I most look forward to working with people of all ages and help them to know and understand our church as we journey together.*

## Ronny Gingerich St. Peter's, Lowville

Deacon Gingerich, who serves as youth director at St. Peter's Church, was born in August 1954 and graduated from Canton Collage in 1974.

He married his high school sweetheart, Michele at Saint Peter's and remembers his parish priest telling him, "It is your job to get each other to heaven." Forty-two years later, the couple have two children, Amos and his wife Connie and Alicia and her husband Alex Ross, three grandchildren Evangeline, Edward and Margaret with a fourth expected soon.

Deacon Gingerich has owned a contracting company, worked for private

corporation, retired from public education, has volunteered for multiple emergency services, and is employed as youth director at St. Peter's. He retired from Lowville Academy last year in order to commit more time to diaconate studies.

*As a deacon... Michelle and I decided that the deacon formation program would be a great opportunity to explore a deeper relationship in the Church. We loved participating in the program. There was so much to learn and a great amount of time required. The experience was wonderful. My call was not immediate, it grew slowly over time. I really loved the process. Finally, I could not imagine doing anything else. The prayers of support from family, friends, instructors, and parish have blessed my journey. I thank every one of you.*

## Deacon Nicholas John Haas St. Andre Bessette, Malone

Deacon Haas was born October 10, 1960, in Port Jervis, New York, and was raised in Matamoras, Pennsylvania

He and his wife, Mary, were married August 5, 1990, and have three children. Nicholas, Jr., Michael, and Rachel.

Deacon Haas graduated from Paul Smiths College in 1994 with an AAS in Forest Surveying and works as a licensed land surveyor for Geomatics Land Surveying, P.C. in Saranac Lake.

*As a deacon... I look forward to taking a more active role in enhancing the spiritual life of those I serve in my parish. It is my hope that the deep relationship I have nurtured with God through prayer, words and deed, will enable me to bring Christ to those I serve.*

## Deacon Michael Joseph Howley St. Peter's, Plattsburgh

Deacon Howley was born in Plattsburgh Oct. 13, 1952, and married the former Joan Elizabeth Barnes on Nov. 30, 1974. They have three children: Elizabeth, Evan, and Brian who, with his wife, Anne is expecting their first grandchild in January.

A graduate from Mount Assumption and SUNY Plattsburgh, he received a law degree (Juris Doctor) from Western New England College School of Law in 1979.

A practicing attorney, his current position is a support magistrate with the New York State Family Court, presiding in support cases in Clinton, Franklin, and (occasionally) St. Lawrence Counties. He practiced law in Clinton County for a number of years before becoming principal law clerk to two New York State Supreme Court Justices, Hon. Andrew W. Ryan Jr., then his successor Hon. John A. Lahtinen.

*As a deacon... I am most looking forward to helping others in new ways. I was taught by my parents and others that we should always help people, I will now have the opportunity to assist others in their journey towards eternal life with our Father. An awesome opportunity, but at the same time a great responsibility!*

## Lawrence Charles Morse St. James, Gouverneur

Deacon Morse was born in the Old Van Duzee Hospital in Gouverneur Aug. 3, 1946. On Sept. 5, 1965, he married Diane Lynde. They have four children, five grandchildren aged 20 to 31, and two

great grandchildren Isabeau and Elijah.

After graduating from Gouverneur Central High School in 1964, he attended Mohawk Valley Community College and went to work for Mason Rossiter Smith, Inc., a commercial printing company. He later worked Sherwin-Williams in Saratoga Springs in June of 1966 and Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

He also worked as a bookkeeper for a Mobil dealer, for an auto parts store and for Hillcrest Educational Center of Pittsfield, MA, which is a residential treatment facility for children from 4 years to 18 years old, helping children in trouble.

In 1969, he began service as a volunteer fire fighter for the Lenox Fire Department. During his tenure he took several fire science courses, was a lieutenant for seven years and an assistant chief for 15 years.

He resigned in November 2007, when his family moved back to Gouverneur but later volunteered with the Richville Fire Department for five years and eight months.

In 1979, Deacon Morse grew a beard and started a career playing Santa Claus from Black Friday until Christmas Eve in malls and for private parties.

*As a deacon... becoming a deacon will enable me to proclaim the Gospel and work with Father (Shane) Lynch, our pastor and the members of our parish in ways helping them to get home with Jesus and God, His Father. I also am hoping to minister to the incarcerated, increasing their belief and guiding them to the narrow gate. There are unlimited possibilities.*

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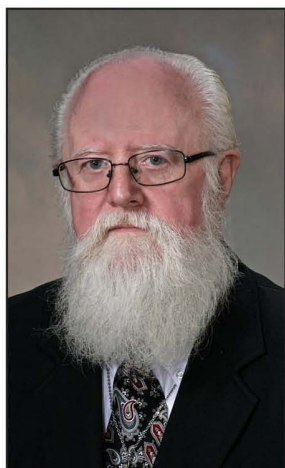
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Deacon Morse



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Deacon Smith



Deacon Yousey

## Deacons look ahead to their lives of service

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### Deacon William Patrick O'Brien St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg

Deacon O'Brien was born in Syracuse, Aug. 27, 1957 and grew up as a parishioner of Most Holy Rosary Parish on the west side of Syracuse. He then attended Onondaga Community College majoring in Business Administration.

He moved to the North Country in 1996 and worked in management for a local supermarket chain until retiring in 2004 after a back injury. He was married for nearly 25 years and has two children. His son Sean and his wife and three grandchildren live in Ogdensburg and his daughter Meghan lives in Portland, Oregon.

*As a deacon... I hope that I am, through the grace and mercy of God, able to bring Christ to all I meet. I pray that I might be an "instrument of the peace," Oh Lord, "Just as St. Francis prayed. I love the bible and the Catholic faith and I hope to help others to see "again, for the first time" the wonders of our faith and the divine mercy offered to each and every one of us by our Loving God- Father, Son & Holy Spirit. I would solicit your prayers for myself, as I promise to pray for you the Church of Ogdensburg. Thank you for your wonderful support both in my studies (financially)*

*and your prayerful support throughout my four years of formation. God bless you all this day and always!*

### Deacon Philip James Regan St. Andrew's Church, Norwood

Deacon Regan was born in Potsdam Aug. 30, 1947. He graduated from Norwood-Norfolk Central School in 1967 and went straight into the work force. After a short time working in construction he was hired by Penn Central Railroad. Later Penn Central became the Consolidated Railroad Corporation from which he retired after 20 years as a clerk in Massena.

Deacon Regan and his wife, Linda, have been married for 49 years and are the parents of three children - Richard and his wife Nicole have a son Sean, Robert works at customs in Massena; and Ellie Prashaw and her husband Jeff have three children, Anthony, Vanessa and Chris.

*As a deacon... what I look most forward to as my life as a deacon is working under the direction of the bishop and assignments entrusted to me by my pastor. I have served on the altar as an adult server and Eucharistic minister for many years, now I am looking forward to assisting at Mass in the deacon's role, and once I receive my faculties, preaching the*

*good news of the Gospels.*

### Randal J. Smith St. Peter's, Plattsburgh.

Deacon Smith was born Nov. 17, 1957 in Los Angeles, California.

He is a retired instructor boom operator from the United States Air Force and currently works as a sergeant for the Department of Corrections at Upstate Correctional Facility in Malone.

Deacon Smith and his wife, Karen, have three children, and five grandchildren

He earned two associate degrees

from the Community College of the Air Force.

*As a deacon... I look forward to serving the Catholic community and the community I live in any way I can help. In serving the Lord in whatever role He calls me to. I also look forward to growing more closer to the Lord through my ministry.*

### Thomas John Yousey II St. Peter's, Lowville

Deacon Yousey was born April 4, 1948 in Lowville.

He and his wife, Linda who died in

2014, had two children and five grandchildren - Christopher and Pamela Yousey, parents of Emma, Jack and Henry; and Kimberly and Nathan Elsener, parents of Charles and Simon.

Deacon Yousey earned a bachelor's degree at SUNY Potsdam and a master's in education from St. Lawrence University. He is a retired high school and university educator

*As a deacon... Actually, I look forward to the unknown. With the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit, I look forward to serving God and His people wherever He leads me.*



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# Annual Caritas Dinner set for Oct. 25

**OGDENSBURG** – The Annual Catholic Charities Caritas Dinner will be held Oct. 25 at the Gran View Restaurant.

Each year, Catholic Charities presents two awards – the Caritas Award and President's Award to individuals, couples or groups who champion the building of compassionate and caring communities.

The 2017 Caritas Award

will be presented to Msgr. Joseph G. Aubin of Plattsburgh and, posthumously, to Father Patrick W. Mundy, who died Sept. 4.

Both these priests served as regional directors for Catholic Charities; Msgr. Aubin directed the Plattsburgh office from 1958 to 1968 while Father Mundy worked at the Watertown office from 1967 to 1968 and

then succeeded Msgr. Aubin in 1968. He held that position until 1981.

The President's Award will also be given posthumously to Alex Velto, who also served as director of Catholic Charities in Watertown.

From 1976 to 1986, Mr. Velto worked with Msgr. Robert Lawler to bring federally funded housing to the north country, raising nearly

\$30 million for housing for the elderly and handicapped.

The Caritas dinner program opens at 5 p.m. with a cash bar, entertainment at 5:30 and the dinner at 6.

The cost is \$45 per person. All proceeds from the dinner will be used to provide financial assistance to individuals and families in need.

Checks, made payable to Catholic Charities of the Dio-

cese of Ogdensburg, may be sent to Caritas Dinner, Catholic Charities, 6866 State Highway 37, Ogdensburg, NY, 13669 along with names of those attending, address, phone number and dinner choice of prime rib, filet of salmon with mango sauce, roasted stuffed chicken breast or vegetarian.

Further information is available at 315-393-2255.

## K of C announces scholarships

The Knights of Columbus Thousand Islands Council # 350 and the Ladies Auxiliary presented four, Class of 2017 high school graduates, with Scholarships this year.

Awarded Scholarships were:

- Jordan Felicia, graduate of Alexandria Central School, son of Phil and Susie Felicia, Redwood, who is attending the University of Notre Dame/Holy Cross Gateway Program, studying Business.

- Elizabeth Locke, graduate of Thousand Islands Central School, daughter of Timothy and Susan Locke of Clayton, who is attending Jefferson Community College, studying English.

- Morgan Matthews, graduate of Thousand Islands Central School, daughter of Christopher and Cynthia Matthews, Clayton, who is attending Hobart and William Smith Colleges, studying Economics and International Relations.

- Peyton Morse, graduate of La Fargeville Central School, son of David and Stacy Morse, La Fargeville, who is attending Siena College, studying Political Science/PreLaw.

Each of these recipients will receive \$300 upon successful completion of their 1st semester (2.0 GPA or better) and proof of Spring 2018 enrollment.

To be eligible for these Scholarships, which are awarded yearly, students must be an active member of St. Cyril of Alexandria in Alexandria Bay, St. Francis Xavier in Redwood, St. Mary's in Clayton, or St. John the Evangelist in La Fargeville. They must demonstrate qualities of Charity, Leadership, Compassion, and Commitment, and must be Confirmed.

Applications will be provided to the Guidance Offices of Alexandria Central School, Immaculate Heart Central, La Fargeville Central School, and Thousand Islands Central School, or by request to kofc350@gmail.com

## Fr. Richard Kennedy, MSC celebrates 50th anniversary

By Deacon Kevin Mastellon  
Staff Writer

**WATERTOWN** – Missionary of the Sacred Heart Father Richard Kennedy shared several memories during his homily at his anniversary Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Watertown Sept. 24.

Most memorable was his joy of two assignments to Sacred Heart as parochial vicar then pastor, a total of 22 years.

He does not currently work in the Diocese of Ogdensburg but his love for the parish he led for so many years drew him to celebrate his anniversary here.

In between his assignments to Watertown Father Kennedy took a study sabbatical, was assigned missionary work in Padua, New Guinea and served as a high school principal in Ohio.

All that was faith filled, he said, but it was clear as he reminisced of his 50 years of priesthood that his love was parish presence.

Father Kennedy was ordained Sept. 30, 1967 and is currently director of a retirement home for retired MSC priests and brothers in Pennsylvania, but said that he longs to be back in a parish.

"Nothing is as fulfilling as being a parish priest," he said. "The families and indi-



PHOTO BY DEACON KEVIN MASTELLON

**Missionary of the Sacred Heart Father Richard Kennedy, former pastor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish in Watertown, returned to the parish Sept. 24 to celebrate his 50th anniversary as a priest. Deacon John Trombly is shown at left.**

viduals I have met in my priesthood; the people I have been privileged to know and minister to have helped me grow as a person; as a priest."

Then recognizing his true leader, Father Kennedy thanked God and said "where he leads me, I am prepared to go."

The priest intimated that he might eventually be back in the area to lead the parishes at the western end of the Jefferson Deanery (the

Roman Catholic Community of Cape Vincent, Rosiere and Chaumont). He has offered to succeed Father Pierre Aubin when Father Aubin, also a Missionary of the Sacred Heart, chooses to retire.

Missionary of the Sacred Heart Jonas Tandyu, the current pastor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, celebrated the anniversary Mass and Deacon John Trombly assisted.


A reception for Father Kennedy followed the Mass.

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# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Vatican official condemns discrimination against women

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The need to recognize women as having equal worth as men and allow them to fully exercise their human rights is increasingly urgent due to the "resurgence of divisions in today's world," a top Vatican official told the U.N. Human Rights Council in Geneva. "An increased fragmentation of social relations in our multicultural societies, with spontaneous acts and words of racism and xenophobia, social and racial discrimination, and political exploitation of differences, is evident in everyday experiences," said Archbishop Ivan Jurkovic, Vatican observer to U.N. agencies in Geneva. During a Sept. 25 speech regarding the impact of racial discrimination and intolerance on the human rights of women, the archbishop explained that women are "too often undervalued" and vulnerable to discrimination, not only when they are part of an ethnic, religious or linguistic minority, but for simply being women. He said that women provide "an irreplaceable value in political, economic and social life," and he emphasized the need to eliminate any form of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance toward women.

## Cardinal supports Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Saying he was speaking "on behalf of our country and the children whose lives are at stake," Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York Sept. 29 urged members of the U.S. House to pass the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. The measure, H.R. 36, proposes a ban on abortions starting at 20 weeks after fertilization, about the time doctors have determined that an unborn child can feel pain. It is expected to come to the House floor the first week of October. It was introduced by Rep. Trent Franks, R-Arizona. "All decent and humane people are repulsed by the callous and barbarous treatment of women and children in clinics ... that abort children after 20 weeks," said the cardinal, who is chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities. He made the comments in letters to each member of the House. "While there are divergent views on the practice of abortion," Cardinal Dolan said, "it is widely recognized from public opinion polls that a strong majority of the public is consistently opposed to late-term abortions. Planned Parenthood's callous and disturbing practices of harvesting fetal body parts from late-term abortions, partial-birth abortions and the deplorable actions of late-term abortionist Dr. Kermit Gosnell ... have shocked our nation and led many Americans to realize that our permissive laws and attitudes have allowed the abortion industry to undertake these procedures," Cardinal Dolan said, calling the bill's 20-week ban a "common-sense reform."

## WASHINGTON LETTER

# Supreme Court's busy docket includes religious liberty, not travel ban

By Carol Zimmermann  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- With the Supreme Court's new term starting Oct. 2, one person equipped to comment on it - Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg - hesitated to say too much but hinted that it would be interesting.

"There is only one prediction that is entirely safe about the upcoming term, and that is it will be momentous," she told first-year law students Sept. 20 at Georgetown Law where she was invited to speak as the school's 2017 distinguished lecturer.

Ginsburg made her remark about the upcoming term after highlighting a few of its major cases, including the court's plan, at that time, to hear oral arguments Oct. 10 on the constitutionality of President Donald Trump's executive order restricting travel from individuals from specified countries into the United States.

Just five days after her address --confirming that the term was already interesting - the Supreme Court announced it was canceling arguments on the president's order, often described as the travel ban, "pending further order of the court." That's because the court wanted to consider the Sept. 24 revision to the ban - its third update - adding three more countries to its list including two that are not majority Muslim, a factor that could protect the order from charges that it showed religious discrimination.

The Supreme Court allowed the president's order to take effect temporarily in June, blocking some federal appeals court rulings that would have increased the number of travelers exempt from the ban. After the order was revised again, the court asked both sides to file briefs by Oct. 5 to debate changes that could make the case moot or at least sent back to lower courts.

The religious aspect of the initial versions of the travel ban - barring people from some predominantly Muslim countries to the United States - is what the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops took primary issue with in its friend-of-the-court brief filed Sept. 16.

The brief said the president's order had the purpose and effect of "discriminating against Muslims" since it singled out "the populations of six overwhelmingly Muslim nations for sweeping immigration restric-

tions that apply nowhere else in the world."

"Such blatant religious discrimination is repugnant to the Catholic faith, core American values and the United States Constitution," the brief said. It added that the order also "poses a substantial threat to religious liberty that this court has never tolerated before and should not tolerate now. Having once borne the brunt of severe discriminatory treatment, particularly in the immigration context, the Catholic Church will not sit silent while others suffer on account of their religion as well."

Another big case, still on the docket, which the USCCB also has weighed in on, centers on Jack Phillips, the owner of the Colorado-based Masterpiece Cakeshop, who refused to make a cake for a same-sex wedding. The case pits anti-discrimination laws against freedom of speech and freedom of religious expression.

The baker in this case says the state should not be able to compel him to bake a cake with a message that celebrates a same-sex wedding, which goes against his religious beliefs. The state argues that businesses open to the public are required to comply with the state's anti-discrimination law, even if the owners have religious or moral objections to providing certain services.

The USCCB filed a 41-page friend-of-the-court brief supporting the baker Sept. 7 joined by the Colorado Catholic Conference, Catholic Bar Association, Catholic Medical Association, National Association of Catholic Nurses-USA and National Catholic Bioethics Center.

The brief stressed that "American citizens should never be forced to choose between their religious faith and their right to participate in the public square." It also said there was much more at stake than simply a cake, saying it was about the "freedom to live according to one's religious beliefs in daily life."

It also said freedom of speech and religious expression applies to institutions and individuals and by siding with the state in this case the court would "would negatively impact the freedom" of institutions to continue their public ministries, specifically pointing out Catholic Charities and other faith-based organizations that provide foster and adoption services to children and "have been forced to shut down rather than comply with government mandates to place children with same-sex couples on the same basis as opposite-sex couples."

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## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# Scriptures offer lessons on caring for the world

How frightening and destructive recent hurricanes and tornadoes have been to the beauty and richness of Caribbean countries and our South and to the people who live there!

Many ask to what extent are we responsible through abuse of the incredible world that God has given us?

The Scripture readings today contain a most important lesson for the world in which we live.

In the first reading, Isaiah describes how his friend, God went to elaborate pains in constructing his vineyard, with ditches for irrigation, and a tower for protection, and a winepress for squeezing out the precious grapes with juice that would make delicious wine.

How proud God was with the beauty and richness of the work of His hands. How disappointed he was when the vineyard only produced wild, sour grapes. He resolved to destroy it.

In the Gospel, Jesus also

uses the image of a vineyard in which a king has lavished great care.

Here, greedy tenants resolve to keep all the fruits for themselves, even killing those whom the King had sent to collect the fruits. They even murder the king's son, thinking they will inherit the vineyard.

Preachers in the time that our nation was expanding, called the American West the "garden of the gods", and af-

firmed that it was the will of the Creator for us to seize these lands from the natives who lived there, and use them for our own advanced society.

They called it our "manifest destiny".

The often irresponsible greed that followed has brought much destruction of nature's own system of protection and preservation.

Pope Francis claims in his encyclical, *Laudato Si*, that modern society must take better care of "God's garden".



Monsignor Paul E. Whitmore

Oct. 8

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS

Isaiah 5:17

Phil. 4:6-9

Mat. 21:33-43

On the bright side, disasters, war, and poverty have brought much amazing help to victims from around the world.

This weekend's readings remind us that we will be held accountable for ignoring ever greater efforts to protect and maintain the treasures God has given us for our stewardship.

God's vineyard is for all his children.

May we all do our part as nations and as individuals to follow the rules of the Landlord!

October is Respect Life month. Honoring and defending life at all levels is all bound up with the life of our planet.

Invoking Mary's help through her Rosary is part of the focus begging God's help in our great need.

## Pope calls on Catholics to embrace migrants, refugees

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Christ calls believers to welcome migrants and refugees "with arms wide open, ready to give a sincere, affectionate, enveloping embrace," Pope Francis said, launching the "Share the Journey" campaign of Catholic charities around the world.

Christians' embrace of people fleeing war or poverty should be "a bit like the colonnade of St. Peter's Square, which represents the mother church who embraces all in sharing a common journey," the pope said at the end of his audience Sept. 27.

With hundreds of refugees and migrants

present in St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis said the Catholic charities' staff and volunteers who assist them are "a sign of a church that seeks to be open, inclusive and welcoming."

"Share the Journey" is a two-year campaign sponsored by Caritas Internationalis, the global network of national Catholic charities -- including the U.S. Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA -- to promote encounters between people on the move and people living in the countries they are leaving, passing through or arriving in.

## AT THE MOVIES

# AMERICAN MADE

By John Mulderig  
Catholic News Service

"American Made" (Universal), the wild, fact-based story of airline pilot-turned-gun-runner Barry Seal (Tom Cruise), is far too turbulent for youngsters and even too bumpy for most of their elders.

That's a shame because, given a different treatment, this unlikely tale of a man playing several sides against the middle might have made an entertaining slice of recent history for a much wider audience.

Bored with his career ferrying passengers around the country for TWA, Barry reacts enthusiastically when approached by CIA operative Monty Schafer (Domhnall Gleeson) with the offer of a covert mission.

It's the early 1980s and the opening stages of the Reagan administration, and Schafer wants Barry to transport arms to the U.S.-backed contra forces fight-

ing the Sandinista government in Nicaragua.

This turns out to be exciting, dangerous but straightforward work.

Yet Barry is soon diverted from it by the chance to smuggle cocaine for the leaders of the nascent Medellin drug cartel, Jorge Ochoa (Alejandro Edda) and Pablo Escobar (Mauricio Mejia).

Discovering, more or less simultaneously, that the contras would rather get rich than fight, Barry develops an elaborate scheme to supply the weapons to the gangsters and the narcotics to the guerrillas -- all the while pretending to carry on with his original assignment from Schafer.

The immense wealth Barry amasses as a result delights his loyal wife, Lucy (Sarah Wright Olsen). But it also arouses the suspicions of Craig McCall (E. Roger Mitchell), the local FBI agent in the area of Arkansas to which Schafer has relocated the Louisiana-bred Seals, as

well as those of their new home town's Sheriff Downing (Jesse Plemons).

Director Doug Liman and writer Gary Spinelli revel in the improbability of their tale and the law-flouting skills of their protagonist. But, after further complications set in, they try to have it both ways where the white powder is concerned, condemning government hypocrisy while letting Barry himself off the hook.

Add to this ambivalence their explicit portrayal of the passionate nature of the central pair's bond and the constant vulgarity that marks the script, and the result is a free-for-all that makes apt fun for few.

The film contains strong sexual content, some stylized combat and other violence, a drug theme, several uses of profanity as well as pervasive rough and much crude language.

The Catholic News Service classification is L -- limited adult audience, films whose problematic content many



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Tom Cruise and Alejandro Edda star in a scene from the movie "American Made."

adults would find troubling.

The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -

- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

## Pope seeks truth in age of 'fake news'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Given the strong divisions sparked and fueled by "fake news," Pope Francis is highlighting the importance of truth in his message for World Communications Day.

The message will call for studying the causes and consequences of baseless information and will promote "professional journalism," which always seeks the truth and therefore peace and understanding in the world, the

Vatican Secretariat for Communication said, announcing the theme.

### Message for World Communications Day

"The truth will set you free: Fake news and journalism for peace" will be the theme of the church's celebration of World Communications Day 2018.

The day's theme is announced every year on Sept. 29, the feast of the archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael.

The theme Pope Francis chose "relates to so-called 'fake news' - namely baseless information that contributes

to generating and nurturing a strong polarization of opinions," the announcement said.

"It involves an often misleading distortion of facts, with possible repercussions at the level of individual and collective behavior

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# Wisdom on life from Pope Francis

As we head into October 2017, once again the Catholic Church throughout the United States will observe "Respect Life Month". This annual tradition is now in its forty-sixth year. This is a time for all of us to renew our dedication to all human life.

## Catholics observe October as Respect Life Month

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has always put forth as Catholics for us to perform acts of charity for the poor and those in need. Pope Francis would hope for us to be able to see the world as he does, through the eyes of those struggling on a daily basis.

God's gift of life requires that every person, in whatever stage of life be afforded dignity, respect, and protection. During October, pray for victims of domestic violence, child sexual abuse, human trafficking or abuse of any kind to another individual.

The family is the first place where children learn to honor life. If Jesus came as a homeless person, or as a child from extreme poverty, a terminally ill person needing extensive care, or even an unborn child, how would we treat Him?

Pope Francis once said, "Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world's rejection. And every elderly person... even if he is ill or at the end of his days, bears the face of Christ. They cannot be discarded, as the 'culture of waste' suggests!" (Speech to Catholic healthcare professionals and gynecologists Sept. 20, 2013)

We are all made to the image and likeness of God and therefore if we have met any of the people mentioned above we have met Jesus. Together, may we grow in love and respect for all and be more aware of how we honor life this month and every month to come.

To echo the message of Pope Francis, we pledge to bring God's mission of salvation to all, preaching the Good News to the poor, the broken, the lost and the victims and to bring the dignity and respect to all, for we are all very deserving. While still Cardinal Bergoglio in 2005, Pope Francis stated, "Caring for life from the beginning to the end. What a simple thing, what a beautiful thing.. So, go forth and don't be discouraged. Care for life. It's worth it."

May almighty God bless us all, bless Pope Francis and bless all life as we look together to celebrate all Life this October both here and far away in our Mission Lands.

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

**Bloomington** – Mary Ellen (Goff) Keith, 88; Funeral Services Sept. 30, 2017 at St. Paul's Church; burial in Union Cemetery, Vermontville.

**Bloomington** – Roger G. Oliver, 58; Funeral Services Sept. 28, 2017 at St. Paul's Church; burial in St. Paul's Cemetery.

**Canton** – Fred Feddersen, 72; Funeral Services Sept. 27, 2017 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Carthage** – Edward C. Brown, 72; Funeral Services Sept. 27, 2017 at St. James Church.

**Carthage** – Alice (Adner) Wilton, 81; Funeral Services Sept. 29, 2017 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

**Champlain** – Ruby M. Tetreault, 90; Funeral Services Sept. 29, 2017 at St. Mary's Church.

**Dannemora** – Johan M. Corral, 75; Funeral Services Sept. 27, 2017 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Mausoleum.

**Heuvelton** – Murray "Ed" Edwin Lumley, 81; Funeral Services Sept. 25, 2017 at St. Raphael's Church; burial in Hillcrest Cemetery.

**Louisville** – Robert M. Murphy, 48; Funeral Services Sept. 30, 2017 at St. Lawrence Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Malone** – Linda (Tatro) Bigness, 73; Funeral Services Oct. 2, 2017 at St. John Bosco Church.

### St. Jude Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored and glorified throughout the whole world, forever and ever, Amen. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude helper of the homeless, pray for us. Say prayer 9 times a day for 9 days.

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**Malone** – Anita (Nicklaw) Goodman, 90; Funeral Services Oct. 3, 2017 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Malone** – Rita Lorraine (Allen) Sessions, 91; Funeral Services Sept. 30, 2017 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**Massena** – Catherine (Montgomery) "Nan" Barry, 92; Funeral Services Sept. 28, 2017 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** – Robert Manning, 81; Funeral Services Oct. 2 at Church of the Sacred Heart, Massena; burial in St. Alphonsus Cemetery, Tupper Lake

**Moers** – Bruce Sample, 76; Funeral Services Sept. 28, 2017 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**North Bangor** – Steven M. Baker, 56; Funeral Services St. Augustine's Church; burial in St. Augustine's Cemetery.

**Norwood** – Dorothy Marie Dixon Walsh, 97; Funeral Services Sept. 30, 2017 at St. Andrew's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Potsdam.

**Ogdensburg** – Hector Hutt Jr., 85; Funeral Services Sept. 23, 2017 at Notre Dame Church.

**Peru** – Olivea May Plumadore, infant; Funeral Services Sept. 28, 2017 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in Assumption of Mary, Redford.

**Plattsburgh** – Hattie G. Carnahan, 93; Funeral Services Sept. 26, 2017 at St. John's Church.

**Saranac Lake** – John Patrick Duffy, 77; Funeral Services Sept. 26, 2017 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

**Ticonderoga** – Mary Arthur (Gunning) Stanley, 90; Funeral Services Sept. 25, 2017 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Watertown** – David L. Carr, 84; Funeral Services Sept. 26, 2017 at D.L. Calarco Funeral Home, Inc.; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

**Watertown** – Luanne M. Toutant, 59; Funeral Services Sept. 26, 2017 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery, Watertown.



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## ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA

**Houseville** – In honor of the 100th Anniversary of the last apparition of Fatima St. Hedwig's will be open to give the faithful an opportunity to gain a Plenary indulgence by praying before a statue of Fatima solemnly exposed for public veneration and there devoutly participate in some celebration or prayer in honor of Mary.

**Date:** Oct. 13

**Schedule:** Opening at 8 a.m., from 5 p.m. to 6, there will be a Holy Hour will include the recitation of the Rosary, Fatima prayers, Novena and silent adoration. At 6 pm, the film "Finding Fatima", a documentary by the producers of "The Thirteenth Day."

## EUCCHARISTIC 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

## TURKEY DINNER

**Copenhagen** – St. Mary's Annual Turkey Dinner to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 5

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

**Place:** Copenhagen Fire Hall

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

**Features:** Bazaar and Bake sale to be held. Raffle items and 50/50 Raffle

## POLISH FEST

**Houseville** – St. Hedwig Church is planning its annual Polish Fest.

**Date:** Oct. 15

**Time:** After the 11 a.m. Mass

**Features:** Serving of a tasty Polish platter \$10; bake sale, Polish hotdogs, \$1; ice cream sundaes, \$1; theme basket raffles, and 50/50 Raffle. Take outs are available. Volunteer workers, theme baskets, and baked goods needed. Proceeds to benefit church repairs.

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## GUN AND KNIFE SHOW

**Brasher Falls** – A Gun and Knife Show to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 7, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Oct. 8, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Place:** Shamrock Club

**Cost:** \$3; under 12 free

**Features:** Many dealers will be present with all kinds sporting items. Concession stand open all day, breakfast served until 11 a.m. Come buy, trade or sell all guns must be checked in at door.

**Contact:** Phil Davis at 315-389-4627.

## FATIMA ANNIVERSARY

**Ogdensburg** – The Legion of Mary in Ogdensburg invites everyone to join them in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun.

**Date:** Oct. 13

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's Cathedral

**Features:** pray the Rosary, followed by a presentation of the film "The 13th Day", a dramatic re-telling of the Story of Fatima through the memories of Sr. Lucia. No charge for this event,

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

### CLM ASSOCIATION DINNER

**Norfolk** – Annual CLM (commissioned lay ministers) Association Dinner set

**Date:** Oct. 11

**Time:** Begin with Mass at 5:15 p.m. followed by dinner, catered by Sergis

**Place:** Parish of the Visitation

**Cost:** \$12 per person

**Features:** Open to all commissioned lay ministers and their spouses in St. Lawrence, Franklin and Adirondack Deaneries. Bishop Terry R. LaValley is the guest speaker.

**Contact:** Register by calling Jeannie Grizzuto at 315-393-2920 or e-mail jgrizzuto@rcdony.org. No registrations at the door.

### 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

### MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

**Saranac Lake** – Students in grades 6-8 are invited to attend a free day-long vocations retreat

## STAR LAKE VOLUNTEERS



Volunteers of the Free Community Meal program at St. Hubert's in Star Lake enjoy a much deserved day off at Lake Bonaparte in Harrisville. Pictured, front, are Sandy Besaw, Anna Cooper, Bev Thornton and Cookie Peets; back, Dick Brickey, Lou Thornton and Joyce Taylor.

**Date:** Oct. 13

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Place:** Camp Guggenheim

**Features:** The theme of the retreat is Call & Mission, and the day will have workshops, prayer, and fun as middle schoolers learn and pray about vocations. There are limited spaces for overnight accommodations the night before the retreat.

**Contact:** Email kdonnelly@rcdony.org or crussell@rcdony.org for more information or a registration packet.

### CELEBRATE CHRIST

**Lake Placid** – Join Catholics from the diocese at Celebrate Christ 2017.

**Date:** Oct. 21

**Place:** Crown Plaza

**Features:** Chris Lowney author of five books, including the just-published *Everyone Leads: How to Revitalize the Catholic Church* is the keynote speaker. Chris has also authored the bestselling *Heroic Leadership* and *Pope Francis: Why He Leads the Way He Leads*.

**Contact:** Registration information and a schedule for the day are available at [www.rcdony.org/celebrate](http://www.rcdony.org/celebrate) or by calling the Western Regional Faith Formation Office at (315) 782-3620. Registration required and must be made by Sept. 29.

### FAMILY GUGGENHEIM

**Saranac Lake** – One Family Guggenheim session remains

**Dates:** October 6 – October 8,

**Features:** weekend in the Adirondacks, family workshops, activities, liturgy special prayer services, outdoor activities like paddle boat rides, beach volleyball, and hiking.

**Contact:** Register online at: <http://www.rcdony.org/familylife.htm>

### CONSECRATION OF THE DIOCESE

**Ogdensburg** – In honor of the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima and in supplication for our Lady's intercession for the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Bishop LaValley will consecrate our Diocese of Ogdensburg to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**Date:** Oct. 22

**Time:** 2 p.m. Special Prayer and reflection to pray the Rosary; 2:30 p.m., Mass

**Place:** St. Mary's Cathedral

**Features:** a Novena during the nine days from the anniversary date of the last Fatima vision, Oct. 13 to the day of Consecration on Oct. 22.

### YOUTH BUSES FOR LIFE

**Washington D.C.** – Registration for High School Pilgrimage to the March for Life in Washington D.C. to begin

**Date:** Jan. 18 to 20

**Cost:** \$150, includes transportation, hotel, breakfast, two dinners and shirt.

**Features:** Three coach buses will depart the North Country. Pickup locations - Northern bus - Massena, Canton and Gouverneur; Western bus - IHC in Watertown and Eastern bus - Our Lady of Lour-

des in Schroon Lake. Bishop LaValley will be joining the buses in DC! (All chaperones must be Virtus/Protecting God's Children trained.)

**Contact:** Online registrations open Oct. 1st [www.rcdony.org/pro-life](http://www.rcdony.org/pro-life) or call 518-524-0774/518-891-2309

### SCOUT MASS AND AWARDS

**Lake Placid** – Scout Mass and Awards Ceremony to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 15

**Time:** 10 a.m.

**Place:** St. Agnes Church and school

**Features:** Mass will be followed by a luncheon and awards ceremony for all those who have earned a Catholic religious emblem this year.

**Contact:** Fr. Bryan Stitt at 518-593-6044 or bstitt@rcdony.org

### 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](mailto:crussell@rcdony.org) or 315-393-2920