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New school year, new beginning

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RITE OF ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY



At the annual diocesan Altar Server Picnic on Aug. 16, diocesan seminarians, Jude Nnadibuagha, left, and John K. Ojuok, publicly declared their intentions to pursue Holy Orders and became officially accepted by Bishop Terry R. LaValley as candidates for ordination in the Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders.

AT THE ALTAR SERVER PICNIC



Altar server Cassandra Neddo of Lowville traded her usual role to serve as a lector for the annual diocesan altar server picnic, held Aug. 16 at St. Mary's Cathedral. The event included a tour of the cathedral, Mass celebrated by Bishop Terry R. LaValley, lunch and a tour of bishop's residence.

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Pope: 'Spiritual tourism' destroys the church

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Christians who focus more on being superficially close to the church rather than care for their fellow brothers and sisters are like tourists who wander around aimlessly, Pope Francis said.

People “who are always passing by but never enter the church” in a fully communal way of sharing and caring engage in a sort of “spiritual tourism that makes them believe they are Christians but instead are only tourists of catacombs,” the pope said Aug. 21 during his weekly gen-

eral audience.

“A life based only on profiting and taking advantage of situations to the detriment of others inevitably causes inner death,” he said. “And how many people say they are close to the church, friends of priests and bishops yet only seek their own interests. These are the hypocrisies that destroy the church.”

During the audience, Clelia Manfellotti, a 10-year-old girl from Naples diagnosed with autism, walked up the steps to

where the pope was sitting.

The pope told his security detail to “let her be. God speaks” through children, prompting the crowd to erupt in applause. Pope Francis reflected on the young girl who is “a victim of an illness and doesn't know what she is doing.”

“I ask one thing, but everyone should respond in their heart: ‘Did I pray for her; looking at her, did I pray so that the Lord would heal her, would protect her? Did I pray for her parents and for family?’ When we see any person

suffering, we must always pray. This situation helps us to ask this question: ‘Did I pray for this person that I have seen, (this person) that is suffering?’” he asked.

In his catechesis, the pope continued his series of talks on the Acts of the Apostles, reflecting on the sharing of goods among the first Christian communities.

While sharing in prayer and the Eucharist united believers “in one heart and one soul,” the pope said that the sharing of goods

helped the early Christians to care for one another and “kept away the scourge of poverty.”

“In this way, ‘koinonia,’ or communion, becomes the new way of relating between the disciples of the Lord. The bond with Christ establishes a bond between brothers and sisters that also converges and is expressed in the communion of material goods. Being members of the Body of Christ makes believers responsible for one another,” the pope explained.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

'Father Ray's altar server army'

I refer to it as "Father Ray's altar server army."

It's not uncommon for our pastor, Father Raymond J. Moreau, to need to haul out extra chairs to accommodate all the young parishioners who show up to serve on the altar at my family's parish, St. Mary's in Brushton.

There's no set schedule for servers. Father Ray is willing to give whoever shows up a job to do.

What's fueling this desire to serve in the young people in our parish? While I can't say for sure, I have a theory:

First, our parish is blessed to have a number of young

families who encourage their children to see the importance of the Mass and service to the community and the Lord.

**Darcy L.
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Beyond that, I think the major factor is Father Ray.

Father Ray welcomes everyone. He chats with adults and children alike before and after Mass with enthusiasm and humor. Lots of kids get high fives, and he excitedly listens to their tales of family, sports and school.

Father Ray has no problem with crying babies, active toddlers or teenagers who may occasionally fool around with their siblings

during Mass. In fact, he thanks the families for being there.

And when a young boy or girl asks to join the ranks of the altar server army, he welcomes and encourages him or her. Instead of a formal training program, he pairs the newer servers with the more experienced servers for on-the-job training. There's no expectation of perfection. Father Ray accepts any mistakes or missed cues with joy and humor. And every new server gets an enthusiastic round of applause after their first Mass as a server.

I was blessed to attend the diocesan Altar Server Picnic this year both as a parent and as a reporter. I talked to servers from around the dio-

cese.

These are young people who say they feel more engaged at Mass while serving. They say they enjoy working for their priests, parishes and God. They enjoy having the best seat in the Lord's house.

I would love to see every parish have an altar server army, but since not every parish can have Father Ray, it's important that we – all of us – try to exhibit those same tendencies with our young people that encourage their service.

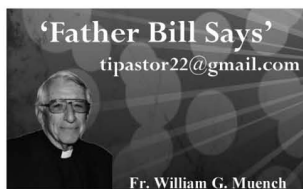
I pray we can all work to engage our youth, welcome them and love them, and, in turn, help them love the Lord and service to Him and His Church.

'A vocation demands hard work'

Last weekend, I went on a road trip. My nephew, Paul, and his wife, Susan, invited me to join them on a trip to New Hampshire to visit their daughter, my great niece, Anna. She is a musician and was performing as part of a summer theater. We attended two shows while there. I must add that Anna was great.

The trip was a lot of driving up and back. When not driving, I read. At present, I have been reading a recent book written by David Brooks, a columnist for the New York Times. This book is a series of essays on what he sees as the challenges and commitments that a person must face as they strive to make their lives something that really matters.

I found it interesting that among his commitments, he writes about vocation. He states that everyone should recognize that they are called – they have a vocation – called by who they are and how their life is being influ-

**Fr. William G. Muench**

enced by their abilities and gifts. In developing this section about vocation, he thinks there is an inner voice that leads and guides each of us to discover this call to a way of life. Everyone has a vocation.

As a person of faith, as a Catholic priest, when I speak of vocation I think of God. I believe that God reaches out in love, leading and guiding us, so we find our call, our vocation. This is not about a career. This is about a way of life – meeting the challenge to make this world a better place by the way we choose to live, possibly as a priest, as a religious sister, as a married person, as a single person. This is our vocation.

I liked many of Brooks'

ideas about vocation. While not specifically religious, they fit into my ideal of a vocation. Here is his definition: Vocation is about some activity or some injustice that calls a person to the deepest level of attraction, demanding an active response. For me, God is an important element in vocation, in all people's vocations. It may be young people considering a life decision, it may be anyone of us considering the challenge of one day's demands or commitment. This is a true vocation of every day of our lives.

Brooks speaks about the demand of a vocation to have a testing period. This is a time to determine if the costs and the sacrifices of a vocation outweighs the benefits, realizing that helping others, it would be unthinkable to turn away. I am borrowing from Brooks. A vocation demands hard work and sacrifice. To meet the commitment of a dedicated

life means being ready and willing to do the hard work.

David Brooks speaks of discovering a vocation is an "Annunciation Moment." Isn't that a great expression? Life is filled with many things that arouse our interest and challenge our spirits. What have you truly loved this far? What are you passionate about? What are you ready to give of yourself unselfishly to accomplish something important? Are you ready to make this a better world?

Our world is filled with beautiful things – moments to wonder. Sadly, sometimes we allow them to pass by without realizing their importance. We must be aware and have the courage to work hard. I believe that God constantly leads us, calls us, encourages us, shows us the way, but each of us must meet the challenge and do the work. If we are truly to find our vocation, our opportunity to be fully alive, we must dig the ditch.

FOLLOW ME

Legislation gives abuse victims new option

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

As you know, last year the Diocese of Ogdensburg conducted an Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP) that offered victims of child sex abuse, perpetrated by some clergy of our Diocese, pastoral assistance including counseling and financial compensation. Under this program, the claims made by thirty-eight individuals were settled (\$5.5 million) and our diocesan attorney settled fourteen additional claims (\$1.1 million).



Bishop Terry R. LaValley

Earlier this year, Governor Cuomo signed the Child Victims Act (CVA). New York State has given individuals a new option under the CVA: the right to sue for compensation. This legislation extended the statute of limitations on criminal cases involving certain sex offenses against children under the age of eighteen; extended the time within which civil actions based on such criminal conduct may be brought until the child is fifty years old; and opened a one-year window reviving civil actions for which the statute of limitations has already run. This "window" of legal opportunity began on August 14th and runs through August 13, 2020.

Since August 14, sixteen individuals have exercised this option and filed lawsuits against the Church here in the North Country. These lawsuits are claims of sexual abuse that occurred between 1959 and

1999. We were aware of seven of these claims inasmuch as we addressed them as part of the IRCP program. In one case, on August 15 the name of one of our priests was made public whose allegation was rigorously investigated by the Diocesan Lay Review Board at the time the allegation was received. The Board advised me that this was not a credible allegation. The retired priest remains in good standing in the Church. The lawsuit, based on that same claim, therefore, does not change his status.

The Diocese of Ogdensburg is not aware of any cleric in ministry in our diocese, active or retired, who has had credible allegations of abuse lodged against him. We have had Safe Environment Policies and a reporting structure in place for years and will continue to accept any reports of abuse through our Victims Assistant Coordinator or Vicar for Clergy. We remain extremely vigilant in providing safe environments for all who come to us. The protection of our children is of paramount importance. I invite you to review our Safe

Environment Program and reporting procedures at: www.rcdony.org/safeenv.html.

Since cases are now in the process of litigation, no comments can be offered about them. We

continue to pray for the healing of all victims of abuse wherever and whenever it occurred.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Terry R. LaValley

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley Bishop of Ogdensburg

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- 1980 - 1981 - Faculty member at Wadhams Hall Seminary
- 1981 - 1982 - Administration in Wadhams St. Charles
- 1982 - 1983 - Administration in Ogdensburg
- 1983 - 1984 - Pastoral Assistant at Ogdensburg Carmichael Facility
- 2002 - 2003 - Ministry in St. Martin in Port Leyden in Malheur, Ore.
- 2003 - Administration in Wadhams St. Charles
- 2003 - 2004 - Pastor in Wadhams, Malheur, in Port Leyden
- 2004 - 2005 - Pastor in Ogdensburg, Malheur, in Port Leyden
- 2005 - 2006 - Pastor in Ogdensburg, Malheur, in Port Leyden
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Thank You Father Rocker!

Beginning a new school year

Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, SSJ
Superintendent of Schools

Recently I attended the altar server gathering at our Cathedral. A number of times during the gathering the altar servers were reminded they are called to holiness and God has a plan for each of them. This led me to think about our diocesan priority to create a culture of vocations. The foundation for creating a culture of vocations is of course our baptism and the universal call to holiness that flows from it. Yes, all of us are called to holiness, to follow Jesus as faithful disciples who practice the great commandment of loving God and others.

What does holiness and living as faithful disciples of Jesus have to do with the beginning of the school year? The short answer is "everything." They have a whole lot to do with the purpose of Catholic schools.

Catholic schools offer quality academic programs, but quality academic programs are available in public schools as well. Catholic school programs address the whole person, but it is not unusual for public schools to address the components of the whole person, the most notable addition being their acknowledged commitment to character education and ethical behavior. Catholic schools are often close-knit "communities" where a safe, secure and orderly environment support student learning. Many of the public school districts in our area are relatively small and offer the same benefits. All of this prompts the question, what is the difference . . . the something more that students receive in a

Catholic school?

The something more is not a strong academic program, extracurricular opportunities, small classes, high test scores and graduation rates – as good as all these are – but a person. Catholic schools offer *something* unique to the education process because they are rooted in *someone*. In the words of Benedict XVI, a Catholic school "is a place to encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth (*Address Catholic Educators of the United States*, 2008). Pope Francis recognizes Catholic schools as places "where young minds and hearts are shaped in the love for the Lord and his Church, in the good, the true and the beautiful, and where children learn to be good Christians and upright citizens (*Address to Bishops of South Korea*, August 14, 2014).

Holiness, becoming a disciple, forming good habits or virtues modeled on Christ's life, living as good citizens of this world who are on the way to becoming citizens of heaven – all this may sound lofty and perhaps out of sync with society's expectations. Yet, the mission of a Catholic school, the purpose for which it exists is to form disciples – to teach students to know, love, and serve Jesus in this life and one day in eternity. Disciples "go forth" and spread the

Gospel, the joy of knowing and being known by Jesus.

A Catholic school cannot ignore its Catholic purpose and become obsessed with educational excellence. On the other hand, it cannot ignore the education aspect and focus only on the spiritual aspect. A Catholic school facilitates a powerful encounter with Jesus Christ in order to help them "develop and deepen their relationship with God. It nurtures an academic culture of excellence with a primary concern for the pursuit of truth . . . and it harnesses every situation as an opportunity to promote growth in virtue" (*Teach, Lead, Serve: The Ministry of Teaching*, Matthew Kelly).

The history of Catholic education in our country is a story of generosity and sacrifice. This generosity and sacrifice continue in our diocese through devoted pastors and parishioners who support our schools, parents who assume tuition costs as opposed to free education in public schools and our dedicated administrators and teachers whose commitment is accompanied by a personal financial sacrifice.

May we greet the new school year with enthusiasm and joy because Christ is in our midst. He is "the way, the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6) who accompanies us on our journey of life and faith.

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We will be attending Sister Sharon's Dinner on Sept. 7, 2019.

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Augustinian expands use of technology, STEM

Augustinian Academy

Over the last couple years, Augustinian Academy has had the good fortune to upgrade its technology to include over 100 laptops and chromebooks for use in the classrooms, as well as Smart Boards or Monitors in every classroom. A 3D printer and programmable Sphero robots are now in use in Augustinian's computer classes, as well. The school has also been able to upgrade its internet to support these devices, with high-speed Wi-Fi now available throughout the school.

This has all been accomplished through various sources including grants, Smart-Schools Bond monies, e-rate and a great working relationship with our local public school district.

These devices are great, but how they are used is even more important. Computer teacher Katie Clarkson has been working with teachers to enable them to use the devices in highly interactive ways that engage students with activities that extend what they are teaching in the classroom.

What does this look like? One might see eighth graders playing an exciting trivia game with Kahoot! as a lesson review, seventh graders photo editing themselves into historical time period photos, sixth graders designing and producing 3D projects with the 3D printer that bring joy to someone's life, fifth graders creating stop-motion videos about parables, fourth graders creating job wanted posters from the colonial times using Google Slides, second graders problem



The fourth grade class at Augustinian Academy shows off their Halloween-themed circuits made from batteries, LED lights, copper tape and paper.

solving with coding, first graders using 3D art design to draw the planets or kindergarten students in the gym drawing shapes with Sphero Robots.

Several classes had the opportunity to go on Live Virtual Safari's last year as they Skyped and asked live questions with Park Rangers in Kenya and South Africa through the Wild Earth Kids Program.

Mrs. Clarkson's goal is to teach students NOT to just be passive consumers of digital media, but to be active creators of digital content and to show students how the internet can broaden their world view and experiences in a positive way.

Embracing STEM Education

STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Math – education is a great way to get students excited about learning in these areas with lots of hands on activities. STEM Education has developed over the last few years at Augustinian Academy with the following:

- The middle-school technology program led by Mrs. Kim Schexnayder and Ms. Shannon Margrey at Augustinian started several years ago with middle school students

learning skills in design and building. Students have designed and built projects such as book-ends, birdhouses, flower boxes (to include a large flower bed reconstruction near the Carthage Farmers Market). This technology program is being extended into the primary school as well.

- Middle School Science Olympiad participation annually. The team has placed in the top three regionally in the past three years.

- School-wide Science Fair started in 2019.

- Maker-space developed and to be implemented in the 2019-20 school year to provide a place for students to participate in hands on design-thinking and project based learning activities that correlate with their classroom curriculum.

- Mrs Clarkson and Ms. Margrey had the opportunity to attend a four-day conference at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland this summer. The Set-Sail STEM Educator program welcomed teachers from around the world who serve military children. The conference is taught by engineering professors at the Naval Academy. Ms.

Margrey and Mrs. Clarkson are looking forward to implementing all they learned in the classroom and in after-school programs as well. The following excerpt from the Set Sail Program is a great description of what they participated in:

"The teachers became students for the week and settled in to discover hands-on projects that they can replicate in their classrooms to demonstrate science, engineering and math concepts connected to real world applications as well as supporting educational standards.

They explored encryption and applications to cyber security. In the chemistry lab, they experimented with pinhole photography and developing prints, as well as electrochemistry and applications to corrosion.

Teachers tested applied math activities in topics including inverse problems, data science, sequences and series, conic sections, and more. They learned principles of fluids and hands-on ways to demonstrate these principles to their students.

While learning about electronics, teachers further developed their own technical skills in soldering. Many more topics were covered including materials engineering, bioterrorism, thermodynamics, physics and space, sensors and coding, and hydraulics.

Activities were designed to be readily incorporated into the classroom using low cost resources and inquiry-based learning.

Two design competitions were held each week, using the engineering design process to develop solutions to a

challenge with common everyday items as supplies. Teachers worked in teams to tackle two environmental challenges. "Operation Ocean Cleanup" involved designing and constructing a device and process to remove microplastics from a model of the ocean. "Save our Shoreline", a final challenge at the end of each week, tasked teachers with fabricating a means of minimizing erosion and flooding on a model of the Annapolis shoreline subjected to simulated storm run-off and a storm surge. Teams also had to consider the environmental impact and cost of their designs.

SET Sail II participants were offered the opportunity to also participate in a collaborative workshop with NOAA's Office of Ocean Exploration and Research.

Teachers learned how to use NOAA's activities and classroom resources to teach about ocean exploration and how underwater remotely-operated vehicles (ROVs) are used for research. In this combined workshop, teachers learned the skill sets to build SeaPerch underwater ROVs, a kit which can be built and modified by students, and which teachers were able to take back to the classroom.

Attendees benefitted from sharing information, networking, and collaborating with fellow teachers across schools, grade levels, and disciplines, while building confidence in their ability to use this methodology in the classroom. They received curriculum and materials to take home and implement the activities and methodology in their schools."

Environmental Stewardship

What's on your list?

During a recently aired 60 Minutes segment titled, "The Great Pacific Garbage Patch Is Not What You Think," Susan Freinkel, a San Francisco-based science writer and author of the book, "Plastic: A Toxic Love Story" was interviewed. She told how she decided to go a day without touching anything plastic. She thought that was a great idea until she walked into the bathroom and looked down at the plastic toilet seat and her plastic toothbrush. She said, "Okay, I'm gonna spend the day writing down everything that's plastic." And by the day's end, her list was enormous.

In the '50s, after World War II, manufacturers were looking for new ways to redirect the production of plastic items from wartime use to civilian life. Their creative ways of using plastic continue to make our lives much easier in so many ways. We find them in our kitchens, medicine cabinets, garages and they seem like a "miracle" invention that enhances our lives. However, we are becoming more aware that their durability that is a blessing, can also be a curse. When we learned that China was no longer going to accept our trash, we became very aware that there is no such place to "throw away." It has to go someplace. Whatever we bring into our homes, offices or institutions, we are responsible for disposing of those items. As a nation we are faced with two challenges: finding someone who is willing to accept our throwaway plastics "garbage" and finding ways to use less plastics in our daily lives.

So I ask myself: "What can I do? Where do I even begin?" One suggestion: pray for those who are working on finding ways to dispose of or re-purpose that will enhance the lives of all and not just a few who can pay not to have this trash in their backyards. Suggested practice for this week: notice how many single-use plastics you use in a day, like plastic bags, straws, etc. Then, use your creativity to find some alternatives.

Rest in Peace

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

Aug. 28 – Rev. Florent Vandenberghe, O.M.I., 1882

Aug. 29 – Rev. Leo Desmet, 1926; Rev. Thomas F. Driscoll, 2003; Rev. Msgr. Robert L. Lawler, 2013

Aug. 30 – Rev. Bartholomew McLaughlin, 1914

Aug. 31 – Rev. James J. Sherry, 1890; Rev. Albert R. Plante, 2000

Sept. 1 – Rev. Michael Guth, 1864; Rev. John B. Martin, O.S.A., 1955

Sept. 2 – Rev. Timothy J. Mahoney, 1938; Msgr. Claudius Sechi, 1966; Rev. Thomas G. Votraw, 2007; Rev. Floyd J. Bleaux, 2009

Sept. 3 – Rev. David W. Driscoll, O.S.A., 1963; Rev. John S. Branche, 2003

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults.

Pre-registration online is required.

Participants may preregister at www.virtus.org.

Upcoming sessions:

Aug. 28 – 7 p.m., Wakefield Recital Hall at SUNY Potsdam

Sept. 7 – 10 a.m., Seton Catholic School, Plattsburgh

Sept. 9 – 1 p.m., St.

Bartholomew's Church, Old Forge

Sept. 11 – 6 p.m., Seton Catholic School, Plattsburgh

Sept. 12 – 5:30 p.m., St. James School, Gouverneur

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

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Mass of Christian Burial celebrated for Helen O'Brien

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Helen Rolfe O'Brien on Aug. 17 at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Ocala, Florida.

She passed away peacefully on August 13, 2019 in Ocala, surrounded by family.

Helen was born November 26, 1926 in Lisbon, NY to Homer and Grace Rolfe. She graduated in 1947 from D'Youville College in Buffalo, NY with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, a profession she pursued at Chenango Memorial Hospital in Norwich, NY until retirement in 1985.

She married Joseph O'Brien on February 10,



Helen Rolfe O'Brien

1948 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg, NY. Together they had seven children, Virginia (David) Hoppenworth, Maureen (Kevin) Meade, Margaret J. O'Brien, Rev. Kevin J. O'Brien, Steven (Patty) O'Brien, Dennis (Theresa) O'Brien, and Edward O'Brien. They have 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, children, and grandchildren, Helen is survived by two sisters,

Elizabeth Schaeffer and Eleanor Holden; a sister-in-law, Eleanora Rolfe; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death are her parents; sisters, Anna Rolfe and Mary Heller; brother, Robert Rolfe; and brothers-in-law, Peter Heller, Lewis Schaeffer, and David Holden

Helen was an avid reader and loved to play bridge and other card games. She enjoyed her On Top of the World community and was a faithful member of Queen of Peace Parish for more than 25 years.

Burial will be at Florida National Cemetery at Bushnell at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Brothers Keeper, 2 West Fort King St., Ocala, FL.

Bishop's Public Schedule

Aug. 29 – 5 p.m. – Picnic with the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart at Dablon Point

Aug. 30 – Noon – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Aug. 31 – Installation Mass of Rev. Steven M. Murray as Pastor of St. Andre Bessette Parish in Malone at Notre Dame Church in Malone

Sept. 3 – 3:30 p.m. – Mass at Altona Correctional Facility

Sept. 4 – 9:30 a.m. – Mass at the Church of St. Dismas at the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora

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IHC names new administrators

There are new leaders at Immaculate Heart Central in Watertown.

Vice principal

Immaculate Heart Central School has hired its next elementary vice principal, Mrs. Amy Mitchell.

Mrs. Mitchell brings 23 years of teaching experience with her into her new role as vice principal. Mrs. Mitchell has taught with Immaculate Heart Central School for 13 years in the St. John Bosco Preschool program, kindergarten, and first grade.

Before teaching at Immaculate Heart Central School, she taught kindergarten at Indian River Central Schools for 10 years.

Mrs. Mitchell is a graduate of Immaculate Heart Central School and will continue the school's legacy and mission: "To provide a quality, catholic and secular education based on the love and imitation of Christ."

Mrs. Amy Mitchell will oversee grades PreK-6 at Immaculate Heart Central School's Elementary Campus located at 122 Winthrop Street, Watertown.

Principal

Mr. Daniel Charlebois began his new role as the school's principal for grades pre-K to 12 on Aug. 12.

Mr. Charlebois, a 1997 graduate of Immaculate Heart Central, was selected for and is currently enrolled in the Mary Ann Remick Leadership Program at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana. This program leads to an M.Ed. degree.

At Immaculate Heart Central for the past ten years, Mr. Charlebois has taught mathematics, religion and psychology. In addition, he has been the Campus Minister and a mentor and leader in IHC's Mystery Play for many years. Prior to teaching at Immaculate Heart, Mr. Charlebois taught at Bishop Grimes High School in Syracuse, NY for 2.5 years.

Mr. Charlebois, his wife Melissa, a Physician's Assistant, and their four sons are active members of Holy Family Parish in Watertown.



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Youth gather at cathedral for Altar Server Picnic

By Darcy Fargo
Editor

OGDENSBURG—While he was first attracted to being an altar server because the seats reserved for the servers have cushions, unlike the pews at his parish, Jacob Mitchell, 13, a resident of Peru, said the job also has other perks.

"I get to be up there doing things other people don't get to do," Mitchell said. "And I get to serve God and meet people."

Mitchell was one of several dozen altar servers who attended the annual diocesan Altar Server Picnic on Aug. 16 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. Other servers in attendance had other reasons they first became interested in serving.

"I like being able to help the deacons and priest," added Cassandra Neddo, 17 of Lowville. "I converted (to Catholicism) when I was 12 or 13. I really felt called to serve on the altar."

"Serving has given me a lot of opportunities," said Noah Comet, 14, of Lowville. "It helped me complete my community service for scouting, and it brought me here. Someday, I'd like to serve a Mass with the Bishop. That would be cool."

The servers' kicked off the gathering with a tour of the cathedral before hearing brief discussions of vocations from Sister M. Gregory Munger, director of vocations for the Sisters of St. Joseph in Watertown, and Matt Conger, seminarian for the diocese.

Learning about vocations

"As servers, you are blessed to be very close to the Blessed Sacrament," Sister Gregory said. "You are also called to lead the



Many of the altar servers who attended the picnic thrown on their behalf posed for a photo with Bishop Terry R. LaValley after Mass. Pictured with Bishop LaValley are, (Front row, from left) Jacob Fargo, Anna Clarkson, Juliet Tavernier, Joseph Kring, Walter Kring, Luke Prial, Allison Bell, (second row) Duane Olley Jr., (third row) Noah Comet, Darrell Cooper, Ivan Kring, Caleb Cooper, Sebastian Prial, (fourth row) Ben Clarkson, Connor Bell, Cassandra Neddo, Bishop Terry R. LaValley, (back row) Jacob Mitchell, Isaac Mitchell, Leilani Dibble and Virginia Neddo.

congregation in prayer. Thank you for answering that call."

Sister Gregory noted that we're all called to holiness in our baptisms.

"You put on an alb when serving," she said. "It's a good time to think about your baptismal day – a day you probably don't remember – when a white garment was put on you, and you became a child of God, and you were called to be holy."

Sister Gregory told the youth they could also find holiness by pursuing the vocation to which they are called, whether it be religious life, priesthood, marriage or single life.

Introducing Conger, Father Christopher C. Carrara, vicar for clergy and vocations director for the diocese, noted that not only do we find holiness in discerning our vocations, we also find happiness.

"God has a special plan for our lives," Father Carrara said. "It's not doing what I want to do that brings happiness, we find true happiness in doing

what God wants us to do."

Conger noted that he first resisted pursuing his vocation to the priesthood.

"Growing up, people were always telling me I'd be a wonderful priest," he said. "But I was young and stubborn – now I'm older and stubborn – and I pushed the idea aside."

Conger said he discovered in high school that he wanted to find a career that would put him in service to others, but he still wasn't sure what that was.

It was through prayer and the inspiration of a priest, Father James F. Shurtleff, that he became open to a vocation to the priesthood.

"I saw that he would drop everything to serve and to help people," Conger said. "And he always seemed happy. He was always smiling."

Even after entering seminary, Conger said he reached a point where he needed to step away from his formation. During that year, he worked for an agency that provides care

to individuals with disabilities. While with that agency, he was with several individuals in the agency's care as they passed away, moments that had a profound impact on him.

"I was there with them, and I would pray for them, but it made me think about how much more I could've done for them as a priest," he said.

Time with the bishop

The young servers and their families then attended Mass celebrated by Bishop Terry R. LaValley.

"I've come upon a whole lot of bridges, bridges of all different shapes and sizes, as I travel around northern New York," Bishop LaValley told the servers and those gathered for the Mass.

The bishop noted that bridges function to connect bodies of land, and he noted that bridges are also used as a symbol of the life of a priest.

"A priest connects God with God's people," he said. "This happens in a very powerful way in the

administration of the sacraments."

He also noted that a priest connects God's people with God.

"It's not one-way travel," he said.

Bishop LaValley encouraged the altar servers to also serve as connection points, noting their role calls them "to do the best you can to connect with God and be a source of connection to others."

Rite of Admission to Candidacy

During the Mass, the youth were able to see two diocesan seminarians, Jude Nnadibuagha and John K. Ojuok, publicly declare their intentions to pursue Holy Orders and become officially accepted as candidates for ordination in the Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders.

Explaining the rite to the youth, Father Carrara compared the process of becoming a priest to the process of becoming married.

"If you think of marriage, there are steps you take before you get there," he said. "First you date, then you get engaged and then you get married. This is like the engagement step. In engagement, you declare you intend to get married. In this rite, they're making a statement, and the bishop is accepting it, that they intend to enter the priesthood."

After Mass, the youth and their families, along with priests and consecrated religious from around the diocese and members of the Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocation Society (DOVS) were treated to lunch and a tour of bishop's residence.

"It was a good opportunity to see other servers from around the diocese," said Neddo.

Firefighters, pastors identify priority items

Tour shows what should be saved in an emergency

By Deacon Kevin Mastellon
Contributing Writer

WATERTOWN – Inspired by the fire at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris earlier this year, the chaplains for the City of Watertown Fire Department have initiated a formidable task. They hope to accompany members of the fire department to each of the 52 churches in the 9.3 square mile jurisdiction of the Fire Department to acquire detailed floor plans for each of the structures and catalog the “first to be removed” sacred vessels and artifacts in each location.

The first site to be visited was St. Patrick's Church on South Massey St. in Watertown located two to three hundred yards from the department's #1 Fire Station.

The Rev. Canon Samuel P. Lundy, an Anglican priest, and the Rev. Leon VanWie, a retired pastor of the United Methodist Church, are the department chaplains. The Paris blaze is already detailed in the online encyclopedia, Wikipedia:

On 15 April 2019, at about 12:30pm Eastern Daylight Time, a structure fire broke out beneath the roof of Notre-Dame de Paris cathedral in Paris. By the time it was extinguished, the building's spire and most of its roof had been destroyed and its upper walls severely damaged; extensive damage to the interior was prevented by its stone vaulted ceiling, which largely contained the



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Father Christopher J. Looby shows Watertown City Fire Department Chief Dale Herman the Tabernacle at St. Patrick's Church in Watertown. Firefighters are touring churches in the city to identify where important items and relics are located.

burning roof as it collapsed. Many works of art and religious relics were moved to safety early in the emergency, but others suffered some smoke damage and some exterior art was damaged or destroyed. The cathedral's two pipe organs, and its three 13th-century rose windows, suffered little to no damage. Three emergency workers were injured.

Notre Dame is considered one of the finest examples of French Gothic Architecture. There are several churches in Watertown in the Romanesque style or Gothic style, including St. Patrick's, Holy Family, Trinity Episcopal, First Presbyterian and Asbury Methodist. These would prove the most difficult to attack in a fire because of the construction and the number of additions each church has seen over time.

“We know the history,” says Watertown Fire Chief Dale Herman. He recalls fires in Watertown's past that destroyed Our Lady

of the Sacred Heart (Catholic) and All Souls Church (Unitarian). Both were the same style as those listed above.

“Those fires resulted in complete devastation,” Herman said. “Had we known what was most precious in the buildings, we might have been able to save them. However, there is always risk versus benefit to be considered. We will not put a firefighter in danger to save an artifact.”

Rev. Lundy echoed the chief's view.

“We will not risk lives, but if there is no danger, we will try to save those things that are most important,” he said.

Father Christopher J. Looby, pastor of St. Patrick's and St. Anthony's churches in Watertown, met with Herman, Battalion Chief Mathew Timmerman and Firefighters Michael Jesmer and Jared Lyndaker.

“There are a lot of important artifacts and statues in this building,” Father Looby told them,

“but the most important is the Eucharist.”

He then showed the firemen where the Consecrated Hosts are reserved and where to find the key to the tabernacle. He also explained for them why the Eucharist is so important to Catholics.

There are many priceless items in every building. The stained-glass windows in St. Patrick's are one example.

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has long promoted risk management as a way to prevent fires like the one at Notre Dame; but accidents do happen.

On June 26, 2019 the Associated Press reported that according to Paris police, the fire at Notre Dame may have been caused by an electrical malfunction or might have been caused by a smoldering cigarette. They are still investigating.

Wikipedia reports risk management was very

much on people's minds in Paris too:

Extensive attention had been given to the risk of fire at the cathedral. The Paris Fire Brigade drilled regularly to prepare for emergencies there, including on-site exercises in 2018; a firefighter was posted to the cathedral each day; and fire wardens checked conditions beneath the roof three times daily.

Like the diocese, the City of Watertown Fire Department also promotes fire safety and risk management.

This effort allows firemen to know what to look for and what items to be aware of when responding to a house of worship.

“Our vehicles are now equipped with computers that will show us a blueprint of the structure we are approaching,” Herman said. “That gives us an advantage to save lives, fight fires and save important items and documents.”



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Department of Youth: It's about relationships

With the Bishop's Fund Appeal now underway, the North Country Catholic will be highlighting some of the ministries funded by the Bishop's Fund.

By Thomas Semeraro
Youth Ministry Director

It is our ministry, mission and love as youth ministers to introduce young people to Jesus Christ and the love he has for each one of us. This introduction begins with a truthful, trusting and consistent "relationship" with each other. Through these relationships, we come to know the love of God.

If we are to truly know the love of God, we must first have a relationship with Jesus.

Through the generous support of the Bishop's Fund Appeal, the Department of Youth has been able to offer truly amazing opportunities for our Diocesan youth to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ.

Through sustained support of Summer Camp Guggenheim young people

are offered a precious opportunity to come together and express themselves as Catholic Christians in a safe, fun and supportive environment while at the same time, foster new relationships with peers and grow their own relationship with God in the "Quiet of their hearts." Summer camp is also filled with many activities, swimming, hiking and much fun for all who attend.

The Diocesan Youth Rally is an annual opportunity to celebrate the goodness of our Catholic Youth. It's a day filled with speakers, music, fun activities, and fellowship. It is a time when our young people get to witness the "bigger church" that exists throughout the Diocese. It helps them to strengthen their Catholic identity through continued relationship building.

The Bishop's Appeal enables us to continue building relationships with our young people through, Leadership Retreats, Spiritual Retreats, Youth Days and the Diocesan Youth Council program. In 2020

we hope to expand these offerings throughout the Diocese to meet the needs of our young people who so desperately need opportunities to engage Jesus Christ.

In support of Youth Ministry at the Parish level, the Bishop's Appeal also provides support for continuing education and training to Parish Youth Ministers,

a support network, and certification through the Department of Youth Ministry. New in 2019, the Department of Youth will be conducting the first annual gathering of Diocesan Youth Ministers and Volunteers. This gathering will enable Diocesan Youth Ministers and Volunteers to engage in conversation and discuss the growth of

Youth Ministry in our Diocese.

Through the generous support of these and future programs the Department of Youth continues to "walk with our young people" in faith, as they grow in relationship with Jesus Christ. Thank you for your generous contributions to the Bishop's Fund Appeal.

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Bishops welcome proposed rule to protect religious employers

WASHINGTON (CNS) – The chairmen of three U.S. bishops' committees Aug. 21 welcomed a proposed rule from the U.S. Department of Labor aimed at clarifying religious protections that may be invoked by federal contractors, including faith-based organizations. "Faith-based groups should have the opportunity to compete on a level playing field as they seek to partner with the federal government to provide critical social services," the bishops said in a statement. "These proposed rules protect religious liberty, a core constitutional right, by clarifying existing religious exemptions consistent with federal law and recent Supreme Court precedent." The statement was issued by Bishop Robert J. McManus of Worcester, Massachusetts, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Religious Liberty; Bishop Frank J. Dewane of Venice, Florida, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development; and Bishop James D. Conley of Lincoln, Nebraska, chairman of the USCCB Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage. The proposed rule would clarify that religious organizations may make employment decisions "consistent with their sincerely held religious tenets and beliefs without fear of sanction by the federal government," the Labor Department said.

Prayers greet people attending 'black mass' in Ottawa

OTTAWA, Ontario (CNS) – About 200 people, most clutching a rosary, held a prayer vigil as a satanic black mass occurred Aug. 17 at a heavy metal club in the Canadian capital. Other Catholics attended adoration at Notre-Dame Cathedral a few blocks away or circled the block where the widely publicized event sponsored by the Satanic Temple of Ottawa took place. The day began with Ottawa Archbishop Terrence Prendergast celebrating a Mass of reparation at Annunciation of the Lord Church in suburban Ottawa. "Though Christ has won the definitive battle against sin and evil, we are still involved in mopping up operations," Archbishop Prendergast said. "There are still skirmishes and outbreaks of violence against Christ's bride, the church." He offered prayers for the people attending the event and led those gathered for the Mass in making reparation "for the blasphemies uttered against God in our midst."

Planned Parenthood to withdraw from Title X program

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS) – The Planned Parenthood Federation of America announced Aug. 19 it is withdrawing from the federal Title X program over the Trump administration's "Protect Life Rule" barring these funds from being used for promoting or providing abortion as family planning. Planned Parenthood called the rule a "gag order" on its operations that needed to be lifted. It said Aug. 14 it would withdraw from the program if it did not get "emergency judicial relief" in the form of an injunction from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to keep the new policy from taking effect. The San Francisco-based court did not do that. The administration "is trying to force us to keep information from our patients. The gag rule is unethical, dangerous, and we will not subject our patients to it," Planned Parenthood said in its Aug. 19 statement. It will no longer receive \$60 million of the \$286 million allocated annually through Title X. Pro-life groups' reaction to the Planned Parenthood decision was swift. Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the national Susan B. Anthony List organization said: "Today, Planned Parenthood showed its true colors by prioritizing abortion over family planning, refusing to comply with the Protect Life Rule and dropping out of the Title X program.... Women have the most to gain from this news."

Responding to Catholics' lack of belief in the Real Presence

WASHINGTON (CNS) – Do Catholics believe that the Eucharist is truly the body and blood of Christ?

A Pew Research Center survey released Aug. 5 found that nearly 70% of Catholics believe that the bread and wine used for Communion during Mass are "symbols of the body and blood of Jesus Christ," while about 30% believe that the bread and wine "actually become" Christ's body and blood.

The findings clearly touched a nerve as commentators jumped to analyze the data, questioning the language that Pew had used in its survey questions.

Mark Gray from the Center for the Applied Research in the Apostolate wrote in a blog post that replacing the word "actually" with "really" might have led to different results. In previous surveys on the Real Presence, CARA used "Jesus is really present in the bread and wine of the Eucharist" vs. "Bread and wine are symbols of Jesus, but Jesus is not really present."

Others found the results an affirmation of their belief that catechesis in the church is in a sorry state.

"It represents a massive failure – and I include myself in this, we're all guilty – a massive failure on the part of Catholic educators and catechists, evangelists, teachers," said Los Angeles Auxiliary Bishop Robert E. Barron in a "Word on Fire" YouTube video. "If on this central matter of our belief and practice there is this much deep misunderstanding, something has gone substantially wrong."

Pew's finding "certainly shows a failure in catechetics, but I think the

church faces a greater problem," Jesuit Father Thomas Reese wrote in a column for Religion News Service. "Catholics have an impoverished idea of what the Eucharist is really about."

The Catechism of that Catholic Church looks to the Council of Trent to define its eucharistic doctrine: "By the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation" (No. 1376).

Catholic theologians in the High Middle Ages turned to the Aristotelian philosophic categories of "substance" and "accidents" to expound the doctrine. Today, some argue those terms contribute to the confusion around the Eucharist.

"The accidents are those things that we see. We see a host. We see wine," explained Father Frank Donio, director of the Catholic Apostolate Center in Washington, in an interview with Catholic News Service. "The substance – the 'breadness' or the 'wineness' – is what it is."

By the words of consecration during the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass, the substance changes – transubstantiation – while the accidents remain the same.

It still looks like, acts like, tastes like bread or wine. But its substance has become the body and blood of Christ, Father Donio said.

"The difficulty is that because we don't help people to understand what that means, substance and accidents, it's harder for them to then understand what transubstantiation is," he added. "We do need to assist people in understanding" those terms.

But do those ancient terms resonate with modern-day Catholics?

"Sometimes we struggle to articulate a post-Enlightenment understanding of what we mean by Real Presence" by relying on outdated vocabulary, said Michael Bayer, director of evangelization and adult formation at St. Clement Church in Chicago.

Father Reese put it bluntly, "Using Aristotelian concepts to explain Catholic mysteries in the 21st century is a fool's errand."

It is possible to teach the doctrine of transubstantiation without using the words "substance" and "accidents," said Timothy O'Malley, professor and director of the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy, in an interview. But eventually it is the appropriate way to teach it, he said.

"If the word 'substance' scares people off, you can say, 'what it really is,' and that is what substance is," O'Malley said. "What it really is, what it absolutely is at its heart is Christ's body and blood."

"The most helpful thing we can say is: This really, truly, actually is Jesus, in a way that it was not prior to the act of consecration," Bayer said in an interview. "It truly is Jesus and there's an aspect to this we simply don't understand. And we have to be a little comfortable in the face of that mystery."

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Mooers Forks - St. Ann's to have Turkey Harvest Dinner.

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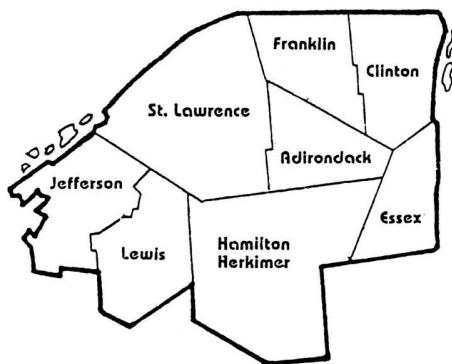
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Plattsburgh - Lakeside Fishers Club to have Priesthood Discernment Group meetings.

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Place: St. Peter's Church



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PILGRIMAGE TO PA

Lancaster, PA - St. Mary's and St. John's, Clayton to have a Pilgrimage to Pennsylvania.

Date: Sept. 18 - 19

Place: Sight & Sound Theatres in Lancaster, PA; St. John Neumann Shrine, Church of St. Peter the Apostle and St. Katharine Drexel Shrine at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia.

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SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER

Evans Mills - The Indian River Knights of Columbus to have a Spaghetti & Meatball dinner.

Date: Sept. 14

Time: 4 p.m. to 7

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center.

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

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Houseville - Divine Mercy Devotions for the month of September to be held.

Date: Sept. 1

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Features: The program includes Vespers (Evening Prayer), Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, The Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction. All are welcome.

Contact: 315-348-6260.

ST. LAWRENCE

GOLF OUTING

Canton - Golf Tournament to be held.

Date: Aug. 31

Time: Shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Place: St. Lawrence University Golf Course

Cost: \$100 per golfer with discounts for 4-some registrations. Includes greens and cart fees, drinks and snacks, and a banquet after golf.

Features: 18-hole scramble format tournament. All proceeds from this event will go to St. Mary's School. Join us for a great time as we support our school and honor our former pastor, Bishop Douglas Lucia.

Contact: Go to cantoncatholics.com and click on the school logo to register.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Ogdensburg - First Saturday Devotions to be held.

Date: Sept. 7

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Place: Deacon Winter Chapel, St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: Everyone is invited to recite the rosary and meditate on the mysteries.

BLESSED IS SHE

Norfolk - Women's Group to have event.

Date: Sept. 8

Time: Noon

Place: St. Andrew's Church Hall

Features: The theme will be Holiness 101: Learning from Jesus the Ultimate Teacher. Lunch will be served and there is no cost to attend.

Contact: RSVP to Sara by 9/6: 315-212-7565 or narrow56@gmail.com

CHICKEN BBQ

Gouverneur - St. James School to have a Chicken BBQ.

Date: Sept. 8

Time: Noon

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

177 PROJECT

Canton - An Evening of Adoration and Music to be held.

Date: Sept. 17

Time: 7 p.m. to 9

Place: St. Mary's Church

Features: Come join us as we adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament with worship music provided by Catholic musician, Lee Roessler. This event is free and open to all.

Contact: Amanda at 315-386-2543 or conklna@canton.edu for more information. For additional information visit www.the177project.com

COMMISSIONED LAY MINISTRY DINNER

Massena - Commissioned Lay Ministry Association SLFA Annual Dinner Meeting.

Date: Sept. 24

Time: 5:30 p.m. Mass with dinner to follow

Place: St. Mary's Church

Cost: \$15 Per person

Features: Spouses and guests invited. Presenter will be Sister Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ

Contact: Registration required by Sept. 19 by calling Jeannie Grizzuto at 315-393-2920 Ext. 1413 or by e-mail at jgrizzuto@rcdony.org

DIOCESAN EVENTS

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Saranac Lake - The First Annual Young Adult retreat to be held.

Date: Sept. 13-15

Place: Camp Guggenheim

Features: The theme will be Encounter Christ, in Creation, in each other, in yourself

Contact: For more information and registration go to rcdony.org/yamretreat

OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP RETREATS

The Youth Department is offering three opportunities for young people, ages 12 to 17, to learn, have fun and become "Shepherd of the Earth." Each session offers a different opportunity for young people to engage nature, each other and their faith.

Schedule: Camp options are Sept. 7 at Beaver Camp; Sept. 14 at The Wild Center; Sept. 28 at AuSable Chasm

Cost: \$25 per event and includes lunch

Contact: The deadline to register is Aug. 29. For schedule and registration please visit:

www.rcdony.org/youth/leadership. For more information please contact: Tom Semeraro at tsemeraro@rcdony.org / 315-393-2920.

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOCATION RETREAT

Saranac Lake - Middle Vocation retreat to be held.

Date: Sept. 20

Time: 9:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Place: Camp Guggenheim

Features: For all Catholic school children & parish programs. Lunch will be provided. The day will end with Mass with Bishop LaValley. Families who bring children are welcome to stay for the day.

Contact: Pre-register by Sept. 20 with Cathy Russell by e-mail at crussell@rcdony.org

MARRIAGE AND CONSECRATED LIFE JUBILEE MASS

Ogdensburg - The 2nd Annual Marriage and Consecrated Life Jubilee Mass to be held.

Date: Sept. 15

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: Reception to be held after Mass.

Contact: If a couple is interested in attending, please direct them to <https://www.rcdony.org/marriagejubilee> to register. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Family Life Office.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

'Conduct your affairs with humility'

This week we celebrate Labor Day and the beginning of fall activities. For many, it's a time for resolutions as to how we will attack the challenges that accompany "going back to work." How can we avoid old habits and put energy into new patterns? Only we can answer those questions. The readings this week give us guidance for right attitudes for the fall. One of these is the virtue of humility.

We read in the wisdom book of Sirach, "My child,

conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God."

From the very beginning of Pope Francis' reign, he has constantly impressed people around the world with his genuine and authentic humility – begging people to pray for him, refusing to live in the Apostolic Palace, falling on his knees to wash the feet of prisoners.



**Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore**

Sept. 1

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Luke 14:1, 7-14

A second piece of advice in Sirach is for us to be good listeners. "...an attentive ear is the joy of the wise." It is by listening with full attention when people speak to us that we ourselves can learn so much.

On the other hand, St. Thomas tells us that pride "breaks the chain of charity and unity." Jesus himself said, "Learn of me, for

I am meek and humble of heart." He urges us to be like children, "for theirs is the kingdom of heaven"

In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus also gives advice about conducting ourselves with humility. He counsels his fellow-guests at the banquet not to push and shove their way into the best seats. Why? Because there is chance that the host might have to send us down to a lower place if one more important than we are needs our seat. Let others decide our social rank rather than declaring our own importance. Did Jesus speak with "tongue in cheek" when he adds: "If

you take a lower place in the first place, won't you be honored when you're told to take the higher place you really wanted?"

Humility is a virtue that gives the right reasons as well as the discipline necessary for our work. The proud person depends only on his own ego, while the humble person works for the glory and praise of his Creator. Working in this way helps him to accept success or failure as Christ would accept it. Humility gives him the energy to start over and still work with confidence. He is working with Christ's help for the glory of the Father.

AT THE MOVIES

BLINDED BY THE LIGHT

NEW YORK (CNS) – Abundant charm and an insightful depiction of the ups and downs of both friendship and family life make "Blinded by the Light" (Warner Bros.) – writer-director Gurinder Chadha's touching fact-based mix of drama and comedy – a winner.

Though it's safest for grown-ups, the valuable lessons of the film qualify it as possibly acceptable for mature teens, despite some vulgarity in the script.

Amid political and racial tensions – the hardscrabble world of 1980s Luton, England, provides the movie's setting – British Pakistani teen Javed (Viveik Kalra) aspires to be a poet. But he's hemmed in by his overbearing father, Malik (Kulvinder Ghir), who wants him to pursue a more lucrative career.

Introduced, more or less accidentally, to the music of Bruce Springsteen by classmate Roops (Aaron Phagura), Javed finds a fresh source of inspiration in the Boss' working-class anthems, which resonate with his own experiences.

Javed's newfound enthusiasm is shared by Eliza (Nell Williams), the fellow student for whom he's fallen. Yet Matt (Dean-Charles Chapman), Javed's best friend since childhood – with whom his relationship has already become fraught – remains indifferent to the Bard of Asbury Park.

As Javed seeks to balance personal fulfillment and filial duty, he and Eliza pursue a romance that contradicts Malik's stated intention to arrange a marriage for his son. Though a scene of them necking in Javed's house while the rest of the fam-

ily are away is left open-ended, the overall timbre of the movie would suggest that they don't go much beyond kissing.

Fans of Margaret Thatcher, the late British prime minister, will be put off by the fact that Chadha's script implicitly links her to the degraded behavior of the skinheads and neo-Nazis, young and old, who antagonize Javed and his friends. Under their guidance, one little boy makes a statement by urinating through the mail slot in the front door of one of Javed's acquaintances.

Viewers will be confident that such unpleasantness will not prevail over the appealing characters who predominate in "Blinded by the Light" – and for whom they'll find themselves enthusiastically rooting. By turns amusing and moving, this

is a lively, well-made picture with a sunny disposition and a positive message about the enduring bond linking youngsters and their parents.

The film contains some mild sensuality, a scatological incident, at least one use of profanity, an ethnic stereotyping theme, and occasional crude and crass talk. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III – adults. The Motion Picture Association of America

rating is PG-13 – parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.



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By Scott Lalone
Executive Director, Development Office

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Naming your own executor, avoiding estate taxes, avoiding probate, keeping peace within the family are just a few reasons and benefits of completing a Will. It's just taking that first step. With August being National-Make-A-Will Month, what better time than now to take that first stride.

Over the years the so many individuals have had bequests through their Wills or trusts and had the Diocese, their Parish, Catholic School, Catholic Charities, Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, St. Joseph's Nursing Home, the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg and other ministries and institutions of the Diocese of Ogdensburg as one of their final beneficiaries. Other donors who have been called home to God in the past several years have used Charitable Gift Annuities, Endowment Gifts as well as their Wills to provide for the future of the Diocese.

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nizes the generosity and vision of those who have chosen to leave a legacy to the Diocese of Ogdensburg through estate or deferred gifts. An annual Mass and luncheon with Bishop Terry R. LaValley is held each May.

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tion of an IRA or 401(k) or any other more complex transactions.

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Prayers for a great school year

Another summer's end draws near, but thankfully we have new beginnings to look forward to soon. The new school year is just days away, and our devoted teachers are gearing up for their annual challenge. We are reminded of how educators have joined with parents to sustain the commitment of bringing to the world the uplifting message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Religious educators have been leaders in helping the youth here at home to reach out in prayer and generosity to the suffering in our country and in the third world countries. The Mission Office is grateful for all the educators, parents, religious, clergy and students who continue to help spread the One family in Mission Message to the world.

A Pontifical Mission Society, MCA focuses entirely on "children helping children" throughout the world. MCA's young members have participated in our apostolic mission for over 170 years! The Mission Office will be participating once again in the Celebrate Christ 2019 conference in Lake Placid this October to promote the MCA program in our schools and religious education programs. Please look for us in Lake Placid this fall!

Special prayers for parents bringing their children to college or university for the first time. You have done your job well raising them to be independent and on their own. Hoping that their leaving the nest is a good transition period for all you. Remember that growth happens when you see improvement and productivity. This same concept applies to our friends in the Mission lands too!

I pray that the educators will have a school year filled with positive energy, excellent learning opportunities and experiences of prayer-filled lessons of love. I am grateful for the good they do and their commitment to excellence. Without the educators in our community, our job in the Mission office would be an uphill battle. Let us pray for each other in our missionary efforts! The missionary work of the church depends on each one of us. God Bless

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OBITUARIES

AuSable Forks – Cindy L. Thomas, 60; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 22, 2019 at Holy Name Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Black River – Stephen G. Leehy, 73; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 23, 2019 at St. Paul's Church; burial in Black River Cemetery.

Bloomington – R. James Cronin, 83; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 17, 2019 at St. Paul's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Brushton – Glenda Sartwell; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 20, 2019 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Carthage – Cathy (Mealus) Meager, 72; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 14, 2019 at St. James Church.

Chazy – Stephanie Anne (Giroux) Rovers, 64; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 23, 2019 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Clayton – Maureen E. (Maser) Littlefield, 74; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 16, 2019 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ellenburg – Gerald "Jerry" E. Nichols, 88; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 16, 2019 at St. Edmund's Church burial in Immaculate Heart Cemetery, Churubusco.

Gouverneur – Jane (Risdale) Wranesh, 98; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 19, 2019 at St. James Church; burial in Hailesboro Cemetery.

Hogansburg – Evan Robert Adams, 32; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 23, 2019 at St. Regis Church.

Indian Lake – James G. Riley, 49; Memorial Services Aug. 24, 2019 at St. Mary's Church.

Lake Placid – Mary Ann (David) Patterson, 97; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 14, 2019 at St. Agnes Church; burial in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Lowville – Joyce (Andre) Boucher, 87; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 13, 2019 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Lowville Rural Cemetery.

Lowville – Paul Edward Smith, 76; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 17, 2019 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Beaches Bridge Cemetery.

Massena – Barbara Bissonnette-Fenton, 71; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 10, 2019 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena – Bernard L. Proulx, 83; Mass of Christian Burial Sept. 7, 2019 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena – Agnes M. (Auger) Savoca, 89; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 13, 2019 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Moers Forks – Joanna (Thibeau) Pelkey, 43; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 21, 2019 at St. Ann's Church.

Morrisonville – Leo W. Drollette, 85; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 10, 2019 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

North Bangor – Frances "Carol" Thomas Manchester, 82; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 10, 2019 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Timothy J. Ashley, 77; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 23, 2019 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Daniel J. Brabant, 79; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 19, 2019 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Plattsburgh – Claude A. Bouchard, 65; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 23, 2019 at St. Peter's Church.

Potsdam – Richard Fennessy, 83; Memorial Services Aug. 10, 2019 at Garner Funeral Home; burial in Unitarian Church Garden, Canton.

Redwood – Anna Marie Laplante, 88; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 17, 2019 at Church of the Assumption

Rouses Point – Gary L. Neale, 81; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 16, 2019 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Rouses Point – Mary Ann (Penfield) Tremblay, 88; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 14, 2019 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Champlain.

Saranac Lake – Edward Charles Pohlmann Jr., 88; Funeral Services Aug. 23, 2019 at the Fortune-Keough Funeral Home.

Ticonderoga – Barbara Anne "Bonnie" DuRoss, 63; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 19, 2019 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Parish Cemetery.

Ticonderoga – Therese Brady Smith, 55; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 12, 2019 at St. Mary's Church burial in the Manlius Village Cemetery, Manlius.

Tupper Lake – Wayne "Skip" Scanlon, 79; Funeral Services Aug. 17, 2019 at Fray-Stuart Funeral Home; burial in Gale Cemetery.

Watertown – Shirley (Foote) Tromblay, 83; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 20, 2019 at St. Alphonsus Church; burial in Holy Name Cemetery.


Watertown – Patricia (Kingsley) Powell, 86; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 17, 2019 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; burial in Brookside Cemetery.



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A Missionary's Journey

Editor's Note: In October, the Church will celebrate Extraordinary Mission Month. The theme is "Baptized and Sent: the Church of Christ on Mission in the World." The Mission Office and North Country Catholic will feature columns written by religious and clergy reflecting on their work in the Mission Lands as they, too, were baptized and sent.

By Father Bill Edwards

Today I write this reflection as I am also preparing a homily which tells of Jesus appointing seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. Later he would say they returned to the Lord rejoicing.

This could also be said as the story of my life with Lord. In December of 1987 at Notre Dame Church in Malone, Msgr. Anthony Melia presented me with the Missionary Cross from the Diocese of Ogdensburg. I was sent on the mission to represent our Diocese in Mollendo, Peru. I was so looking forward to this experience and the opportunity to share in our mission in Peru.

After language preparation in Bolivia, I arrived in Mollendo in June of 1988 to begin my mission adventure. I remember my first Sunday Mass and my difficulty communicating in Spanish. I tried to find a telephone at the end of Mass and call somebody back here in the United States but was not able to make a connection. Yes, Worldwide communication has greatly improved since 1988.

The next two years were spent in Mollendo before I could return back to my native country. I continued to struggle to enter



Father Bill Edwards, center, poses with people he worked with while serving the diocesan mission in Mollendo, Peru.

into the customs of a new country and adjust to new ways of thinking.

I cannot say just when it happened, but a tremendous experience came my way. I embraced the spirit of the Peruvian people and the wonderful spirit of the people became my joy.

My experiences and the beautiful people have become a part of my heart and will always be there.

During the month of August of 1993, I boarded the airplane to begin the journey home to our beautiful North Country.

As I was sitting on the airplane, with a tear in my eye, on board came a beautiful Peruvian friend with a rose in her hand for me. How she managed to get permission to enter the airplane to do this, I will never know. But there she was with a big smile and a hug.

I had no idea when I left the Diocese to share in the Mission of Jesus Christ that I would be the one who received so much in return.

The seventy-two returned to the Lord rejoicing and I returned back to the Diocese of Ogdensburg rejoicing in all that I had seen and done.

God Bless!

CORRECTION

In the Aug. 14 edition, a quote in the article, "Event attendees learn about 'authentic love'" was incorrectly punctuated, impacting the meaning of the sentence. The quote, attributed to the event presenter, Dr. Maura Fehlner, in further context, should have read:

"Through Christ, we discover that we are made in the image of a God whose inner life is literally self-sacrificial love. Each of the three divine persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – empties Himself completely into the other, making a total gift of Himself. At the same time that each person is emptying Himself, He is receiving the other divine persons and so is always completely filled. The gift of self – Love – is the "essence" of God. Because we were made in God's image, we will only find true happiness and fulfillment by participating in the same self-giving love."

The *North Country Catholic* apologizes for this error.



Marriage and Consecrated Life Jubilee

This 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).

September 15, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.

By Bishop Terry R. LaValley

St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg

Family and friends of the honorees are welcome to attend.

Bishop LaValley will host a light reception immediately following the Mass.

Married couples who wish to attend will receive a certificate from Bishop LaValley and have their names included in the program.

Couples must register with their parish or register themselves at

www.rcdony.org/marriagejubilee on or before

September 6, 2019

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Sister Mary Anne Croitz, SSJ

60 years

Sister Mary Rita Kempney, SSJ

Sister Mary Camillus O'Keefe, RSM

Sister Stephanie Frenette, OP

65 years

Sister James Marie Kelly, SSJ

70 years

Sister Mary Christine Taylor, SSJ

Sister Mary Audrey Hallhahan, RSM



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