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Facing God with 'empty hands'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- God waits for everyone, even the worst sinner who repents only with his dying breath, Pope Francis said.

"Before God, we present ourselves with empty hands," he said, meaning that all the good works people have or haven't done

throughout their lives aren't measured to determine entry into heaven.

"A word of humble repentance was enough to touch Jesus' heart" and to make him promise eternal life in heaven even to a poor criminal, he said Oct. 25 during his weekly general audience

in St. Peter's Square.

The last in his series of audience talks on Christian hope, the pope said that the last talk, therefore, would look at hope's final fulfillment in heaven. A curious fact, he said, is that the word "paradise" appears just once in the Gospels; it is used

when Jesus from the cross promises the thief executed with him that "today you will be with me in paradise."

The "good thief," the pope said, had the courage to recognize his sins and humbly ask Jesus, "Remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Meet a seminarian



PHOTO BY TOM SEMERARO
Matthew Conger of Ogdensburg has begun his second year of theology studies at the Pontifical College Josephinum

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CARITAS HONORS FOR MSGR. AUBIN



PHOTO BY JESSE SOVIE

Bishop Terry R. LaValley presented the 2017 Catholic Charities Caritas Award to Msgr. Joseph Aubin of Plattsburgh who served as the first director of the Catholic Charities regional office in Plattsburgh in 1958. Full coverage of the Oct. 25 Caritas dinner will be featured in next week's NCC.

DIOCESE IS CONSECRATED

To the Immaculate Heart of Mary



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Bishop Terry R. LaValley leads the recitation of the rosary to open an afternoon of prayer Oct. 22 during which he consecrated the Diocese of Ogdensburg to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The day also marked the 65th anniversary of the dedication of St. Mary's Cathedral in the year of the 100th anniversary of Mary's appearance in Fatima. Bishop LaValley's homily appears on page 3 and more photos from the day are printed on page 9.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

A host of 'holy happenings'

The pages of this week's *NCC* could serve as a diocesan photo album as the "holy happenings" of the last weeks of October are chronicled in pictures.

After a couple glorious days in the Adirondacks to "celebrate Christ," the focus of the diocese moved to St. Mary's Cathedral where Bishop LaValley consecrated the North Country church to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

A triple celebration, the day also marked the 65th anniversary

**Mary Lou
Kilian**

of the dedication of the cathedral and the 100th anniversary of Mary's appearance to the three children in Fatima.

The number of people who decided to spend a warm and sunny Sunday afternoon in church was a true inspiration.

Families and teenagers, Knights, newly ordained deacons and at least one priest who was present for that dedication back in 1952, were among those who filled the pews for the Mass

and rosary. Bishop LaValley presided over a wonderful celebration of our family of faith.

The celebration continued into the week as yet another diocesan gathering took place in Ogdensburg.

Catholic Charities hosted its annual Caritas dinner Oct. 25. Again, an anniversary was marked as Catholic Charities celebrates its 100th year of service in 2017.

The special awards that night – Caritas and President's – honored the rich history of Catholic Charities in the diocese with tributes to three men who devoted their lives to serving people in need. Thank-

fully, we were able to honor Msgr. Joseph Aubin in person, while remembering the service of Father Patrick Mundy and Alex Velto with great love.

The evening ended with surprises for the hostess. Sister Donna Franklin who is retiring this year after 22 years of service as Catholic Charities director was honored first with an award from United Way and then with the Bishop Edgar P. Wadhams Award for Distinguished Service for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

That means I have to say one more time "see next week's *NCC* for more coverage" of all the good news in our midst!

FATHER MUENCH SAYS

Cathedral events spark great memories

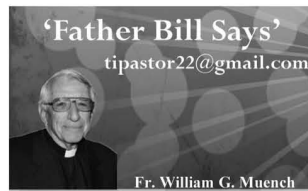
On Sunday, October 22, Bishop LaValley celebrated the 65th anniversary of the dedication of our cathedral, St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

At that celebration, Bishop LaValley consecrated our diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary – remembering the anniversary of the apparition of the Blessed Mother of Fatima.

Celebrating the anniversary of St. Mary's Cathedral brought back to mind for me many wonderful memories. I was present at that dedication ceremony of St. Mary's Cathedral so many years ago as a student at Wadhams Hall, our diocesan seminary in Ogdensburg. I remember the occasion so well. Forgive me as I reminisce a bit.

We, seminarians, were well aware of the building of the "new" cathedral for our diocese. We visited the site often and observed the progress. Often on those visits, we would come upon Bishop McEntegart as he was looking over the progress. He became a sort of a tour guide for us.

The highlight of the construction was the installation of the stained glass windows. To this day, they continue to be such a spectacular sight in the Cathedral. The windows give a

**Fr. William G. Muench**

wonderful review of the Gospel message of Jesus and the teaching of our Catholic Church.

In addition, these windows also give a review of the history of the Catholic Church in our country and in our diocese. I hope you have had the opportunity of looking over all the windows.

The day before Mass and celebration of the dedication of the cathedral several bishops came to Ogdensburg to attend the Mass. Many of them stayed overnight at Wadhams Hall.

The bishop who received much attention was Bishop Fulton Sheen, was a celebrity due to his weekly television show. It was truly popular and not just with Catholics. (I still watch some of the videos of those programs on you-tube; his messages are still relevant and I often use many of his stories in my homilies.)

When we students saw that

Bishop Sheen was arriving at Wadhams, we hustled down to the front entrance. I remember how friendly he was and how he took time to talk with us.

A reporter showed up and wanted an interview with the bishop. Bishop Sheen invited all of us students into the room for the interview. Later that evening, we gathered in the chapel for our regular evening prayers and we didn't miss seeing Bishop Sheen slip into a back pew.

The next morning – the day of the dedication – the bishops came to the chapel, individually, to celebrate their private Masses. In those days, there was no concelebration at Mass so each priest and bishop offered a private Mass each day. On that day, my duty was to serve several Masses.

I still remember one of those Bishops well – Bishop John O'Hara whose Mass I served that day. At that time, he was bishop of Buffalo and had been president of Notre Dame University. He belonged to the congregation of the Holy Cross. I remember well how spiritually impressed I was as I served this bishop's Mass. I also remember that he took a moment to chat with me after

the Mass. I learned later that Bishop O'Hara became the Archbishop of Philadelphia and was named a Cardinal of the Church by Pope John XXIII. I was pleased – after all we were friends.

After the Masses, that morning, my next duty was to help in the kitchen and serve breakfast to the bishops. I must tell you I enjoyed overhearing the bishops talking about rather mundane things like football scores.

As we were cleaning up and preparing to go the ceremony two cars pulled up to the seminary. They contained several priests from Boston, including Cardinal Cushing. Cardinal Cushing was to be the preacher at the dedication Mass. Suddenly, we were called into action to prepare some sort of breakfast for them.

I am surprised how well I remember that event. I continue even now to enjoy attending the various diocesan events at St. Mary's Cathedral.

I still try to impress others by showing them the spot in the sanctuary floor where I prostrated as part of the ceremony as the choir sang the Litany of the Saints just before I was ordained a priest.

FOLLOW ME

'What greater gift can we offer our God?'

One hundred years ago, as a good mother who worries about her children's salvation, Mary reminded us of the existence of hell, and gave us the means by which to avoid it, and to experience peace in the world. How? through: conversion, penance, praying the Rosary, and consecration to her Immaculate Heart.

The message of Fatima is the call of the Gospel itself: "Repent, and believe." These are the first words that the Messiah addressed to humanity in Mark's Gospel (1:15).

Today I consecrate the Diocese of Ogdensburg to the Immaculate Heart of Mary because, we remember that the 'Lady in White' promised the shepherd children that, 'in the end, her Immaculate Heart will triumph.'

The message of Fatima is, in its most basic reality, a call to conversion and repentance.

Our Blessed Mother came from Heaven, offering to implant in the hearts of all those who trust in her the love of God burning in her own heart. Her message was to three shepherd children from the mountain town of Fatima in Portugal.

So, what was the message that Mary entrusted back in 1917 to Lucia and her two cousins Francisco and Jacinta? It was a strong appeal to prayer; a truly prophetic message, considering that the twentieth century was scourged by unheard-of destruction caused by war and totalitarian regimes, as well as widespread persecution of the Church.

Mary came to remind us that God's light dwells within us and protects us. In Lucia's account, the three chosen children found themselves surrounded by God's light as it radiated from our Lady. She enveloped them in the mantle of Light that God had given her. We need but take refuge under the protection of the Virgin Mary and to ask her, as the Salve Regina teaches: "show unto us...Jesus."

So, today I consecrate the Diocese of Ogdensburg to the Immaculate Heart of Mary because, we remember that the "Lady in White" promised the shepherd children that, "in the end, her Immaculate Heart will triumph."

It is so fitting that on this day in which we honor Our Lady of Fatima, we recall the solemn dedication of St. Mary's Cathedral 65 years ago today. In his homily at the Mass of Dedication, Cardinal Cushing referred to ours as the "fairest of cathedrals, a proud temple to the glory of God and to the honor of the Blessed Mother." He spoke of the "living temples of God in the souls of those who planned, built, and made this beautiful cathedral possible."

Through the last 65 years, this Mother Church of the Diocese of Ogdensburg links us with the one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. Our communion with Rome is signified in this



PHOTO BY JESSE SOVIE

Bishop LaValley prays the rosary as part of the Oct. 22 diocesan celebration at St. Mary's Cathedral on the 65th anniversary of the dedication of the cathedral. During the Mass, the bishop consecrated the diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. His homily is printed here. More photos are on page 9.

splendOct. 22 did edifice that is built on Christ, the foundation and cornerstone of our Church.

Today, we celebrate the presence of God in our midst—not just within these walls at the corner of Green and Hamilton Street, but in the Body of Christ. As members of this local Church, the anniversary of the dedication of our cathedral to God's praise and glory reminds us of our call to work together in faith and charity for its growth and upbuilding. We, as members of the Body of Christ, living stones, form a spiritual temple not built by human hands.

Together with Christ, St. Peter tells us, we are one building (1Ptr.2:4). So, our Feast today celebrates the invisible richness of God's holy people that eclipses even the most beautiful art and architecture of our awe-inspiring cathedral.

This cathedral is a refuge for sinners and a place where people come closer to God. Again, Cardinal Cushing: "Our cathedrals, gemlike and splendid, are merely tools and instruments for the work of the Church; that work is the adorn-

ment of more enduring temples of the living God: the souls of Christians. The measure of the beauty of a cathedral is not in the skill of the architect nor the lavish gifts of its patrons; it is in the glory which it gives to God and the beautiful temples of the living God which are the hearts of converted and convinced Christians..."

Ah—there's the true measure of the beauty of St. Mary's Cathedral—the hearts converted and convinced! The work of building the Church continues! Our mission is clear, challenging and convincing: Follow Jesus! Pope Benedict XVI cautions us: "We would be mistaken to think that Fatima's prophetic mission is complete. Humankind has succeeded in unleashing a cycle of death and terror, but failed in bringing it to an end."

Remember, it is the Blessed Virgin Mary who faithfully and lovingly leads us to her divine Son with those Maternal words to the host when the wedding wine was running low in Cana: "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn.2:5). The evangelical call to repentance and conversion, uttered in the Mother's message, remains even more relevant than it was in 1917.

Let us turn our hearts to Mary and act upon her call to conversion and change of life: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to thy word."

In our troubled world and within our fractured families, what greater gift can we offer our God, place before Mary and benefit ourselves that, as we consecrate our diocesan Church to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, each of us might resolve to increase our devotion to the Holy Eucharist, spend time in Eucharistic adoration, be especially alert at Mass to the words of Scripture, the prayers, the gestures, lyrics of the hymns, the homilies. Make a special resolution in honor of Our Lady of Fatima to celebrate Penance more often in preparation for Eucharist. Invite someone to Mass with you. Reflect on what you can do to encourage Church vocations, particularly priests, so that people might not be deprived of the ability to celebrate Mass in their parish. Welcome and greet people you see in Church, especially an unfamiliar face.

Pray for our children and our young adults that our joyful witness will encourage them to participate in the life of their faith family. Pray the Rosary daily. Meditate on the Mysteries of our Faith, like the Fifth Luminous Mystery, the Institution of the Eucharist. Our world, our local church urgently needs your prayers, your faithfulness. In other words, by Creating a Culture of Vocations, by strengthening Faith Formation in Family Life and Building Parishes with Living Stones, we are essentially saying we want to be a people of the Eucharist.

As I consecrate this beautiful Diocese of Ogdensburg to the Immaculate Heart of our Blessed Lady, may our devotion to this Mother of the Eucharist be strengthened as we all seek to follow Her Son who is the only Way, the Truth and the Life. Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for us.

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MEET OUR SEMINARIANS

Matthew Conger: 'senior seminarian'

By Catherine Russell
Diocesan Vocation Coordinator

Seventh in a series

Matthew Conger is our most senior seminarian, in his second year of theology at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

A native of Ogdensburg, Matt is the son of Steven and Patricia Conger and younger brother to Steven, Pat and Carrie. His family attends Notre Dame Church.

For elementary school, Matt attended St. Marguerite D'Youville Academy. It was here he developed his love for participating in Mass.

During high school, Matt was active in the Key Club, providing many opportunities to be of service in the community. Helping people whenever possible has always been important to him.

Upon graduation from Ogdensburg Free Academy, Matt entered St. Charles Seminary where he completed his bachelors in philosophy. Matt then took a year off to further discern his call.

During that year, he realized what made him happy was studying for the priesthood. He came back more determined than ever that God was calling him to



PHOTO BY TOM SEMERARO

Ogdensburg native Matthew Conger is in his second year of theology at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

diocesan priesthood.

In his free time, Matt enjoys biking and camping and especially fishing. His faith hero is St. John Bosco. He couldn't list a favorite food but he likes anything that is homemade.

In answer to the question of why he wants to be a priest, Matt says, "To help people in their time of need and to bring Christ to people. That is special."

Everyone who knows Matt knows he is very outgoing and joyful. This is a wonderful gift that has allowed him to develop many friendships. His joy is infectious.

Matt shares that he noticed the joy and care that Father Jim Shurtleff brought to the people of the parish. It was then that he knew there must be something special about the priesthood.

When he prays, Matt likes the prayer to St. Michael. His favorite scripture passage is from John: "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." Matt says, "We must give our all for others."

Isn't that the truth? Our next willing, Matt will be our next man ordained a priest!

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CELEBRATE CHRIST 2017.... DAY ONE

A DAY FOR TEACHERS

Catholic school personnel gathered for a day of enrichment Oct. 20 in Lake Placid.



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Five new principals began service in Catholic schools of the diocese this year. From left are Kari Conklin, Immaculate Heart Central primary school in Watertown; Michele Lallier, St. James, Gouverneur; Joseph Orobona, Immaculate Heart Central high school; Michele Meyers, St. Mary's, Canton; and Mary Ann Margrey, Augustinian Academy, Carthage.

Chris Lowney, chairman of the Board of Catholic Health Initiatives and author of several books on leadership, served as keynote speaker for 'Celebrate Christ,' both for teachers on Oct. 21 and parish personnel Oct. 21.

Lowney's theme was "Leadership Lessons from Pope Francis: Doing the Laundry, Dirty Shoes and the Monastery Bell." Through his talks, Lowney encouraged the teachers to "love those you lead," noting that great leaders - 'servant leaders' - are heroic, loving, ingenious and self-aware.



At the conclusion of the opening Mass, Bishop Terry R. LaValley presented awards to several teachers including St. Joseph Sister Suanne Johnson of St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga who competed the diocesan youth ministry certification program.



Among the hundreds of Catholic school teachers who took part in the day were Dayna Leader, religion teacher at St. James, Gouverneur; and Seth Conklin, teacher and campus minister at Immaculate Heart Central School in Watertown.



Musicians for the Mass included Karen Reynolds, teacher at Seton Academy, Plattsburgh; Catherine Russell, former principal of Seton Catholic who now serves as vocation coordinator for the diocese; and Jamie Burns, St. Mary's, Canton.

AN ALL SOULS DAY REFLECTION

A refuge for peace

By Dr. Elmer Abear
Contributing writer

My wife and I bought a 960 square mile lot on top of a small forested hill, in Argao, Philippines about 2,000 feet in height in 1985.

Along with my wife and friends we visited the place in 1987. On our way up I stumbled and fell flat on my face in front of everybody who pretended to look elsewhere.

After shaking my mess I stood up, laughing and said aloud, "Cheer up! I am alive!" By then, though, I felt my knees were bleeding, I joined the laughter, heh, heh.

Time passed swiftly. Yesterday was forgotten. In 1990 I came back to Argao with Mark, my nephew, to visit the place, careful on dead twigs lying on our way up.

When we arrived at the top we discovered a small lamp, flickering under the shadow of a Camelia tree. The lamp seemed a witness of some tragedy.

I felt eerie as the few brown dyed hairs on my balding head stood up half way. By then, a skinny man approached us and said that a wealthy woman took a poison and died on the very spot where the lamp was located.

Bothered, I came back with Mark after a month to bless the place with holy water and recite a Rosary to Mother Mary for the repose of this woman's soul who

was seeking a refuge for peace.

Upon arrival, we sprinkled the place with holy water and together we recited the sorrowful mystery, hoping that the woman who died here found a refuge for peace where she was now.

When we were on the 2nd decade of the sorrowful mystery the fresh air from the sea faded away as if some dark power brought in the odor of a burning rotten flesh, urging me to stop praying the rosary or risk breathing. I took the risk to break the spell.

"The woman is hopeless," came from unsolicited voice from someone's mind in me.

I prayed louder to overcome the insurgent cries of what seemed a feeling of anger, bitterness and despair - an objective disturbance, not a figment of my imagination.

On the 4th decade the odor of a burning rotten flesh slowly disappeared, leaving me to breathe the of fresh air from sea again. Later, I asked Mark and he experienced the burning rotten flesh himself.

An idea to build a monastery came to me then. This place was better off as a place of refuge for peace. On March 15, 2009 a two-story concrete building, The St. Michael's Monastery stood. Awesome, it overlooks the sea, the rice field, the mango trees and the community as a whole.

On this occasion we celebrated the first anniversary

of St. Michael's Monastery attended by notable people from the community, from Cebu City and some people from upstate New York.

It was donated to the Society of Angel of Peace founded by Msgr. Cris E. Garcia. We built this Monastery in memory of our only daughter, Rossana, age 35 who passed away Feb. 21, 2005. May she rest in peace. Amen.

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Dr. Abear, a parishioner of Notre Dame Church in Ogdensburg, moved to the United States in 1987 after 20 years in Canada where he served as a doctor for the poor in Newfoundland. A Filipino of Spanish descent he retired from the practice of medicine because of poor health. He is the author of four books, "I am therefore I think," Minerva Press, UK; "Passion of Christ," Trafford Press, B.C. Canada; "GONE," Tate Publishing House, Mustang, Oklahoma; and "Second Spring" Legala Press CA, soon to be released.

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Bishop's Schedule

Nov. 3 – 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Nov. 4 – 8:30 a.m., Mass at the Gouverneur Correctional Facility

Nov. 5 – 11 a.m., Mass at Holy Family Church in Watertown followed by the Confirmation Destination Family Catechesis Program

Nov. 6 – 11 a.m., Catholic Charities Corporation Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg
7:15 p.m., Novena and Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Nov. 7 – 11 a.m., Development Board of Advisors Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

Nov. 8 – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

1 p.m., Catholic Charities Board Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

5 p.m., Operation Andrew Dinner at St. Anthony's Church in Watertown

Rest in Peace

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

Nov. 2 – Rev. Thomas Walsh, 1888; Rev. John Henry Lyons, 1931; Msgr. James J. Ruddy, 1987

Nov. 3 – Rev. Thomas Plunkett, 1904
Nov. 4 – Msgr. Benjamin Harrison Staie, 1970

Nov. 5 – Rev. Bernard Wyzkowski, 1969; Rev. John Michael Wyzkowski, 1969

Nov. 7 – Rev. Dennis Nolan, 1911; Rev. William Ouellette, O.M.I., 1936; Msgr. William, H. Brennan, 1986

Environmental Stewardship

Which approach speaks to you?

There are several ways of thinking about our relationship as humans to the natural world.

One approach is based on Genesis 1:26 that calls us to subdue the earth.

This view has been mistakenly seen as domination rather than dominion. It sees creation as our home and everything in it as resources for us to use. This way of interpreting this sacred text has led to some serious problems over the past 100 years. When the natural world is viewed only as an object that exists solely for our use, it is no longer recognized as a unique reflection of God's creative act.

We may be more likely to treat it without any thought to its value in itself or how other parts of the natural world actually depend upon it.

Another approach for understanding our place in creation is based on Chapter 2:7 of Genesis. In this story humans were formed from the very earth itself and God breathed life into them.

This view sees us as part of the unfolding of Creation and intricately connected with the earth from which we are formed.

This model sees us as part of God's household with a special role to take care of it as good stewards.

There is still another way to view our relationship with Creation that goes even further for Christians to see it as a community.

In this way we are viewed as family members, and therefore, called to love, respect and care for creation.

It is the view that is articulated in St. Francis's Cantic of Creation where he speaks of all creation as his sisters and brothers.

In Chapter 4 of *Laudato Si'*, entitled "Integral Ecology" Pope Francis writes "It cannot be emphasized enough that everything is interconnected."


We are seen not as masters or landlords, but as family with an interrelatedness that calls for love and concern as one would care for one's family.

GO GREEN!

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CELEBRATE CHRIST 2017... DAY TWO

'CALLED TO LEAD'

Parish catechetical leaders gather in Lake Placid for a day of prayer, camaraderie and lessons on leadership



PHOTOS BY TOM SEMERARO

Keynote speaker Chris Lowney presented a keynote address on leadership that encouraged audience participation, as those who attended the second day of Celebrated Christ in Lake Placid were asked to consider qualities of people they knew to be effective leaders.



Carol Gonthier of the Parish of Visitation and St. Raymond's in Norfolk, accepts a certificate from Bishop LaValley marking her completion of the diocesan youth ministry certification program.



Dr. Carolyn Pierce, director of Faith Formation in Heuvelton, joins in the prayer at the opening Mass.



Bishop LaValley gets to know a little about the altar servers before the opening liturgy of Celebrate Christ.



Anita Soltero, DRE of St. Peter's in Plattsburgh, reads from the scriptures at the opening Mass.



St. Joseph Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, director of education and superintendent of schools for the diocese, welcomes the participants to Celebrate Christ 2017.



Deacon David Demers of Notre Dame Parish in Ogdensburg listens to the reflections on leadership of another participant.

Knightly News

Sixth graders from Trinity Catholic School in Massena launch a school newspaper

MASSENA - There will be a different kind of nightly news hitting Massena, as Trinity Catholic school sixth grade students establish their brand-new Knightly News newspaper.

Editor and creator, Addison Tarbell, recently developed the concept to use her writing skills in penning articles about Trinity's students and teachers.

Her sixth grade teacher, Michele Bombard, loved the idea, and it wasn't long before classmates Alexis Boulais, Molly Lannis, Zoe Gilbo and Kate Rogers jumped on as contributing writers and artists.

"There's going to be one story each week and then eventually we want to get up to three," said the editor-in-chief. "Part of the story will be in it, but then you'll have to wait until the next edition to finish up the rest."

The idea of a "cliffhanger" will also feature in the mis-sive's "Storytime" cartoon.

"Every week we will stop it



Addison Tarbell, left, editor-in-chief of the Knightly News, is shown with contributing writers and artists Molly Lannis, Alexis Boulais, Zoe Gilbo and Kate Rogers.

at a certain point and will leave you with a cliffhanger," said Zoe Gilbo, cartoonist. "You'll have to wait for the next one to come out to see what happens,"

The first edition of the paper featured classmate, Breydon Cootware, as the Student Star.

"We nominated Breydon, because he has a really strong faith and he loves to visit Jesus," said Addison.

But, although the publishing team chose Breydon this time, they are encouraging students to nominate other classmates to be featured, in addition to themselves



The first edition of the school newspaper featured Breydon Cootware as the Student Star.

"People can nominate other kids if they're nice to them or help them with something," Addison said. "They can nominate themselves if they accomplish something really hard."

"But, there has to be a good reason. You can't nominate yourself just to nominate yourself," she joked.

The Knightly News team takes its new task very seriously, however.

"They always teach us here how to be nice to everybody else, but I want everybody to know that they should respect themselves just as much as they respect other people," Addison said.

Students and teachers can look for the weekly to be posted around the school with articles about students and teachers.

"We want to respect the teachers, because they do so much for us," Addison said. "So we are going to nominate (and write) about some teachers too."

Other pieces may include a weekly health tip, a weekly challenge, and a weekly saint.

"We're doing this so we can start it and then pass it on to the rest of the school," promised the News' spirited creator.

With such enthusiasm, there is no doubt the Knightly News will become a well-read addition for Trinity's student body.

Council holds installation of officers

CLAYTON -The Knights of Columbus Thousand Islands Council # 350 held an installation of officers at their September Social.

The council and Ladies Auxiliary, as well as guests, enjoyed a dinner at the Council Hall, Sept. 13, followed by the Installation of Officers for the 2017/2018 year. These officers were elected by the council in June, and serve from July 1, 2017 until June 30, 2018.

District Deputy James Fraser and District Warden Michael Clark, both from Watertown, and presided over the Installation.

Deacon Neil Fuller of Clayton, a member of Council #350, served as chaplain for

the evening.

Members who were present and formally installed were: Grand Knight David Morse (La Fargeville), Deputy Grand Knight Daniel Tallman (Clayton), Treasurer Merle Cornaire (Clayton), Chancellor Scott Beeles (La Fargeville), Advocate Parker Morse (La Fargeville), Trustees Charlie Stage, Ed Wallace, and Robert Heckmann (all of Clayton).

Members unable to attend were: Recorder Phil Felicai (Redwood), Warden JB Kavanaugh (Clayton), Chaplain Father Arthur La Baff (Clayton), Inside Guard Peyton Morse (La Fargeville/Siena College), and Outside Guard Darrell Orvis (Dexter).



District Deputy James Fraser and District Warden Michael Clark, both from Watertown, presided over the Sept. 13 installation of officers for the Knights of Columbus Thousand Islands Council # 350.

The Thousand Islands Council # 350 serves the parishes and communities of St. Cyril of Alexandria (Alexandria Bay), St. Francis Xavier (Redwood), St. Mary's

(Clayton), and St. John the Evangelist (La Fargeville).

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Bishop LaValley consecrates the Diocese of Ogdensburg to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Oct. 22 at St. Mary's Cathedral



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Newly ordained Deacon David Clarke of St. John the Baptist Church in Plattsburgh served as Deacon of the Word during the Consecration Mass.



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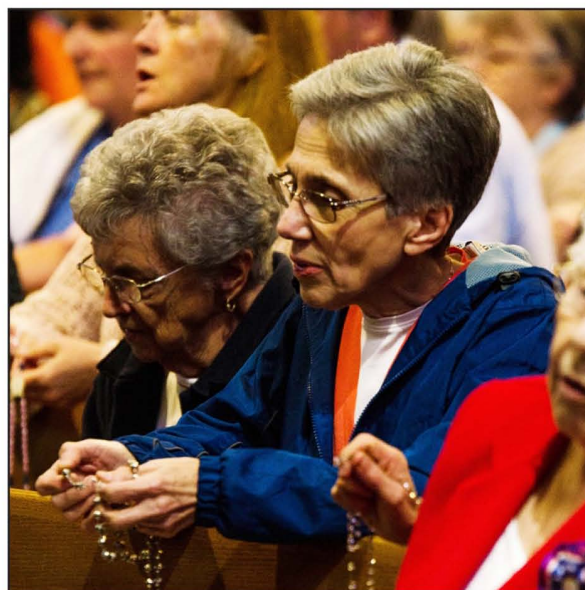
As he offered the Prayer of Consecration, Bishop LaValley knelt before a statue of Our Lady of Fatima that came from Fatima, Portugal. Its permanent home is St. Andre Bessette Church in Malone. In front of the statue is a relic of the tree over which the Blessed Mother appeared Aug. 13, 1917.



The Knights of Columbus who have sponsored a rosary rally in October for the past several years played a major role in the service forming a color guard at the statue of Our Lady of Fatima during the recitation of the rosary.



Confirmation students from the Roman Catholic Community of Keeseville traveled to Ogdensburg for the Consecration Mass. Shown with their rosaries are, front, Rylee Chamberlain, Lilly Swyers, Cadia Chamberlain and Jenna Swyers; back, Zach Swyers, Nicholas Chamberlain, Dylan Lederc and Evan Hart.



Gerry Montroy and Kathy Romano of Ogdensburg join in the rosary.

WASHINGTON LETTER

Concern rises over impact of expected tax cuts

By Dennis Sadowski
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS)-- Tax policy is not a simple matter. It almost never has been and may not ever be.

Still, Congress is trying to simplify the tax code to deliver on President Donald Trump's campaign promise to cut taxes for the middle class.

Cutting programs that primarily benefit poor people fails to adhere to moral principles on tax policy long-espoused in Catholic social teaching and the U.S. bishops

Working under the "Unified Tax Reform Framework" introduced by congressional leaders Sept. 27, efforts are underway to reduce the number of tax brackets, resulting in a tax cut for most Americans, and to incorporate numerous other provisions that some observers say primarily benefit the country's top wage earners and largest corporations.

Some Catholic observers are concerned. They fear that large cuts in health care and other public services will follow as tax revenues fall under the tax reform plan expected to be unveiled Nov. 1 by Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Their concerns are fueled by projections of lost tax revenues and the reaction of conservative lawmakers who may try to lessen the impact on the federal debt by seeking cuts in spending on vital social services.

The Senate Finance Committee expects a \$1.5 trillion reduction in tax revenues under the framework by 2027. A more pessimistic outlook comes from the nonpartisan Tax Policy Center, which estimated that



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People are seen near the Washington Monument in Washington Aug. 10. Congress is trying to simplify the tax code to deliver on President Donald Trump's campaign promise to cut taxes for the middle class.

the potential impact of proposals under the framework would reduce revenue by \$2.4 trillion over the same period.

Three guiding principles on tax policy are offered in the U.S. Catholic bishop's 1986 pastoral letter, "Economic Justice for All." Paragraph 202 outlines key provisions, saying tax policy should be "continually evaluated in terms of its impact on the poor."

The document said the tax system should raise "adequate revenues" to pay for society's needs, be progressive in nature so that people with higher incomes pay higher tax rates, and exempt families living below the federal poverty line from paying income taxes.

Any shortfall that comes about because of tax reform worries Presentation Sister Richelle Friedman, director of public policy at the Coalition on Human Needs.

"It's very, very clear what we're doing here. We're doing tax cuts for very wealthy individuals and corporations, many of them which pay little or nothing to begin with. In order to do that we're looking at ways to cut programs to pay for tax cuts," Sister Friedman told Catholic News Service.

Cutting programs that pri-

marily benefit poor people fails to adhere to moral principles on tax policy long-espoused in Catholic social teaching and the U.S. bishops, she said.

The "Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church" maintains that "tax revenues and public spending take on crucial economic importance for every civil and political community. The goal to be sought is public financing that is itself capable of becoming an instrument of development and solidarity."

Sister Friedman expressed particular concern for changes in how low-income families will be able to take advantage of the child tax credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit. Both programs have proven helpful in boosting family incomes, lifting many out of poverty.

"The majority of people don't want to see tax cuts. They want to see better services," she said.

Jesuit Father Fred Kammer, director of the Jesuit Social Research Institute at Loyola University New Orleans, told CNS that in the analyses he has seen, the framework under which Congress is drafting its plan falls short of church principles.

"It's a payoff to wealthy

donors (to Republican lawmakers)," he said bluntly.

The expected cuts for most taxpayers and corporations "adds the debt of future generations," he explained to CNS. "It's only going to provide more revenues to the wealthy and contribute more to the inequality in American society."

David Hebert, assistant professor of economics at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, called for tax reform so that the tax code would be simplified, but cautioned that Congress should protect vital public programs.

"We can simplify the tax code without doing away with some of the important programs in the country," he said.

The major questions about tax reform revolve around who benefits most.

The Tax Policy Center analysis found that the 50 percent of the total tax benefit will go to the top 1 percent of taxpayers, those with incomes of more than \$730,000 annually. Their after-tax income would increase an average of 8.5 percent. The bottom 95 percent of taxpayers would see average after-tax incomes increase between 0.5 percent and 1.2 percent.

Taxpayers earning between \$150,000 and \$300,000 would see a slight tax increase on average because they would lose most of the deductions currently allowed, according to the center's study.

For businesses, tax liability would be significantly reduced under the framework. Tax cut proponents have argued that such cuts will help businesses become more competitive in the world market, giving them the opportunity to expand -- and that means more jobs and higher wages for the country's workforce and, overall, higher tax revenues.

As the tax plan was being developed, Bishop Frank J. Dewane of Venice, Florida, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, sent a letter Oct. 25 to each member of Congress reminding them of key moral principles and church teaching about tax policy.

He reminded lawmakers that the needs of poor Americans must remain foremost in any tax code revision and urged that programs benefiting poor people not be cut to pay for any potential tax cuts.

The letter offered six principles for consideration and quoted the 1986 pastoral letter, the words of Pope Francis and St. John XXIII's 1961 social encyclical, "Mater et Magistra."

In the end, Bishop Dewane wrote, lawmakers and the country overall must remember why taxes exist.

"National tax policy is complex and its effects far-reaching. As the country wrestles with how best to raise adequate revenues to serve the common good and provide increased financial stability, you are urged to recognize the critical obligation of creating a just framework aimed at the economic security of all people, especially the least of these," the bishop's letter said.

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Pro-life group decries teen immigrant having an abortion

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The head of the Susan B. Anthony List said the pro-life organization "was deeply saddened to learn that Jane Doe's child has been aborted," referring to an immigrant teen from Central America in federal detention in Brownsville, Texas. The American Civil Liberties Union supported an abortion for the 17-year-old, who is in the country illegally and identified only as Jane Doe. The Trump administration challenged the ACLU and the case ended up in the courts, ultimately making its way to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. The full court ruled 6-3 Oct. 24 that the teen should be able to have an abortion, and the next day she had the procedure. Texas Bishop Daniel E. Flores of Brownsville said the diocese "stands ready at any time to assist the mother and her child with practical support and aid. It is our prayer that the mother may find peace and her child may be given a chance to live. Two vulnerable human lives that will be forever impacted by these legal decisions, one an unaccompanied minor, the other her unborn child," he said in a statement.

Being Christian means being missionary, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Catholics must make a real effort to share the Gospel with all people, fighting "the recurring temptation" that leads some to focus only on internal church matters or to be pessimistic about evangelization efforts, Pope Francis wrote. "May the Good News that in Jesus forgiveness triumphs over sin, life defeats death and love conquers fear be proclaimed to the world with renewed fervor and instill trust and hope in everyone," he wrote in a letter encouraging preparations for an "extraordinary missionary month" to be celebrated in October 2019. The Vatican released the letter Oct. 22, World Mission Sunday, as Pope Francis was reciting the Angelus with visitors gathered in St. Peter's Square. "I exhort everyone to live the joy of mission by witnessing to the Gospel in the areas where they live and work," Pope Francis said. "At the same time, we are called to support with affection, concrete aid and prayer the missionaries who have set off to proclaim Christ to those who still do not know him."

HHS seeks to remove barriers to funding for religious groups

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced Oct. 25 that it is looking for ways to ensure that faith-based and religious groups are not blocked from receiving HHS funding for their programs. The department's Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs issued what is called a request for information, seeking comment for 30 days from religious and faith-based groups about ways they have been blocked from receiving funding. "Faith-based organizations have historically been a crucial component of HHS's efforts by delivering charitable care to Americans in need," the HHS document said, noting that the agency awarded more than \$817 million in grant funding to faith-based organizations in 2007. It is seeking comments from faith-based groups as a follow-up on the guidance from the U.S. Department of Justice Oct. 6 issued to all administrative agencies and executive departments regarding religious liberty protections in federal law. Details can be found on the Federal Register at <http://tinyurl.com/yd4p8mjk>.

Actor Mark Wahlberg's faith journey leaves impression on young adults

By Joyce Duriga
Catholic News Service

CHICAGO (CNS) - Hearing the faith journey of Hollywood actor and businessman Mark Wahlberg left an impression on the hearts of many young adults at the Archdiocese of Chicago's first (re)Encounter event Oct. 20 at the UIC Pavilion.

"It's powerful for a celebrity to feel that way about religion," said Omar Lopez, 21, from St. Gall Parish. "For me, when I think about a celebrity, I think cockiness, selfishness, but to hear an artist say that he takes time to just pray, that's an incredible feeling."

"I came to hear him because personally I feel lost myself," Lopez told the Chicago Catholic, the archdiocesan newspaper. "At first I was really skeptical about it. I came here to just to hear different stories and to hear different aspects of life."

About 2,000 young adults attended (re)Encounter -- an evening of music, speakers, faith sharing and eucharistic adoration aimed at energizing the faith of young adult Catholics.

The highlight was a question-and-answer session with Wahlberg and Chicago Cardinal Blase J. Cupich.

Star of movies such as "Transformers: Age of Extinction," "Ted" and "Deepwater Horizon" and producer of the popular HBO series "Entourage," Wahlberg takes his faith seriously, often attending daily Mass and making time for quiet prayer each morning.

He emceed the Festival of Families with Pope Francis during the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia in 2015.

His faith wasn't always important to him.

Youngest in a family of nine children, he dropped out of school at 13, and served prison time. At 16, he was charged with attempted murder but he pleaded guilty to assault.

Today, he said, he's committed to being a good father and husband and giving his children the Catholic education he didn't have.

"I'm a street kid from Dorchester, Massachusetts. Grew up in St. Greg's and St. William's parishes," he told the crowd.

Because his parents worked a lot, he was often unsupervised and took to running the streets.

"Ended up getting into a lot of trouble, incarcerated, tried as an adult at 16, 17. That was a big wake-up call for me," he told Cardinal Cupich. "A lot of people go to God, especially when they get in trouble. When I heard the jail doors close behind me, I started praying right away."

It was then that he turned his life around.

"Still, every day it's a process. That's why I start my day, every day, by getting on my hands and my knees and starting a time of prayer and reading, reading Scripture. Then I feel like I can go out there and conquer the world or at least do my job and give back because I've been blessed so much," Wahlberg said.

He keeps in daily touch with his parish priest from when he was growing up, Father Ed Flavin, who married him and his wife and all of his siblings and baptized his four children.

When Wahlberg decided to turn his life around, the priest was one of the people he looked up to.

Wahlberg, 46, said his biggest mistake was quitting school. Despite having a successful career as an enter-

tainer and businessman, that haunted him, so he got his GED at age 42.

Responding to a young adult's question about making time for prayer and Mass in a busy life, the actor said it's a "must." He goes to bed early every night and wakes up before his family to pray in the chapel he built in his home.

Addressing another audience question about knowing when one has made the right decision in life according to God's will, Wahlberg shared how he felt God was calling him to more involvement with his faith leading up to the World Meeting of Families and his role as emcee at an event featuring the pope.

Somebody came to speak at the church ... they were saying, 'Are you a participant in the church and the community or are you a spectator?' And I was like, 'Whoa.' I felt like, yeah, I'm a bit of a spectator right now," Wahlberg said. "I'm coming and getting what I need, but I'm not really giving back, you know, reciprocating the kind of love and support I'm getting."

That encounter resulted in him saying "yes" to ushering when asked a few days later, and subsequently saying "yes" to the event with Pope Francis when asked a few days after that.

Wahlberg's commitment to prayer inspired Yunuen Arroyo of St. Odillo Parish in Berwyn.

"I can't even explain the motivation he has," she said. "The whole event is awesome. I love it. I really enjoyed the questions because I've asked those questions, like, 'How do you forgive yourself?'" said Arroyo. "You just have to keep going every day. You just have to keep trying."

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Priestly thoughts for Priesthood Sunday

This Sunday is called Priesthood Sunday. The readings are all about how priests, whether of the Levitical Priesthood or priests of Jesus Christ should conduct their ministry.

In the first reading from Malachi, written for the Israelites who had returned from Babylon, God complains that the temple priests had neglected to teach well the traditions and laws of former days, and had been lax in correcting foreign customs brought

back to Jerusalem from their pagan masters.

Because of this God threatens to let his anger fall on them again.

We have a similar message in the Gospel when Jesus scolds the Pharisees and the priests for their hypocrisy and their pride. Their lives lacked humility, honesty and service.

Jesus did not question their authority to teach, and urges

his followers to follow their teaching, but not to follow their example.



**Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore**

In today's second reading, St. Paul presents the model for the priests of the New Testament.

He reminds the Thessalonians that "we were as gentle among you as a nursing mother cares for her children."

It was because of his love for them that he labored night and day among them, both preaching the word of God, and earning his own living so as not to burden them.

Throughout the writings of the other Apostles and early Church Fathers we find the ideal of priesthood put forward.

To whom much is given,

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READINGS

Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Matthew 23:1-12

much will be required. God has chosen weak human beings as His priests. Through those weak hands, God dispenses heavenly power and strength in the sacraments.

As Jesus from the cross gave his own Body and Blood, for our salvation, so He gives it over and over through the Mass. And He

does this through his priests. What greater privilege can be given to a man?

In return, He demands that this instrument of His strive to be himself a living mirror of Jesus' love, forbearance, and mercy. At the same time, He will hold them accountable for any neglect of their sacred duties.

On this Priesthood Sunday, may all of us in the Church, thank our priests for accepting this divine office. Through our prayers for them, may God forgive their sins and weaknesses.

May they always strive to be shepherds after the heart of Christ, the High Priest.

BETWEEN THE BOOKENDS

Valuable guidance on growing in our prayer lives

By Daniel S. Mulhall
Catholic News Service

In a recent study, parents were asked what help they needed from the church. The most common responses were, "Teach us how to pray, and then teach us how to pray with our children."

Tom Zanzig in "The Transformed Heart: Spirituality, Religion and the Struggle for Integrity" and Sister Mary Kathleen Glavich, a Sister of Notre Dame, in "Praying on Empty: A Guide to Rediscovering Your Prayerful Self"

provide valuable resources that can help us to grow in our personal prayer lives and help parents and their children in theirs.

In 10 brief chapters, Sister Glavich provides insights from the church's history to help people understand the role of prayer in their lives and offers suggestions from the church's great saints on what we can do when our prayer lives become dry and barren.

She writes in a staccato style, introducing new ideas throughout the chapters, offering a breadth of information in a few words. While

this allows her to introduce many ideas, a slower pace and more depth would have been helpful.

By providing a reflective prayer and questions at the end of each chapter, Sister Glavich helps to soften the landing from all the ideas.

Written primarily for people who struggle to pray, her insights would be of value to anyone seeking to grow in his/her relationship with God through prayer, or who wishes to help others on their faith journey.

In "The Transformed Heart," Zanzig has written very personally about his own journey to move from a very static understanding of faith to one that is very dynamic. Over the years, he has reflected on his personal faith journey and has developed the "spiritual growth cycle" as a means to explain the transitions we experience in our spiritual lives.

The moments Zanzig names in his growth cycle are: our hungers lead us to

search for meaning/answers/solutions, which lead us to "ah ha" moments (awakenings), which then call forth from us a spiritual response.

He believes we continue to go through this cycle throughout our lives as we experience new hungers.

Zanzig also offers a "spirituality wheel" that describes the various ways we develop wholeness and integrity within our lives. His listing of the major characteristics that take place within each "spoke" of his wheel - the various dimensions - is very helpful for anyone looking to understand what leads us to or away from wholeness and holiness.

Zanzig writes in an inviting, friendly style. His stories both reveal his personal journey toward spiritual transformation and help to make sense of his various wheels and cycles. Although none of the stories is inappropriate, many of them are deeply personal, some per-


About the books

"Praying on Empty: A Guide to Rediscovering Your Prayerful Self" by Mary Kathleen Glavich, SND. Twenty-Third Publications (New London, Connecticut, 2017). 104 pp., \$12.95.

"The Transformed Heart: Spirituality, Religion and the Struggle for Integrity" by Tom Zanzig. Orbis Books (Maryknoll, New York, 2017). 228 pp., \$25.

haps offering a little too much information. These stories will certainly spark something in the reader.

Although quite different in style and content, these books both plumb the depth of the church's teaching on spirituality and prayer, and deserve serious consideration by those seeking guidance in their own spiritual journey or wanting to help those who are just beginning the process.



Adult Children of Alcoholics
Weekly meeting - Wednesdays at 7:30 PM
St. Peter's Church, Plattsburgh
Upstairs Room

Adult Children of Alcoholics is a recovery program for adults whose lives were affected as a result of being raised in an alcoholic or other dysfunctional family. It is based on the success of Alcoholics Anonymous and employs its version of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.

For more information on ACA, go to www.adultchildren.org

AT THE MOVIES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

By Joseph McAleer
Catholic News Service

For many soldiers returning from war, a brand-new battle for survival begins at home. That struggle is depicted in "Thank You for Your Service" (Universal), a powerful drama about the devastating impact of post-traumatic stress disorder.

Writer-director Jason Hall, inspired by David Finkel's eponymous nonfiction book, chronicles fact-based stories of veterans of the Iraq War as they work to reconnect with their civilian lives and seek healing, with mixed results.

At the heart of the film is Sgt. Adam Schumann (Miles Teller), who arrives in Kansas with his squad after their latest tour of duty. Outward appearances deceive: Schumann's smiling demeanor masks an inner turmoil.

He is haunted by the recent death of fellow Sgt. James Doster (Brad Beyer), and the near-fatal wounding of squad member Michael Emory (Scott Haze), felled by a sniper's bullet.

Schumann feels responsible for Doster's death, and is unable to face his grieving widow, Amanda - played



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Miles Teller, Beulah Koale and Joe Cole star in a scene from the movie "Thank You for Your Service."

by Amy Schumer, in a less-than-successful departure from her comedic persona - who demands to know how her husband died.

Schumann reunites with his wife, Saskia (Haley Bennett), and his two small children. But despite the horrors of war, he misses his old life and the camaraderie of his men.

"I was a good soldier. I had purpose, and I loved it," he says.

As Schumann bottles up his emotions, Saskia tries to break down the barrier between them. "Don't spare me the details," she pleads. "I can take anything but quiet."

Meanwhile, another member of the unit, Tausolo Aeti (Beulah Koale), is in even worse shape, coping with a brain injury sustained during a bomb explosion. As his world falls apart, Aeti drifts into crime and drugs.

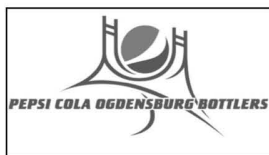
Both Schumann and Aeti know they need help, and turn to the local Veterans

Affairs hospital. But that institution is swamped with requests and low on resources. With waiting lists extending for weeks, returning soldiers are often forced to fend for themselves.

Hall, who wrote the screenplay for another Iraq War drama, 2014's Best Picture-nominee "American Sniper," offers a brutally honest portrayal with an emotional intensity that is at times difficult to watch. He evokes sympathy for the veterans and their plight as well as outrage at a bloated bureaucracy seemingly unable to cope with the PTSD crisis at hand.

The film contains graphic wartime violence and bloodshed, a suicide, drug use, a glimpse of full female nudity, sexual banter, a couple of uses of profanity and pervasive rough and crude language.

The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.



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Celebrating Christ through leadership, love

The Annual Celebrate Christ Superintendents' Conference Day was held in Lake Placid on October 21 - 22. This event is attended by educators, administrators, those who serve our educators and so many more. The event is always a tremendous success and filled with helpful information, smiling happy faces and most of all a tremendous spirit of love and good will for Christ.

The Pontifical Mission Society has a presence every year at this special event known as Celebrate Christ. Sister Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ, Diocesan Director, attends to promote the MCA or Missionary Childhood Association Program. MCA, a pillar of the Pontifical Missions, is a program rolled out in Catholic Schools and Religious Education Programs.

The main message of MCA is "children helping children". By encouraging children to be aware of the needs of the children living in mission diocese throughout the world and support them both spiritually and sacrificially. Over 100 countries globally are benefactors of the MCA program. The sacrifices or monies raised help to provide for schools, healthcare, nutrition, medication and learning resources to children in the Mission Lands.

While at the Celebrate Christ event, Sister touched base with our Catholic Schools to encourage them to once again this school year promote the MCA program. We are called by virtue of our baptism to be Missionaries. The MCA program is a wonderful fit to teach that message to our children. This year, the Mission Office has decided to pursue a theme of "Making Every Penny Count".

In the Missions, pennies go far. For instance, \$3.00 in Egypt will buy 75 pencils. Or in Brazil, only a quarter is needed to buy water for a student. In Kenya, ten children can have a meal of bread for only \$4.00 and lastly, a group of children in Zaire can have a healthy dinner for only .50. Every penny counts and the MCA program in the Diocese of Ogdensburg encourage the donation of these pennies so goals can be reached and children can be made happy, safe, fed and well.

God Bless the organizers of Celebrate Christ. There is a great deal of work, effort and time that is put forth to pull off an event so wonderfully. The Mission Office is proud to be a part of it and happy to be able to spread the message of MCA at this event every year. Celebrating Christ through leadership, love and the spirit of children helping children whereby every penny counts. Such a good thing!

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

OBITUARIES

Bloomington – Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 4, 2017 at St. Paul's Church; burial St. Bernard's Cemetery, Saranac Lake.

Cape Vincent – Dorothy Price Hinckley, 84; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 21, 2017 at St. Vincent of Paul Church; burial in St. Vincent of Paul Cemetery.

Dannemora – Dorothy M. Brennan Preston, 96, Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 30, 2017 at St. Joseph's Church; burial parish cemetery.

Ellenburg – Mary Jane (Lang) Chilton, 99; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 28, 2017 at St. Edmund's Church; burial in Sheldon Hill Cemetery.

Hogansburg – Celia Caroline Cook-Conlin, 96; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 26, 2017 at St. Regis Church.

Hogansburg – Isabel (Sawatis) Rourke, 83; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 25, 2017 at St. Regis Church; burial in Rourke Family Cemetery.

Lyon Mountain – Leona F. (Brooks)

Ashline, 92; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 31, 2017 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in parish cemetery

Lyon Mountain – Helena T. Penalís, 86; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 27, 2017 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Malone – Shirley B. Casey, 89; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 25, 2017 at Notre Dame Church; burial in St. George's Cemetery, Burke.

Massena – Benjamin "Benjie" G. Cappione, 92; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 23, 2017 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Morrisonville – Mildred M. (Frechette) Decelle, 105; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 21, 2017 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery, Plattsburgh.

Ogdensburg – Patricia (Martin) Burwell, 81; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 25, 2017 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Pinehill Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Dominick J. Camelo Jr., 96; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 23, 2017 at St. John XXIII Newman Center; burial in St. John's Cemetery.

Potsdam – Ruth (Finnegan) Garner, 101; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 23, 2017 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Potsdam – Kenneth Alva "Bud" Hollinger, 90; Funeral Services Oct. 30, 2017 at the Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home; burial in Bayside Cemetery.

Raymondville – Laura M. Baxter, 80; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 23, 2017 at St. Raymond's Church; burial in Visitation Cemetery, Norfolk

Watertown – Howard L. "Bud" Halberg, 84; Funeral Services Oct. 24, 2017 at Cummings Funeral Service, Inc.; burial in North Watertown Cemetery.

Watertown – Anna M. (Surace) Kane, 84; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 2, 2017 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery

DOVS members sought

D.O.V.S (Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocation Society) is a group of Catholics who pray for and work to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

The organization is now accepting new members.

DOVS meets most months, plan events to thank priests and religious and annually take a pilgrimage.

Further information is available from Connie at 315-265-2762 or Cathy at the diocesan Vocations Office at 315-393-2920.

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LIFECCHAIN IN SARANAC LAKE



COLLEEN MINER PHOTOS

The annual Lifechain took place in several sites across the diocese on Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 1. Among those who participated in the Saranac Lake event were Deacon John and Maura Hearden Fehner from Keene Valley, left Maggie Marceau, Malone; and Sarah Samperi and Colleen Miner,



Saranac Lake; who wore their 2017 Youth Bus for Life shirts. Mrs. Miner, diocesan director of respect life ministry, reports that registration for the 2018 March for Life pilgrimage to Washington D.C. have begun. Registration may be made online at [Online registrations at www.rcdony.org/pro-life](http://www.rcdony.org/pro-life) or by phones at 518-524-0774 or 518-891-2309.

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HARVEST DINNER

Ogdensburg – Notre Dame and St. Mary's Cathedral will be hosting a Harvest Turkey Dinner.

Date: Nov. 5

Time: Noon to 3 p.m.

Place: Knights of Columbus

Cost: Adults, \$9; Children 5-12, \$5; under 5, Free (Eat in only). Take-outs available at adult cost.

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PARISH BAZAAR

Massena – St. Mary's and St. Joseph's parish is holding its annual bazaar

Date: Nov. 11

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

Features: fun and food.

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

Massena – The Massena Catholic Community Book Club meets once a month

Date: Third Thursday of each month

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Sacred Heart Rectory

Features: Copies of book are often available on Kindle through our parish's Formed.org subscription

Contact: www.massencatholics.com or smarion@massencatholics.com

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Massena – Friday Devotions are set featuring Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour for Vocations.

Date: First Friday of every month

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 7:30

Place: St. Mary's Church.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Massena – St. Mary's & St. Joseph's hold Benediction, Adoration on Fridays

Time: 9 a.m. to 10

Place: St. Mary's Family Room

DIOCESAN EVENTS

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

COLLEGE MARCH FOR LIFE

Washington, D.C. – A pilgrimage to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., for those between the ages of 18 and 35 is set

Date: Jan. 18-21

Cost: All-inclusive \$185

Features: Father Bryan Stitt, Chaplain and Mary Skillan, Campus Minister, Will accompany the group. The Pilgrimage will include the Vigil Mass for Life at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the March for Life and participation in the Cardinal O'Connor Conference on

Life. The fee covers hotel accommodations, meals, and stops at shrines and memorials.

Contact: For more information, or to get a registration form sent to you, please email: Father Timothy Canaan, Diocesan Director of Campus Ministry frtim@broadstreetcatholics.org Space is limited. Registrations are only complete with payment and must be submitted no later than Dec. 15.

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: Father Raymond Moreau, pastor in Brushton Will address the question "Bored At Mass?"

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

YOUTH BUSES FOR LIFE

Washington D.C. – Registration for High School Pilgrimage to the March for Life in Washington D.C. has begun

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 Lourdes 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 at www.rcdony.org/pro-life or call 518-524-0774/518-891-2309

NEIGHBORING DIOCESES

WOMENS' RETREAT

Essex Junction, VT – Come and join Catholic women of all ages as we celebrate the gift of our faith, develop a greater understanding of God's everlasting Mercy, and ultimately deepen our relationship with Christ!

Date: Nov. 18

Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place: Holy Family - St. Lawrence Parish Center, 36 Lincoln Street, Essex Junction, VT 05452

Speaker: Mother Mary Catherine of the Divine Word M.W.

Cost: \$30

Contact: For more information or to register, see <http://vermontcatholic.org>