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Catechetical program celebrates 50 years

WATERTOWN – This year, the Watertown Catechetical Board and its Special Education Religious Education Program are celebrating 50 years of bringing Christ to individuals with disabilities in Watertown.

The program includes Catholic-specific group instruction, interfaith group instruction and home-based outreach programs.

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Sister Diane says the program is the “most fulfilling and wonderful ministry” in which she’s participated.

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MUSIC FOR THE MASS



DARCY FARGO/NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC
Musicians from diocesan Catholic schools and Sister M. Gregory Munger provided music for the Mass celebrated as part of diocesan Catholic School Superintendent's Day, held Oct. 14 in Lake Placid. Read Bishop Terry R. LaValley's homily on Page 3. See additional photos on Page 16.



October 23 is World Mission Sunday, when we join Catholics worldwide in this annual Eucharistic Celebration for the Missions of the Church. “When you contribute to the World Mission Sunday collection, you make it possible for the Holy Father to provide for the formation of our seminarians and religious men and women,” said Bishop Terry R. LaValley. “You assist in building the schools and orphanages that care for children in places few visit. Missionaries can build churches in areas with scarce resources. Priests and religious Brothers and Sisters can buy food and the bare essentials that make it possible to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments. Learn more about the Pontifical Mission Societies in the Diocese of Ogdensburg and the Mission Office’s work to help the Diocese of Ogdensburg participate in the worldwide ministry of the Church in this year’s annual report, and consider offering prayerful support for the missions.”

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Pope: Love must be part of plan to end hunger

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Success in eradicating hunger will require acts of love and solidarity, not just carefully planned and executed international programs, Pope Francis said.

“This requires, first of all, that we see others as our brothers and sisters, as members of the same human family, whose sufferings and needs affect us all,” the pope said in a message Oct. 14 to a ceremony in Rome ahead of the U.N.

celebration of World Food Day Oct. 16.

The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization’s latest estimate puts the global hunger figure for 2021 at between 702 million and 828 million people.

“These estimates imply that, since 2015, the increase in the number of undernourished people in the world has practically eroded all progress that had been made during the preceding decade,

bringing the world back to hunger levels that prevailed in 2005,” the organization said.

The theme chosen for the 2022 World Food Day was “Leave no one behind,” and official events looked at ways to ensure that by promoting “better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life.”

“Certainly, it will not be possible to face the numerous crises affecting humanity if we do not work and

walk together, leaving no one behind,” the pope wrote.

The goal of drastically reducing poverty and ending hunger “are ambitious and seem to be unattainable,” the pope said. “How can we achieve them? First of all, by not losing sight of the fact that the focus of any strategy is the people, with concrete stories and faces, who live in a given place; they are not numbers, data or endless statistics.”

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There's a reason for the tears

I desperately tried to stop it, but I couldn't. A single tear escaped and streaked down my cheek.

Why was I crying? Get ready to laugh at me!

I cried because of spiders.

In fact, I cried while asking a friend to remove the spiders from my space.

I hate crying. Hate might not be a strong enough word, really. I loathe crying.

While I try to convince my-

self it's ok to cry, the way I react when it happens makes me aware that there's still a part of me that believes crying shows weakness.

Darcy L.
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I'm embarrassed when I cry. I was especially embarrassed that I was crying over a bug, and I immediately began apologizing to my friend.

"I realize this is ridiculous," I said. "I'm really sorry."

"Do not apologize for this, Darcy," my friend said. "God made you this way. We all

have something that scares us."

I thought about my friend's kindness and his response later.

"Why would God make me terrified of something that isn't going to hurt me? This makes no sense to me," I thought.

While I may never know conclusively, reflecting on that part of my nature, the part that cries over spiders (and rodents, by the way), I have a theory.

God knows that I like to think I'm fiercely independent. I like to think I don't

need help. That feels like a sign of weakness to me, too, sometimes.

Then God sends along a few spiders. Suddenly, I am not independent, and I can't function without help. And I cry.

God reminds me that my weaknesses are necessary to remind me I can't go it alone. I can't be fiercely independent. I need God and I need others. I need their support, companionship and help.

And I need those reminders over and over again.

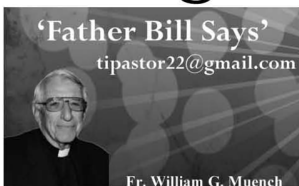
But I do not need any more spiders.

Remembering the mission in Peru

As we're reflecting on World Mission Sunday, I want to remind you that our Diocese of Ogdensburg sent priests to Peru, South America. They were truly foreign missionaries. It was during the time that Pope John XXIII was our Holy Father that this happened. Pope John XXIII was the Pope who convened the Second Vatican Council. He also challenged the dioceses of the world who were blessed with a large number of priests to consider sending some priests – on a temporary basis – to the diocese where there was a true need for priests.

The Diocese of Ogdensburg heard this call and responded. Our bishop at that time was Bishop Navagh. He made an agreement with the Archbishop of Arequipa, Peru, making a commitment to send priests to his diocese. So, for 40 years – from 1962 until 2003 – several of our priests ministered in Peru for a time. They were truly foreign missionaries.

Our bishop began by seeking volunteers among the priests for this opportunity. Two were chosen to be the first, Father Paul Hagan and Father Roger Martin. They developed a program with the Archbishop of Arequipa to de-



Fr. William G. Muench

termine the best way for our priests to serve in his diocese. It was determined that our priests would establish a parish in the city of Mollendo. This parish included six mission churches in Mollendo and in the Tambo Valley. During those first years, a central parish church was built, as were parish offices and a rectory.

This parish was dedicated to St. Martin de Porras, a Peruvian lay brother of the Dominican Order known for his charitable works. He is the first Black saint of the Americas. Our priests found great support and the means to construct the new church and for the upkeep of the other buildings. So, for all these years two or three priests of our diocese ministered in South America.

I am certain that you know a priest who has spent some time in the program as a missionary to Mollendo, Peru. I would like to remind you of the priests who have volun-

teered and served as a part of this adventure. After Father Hagan and Father Martin, the others were: Father Bernard Kellogg, Father J. Lee Snow, Father Ed Kehoe, Father John Kennehan, Father Andy Amyot, Father Jack Branache, Father John Looby, Father Vinny Flynn, Father Daniel Chapin, Father George Maroun, Father Clark White, Father Bill Edwards, Father Jay Seymour, Father Bill Muench (yes, that's me), Father Pat Mundy, Father Bob Decker and Father Steve Rocker.

I would like to take a moment to share with you a few of my memories of Mollendo. I am certain you can find many more stories from some of the others. I began my time in South America at the Maryknoll Language School in Cochabamba, Bolivia. While there, I was truly impressed with the many priests, religious sisters, and lay people who were preparing to spend some time as missionaries in South America. I must mention a family – a young couple and their three children – who were preparing to serve in a Protestant parish in Bolivia. They were such dedicated people who became my friends.

I then went to Mollendo, Peru, joining Father Jay Seymour in our diocesan parish. During my first months there, I found language help from a young man of the parish who visited me every day, checking up on my homilies and giving me some practice in conversation. I still hear from him.

Though this was 30 years ago, the memories are vivid. I remember the celebrations with the Masses and processions and times of prayer and such. I remember the people, especially the young people who were involved in the life of the parish. I remember the vivid beauty of the area and the joy of being part of the joy of being part of this alive parish.

One more thing I remember well also and will not forget: the parish Church in Mollendo was at the top of a hill. Standing in front of the Church and looking down, you could see much of the village. All of it flowed down to the ocean below – the Pacific Ocean – with its beautiful beaches. It was such a gorgeous sight. Though we no longer send priests to this beautiful parish, please keep these wonderful people in your prayers.

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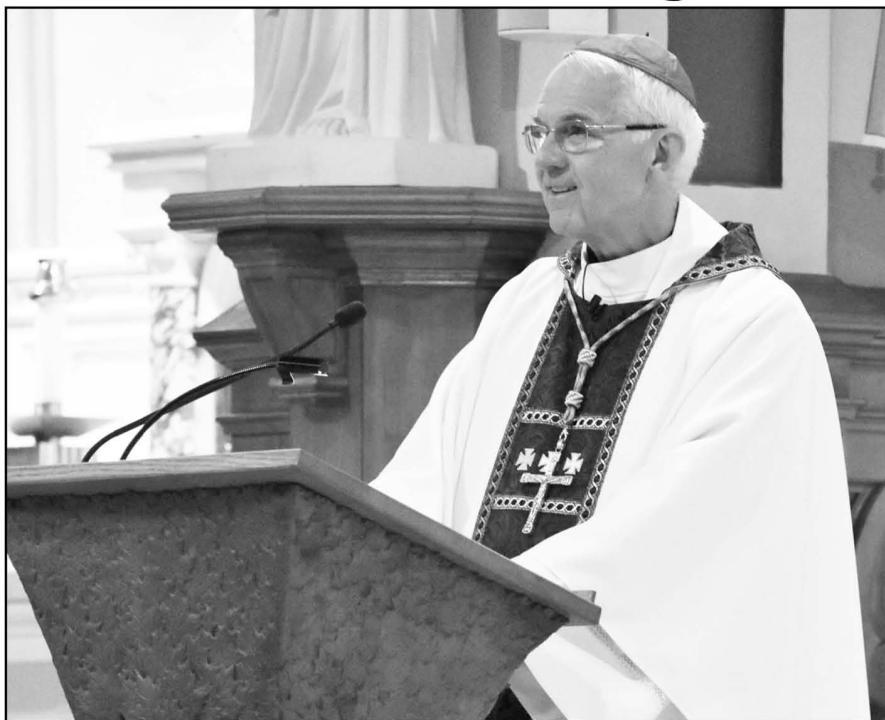
'Lessons learned, blessings received'

Editor's Note: The following is Bishop Terry R. LaValley's homily for diocesan Superintendent's Day, a gathering of Catholic School teachers and administrators held Oct. 14 in Lake Placid.

In our first reading today, St. Paul reminds the people of Ephesus that in Christ, we were chosen, anointed with God's Spirit in baptism, to praise God. At that sacramental moment of a real encounter with the divine, either we, or our Godparents on our behalf, accepted the invitation to become a child of God. That response was affirmed at our Confirmation. The Psalmist today chants: *Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.* Yes, we are blessed because we have been chosen and have accepted the invitation to be God's own.

Jesus, in Luke's Gospel, tells the troubled crowd, "Do not be afraid." We are not alone. We have companions, one another, on life's journey. Yes, you have been chosen, but know that even the hairs of your heads have all been counted. Your worth is incalculable. We sense our worth as we gaze at our crucified Savior stretched out on the Cross. We see His outstretched arms and are absorbed in the deep love reflected in His eyes. Yes—Believe and be not afraid!

Jesus used sparrows to show just how much God loves us. In His day there were so many of them that these birds could be sold in the market for almost nothing. There's little meat on these small feathery flyers, but it didn't matter. There were so many, and they would increase and multiply forever, or so it seemed. That's why Jesus could say that the smallest



Bishop Terry R. LaValley addresses Catholic school administrators and teachers gathered for Mass at the start of Superintendent's Day, held Oct. 14 at St. Agnes School, St. Agnes Church and High Peaks Resort in Lake Placid. More photos from Superintendent's Day can be found on Page 12.

sparrow is known and cared for by God. Similarly, there is no such thing as an inconsequential person.

Personally, we know from our own classroom experience, there is no insignificant child unworthy of our attention and care.

God doesn't forget us, but it's very easy for us to forget others, especially the vulnerable, the unattractive, the repulsive whose habits drive others away. Yet these can be the very individuals who are crying out for recognition and love. They might be the sparrows we miss, but God knows, God cares, and God remembers.

Each of you has responded heroically to the Lord's invitation to help form the precious treasure of our children during these most troubling of times. Your care and attention for each child en-

trusted to your care continues to be truly heroic. Thank you.

I'd like to take a few minutes as we begin this conference day and point out marks of spiritual wellness that surfaced during the uninvited intrusion of COVID into our lives. There have been lessons learned, blessings received, compliments of COVID-19.

LESSON ONE: There is but one God. Science is not perfect, and we should not expect it to be. Science does not have all the answers, nor will it...ever. So, we best not expect perfection from medicine or any science. Only God is perfect. **THANK GOD ONLY GOD IS GOD!**

LESSON TWO: Be grateful! There are so many people we take for granted, even take advantage of: our teachers, staff, administrators, health care profes-

sionals, emergency response personnel, parents, grandparents, spouses, children. We must learn to always be a grateful, not a hateful people because we really do rely on one another in so many ways. May we never take you for granted!

LESSON THREE: We have been gifted and we share these gifts selflessly. Among so many other gifts, I would mention: your creativity in the classroom and at home, your personal dedication, patience, endurance. Evidence of just plain love abounds in our schools. Even in the midst of such uncertainty and worries about your own families, you selflessly exude the joy of the Gospel. Thank you!

LESSON FOUR: We have witnessed personal sacrifice for the common good,

as members of this family of faith...it's who we are, it's what we do. When one member of the Body is hurting, we all hurt; when one is blessed, we all celebrate. Because it helped others, we wore the annoying facial protection. Thank you!

LESSON FIVE: We have grown to a greater sensitivity to the pain and fear experienced by others. Fear is real. No one is immune from being afraid. Sensitivity even to the macho and the self-righteous who appear fearless among us is important. No one is invulnerable.

LESSON SIX: I must tend to my personal health. My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. I treat it with respect and work to stay healthy. COVID has reminded us of the sober reality that all human life is so very fragile and precious.

LESSON SEVEN: We are all connected, all children of God. When we disconnect or cut ourselves off from others, the entire Body suffers. We are like a solitary raft adrift in stormy waters. You work as members of a team, not as disconnected co-workers. Thank you! The bond of love and mutual respect is real.

It's so true...you continue to invite this bishop to reflect on the depth of his own faith and leadership, particularly when the going gets tough. It's true...you inspire this priest, who was chosen to shepherd the folks who call the North Country "home," to always embrace an attitude of gratitude.

It's true...your example continues to ignite, to light a fire under your bishop to persevere in faithfulness with the joy of the Gospel. Thank you!

Lord, bless these people you have called to be Your own!

Diocesan priest is back in the classroom



Father Stephen T. Rocker

By Mary Beth Bracy
Contributing writer

NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE – Whether in the North Country or New England, fall is a marvelous time to enjoy God's grandeur in the mountains and trees bedecked with brilliant colors. Father Stephen T. Rocker, who most recently served as administrator of St. Edmund's in Ellenburg and St. Bernard's in Lyon Mountain, shared highlights

about his new assignment at Magdalen College in Nashua, New Hampshire.

"I'm very grateful to Bishop (Terry) La Valley for allowing me to do priestly ministry and academic work at the college level, despite the need for priests to do parish work in our diocese," explained Father Rocker, who received his undergraduate degree at Wadhams Hall Seminary-College of Ogdensburg, a bachelor of sacred theology and licentiate in phi-

losophy from the University of Louvain (KUL) in Belgium, and a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Ottawa.

It isn't Father Rocker's first time working in a college setting.

"I had been connected with Wadhams Hall Seminary for 20 years until it closed in 2002," he said. "I was open to returning to college level seminary formation, but the seminaries where we send men had sufficient priests or philosophy teachers, so I contacted Magdalen College in New Hampshire, which I had visited eight years ago, because I had met the college's president at that time at a philosophy conference and had asked if I could visit the college."

Father Rocker outlined his current duties at Magdalen College.

"I have the title of 'Director of Spiritual Formation,' which simply means I'm the chaplain," he said. "There's Mass every day but Saturday. I have confessions every day and adoration with benediction once a week. Also, there are meetings and social events to attend. The campus has a friendly atmosphere. People are polite and work at getting along. The faculty is small. One professor also does building and grounds work, another does grant applications, and there are part-time people doing various jobs necessary to running a college."

Additionally, Father Rocker noted how he again has the opportunity to place his academic talents to good use.

"I'm also teaching a theology course on the Creed, so there's the usual class preparation and grading of tests and assignments," he said. "It's a small school, so everyone knows everyone. The atmosphere is cultural with a strong interest in sacred and classical music,

and over all the students seem serious about the liberal arts. All the students seem to be in their late teens and early to mid-twenties, whereas at the seminary we had a wider mix of ages."

Author of "Hegel's Rational Religion" (1995) as well as several articles and book reviews in the areas of philosophy and theology, Father Rocker described the scholastic life at Magdalen College.

"The course of study is based in Catholic humanism and its understanding of the human person as a body-soul unity, a child of God, beset by sin, and destined for eternal life," he said. "Students read Homer, Shakespeare, Augustine, Aquinas, but also Nietzsche, and Camus, for example. The students take Latin, and no modern languages are offered. The teaching method is to ask questions and discuss."

Furthermore, Father Rocker talked about the demographic of the students and their life of worship.

"Most of the students are Catholic and generally well formed in their faith. Currently 70% come from a home school background, and many have attended the Latin Mass. In Nashua there's a parish run by the Society of St. Peter, and one of the priests comes weekly to offer the extraordinary form of the Mass. The students, staff, and visitors at Mass are very reverent, and the practice is to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist facing the altar and to receive Holy Communion kneeling."

Regarding the landscape, Father Rocker reflected: "The campus overlooks a mountain valley similar to Adirondack scenery."

While you can take the individual out of the Adirondacks, you can't take the Adirondacks out of the individual.



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Special Education program celebrates 50 years

By Deacon Kevin Mastellon
Contributing Writer

WATERTOWN – The Watertown Catechetical Board, a joint venture of the four Catholic parishes in Watertown, is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

The pastors and others started talking about a unified approach to the delivery of religious services and sacramental preparation in the early 1970s. It was a cooperative effort involving the bishop at the time, Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana, the Sisters of St. Joseph, the Catholic parishes of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, the Church of the Holy Family, St. Anthony's and St. Patrick's, the Watertown public school district and Jefferson Rehabilitation Center.

This description was published in the North Country Catholic in the summer of 1977:

"The board has functioned to develop the policies of the parish programs and to carry on the administration of the programs which affect students from all parishes. These programs have expanded in the last two years to a full-time high school program, a religious education program for retarded children and adults, a sex education series for ninth graders and an ongoing contract with Mater Dei College in Ogdensburg for extension course in the field of religious education."

The board announced in 1977 that Sister Maurice Black, a Sister of St. Joseph, had been hired as principal of the School of Religion for Special Education. Her part-time position was funded through grants from the Bishop's Fund and the Knights of Columbus.

Sister was hired to also

work part-time as a teacher at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

A reorganization of responsibilities at the diocesan level led to some changes in the delivery of services locally.

Sister Diane Ulsamer, the current program coordinator, said "the board kind of changed in its structure" at that time. Now "the Watertown Catechetical Board basically directs the religious education program for people with disabilities, which includes children and adults."

Today's program mostly addresses the needs of adults, since most children are mainstreamed through the local schools.

Sister Maurice, who had received her master's degree in Special Education from the College of St. Rose in Albany, served as the part-time coordinator until 2006. She was succeeded by Sister Diane, initially hired part-time but now the full-time coordinator.

The Special Education program today has three components: the Catholic Education program for adults with disabilities who identify with the Catholic faith by baptism or desire; the Interfaith program which has been held at First Presbyterian Church in Watertown since 1978, and an outreach program that serves eight residences in the Watertown region.

There are 16 adults who attend Catholic classes and services at the Blessed Sacrament Faith Formation and Family Life Center on Massey Street each Saturday.

Thirty adults are registered in the interfaith program which Sister Diane credits to Sister Maurice's vision.

"She realized there were

a lot of people with disabilities out there who had no formalized religion or affiliation with any particular congregation, so she started the interfaith program," Sister Diane said. "First Presbyterian offered their facility and have since 1978 at no charge. The people of First Presbyterian have been so supportive and generous to the program. We cannot thank them enough."

The final component is to the eight houses operated by The Arc of Jefferson-St.

Lawrence Residential Department in the Watertown area. Volunteers visit each of the houses to share the Word with any resident who cares to participate.

"We have 103 adults served in our programs by 13 catechists," Sister Diane said. "I think this program gives people with disabilities an opportunity to continue to grow in their faith. It is mainly through the scriptures. With the interfaith group, we have to keep it universal. Every year I develop a program for the year that is scripture based and then with the Catholic group (the Friends of Jesus Group), we intersperse the doctrine and the traditions and the sacramental experiences."

The Friends of Jesus Group has Mass three or four times during the year and the men and women actively participate. They are the altar server and lecturers as well as the congregation. That participation helps them recognize the value of the Mass, Sister Diane said.

"I have been working for 16 years to get the Church, the Catholic community of Watertown, to see this group of God's chosen ones as part of the parish community," said Sister Diane. "We've made very

The lesson that stuck with Jimmy

By Deacon Kevin Mastellon
Contributing Writer

WATERTOWN – Sister Diane Ulsamer, a Sister of St. Joseph and the Program Coordinator for the Watertown Catechetical Board's Religious Education for People With Disabilities program, said she has a "favorite story" about Jimmy. It went something like this.

Jimmy was an adult participant in the Catholic program. He had a serious disability. Jimmy sat in the back of the chapel and never participated in the discussion. He never voiced an opinion, never answered a question.

Last year, Sister Diane told us, the lessons were built around Praying in the Name of Jesus. Names like Savior, Creator, Bread of Life, Redeemer, Son of the Living God, Beloved Son, King of Kings and so on.

Suddenly one day Jimmy spoke up. In his deep, husky voice Jimmy said, "Jesus, the Alpha and the Omega."

Sister Diane and the rest of the men and women in the class were stunned. Jimmy had spoken. And he used words to describe Jesus most of them did not understand.

Sister was thrilled but wondered if Jimmy knew what he had said. So, she asked him to explain what he meant by alpha and omega.

Jimmy responded, "the beginning and the end."

Later Sister recalled at a previous session she shared the Easter Candle with the group and explained what the various symbols on the candle meant. She remembers teaching them about the priest placing the symbols for the Alpha and the Omega and the numerals of the year on the candle at the Easter Vigil. She told them "Alpha" means beginning and "Omega" end.

"That must have stuck with Jimmy," she said. "Only God knows what these wonderful people are absorbing during class. Jimmy proved to me they are learning," Sister Diane said. "That's why this is the most fulfilling and wonderful ministry I've ever been blessed to be part of."

small steps to incorporate them in the parish life but not near enough."

In its 50th year, the biggest challenge for the Religious Ed program Sister Diane administers has been coordination with other agencies, principally the Arc, to make transportation available to adults who want to attend the Catholic or Interfaith programs.

"The turnover in leadership at Arc and in the vari-

ous houses has caused some problems," Sister said, "but we are working through them."

Sister Diane Ulsamer sees the future of the religious education program for people with disabilities in the outreach program.

"Our challenge, our mission," she said, "will be to take the Word of God to these wonderful people and not depend on them coming to us."

Environmental Stewardship

The choice

Excerpt from Day of Creation, by Max Lucado

"He placed one scoop of clay upon another until a form lay lifeless on the ground. All of the Garden's Inhabitants paused to witness the event. Hawks hovered. Giraffes stretched. Trees bowed. Butterflies paused on petals and watched.

You will love me, nature, God said, I made you that way. You will obey Me, universe. For you are destined to do so. You will reflect My Glory, skies, for that is how you were created. But this one will be like Me. This one will be able to choose. All was silent as the Creator reached into Himself and removed something yet unseen. A seed. The seed of choice.

The angel gasped at what he saw. Spontaneous love. Voluntary devotion. Chosen tenderness. Never had he seen anything like these. Heaven has never seen such beauty, my Lord. Truly, this is your greatest creation. The Maker looked earnestly at the clay creation... and bent over the sculptured face and breathed... But more incredible than this moving of flesh, was the stirring of the Spirit. Those who could see the unseen gasped...

It looks like... it appears so much like... it is Him. The angel wasn't speaking of the face, the features, or the body. He was looking inside... at the soul. It's eternal, gasped another. Within man, God had placed a Divine seed. A seed of Himself. The God of Might had created, not a creature, but another creator. And the One who had chosen to Love had created on who could love in return.

He gave us a choice to love Him because He first loved us."

What a powerful reminder that God has entrusted us with the freedom to choose how we will use our unique gifts to enter into this "feast of self-giving" in union with Christ and all creation.

Out of love for our Creator, how we will use our freedom to express our care for each other and His creation this week?

Where does a woman go for help?

Editor's note: The following is the second installment of a month-long series looking at life after the Dobbs vs. Jackson court decision and the pro-life movement.

By Stephen Tartaglia
Diocesan Family Life Director

A bit of propaganda that abortion advocates put forward is that pro-life people are really just pro-birth; they don't care what happens to the mother or the baby after the birth. It's



hard for me to take that accusation seriously. Over the past 30 years, I've been actively involved in pro-life efforts. I've encountered hundreds of thousands of pro-life people, and not one, not a single one has ever expressed that sentiment to me either explicitly or implicitly. In fact, it's quite the opposite. I've heard story after story of the wonderful work that individuals and families do to support mothers and children. I've also seen the supportive efforts made by various Christian churches, non-Christian religious organizations, and organizations that have no religious affiliation.

Even though there is no truth in the accusation, the concept is right on target. Women and children need to be supported before and after the birth. The problem is that many

women don't know where to turn for help. The support is there, but if people don't know about it, the support may as well not exist at all. The support for women and children needs to be advertised better.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) recognized this issue a few years ago. On March 25, 2020, the 25th anniversary of Evangelium vitae (the Gospel of Life) the USCCB launched an initiative called Walking With Moms in Need (WWMIN), walking-withmoms.com.

The purpose of the WWMIN initiative was to identify resources that already exist, catalogue and advertise those resources and educate parishioners so that if a woman in need asked for help, they could point to the catalogue and connect the woman to the help she needs. If there

were few resources within a local community, the initiative encouraged participants to consider the development of new resources based on the gifts of the parish community. In addition, the initiative encouraged prayer for building a culture of life and a civilization of love.

All U.S. Dioceses were invited and encouraged to participate in the WWMIN. The Diocese of Ogdensburg has participated by identifying and submitting resources that can be found within our region. In fact, all of the dioceses of New York have done the same. A list of resources found within each of the NY dioceses has been compiled and published by the NY State Catholic Conference and can be found under the heading "Help for Moms" at nyscatholic.org/helpformoms/.

For this initiative to be effective, there needs to be people active at the local level participating in the process. In the Watertown area, Kathy Mastellon has really stepped up to the plate.

Kathy has been leading the effort at the parish level, compiling a directory of resources, advertising the directory on this website: catholicwatertown.org/wwmin, gathering the support of other volunteers, and working with leadership at the diocesan and state level to explore options for expanding the resources and improving parish responses.

For more information about helping mothers or to discuss ways in which you can participate at a local level, please contact Diocesan Family Life Director, Steve Tartaglia, at 315-393-2920 or startaglia@rcdony.org.

Bishop's Public Schedule

Oct. 19 – Noon – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Oct. 20 – Noon – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Oct. 21 – 10:15 a.m. – Mass with the Students at St. James School in Gouverneur followed by Classroom Visits

Oct. 23 – 11 a.m. – Mass at St. Andre Bessette Roman Catholic Parish in Malone followed by Destination Confirmation in the Outreach Center

3 p.m. – Organ Recital at St. Mary's Cathedral

Oct. 24 – 10:30 a.m. – Diocesan Finance Council Meeting at Bishop's Residence

Oct. 25-27 – Collegial Sharing Among Brother Bishops at Sacred Heart Seminary, Hales Corners, Wisconsin

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:

Oct. 20 – 6 p.m., St. Peter's Church, Lowville

Oct. 24 – 12:15 p.m., St. James School, Gouverneur

Oct. 25 – 9 a.m., St. Joseph's Community Outreach, Plattsburgh

Oct. 26 – 1 p.m., Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, Watertown

Rest in Peace

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

Oct. 20 – Rev. Walter Plaisance, O.M.I., 1918; Msgr. Stephen J. Wojciechowski, 1978

Oct. 21 – Rev. Peter LaFort, 1939; Msgr. Robert A. Farmer, 1979

Oct. 22 – Rev. Thomas McNally, 1883; Rev. George J. Savage, 1918; Rev. Michael A. Jarecki, 2012

Oct. 23 – Rev. Discorides Forget, O.M.I., 1916

Oct. 24 – Rev. John P. O'Rourke, 1918; Deacon Frederick J. Mader, 2018

Oct. 25 – Rev. J. Michael Duvic, O.M.I., 1917

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If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact **Victims Assistance Coordinator**, Terri-
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Diocese of Ogdensburg Mission Office 2021 Annual Report

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On October 23, World Mission Sunday, we join Catholics worldwide in this annual Eucharistic Celebration for the Missions of the Church.

Pope Francis reflects on this year's theme: "You shall be My witnesses" (Acts 1:8). He emphasizes the call to every Christian to bear witness to Christ, to participate in a mission of universal evangelization, and to seek strength and guidance from the Holy Spirit.

Since 1822, the universal fund of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith has provided some \$7 million in help to the new and growing Churches in the United States. Your prayers and generous support today sustain priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe as they proclaim the Gospel, build the Church, and serve the poor.

Blessed Pauline Jaricot began this work 200 years ago. As Pope Francis reminds us, "She accepted God's inspiration to establish a network of prayer and collection for missionaries so that the faithful could actively participate in the mission 'to the ends of the earth.'" Her vision would lead to World Mission Sunday, which helps the Pope support missionary activity.

When you contribute to the World Mission Sunday collection, you make it possible for the Holy Father to provide for the formation of our seminarians and religious men and women. You assist in building the schools and orphanages that care for children in places few visit. Missionaries can build churches in areas with scarce resources. Priests and religious Brothers and Sisters can buy food and the bare essentials that make it possible to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments.

I encourage your generosity on World Mission Sunday, especially in this 200th anniversary year. Your prayers remain your greatest gift, and your financial support is life-giving to our brothers and sisters in the world's most vulnerable communities.



Gratefully yours in Christ,

Terry R. LaValley

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg



Pray and give generously October 23, 2022



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Please remember The Society for the Propagation of the Faith when writing or changing your will.



The Pontifical Mission Societies in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Inc., thanks our generous donors who participate in collections, appeals and bestow unsolicited gifts to the Missions. God bless you!

Mission Support

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Mission Sunday | \$ 42,193.53 |
| Legacies | \$ 23,727.00 |
| Perpetual Memberships | \$ 700.00 |
| Unrestricted Gifts(Monthly Donations)\$ | 690.00 |
| Lenten Appeal | \$ 10,120.00 |
| Christmas Appeal | \$ 2,690.00 |

The Special Funds

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Missionary Project of the Diocese of Ogdensburg | \$31,563.65 |
| Missionary Cooperation Plan | \$48,446.71 |
| Mass Offerings | \$24,380.00 |

Each year, about one half of the parishes take up the **Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg (MPDO)** Collection, while the other half takes up the **Missionary Cooperation Appeal**, in the following year the collections are reversed. This year it was the Western side of the diocese.

St. Peter Apostle Appeal

\$6,280.00 was given by our people to the *Society of St. Peter the Apostle* to educate native priests and novices for mission areas.

2021 Financial Statement

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Total Revenue: | \$135,103.00 |
| Total Operating Expenses: | \$63,948.00 |

Notice

This report covers the fiscal year of Jan. 1, 2021 to Dec. 31, 2021; with the exception of the Missionary Childhood, which covers September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 and MPDO which is September 2021 - August 2022



All funds raised are directed towards self-help programs involving the building of schools, the provision of health and nutrition programs and medications, school fees, and teaching and learning resources.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL GIFTS TO THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION

September 1, 2021- August 31, 2022
(School Year)

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| CARTHAGE - Augustinian Academy | \$62.00 |
| GOUVERNEUR - St. James School | \$1000.00 |
| MASSENA - Trinity Catholic School | \$586.00 |
| LAKE PLACID - St. Agnes School | \$500.00 |
| PLATTSBURGH - Seton Catholic | \$1206.42 |
| TICONDEROGA - St. Mary's School | \$500.00 |
| WATERTOWN - Immaculate Heart Central | \$2166.04 |
| * TOTALS | \$6,020.46 |

* Totals do not reflect donations received after August 2021 or donations forwarded directly to the National Office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM GIFTS TO THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION

September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021
(School Year)

| Parish | Totals |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| St. Patrick's Church, Rouses Point | \$103.00 |
| Sisters of St. Joseph | \$200.00 |
| Sacred Heart Church, Watertown | \$80.00 |
| St. Stephen's Church, Croghan | \$285.66 |
| Individual Donations | \$610.59 |
| * TOTALS | \$1279.25 |

* These totals do not reflect those donations that were mailed directly to National Office in NYC by individual Parish Religious Education Programs.

Missionary Childhood Association Funds for School Year 2021-2022

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| School Totals | \$ 6,020.00 |
| Religious Education Totals | \$ 1,279.00 |
| MCA TOTALS | \$ 7,299.00 |



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2021 Annual Report of Donations to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith

| Parish | Mission Sunday (Jan. - Dec. 21) | Missionary Cooperation Plan (July 2021 - June 2022) | Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg (MPDO) (September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|
| Adams | \$1,256 | | \$1,912 |
| Henderson | | | |
| Alexandria Bay | \$725 | | \$923 |
| Altona | | | |
| AuSable Forks/Black Brook | | \$937 | |
| Wilmington | | | |
| Brasher Falls | \$60 | | \$634 |
| Brownville-Dexter | | | \$2,129 |
| Sackets Harbor | | | |
| Brushton | \$422 | \$932 | |
| North Bangor- RCC of St. Augustine | | \$762 | \$25 |
| Cadyville | \$160 | \$216 | |
| Canton | \$29 | \$10 | |
| Cape Vincent /Chaumont/Rosiere | | | \$1,587 |
| Carthage | \$50 | | \$1,265 |
| Copenhagen | \$398 | | \$220 |
| Champlain | \$1,774 | \$694 | \$408 |
| Chateaugay | \$391 | \$941 | |
| Burke | | | |
| Chazy | \$207 | \$292 | |
| Clayton | \$22 | | \$2,260 |
| Colton | | | \$1,085 |
| Constable/Westville | \$271 | \$476 | |
| Constableville | \$798 | | \$704 |
| West Leyden | | | |
| Harrisville | \$284 | | \$261 |
| Croghan | \$60 | | \$1,094 |
| Dannemora | \$123 | | |
| Redford | \$490 | \$346 | |
| Elizabethtown | \$557 | \$408 | |
| Westport | | | |
| Ellenburg- SB & SE | | \$2,105 | \$978 |
| Evans Mills | \$391 | | |
| Fort Covington | \$405 | \$669 | |
| Black River | \$278 | | |
| Hogansburg - SP | | | |
| Gouverneur | \$409 | | \$608 |
| Edwards | | | |
| Heuvelton | \$467 | | \$444 |
| Lisbon | \$188 | | \$197 |
| Indian Lake | \$1,114 | \$1,191 | |
| Keeseeville Community | \$429 | \$798 | |
| Lake Placid | | \$6,023 | |

| Parish | Mission Sunday (Jan. - Dec. 2021) | Missionary Cooperation Plan (July 2021- June 2022) | Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg (MPDO) (September 1 2021 - August 31, 2022) |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Keene | | | |
| Lake Pleasant, Speculator | \$340 | \$2,352 | |
| Wells | \$229 | | |
| Lowville | \$1,675 | | |
| Lyon Mt-Ellenburg Center | | | |
| Malone - St. Andre Bes. | \$1,831 | \$2,663 | |
| Massena - St. Peter's Parish | \$2,179 | | \$2,561 |
| Mooers Forks | \$1,178 | \$728 | |
| Morrisonville | \$1,005 | \$2,394 | |
| Morristown | | | \$1,892 |
| Newcomb | | \$605 | |
| Long Lake | | | |
| Norfolk | \$35 | \$356 | |
| Norwood | \$15 | | \$315 |
| Ogdensburg - SM/ND | \$4,991 | | \$2,507 |
| Old Forge | \$354 | \$4,024 | |
| Inlet, Raquette Lake | \$223 | | |
| Peru | \$178 | \$1,073 | |
| Plattsburgh | \$6,025 | \$5,565 | |
| Catholic Comm of Moriah | | \$1,358 | |
| Crown Point | | | |
| Port Leyden | \$653 | | |
| Lyons Falls | | | |
| Potsdam | \$1,386 | | \$794 |
| Rouses Point | \$898 | \$1,446 | \$1,134 |
| Saranac Lake | \$1,029 | \$2,066 | |
| Schroon Lake | \$869 | \$1,841 | \$672 |
| Olmstedville | | | |
| Star Lake | \$444 | | \$169 |
| Harrisville | | | |
| St. Regis Falls | \$305 | | \$535 |
| Hopkinton | \$85 | | \$40 |
| Ticonderoga | | \$1,814 | |
| Tupper Lake | \$71 | \$2,360 | |
| Waddington | | | \$338 |
| Madrid | | | \$110 |
| Watertown - SP | \$746 | | \$835 |
| Watertown - SH | | | \$586 |
| Watertown - SA | \$884 | | \$541 |
| Watertown - HF | \$1,565 | | \$1,178 |
| West Chazy | \$522 | \$260 | \$390 |
| Willsboro/Essex | \$340 | \$692 | |
| Individual Donations | \$380 | \$50 | \$234 |
| TOTALS | \$42,194 | \$48,447 | \$31,564 |

Mission Sunday and Mission Coop Appeal 2021 collections are calculated using the dates of our Fiscal Year (Jan. - Dec. 2021)

Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg Appeal 2021 is calculated using the dates of July 2021- June 2022. These totals do not reflect any 2021 late payments that were received in the Mission Office. It is also possible that some amounts represent combined totals amongst parish groupings.

"You Shall be My Witnesses" (Acts 1:8)



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World Mission Sunday: For the universal Church

Sunday, October 23, will mark the 95th World Mission Sunday, when parishes across the globe focus their attention on the Universal Church.

The faithful will come together in prayer and in deeds to help over 1,100 dioceses make Christ present, particularly where He has been doubted, ignored and shunned.

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support, ensuring that the life-giving work of overseas missions and missionaries can continue.

It is a concerted global effort that enables the Church to build up local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands and parts of Latin America and Europe.

Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday is a reflection on this year's theme: "You shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8).

He reminds us that the Church is missionary by nature and that we are called at Baptism to share in this mission together: "Every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. And the Church, the community of Christ's disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. To evangelize is the very identity of the



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Church."

Archbishop Christophe Pierre, the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, commented on the importance of this day by relaying his experience at the service of the Catholic Church:

"My own diplomatic service in several mission territories, including Uganda, Haiti, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and the Pacific Islands, has given me firsthand experience of the vital importance of the Mission Sunday collection. In particular, the generous contributions of the faithful in the United States make it possible for the Pontifical Mission Societies to provide annual subsidies to missionary dioceses, and to directly support mission seminaries and religious formation houses, the education of children in mission schools, the building of chapels and churches, as well as sustaining homes for orphaned children, the elderly and sick.

"This support makes possible the proclamation of the Gospel, the celebration of the Sacraments,

and service to the poor in mission dioceses. For the first decades of its life, the fledgling Church in the United States received essential support from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and the Catholics of this country have returned that generosity in abundance," Archbishop Pierre said.

Monsignor Kieran Harrington, U.S. National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies, pointed out that "by prioritizing support for pontifical missions, we work with the Holy Father to ensure there is a fair distribution of our giving to all in need of our support and Christian witness. We serve the whole Church to make certain Christian charity truly extends to all.

"We are called to bear witness to the miracles of God and to the Church that is growing and joyful in Nigeria, where priests and nuns are murdered for their faith. And in China, where a government that tolerates no devotion above strict obedience to its dictates has imprisoned a cardinal. Or in Nicaragua, where Christian faith is subordinated to the fears and ambitions of the powerful. Or in scores of other places, where the faithful persist in embracing the good news of the Gospel despite the deprivations and persecution imposed on them by those who feel threatened by it."

About World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1926, and the first worldwide collection took place the following year.

Since then, it has been a moment of universal solidarity, when each member of the Church, regardless of location or background, plays their part in supporting each other. This is what makes it such a special celebration.

Held globally on the next-to-last Sunday in October every year, World Mission Sunday is a unique effort for the entire Church to provide help for over 1,100 dioceses.

Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace.

For new, young or poor dioceses, the collection from World Mission Sunday is essential on their journey to becoming self-sufficient.

The Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States work through local Bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly – based on the needs of individual churches.

The money goes directly from the United States to the Bishops in the mission territories, allowing for a direct link between two local churches.

About The Pontifical Mission Societies, USA

In the early 19th century in France, laywoman Pauline Jaricot, barely 20 years old, began hearing about the Missions of her day, including in the U.S.,

from her brother Phileas, who was studying to be a priest. She decided to do something to help missionaries, right from her home in Lyon.

Pauline gathered her friends and workers in the local silk factory into small groups. Everyone in the group pledged to pray for the Missions daily and to offer the equivalent of a penny weekly.

Each group member then found 10 other friends to do the same. Within a year, she had 500 people praying daily and offering help each week.

From Pauline's vision came the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies (TPMS). Through thousands of missionaries in 1,100 dioceses worldwide, TPMS are extending Christ's healing and His entire ministry to people in dire need of it.

They are building churches, educating children, and healing physical and psychological wounds caused by war, cruelty, oppression, terror and despair. They are bearing witness to the compassion of Christ.

Funds from the first collection of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in 1822 were sent to the Diocese of Louisiana, which then extended from the Florida Keys to Canada, as well as to Bardstown, Kentucky. Until 1908, when the United States was no longer considered mission territory, this country received more than seven million dollars.

These funds helped build many of the parishes where World Mission Sunday will be marked on October 23, providing a terrific opportunity to pay it forward.

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Youth want community, safe spaces, council members tell pope

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Young people in the United States are looking for a sense of community and a safe space in the church to express themselves freely, two representatives of Catholic youth told Pope Francis. Olivia Marcoux, 16, of Providence, Rhode Island, and Destiny Morris, 16, of Louisville, Kentucky, gave Pope Francis a quick snapshot of what young people want him to know during an encounter after his general audience in St. Peter's Square Oct. 12. They were part of a delegation representing the National Youth Advisory Council, which is made up of 12 young people from different cultural backgrounds and parts of the United States. As a consultative body, the council is tasked with bringing the voices and gifts of young people into the work and ministry of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Accompanying the group was Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez of Philadelphia, the federation's episcopal adviser. Marcoux told Catholic News Service that they told the pope how young people "want community and they want a safe space in the church and that there are barriers in society which kind of hold us back from seeking out that community in the church."

Architect: Notre-Dame in Paris is 'monument of humanity'

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris is "a monument of humanity," French architect Philippe Villeneuve told a Washington audience. He spoke during a recent program at the National Building Museum on the project to restore the cathedral nearly three and a half years after a calamitous fire engulfed its roof and collapsed the spire. Villeneuve, the chief architect of historic monuments in charge of the cathedral, was joined by his colleague Rémi Fromont, also a chief architect of historic monuments there. Their remarks were delivered in French and translated live into English by Lindsay Cook, assistant teaching professor of architectural history in the Department of Art History at Pennsylvania State University. Their Sept. 26 lecture was titled "Notre-Dame de Paris: Restoring a Legacy." A February 2022 cover story in National Geographic magazine noted that Villeneuve has led restoration efforts at Notre-Dame Cathedral since 2013, work that became urgent after the April 2019 fire.

Nuncio urges more accountability for 'crimes against humanity'

UNITED NATIONS (CNS) — The Vatican's permanent observer to the United Nations told a committee of the world body that "civilian populations continue to be victims of widespread and systematic attacks." Where there is "credible evidence" of such attacks, "there must be accountability," he said. "Crimes against humanity are among the most serious crimes under international law and their prevention and punishment concerns the entire international community," Archbishop Gabriele Caccia said Oct. 11. He made the remarks in a statement he delivered to the U.N. General Assembly's Sixth Committee during its plenary meeting on crimes against humanity. Attacks against civilian populations "are a reality of our times," but they are "clearly prohibited under customary international law," the archbishop said, adding that "the perpetrators of these heinous crimes continue to enjoy impunity. Although crimes against humanity are conceptually distinct from war crimes, we must acknowledge that civilians are particularly at risk wherever war rages," he said, deploring "massacres, torture, rape and the deliberate, indiscriminate targeting of civilian areas and humanitarian corridors."

March will focus on Congress, laws to end abortion

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Jeanne Mancini wants it to be clear: The national March for Life in Washington will continue even with the U.S. Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade*, its 1973 ruling that found a right to abortion in the U.S. Constitution and legalized it nationwide.

The court overturned *Roe* June 24 in its ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, a challenge to a Mississippi law banning abortion after 15 weeks. The court affirmed the law 6-3 but also voted 5-4 to overturn *Roe* as well as 1992's *Casey v. Planned Parenthood* ruling, which affirmed *Roe*.

The Jan. 20 March for Life will be the 50th rally and march since the first such event Jan. 22, 1974. Organized by Nellie Gray, a government lawyer, and the Knights of Columbus, it took place on the first anniversary of the *Roe* ruling.

This January there will be one difference: The march up Constitution Avenue, which has always ended at the Supreme Court building, will end at the East Front of the Capitol instead.

This reflects the pro-life movement's focus on politicians instead of Supreme Court justices, and support for a national abortion ban, at 15 weeks of gestation, in a bill proposed by Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.

Mancini, in her capacity as head of March for Life Action, the organization's lobbying arm, added her support for that measure in September.

"Limiting abortions after 15 weeks is the least we can do to protect women, as well as babies who at this stage are already fully formed in their mother's womb and can feel pain," her statement read. "It is consistent with what we know from science about the harm of late abortion, as well as in line with where Americans stand on the issue."

The "Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children from Late-Term Abortions Act," as the bill is called, includes exceptions for rape, incest or to save the life of the mother. The measure also has been introduced in the House.

Currently, the Democratic majorities in the Senate and House make it impossible for that bill to advance, so its future may depend on the outcome of the Nov. 8 midterm elections, if Republicans win a majority of seats.

On Oct. 13, Mancini announced the theme for the Jan. 20 rally and march: "Next Steps: Marching in a Post-Roe

America."

"We are going to celebrate," she said during a news conference at the Heritage Foundation offices. "History is shifting now, and we have to take stock of all that has happened."

Mancini called the national march "critical to our strategic plan."

Always held at or near the anniversary of *Roe*, the march attracts groups from across the country, with many traveling to Washington on a bus pilgrimage.

Although March for Life doesn't attempt estimates, the single largest rally and march in the event's history is considered to be the 2020 event at which President Donald Trump spoke at the rally on the National Mall. It drew more than 100,000 participants.

The following year, buffeted by both the COVID-19 pandemic and the Capitol violence of Jan. 6, saw the smallest gathering, with an invited group of 80 met halfway by about 120 others. Mancini left red roses, the march's emblem, near the rear entrance of the Supreme Court.

The strategic plan for organizers includes increasing the number of marches in state capitals to all 50 states in the next seven years. Currently, marches have been held in California, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Ohio, and next year one also is planned for Arizona.

"The culture of death is pervasive," Jonathan Keller, president of the California Family Council, said at the news conference. "It's amazing to think it took 50 years. But praise God, here we are."

The pro-life movement "can't simply abandon blue states and retreat to red states," he added, referring to Democratic- and Republican-led states, respectively.

A number of "red" states have banned most abortions since the *Dobbs* ruling returned the issue to the states. However, some of the new state laws face court challenges.

The rally's featured speaker will be Tony Dungy, who was a head coach in the NFL for 13 seasons. Speaking at the annual Rose Dinner that weekend will be Jonathan Roumie, who plays Jesus in the TV series "The Chosen."

Counterprotesters over the years have been few in number. This past January, the march was briefly delayed when members of Patriot Front, a neo-Nazi group, attempted to lead it.

ADIRONDACK-FRANKLIN

MERCY CARE FRIENDSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Saranac Lake - Mercy Care for the Adirondacks is recruiting new volunteers and has scheduled a Friendship Volunteer Training Program.

Date: Oct. 19

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

Features: New Volunteers will join Mercy Care's more than 100 Friendship Volunteers from Lake Placid, Saranac Lake, and Tupper Lake and surrounding areas who are helping their elder neighbors stay connected to their communities and helping to make their lives a little easier and happier. Volunteers of all faiths are encouraged and invited to participate. There is no cost for the training but registration is required. Complementary lunch will be provided.

Contact: To register for the training, please contact Lexi Bevilacqua, Mercy Care's Education & Volunteer Training Manager, at abevilacqua@adkmercy.org or visit Mercy Care's website at www.adkmercy.org or call Lexi for more information at 518-523-5446.

SOMETHING FOR ALL FAIR

Brushton - St. Augustine's and St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society is sponsoring a something for all fair.

Date: Nov. 5

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

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Features: There will be over 25 Vendors! Homemade Donuts will be for sale and the Adirondack BBQ will be here serving Breakfast and Lunch. Don't miss this one!

Contact: For more information, call 518-529-7474.

DEVOTION AND HOLY HOUR

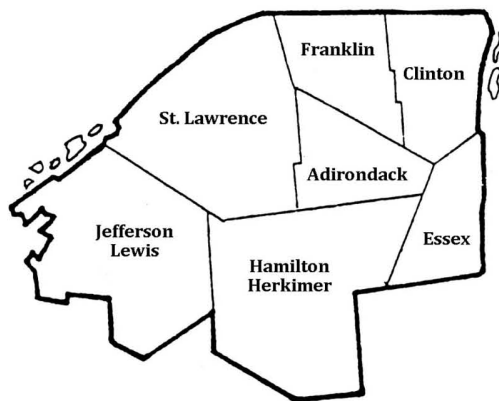
St. Regis Falls - All are invited to the monthly first Saturday Devotion and Holy Hour for Vocations.

Date: First Saturday of the Month

Time: Following the 4:30 anticipated Mass

Place: St. Ann's Church

Features: Prayer after Mass, Night Prayer, Prayer for All Souls and the Holy Souls, Novena in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, The Reparation Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary with private meditation on the 15 Mysteries of the Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament reposed in the Tabernacle, and Prayers for the Holy Father and his in-



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HOUSE SITTERS

Ellenburg Center - Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer is looking for many Volunteer "House Sitters."

Time: The responsibility is to arrive by 10 a.m. on your chosen day(s) and remain on premises until 4 p.m. to welcome visitors.

Features: Lunch and snack items on hand along with tea, coffee, soda, and bottled water. Training will be provided on the history of the House of Prayer, its mission, and the various ways to carry out this gentle ministry of hospitality for those seeking time in a home of Mary to listen to our Lord, browse in the library, or visit the "Gift Shop". Flexible schedule (and hours) are fine.

Contact: If interested in volunteering for one day a month, or week, or more, please call Sarah Anderson at 518-534-9976.

COMPASSIONATE COMPANIONS TRAINING

Plattsburgh - Compassionate Companions of Clinton County to have a volunteer training.

Date: Nov. 2

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

Place: St. Joseph's Outreach Center

Features: Compassionate Companion Trained Volunteers provide their gifts of companionship and friendship to elders living in their community. Joining us, places you among other generous and kind people carrying out errands of mercy to help their elder

neighbors to age in place more successfully.

Contact: You can register by contacting Starr at 518-625-0697 or starr@stalexanders.org.

JEFFERSON-LEWIS

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Watertown - Liferight will participate in the "40 Days for Life" Campaign

Date: Starting Sept. 24 and 40 days after (Nov. 3)

Time: 12:30 p.m. to 1:30

Place: Across from Planned Parenthood

Features: Pro-Life people will stand to draw attention to the fact that they are the number one abortion provider. This is a peaceful prayerful gathering. Participants will hold signs supporting moms and their unborn children.

CLM EVENT

Watertown - The Jefferson-Lewis Deanery CLM Association to present "A Journey of Conversion."

Date: Oct. 20

Time: Mass at 5:30 p.m., dinner and presentation immediately to follow.

Place: St. Anthony's Church

Cost: \$15 per person

Features: The presentation titled A Journey of Conversion will begin with a RCIA ministry introduction by Tony Marra of the Blessed Sacrament Parish and will then feature Kathy Falge and Allyssa Francis who have recently entered the Catholic Church via the RCIA process.

Contact: Registers at www.rcdonj.org/clm-event (be sure to

select the correct event as there are 2 events for the month of October).

BASKET RAFFLE

Houseville - St. Hedwig's Church is sponsoring their Annual Theme Basket Raffle.

Date: Oct. 30 (Baskets will be on display Sundays in October)

Cost: \$1 per ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets
Features: The proceeds will support church repairs and outreach projects.

Contact: For questions or donations of baked goods or theme baskets **Contact:** Elaine 315-486-5532, Mary Ann 315-348-6260 or Lydia 315-348-7006.

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: Nov. 6

Time: Following 11 a.m. Mass

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Contact: 315-348-6260

ELECTION NIGHT DINNER

Alexandria Bay - St. Cyril's Church to have dinner on election night.

Date: Nov. 8

Time: 4 p.m. to 6, take-out only

Cost: \$10

Contact: For take out call, Carol Shepard, 315-482-5227 or Sally Toutsant, 315-482-2724; For Deliveries call Joanne Fitch, 315-955-5504

SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER

Evans Mills - The Indian River Knights of Columbus 7471 will be having a spaghetti and meatball dinner.

Date: Nov. 12

Time: 4 p.m. to 7

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$9; Seniors, \$8; Children under 12, \$5; under 5, Free; Sauce, \$6 per quart

ST. MARY'S FALL FUNDRAISER

Copenhagen - St. Mary's Church to have a raffle fundraiser.

Date: Drawing Nov. 20

Cost: Tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50

Features: Prizes include Cash (2 at \$500 each), Pack Basket (\$350 Value), Card/Cash Tree (\$400 Value), Folding Picnic Table (\$100 Value), Shop Local Gift Cards (\$255 Value), Simmons Farm Gift Certificate (\$350 Value), Wally's Auto Group Gift Basket (\$100 Value), Red Barn Meats Gift Certificate (\$100 Value), Quilt (\$300 Value), Afghan \$100

Value), Bird House (\$250 Value), Lotto Tree (\$100 Value), Fire Pit (\$200 Value). Must be 18 years or older to purchase tickets.

Contact: For tickets spend payment to St. Mary's Church, PO Box 12, Copenhagen, NY 13626

ST. LAWRENCE

HOLY HOUR

Canton - Holy Hour for Vocations to be held.

Date: Every Tuesday

Time: 4:10 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

Features: Holy hour followed by Mass at 5:15 p.m. and confessions at 5:45 p.m.

ROSARY FOR LIFE

Canton - Rosary for life to be held.

Date: Every Saturday

Time: 4:25 p.m. preceding the 5 p.m.

Vigil Mass

Place: St. Mary's Church

ORGAN RECITAL

Ogdensburg - Dominic Fiacco will be giving a pipe organ recital.

Date: Oct. 23

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: As part of the Cathedral parish's 70th anniversary celebrations. There is no admission fee. A light reception will follow.

Contact: For more information please contact Christine Bookman or Amy Schirmer at the Cathedral Office: 315-393-3930

ROSARY WITH DEVOTIONS

Ogdensburg - The Legion of Mary will pray the rosary with devotions for First Saturday.

Date: Nov. 5

Time: 8 a.m.

Place: Notre Dame Church, Ogdensburg

Features: Rosary with devotions

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

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

Date: Nov. 5

Time: 3:15 p.m.

Features: First Saturday Rosary Devotion to OUR Lady of Fatima. Confessions will be available. Saturday Vigil Mass at 4 p.m.

MONTHLY BRUNCH

Norfolk - Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond's will have their monthly

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Mother Teresa book leaves readers wanting more

By Daniel S. Mulhall
Catholic News Service

"To Love and Be Loved: A Personal Portrait of Mother Teresa" by Jim Towey. Simon & Schuster (New York, 2022). 288 pp., \$27.

St. Teresa of Kolkata (born Agnus Gonxha Bojaxhiu) died Sept. 5, 1997, at the Missionaries of Charity motherhouse in Kolkata, India. The cause of death was heart failure.

During her 87 years, she had become internationally famous as the communities of women and men she founded opened missions around the globe to provide homes for orphans and battered women and care facilities for the destitute dying from AIDS, leprosy and abject poverty. She was declared a Catholic saint in September 2016.

To mark the 25th an-

niversary of her death, Jim Towey has written "To Love and Be Loved," offering a brief biography of Mother Teresa from his perspective as her friend - the saint kept a picture of Towey and his family in her desk and she wrote him notes to Jimmy -- and as the attorney who provided legal services for her and her communities.

In this personal portrait, Towey describes how Mother Teresa was instrumental in changing his life for the better through her care for the destitute and her life of holiness.

Numerous books have been written about the life and accomplishments of St. Teresa from which Towey borrows (with acknowledgment) to paint his portrait. The book is most interesting when Towey tells of his personal experiences with Mother Teresa (whom he gener-

ally refers to simply as "Mother") and the Missionaries of Charity communities.

From August 1985, when he first met her in Kolkata, until her death 12 years later, Towey learned to care for the sick and dying -- and to see them as the personification of Jesus Christ.

After a brief time considering a vocation to the priesthood as a Missionary of Charity, Towey met his wife among the volunteers at their AIDS facility in Washington.

Because of his connections in the U.S. government -- he met Mother Teresa because he was a senior adviser to Sen. Mark Hatfield of Oregon -- Towey soon was called on to help with Missionaries of Charity legal matters.

In this role, he received frequent letters and calls from her, and he accom-

panied her on many national and international trips. He was an official delegate to her funeral and proclaimed the first reading at her canonization Mass, so he has many interesting stories to tell.

This is neither a "tell-all" book nor a critical examination of St. Teresa's life. Towey simply provides a positive message of the "Mother" he knew and loved.

In the chapter where he discusses some of the negative charges leveled at Mother Teresa and her ministries (for example, that her homes for the destitute and dying provided little real medical care), Towey responds with accuracy and understanding that these homes were not meant to be hospitals; rather, they were expressions of Christian charity, providing a place where the dying could be

lovingly cared for until death.

While accurate, more thorough critiques on these topics would have been valuable. In addition, the reader would welcome any insights that Towey could offer as to what drove Mother Teresa to expand the Missionaries of Charity outreach across the planet.

On this topic, Towey says next to nothing. These are not deficiencies in the book, only a desire for more. Finally, Towey makes clear that any royalties from the book will be given to charity.

The book is an easy and enjoyable read. While informative, it doesn't bog down in details or minutia. It deserves to be read and discussed by both religious and secular book clubs, for it raises important issues worthy of discussion.

Around the diocese

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Knights of Columbus Brunch.

Date: Nov. 12 (Second Sunday of each month)

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

Place: Father Amyot Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$10; under 12, \$5; under 5, Free; Omelets, add \$3; Take-outs available

Contact: For more information contact Grand Knight Gil Gonthier 315-212-5166.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

DOVS PILGRIMAGE

Peru -- DOVS invite you on a pilgrimage to Mother Cabrini Shrine and St. Patrick's Oratory.

Date: Oct. 26

Time: Stats with lunch at noon at Augustine's parish center

Features: There is no cost to attend, but donations are welcome. If you choose to go to dinner afterwards at Livingood's it will be at your own expense.

Contact: To register contact Connie Randall at 315-783-0574 or 315-265-

2762 Registrations are due Oct. 20.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

The Vocation Office and the Office of Youth Ministry is sponsoring a Middle School Retreat (Grades 6-8) in three regions of the Diocese.

Schedule: Nov. 4 at Immaculate Heart Central School, Watertown for Jefferson, Lewis, Hamilton-Herkimer Deaneries; Nov. 16 at St. Mary's Social Hall, Massena for the St. Lawrence and Franklin Deaneries

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

Features: The purpose of a Middle School Retreat is to guide young women and men to prayerfully consider what God's plan is for their lives. Open to students in Grades 6-8. This is a Retreat Day for the students and is considered a legal excused absence.

Contact: Your pastor, Catholic School principal, or Religious Education Coordinator for a registration form.

BECOMING A EUCHARISTIC FAMILY

The Department of Faith Formation

will be hosting an event, "Becoming a Eucharistic Family, tips to make Christ alive in your home?"

Schedule: Eastern Region: Nov. 5, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Outreach Center, Plattsburgh; Western Region: Nov. 6, 2 p.m. to 5 at Dostie Hall, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Watertown

Cost: \$15 per family
Presenters: Charlie and Kelly D'Souza

Features: For Catechists, Parents, and Guardians.

Contact: Register at www.rcdony.org/lead



LOVING AUTHENTICALLY

All are invited to attend this free seminar designed to deepen our understanding of how Church doctrine on sexual morality connects with our hardships.

Schedule: Four different times and locations to attend. Nov. 19, 2022 at St. Mary's Massena; Feb. 12, 2023 at Newman Center, Plattsburgh; April 22, 2023 at St. Bernard's Saranac Lake; May 20, 2023 at St. Mary's Ticonderoga.

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

Features: A showing of "Unprotected: A Pope, the Pill, and the Perils of Sexual Chaos." With Q & A.

Contact: to register go rcdony.org/lovingauthentically. For

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

YOUTH BUSES FOR LIFE

Washington DC -- Travel to DC with other Highschool students for the Youth Bus for Life Pilgrimage to join in the 50th March for Life.

Date: Jan. 19 -- 21, 2023

Cost: \$150 includes transportation, two hotel nights and 5 meals.

Features: Pick up locations: Potsdam, Gouverneur and Watertown.

Contact: Visit www.rcdony.org/pro-life to view complete itinerary and to register. Contact the Respect Life office with questions.

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Showing persistence in prayer

The theme for the readings this Sunday is persistence in prayer. Although we think ourselves powerless, pray and work for justice without ever giving up. Above all, trust in a God who cares.

The practice of raising one's hands in prayer goes all the way back to Moses, who keeps his hands aloft while praying for victory



**Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore**

for the Israelites who are attacked in the desert by the Amelikites. When he drops his hands from weariness, the enemy prevails. With help of Aarron and Hur, he again raises his hands until God gives final victory. Notice that the priest at Mass prays with hands raised.

In the Gospel, Jesus fears that his disciples may grow weary

October 16

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS

Exodus 17:8-13

Timothy 3-14 thru 4-2

Luke 18:1-8

and lose faith at the long wait for the Second Coming. He uses the example of a poor, helpless widow who is frustrated at the failure of a corrupt judge to secure justice for her. The judge, who eventually is fearful

that she will "give him a black eye," finally renders her a just decision. Jesus then points out how much more will God give us full justice if we only persevere in prayer. God adds that not only will His Father answer the prayer, but that He will be the first to give in.

The second reading today gives us the assurance that all of Scripture is divinely inspired, and is "useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction and for training in right-

eousness..."

While God allows the Sacred Writer to use his own style and vocabulary, the Holy Spirit is the one who inspires the ideas presented by the writer.

We need to always reverence the Word of God and read it daily for our nourishment. Now, more than ever with a world that is spinning out of control, filled with fear, atheism and violence, we need to bring light into the darkness.

CALLED TO SERVE

And now a word about deacons

According to an online source recently, 458 new permanent deacons were ordained in the United States during 2021, while 512 deacons retired from active ministry and 393 deacons died.

Even I can do that math in my head. The Church in the United States lost 447 more deacons than it gained.

With the number of deacons in the U.S. approaching 20,000, it will only take four or five decades at that rate to run out of deacons.

The situation is a little better in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Thirteen men

were ordained in October 2021 as permanent deacons. Two deacons died in 2022. That leaves ninety-three permanent deacons in our diocese.

Sounds like a lot, but we have to dig a little deeper into the numbers to get a sharp picture.

The first consideration is that we only have a permanent deacon ordination every four years. The gain we mentioned has to be spread over a longer period. Between ordination in 2017 and 2021, we added one permanent deacon and 13 died. Add in the 13 men

ordained last October and we have a net gain of one between ordinations.

Eleven of the ninety-three no longer live in this diocese. They are technically still "incardinated" here. While they owe their allegiance to the sitting bishop of this diocese, most of them are retired and no longer in ministry.

Once a deacon, always a deacon though. Holy Orders are forever, so those men, with the permission of their local bishop and their pastor, could exercise their faculties. Few do and none of them are serving

parishes in our diocese.

Twenty-three deacons who live in our diocese are retired and no longer active in ministry. Two of them reached the retirement age, 75, and went inactive this year.

Five men have reached retirement age but remain active in their parish with their pastor's approval and the bishop's OK. Fifty-four men have not reached retirement age and are actively involved in the life of their parish. Fifty-nine deacons is sixty-three percent of the deacons in our diocese. The situation is in better focus now.

Pastors are increasingly dependent on deacons for a lot in their parishes. Thank God for the active deacons we have, but we could use some more. There are six men in the formation class that started preparing for ordination in 2025. They have begun meeting a weekend a month for the next three years of on-campus study.

I read on social media that on October 9, 2022, parishes across the U.S. and Canada observed the first annual "Deacon Sunday," a day to inspire vocations to the diaconate and affirm deacons and their families. This new celebration comes thanks to the hard work of Vocation Ministry, an organization dedicated to supporting and increasing vocations in the Catholic Church.

News of the "Deacon Sunday" did not get much promotion nationwide. Hopefully it will in future years. When we pray at Mass or on other occasions for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, slide deacons in there. If you think a man has what you think a Catholic deacon should have, tell him. Every little bit helps.



**Deacon
Kevin Mastellon**

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



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OBITUARIES

Adams – Ronald J. Gillenkirk, 78; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 19, 2022 at St. Cecilia's Church.

Brushton – Mary Ann (Jock) Durant, 72; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 6, 2022 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Carthage – Irene Lucille (Waite) Astafan, 89; Graveside Services Oct. 8, 2022 at Champion Hillside Cemetery.

Clayton – John J. "Jack" Maguire; Funeral Services Oct. 8, 2022 at T.R. Jetty Funeral Home; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

Evans Mills – Sally Anne McGill, 77; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 7, 2022 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Antwerp.

Gabriels – Elizabeth Jane (Shea) Caldwell, 94; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 8, 2022 at Church of the Assumption; burial in St. Johns in the Wilderness Cemetery, Paul Smiths.

Gabriels – Richard A. Trudeau, 90; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 7, 2022 at Church of the Assumption; burial in Harriestown Cemetery.

Hogansburg – Elizabeth (Jock) Kelly, 90; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 4, 2022 at St. Regis Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Lyon Mountain – Robert "Bob" Donah, 80; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 6, 2022 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Malone – Janet D. (McKenzie) Matthews, 85; Funeral Services Oct. 4, 2022 at Fray Funeral Home; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Massena – Kathy L. (Smith) LaMora, 63; Graveside services Oct. 5, 2022 at Calvary Cemetery.

Massena – Scott Rogers, 58; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 6, 2022 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Mineville – Isabel M. (Garcia) Rotella, 92; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 7, 2022 at All Saints Church.

Mooers Forks – Heather J. (Finlayson) Brassard, 62; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 4, 2022 at St. Ann's Church.

Mooers Forks – Armand Joseph Lafountain, 85;

Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 8, 2022 at St. Ann's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Norwood – Martha H. (McEwen) Herne, 92; Funeral Services Oct. 6, 2022 at the Buck Funeral Home; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Colton.

Ogdensburg – Floyd "Jr." H. Mack, 85; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 11, 2022 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

Peru – Philip L. Dyke, 69; Graveside Services Oct. 8, 2022 at St. Augustine's Cemetery.

Peru – Susan M. (Rhino) Nolan, 63; Funeral Services Oct. 7, 2022 at the Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in parish cemetery.

Peru – Ronald Doris Provost, 81; Funeral Services Oct. 3, 2022 at Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in St. Augustine's Cemetery.

Peru – John David Soulia, 73; Funeral Services Oct. 11, 2022 at the Hamilton Funeral Home.

Rouses Point – Albertine "Tina" K. (Jubert) Gar- rant, 96; Graveside Services Oct. 3, 2022 at St.

Patrick's Cemetery.

Sackets Harbor – Martin William Rasinski, 83; Memorial Mass Oct. 15, 2022 at St. Andrew's Church; burial in Arlington National Cemetery.

St. Regis Falls – Leona F. (Lucey) Wheeler, 81; Funeral Services Oct. 7, 2022 at St. Ann's Church; burial in Fairview Cemetery, Dickinson.

Star Lake – Mary E. (Walrath) MacAleese, 91; Graveside services Oct. 7, 2022 at Cranberry Lake Cemetery.

Ticonderoga – Florence A. (Whitford) Fitzgerald, 101; Graveside Services at Valley View Cemetery.

Tupper Lake – Stephen "Gus" Tice, 58; Private Services to be held.

Watertown – John A. Lettiere, 95; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 12, 2022 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Westport – Waldemar Kasriels, 85; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 13, 2022 at St. Philip Neri Church.

Procession takes Christ through Manhattan

NEW YORK (CNS) – A eucharistic procession through Midtown Manhattan Oct. 11, the Mass that preceded it and the adoration that followed fittingly marked the 60th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council "in a particularly eucharistic way," said Father Roger Landry.

The council was "convened in order to reinvigorate the church's mission to sanctify the world and bring Christ and his Gospel even to those corners considered most forlorn," said the priest.

He was the main celebrant and homilist for the Mass, celebrated at the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the New York borough of Manhattan.

"The fathers of Vatican II repeatedly declared that Jesus in the holy Eucharist is the source and summit, root and center of the Christian life and of everything the church does," Father Landry said in his homily.

"All the main teachings of the council – on the primacy of the word of God, on the universal call to holiness, on authentic Christian humanism, on the vocation of the laity, on religious freedom and on relations with other religions – can all be looked at through a eucharistic lens," he said.

A eucharistic procession takes Jesus Christ "out into the world he redeemed," he said. It proclaims Jesus, "by our joyful witness, devout prayers and enthusiastic singing to be really, truly and substantially among us," and invites others "to join us in following him who is the Way," he continued.

"Our world needs Jesus Christ just as much as ever and as Catholics we cannot keep the treasure of our eucharistic Lord within our churches and tabernacles. The love of Christ, and the love of others, compels us to bring him out and share him," added Father Landry, who is a chaplain at Colum-

bia University.

After the early evening Mass, the eucharistic procession of priests, seminarians, women religious and laypeople traveled a mile-long route through Midtown Manhattan.

Father Landry processed holding a monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament, and two other priests took a turn holding it: Father Sean Suckiel, pastor of Holy Family Church in the New York borough of Queens, and Father Michael Duffy, rector of St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre, New York.

The procession concluded at St. Patrick's Cathedral, where New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan led Benediction.

The liturgical events were affiliated with the Napa Institute's Principled Entrepreneurship Conference taking place in New York City Oct. 11-12.

In his homily, Father Landry noted that the day's eucharistic events also were taking place within

the context of the three-year National Eucharistic Revival of the Catholic Church in the United States.

The U.S. bishops planned the revival "to stimulate greater eucharistic knowledge, faith, amazement, love, life and mission," he said, adding that "there are various important parts of the revival."

"One is to help all Catholics better understand and live the Mass. Another is greater eucharistic discipleship, shown in a particular way by spending time with Jesus in eucharistic adora-

tion," he said.

"A third is eucharistic charity, as we imitate Jesus in giving our body and blood, our time, money and talents, out of love for those Jesus loves," Father Landry said. "And a fourth is a more ardent eucharistic apostolate, in which we infectiously share our eucharistic faith with others."

Launched June 19, the feast of Corpus Christi, the revival is a three-year initiative of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to revitalize Catholics' understanding of and love for the Real Presence in the Eucharist.

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SCENES FROM SUPERINTENDENT'S DAY

Catholic school administrators, teachers gather in Lake Placid for full-day celebration, workshop on October 14

