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GIVING GIFTS TO OTHERS



The First Grade Class and Families at Trinity Catholic School brought in baby items for the Gabriel Project at St. Peter's Parish in Massena in December. The students walked to the outreach center to deliver the gifts and presented them to Deacon Tom and Linda Proulx and Alice Felix of the Gabriel Project.

Follow Me: Celebrating our Catholic schools

Ahead of Catholic Schools Week, Bishop Terry R. LaValley reflects on the importance and value of Catholic education.

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Doctrine must be safeguarded by discernment, Pope Francis says

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Discernment is a key attribute in protecting doctrinal integrity, in safeguarding the innocent and in guiding the church's synodal path, Pope Francis told members of and advisers to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

Discernment also is needed to fight against "abuses of every kind," the pope said Jan. 21 during an audience with the cardinals, bishops, priests and laypeople who were taking part in the doctrinal congregation's plenary assembly.

"The church, with God's help, is resolutely pursuing the commitment to render justice to the victims of abuse perpetrated by its members, applying its canonical legislation

with particular care and rigor," he said.

"Judicial action alone cannot suffice to stem the phenomenon," the pope said, "but it is a necessary step toward reestablishing justice, repairing the scandal and reforming the offender."

Thanking the members for their service "in promoting and protecting the integrity of Catholic doctrine on faith and morals," the pope said the congregation's work also must be guided by the recognition of "the dignity of every human person."

"In our time, marked by so many social, political and even health-related tensions, there is a growing temptation to consider the other per-

son as a stranger or an enemy, denying him or her real dignity," he said.

In protecting human dignity, the doctrinal congregation can help create the "necessary condition for fraternity and social friendship to be realized among all the peoples of the earth."

Christians need to learn the art of discernment to deal with "new and complex questions" and offers of forms of spirituality that "do not always find their point of reference in the Gospel."

Thus, he explained, "it often happens that we have to deal with alleged supernatural phenomena, for which the people of God must receive sure and solid indications."

SHARING ART, LOVE OF BOOKS



Artist Michele Chartrand of Massena created a Storybook Forest mural at Trinity Catholic School that includes hidden images representing the school, Catholicism and popular characters from movies.

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The same but different

We're the same but different.

"I don't hate the cold. I like mornings. I'm happy to sit and knit/weave/spin/crochet all day," my twin sister said in a text message. "You: Hot, nights, need to go, go, go."

While we're genetically identical, my twin sister and I are as different as night and day. We look a lot alike, we sound a lot alike, and we have similar outgoing personalities, but we're also very, very different. In addition to the differences she mentioned, she's always loved studying math and science, while I've always preferred literature and his-

tory. Growing up, I was likely to fill my time playing sports, while she was likely to fill hers playing music. She's pensive and absorbs situations before she speaks. I tend to be impulsive and reactive.



Darcy L.
Fargo

We have a lot of things in common, but we also have distinct personalities, interests, talents and abilities. Despite our differences, we fit together perfectly, and we complement one another.

We're the same, but different.

God doesn't use cookie cutters when He creates people. I'm fairly certain we all have moments in which we

wish others looked at the world through the same lens we do, but wouldn't life be boring if we were all exactly the same?

Thinking about differences took my thoughts back to September of 2015. Then, my friend and I were blessed to have the opportunity to watch Pope Francis' address a joint meeting of Congress from the Capitol lawn.

The group gathered on the lawn in front of us was speaking Spanish. The group behind us was speaking a language I couldn't identify. Yet when Pope Francis appeared on the balcony in front of us, we all made the Sign of the Cross together, and we all declared "Amen" together.

We're the same, but differ-

ent.

Our Catholic Church is universal. There's room for everyone in it. Whether you prefer your Mass with incense and chant or with guitars and folk music, there's room for you here. Whether you celebrate Mass in English or in Spanish, there's room for you here.

God made us all different. We have different preferences, different personalities and different ways of connecting with God and one another. But we're all part of the same Church, we're all worshipping the same God, and we're all trying to reach the same eternal joy.

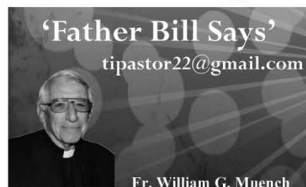
Let's celebrate our differences knowing we're united by our commonalities.

Finding the strength to answer God's call

Today, I would like to begin with a moment of remembrance of the three priests of our Diocese of Ogdensburg who died during the past few weeks: Father Patrick O'Reilly, Father Adrain Gallagher and Father Roger McGuinness. This prayer of remembrance is a prayer of gratitude for these priests and for their ministry here in the diocese.

"My God, I want to thank you on this day for the excellent and the dedicated ministry of these three fine priests. I am certain that they touched many through their pastoral dedication in the parishes where they ministered. They brought God's love and peace to many. They were dedicated priests and pastors. I thank you, my God, for bringing these priests to the Church in the North Country."

As I pray for my three friends, I offer a prayer of gratitude for my own vocation as a priest. I thank God for the gift of my call – for



Fr. William G. Muench

the blessing to recognize my vocation as a priest and to serve as a true follower of the Lord Jesus. In a recent Sunday Gospel, we heard the story of Jesus calling his first apostles. Jesus is walking down the road near the sea. He simply calls out to Peter and Andrew who are working on their fishing boats, and he invites them to "follow him." And then a little further on, he calls out to James and John, who are also working on their fishing boats. "Follow me. I will make you fishers of men," Jesus says.

My call to the priesthood was not as dramatic. Yet, I know that during my younger years the Lord placed in my life many who led me and showed me that

God was leading me and giving me the gifts to find the dedication and the confidence to become a priest. There were also many wonderful priests who showed me the happiness and the gifts that would help to make myself a priest of the Lord Jesus.

I remember the time of study as well in the seminary and the challenge to prepare myself to be a priest and a pastor. Recently, I read David Brooks writing about following a vocation. He said, "vocations invariably have testing periods – periods when the costs outweigh the benefits – which a person must go through to reach another level of intensity. A person who has found a vocation doesn't feel he has any other choice – so he pushes through when it doesn't seem to make sense."

I must admit that there were many times when I wondered if I was on the correct path. There were times when I wondered if I had the

true ability to truly follow the Lord Jesus and if I had what it takes to bring the message of the Lord to people. I wondered if I could truly be holy enough to stand at the altar of the Lord to celebrate Mass. However, my vocation was developed, I believe, through the call of my Lord and God. God would make sense over and over again of my dedication, my vocation and my firm confidence in the call of the Lord to follow him.

As a priest, I believed the Lord would constantly give me the help and wisdom and the capability to carry out the demands of being a good priest and a good preacher. I am truly grateful for this gift of the Lord. When I need help and confidence and strength and wisdom, I had learned over the years that God walks with me and gives me the help I need. I have found the happiness that I know those first apostles found as they followed Jesus.

FOLLOW ME

Celebrating our Catholic schools

This year, from January 30 to February 5, we celebrate **National Catholic Schools Week**. This annual celebration of Catholic education is an appropriate time to express appreciation to all who contribute to making our Catholic Schools in the North Country strong communities of faith, knowledge, and service.

For generations, our Catholic schools have offered academic excellence and faith-filled education for our children. They continue to provide our children with a safe setting in these most challenging of times.

We salute and express

deep gratitude to our principals, faculty, and staff for their untiring commitment to our students. Our parents' support and patience and the adaptability of our students to the established protocols have enabled our schools to continue our mission with a minimum of hiccups.

I am especially grateful to Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, SSJ, Diocesan Director of Catholic Education, Mrs. Karen Donahue, Assistant Superintendent and their staff for the tremendous support they con-

tinue to extend to our Catholic schools.

A quick review of what our Catholic schools offer, reveals why parents choose a Catholic school for their children:

1. An education that integrates Catholic faith and teachings with academic excellence.
2. We partner with parents in the academic and faith formation of their children.
3. We set high standards for student achievement and accompany them in their journey to succeed.
4. We provide a bal-



Bishop Terry R. LaValley

anced academic curriculum that integrates faith, culture and life.

5. We use technology effectively to enhance education.

6. We instill in students the value of service to others.

7. We teach children respect of self and others.

8. We emphasize conscience formation, moral development and self-discipline.

9. We prepare students to be productive citizens and future leaders.

10. We have a supportive faculty and staff who are dedicated, caring, and competent.

11. We provide a safe and welcoming environment for all.

I always enjoy my visits to the schools of our diocese. It gives me an opportunity to agitate, I mean, bless our youngsters.

When one enters through the front doors, the visitor notices something distinctly different about our schools. Gospel joy saturates the space. That's the kind of environment in which the whole person is formed and we, as a society and as a Church are blessed.

Let us continue to pray for our Catholic school faith families and our parishioners who so generously support them. Happy Catholic Schools Week!

TRAINING AS PARISH NURSES



Nurses train to serve as Parish Nurses through Mercy Care of the Adirondacks' Foundations Course for Faith Community Nursing. Mercy Care for the Adirondacks, a mission sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, will offer the course on March 11 & 12, 18 & 19, and 25 & 26. Attendance at all six sessions is required. The course will be offered in-person at a site to be determined in the Lake Placid area. It is also available virtually for those who prefer this format. Mercy Care provides the training at no cost to participants but pre-registration is required. The Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Course is supported by a grant from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation. To register, visit adm-mercy.org. For more information, contact Lexi Bevilacqua, Education and Volunteer Training manager at abevilacqua@adm-mercy.org or 518-523-5446.

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— PRAYER SUGGESTION —

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

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

Amen.

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Books, school, Catholicism woven into mural

By Darcy Fargo
Editor

MASSENA—Students walking down a particular hallway at Trinity Catholic School are transported from Massena to a storybook forest thanks to the efforts of a volunteer artist.

Massena resident Michele Chartrand created murals in the hallway that center around books, but also include images specific to Catholicism and the school.

Chartrand said the project came about after she did a smaller mural when a friend started teaching pre-kindergarten at Trinity.

"I did this mural, and it was really bright and colorful," Chartrand said. "(Trinity Principal) Joyce Giroux said the piece I did down there livens up the room. She said the hallway looked like a dungeon. She asked if I could make it bright and colorful."

After brainstorming with Giroux about potential ideas, Chartrand settled on a "storybook forest."

"I pulled characters and imagery from 56 books," Chartrand said. "We went across four walls. I started painting before the pandemic hit. Once the pandemic hit, I had to limit my work to the weekends, since the school was limiting contact. Because of the time constraints, it took a year and a half to finish."

With the storybook images, Chartrand hid images related to the school and Catholicism in the murals.

"Bishop's crozier is hidden in the trees – it's really hard to find, too," Chartrand said. "There are doves holding olive branches; fishes and loaves; symbols for confirmation, marriage and baptism; the Greek symbols for Jesus – alpha and omega; candles. There are

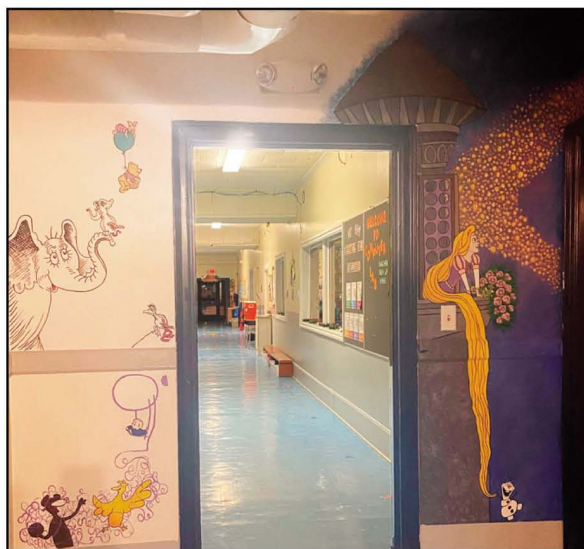


Volunteer artist Michele Chartrand created a storybook forest mural for students at Trinity Catholic School in Massena. The mural contains 128 total images, including representations of book characters, Catholicism, popular movie characters and the school.

also silly things hidden in there for the kids. I have three minions hidden in there, Waldo from Where's Waldo, our two janitors from the school, the Gingerbread man from Shrek – lots of things."

Some of the items are hidden so well, even the artist has a difficult time finding them.

"I had to make a cheat sheet," Chartrand said. "Even with the cheat sheet, there are things hidden so



well, I have a hard time finding them. Joyce (Giroux) has a copy of the sheet at the school, and I have a copy for backup. I wanted to make sure there were enough things there that it appealed to all ages. There are easy things to find for the littlest kids, and there are harder things to find for the older kids."

Trinity students seem to enjoy both the hidden items and the storybook theme.

"I had a blank spot on a wall, so I added a yellow circle blob on a bunch of books. It's Nibbles the book monster – a character from a book the young students know well," Chartrand said. "One of the teachers messaged me after the kids saw it. She said the kids went wild over the fact that Nibbles was on the wall. It was great getting feedback from the teachers. We're big readers in our house-

hold, so a lot of the books I used for inspiration were favorites from our home. I also talked to the teachers about books they use in their classrooms. I picked a lot of really popular books. The older kids remember the books from when they were young. The younger kids are familiar with some of them. They hear the older kids talk about the images they know and the books they loved. I'm hoping having all these kids talking about books will get the kids to want to read some of these books they're hearing about."

Chartrand said she would've loved to extend the mural into another hallway area, but she ran out of time to work on the project, as she and her family are moving out of the area.

"I just ran out of time," she said. "I could've continued adding to it forever. My husband, Darin, kept reminding me I had to draw the line somewhere."

Chartrand donated her time as well as the supplies for the project.

"What good is having the skills and talents God gave me if I'm not sharing them," she asked. "It was about giving back to the school, the community and the Church. Giving back doesn't have to involve tons of money. If people aren't willing to donate their time and talents, even money is useless. There are lots of simple ways to give back. It might be donating bulbs from your flower bed and planting them outside the church or school. It might be weeding around the flower beds. It might be taking care of the flowers at church or helping decorate. There are a lot of ways to give back, and it's important."

Cabrini Foundation awards \$160M in grants

NEW YORK — The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation announced today it awarded more than 450 year-end 2021 grants totaling \$140 million to support organizations and programs addressing the health-related needs of low-income residents and underserved communities across New York State in 2022.

This is in addition to \$20 million in funding authorized for emergency COVID-19 programs earlier in 2021.

In all, the Foundation's \$160 million in 2021 funding supports 507 programs to improve health and human services during a time of unprecedented need. In the three years since its inception, the Foundation has awarded grants totaling nearly \$470 million.

The \$140 million in new grants will support programs in 2022, including \$14 million to three-year strategic efforts focused on improving oral health access and outcomes, increasing availability and access to quality healthcare, and funding programs to provide young children with necessary health and education resources to succeed in underserved communities.

"As we look back at the compounding crises of the last few years, the health-related needs of vulnerable communities have only grown. Our grantees have demonstrated tremendous resilience, creativity, and dedication to serving those in need, especially as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have such detrimental impact," said Alfred F. Kelly, Jr., chairman and CEO of Visa and chair of the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation Board.

REGIONAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

Grant recipients within the Diocese of Ogdensburg include:

- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Ogdensburg – Case Management Services Enhancement, Fresh Start Foster Care Supervised Visitation Program, Migrant and Immigrant Support and Advocacy, Seaway House and Strengthening Families Parenting Education Program
- Immaculate Heart Central, Watertown – Student and Family Support Services
- Mercy Care for the Adirondacks, Lake Placid – Age Friendly Communities Initiative
- Roman Catholic Community of St. Alexander and St. Joseph Parish, Morrisonville – St. Alexander's Outreach Center
- Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg, Ogdensburg – Regional Scholarship Grant and Healthy Families for a Hopeful Future
- St. André Bessette Parish, Malone – St. André's Outreach Center
- Seton Catholic, Plattsburgh – Enhancing the Healthy Environment at Seton Catholic
- St. Agnes Church, Lake Placid – St. Agnes School GAP Services
- St. James Church & Augustinian Academy, Carthage – Establishing Wholistic & Healthy Activities for After School Program
- St. James School, Gouverneur – St. James School Counseling Services
- St. Joseph's Home, Ogdensburg – Various Social Determinants of Health
- Trinity Catholic School, Massena – Trinity School Counseling Services
- Watertown Urban Mission, Watertown – Building Economic Stability for Tomorrow and Getting Ahead and Staying Ahead in the North Country
- Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization Inc., Watertown – Health Career Army Pathways Program
- Joint Council for Economic Opportunity of Clinton and Franklin Counties Inc., Plattsburgh – Food Insecurity Program Support for Rural Communities in the North Country
- Massena Independent Living Center Inc., Massena – Enhancing Independence in the Home

The *North Country Catholic* hopes to have more information about many of these programs in coming editions.

"After nearly two years of recovery from a pandemic that has hit vulnerable populations the hardest, we must continue to address the challenges communities across New York State are facing: food and housing insecurity, lack of access to basic healthcare including vaccines, lack of equity within the healthcare professions, and racial and economic healthcare disparities made worse during COVID-19. We must continue to support the full range of services that make for healthy people and communities," said Msgr. Gregory Mustaciuolo, CEO of the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation.

In addition to funding COVID-19 relief, the grants address a range of urgent health needs and social determinants of health across New York State. These include programs that enhance access to mental health

counseling, increase availability of nutritious food in food deserts, improve access to healthcare and transportation, support older adults with access to technology, strengthen veteran services, and offer scholarship support as well as remote learning opportunities. Initiatives also promote housing, employment assistance, and translation services; advancements in telehealth technology; and extended legal and social services.

Recipients include community-based organizations, food banks, healthcare providers, nursing homes, schools, federally qualified health centers, and trade associations that are addressing the needs of target populations: low-income individuals and families; older adults; youth and young adults; persons with special needs; immigrants and migrant workers; veterans; formerly

incarcerated individuals; and young children, pregnant women, and new moms.

The Foundation's new round of grants includes:

- \$54 million toward general services for low-income individuals and families, including a grant to City Mission of Schenectady to expand its Transitional Housing and Wellness Center, and to Island Harvest Food Bank to expand its East End Expansion Program route to a network of food pantries on Long Island's East End.

- \$21 million toward needs of young children, pregnant women, and new moms, including grants to Daystar Kids to support its new Rochester-based Pediatric Complex Care program that would ensure children and families experience a seamless transition from hospital to home, and to the Read to Them Inc. program in Syracuse to reverse liter-

acy loss caused by the pandemic.

- \$18 million toward programming, nursing, and caregiving services for older adults, including a grant to Presbyterian Senior Services to support its Life University program which helps older adults become more comfortable using technology and engages them in array of online classes centered on popular topics including health, wellness, legal support, retirement strategies, and arts and culture.

- \$18 million toward programs serving youth and young adults over 12 years old, including a grant to the Mental Health Association of New York State in Albany to renew support for its Family Education Project, which provides guidance and resources to equip families and schools to address youth mental health services.

- \$13 million toward general services for immigrants and migrant workers, including a grant to the Safe Passage Project to continue providing critical legal and social services for unaccompanied minor refugees as immigration proceedings ramp back up.

- \$12 million toward housing and general services for persons with special needs, including a grant to Westchester Institute for Human Development to expand mobile primary care services to individuals with disabilities, and to Montefiore Medical Center to enhance treatment for children with autism.

- \$2 million toward opportunities for formerly incarcerated individuals, including a grant to Prov-

Environmental Stewardship

Heating season

Each season in the North Country is unique and presents its own challenges in attempting to address climate change. During this time of year, more energy is used to produce heat than for any other purpose. Oil burners, propane furnaces, coal-fired boilers and wood stoves are working night and day to make us comfortable. This results in substantial amounts of carbon dioxide being released into the atmosphere which is responsible for altering our planet's climate.

In his encyclical, *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis states, "People may well have a growing ecological sensitivity but it has not succeeded in changing their harmful habits of consumption which, rather than decreasing, appear to be growing all the more."

It certainly is convenient to set a central thermostat to 72 degrees during winter and remain pleasantly warm. Consider lowering the temperature of most buildings. Wearing a heavy shirt and sweater along with an insulated pair of pants can allow the temperature of a room to be lowered into the mid-60s without experiencing any discomfort. Homes with rooms that are seldom used during the day can be set to even lower temperatures without anyone noticing. A small electric heater set close to a chair in which you spend most of your time can do wonders to warm that limited space. Since electric heaters do not require any fossil fuels to operate, they have no impact on exacerbating climate change.

Consider turning down the thermostat by at least several degrees before going to bed. An extra blanket, quilt or down comforter can provide warmth for a good night of sleep. If no one is going to be home during the day, consider leaving your house at the nighttime temperature until you return.

It is hard at first to adjust to a slightly more challenging way of life for the winter months, but with a little thoughtful planning and effort, you can save a substantial amount of money on your heating bill and help our planet slowly recover its health.

By Tom Kalinowski

St. Bernard's Parish
Faith and Ecology Member

Foundation grants

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idence House for their Women's Justice Program and Trinity Church Wall Street to expand access to housing and support services for women exiting Rikers Island.

- \$1 million toward support services for veterans, including a grant to the Albany Housing Coalition to expand its Veterans Employment and Training Services ("VETS") program and provide case management to homeless veterans to help them secure

sustainable employment.

In 2020, the Foundation launched an initial round of strategic grants, committing \$5 million to strengthen the infrastructure of dental health systems across New York state. At year-end 2021, the Foundation expanded its strategic grantmaking portfolio, launching \$14 million in grants to 46 programs focused on three areas: a second year of grants supporting oral healthcare access, and new grants to address health disparity, and early childhood health and development. Strategic grants include:

- \$6 million to achieve localized health equity, ex-

pand the diversity of the health workforce pipeline, strengthen health partnerships around key health equity issues, expand telehealth efforts in rural communities, and train healthcare providers to serve individuals with special needs appropriately and effectively. Grantees include Community Health Care Association of New York State; Iroquois Healthcare Association, Inc.; Hunter College Foundation; and Catholic Health System of Long Island, Inc.

- \$4 million to provide important early childhood intervention services for children living in high poverty urban and rural communities as well as immigrant children. Grantees include Children's Health Fund, Buffalo Hearing & Speech Center Inc., United Way of CNY, and YMCA of Greater New York.

- \$4 million to continue to improve oral health access and outcomes in underserved communities through widespread tele-

dentistry programs and expanded use of mobile dental vans. Grantees include the NYU Dentistry Oral Health Center for People with Disabilities, Syracuse Community Health Center Inc., the University at Buffalo, and the University of Rochester.

The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation was formed after the 2018 sale of Fidelis Care, a nonprofit health insurer created by the Catholic bishops of New York State. This is the Foundation's third annual round of grants.

In spring 2021, the Foundation invited organizations from across the State to apply for funding through an open process, receiving over 1,500 letters of interest, both from returning grantees and new organizations. Approximately half of the grants were for \$250,000 or more. For approximately 45 percent of funded programs, the Foundation is the largest private funder.

For more information, visit cabrinihealth.org.

Rest in Peace

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

Jan. 26 – Rev. Antoine Paillier, O.M.I., 1916; Rev. Henry Thamelung, O.F.M. Conv., 1929; Rev. Leon Lamothe, O.M.I., 1937; Rev. Daniel E. Cahill, 1945; Rev. John Emmett Weir, 1990; Rev. Earl W. Nichols, 2002

Jan. 27 – Rev. Emile H. Mission, O.S.A., 1973; Rev. Mr. Adam S. Crowe, 2009

Jan. 28 – Rev. James A. McKenna, 1895; Deacon Richard E. Winter, 2004

Jan. 29 – Msgr. James T. Lyng, 1965; Deacon John White, 2019

Jan. 30 – Rev. John T. Sullivan, 1884; Rev. Eusebius Schlingmann, O.F.M., 1937

Jan. 31 – Rev. James McGowan, 1910; Rev. B. J. O'Connell, O.S.A., 1925; Rev. Timothy M. Ladden, 2003

Feb. 1 – Rev. John B. Doonan, 1949; Msgr. George T. Donnelly, 1968; Rev. Edward M. Delaney, 1977; Rev. Robert L. Cotter, 2015

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg uses the training, Protecting God's Children for Adults. If you need to complete VIRTUS training, contact Jean Grizzuto, jgrizzuto@rcdony.org or 315-393-2920 x 1413.

Bishop's Public Schedule

Jan. 26 & 27 – Visit and Mass at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland

Jan. 29 – 4 p.m. – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Jan. 30 – 8 a.m. – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

11 a.m. – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Jan. 31 – Noon – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

To Report Abuse

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News in brief

Father Menard incardinated in Diocese of Syracuse

"Reverend Bernard Menard, who has been exercising priestly ministry for the last year in the Diocese of Syracuse, has sought permission from Bishop Terry R. LaValley and acceptance from Bishop Douglas R. Lucia to be excardinated from the Diocese of Ogdensburg and incardinated in the Diocese of Syracuse. Bishop LaValley has granted permission, and Bishop Lucia has welcomed Father Menard. As of January 14, 2022, Father Bernard Menard has become a priest of the Diocese of Syracuse.

We wish Father Bernie well in his new home and ministry.

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Pope declares St. Irenaeus a doctor of the church

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Pope Francis officially has declared St. Irenaeus of Lyon a doctor of the church. In a decree released by the Vatican Jan. 21, the pope ordered that the second-century theologian be given the title of "doctor of unity" and said St. Irenaeus' life and teachings served as "a spiritual and theological bridge between Eastern and Western Christians. May the doctrine of such a great teacher increasingly encourage the journey of all the Lord's disciples toward full communion," the pope said. During a meeting with Pope Francis Jan. 20, Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, asked the pope to "accept the affirmative opinion" of the cardinals and bishops who are congregation members to confer the title on St. Irenaeus, who was known for his defense of orthodoxy amid the rise of gnostic sects. St. Irenaeus is the second doctor of the church named by Pope Francis after St. Gregory of Narek, who was given the designation in 2015. He brings the total number of doctors of the church to 37.

Donnelly is confirmed as U.S. ambassador to the Vatican

WASHINGTON (CNS) – Catholic lawyer Joe Donnelly of Indiana is the new U.S. ambassador to the Holy See. The U.S. Senate confirmed Donnelly, a former member of the House of Representatives and the Senate, in a voice vote Jan. 20. "Joe is a person of deep Catholic faith and commitment to public service, and I am confident that he will serve in this important new role with vision and integrity," said Holy Cross Father John Jenkins, president of the University of Notre Dame, Donnelly's alma mater. "It comes as no surprise that there was broad bipartisan support for his confirmation as he has proven throughout his career that he is committed to building relationships and working across divisions. Joe has the prayers of his alma mater as well as our commitment to assist him in any way we can," Father Jenkins said in a statement following the vote. Donnelly, 66, served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2007 to 2013, representing Indiana's 2nd Congressional District, and was a U.S. senator from 2013 to 2019. A Democrat, he ran for reelection to the Senate in 2018, but he lost to Republican Mike Braun.

Court upholds ruling against ex-managers of Vatican bank

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – A Vatican appellate court rejected the appeal of two former top managers of the Vatican bank who were found liable for mismanagement. In a statement released Jan. 21, the Institute for the Works of Religion, the formal name of the bank, said the court upheld its 2018 ruling against Paolo Cipriani, the former bank director, and Massimo Tulli, the former deputy director, and ordered them to pay more than 40.5 million euro (\$45.9 million) in damages. While no specific information was released regarding the exact instances of mismanagement committed by Cipriani and Tulli, the Institute for the Works of Religion said the court's 2018 judgment centered on investments made "between 2010 and 2013, and which immediately proved to be harmful as they were problematic and, in several cases, also illegitimate and the subject of criminal proceedings." In February 2017, an Italian tribunal in Rome also found Cipriani and Tulli guilty of violating norms against money laundering; both men were given four-month prison sentences. The Institute for the Works of Religion praised the court's decision to uphold a conviction that "was the first of its kind within Vatican City State" and "served as a forerunner to other similar cases that are currently ongoing."

Official: marchers' energy, enthusiasm is 'palpable'

WASHINGTON (CNS) – One aspect of the annual March for Life that never changes is the loud cheering when the lead group, carrying the banner, arrives in front of the Supreme Court.

That tradition was sustained Jan. 21 as groups from Christendom College in Front Royal, Virginia, and Immanuel Lutheran School in Alexandria, Virginia, joined by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, Virginia, arrived from the pre-march rally held in subfreezing temperatures on the National Mall.

The march up Constitution Avenue to the court had taken them slightly more than two hours.

The crowd, not quite the more than 100,000 who attended in 2020 when President Donald Trump addressed the rally in person, nonetheless appeared robust, and easily was within the estimate march organizers always give as being in the tens of thousands.

And that was just fine with Jeanne Mancini, president of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund.

"Every year is unique," she told Catholic News Service before the rally began. "But the energy and enthusiasm of the marchers is palpable."

Mancini wouldn't speculate on the future of the national march if, later this year, the U.S. Supreme Court effectively overturns the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision by upholding the Mississippi abortion law in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*.

But there's one plan in place if that occurs.

Overturning *Roe* would return all abortion restrictions to the states. So Mancini said the plan is to have statewide marches established in all 50 states over the next seven years. There are currently a handful of state marches, an effort that began six years ago.

Jeff Hunt, director of the Centennial Institute, a think tank attached to Colorado Christian University, said he thought legalized abortion was a nonstarter with the young people who have dominated March for Life for many years.

"Many of them grew up with their brother's or sister's sonogram taped to the refrigerator door," he said. "I think that's shaping the idea that a child is not a bunch of cells you can kill."

He thought the current generation of young people is "naturally more pro-life than previous generations."

Marianne Hofer, coordinator of the student pilgrimage from the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota, said, "We're extremely excited. We're very honored to be here at a time when *Roe* could be overturned."

The university sent 230 students. Hofer estimated that about half were at their first March for Life.

The march was briefly delayed after it got untional when members of Patriot Front, known as a white nationalist hate group, attempted to march alongside. But they were quickly dispersed.

"March for Life pro-

motes the beauty, dignity and worth of every human life by working to end the violence of abortion. We condemn any organization that seeks to exclude a person or group of people based on the color of their skin or any other characteristic," Mancini told CNS later in reaction to Patriot Front's effort to join the march.

"Such exclusion runs counter to our mission which recognizes that all human lives are equal from the moment of conception: equality begins in the womb," she said.

In a statement issued ahead of the march, Bishop Burbidge said the March for Life "is a powerful witness to essential truths that unite us: All of life is sacred and, thus, the life of the unborn child must be protected from the horror of abortion and life at every stage must be revered, cherished and treasured."

"We march peacefully each year in our nation's capital to give witness to these truths to a nation in which many in public office and others throughout our communities continue to reject them. Yet we will never despair nor tire of proclaiming the Gospel of Life, with firm belief in the power of God to transform hearts," he added.

He echoed what Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori said in his homily at a Jan. 21 vigil Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception: that the church stands read through its many pastoral ministries "to assist parents who choose life and need support and care."

VIRTUAL EVENTS

HOW TO: SMALL GROUP YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

Join fellow ministers, volunteers, and anyone interested in working with young people for a video series and discussion on Small Group Discipleship for youth.

Date: March 1 and 2

Time: 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Features: The five-video series provided by YDisciple will be spread out over the two sessions, and we will meet via Zoom to view and discuss how to best apply these techniques in our parishes, homes, and schools. Each video is 10 to 15 minutes long and easy to absorb. **Contact:** To Register for this free webinar please visit:

<https://www.rcdony.org/ministrydevelopment> For more information please **Contact:** Tom Semeraro: tsemeraro@rcdony.org 315-393-2920

ADIRONDACK

FIRST FRIDAY PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Lake Placid – Monthly praise and worship to be held.

Date: First Friday of the month

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: St. Agnes Church

Features: Music led by Joey and MC Izzo. Time for fellowship and snacks afterwards. Will be livestreamed as well on St. Agnes Facebook page.

PARISH NURSE TRAINING

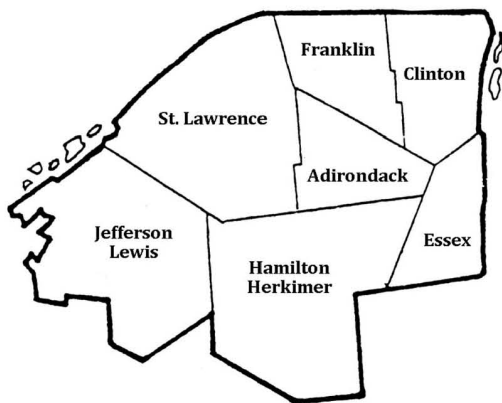
Lake Placid – Mercy Care for the Adirondacks, a mission sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, will offer the Foundations Course for Faith Community Nursing.

Dates: March 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 and 26 (All 6 sessions are required).

Place: to be determined or can be attended virtually.

Features: The course is offered to registered nurses of all faiths. Mercy Care provides the training at no cost to participants but pre-registration is required. Parish Nurses (Faith Community Nurses) assist the members of their faith community to maintain or regain wholeness in body, mind and spirit. They promote wellness by health screening, health education, advocating for clients, connecting them to services in their community, listening and providing support.

Contact: To register, visit our website at www.adkmercy.org. If you have any questions please contact Lexi Bevilacqua, Education and Volunteer



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Training Manager at abevilacqua@adkmercy.org or by phone at 518-523-5446.

CLINTON

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST: JESUS PRESENT AND HOW TO SHARE IT

Plattsburgh – As a continuation of the Eucharist Initiative a presentation to be held on the Liturgy of the Eucharist: Jesus Present and how to share it.

Date: March 12

Time: 9:30 a.m. to Noon

Place: Holy Cross Parish Center

Speaker: Father Tojo Chacko, HGN

Features: Cost is free. Please bring a bagged lunch for food and conversation afterwards.

Contact: To register for a location go to: www.rcdony.org/liturgyeucharist

ESSEX

NO LATIN MASS

Port Henry – There will not be an Extraordinary Form Latin Mass held until Feb. 20.

JEFFERSON-LEWIS

HOLY HOUR AND DIVINE MERCY
Houseville – A Holy Hour of Adoration with the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be observed the first Sunday of the month.

Date: Feb. 6

Time: Following 11 a.m. Mass

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Contact: 315-348-6260

ST. LAWRENCE

11TH AND 12TH GRADE RELIGION CLASSES

Ogdensburg – St. Mary's Cathedral Parish is kicking off its 11th & 12th grade religion class. Youth in the applicable grades from outside the Cathedral Parish are welcome to attend.

Date: Monthly Feb. 13, March 13, April 10, May 15

Time: 5 p.m. to 7:30

Place: Brzana Hall below St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: We have no curriculum; YOU will help decide what we discuss! Lots of discussion, less lecture. Games with prizes. Dinner included. We ask families to consider taking a month and providing dinner. Past families have been very creative from spaghetti dinners to breakfast dishes to bringing in pizza or subs. Classes are self-contained units. Can't make it in October, you are still invited for November, December... No makeup assignments! Guests welcome! Bring a friend!

Contact: If you have questions or concerns that can't wait, contact Deacon Jim Crowley via email jcrowley@rcdony.org or Jessica Hargrave via email jhargrave@rcdony.org.

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY DEVOTION

Massena – Sacred Heart Church to have first Saturday Rosary Devotion.

Date: Feb. 5

Time: 3:15 p.m.

Features: First Saturday Rosary Devotion to OUR Lady of Fatima. Confes-

sions will be available. Saturday Vigil Mass at 4 p.m.

PRAYER AND ADORATION

Massena – Commissioned Lay Ministers are invited to gather for Adoration and Rosary.

Date: Every third Wednesday of the month (Feb. 16)

Time: 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Place: Sacred Heart Church

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST: JESUS PRESENT AND HOW TO SHARE IT

Waddington – As a continuation of the Eucharist Initiative a presentation to be held on the Liturgy of the Eucharist: Jesus Present and how to share it.

Date: March 12

Time: 9:30 a.m. to Noon

Place: Waddington Parish Center
Speaker: Sister Mary Eamon Lyng,

SSJ

Features: Cost is free. Please bring a bagged lunch for food and conversation afterwards.

Contact: To register for a location go to: www.rcdony.org/liturgyeucharist

DIOCESAN EVENTS

SURVIVING DIVORCE

The Family Life Office is offering the Surviving Divorce Program, beginning mid-February in Watertown, Gouverneur, Canton and Potsdam.

Dates: To be determined (will be held once a week)

Time: 2-3 hours

Cost: \$25

Features: This program helps participants find personal healing and hope by working through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce.

Contact: Register online at www.rcdony.org/survivingdivorce.

For more information contact Steve Tartaglia at 315-393-2920 or startaglia@rcdony.org.

LOVING AUTHENTICALLY

Commissioned Lay Ministers and candidates are invited to this program that is designed to strengthen the participant's conviction about the truth, beauty and importance of church teaching on natural law and sexual morality and to give participants a basic understanding of the ethical basis of the teaching.

Schedule: Two different opportunities to attend. Jan. 29 at Emmaus Room, St. Peter's Church, Plattsburgh;

April 23 at St. Peter's Church, Lowville.

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Presenters: Deacon John Fehner & Dr. Maura Fehner, Mr. Steve Tartaglia and other members of the Family Life Department.

Features: Cost is free and all are welcome. Must watch an 80-minute video prior to the event. Link to video will be sent after registration. Bring your own lunch.

Contact: Register at: <https://www.rcdony.org/lovingauthentically>. If you have questions, contact Family Life Director, Steve Tartaglia at startaglia@rcdony.org or call 315-393-2920

REFLECT AND RECONCILE

A Diocese of Ogdensburg youth Lenten retreat to be held for all young people in grades 7 to 12.

Schedule: March 12 at St. Mary's Cathedral Brzana Room, Ogdensburg; March 26 at St. Mary's Parish Center, Champlain.

Time: 1 p.m. to 5

Features: Join fellow youth in grades 7 to 12 as you get a chance to dive deeper, to understand more in a space that is judgment-free and supportive. The pace of this retreat experience will contain moments of fun, quiet reflection, candid conversation, and a presentation. Drinks and Snack included.

Contact: Registration: <https://www.rcdony.org/lentenretreat> For more information please **Contact:** Tom Semeraro - Office of Youth Ministry - 315-393-2920 ext. 1415 or tsemeraro@rcdony.org

PRESENTATION OF FORGIVEN

A Continuation of the Eucharist Initiative. Discover the merciful way that God calls us back to Himself when we have sinned.

Date: March 26

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

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center, Clayton; Dostie Hall, Watertown; St. Peter's Church, Lowville; Fr. Amyot Parish Center, Norfolk; St. Edmund's Parish Center, Ellenburg; The Emmaus Room inside St. Peter's Church, Plattsburgh; St. Bernard's School, Saranac Lake

Features: There will be much time for discussion during the event which is free to attend. Please bring a bagged lunch.

Contact: To register go to: www.rcdony.org/forgiven

Top 10 movies of 2021

NEW YORK (CNS)—The year just past saw the film industry tentatively working its way back from the nearly paralyzed state into which it had been thrown by the coronavirus pandemic.

It remains to be seen, however, when – or, indeed, if – things will return to something resembling pre-COVID-19 normal for Hollywood.

Meantime, releases have continued and, although several of 2021's best movies qualified, under revised eligibility rules, for the Academy Awards presentation in April, some that arrived on screen later were of notable quality. Of these, two were musicals, a genre not often encountered at the multiplex these days.

Outstanding films suitable for family viewing seem to be increasingly rare. In part, that's due to the inclusion, even in children's movies, of material at odds with traditional morality. As a result, only a limited number of pictures can be endorsed as both cinematically worthy and genuinely wholesome.

Below, in alphabetical order, are capsule reviews of the Top 10 movies overall of 2021 as selected by the Media Review Office of Catholic News Service.

The CNS classification of all the pictures on the former list is A-III – adults. Unless otherwise noted, the Motion Picture Association rating of each is PG-13 – parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

Top 10:

In "Belfast," writer-director Kenneth Branagh uses the perspective of a 9-year-old boy (Jude Hill) to examine the effects of the sectarian strife that swept across Northern Ireland at the end of the 1960s. As the lad's father (Jamie Dor-

nan) resists pressure to join in the violence, his mother (Caitríona Balfe) struggles to keep him and his older brother (Lewis McAskie) safe and morally grounded. A sensitive exploration of the plight of decent people surrounded by malignant bigotry, this moving drama is also a celebration of romantic love, including that uniting the protagonist's grandparents (Judi Dench and Ciarán Hinds).

The challenges of being the only hearing member of a close-knit family are movingly explored in the drama "CODA," the title of which is an acronym for child of deaf adults. The 17-year-old scion (Emilia Jones) of a working-class fishing clan (rounded out by parents Marlee Matlin and Troy Kotsur and older brother Daniel Durant) in Gloucester, Massachusetts, struggles to decide whether she should try to get into a prestigious music college or stay at home where she has always served as her relatives' interpreter. Writer-director Sian Heder's high-quality coming-of-age story is both authentic and insightful.

Adapted from his play by director and co-writer Florian Zeller, the drama "The Father" portrays the difficulties resulting from dementia in an innovative way. Anthony Hopkins turns in a skillfully understated performance as a man in his 80s whose mental confusion – Olivia Colman plays one of the women he takes for his daughter – keeps the viewer off-balance as well. Zeller and his script partner Christopher Hampton courageously delve into moral depths and lay bare family relationships.

The vibrant musical "In the Heights" charts the efforts of a youthful New

York bodega owner (Anthony Ramos) to return to his native Dominican Republic, the scene of his idealized childhood, and the effect of this "little dream" on – among others – the aspiring fashion designer (Melissa Barrera) for whom he's fallen. Director Jon M. Chu's sweeping adaptation of composer and lyricist Lin-Manuel Miranda's Broadway hit also follows the parallel romance linking the protagonist's best friend (Corey Hawkins) with a gifted college student (Leslie Grace) and introduces a variety of neighborhood characters while touching on themes of racial dignity and the plight of immigrants.

"Judas and the Black Messiah" is a compelling fact-based drama, set in the late 1960s, in which a Chicago car thief (Lakeith Stanfield) facing a long prison term agrees to infiltrate the local chapter of the Black Panther Party and supply information to an FBI agent (Jesse Plemons) about its charismatic chairman, Fred Hampton (Daniel Kaluuya). Working from a script he co-wrote with Will Berson, debuting director Shaka King skillfully maintains interest in this personality-rich study of conflicted loyalties and in the budding romance between Hampton and one of his followers (Dominique Fishback). The Motion Picture Association rating is R – restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

A vivid performance from Will Smith as the father of future tennis greats Venus (Saniyya Sidney) and Serena (Demi Singleton) Williams energizes the intriguing fact-based sports drama "King Richard." By turns determined and, as the nickname of the title suggests, domineering, with the help of his dedi-

cated wife (Aunjanue Ellis), he overcomes long odds to fulfill his dream of making his daughters world-renowned champions. Director Reinaldo Marcus Green's film highlights the value of persistence, humility, self-discipline and good parenting.

Set in the 1980s, and loosely based on the childhood experiences of writer-director Lee Isaac Chung, "Minari," a gentle mix of drama and comedy, explores the immigrant experience from a Korean-American perspective while also charting the struggles and triumphs of family life. An aspiring produce farmer (Steven Yeun), his wife (Yeri Han) and their two children (Alan Kim and Noel Kate Cho) move from California to rural Arkansas where the tensions of their new life inspire constant bickering. So, too, does the presence of the children's maternal grandmother (Yuh-jung Youn) after she joins the household to help look after them.

A sense of loneliness pervades the poignant drama "Nomadland." Frances McDormand gives a bravura performance as a working-class widow from a failed factory town who takes to the road in search of seasonal employment, becoming part of a subculture of marginalized sojourners who move from one trailer park to the next in their struggle to evade economic ruin. Drawing on journalist Jessica Bruder's 2017 book, writer-director Chloe Zhao highlights how momentary encounters and emotional connection help to relieve the cycle of menial labor and anxiety for the future her vulnerable but resilient protagonist endures. (R – restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or guardian.)

Action, humor and drama are skillfully combined in "Spider-Man: No Way Home," the lavish final installment of a trilogy of films starring Tom Holland as the Marvel Comics superhero. When the revelation of his identity as Peter Parker and a raging public debate about his true intentions have an adverse effect on the lives of both his girlfriend (Zendaya) and his best pal (Jacob Batalon), Spidey turns to sorcerer Dr. Strange (Benedict Cumberbatch) for help. But the latter's spell goes awry, with potentially dire consequences. Returning director Jon Watts serves up giddy visuals and high-budget special effects as his movie explores themes of altruism, moral decision making and the desire for revenge.

"West Side Story," the splendid second film version of the classic 1957 Broadway musical, charts the romance of its modern-day Romeo and Juliet, Manhattan slum dwellers Tony (Ansel Elgort) and Maria (Rachel Zegler), and their effort to cross the ethnic divide that separates them, a division embodied and intensified by the escalating feud between the white gang to which he belongs (led by Mike Faist) and the Hispanic one headed by her brother (David Alvarez). By turns celebratory and heartbreaking, director Steven Spielberg and screenwriter Tony Kushner's masterful enhancement of an already brilliant work proves captivating.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Looking for consolation

In the midst of a new year that is filled with fear of the pandemic, threats of war and heart-rending pictures of starving people, we look to the consolations of God's Word each week.

In the first reading from Jeremiah, we have God's call to a young man to be his prophet. "Before I formed you in the womb



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I knew you, before you were born, I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you." It is with God's strength, power, and protection that the all-present Creator makes His will known. It was so from the beginning, even to the preaching of God's own Son that we know through the Gospels. When Jesus

January 30

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Luke 4:21-30

spoke divine truth to the synagogue in Nazareth, his hearers rose up in anger and would have killed Him. In our own day, the voice of God's Church is scorned, rejected, and persecuted. Truth is protected by

eternal power. The blood of martyrs has always been the seed of growth to His Church.

Where is the consolation we so long for this week?

It's found in the Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians which tells us that our response always is that of love, patience, kindness. "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous... it is not rude... It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all

things... Love never fails."

Christ is closer to each of us than we even are to ourselves.

He is the model for serenity of spirit, for calming our fears, and of giving us confidence that His care will never, ever fail.

When we act as St. Paul tells us to, then others can see the face of Christ in us. We become light in the darkness around us. Someday, we'll see all the joy we long for.

CALLED TO SERVE

They are extraordinary for a reason

Proclaiming the Gospel, the Word of God, is an honor, a privilege. The proclamation of the Gospel is the responsibility of the deacon. If a deacon is not present, the Church directs another priest to read the words of the evangelist.

If neither a deacon nor a priest other than the celebrant is present, then the priest celebrant proclaims the Gospel. The Gospel should never be read by a lay person at Mass.

Christ uses the voice of the deacon, or a priest, to

speak to the congregation. It is, the Church teaches, "the high point of the Liturgy of the Word."

The deacon might preach after the Gospel. The permission to preach, called "a faculty," is granted by the bishop. In the Diocese of Ogdensburg that faculty to preach at Sunday Mass and on Holy Days is only granted after the bishop is satisfied the deacon has been formed and mentored to take on this awesome responsibility. Even if he has the faculty, the ultimate decision on when and how often the deacon preaches is the pastor's after consulting with the deacon.

The deacon also assists

with the distribution of Communion. I consider that another privilege granted to me by God.

Which brings us to the explanation of ordinary versus extraordinary ministers.

Priests and deacons are ordinary ministers of the Eucharist. By virtue of their ordination, clerics are authorized by the Church to distribute the Eucharist to the faithful.

An extraordinary minister of Holy Communion is someone who has been appointed and trained to help the ordinary ministers distribute Communion occasionally.

I remember reading somewhere a lay person who has been trained to be an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion should only be called to

the sanctuary if the priest and/or deacon helping with the distribution of communion is lacking. Perhaps the priest has a disability that prevents him from standing too long, or the deacon is afraid he'll spread too many germs from the cold he has. Those are examples of cause. But I recall, extraordinary ministers should not be scheduled.

They are called to serve only as need arises.

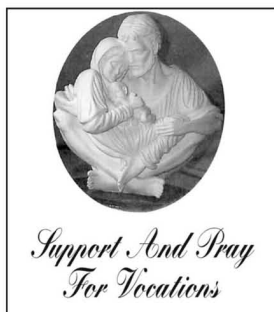
That's what I remember. Seems to me we approach that edict, if indeed it is true, with blinders on. Parishes usually know when they will have to count on extraordinary ministers and plan (also known as "schedule") accordingly. The reason for the extra ministers is usually the

number of communicants and the length of time it will take to distribute communion to the faithful.

Some of you may recall a time when a couple of priests in the parish would suddenly show up in the sanctuary wearing an alb and stole just before communion to help distribute Holy Communion. That was in the days before deacons.

Today if there are priests and deacons in vestments participating in a Mass, they are obliged to distribute Holy Communion. Extraordinary ministers, even if they are scheduled, should defer to the ordinary ministers.

Deacon Kevin Mastellon ministers in Watertown. He is the Director of Permanent Deacons for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.





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Brothers write Christian songs in arabic

Johnny and George Jallouf are twin brothers, and they are also friars and students at the Custody of the Holy Land. They were born 25 years ago in Aleppo, and in that Syrian metropolis, destroyed during the war years, they also lived together the beginning of the religious vocation that led them both to follow in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi. Now, their passion for the saint and their concern for the care of liturgical celebrations have united them in a new adventure: the project of obtaining from the writings of St. Francis a corpus of sacred hymns in Arabic to be offered to all for the liturgy and personal prayer. The result for now is a collection of nine hymns, titled "Rabi wa Elahi" ("My Lord and my God"), with texts in Arabic and original music.

Father George explained that the idea of creating liturgical songs in Arabic inspired by the writings of Saint Francis arose during his early years of Franciscan formation, when he and his brother were in Italy singing Franciscan hymns composed in Italian. The two brothers are also musicians: George studies classical guitar and singing, Johnny studies flute and singing. Their project consists of creating Franciscan hymns with original music, the composition of which was entrusted to a couple of Christian musicians from Nazareth, Louai Zaher and Rabab Zaitoun. "The purpose of the spread of these songs," Brother Johnny told the online magazine custodia.org, "is to try and convey to the Arab world the spirit of the Franciscan writings, especially to young people during the meetings of formation and on the Franciscan Marches." The title of the collection, which means "My Lord and my God" in Arabic, is inspired by the phrase "My God and my everything," pronounced by Saint Francis on Mount Verna, after receiving the stigmata.

Johnny and George, members of a Christian family from Aleppo, grew up attending the Franciscan parish in the Syrian metropolis even during the years when the entire population suffered from the trauma of war. It was in those difficult times that their vocation flourished. The questions and the thirst for happiness that they felt growing inside them while the city seemed to sink into unimaginable violence led them to put aside their old plans (one wanted to be a doctor, the other dreamed of being a film director) and to follow the One that attracted their hearts more strongly in those troubled years.

Article from *FIDES* missionary news service of the Pontifical Mission Societies

OBITUARIES

AuSable Forks – Howard J. Snow, 85; Graveside services in spring at Holy Name Cemetery.

Black River – Helen L. (Yerdon) Martini, 90; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 20, 2022 at St. Paul's Church; burial in Black River Cemetery.

Cadyville – Laurie Lee (Finnegan) Kowalowski, 63; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 21, 2022 at St. James Church.

Canton – Barbara Jean (Maybe) Gaines, 91; Private Services held.

Carthage – Marco A. Pignone, 60; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 17, 2022 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

Chateaugay – M. Deniege (Picard) LaBarre, 103; Mass of Christian Burial in spring at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Chazy – Robert Francis Dumas, 73; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 24, 2022 at Sacred Heart Church.

Constableville – Mary Ann Pogozeleski Kraeger, 92; Graveside services in spring at St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Lake Placid – Don DeMacy, 76; Funeral Services Jan. 22, 2022 at M.B.

Clark Funeral Home.

Massena – Sheila L. (Ferris) Benn, 80; Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church.

Ogdensburg – Winifred G. (Sargent) England, 99; Graveside services in the spring at Notre Dame Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Ward F. Leamy, 89; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 21, 2022 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Bonnie L. (Melleon) Stewart, 78; Funeral Services Jan. 24, 2022 at Foxwood Memorial Park Chapel.

Port Henry – Mary (Gursky) Forkas, 102; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 17, 2022 at St. Patrick's Church.

Port Henry – Dorothy Mae (Fleming) Kordziel, 90; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 21, 2022 at St. Patrick's Church.

Port Henry – Tina Louise (O'Dell) Trombley, 55; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 19, 2022 at St. Patrick's Church.

Port Leyden – Irma Mary (McIntyre) Sullivan, 83; Services Jan. 22, 2022.

Redford – Maude Janet Coon, 83; Mass of Christian Burial at Assumption of Mary.

Redford – John St. John, 79; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 22, 2022 at Church of the Assumption; burial in parish cemetery.

Saranac Lake – Todd A. Claremont, 50; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 22, 2022 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in Mountain View Cemetery, Gabriels.

Ticonderoga – John R. LaPointe, 83; Funeral Services Jan. 23, 2022 at the Wilcox & Regan Funeral home; burial in Meadow Knoll Cemetery, Putnam Station.

Watertown – Dollie L. (Carter) Doldo, 99; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 22, 2022 at St. Anthony's Church.

Watertown – Cesar Edwardo Choroco Marchena, 94; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 22, 2022 at Holy Family Church.

Watertown – Grace (Melara) Marzano, 84; Private Mass to be held; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – Thomas M. Williams, 80; Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 21, 2022 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.



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Spring Funeral Mass planned for Mary A. Hart

Mary A. Hart, 95, died peacefully on the morning of January 15, 2022. Mary was born on June 11, 1926 in New York City to Joseph V. Scully and Alice M (Begley) Scully. Mary grew up in Crestwood, NY with her sister, Helen and brother, William. Mary attended Good Counsel Academy in White Plains, NY, graduating in 1944. She went on to attend Good Counsel College - earning a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry in 1948.

In 1953 Mary was blessed with the best gift of her life, her son, Kevin. In 1958 Mary moved to Malone and in 1960 she began her career with the Franklin County Department of Social Services - retiring in 1988 as the Director of Financial Services. Mary referred to her time at D.S.S. as being "wonderful years". Mary was very active in the community and placed great importance on volunteering to benefit others. Throughout the years she held many roles in a variety of organizations: a member of Alice Hyde Medical Center Auxiliary and hospital volunteer; a member of the Franklin County Historical



Mary A. Hart

and Museum Society; a member of the Association of Senior Citizens; a member, president, district director and state scholarship chair of NYS Business and Professional Women; a member of The Board of Directors of Franklin and St. Lawrence County United Way; a

member and past president of Franklin County Community Action Agency; and a member of Franklin County Office for the Aging Advisory Board. Mary took pride in her Catholic faith and was dedicated in service to the church. She was a member and past president of the Board of Trustees of

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg and a member of the Ursuline Associates. At Notre Dame Parish in Malone, Mary served as a member, president and trustee of the parish council as well as a lector and Eucharistic minister. In 1995 she received the Papal Honor Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal from Pope John Paul II and in 2008 was the recipient of the Caritas Award from Catholic Charities.

Mary was a strong Irish woman. She was intelligent and independent. She loved travelling in the U.S and abroad and kept detailed journals and photos of her journeys. She enjoyed playing golf, was a voracious reader of many genres, but particularly historical biographies and she loved classical music. Mary really loved learning, a good laugh, Long Beach Island, NJ, breakfast at Jon's Family Restaurant, visiting with friends and any time spent with her best friend and sister, Helen. Mary's greatest love and pride was for her son Kevin, his wife Mary, and their family.

Mary's spirit lives on in her son and daughter-in-

law, Kevin and Mary T. (DuMont) Hart of Chasm Falls; her grandchildren Kristen Hart of Malone, Darci Hart of Lake Titus, and Brian and Tricia (Lang) Hart of Gabriels; and in a special way, her great-granddaughter Hannah Mary - who brought Mary such joy. Mary is also survived by her sister and travel partner, Helen Buderwitz of Scarsdale, NY and several beloved nieces and nephews and grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Mary is predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Alice and her brother, William.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place in the spring and announced later.

Spring burial will take place at Notre Dame Cemetery, Malone.

Donations in her memory may be made to St. Andre Bessette Parish, PO Box 547, Malone, NY 12953 or The Alice Center - Activity Fund, 45 Sixth St., Malone, NY 12953.

Arrangements are with St. Mary-Murphy-Wilcox Funeral Home. Online condolences may be offered at www.chateaugayfuneralhome.com

March speakers confident about law changes

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Speakers at the annual March for Life on Washington's National Mall Jan. 21 spoke of a likely tipping point in the current protest against legalized abortions in the United States, but they also urged the crowd to remain vigilant in their advocacy and support for the pro-life movement.

Speakers at the 90-minute rally, held under cloudy skies with temperatures in the 20s, were faith leaders, members of Congress, pro-life advocates, including women who had

or almost had abortions, and actors.

Many of the speakers acknowledged that those in the crowd, bundled in winter coats and hats and standing close together, had to be cold, but they also commended their continued dedication in coming to the event each year to protest the 1973 Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion.

Jeanne Mancini, president of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund, and the rally's emcee, said this

was her 10th March for Life at the event's podium and she said: "I am pretty sure I have never seen such an excitable crowd as you are; and I am so grateful."

The excitement could have been partly from the event being back on after last year's primarily virtual event amid the pandemic and on the heels of the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol. But for many, the enthusiasm was echoed in the message from nearly every speaker: the potential for the Supreme Court to reverse its decision on abortion this

year.

Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., who also has frequently addressed the march crowd, told them that this year they had "fresh hope and heightened expectation" awaiting the Supreme Court's decision on Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization.

"Today, after decades of noble struggle and sacrifice, we are hopeful that government-sanctioned violence against children and the exploitation of women by abortion is nearing an end - although in a very

real way, the struggle to defend innocent human life now enters a critically important new phase," he said.

The representative, who is a co-chair of the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus and was surrounded on the stage by about a dozen members of Congress, also noted the pro-life movement was "at the tipping point" and urged those who have been fighting for it for so long to "seize the opportunity with all the faith and seriousness we can muster."