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How to have hope

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Young people should love, believe and follow their dreams, never despairing because Jesus is always with them, Pope Francis said.

When life hits hard, they

should try to get up again, letting others help them, and if they are bored, they should concentrate on doing good things for others, the pope said Sept. 20 at his weekly audience.

Continuing his series of audience talks on Christian hope, the pope gave extensive advice on how to teach people, especially young people, to remain full of hope. No matter "where God

has planted you, hope.

Always hope," he said, explaining: Enemy No. 1 is not out there somewhere, but inside oneself. "Don't make room for bitter or dark thoughts."

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Michael from Morrisonville

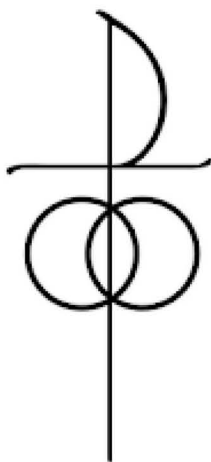


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Michael Hamilton, a parishioner of St. Alexander's Parish in Morrisonville, is beginning studies for the priesthood at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. He is pictured above during this summer's gathering of seminarians at Guggenheim. He reflects on his path towards the priesthood in this week's installment of "Meet our Seminarians."

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CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

A girl cries as Pope Francis meets a group from Mexico during his general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Sept. 20. As search and rescue operations continued in central Mexico, where more than 200 people died after a strong earthquake Sept. 19, Pope Francis offered his prayers for the victims. "May our mother, the Virgin of Guadalupe, with great tenderness be near the beloved Mexican nation," the pope said in Spanish Sept. 20 during his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square. The quake, measuring 7.1, caused extensive damage in Mexico City and in neighboring states. "In this moment of suffering," he said, "I want to express my closeness and prayers to the entire Mexican population. Let us all raise our prayers together to God so that he may welcome into his bosom those who have lost their lives and comfort the wounded, their families and all those affected."

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EDITOR'S NOTE

We can't look the other way

It's not surprising to see the word "apocalyptic" in the reports from Mexico, Puerto Rico, the Caribbean, Florida and not-to-be forgotten Texas.

Every day, it seems, a new natural disaster strikes our country or near neighbors with devastating consequence.

Hurricanes, floods and earthquakes have shattered the lives of millions.

Every story you read is more heartbreaking than the last: nursing home residents dying for the lack of air conditioning, islands stripped of homes, trees, businesses and

power, children trapped in a collapsed school building. It's so hard to keep watching and even harder to know what to do.

As usual, we can find direction and wisdom from Pope Francis who preached about compassion during one of his morning Masses last week.

"Don't look away," he said. "Be moved by tragedy and help."

People need to have true compassion so they feel others' pain and are moved to help, Pope Francis said. Compassion "is not the same as 'pity' or (saying), 'What a shame, poor people ...'" but leaving things as

they are, he said. The word "compassion" comes from "compati," which means to "suffer with," he said, and this is compassion's true meaning.

God had compassion for his people, went to them through his son, Jesus, and restored their dignity as children of God, "recreating us all," the pope said.

Christians, he said, must to follow Christ's example: look at reality, be moved by it and get close to those in need with the aim of restoring their dignity, welcoming them into a community, supporting them so they can live out their daily lives in a dignified way.

Pope Francis asked that people reflect on their reaction when they read or hear news

about tragedies, such as starving children, child soldiers or enslaved women.

"Do I turn the page" and move on to tales of romance, "the soap opera that is on next?" he asked. Or "am I able to have compassion? To pray?" so that when one hears about these tragedies, one's whole being is moved and "the heart suffers with these people."

Most parishes of the Diocese of Ogdensburg have taken up a collection for victims of all the recent natural disasters. It's not too late to give – or give again – to the parish or directly to Catholic Charities (6866 State Highway 37, Ogdensburg, NY, 13669).

If we claim to follow Christ, we can't look away.

Mary Lou
Kilian

FATHER MUENCH SAYS

Forgive us... as we forgive others

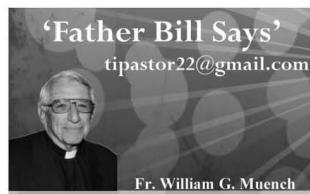
Today, I want to share with you some of my thoughts as I prepared my homily for last Sunday – that was the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. I hope you remember that in that Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus was challenging the apostles, actually all of us, his disciples, to be recognized as a forgiving people.

Do you remember Jesus' parable in that Gospel reading?

Jesus carefully tells a story as his teaching on forgiveness. A servant owes the king a "huge" amount and the servant begs the king for compassion. The king surprisingly forgives him the entire amount that he owes. That same servant refuses to forgive a fellow servant who owed him a "a much smaller amount."

The other servants turn him in and he is punished severely. Remember this is a parable – it didn't really happen but is Jesus' story for us; it reflects Jesus' teaching.

We are called by Our Savior to be a forgiving, loving people. Jesus came among us,



lived with us, taught us, suffered and died for us leading to his Resurrection all to convince us that God loves us so much he forgives our sins. I have hurt others – I know that I am a sinner. However, Jesus forgives me and challenges me to renew my readiness to live a good Christian life, to bring Jesus to all I meet.

My reprobate friends – and I have many – are not Church goers. They don't feel worthy; they believe their life is too sinful. So, I usually remind them of God's great forgiving love for all sinners.

In fact, we Church goers are forgiven sinners. I try to convince my friends that the largest gathering of sinners in town is at the parish Church each Sunday.

This challenge to be a forgiving person is not an easy task. Many hurts in life are so nasty, just too powerful for us to ever forgive, it seems. I remember talking with someone who told me she had not talked to a sister in 20 years – quite a grudge. I wanted to say – I didn't but I wanted to say – that this grudge made her a narrow, cold hearted, unloving, unloved person.

So, how do we become a forgiving person? It begins with faith, our faith in our loving God and our response in love for this God's love. We want to be like Jesus. We want to be a good person. Being ready to forgive does not mean we condone those hurts or grudges. Rather we want to make ourselves good people. We want to make our world a better place for Jesus has made us good people through his forgiveness.

Often, forgiveness takes time and prayer. There are times that we are hurt badly, maybe by being ignored or forgotten or a time someone truly hurts

us. We can recognize how hurts happen – we see them often on movies or TV shows. I know I wonder how anyone could ever forgive what happened in the show. Could I forgive if it happened to me?

However, you and I have learned of the forgiveness given by a person – like a mother who is ready to forgive after her son is murdered. I wonder "how could they do it, how could they forgive?" I know the answer: they are good people who know Jesus and want to be like Jesus.

I remind you of the words we, priests, say during the consecration of the wine at every Mass – "In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in Memory of Me."

FOLLOW ME

In celebration of married love

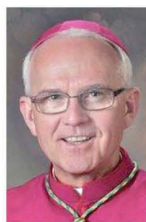
Bishop LaValley's homily for the diocesan Marriage Jubilee Sept. 24 at St. Mary's Cathedral

Two young brothers were having lunch. Suddenly, a huge squabble broke out with the two youngsters shouting at each other: "That's no fair. You have more cake than me!" "That's because I cleaned my room better than you did!" "That doesn't matter! Mommy! David got more cake than me." They almost got into a fist-fight.

Mom intervened very quickly, taking dessert away from both of them and sending them to their rooms, hearing in the background, "That's not fair!"

We spend a lot of time concerning ourselves with what we believe to be fair in life. Think about it: What's fair in married life? Is it fair that moms, more often than not, are the ones who end up cleaning the bathrooms, doing the laundry and the dishes?

Is it fair that some couples and families seem to get all the breaks, can afford to go on nice vacations and you work hard just to make ends meet?



Bishop
Terry R.
LaValley

You, faith-filled married couples, know how disastrous such an expectation of fairness can be for a marriage. In one's quest to have at least as much cake as our brother or sister, we can end up very disillusioned and even bitter when we don't realize that sharing isn't precisely a 50/50 proposition in a marriage and family life.

This is often seen when dealing with a will. If one family member gets the slightest amount more than another does, it will be a fight to the finish, sometimes for a whole lifetime.

Instead of counting our own blessings, we expend all sorts of energy in counting our neighbors'.

St. Matthew's community was not much different. They, too, were faced with concerns of what was fair. Unfortunately, they, like us, tended to see things from a personal point of view rather than God's. They, and we, measure most things from the perspective of "How will I be affected?"

The scribes and Pharisees had been concerned that Jesus ate and associated with sinners. Matthew's community still had the same concern. Many of the leaders of the community

were bringing Gentiles into their midst. Matthew's Christian community didn't think much of this. The Gentiles were outsiders. Those within the community had been there from the beginning, so surely they were better and deserved more. They felt, as did the laborers who spent the entire day in the vineyard of our Gospel story; they deserved more than the latecomers did. Matthew had to set them straight.

Today we are challenged to examine our notions of justice and mercy. We are familiar with the parable of the lost sheep that tells us that there will be more rejoicing over the one found sheep than over the 99 who stayed faithful. We don't particularly care for that notion. I mean, surely, we 99 faithful people will be rewarded better than the one of us who strayed!

God is generous. But we must learn to let God be generous in His own way. We try too hard to create God in our image rather than the other way around. That can spell disaster for a marriage. The mystery of God's grace is just that, a mystery. In grade school, we might have thought of grace as something that is quantifiable. The better we were, the more we got.

Even today we speak of building up graces. But

grace is much more than some measurable stuff that is given to us. Grace is about our relationship with God. Simply being with God should be enough for any of us—but we still think in terms of getting more than someone else gets.

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

We cannot earn grace. It is a gift. It is given for reasons other than putting a lot of hours in the fields. If we do as God asks, He will treat us fairly, giving us what He has always promised: life with Him in the Kingdom.

But God is also merciful. All His children are equally precious to Him, and He wants nothing more than to have all of us with Him, even if we don't want others with us in His company.

Our challenge is to let God be merciful and generous. Our challenge is to let God be God. There's room for everyone in God's gentle embrace.

Someday we will need to learn that we all have to get along and not be so concerned if someone else seems to get more than we

do. Some day we will have to learn to be as generous in accepting others as our God is with us.

Until then, some kids will begrudge the extra that their parents do for their sisters or brothers who need the extra care and assistance, for whatever reason.

Until then we will moan and groan about what others have and neglect thanking God for what He has given us.

You, whose marriages we celebrate today, know all about generous hearts. That's the only way that married love grows and loving families are formed. We thank you for such blessed witness of this beautiful sacrament.

After having children, Adam and Eve started getting a lot of questions from their kids about why they no longer lived in the Garden of Eden. Adam had a simple answer for this: "Your mother ate us out of house and home." In this case, it wasn't a cake.

Thank you 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.

Congratulations and God Bless you!

Annual Blue Mass to be held Sunday

WATERTOWN—Plans have been finalized for the second annual diocesan Blue Mass to be held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church.

Bishop Terry R. LaValley will celebrate the Mass during which law enforcement personnel from across the

diocese will be recognized.

The Blue Mass presents an opportunity for all Catholics of the North Country to support those serving in law enforcement and their families with prayers for their safety and well-being.

Law enforcement includes

state troopers, police officers, sheriff employees, correctional officers, border patrol and customs agents, all those in federal law enforcement and district attorneys.

Those who attend the Mass are invited to wear

their department uniforms.

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MEET OUR SEMINARIANS ... MEET OUR SEMINARIANS...

Michael Hamilton on the path to the priesthood

By Cathy Russell
Diocesan Vocation Coordinator

Third in a series

Our seminarian this week was born and raised in the north country, graduating from Saranac Central School. Michael Hamilton is the son of Thomas and Michelle Hamilton of Morrisonville and younger brother to Matthew. Tom is the Faith Formation Director at their parish, the Roman Catholic Communities of St. Alexander, St. Joseph and St. James.

During his high school years, Michael was active in music, drama and was the longtime manager of the varsity basketball team. It was during this time that Michael became more active in his parish community, eventually becoming master server, lector, sacristan and cantor.

It was at a diocesan youth rally that Michael found a vocations book that listed many religious congregations.

From sending out numerous inquiries to religious communities, Michael found the Mercedarian Friars in Philadelphia. One of their saints, Raymond Nonnatus, inspired Michael so much he took that name for Confirmation. This led to his entrance into the community



*Support And Pray
For Vocations*



PHOTO BY TOM SEMERARO

Morrisonville native Michael Hamilton is a first year college seminarian at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

after graduation from high school.

However, after a year with the Mercedarians, Michael discerned that he was not called to the religious life but to diocesan priesthood.

After taking a gap year to work and receive the counsel of several priests, Michael is happily settled as a first year college seminarian at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

“I want to be a priest to be with the people at their most sorrowful and most happy times and to bring them the love of Jesus,” he said.

There were many people who influenced Michael’s decision to enter the semi-

nary.

First, Jesus with that still small voice in my heart,” he said. “But there were many faithful lay people and several priests and religious along the way.”

Michael’s favorite scripture quote is from Psalm 34: “Delight in the Lord always and he will give you the aspirations of your heart.” This passage seems an excellent one for Michael to pray as his first year in seminary progresses.

And as for any advice he might have for a man thinking about seminary? “Take that step forward and don’t look back,” he said. “Leave all the worries in God’s hands.”

2017 BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL

We are 'One Bread, One Body and One Family'

By Stephen Tartaglia
Diocesan director, family life ministry

Consider some of the things Scripture says about marriage.

Adam's reaction to Eve: "At last! This one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh!" The man leaves his mother and his father and is joined to his wife and they become one flesh.

Ephesians says that husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. No one ever hated his own body. Instead, he nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the Church. Christ laid down his life for the Church.

God set up marriage to be a reflection of His loving relationship with the Church. God's love is characterized

by four words: free, total, faithful, and fruitful. Love, regarded in this way, is a choice for the good of another person.

Bishop's Fund Appeal supports ministry to family life in Diocese of Ogdensburg

When a man and woman choose the Sacrament of Matrimony, they become "One Body in Christ." It is not merely two people in a utilitarian contract with each other for their own pleasure. Rather it is an indestructible covenant that includes one man, one woman, and God.

It is a freely-given, 3-person, complete gift of themselves to each other which forms one bond, out of

which springs new life.

Imagine receiving the most precious and beautiful gift from someone that loves you more than anyone else. Think about how careful you would be with that gift. You would treat it with reverence. You would read the instructions on how to care for it and use it properly. You would protect it from other people that would misuse it or treat it carelessly. If it got dirty or damaged you would go to great expense to clean and fix it.

The Family Life team is committed to helping families grow healthier, stronger and holier. Our mission is to build a culture of marriage and family.

We believe that God's plan for marriage and family life is not only beautiful, it is the most effective. God's plan brings the greatest suc-

cess and happiness to those that cooperate with it. We believe that humans find happiness in loving the way that God loves.

Families, unfortunately, face many challenges because society presents an ideology that is extremely opposed to God's plan for marriage and family life. Society's view is that marriage is based on a love that is merely a feeling.

Society's view is self-centered, narcissistic and materialistic. Society promotes consumption of the other as an object to be used, not gift of self.

If there is ever an institution the enemy would like to destroy, it would be the family. He is a liar and a murderer, and his attacks on families are true to form.

We place a great emphasis on education and healing in Family Ministry. We want

families to know the truth that the Catholic Church teaches and why it is so important. We want to help them in following what the Church teaches about marriage and family life.

We offer Pre Cana Retreats and Natural Family Planning classes. We teach in the Formation for Ministry Program, the Virtus Program, and Catechetical workshops and events throughout the diocese.

We believe that parents are their children's first and best teachers and that the values and life lessons that children receive in their family will be the most enduring and deeply impactful influences on their lives.

We understand that vocational formation (preparation for Matrimony or Religious Life) is something that begins at birth and

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continues through adulthood.

We assist parents in the faith formation of their children in the "Remote Stages of Vocational Preparation" through Parenting for Purity workshops, and Family Guggenheim, a weekend retreat for the entire family.

Many families are hurting. Those families struggling to be faithful to God can often feel alone.

Families who have experienced abortion, separation or divorce are particularly vulnerable and need support more than ever.

In our ministry, we try to meet families where they are at and give them the support that they need to help them experience God's love and healing.

We offer Rachel's Vineyard Retreats for those suffering

after an abortion. We are reaching out to families experiencing separation or divorce to help them feel welcome and offer healing and support.

The Family Life team consists of Steve Tartaglia - Director of Family Life, John and Colleen Miner - Respect Life, Suzanne and Angelo Pietropaoli - Natural Family Planning, and Dayna Leader - Marriage Preparation and Enrichment.

All of our ministries are supported through the Bishop's Fund. We are extremely grateful for the generous donations which enable us to continue these necessary ministries.

God's plan is to feed us with Himself, join us together to be One Body, and through our union, grow the Family in love.

Be a part of God's plan.

Bishop's Schedule

Sept. 27-28 - New York State Catholic Conference Board of Bishop's Meeting in Douglaston, NY

Sept. 29 - 9 a.m., Opening School Mass at St. Peter's Church, visit to Seton Academy in Plattsburgh

Sept. 30 - 7:00 a.m., North Country Honor Flight at the U.S. Oval Veteran's Park in Plattsburgh
10:30 a.m., Catholic Daughters Past Regents Memorial Mass at St. Bernard's Church in Lyon Mountain

Oct. 1 - 2:30 p.m., Diocesan Blue Mass in honor of the Law Enforcement Community at St. Patrick's Church in Watertown

Oct. 2 - 7:15 p.m., Novena and Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Oct. 4 - 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

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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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Rest in Peace

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

Sept. 29 - Rev. Patrick O. Thompson, 1955

Sept. 30 - Most Rev. Bryan J. McEntegart, 1968

Oct. 1 - Rev. Hermenegilde Brisson, 1954

Oct. 2 - Msgr. Joseph D. Creeden, 1944; Rev. Ambrose R. Hyland, 1954; Most Rev. James J. Navagh, 1965

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults. Pre-registration online is required in order to participate. Participants may pre-register at www.virtus.org by selecting the registration button and following the directions.

Upcoming sessions:

Sept. 27 - 6 p.m., Holy Ghost Parish Center, Tupper Lake

Sept. 28 - 9 a.m., Sacred Heart Church, Chazy

Oct. 2 - 1:30 p.m., Sisters of St.

Joseph Motherhouse, Watertown

Oct. 3 - 4:30 p.m., St. Mary's Church, Indian Lake.

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Environmental Stewardship

We are All Connected

As we approach the feast of our great ecologist, St. Francis of Assisi, I have been pondering and trying to understand what that connectedness means. A few years ago, many of us signed a "St. Francis Pledge." This called us to pray; to learn all we could about the causes of climate change; to understand how each of us contributes to that change; to find ways to change our behavior, our ways of acting and to be active in our communities to encourage change.

St. Francis saw God's creative hand in all of creation, from the smallest creature to humans, made in God's image. Because of this, he leads us to grow in love and respect for all life. So what does this mean in my life?

I know God made us in His own image and that according to Genesis 2:15 we are called to cultivate and care for all the rest of what was created. It was for our use but also for our care... a pretty tall order and a privileged task!

As long as we kept use and care in balance, using only what was needed to feed, clothe and house us and used our growing knowledge to take care and nourish the plants, animals and resources so that those lives were also enriched, all went well. Then "original sin" popped up and we began to see that enough was not enough and found many ways to live richer lives.

Let the Prayer of St. Francis be our prayer this week. "Make me an instrument of your peace, where there is hatred let me bring your love." Let us ask God to help us be attuned to "cries of the earth and of the poor" and to find one way to bring His loving care to alleviate their pain. (To be continued next week.)

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

Mark Your Calendars

Oct. 1 - Blue Mass, St. Patrick's, Watertown

Oct. 15 - Religious Jubilee, Ogdensburg

Oct. 20-21 - Celebrate Christ, Crowne Point, Lake Placid

Oct. 25 - Catholic Charities Caritas dinner, Gran View, Ogdensburg

Adult Children of Alcoholics

Weekly meeting - Wednesdays at 7:30 PM
St. Peter's Church, Plattsburgh
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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.

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Andrew Boyea and Rori Siddon work on a project as the school year begins at Trinity Catholic School in Massena.



PHOTO BY TRICIA SWARTZ

Emeline Barton and Finley Swartz check out Bishop LaValley's mitre and staff after the Sept. 18 opening of school Mass at Immaculate Heart Central School in Watertown.



Alexis Gibbs, grade 8, and Aubrey Whitford, grade 7, are shown helping set up for a Sept. 19 open house at St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga.



The exemplification of the Knighthood (Third) Degree Knights of Columbus recently took place at the Father Amyot Parish Center in Norfolk. Six men from surrounding councils received the degree. Bishop Terry R. LaValley and Fathers Andrew Amyot and Michael Jablonski were present for the exemplification. Pictured with the candidates are Father Jablonski, Paul Eurto, District Deputy; David Clark, Degree Team Warden; Bishop LaValley, Charlie Robinson, Roger Miner, Degree Team Conferring Officer and Father Amyot.

Croghan faith formation program - named in honor of St. Francis - celebrates 40th anniversary

What's in a name?

By Thomas Schneeberger
St. Stephen's Church, Croghan

CROGHAN - As I began to reflect on the question, "what's in a name?" three thoughts or images came to mind. A name gives a sense of purpose. A name gives a sense of identity. A name can give us something or someone to aspire to... standing on the shoulders of those gone before us.

The St. Francis Faith Formation Center of St. Stephen's Church, found its name, its identity in 1977 as the parish school was about to close. Father Leo Memorial School had served the parish educational needs for 75 years. The sustainability of the school and maintaining its future offering a quality Catholic education was not going to be an option.

The parish education council was mindful that the faith formation of its children, youth, and families, was a priority. Thus, it was not an alternative to simply close a school without continuing to offer a professionally coordinated program of Catholic education and formation.

Important to note that St. Stephen's parish (at that



Children of St. Stephen's Parish in Croghan celebrate the 40th anniversary of the St. Francis Faith Formation Center. The program was named in honor of the Franciscan Friars who had served the parish from 1876.

time) was served by the Franciscan Fathers of Holy Name Province. In fact, the friars had been in Croghan since 1876.

Also, unique to the parish were the four mission churches serving the neighboring communities of Castorland, New Bremen, Indian River, and Belfort. Those churches have all closed and Holy Name Province turned the pastoral care of St. Stephen's to the Diocese of Ogdensburg in 1990.

The educational council in 1977 was made up of parishioners from each of the mission churches. The

members wished to respect and be inclusive of each church as well as to honor the patron saint of the Friars. Thus, the new education center was named after St. Francis.

So, in 2017, forty years later, we stand on the shoulders of that visionary group of people. We continue to honor their foresight, we hope to inspire our children and families with the name of St. Francis as a model.

As a result, we (all those committed to the ministry of catechesis) have a sense of identity and purpose.

The St. Francis Religious

Education Center, Christian Formation Center, Faith Formation Center continues to be a highly successful and respected program because of the engaging Catholic curriculum (within the guidelines of the GDC, the CCC, the U.S. Bishops), structured activities, and opportunities for personal growth.

Supported by faithful catechists, youth ministers, adult faith facilitators, and many, many others the center has and will continue to offer catechesis for a lifetime... "empowering faith to become living, conscious,

and active."

St. Francis, pray for us!

St. Francis Award

Once a year since the beginnings of the center, an award has been presented to an individual in the program who has exhibited extra-ordinary efforts on the behalf of children, youth, and families. The St. Francis Award keeps ever before us the patron saint as someone to aspire to.

The award recipients have been Bob Widrick, Beverly Bush, Mae Schneeberger, Pearl Sienkiewicz, Jeanne Merry Laura Chartrand, Peggy Geiger, Jean Golden, Tony Tabolt, Arline Bush, Patricia Flint, Ellie Hoppel, Michelle Watkins, AnnMarie Guiffre, Jane Kalamas, Dottie Gagnier, Mary Dutton, Beverly Buckingham, Paul & Rhonda Campeau, Theresa Golden, Bernadette Tabolt, Millie Monnat, Peter Wooschlager, Dan Golden, Yvonne Albertson, Ellen Scanlon, Theresa Houppert, Justin Andre, Joan Terrillion, Caree Turck, Jane Sweeney, Gretchen Monnat, Melinda Halko, Robert & Sharon Peters, Matthew Andre, Eileen Greenwood, Yvonne Kirschner, Caitie Lashbrooks & Jenna Greenwood and Ethel Hoch.

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Trosset Church Supply reopens retail operations

UTICA—The Trosset Church Supply and the Utica Catholic Book Store, one of the oldest suppliers of church goods in the country has opened in a new location, a year after closing its Genesee Street store.

Trosset Church Supply is reopening the book store in the Paul Building at 209 Elizabeth St., across from the

Oneida County Court House.

The Utica Catholic Book Store was first started by Alfred Trosset in 1899. The business eventually was expanded to include the Trosset Church Supply entity.

Former owner Richard Trosset, who died in 2015, made regular visits to the Diocese of Ogdensburg, selling church goods at diocesan

conferences and serving parish needs throughout the North Country.

The hours of operation are from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

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Murdered Oklahoma priest was beatified on Saturday

'They killed a man but created a saint'

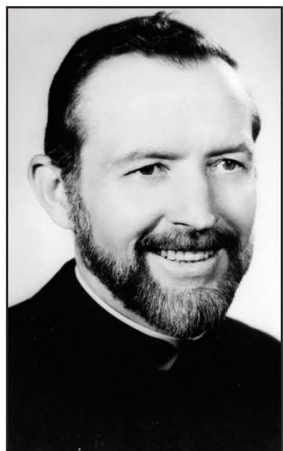
By Maria Wiering
Catholic News Service

ST. PAUL, MINN. (CNS) -- Retired Archbishop Harry J. Flynn was rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, when he got a call in 1979 from an old friend from the seminary, asking if he could visit for a week.

That friend was Father Stanley Rother, a priest of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and a missionary in a rural part of Guatemala.

He picked up Father Rother from Dulles International Airport near Washington and was appalled by the horrific situation the priest described in Guatemala. Members of his congregation had disappeared and were presumed dead, victims of a civil war between the government and guerrilla groups.

"If they asked for a few more cents for picking coffee beans, they were considered communists, and a truck would come into the village that night, stop at the home of the man or woman who asked for a few more cents, take them out to the country, torture them, kill them, and then throw their bodies into



Father Stanley Rother of Oklahoma is the first U.S.-born martyr recognized by the Catholic Church

a well to poison that well," said Archbishop Flynn, who headed the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis from 1995 to 2008.

In December 2016, Pope Francis recognized Father Stanley Rother as a martyr, making him the first U.S.-born martyr recognized by the Catholic Church.

Father Rother described the situation "with a passion," Archbishop Flynn recalled. "It was haunting him. He said, 'If I speak, they'll kill me, but if I keep silent, what kind of a shepherd would I be?'"

The friends shared meals together that week, but Father Rother spent his days praying at the seminary's historic Lourdes grotto, a place he had loved while he and Archbishop Flynn were seminarians at "the Mount." At the end of the week, he told then-Father Flynn, "I know what I must do. I must go back and speak."

"But," Archbishop Flynn recalled, "he also said this: 'They're not going to take me out and kill me somewhere in the country and then throw my body into a well.' He said, 'I'll put up a fight like they've never seen before.'"

Archbishop Flynn took Father Rother to the airport and said goodbye. He knew it would be the last time he would see him alive. Two years later, in 1981, Archbishop Flynn opened a newspaper to read that an American priest had been killed in Guatemala. He didn't have to read further to know it was Father Rother.

Archbishop Flynn was to be among others who knew the priest gathering in Oklahoma City's Cox Convention Center Sept. 23 for Father Rother's beatification. In De-

cember 2016, Pope Francis officially recognized Father Rother as a martyr, making him the first U.S.-born martyr recognized by the Catholic Church. Also attending will be members of the Rother family, including distant cousins from Minnesota.

Father Rother grew up on a farm near Okarche, Oklahoma. He was a farm boy with a knack for fixing things. After high school, he left home for seminary in Texas, but he was asked to leave after struggling with Latin. Undeterred, he transferred to the Emmitsburg seminary, where he met Archbishop Flynn, who was three classes ahead of him. Archbishop Flynn noted his friend's deep prayer life.

"We could be downstairs in recreation, laughing and carrying on, and then the bell would ring to go up to chapel for night prayer and Stanley seemed to me to go right into prayer, which I found enviable," Archbishop Flynn recalled in a recent interview with *The Catholic Spirit*, newspaper of the Minnesota archdiocese.

The two were in the seminary around the time that Pope John XXIII encouraged U.S. bishops to form partnerships between their dioceses and those in Latin America. The then-Diocese of Oklahoma City-Tulsa paired with the Diocese of Solola, Guatemala.

In 1968, Father Rother was asked to minister there in Santiago Atitlan, a mission established by Franciscans. The Mayan people there had been without a priest for nearly a century.

People who knew Father Rother weren't surprised that he returned again and again to Guatemala after the violence began, even with many opportunities to stay in the U.S. The Christmas before he died, he famously wrote to his archbishop, "A shepherd cannot run at the first sign of danger."



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Father Stanley Rother, a priest of the Oklahoma City Archdiocese who was brutally murdered in 1981 in the Guatemalan village where he ministered to the poor, is pictured in an undated photo. The North American priest was beatified Sept. 23 in Oklahoma.

On July 28, 1981, three men burst into the parish rectory, demanding Father Rother. He was hiding, but when the men threatened the life of one of his protectors, he emerged. He was ultimately gunned down in his rectory, his knuckles raw from the fight, his spattered blood staining the wall.

The Guatemalans left the stains, and to this day, visitors -- many of them pilgrims -- can see the aftermath of what the gunmen did to their priest. The fatal bullet remains lodged in the wall.

In 1999, Archbishop Flynn traveled to Father Rother's church in Santiago Atitlan, visiting the room where he was shot to death and celebrated Mass in the parish church. Father Rother's body returned to Oklahoma, but the missionary's heart was left behind with the

Guatemalans, who have since enshrined it as a relic.

Archbishop Flynn also prays for his friend's intercession, keeping his photograph on his altar for Mass. He feels that he had a graced opportunity to be with Father Rother that summer while he was discerning his impending death.

"I'll always remember sitting in the room where he was martyred, and sitting there and looking at his blood all over the wall, splattered, and experiencing anger in my heart with the people who did that to him -- this gentle, gentle shepherd," he said, "and then realizing what he would have said -- something that Christ said, 'They don't even know what they're doing,' and they probably didn't. ... They killed a man, but they created a saint."

Pope Francis launches 'Share the Journey' campaign Sept. 27

Listening to the stories of migrants

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- No matter the position one takes on national migration policy, Pope Francis, Caritas Internationalis and national Catholic charities across the globe want Catholics to meet a migrant or refugee and listen to his or her story.

Pope Francis will launch the "Share the Journey" campaign Sept. 27. This is a two-year program of Caritas Internationalis to promote encounters between people on the move and people living in the countries they are leaving, passing through or arriving in.

Meeting migrants and refugees and listening to their stories - and having them listen to the stories of people in their host communities - mean the walls people have erected in their minds and hearts should begin to fall, said Michel Roy, secretary general of Caritas Internationalis.

"You may be afraid of mi-



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Pope Francis sits with refugee children from Syria at the Vatican in this 2016 photo. The pope is launching the "Share the Journey" campaign this week to promote encounters between people on the move and people living in the countries they are leaving, passing through or arriving in.

grants as a large group of people coming in, but when you meet a migrant, then you have a different vision," he said July 27.

Listening to their stories makes it clear that "they are

human beings, they are human beings who have suffered much; they've left a situation where they could not live anymore because of violence, conflict or just because of misery," Roy said.

"Once you understand the story of the person, then you will have a different attitude," he said.

Most people who vote for political parties espousing anti-immigrant sentiments, Roy believes, "have never met a migrant," which makes it easy for politicians to convince them that they have something to fear.

Even if the person does not change their mind about the most appropriate political policies for regulating migration, he said, it is necessary

to make the fear subside by helping folks get to know the real people who have left all behind because of persecution, violence or extreme poverty.

Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle of Manila, Philippines, president of Caritas Internationalis, wrote a letter in late June asking members of the Caritas federation to participate in the campaign. He said, "One of the most important questions we can ask ourselves as individuals, communities and countries at this time of mass movements of people and global doubt is 'Do I allow fear to prevail in my heart, or do I allow hope to reign?'"

"Through 'Share the Journey' we hope to dispel fear

and understand why so many people are leaving their homes at this time in history," the cardinal wrote. "We also want to inspire communities to build relationships with refugees and migrants. We want to shine a light and lead the way. Migration is a very old story but our campaign aims to help communities see it with new eyes and an open heart."

The "Share the Journey" campaign will run at least until 2019. The U.S. bishops' Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA, as well as more than 160 other Caritas members around the world, will be sponsoring national and local events to provide opportunities for migrants and members of host communities to meet and share their stories.

Through his words and, especially, his gestures, Pope Francis "is inviting everyone on earth to be welcoming" and to protect migrants and help them integrate into the society of their new countries, Roy said. As a central institution of the church, he added, Caritas Internationalis promotes what Pope Francis is asking all Catholics to do.

"Catholics are not all convinced that we have to welcome migrants," the secretary general acknowledged, "so I think we have work to do within the church itself."

But, he said, the pope is asking "everyone to make a step," and Caritas hopes that will begin with every Catholic being willing to meet a migrant or refugee.

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Pope says church late fighting abuse, promises 'zero tolerance'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis has endorsed an approach of "zero tolerance" toward all members of the church guilty of sexually abusing minors or vulnerable adults. Having listened to abuse survivors and having made what he described as a mistake in approving a more lenient set of sanctions against an Italian priest abuser, the pope said he has decided whoever has been proven guilty of abuse has no right to an appeal, and he will never grant a papal pardon. "Why? Simply because the person who does this (sexually abuses minors) is sick. It is a sickness," he told his advisory commission on child protection during an audience at the Vatican Sept. 21. Members of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, including its president -- Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley of Boston -- were meeting in Rome Sept. 21-23 for their plenary assembly.

Says Catholics need 'profound renewal' of catechesis

CHICAGO (CNS) -- The head of the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization said Catholics "need a profound renewal of our catechesis." Archbishop Rino Fisichella told dozens of religious sisters, mostly teachers of the faith, gathered in Northwest Chicago Sept. 17 that there is wrong thinking among the faithful that once they receive the sacraments, they no longer have to learn their catechism. He said, "By its nature, catechesis is to support believers to understand every day more the mystery of faith." Archbishop Fisichella said Catholics could learn this with the help of catechists who are "witnesses" and said that "witness is the sign of a genuine work of evangelization." Referring to Pope Paul VI's 1975 apostolic exhortation on evangelization, "Evangelii Nuntiandi," the prelate emphasized what he called a "very important" section of the document that said people nowadays are more apt to listen to someone who lives out the faith and speaks of it than to teachers of it and that if they do listen to teachers, it's because the teachers are themselves witnesses of the faith. "The world of today needs witnesses," he said. "And we have got to be there. But don't misunderstand the word 'witness.' It is true that witness, it makes, first of all, our life. But to be a witness, it means also to be a preacher of the word of the Lord."

Calls action to end racism imperative for every American

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Every person "must do something," whether big or small, to address racism in the United States, Bishop Edward K. Braxton of Belleville, Illinois, told an audience at The Catholic University of America. From taking a public stance at a rally to reaching out to a neighbor, racism can be addressed and overturned, the bishop said during a presentation at a Sept. 21 "teach-in" on fighting racism sponsored by the university's National Catholic School of Social Service. "We must expand the horizon of possibilities to ourselves by listening, learning, thinking, praying, acting," he said. Recalling that Catholics in public life and leaders in the U.S. Catholic Church once supported slave ownership and widely denied the civil rights of enslaved African-Americans early in the country's history, Bishop Braxton said much remains to be accomplished to heal the sin of racism and the "flaw at the foundation" of past teaching. He pointed to a series of events, including the killing of black men by white police officers in places such as St. Louis, the rise in white supremacy and even the language of President Donald Trump, who did not specifically call out white supremacists after clashes during rallies and counterprotests Aug. 11 and 12 in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Bishops: Amend repeal bill to protect poor, keep ban on coverage of abortion

By Julie Asher
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - The latest version of a Republican measure in the Senate to repeal the Affordable Care Act must be amended to protect poor and vulnerable Americans, said the chairmen of four U.S. bishops' committees.

"As you consider the Graham-Cassidy legislation as a possible replacement for the Affordable Care Act, we urge you to think of the harm that will be caused to poor and vulnerable people and amend the legislation while retaining its positive features," the bishops said in a letter to all senators released Sept. 22.

Republican Sens. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Bill Cassidy of Louisiana have co-sponsored the legislation.

"Without significant improvement, this bill does not meet the moral criteria for health care reform outlined in our previous letters and must be changed," they said. That criteria includes respect for life and dignity; honoring conscience rights; access for all; and a high-quality plan that is affordable and comprehensive.

The bishops criticized the measure's Medicaid "per capita cap" because it puts an "insufferable burden" on poor and vulnerable Americans. They did praise the bill for correcting "a serious flaw" in the ACA by ensuring "no federal funds are used for abortion or go to plans that cover it." They called on senators to amend the bill to address its flaws but retain the pro-life provisions.

The Graham-Cassidy bill would repeal the ACA and replace it with block grants for the states to spend as they see fit. The block grants' size,

though, would shrink over time and disappear altogether in 2027. The Senate is working under a Sept. 30 deadline to pass the bill.

The letter was signed by Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities; Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the Committee for Religious Liberty; Bishop Frank J. Dewane of Venice, Florida, chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development; and Bishop Joe S. Vasquez of Austin, Texas, chairman of the Committee on Migration.

The USCCB also launched an action alert -- <http://bit.ly/2xvbHag> -- urging Catholics to contact their senators to urge them "to protect health care for poor and vulnerable people."

"The Graham-Cassidy bill includes a Medicaid 'per capita cap' that was part of previous bills, which have been rejected," the bishops wrote. "The Medicaid caps will fundamentally restructure this vital program, which supports the medical needs of those most in need. Over time, these modifications will result in deep funding cuts and lost coverage for millions of people."

"The Senate should only proceed with a full report concerning just how many people will be impacted," they said. "Our nation must not attempt to address its fiscal concerns by placing an insufferable health care burden on the backs of the poor."

The bishops said the proposal does "correct a serious flaw" in the ACA by making sure "no federal funds are used for abortion or go to plans that cover it."

"This improvement is praiseworthy, and it is essen-

tial that any improved final bill retain these key provisions which would finally address grave moral problems in our current health care system," they said. "We also applaud that Graham-Cassidy redirects funds from organizations that provide abortion."

But they took the bill to task for giving block grants to states "in place of premium tax credits, cost-sharing subsidies and the Medicaid expansion," saying that arrangement will only harm the poor.

"While flexibility can be good, these block grants will result in billions of dollars in reductions for those in health care poverty," they said. "States already face significant deficits each budget cycle, and these block grants mean dollars intended for low income individuals and families will suddenly face competition from many other state priorities."

The country "can ill afford to put access to health care for those most in need in jeopardy this way" because, the bishops continued, "the costs to our communities, including public and private organizations at all levels, will be too high."

"Decisions about the health of our citizens - a concern fundamental to each of us - should not be made in haste simply because an artificial deadline looms," they said.

"The far-reaching implications of Congress' actions are too significant for that kind of governance," the committee chairmen said.

They told senators that "the common good should call you to come together in a bi-partisan way to pass thoughtful legislation that addresses the life, conscience, immigrant access, market stability and affordability problems that now exist."

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

The proper time to change our minds

I'm sure you've heard the old saying, "A wise man changes his mind sometimes; a fool, never!"

In this Sunday's readings, God is giving us advice on when to change our minds, and when not to.

If we're pretty well secure in habits of virtue, then it's not a good idea to give in to the persuasions of friends who call us "old-fashioned" or foolish for following the teachings of our parents and childhood religion classes—and act contrary to our principles.

To change because of fear of losing face or being the butt of ridicule could risk God's displeasure, loss of

grace, and even loss of eternal happiness.

As the old wisdom warns, why risk losing heaven for a few hours of the wrong kind of pleasure.

There's another kind of change discussed in the readings. And that's the kind of change that may be defined as conversion—from sinful ways to virtuous ones.

The prophet Ezekiel (first reading) tried to persuade his fellow-exiles in Babylon that, as long as they persisted in their sinful rejection of God's commandments, God would continue their exile.

When they refused to change, God allowed the de-

struction of the Temple as well as the whole city of Jerusalem.

Eventually, they stopped blaming God for their crimes, repented of their stubbornness, and again followed the commandments.

That's the kind of change that also won the approval of Jesus in today's Gospel.

The first son in the parable stubbornly said "no" to his father's request. He was ready to risk the father's displeasure and even punishment. Then, (wisely), he began to feel guilty. He decided it wouldn't kill him to cut short a good time with his friends to work for his father. Let's hope that it was really love that made him change his mind. But even if it was just shame, and maybe a little fear of the consequences of his refusal,

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Matthew 21:28-32

he did change his mind.

If his friends were real friends, they more than likely respected him for his decision.

How different was the behaviour of the second son who said "yes" to his father, but then never followed through. He just wanted to look good, and to avoid the disappointment and perhaps anger in his father's eyes. He was quite possibly a hypocrite, who had no intention at all of helping in the vineyard.

Jesus compared that young man to the Pharisees and Scribes who had refused to accept the preaching of John the Baptist. By contrast, the prostitutes and tax collectors did listen to both John and to Jesus.

How do we know when to change our minds and when not to? The second reading gives us sound advice: "Do nothing out of selfishness... rather, have that mind in you which is in Christ Jesus who humbled himself even to the point of death".

To change one's mind is often humbling, especially if we risk the ridicule of worldly friends or even worldly family members. But isn't it far better to heed the truth than to stubbornly keep to the road that will eventually send us over a cliff?



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VATICAN LETTER

Liturgy document unlikely to bring quick changes

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - The shouts of joy and cries of despair that greeted Pope Francis' recent changes to canon law regarding liturgical texts appear to be exaggerated.

The changes can be read as part of Pope Francis' efforts to promote a "healthy decentralization" of church structures, said Indian Cardinal Oswald Gracias of Mumbai. "It makes clear the responsibility of the (bishops') conferences" in preparing faithful translations. "But this is, more or less, the procedure we have been following."

"Just a few words have been changed" in canon law, so "we will have to see how it goes in the concrete," said the cardinal, who is a member of the international Council of Cardinals advis-

ing the pope on church governance and is a former member of Vox Clara, the committee that advises the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments on liturgical translations in English.

The document, "Magnum Principium" ("The Great Principle"), was released by the Vatican Sept. 9. It changes two clauses in canon 838 of the Code of Canon Law: from "reviewing" translations, the Holy See now is asked to "recognize adaptations approved by the episcopal conference"; and bishops' conferences, rather than being called "to prepare and publish" translations, are now called to prepare them "faithfully" and then to approve and publish them "after the confirmation of the Apostolic See."

In a note published with the text, Archbishop Arthur

Roche, secretary of the worship congregation, said under the new rules, the Vatican's "confirmatio" of a translation is "ordinarily granted based on trust and confidence" and "supposes a positive evaluation of the faithfulness and congruence of the texts produced with respect to the typical Latin text."

Reactions varied widely. Steve Skojec, publisher and director of the blog OnePeterFive.com, called it "a ticking time bomb" and said, "When it comes to the liturgy of the universal church, episcopal conferences are quite simply out of their depth."

Father Michael G. Ryan, the pastor of the cathedral in Seattle, who had led a campaign to delay implementation of the current English translation, asked in America magazine, "Will our bishops respond to this in-

itation and take a hard look at the woefully inadequate translation we are currently using? We can only hope and pray that their pastoral concern and commitment to liturgical celebrations that are both beautiful and intelligible will prompt them to walk through the door that Pope Francis has opened."

Neither Cardinal Gracias nor Msgr. Markus Graulich, undersecretary of the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts, expect a change anytime soon in the English translation of the Mass.

The new document "gives a little endorsement now to (bishops') conferences and, in that sense, it's certainly in the direction of what the Holy Father wants: that conferences take more responsibility and healthy decentralization," Cardinal Gracias told Catholic News Service Sept. 19.

"The word 'fidelity' added (to canon law) is from 'Liturgiam Authenticam,'" he said, referring to the 2001 instruction on translations, which was issued by the worship congregation. The pope's changes to canon law confirm its teaching, although "minor modifications" are possible now.

"I have a feeling this will open the door" to small national or regional changes, for example in the English text in Africa versus India or North America, the cardinal said. "My personal opinion is that it is very convenient to have one translation for the whole world, but if there are such serious difficulties, I don't think we should force them" to accept a unified translation. He, like Msgr. Graulich, cited the example of bishops in Africa who said that having the people respond to the

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AT THE MOVIES

AMERICAN ASSASSIN

By Joseph McAleer
Catholic News Service

The award for the most obvious film title of the year goes to "American Assassin" (CBS Films), an action thriller about - you guessed it - a professional killer from the United States, specifically Rhode Island.

This adaptation of the 2010 novel by Vince Flynn opens with a bang (multiple bangs, actually) and proceeds at a breakneck pace, leaving in its wake a veritable tsunami of bullets, blood and bodies.

It's a gory revenge fantasy reminiscent of the "Death Wish" films, requiring a strong stomach and extreme patience. But the movie does finally come to its senses, and good triumphs over evil.

The story opens on a happy note before spiraling

downhill.

Mitch Rapp (Dylan O'Brien) has just proposed to his girlfriend, Katrina (Charlotte Vega), on a crowded beach in Ibiza. As he strolls off to get celebratory cocktails, gunmen burst onto the sand and open fire, killing just about everyone in sight, including Katrina.

Flash forward two years, and Mitch has transformed himself into a lean, mean, fighting machine, a baby-faced version of Jason Bourne. He is driven by one desire: to avenge Katrina's death by killing the terrorists responsible. This means learning Arabic, studying the Quran and joining shadowy chat rooms on the internet.

Unbeknownst to Mitch, the CIA is watching his every move, and deputy director Irene Kennedy (Sanaa Lathan) is impressed.

And so Mitch is recruited for a new black-ops program to infiltrate Iranian terrorists seeking to unleash nuclear war in the Middle East.

First he must be trained, and that responsibility falls to Stan Hurley (Michael Keaton), a grizzled Cold War veteran. To his credit, Stan tries to temper Mitch's rage, and the hothead's belief that "we kill people who need to be killed."

"We need a higher cause," Stan counters, discouraging Mitch's vigilantism. "As soon as it starts feeling good, that's when you stop being a professional."

As the Iranian plot unfolds, Batman and Robin - make that Stan and Mitch - join forces with Annika (Shiva Negar), a comely Turkish agent who has her own scores to settle.

Director Michael Cuesta, channeling a Robert Ludlum



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Shiva Negar, Michael Keaton, Neg Adamson and Dylan O'Brien star in a scene from the movie "American Assassin."

thriller, keeps the audience guessing and the body count rising as the trio zips across Europe in search of a mysterious ringleader named Ghost (Taylor Kitsch), who just happens to be an old buddy of Stan's.

The film contains a vigilante theme, constant bloody violence, including

torture and gunplay, female frontal nudity and much crude language.

The Catholic News Service classification is L -- limited adult audience, films whose problematic content many adults would find troubling. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted.

Liturgy

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priest, "And with your spirit" creates difficulties in societies still influenced by animism or belief in witchcraft.

"The door is slightly ajar now for some variety," Cardinal Gracias said.

The idea, though, that any English-speaking bishop would propose starting the English translation over again is "absolutely ridiculous," he said. The current Missal is "a great improvement" over what existed before, and "nobody has an appetite for big changes now."

From a canon law point of view, the document "does not really strengthen episcopal conferences, but it tries to put on a better base the collaboration between the Holy See and the bishops' conferences, because

there have been some problems in the last few years," Msgr. Graulich said. "It's a question whether the Holy See can really evaluate, as bishops' conferences can do, what is a proper translation."

But, inserting the Latin word "fideliter" into canon law means the translation has to be done in accordance with "Liturgiam Authenticam," he said. "You are not free to make a translation that 'more or less' reports the text, but you have to do a translation that is as true as possible to the Latin original."

At the same time, Msgr. Graulich said, the new law encourages collaboration between bishops and the Vatican in judging what constitutes a faithful translation into a specific language.

The German translation that has been stalled since 2013 was "a very literal translation," he said. "If I as a celebrant don't understand what I read the first time, how will people in the pews understand it if they only hear it?"

"You have structures of language in Latin - and Italian and Spanish - that we don't have in German," he said, referring to grammar and, especially, verb tenses.

The obligation, which Pope Francis formally added to canon law, that translations be "faithful" to the Latin is the responsibility of the bishops' conference doing the translation, he said, "but then, as the Holy See has to confirm that, it is a second check.

It's more check and balance" than shifting power," Msgr. Graulich said.



CAR RAFFLE

Our Annual Car Raffle is underway. Tickets will be sold after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. They are also available at the rectory Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. The drawing will be held after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday October 8, 2017 and the winner may choose the car or \$15,000 in cash.

The price for the ticket is \$20 or six (6) tickets for \$100 with all proceeds going to St. Agnes School.

The car this year is a 2017 Subaru Outback fully equipped from Jerry Strack of Central Garage here in Lake Placid.

If you wish to buy tickets by mail, please fill out the form & enclose your check made out to **St. Agnes Church**

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BLESSING OF THE ROSES

Saranac Lake – The Secular Discalced Carmelites are holding their annual Blessing of The Roses in devotion to St. Thérèse of Lisieux.

Date: Oct. 1

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: St. Bernard's Church

Features: The holy hour includes Adoration, Vespers, and Benediction. Blessed roses will be distributed to participants; light refreshments

Contact: John Miner at jdminer@roadrunner.com

PANCAKES AND SAUSAGE

Lake Placid – Pancake and Sausage breakfast to be held.

Date: Oct. 8

Time: 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Place: St. Agnes School

Cost: Adults, \$5; Children, \$3

Features: Raffle drawing on new Subaru Outback or \$15,000 at 11:15 a.m.

CLINTON

BISHOP'S MASS AT SETON

Plattsburgh – Join the Seton Schools for the opening school year Mass with Bishop LaValley.

Date: Sept. 29

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: St. Peter's Church

HARVEST DINNER

Dannemora – St. Joseph's Church to have their Annual Roast Turkey Harvest Dinner.

Date: Oct. 8

Place: Downstairs in the Church Hall

Time: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost: Adults, \$10; Children 5-11, \$7; under 5, Free

Features: Take-outs available. Chinese Raffle, Craft Table, Country Store, Flea Market, 50-50 Raffle, Live Music by Ann Marie Petrushane and Robert Rubado

LIVING ROSARY

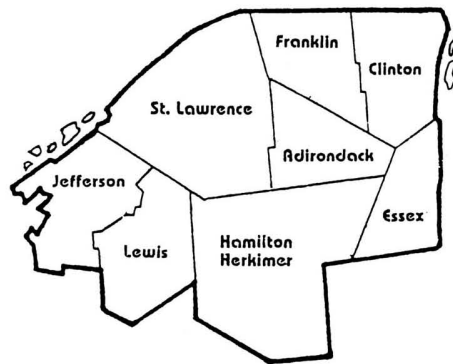
Dannemora – In honor of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, Father Mickey Demo and Court Mother Admirable Catholic Daughters #592 are holding a special prayer service.

Date: Oct. 13

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: St. Joseph's Church

Features: Recitation of Living Rosary followed by the beginning Day of the Novena Prayer from Bishop LaValley to consecrate the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Refreshments will follow.



The North Country Catholic welcomes contributions to "Around the Diocese"

Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:

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

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

Contact: For more info call Regent, Nancy Clancy @ 518-492-9768.

HARVEST DINNER

Chazy – Sacred Heart Parish is holding a Turkey Harvest Dinner.

Date: Oct. 15

Time: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost: Adults, \$10; Children under 12, \$5; 5 and under, Free; Take-out, \$10

Features: Sinners' Den Pantry for "sinfully" delicious goodies. Raffle with dozens of great prizes.

ROAST BEEF DINNER

Elizabethtown – St. Elizabeth's Church will hold its annual Harvest dinner.

Date: Oct. 1

Time: 2 p.m. to 6

Place: Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$9; Children 5-13, \$5; under 5, Free

ESSEX

HARVEST DINNER

Brushton – St. Mary's will have a Turkey Harvest Dinner.

Date: Oct. 8

Time: Noon to 4 p.m. (Take-outs start at 11 a.m.)

Place: North Bangor Fire Dept.

Cost: Adults, \$10; Seniors, \$9; Children 6-12, \$6; under 5, Free; Take-outs, \$10

Contact: Call 518-483-2780 to order your take-out.

FRANKLIN

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.

HAMILTON-HERKIMER

PILGRIMAGE TO AURIESVILLE

Wells – A Pilgrimage to the Martyrs' Shrine at Auriesville, is being planned for parishioners of St. Ann's and St. James Major in Lake Pleasant

Date: Oct. 13

Features: A Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Sony Pulickal. More information will be available in church bulletins.

JEFFERSON

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

Date: Sept. 28

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

Place: Msgr. Sechi Hall

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

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

TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS

Adams – The St. Joseph of Cupertino Fraternity will celebrate the transitus of St. Francis to eternal life.

Date: Oct. 3

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: St. Cecilia's Church

Features: open to all, refreshments

SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS

Evans Mills – Spaghetti and Meatball dinner to be held to benefit Indian River Knights of Columbus.

Date: Oct. 7

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

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

PRAYER FOR HUMAN LIFE

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

Date: Every day during October

Time: Noon to 1 p.m.

Place: Across from Planned Parenthood

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

LOGO CONTEST

Watertown – St. Anthony's Vocation Committee will be sponsoring a vocation logo contest.

Date: Submissions deadline Oct. 13

Theme: From John 10:27 "My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me."

Features: The submission fee is one Hail Mary for vocations. The new logo will be revealed Nov. 5 to kick-off National Vocation Awareness Week.

Contact: Submissions should be sent with name, phone, address and parish to watertownvocations@catholicwatertown.org or 1613 State Street, Watertown, NY 13601

LEWIS

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

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

Date: Oct. 1

Schedule: At 2:25 p.m. before the monthly devotions, we will view the DVD entitled, "God's Master Plan" from the Series: Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told by Fr. Michael Gaitley MIC. At 3 p.m. The program includes: Vespers (Evening Prayer), Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction.

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Contact: 315-348-6260

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.

ST. LAWRENCE

CABBAGE ROLL SALE

Massena – A cabbage roll sale to be held.

Date: Sept. 30

Time: Noon to 4 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Social Hall

Cost: \$4, Large; Please bring your own container.

CLM ASSOCIATION DINNER

Norfolk – Annual CLM (commissioned lay ministers) Association Dinner to be held.

Date: Oct. 11

Time: Begin with Mass at 5:15 p.m. followed by dinner.

Place: Parish of the Visitation

Cost: \$12 per person

Features: Dinner will be catered by Sergios. The event is planned for all commissioned lay ministers and their spouses in St. Lawrence, Franklin and Adirondack Deaneries. The special guest speaker for the evening will be Bishop Terry R. LaValley.

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

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,

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Fr. Patrick Mundy: 'meek and just'

By Sister Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ,
 Diocesan Mission Director

As I was driving from Copenhagen to Ogdensburg preparing to write this column reflecting upon memories of Fr. Mundy, the Beatitude, "Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the land" came to my mind.

I've heard many stories from Sr. Gabriel Marie, SSJ's great gratitude to Fr. Mundy for his care of the children at St. Patrick's Children's Home in Watertown, while he was assigned to Catholic Charities and parishes in the area.

Every Sunday afternoon and other times, he would ring the front door bell offering to play games, hike or join in the fun of whatever event was taking place, a truly humble man open to being of service where needed.

Sr. Gabriel said "Oh, how happy those kids were to see him, of course with a pocket full of candy.

When I arrived in the mission office sitting on my desk was the Fall issue of Extension Magazine. I quickly turned the pages of the magazine only to find a picture of St. Martin de Porres. He was there to remind readers of this man, a religious brother who worked in Lima, Peru as well as of his upcoming feast day on Nov. 3 St. Martin de Porres was well known for his extreme humility, piety, charity and miraculous healings as he cared for Lima's poorest of the poor.

Fr. Mundy had the desire to be a missionary. His dream and prayers were answered when he became a missionary in the Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate serving in St. Martin de Porras Parish in Mollendo, Peru from 1995 until the mission was turned over to Peruvian priests in 2003. Fr. Mundy enjoyed his parishioners with great interest and care for all ages. He especially delighted in church processions and native dancing to bring people together to celebrate. He was an honored Volunteer fireman revered as always ready to respond to a call. The children loved to gather around him and share stories. As always, he had candy treats.

Upon hearing about his death from Fr. Jay Seymour, the current pastor in Mollendo, Padre Andrés Márquez Quintanilla wrote: "We are saddened by the death of Fr. Patrick. We celebrated Mass today for him. We remember him as a man of faith with great love of the Eucharist, simple, humble, joyful and above all very charitable. Please send this message to Bishop Terry LaValley and all in the diocese."

From the fall Extension Magazine, let this Prayer to St. Martin de Porres be our prayer for Fr. Mundy a man whose life modeled that of St. Martin.

*Lord Jesus Christ, who inflamed the heart of St. Martin
 With an ardent love of the poor
 And who taught him the wisdom of always surrendering
 To God's holy will,
 Grant that like him, we may be ever truly humble of heart
 And full of Christ-like charity for suffering humanity
 Amen*

OBITUARIES

Cadyville — Lorette (Tailefer) Leduc, 92; Funeral Services Sept. 22, 2017 at St. James Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Colton — Mary L. Caster, 83; Funeral Services Sept. 20, 2017 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Croghan — Sally Jane (Hodkinson) Hoffman, 83; Funeral Services Sept. 18, 2018 at St. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Fort Covington — Walter A. Danielak, Jr., 56; Funeral Services Sept. 18, 2017 at St. Mary's Church.

Hammond — Ellen "Mary" (Kennehan) Amyot; Funeral Services Sept. 21, 2017 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Fineview Cemetery.

Hogansburg — Mitchell P. Sunday, 81; Funeral Services Sept. 22, 2017 at St. Regis Church; burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Lake Placid — Kathleen E. Quinn, 69; Funeral Services Sept. 21, 2017 at St. Agnes Church; burial in Norton Cemetery, Keene

Massena — Karen E. Loevine, 74; Funeral Services Sept. 22, 2017 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

North Lawrence — Robert F. Normile, 91; Funeral Services Sept. 20, 2017 at St. Lawrence Church; burial in St. Lawrence

Cemetery, North Lawrence

Norwood — Debra A. Hayes, 63; Funeral Services Sept. 18, 2017 at St. Andrew's Church.

Ogdensburg — Doris R. (Monnet) Hurteau, 88; Funeral Services Sept. 23, 2017 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

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

Ogdensburg — Bertha L. (Petrie) Maloney, 89; Funeral Services Sept. 18, 2017 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh — Bernard C. Amell, 94; Funeral Services Sept. 23, 2017 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Alexander's Church, Morrisville.

Plattsburgh — Paul E. Ghenoii II, 92; Funeral Services Sept. 20, 2017 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh — Robert Rousseau; Funeral Services Sept. 19, 2017 at St. John Bosco Church; burial in St. John Bosco

Cemetery, Plattsburgh

Potsdam — Helen (Coolidge) Clifford, 87; Funeral Services Sept. 18 St. Mary's Church.

Redford — Bonnie A. (Crawford) Newell, 76; Funeral Services Sept. 18, 2017 at Church of the Assumption; burial in parish cemetery.

Ticonderoga — Nancy Hill Tierney, 89; Funeral Services Sept. 19, 2017 at Wilcox & Regan Funeral Home; burial in the Valley View Cemetery.

Watertown — Carmella A. Knowlton, 77; Funeral Services Sept. 25, 2017 at D.L. Calarco Funeral Home, Inc.

Watertown — Elizabeth "Betty Jean" (Yerdon) Ligammari, 85; Funeral Services Sept. 21, 2017 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

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O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live in (name a priest), act in him, speak in and through him. Think your thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Give him your own dispositions and feelings. Teach, lead and guide him always. Correct, enlighten and expand his thoughts and behavior. Possess his soul; take over his entire personality and life.

Replace him with yourself. Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving; pray in and through him. Let him live in you and keep him in this intimate union always.
 O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Mother of Jesus and Mother of our priests, pray and intercede for (...) Amen.

October

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DIOCESAN EVENTS

BLUE MASS

Watertown – The second annual diocesan Blue Mass has been planned

Date: Oct. 1

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Place: St. Patrick's Church

Features: opportunity for diocese to support those in law enforcement (state troopers, police officers, sheriff employees, correctional officers, border patrol and customs agents, all in federal law enforcement and district attorneys) and their families in prayer. Attendees from the various agencies are invited to wear their department uniforms.

LIFECHAINS ACROSS DIOCESE

Lifechains are to be held across the diocese on Respect Life Sunday.

Date: Oct 1

Schroon Lake - 2 p.m. to 3, Rt 9, Main St & Fairfield Ave

Potsdam - 2 p.m. to 3, Market & Main St

Plattsburgh - 2:30 p.m. to 3:30, Smithfield Blvd

Saranac Lake - 2:30 p.m. to 3:30, River Street

Massena - 3 p.m. to 4, Main St. & Route 37

Features: Peaceful, prayerful, prolific witness, rain or shine. Signs provided.

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

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.

Contract: 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: Crowne 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

IN REMEMBRANCE OF SEPT. 11



High school students of Immaculate Heart Central School in Watertown created a poster remembering Sept. 11th. Students were invited to write a post-it note with remembrance messages during the week. Pictured are Amanda McElheran, Marialena Mouaikel, Megan Welch, Dominic Duah, Matthew Murrock and Avery Rabb.

www.rcdony.org/celebrate or by calling the Western Regional Faith Formation Office at (315) 782-3620. Registration for the event is 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 application 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. More information concerning the Novena and special Marian Mass will be sent to the parishes in the coming weeks.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

Saranac Lake - Students in grades 9-12 are invited to register for YOUth Lead, the annual leadership weekend held at Camp Guggenheim.

Date: Sept. 29 - Oct. 1

Cost: \$60

Contact: To register: <http://rcdony.org/youth/leadership.html>. For more information contact Kelly Donnelly at kdonnelly@rcdony.org.

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 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 open Oct. 1st www.rcdony.org/pro-life or call 518-524-0774/518-891-2309

NEIGHBORING DIOCESES

SHRINE HARVEST DINNER

Isle La Motte, VT. - St. Anne's Shrine will hold its annual Harvest Dinner.

Date: Oct. 8

Time: Noon

Cost: Adults, \$11; Children 12 and under, \$6

Features: Turkey with all the trimmings and homemade pies

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Syracuse - The 2017 Syracuse Catholic Women's Conference, "In Search of a Servant's Heart," is set

Date: Oct. 28

Speakers: Father Michael Gaitley; MIC, Sister Ignatia Henneberry, OSF; and Michael Dopp.

Contact: see <http://www.syracuse-catholicwomen.org/>



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