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DEACON IN RESIDENCE



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TRADITIONAL GIFT



Father Mathew Kallikatt, provincial superior and co-founder of the Heralds of Good News al presented an Indian shawl, a customary gift in India, to Bishop Terry R. LaValley during a pastoral visit. The provincial travels around the world visiting all places Heralds of the Good News assigned. Currently members are stationed in 20 dioceses in the United States.

Former nuncio: sanctions were 'private'

ROME (CNS) - Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, the former nuncio to the United States who called on Pope Francis to resign for allegedly lifting sanctions placed on Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick, now says those "sanctions" were "private" and neither he nor now-retired Pope Benedict XVI ever was able to enforce them.

While Archbishop Vigano went into hiding after publishing his "testimony" Aug. 25 about Archbishop McCarrick -- and about Pope Francis and a host of other current and former Vatican officials -- the former nuncio has continued to speak to the writers who originally helped him publish the document.

Pope Francis has not said anything since Aug. 26 when he told reporters traveling with him to study the document and do their own research. Even if the sanctions were private, Archbishop Vigano claimed Pope Francis was aware of them.

The measures imposed by Pope Benedict were in response to reports of Archbishop McCarrick's

sexual misconduct with and sexual harassment of seminarians.

After allegations that Archbishop McCarrick had sexually abused a minor were deemed credible in June, Pope Francis publicly imposed sanctions on him and accepted his resignation from the College of Cardinals.

Archbishop Vigano also had said Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington, Archbishop McCarrick's successor, had long been aware of Pope Benedict's sanctions, but the Archdiocese of Washington said Aug. 27, "Cardinal Wuerl has categorically denied that any of this information was communicated to him."

One of the outlets that originally published Archbishop Vigano's text, LifeSiteNews, published an article Aug. 31 with Archbishop Vigano explaining how, after Pope Benedict allegedly imposed sanctions on Archbishop McCarrick in "2009 or 2010," Archbishop McCarrick continued to concelebrate at large public Masses and visit the Vatican and Pope Benedict himself.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

A painful lesson in setting aside pride

When I am afraid, in you I place my trust. – Psalm 56:4

I like to think of myself as strong-willed and fiercely independent. My family would say I'm stubborn.

I hate needing help. This past week, a medical issue left me unable to lift or turn my right leg. I was prohibited from driving and told to stay off my feet. I needed help. I needed help to get up and to dress. I needed a walker or cane to get around.

On the fourth day of my recovery, my husband was at work, and my son, Jake, was my caregiver.

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Around lunchtime, I had the little big man hopping.

In roughly 15 minutes, he heard, "Would you please get me my laptop," "would you please get me my phone charger," and "I

dropped my cane. Can you get it for me?"

At this point, I'm feeling guilty and useless.

"I'm sorry I'm making you run so much, dude. Thank you so much for your help," I said to Jake.

His response?

"No, no! It's good! Thank you for letting me help you."

Maybe he was just telling me what he thought I wanted to hear, but I prefer to think he takes joy in showing kindness and care to someone he loves.

There's a tremendous grace that comes from serving others, but it's also a blessing to

be served; to be helped physically, emotionally, financially or spiritually.

For me, in addition to the blessing of having a loving family who cares for me, I'm blessed to get a little check on my pride and blessed to be reminded I'm really nothing on my own. I'm reminded I need to trust things outside my myself and my stubborn strong will. I need to trust the Lord and the people He has placed in my life.

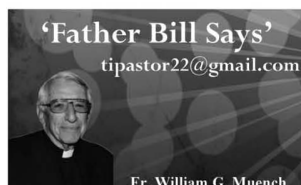
I pray we all learn to set aside our pride and rely on the Lord and His servants.

Make an act of faith and encounter Jesus

Today, let us consider one more time John 6. Let me remind you: the Gospel readings at the Sunday Masses during the month of August this year were all sections taken from the same chapter of St. John's Gospel – John 6. So, during August this year, our attention has been directed to understanding John 6, the discourse of the Bread of Life. Jesus tells his apostles he wants to be with his disciples throughout all of time. He promises his presence through the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Jesus promises to become our Bread of Life.

This chapter, John 6, closes with a surprise, especially for us who love Jesus. The scriptures tells us that many of Jesus' disciples would not accept his teaching concerning the Bread of Life. These disciples lost all faith in Jesus. They decide not to walk with him anymore.

Of course, throughout the history of our Catholic Church, there have been many times that people have lost their faith in Jesus and left the Church. They knew a great deal about Jesus. Like those early disciples, they knew of Jesus' loving concern for people, for all people.



'Father Bill Says'

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They knew of his miracles. They knew of his loving sacrifice for all people. Yet, they rejected Jesus; they rejected his message; they lost faith in his sacraments. As we read John 6, it is time for us to consider our own faith and acceptance of the Lord.

Let me go first. Speaking for myself, I want to take this moment to share with you my own faith in the presence of Jesus in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist – in Holy Communion. I believe that Jesus is present to me always. As I read John 6, I am certain that my faith would have been so much stronger and so much more alive if I had been alive when Jesus walked the face of the earth. Can you imagine hearing the message of Jesus from the person of Jesus? Now I realize that it is important for me to find Jesus now. I need the presence of Jesus now. I believe that I do find Jesus in the wonderful sacrament of the Holy Eucharist each time

I celebrate the Mass. I believe my faith is strengthened each time Jesus is present to me at the altar of the Lord. Jesus is present to me now just as he was to the apostles then.

John 6 goes on to tell us that Jesus turned to the twelve apostles and asked them, "Do you also want to leave?" St. Peter speaks for them all: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." I know that I would have stood with Peter at that moment. This is my act of faith. So, how about you?

I believe that Jesus turns to each one of us, each and every day of your lives. So, have you made your faith in the Lord your own; have you made your act of faith? You see, your faith in the Lord must be your personal decision. Each day you meet many challenges. Challenges are often acts of faith. May you live them well!

Your faith will give you confidence and trust. Your faith will guide you to live well as a disciple of Jesus. When your faith is alive and strong, you will find guidance from the Lord. You will

find the happiness and love Jesus puts into our lives. Faith means a strong commitment to the Lord.

I believe that you will all find that faith when you allow Jesus to be present to you in all things. You and I have known the presence of the Lord all our lives. Each time we celebrate Mass the Lord becomes present to us. We never leave Mass the same person who entered. The Eucharistic Lord leaves with us. He is one with us; his presence is real to us. I know I have found wisdom and confidence from the Lord as a priest each time I celebrate Mass. Jesus makes it very clear that he wants to be part of my life. I am different person – a true disciple of the Lord – with Jesus as part of my life.

We make our Christian community strong when we boldly make our own personal decision in the presence of our Lord, Jesus. This is our commitment to the Lord. Why would we even want to leave Jesus who constantly enriches our lives with peace and love and confidence to meet the challenges that life brings. Jesus will be with us to strengthen us.

A different kind of deacon

Deacon Brian Dwyer resides in rectory with his family; ministers full-time

Darcy Fargo
Editor

CHATEAUGAY –

After years of housing the pastors who served St. Patrick's Church, the rectory in Chateaugay now houses bicycles, basketball games, laughter and service. The rectory now serves as the residence of Deacon Brian T. Dwyer, pastoral associate for four parishes and six worship sites, as well as his wife and five kids.

"We have a pretty unique situation," said Father Thomas E. Kornmeyer, pastor of St. Patrick's in Chateaugay, St. George's in Burke, St. Mary's of the Fort in Fort Covington, St. Joseph's in Bombay, St. Francis in Constable and Our Lady of Fatima in Westville. "With the number of worship sites and the size of the area we cover, I definitely couldn't do it alone. We changed the deacon's job description from including just two of the churches to include all six, and we allowed (Deacon Dwyer) and his family to move into the rectory."

Ordained as a permanent deacon in 2009, Deacon Dwyer worked for over six years as Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry before moving into his current assignment.

"Around spring of 2015, I went to Bishop (Terry R.) LaValley and had a one-on-one conversation with him," Deacon Dwyer said. "I indicated I was open to whatever he and the church needs. Shortly after that, I got a call asking me if I'd be interested in the arrangement I'm in now. I felt the movement of the Holy Spirit. It was the right time. My kids are



Deacon Brian T. Dwyer prepares to baptize an infant. Deacon Dwyer, his wife and five children reside in the rectory at St. Patrick's in Chateaugay, and Deacon Dwyer serves as a full-time pastoral associate for the four parishes and six worship sites assigned to him.

getting older, and while I absolutely loved my job with the diocese, it had me on the road and away from my family a lot. I'm still on the road a lot, but I'm always close to home. I can schedule most things around my family's needs. My number one vocation is being a dad and husband. This position allows me to honor that in a much better way."

Living in Chateaugay, Deacon Dwyer said his assignment includes administrative duties for St. Patrick's and St. George's, as well as ministerial duties in all six churches, which span over three school districts and touch three counties.

"Because my day begins and ends here, I work regularly with the parish secretary and bookkeeper," he said. "Obviously, if there's something big

going on, I involve Father Tom, but I handle a lot of the smaller, day-to-day business here."

In terms of ministerial duties, Deacon Dwyer fills a variety of needs.

"He does basically everything I do except things that require priestly ordination," Father Kornmeyer said. "He does funerals at funeral parlors, preaches, performs most of weddings and baptisms, works with families for funeral preparations, and performs graveside services. He also meets with people to discuss spiritual matters, runs the confirmation prep classes in Chateaugay and Burke, and he's on diocesan vocation committee, along with wife, Monique. I'm sure there's more I'm not thinking of. He's really a valuable part of our team and he's done

a superb job."

While he grew up on a farm in Chateaugay and was well-known in that community, Deacon Dwyer has had to work to establish relationships in Westville, Constable, Bombay and Fort Covington.

"I love North Country people," he said. "I remember my first weekend giving a homily in Fort Covington. It was sort of an introduction. I introduced myself as a 'Bulldog from Chateaugay.' That got a few groans. But I think people identify with my farming background. Beyond that, I just love the energy of the faithful. Don't get me wrong, I need solitude when I can get it, but I love being around people. I love seeing the hard work they do and the faith they exemplify, both in big and small things."

And it's those small things that Deacon Dwyer sees as most integral to his ministry.

"I'm a farm boy from Chateaugay," he said. "I'm simple and hard-working. Growing up on the farm with my parents and their guidance and faith was critical. I've milked cows, thrown hay and shoveled poop. Pope Francis said 'Get out there and make a mess.' I've done that in farming career and I've done that in ministry. Ministry isn't always neat, and it isn't perfect. It's messy. People just want you to be a part of their lives. To me, the main thing is how God works in the moments most people don't see. It's working with widows, widowers, the dying and the sick. It's the things you don't get noticed for that mean the most. It seems to me that we're always

looking for the big in today's society. The simple is my big. It's where God makes the most difference."

While he noted the live-in model may not be ideal for everyone, Deacon Dwyer says his current assignment has been a blessing for him and his family.

"Three of my five kids are altar servers," he said. "My wife is a cantor. Having them assist at Mass with me is just awesome. It's a family ministry, since we're all living in the house right next to the church."

Both Deacon Dwyer and Father Kornmeyer said the arrangement has been well received by the parish community.

"It's been a long time since this house didn't have a resident pastor," Deacon Dwyer said. "It's been a big transition. The parishioners have been very supportive. When they come to Mass, they may see bikes in front lawn, basketball hoops, and balls and water guns in the yard. People love to see the life and vitality in the house. And I get to start and end each day connected to this parish that has meant so much to me in my life; the parish where I received all my sacraments except ordination."

"I've heard only positive comments," added Father Kornmeyer. "People are glad to see life in the rectory. And Deacon Dwyer has done a great job. He's really good with people, he's solid in his theology and he has a good perspective."

"Putting this team together was all through God's grace."

Servants of Mary celebrate 125 years in U.S.

Charlene Dumas

For the North Country Catholic

MASSENA – The year 2018 is particularly notable to the Servants of Mary, a religious community of vowed religious woman and lay associates, in that it marks 125 years of their compassionate presence and ministry in the United States. The Servites' mission is to "follow the example of Jesus, under the guidance of Mary."

The Order of the Servants of Mary was founded in the early 13th century by a group of seven wealthy businessmen in Italy.

They left their homes and moved to Mount Senario, near Florence, to live their lives in prayerful community and service dedicated to Mary, Mother of Sorrows. The order is now worldwide and includes a variety of autonomous congregations of priests, brothers, third order members and lay associates.

The U.S. congregation of the Servants of Mary is linked to Marie Guyot, a young French girl who led a group of teachers in establishing a school for girls in Cuves, France in 1842. These teachers formed a small religious community that moved to England a few years after Marie's death in 1849. The group, then known as the Sisters of Compassion, worked with the poor and served as missionaries and teachers. They joined the Servite Order in 1864 and took their present name, the Servants of Mary of London/Cuves, at that time.

In 1893, the first permanent foundation of the Servants of Mary in the United States was founded in Mount Vernon, Indiana. Servite Sisters began



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Celebrating the Order of the Servants of Mary's 125 anniversary were (front row, from left) Charlene Dumas, associate; Elsie Scruggs, associate; Patti Smith, associate; Sister Roselma Legault; Patricia Badlam, associate; Elli Weinrich, associate; Sister Rita Mary Morrisette, Sister Lucille Beaulieu, (second row) Nancy Brothers, associate; Michelle Chartrand, associate; Shirley Grow, associate; Sister Mary Chamberlain; Sister Mary Gehringer; Sister Margaret Buchta; Father Michael J. Jablonski; Father Mark R. Reilly, (third row) Sister Lisa Sheridan; Lola Norton, associate; Sister Doris Durant; Carol Spanburgh, associate; Father Tojo Chacko; and Maryann Wells, associate. Missing from the photo are Gloria Horan, associate; Rita Treers, associate; and Dawn McDonagh, associate.

teaching in Nebraska, the home of their current Motherhouse, in 1918 and became established in other parts of the United States throughout the 20th century.

In the mid 1920s, Father Timothy Holland, pastor of the recently built Sacred Heart Church in Massena, approached the Servants of Mary in Omaha and requested that they consider staffing a soon-to-be-built Catholic School. The Servites agreed, and a convent was also designed and built to house the sisters. The Sisters of the Order of the Servants of Mary have served in Massena in various ministries since 1929. They taught at St. Mary's School from 1929 to 1952, Sacred Heart Elementary/Junior High School from 1931 to 1993, Holy Family High School from 1961 to 1975 and at

Trinity Catholic School from 1993 to the present.

Sisters belonging to the Order of the Servants of Mary who were/are from Massena include Mary Alice Haley, Imelda Kirkey, Lucille Beaulieu, Rita Mary Morrisette, Rose Richey, Roselma Legault, Julia Staie, Lucy Bottosto, Mary Prairie, Virginia Holland, Mary Alice Murphy, Doris Durant, Mary Stephen Durant, Louise Genest, Veronica Marie Balazs and Juliana Fitzpatrick.

In the latter part of the 20th Century, the Servants of Mary established a lay program known as the Servants of Mary Associates. Associates may be men or women, married or single, young or old. They share the mission of the Servites and work together with the Sisters in their various ministries.

Currently, there are 12 Associates in Massena

regularly with Sister Doris to pray and share their faith.

On June 18, the local Servite Sisters and Associates gathered at the noon Mass at Sacred Heart Church to celebrate the 125th anniversary of their Order's establishment in the United States.

Father Mark R. Reilly celebrated the Mass with concelebrants Father Tojo Chacko and Father Michael J. Jablonski.

A luncheon followed.

They were joined by several Sisters from the Motherhouse in Omaha, Nebraska including Sister Mary Gehringer, US Community Prioress who also spoke at the Mass, Sister Lisa Sheridan, Associate Membership Director, Sister Lucille Beaulieu, Sister Margaret Buchta, Sister Mary Chamberlain, Sister Roselma Legault, and Sister Rita Mary Morrisette.

The Order of the Servants of Mary Sisters and Associates are grateful to the Sisters who served in Massena and provided a beautiful example of compassionate presence as modeled by the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of our Lord Jesus.

who work with Servite Sister Doris Durant. The local Servites volunteer at local health clinics and nursing homes, visit hospital patients and the homebound, serve as lecturers, musicians, and extraordinary ministers, perform various parish duties, and work in bereavement ministry. The associates meet

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Joyce Giroux named principal at Trinity

MASSENA – Trinity Catholic School recently welcomed and hired Joyce Giroux as the school's new principal.

Mrs. Giroux is not new to Trinity, having worked as the school's music teacher for 24 years, teaching general music, band, instrumental lessons and chorus, as well as directing 24 mini-musicals throughout her tenure.

Giroux received her Bachelor of Music and Master of Music Education from the highly selective Manhattan School of Music, as well as an Educational Administration Certification from the University of Montana. She taught grades Kindergarten through 12 at schools in Brooklyn, New Jersey and Montana, before settling in Massena in 1994.

Giroux would look forward to the opportunity to

serve and give back to the Trinity Community that welcomed her with open arms 24 years ago. "I have overcome some tragedies in my life that have given me the ability to help people see through the difficult times and treat them with empathy and compassion. I accept the challenge of continuing the legacy that has been established through the years and ask for prayers and support as I work hard to offer a well-rounded Christian education to our students," she said.

NEW TEACHERS

In addition, Trinity Catholic welcomed and hired three new teachers.

Alanna Tyo will be working in Kindergarten. Ms. Tyo holds a Bachelor's degree in French as a Second Language from the University of Ottawa and will finish

her Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education and Special Education in December 2018. Tyo comes to TCS with 8 years of teaching experience. Tyo aims to "bring joy to the classroom while allowing students the chance to become creative, critical thinkers."

Christine Millhausen will be working in third grade. Mrs. Millhausen received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology as well as her Master's Degree with a Concentration in Reading, from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut. Millhausen comes to TCS with 11 years of experience in Special Education, and as a classroom teacher in public and private schools in Kindergarten and grades 3-6 in schools in Texas, the Bronx, and the North Country. Millhausen says,

"It's very important for me to motivate my students to not only succeed academically but to also give them the skills to achieve in all aspects of life. I feel an essential part of teaching is to show children how to properly respect/treat others and themselves."

Mrs. Jamie Barnum will take Mrs. Giroux's position as the school's new music teacher. Barnum has owned and operated a private piano studio for many years in Massena as well in Canada. She has been involved in accompanying in the community as well as serving at Sacred Heart for Saturday mass. Along with her degree

from the Royal Conservatory of Music, University of Toronto and two years at a Theological College, Barnum is presently studying for her MTNA (Music Teachers National Association) certificate. Barnum's experience has allowed her to teach in many settings over the years and she is excited to share once again in a private school system. Music education has been a source of great joy and fulfillment in her life and she is thrilled to pass on this passion to her new students at Trinity.

More information can be found on the school's website at www.trinity-catholicschool.net.

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Jesus calls us to, "Love one another as I have loved you" John 13:34

We are presented with opportunities to "love one another" all the time, yet it can be difficult to recognize these moments through all the noise and interference that exist in today's world. Even when we recognize the moments to "love one another," to become "Disciple Leaders," we may not know how or why we should do so.

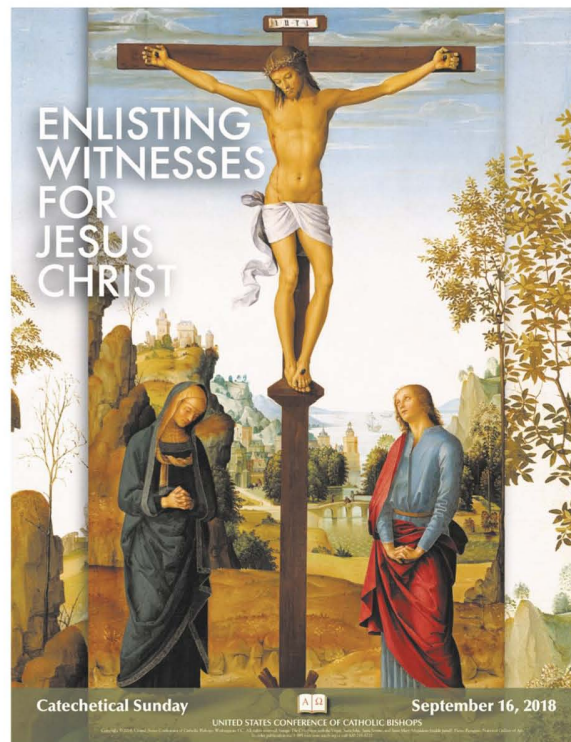
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Catechetical Sunday



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Sept. 7 – Rev. Manuel Belleville,
1964

Sept. 8 – Rev. William H. Coffey,
2000

Sept. 9 – Rev. Michael Olivetti,
1863; Rev. Thomas P. Fitzgerald,
1914; Rev. Antonio Audet, 1957

Sept. 11 – Rev. J. A. Langlois, 1872;
Rev. Hyacinth Rueberg, 1913

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Sept. 8 - 10 a.m., Seton Catholic,
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Sept. 12 - 10 a.m., St. Joseph's
Church, Dannemora

Sept. 12 - Seton Catholic, Platts-
burgh

Sept. 18 - 3 p.m., St. Agnes School,
Lake Placid

Sept. 18 - 4 p.m., Immaculate Heart
Central High School, Watertown

Sept. 19 - St. Mary's School, Ticon-
deroga

Sept. 25 - 5:30 p.m., St. James
School, Gouverneur

Sept. 25 - 5:30 p.m., Holy Family
School, Malone

Bishop's Public Schedule

Sept. 5 – 9:30 a.m. – Diocesan De-
partment Head Meeting at Wad-
hams Hall

Sept. 6 – 11 a.m. – Audit Work-
group Video Conference

Sept. 7 – 11 a.m. – Roman Catholic
Center Board Meeting at Kateri Hall
in Hogansburg

Sept. 8 – 4 p.m. – Mass at St.
Mary's Cathedral

Sept. 10 – 1 p.m. – Committee on
the Protection of Children and
Young People Video Meeting

7:15 p.m. – Novena and

Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Sept. 11 – 10 a.m. – Investment
Advisory Committee Meeting at
Bishop's Residence

Sept. 12 – 12 p.m. – Mass and
50th Anniversary Celebration of the
Sisters of Mercy at the Uihlein Nurs-
ing Home in Lake Placid

Sept. 13 – 12 p.m. – Bishop's Her-
itage Circle Mass at St. Peter's
Church in Plattsburgh followed by a
Luncheon

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Environmental Stewardship

All parts of God's creation

This week, you are invited to con-
sider that God is the creator of our
entire universe and all forms of life
within it.

For this reason, as stewards of
God' creation, we embrace every
component of our natural world, re-
gardless of its size, shape, structure,
color or how it functions in the envi-
ronment, just as St. Francis of Assisi
did some 800 years ago.

It is not for us to try and judge
the relative worth of one living en-
tity over another, as we realize that
all things have their own special
place in the complex web of life and
possess an intrinsic beauty because
they were created by God.

While some creatures seem to
have an innate magnificence, or
stately air, like the moose, bald eagle
or wolf, others are viewed as being
less than attractive, such as a mouse,
earthworm or squirrel.

And there are still others that are
considered downright objection-
able, like a snake, mosquito or hor-
net.

We must remember that without
any one of these types of organisms,
there develops a hole in the web of
life, and the natural world becomes
distorted to some degree.

God breathes life into every living
entity for a reason, and it is not up
to us to decide how nature should
operate, especially if our impact is
intended to promote our personal
pleasure and profit.

We also recognize that humans
are a part of our world and have a
unique place on our planet.

Just as it is essential not to look
more favorably at one form of life
over another, it is also necessary to
treat all people the same and see in
them the inner beauty and the in-
herent value given to them by God.

Let us pray and act for the health
and well-being of our environment,
it is understood that if one person is
sick, injured or suffering, then the
whole natural world, to some de-
gree, is likewise sick, injured or suf-
fering.

*Submitted by Tom Kalinowski,
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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Religious freedom report cites 28 nations falling short

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. International Commission on Religious Freedom singled out 28 countries for their repression of religious liberty in its annual report, issued Aug. 29. Sixteen countries were designated in the 228-page report as Tier 1 — the harshest level of repression: Myanmar, Central African Republic, China, Eritrea, Iran, Nigeria, North Korea, Pakistan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Vietnam. A Tier 1 country, the report said, is "any country whose government engages in or tolerates particularly severe religious freedom violations, meaning those that are systematic, ongoing, and egregious. The State Dept. most recently made CPC (country of particular concern) designations in December 2017." Another 12 were listed as Tier 2 countries: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Cuba, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Laos, Malaysia and Turkey. Tier 2 is defined by USCIRF as "nations in which the violations engaged in or tolerated by the government during 2017 are serious and characterized by at least one of the elements of the 'systematic, ongoing and egregious' CPC standard."

Australian bishops, religious say seal of confession is sacred

SYDNEY (CNS) — Australia's Catholic bishops and religious orders, responding to recommendations from the Royal Commission Into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, accepted 98 percent of its suggestions, but said they could not accept recommendations that would violate the seal of confession. "We are committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable people while maintaining the seal. We do not see safeguarding and the seal as mutually exclusive," said the preamble to a 57-response to dozens of recommendations concerning child safety, formation of priest and religious workers, ongoing training in child safety and even out-of-home care service providers. The response, published Aug. 31, came eight-and-a-half months after the Royal Commission released its 17-volume report on child sexual abuse. The report was based on five years of hearings, nearly 26,000 emails, and more than 42,000 phone calls from concerned Australians. In February 2017, Australian church leaders spent three weeks testifying before the commission.

Bishops from Argentina join Spain and Peru in voicing support for pope

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Bishops from three countries issued letters supporting Pope Francis in late August following fallout from allegations made by a former apostolic nuncio to the U.S., claiming that the pope and others knew about abuse allegations involving Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick. In an introduction to the letter posted Aug. 30 on the Argentine bishops' news site, AICA, the episcopal conference said it was a response to "ruthless" attacks against the pontiff. "We share your pains and hopes," the body of the letter said, explaining that it was written to express "fraternal and filial" closeness to the pope. Spain's episcopal conference issued a statement of its own Aug. 23 and posted on its website part of a letter it said was sent to the pope, saying "Holy Father, you are not alone. We ask the Lord to continue supporting you in the daily struggles," said the letter sent by Cardinal Ricardo Blazquez of Valladolid, president of the Spanish Episcopal Conference on behalf of the country's bishops

Archbishop asks pope to cancel youth synod; focus on life of bishops

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — Philadelphia Archbishop Charles J. Chaput is asking Pope Francis to call off the Synod of Bishops on young people this October to focus instead on the life of the bishops.

"I have written the Holy Father and called on him to cancel the upcoming synod on young people. Right now, the bishops would have absolutely no credibility in addressing this topic," the archbishop said at an Aug. 30 conference at Philadelphia's St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, according to a report by the website LifeSiteNews.

In its place, the archbishop suggested that the pope "begin making plans for a synod on the life of bishops," the archbishop said.

Ken Gavin, spokesman for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, confirmed the archbishop sent the letter to the pope, but he offered no additional comments.

The archbishop gave his comments about canceling the synod during a panel discussion called the "Cardinals' Forum," sponsored by the Cardinal John Foley Chair of Social Communications and Homiletics and the Cardinal John Krol Chair of Moral Theology, both at the seminary.

The archbishop, who is set to participate in the synod on youth, was one of three panelists speaking on the topic "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment," the theme of the Oct. 3-28 synod in Rome.

Hundreds of bishops and young people representing youth from across the globe will engage in discussions at that meeting and typically, the pope attends some synod conferences.

After the gathering's conclusion, the bishops make recommendations to advise the pope as he formulates pastoral policy to address the specific issues discussed.

Pope Francis had previously confirmed Archbishop Chaput, chairman of the Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, as one of only five American bishops to attend the synod, all of whom were elected by their peers in the USCCB.

The other church leaders planning to attend are: Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, USCCB president; Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, USCCB vice president; Bishop Frank J. Caggiano of Bridgeport, Connecticut, a member of the USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth; and Los Angeles Auxiliary Bishop Robert E. Barron, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis.

Calls for reform in the Catholic hierarchy have risen throughout the summer as the clergy sexual abuse scandal has intensified, with bishops across the globe coming under scrutiny for their potential role in covering up cases of abuse of children and young adults.

And confidence in the credibility of Catholic bishops has been eroding in the wake of allegations against the former Washington Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick, the Pennsylvania grand jury report on 70 years of clergy child sexual abuse in the state and the explosive letter of Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, the former U.S. papal nuncio, alleging the cover-up of Archbishop McCarrick's abuse by bishops in the United States and in the Vatican.

In an Aug. 30 letter to the pope, Dallas Bishop Edward J. Burns asked for an extraordinary synod to address issues in the latest Catholic clergy sex abuse crisis.

"The current crisis of sexual abuse by clergy, the cover-up by leaders in the church and the lack of fidelity of some have caused great harm," the letter said. It suggests that this synod should include topics such as "the care and the safeguard of children and the vulnerable, outreach to victims, the identity and lifestyle of the clergy, the importance of healthy human formation within the presbyterate/religious community, etc."

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Be brave, courageous; rebuild ground zeros

This coming Tuesday marks the seventh anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on Americans. The fear and insecurity that was created that day has left our minds and hearts scarred and vulnerable. Thank God that this Sunday's readings are filled with assurances that, once again, our land and our people will prosper and rejoice at the many blessings that God continues to bestow on us.

Now, our Church is faced with a serious crisis



**Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore**

that has caused anger and shame both inside and outside the Body of Christ. While the damage to victims of sexual abuse by priests is horrible and disgusting, there has been terrible damage to the trust in the authority of the Church itself. How can this have been hidden from public view by the bishops? What can be done to repair the damage? What can be done to prevent this from ever happening again?

We must not give in to

September 2

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS

Isaiah 35:4-7a

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

hopelessness and fear. Fear can paralyze, causing our hearts to wither. Rather, we must turn to God's wisdom in reforming our structures and behaviors. In Isaiah and in James, we are warned of God's punishment on narrow and indifferent behavior. We must seek God's mercy and direction for carrying out the

necessary work of the Church. It is still God's vehicle for the salvation of all nations.

In the first reading, Isaiah tells us that life will spring forth from the desert. It will bloom with fresh beauty, and the pools and springs will again overflow with refreshing water. What do we need to do? God tells us to "strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees."

Good advice! Furthermore, we are to encourage one another with words like "Be brave! Fear not!"

In other words, we are to rebuild the "ground

zeros" in our lives left barren of hope and courage.

In the Gospel, Jesus shows us the way to openness in sharing. Travelling into non-Jewish territory and, much to the astonishment of his disciples, he heals some gentiles.

These, in turn, exclaim in wonder, "He does all things well; he even makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak!"

This weekend, we beg Christ to open our eyes and ears to His message: "Be brave. Be courageous, be impartial in sharing your possessions, especially the Good News"

Can we ethically pay others to donate organs?

Often we envision donating our organs after we are dead, but we can also choose to become an organ donor while we are alive if we share part of our liver or donate one of our kidneys. The proposal to give one of our two kidneys away, though, does raise some ethical and safety concerns. There can be long-term risks for the donor. Donating a kidney, moreover, would not be therapeutic for us – only for someone else – and in fact might slightly increase our own risk for experiencing renal failure in the future.

Clearly we have a general duty to respect the integrity of our body. This means we shouldn't cause injury to it, or damage it, for example, through surgeries or treatments that are not necessary to preserve our health or save our life. In light of these considerations, donating one of our kidneys would

seem to run counter to our responsibility to maintain bodily integrity.

Yet the notion of integrity can also be understood in a broader sense, namely, as functional integrity, so that if one of our kidneys were removed without imposing undue risk, and without a significant loss of blood filtering function, then we could say that the functional integrity of our renal system was preserved. In that case, the removal of one of our kidneys, as a sacrificial act and for a proportionate reason, such as saving or improving another person's life, could be justified. This is what the Church affirms.

A further ethical concern, however, centers on the fact that the decision to donate must be made freely by the donor, and consent should be given without any undue pressure. This means that offering payments for

organs is fundamentally coercive and unethical.

We face a serious shortage of available kidneys for transplant in the U.S. Average wait times for a kidney are approaching five years, and about 15-20 people die each day while waiting for an organ – the majority for a kidney. In August of 2018, I participated in a conversation with some of the health policy team at the White House as they considered possible strategies for increasing the supply of live donor kidneys. We discussed the ethical, legal, economic and health implications of some proposed solutions, including the proposal to reward organ donation by providing various non-cash benefits.

During the White House meeting, some parties to

the discussion offered recommendations that the government provide lifetime guaranteed coverage of all future medical expenses, or lifetime health insurance, to every person who becomes a living kidney donor. I emphasized that we should not be "encouraging" donation by offering "incentives" to donors as a direct benefit at all. Offering lifetime health insurance or similar proposals

would, in my view, constitute a form of payment or "valuable consideration" offered to the donor, and would again raise the problem of improperly incentivizing the donation of organs, pressuring someone to consider donating as a way to secure lifetime health insurance coverage.

When Congress passed

the National Organ Transplant Act in 1984, this concern about incentivizing donations was directly addressed. This law prohibits the purchase of organs or any exchange of "valuable consideration." This same law, however, clearly permits reimbursement of various expenses associated with the transplant, such as travel costs to get to the hospital in order to have the kidney removed, temporary housing at the time of surgery, lost wages incurred in connection with the donation of the organ, etc.

Providing reimbursement of expenses should not be viewed as encouraging or incentivizing the donation itself, but rather as "eliminating disincentives," or "removing hindrances or roadblocks." An organ donor should not have to assume extra personal expense or take on other heavy burdens to



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AT THE MOVIES

KIN

NEW YORK (CNS) – As scripted by Daniel Casey and directed by brothers Jonathan and Josh Baker, "Kin" (Summit), a gritty but somewhat intriguing crime thriller with an overlay of science fiction, explores shades of right and wrong via a road trip through seamy swaths of Rust Belt and rural America. It's a thoughtful film but one that can only be endorsed for a minority of grown-ups.

In expanding their 2014 short "Bag Man" into their feature debut, the Bakers focus on adoptive siblings Jimmy (Jack Reynor) and Eli (Myles Truitt) Solinski. Sketchy but likable petty thief Jimmy arrives home from a stint in prison to find that Taylor Balik (James Franco), the half-crazed head of the gang that protected him in jail, wants to be paid the \$60,000 he's owed for that service immediately.

A violent confrontation with tragic consequences follows, after which Jimmy goes on the lam with 14-year-old African-American Eli in tow and a vengeful Taylor in hot pursuit.

Unbeknownst to Jimmy, however, Eli has accidentally acquired an alien firearm of tremendous destructive force, and the



CNS PHOTO/LIONSGATE

Dennis Quaid and Myles Truitt star in a scene from the movie "Kin." 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, PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

two are also being chased by a pair of extraterrestrials who want the weapon back.

Along the path of their journey from bleak Detroit to the promising shores of Lake Tahoe, Eli's fragile goodness is not only contrasted with but put to the test by the ethical ambiguities that keep getting Jimmy in trouble. Will Jimmy seduce Eli into a life of playing it fast and loose with the rules? Or will Eli's innocence have a

reforming effect on Jimmy?

Reinforcing Eli in his struggle and maternal instincts of Milly (Zoe Kravitz), a good-hearted stripper the fugitives meet up with in their travels, and the certainties previously laid down for him by the lads' strict working-class dad, Hal (Dennis Quaid).

Though circumstances keep him in the background of the narrative, Hal remains the movie's

unwavering moral compass. And, as glimpsed by the audience, a crucifix hanging on the dining room wall of the family home suggests that Hal takes his devotion to traditional mores from his (presumably Polish-American) Catholic heritage.

Besides ethical issues, the screenplay also deals subtly with racial themes, especially toward a wrap-up that sees Eli interacting both with the intergalactic travelers and the police.

There's a hint of Wakanda about the former, a touch of over-militarization among the latter, so that Eli's dignity is, by turns, affirmed and challenged.

Despite improbable plot developments here and there, "Kin" gets along on the appeal of the bonds binding both its upright and shady characters. But, as typified by a sequence during which Jimmy and Eli spend a long evening in Milly's workplace, this is by no means a slice-of-life for everyone -- even if the fundamental values underlying the proceedings are sound ones.

The film contains strong but bloodless violence, including gunplay and a beating, partial nudity in a strip club, frequent crude and occasional crass language and an obscene gesture. The Catholic News Service classification is L -- limited adult audience. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned.

Organ donation

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be able freely to help out another patient who would benefit from receiving his or her kidney.

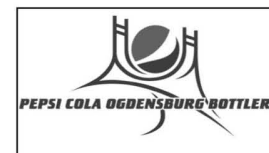
From the ethical point of view, our ultimate goal should be not so much to "incentivize donation," as to "support or encourage

personal generosity" on the part of those individuals who may desire to donate freely one of their kidneys.

The distinction is an important one. At the end of the day, we want people to become organ donors, not organ ven-

dors. Human organs and tissues, because of their close proximity and connection to our human identity, cannot be reduced to commodities to be acquired or sold on an open market. We must do what we can, legally and otherwise, to safe-

guard the generosity of the organ donor's freely chosen act and prevent others, especially the poor and disadvantaged, from being exploited because they need money, health care, or other "incentives."



ADIRONDACK

FALL RETREAT

Saranac Lake — Come away and rest awhile with the Lord amid the beauties of Fall in the Adirondack Mountains.

Date: Sept. 14-16

Place: Guggenheim Lodge
Cost: \$145, Tenting or Commuter Option, \$75

Theme: Living the 'Bookend Beatitudes': an invitation to discover ways to put the First and Eighth Beatitude into practice through prayer, sharing and other spiritual practices.

Features: Sister Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ, Faith Formation Educator, Paul Hetzler, Cornell University Cooperative Extension, Horticulture and Natural Resource Educator and Fr. Paul Kelly will celebrant for Mass on Saturday afternoon.

Contact: To register, call: 315-212-6592 or email: srbethssj@gmail.com

CLINTON

HEALING MASS

Morrisonville — A Healing Mass to be held.

Date: Sept. 6

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: St. Alexander's Church

Features: The evening includes Anointing of the Sick, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacrament of Reconciliation and opportunity for individual prayer with members of Living Waters Healing Ministry.

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN

Plattsburgh — National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children to be held.

Date: Sept. 8

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: Our Lady of Victory Church, Please gather at the memorial headstone by main entrance to church.

Contact: Deacon Jack Lukasiewicz at 518-562-1175 or visit Champlainvalleyrighttolife.org to view calendar of events.

TURKEY DINNER

Lyon Mountain — St. Bernard's Church to have its annual Turkey Dinner.

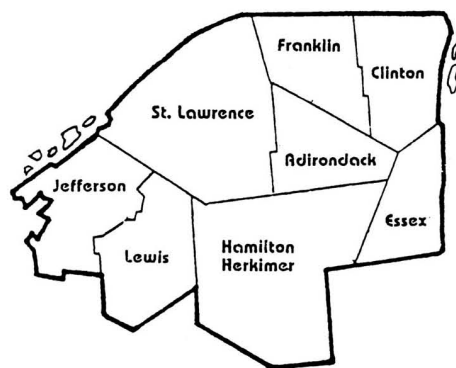
Date: Sept. 9

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: Lyon Mountain Legion Post #1623

Cost: Adults, \$12; Seniors 62 & over, \$10; Children 6-12, \$7; 5 and under, Free

Features: Food, cash and craft raffles. Contact: Take-outs available by calling 518-735-4372; For More Information call



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 Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 1-866-314-7296;
 e-mail news@northcountycatholic.org.

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

(518) 593-2052 or (518) 594-3907

TENT SALE

Peru — St. Vincents will have its Annual Fall Tent Sale.

Schedule: Sept. 10 — 13, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Sept. 13 6:30 p.m. to 8:30; Sept. 14 — 16, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Features: Purchase gently used fall/winter clothing and footwear.

FISHERS CLUB

Plattsburgh — The Lakesiders Fishers Club to have their fall discernment meeting.

Dates: Sept. 9 & 23; Oct. 7 & 21; Nov. 4 & 18; Dec. 2

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Peter's Upper Room

Features: Discernment, Evening Prayer and dinner for high school juniors and older.

Contact: Father Venette (hvenette@gmail.com) or Father Lucia (dlucia@rcdony.org)

APPLEFEST

Peru — The 41st annual St. Augustine's Applefest will be held.

Date: Sept. 15-16.

Place: 3030 Main Street

Features: Saturday's giant parade begins at 11 a.m. at the Peru Elementary School and ends at the Applefest grounds. Two days of live music, a giant craft fair, a variety of foods, games and several new rides. Sunday afternoon there will be a chicken BBQ. Saturday's music features singer Mitch Willette followed by the Bootleg Band. On Sunday Taylor LaValley and the Intangibles will

perform.

Contact: 518-643-2435, ext. 0

FEAST OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Keeseville — Immaculate Conception Church to honor our Queen of the Rosary.

Date: Oct. 7

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Features: Bishop LaValley will celebrate Mass and the Most Holy Rosary with blessing of candles during Mass. Immediately following Mass, we will pray the living Rosary. After the Rosary, everyone is invited to join us for a free luncheon at the Elk's Club.

WELCOME TO THE FEAST

Plattsburgh — Six week Continuing Formation event to be held for All Commissioned Lay Ministers.

Date: Oct. 4 — Nov. 15

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Place: St. Peter's Church

Cost: Dinner only, \$10; Scripture only, \$17; Both Dinner event and Scripture Study, \$27

Features: This is opportunity to deepen our understanding and learn how to lead a scripture study. Bishop LaValley will be the guest speaker.

ESSEX

HARVEST DINNER

Elizabethtown — St. Elizabeth's Church to have a Harvest Dinner.

Date: Sept. 30

Time: 2 p.m. to 6

Place: St. Elizabeth Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$9; Children 5-12, \$5; under 5, Free

Features: Roast Beef with all the trim-

mings. Take-outs available at 1:30 p.m.

FRANKLIN

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Malone — St. Andre Bessette Parish to have their 10th Annual Holy Harvest Festival.

Date: Sept. 16

Time: 12 p.m. to 3

Place: Notre Dame Church

Features: Dinner featuring pulled port (Adults, \$10; Seniors, \$8; Children 6-12, \$6; under 5, Free) Music, Children's Games and activities, raffle with a \$1,000 First Place Prize.

HARVEST DINNER

Chateaugay — CC of Burke and Chateaugay to have a Yankee Pot Roast Dinner.

Date: Sept. 23

Time: 12 p.m. to 5

Place: St. Patrick's Church

Cost: Adults, \$12, Children 5-11, \$5; under 5, Free

JEFFERSON

LIFERIGHT MEETING

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

Time: 1 p.m.

Place: 870 Arsenal Street.

Features: Liferight is incorporated as a pro-life educational organization. The office has a wide variety of videos, books and educational materials which may be borrowed. Topics include infanticide, assisted suicide, euthanasia and chastity.

Contact: Phone 315-788-8480

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Evans Mills — The Indian River Knights of Columbus to have a Spaghetti and meatball dinner.

Date: Sept. 8

Time: 4 p.m. to 7

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$7; Senior Citizens, \$6; Children under 12, \$5; Children under 5, Free

Contact: 315-629-4678

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

Date: Sept. 20

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

Place: Msgr. Sechi Hall

Cost: Adults, \$8, Children, \$4.50; Children under 3, Free; Sauce, \$5 per quart; Meatballs, \$.75 each

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

IHC FALL FESTIVAL AND 5K

Watertown — IHC to have Fall Festival.

Date: Sept. 21 — 23

Place: Immaculate Heart Central High School

Features: Fun for the whole weekend. Family Fun Day (Free) Chicken BBQ/Pig Roast, Varsity Soccer Game. 5k AND Fun Run starts at 9 a.m. on Sept. 22. Pre-Register before Sept. 10. Cost is \$20 per runner. 1.5 MI/Run: 6 & under, Free; Students, \$8, Family, \$18. Includes T-Shirt for pre-registration only.

Contact: Lance Bombard at 315-778-7165 or lancelombard@gmail.com. For Complete Schedule of Events: <https://www.ihcschool.org/about-ihc/social-events>

ST. LAWRENCE

CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE

Gouverneur — St. James School will hold its annual Chicken Bar-B-Que.

Date: Sept. 9

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

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

CABBAGE ROLL SALE

Norwood — The Norwood Knights of Columbus council 2309 will have their 23rd annual Cabbage Roll Sale.

Date: Sept. 15

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or until all are sold

Place: St. Andrew's Church basement

Contact: Mark Tebo 353-8821, Phil Regan 353-9917, John Murray 353-2334, Jim Murray 261-9975

CRAFT/ARTISAN SHOW

Brasher Falls - The Altar Rosary Society of St. Patrick's will host an Annual Craft/Artisan Show.

Schedule: Nov. 10, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Nov. 11, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: Knights of Columbus Hall

Features: We are looking for vendors to display their work. If you wish to do this or know someone that does; please call Val Cline at 315-389-4182 for a registration packet. Tables are rented for \$18 each.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOCATIONS RETREAT

Saranac Lake — Middle School Vocations retreat to be held.

Date: Sept. 21

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

Place: Camp Guggenheim

Features: This retreat is geared toward

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A prayer for catechists

*Loving God, Creator of all things,
you call us to be in relationship
with you and others.*

*Thank you for calling me to be a catechist,
for the opportunity to share with others
what you have given to me.
May all those with whom I share
the gift of faith discover how
you are present in all things.*

*May they come to know you, the one true
God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.
May the grace of the Holy Spirit
guide my heart and lips, so that I may re-
main constant in loving and praising you.*

*May I be a witness to the Gospel and
a minister of your truth.
May all my words and actions
reflect your love.*

Amen.

The Mission Office would like to extend our heartfelt well wishes and gratitude to all the catechists, the people they serve and for the role they fulfill.

Your devotion to Christ and our youth in the community is so important and is so appreciated.

As these new beginnings are exciting for you, they are for the young people, too.

Let us pray that you are supported by the families you serve and that communication is the key to success.

God bless you all and have a safe, blessed and fun-filled year.

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OBITUARIES

Brushton – Alliene C. (McDonald) Reymore, 81; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 25, 2018 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Chaumont – Barbara R. Meyerdielers; Mass of Christian Burial Sept. 1 at All Saints Church.

Croghan – Ellen D. Wallace, 76; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 30, 2018 at St. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery.

Louisville – Kevin P. Tyo, 63; Memorial Mass Aug. 30, 2018 at St. Lawrence Church.

Lowville – Raymond F. Higby Sr., 71; Funeral Services Sept. 1, 2018 at Isenecker Funeral Home Inc.; burial in Beaches Bridge Cemetery.

Mooers Forks – Mary M. Bosley, 72; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 30, 2018 at St. Ann's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Mooers Forks – Kietha M. (Supernant) Brunell, 54; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 28, 2018 at St. Ann's Church.

Morrisonville – Raymond G. Turbide, 83; Mass of Christian Burial Sept. 1, 2018 at St. Alexander's Church.

Ogdensburg – Helen V. (Cardinal) Calton, 80; Funeral Services Aug. 30, 2018 at Frary Funeral Home; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Wilma E. (Chateau) Tebo, 83; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 30, 2018 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

Plattsburgh – Lt. Col. Theodore M. Graser, USAF Retired, 87; Mass of Christian Burial Sept. 1, 2018 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery.

Sackets Harbor – Rose M. (Caputo)



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Chiodi, 74; Mass of Christian Burial Sept. 1, 2018 at St. Andrew's Church; burial in Lakeside Cemetery.

Saranac Lake – Patricia A. (Pickett) Law, 74; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 29, 2018 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Saranac Lake – Edward B. Rabideau, 71; Funeral Services Aug. 31, 2018 at Fortune-Keough Funeral Home; burial in Mountain View Cemetery, Gabriels.

Waddington – John Frederic Jahne, 89; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 29, 2018 at

St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Watertown – Elizabeth J. (Loftis) Alden, 96; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 27, 2018 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – Shirley M. Davis-Majo, 64; Funeral Services Aug. 31, 2018 at the Reed & Benoit Funeral Home.

Watertown – Collin J. Hess, 23; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 31, 2018 at Holy Family Church; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

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ITINERARY

- ◆ Dec. 8 - Depart USA
- ◆ Dec. 9 - Mexico City
- ◆ Dec. 10 - Ocotlan, San Miguel
- ◆ Dec. 11 - Puebla
- ◆ Dec. 12 to 13 - Mexico City
- ◆ Dec. 14 - Depart for USA

This active program covers a good amount of ground each day. You need to be able to walk for 60 minutes straight and on uneven surfaces. Some stairs will be encountered.

Price above is guaranteed if deposit is made by Sept. 7.
You can still sign up after Sept. 7, however there may be a change in price.

For more information contact: Lisa Reed at 518-332-8414 lreed49269@gmail.com
Select International Tours: 800-842-4842 evelyn@select-intl.com
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realizing and understanding the path that God has set before you. This is a free event, open to all grades 6 to 8 and includes activities and lunch! Public school students who are members of a parish group are also welcome to attend this weekday event. Public schools do provide provisions in their attendance policies to take a day off for religious worship. Please ask your child's teacher or principal for release procedures.

Contact: Cathy Russell in Vocations (crussell@rcdony.org) - (315)393-2920 ext 1450 or Tom Semeraro in Youth (tsemmeraro@rcdony.org) - (315)393-2920 ext 1415

MARRIAGE AND CONSCRATED LIFE JUBILEE

Ogdensburg — The Marriage and Consecrated Life Jubilee to be combined this year.

Date: Sept. 23

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: The Mass is to honor the Religious Sisters for their decades of service to the Church and all married couples celebrating their anniversaries (from one year and up). Family and friends of the honorees are welcome to attend. Bishop LaValley will host a light reception im-

mediately following the Mass in the Brzana Hall at the Cathedral.

Contact: Married couples wishing to attend will receive a certificate from Bishop LaValley and have their names included in the program must register with their parish or register themselves at <https://www.rcdony.org/marriagejubilee> on or before Sept. 14

YOUTH LEAD

Saranac Lake — The 2018 youth leadership weekend to be held.

Date: Sept. 28-30

Cost: \$70, Workshops, meals, and accommodations, included

Features: Open to students in grades 9-12.

Contact: For schedule information see <https://www.rcdony.org/youth/leadership.htm> or contact Tom Semeraro, Director of Youth Ministry at: 315-393-2920 ext. 1415

JOURNEY WITH CHRIST

The Diocese of Ogdensburg Faith Formation Dept. to have leadership program.

Schedule: Western Region, Sept. 29 at the Lobster House in Norwood; Eastern Region, Oct. 13 at St. Alexander's Church

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cost: \$18

Theme: Heart of Leadership and Tools

that help you lead

Features: All ministries are welcome to attend.

Contact: Western Region: contact Shayne by Sept. 21 — phone: 315-782-3620 or slippincott@rcdony.org; Eastern Region: contact Andi by Oct. 5 — phone 518-310-3669 or apage@rcdony.org

BLUE MASS

Plattsburgh — Diocesan Blue Mass to be held.

Date: Sept. 30

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: St. Peter's Church

Features: The Blue Mass the Church's way to offer thanks to God for the dedication and sacrifices made by the women and men in Law Enforcement/Corrections and to pray for their safety, as well as for their families and communities. In addition to members and their families, community members and supporters are invited to attend.

Contact: to Father Christopher Carrara, Blue Mass Committee Chair at ccarrara@rcdony.org, or by phone at 315-605-1039

FAMILY GUGGENHEIM

Saranac Lake — It's time to register for Family Guggenheim.

Date: Session 3, Oct. 5 – 7

Features: Bring your family to the most meaningful weekend of the year!

Hike, swim, pray, play...be.

Contact: Visit

<https://www.rcdony.org/familylife/family-guggenheim.html> to register. Deacon Henry and Dayna Leader for information at 315-323-0827 or dleader@rcdony.org

LIFECHAIN

Stand up for life at this year's LIFECHAIN offered in 5 different locations across our diocese.

Schedule: Massena - Main Street at Route 37, 3 p.m. to 4 - Charles Shearer 315-769-0898; Plattsburgh - Smithfield Blvd at Route 3, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 - Jack Lukasiewicz 518-562-1175; Potsdam - Market Street at Main Street, 2 p.m. to 3 - Tyler Starkey 315-265-9680; Saranac Lake - Bandshell Park at River St., 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 - The Miners 518-524-0774; Schroon Lake - Route 9 and Main at Fairfield Ave., 2 p.m. to 3 - Dorothy Bean 518-834-7958

Features: A peaceful, prayerful, public, pro-life presence. Signs are provided. We stand for life rain or shine. Bring a friend!

For more info: www.lifechain.net

THE CATHOLIC FAMILY

Ogdensburg — Enjoy a one day family event for men, women & teens.

Date: Oct. 13

Place: St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: Our keynote speaker will be Johnette Benkovic Williams, who, to-

gether with Thomas Sullivan and Sue Brinkman will present us with strategies for living our faith out loud so that we may be beacons of hope in a noisy and confused world.

The day will include Morning Prayer, presentations, Mass with Bishop LaValley, special evening presentations for teens, and will conclude with a Healing Rosary service.

Contact: For more information: see www.rcdony.org/familyevent

DOVS PILGRIMAGE

D.O.V.S. (Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocation Society) is sponsoring a vocation pilgrimage to Western New York with Bishop LaValley.

Date: Oct. 16-18

Cost: \$350 if registered by Aug. 31; \$399 after Aug. 31

Features: Departing from various site in diocese. Price includes bus to all destinations; two nights stay at Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, NY; two breakfasts; one lunch; two dinners. The pilgrimage Will feature tour of Christ the King Seminary, Mass at the seminary, tour of Our Lady of Victory Basilica, Buffalo; Mass and Holy Hour for Vocations at the Basilica; free time at Niagara Falls.

Contact: Connie Randall at 315-265-2762 or Mary Enslow at 315-268-1016.

YOUTH BUSES FOR LIFE

High school pilgrimage to the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Date: Jan. 17 – 19, 2019

Cost: \$150 (includes transportation, hotel, meals and shirt).

Features: Pick up locations across the diocese.

Contact: Registrations open Oct. 1 at rcdony.org/prolife. For more info please contact the Respect Life Office 518-524-0774.

DOVS MEMBERS SOUGHT

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

The group is seeking new members. DOVS meets most months, plan events to thank priests and religious and annually take a pilgrimage.

Contact: Call Connie at 315-265-2762 or Cathy at the diocesan Vocations Office at 315-393-2920

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