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'Hold tight to God'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Christians facing difficulties and discrimination, especially in the Middle East, can learn a valuable lesson from Japanese Christians who survived by clandestinely baptizing, praying and hiding during 250 years of harsh persecu-

tion, Pope Francis said. "Difficulties and persecution, when they are lived with trust, confidence and hope, purify the faith and strengthen it," he said in his general audience talk in St. Peter's Square Jan. 15. "Be true witnesses of Christ

and his Gospel, authentic children of the church, always ready to give reasons for your hope with love and respect," he said. The pope continued a series of talks on the sacrament of baptism, underlining that it is through baptism that

"we become members of the body of Christ and the people of God." Just as parents pass the gift of life from generation to generation, the gift of grace is passed on with each person's rebirth through baptism, he said.

SPEAKING UP FOR LIFE

At Plattsburgh's annual march



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Kathleen Gallagher, director of pro-life activities for the New York State Catholic Conference, was the featured speaker at the 2014 Plattsburgh March for Life held Jan. 12. She is pictured speaking at St. John the Baptist Church after joining in the walk from the Newman Center. Mrs. Gallagher writes about her experience in her monthly Respect Life column.

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING.... HUMAN TRAGEDY



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Ursuline Sister Sheila Murphy, right, shows Bonnie Willet, a staff member at the Wead Library in Malone a new book that the library has purchased about human trafficking. January is human trafficking awareness month, and the display will be in the lobby of the Wead Library until the end of the month. This week's NCC features a special section on Catholic efforts to eradicate human trafficking across the North Country and around the world. See special section, pages 7-10.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Seeing.. and stopping a human tragedy

The primary focus of this week's NCC is a topic we don't often talk about... or even think about.

When we hear the term "human trafficking" we likely dismiss it as a problem for people in Asia or maybe Latin America, certainly not for our bucolic part of the world.

But this modern slavery is seen every time vulnerable people are exploited for sex, or to work in fields, restaurants or factories and that can happen anywhere.

In December, Pope Francis dedicated an entire talk to new Vatican diplomats to the subject of human trafficking because, he said, it is "an issue that worries me very much and

today is threatening people's dignity."

Every country in the world is touched in some way by this new form of slavery, the pope said, which often targets the most vulnerable members of society: women, children, the disabled, the poor and people from broken homes or other difficult situations.

"It's a disgrace" that people are treated "as objects, deceived, raped, often sold many times for different purposes and, in the end, killed or, in any case, physically and mentally damaged, ending up thrown away and abandoned," he said.

It shouldn't surprise any of us that the religious sisters in

our midst are the ones taking the lead in the work to prevent human trafficking.

The Sisters of St. Joseph, our own diocesan order, have been especially active.

For several years the Peace and Social Justice Committee of the Watertown Sisters of St. Joseph has been working on this issue and during the past year and half the sisters have teamed up with the Watertown Flower Memorial Library to provide educational programs on the topic.

On Feb. 2, the sisters will be hosting a prayer service to end human trafficking followed by a presentation "Human Trafficking in the North Country" given by William Hall. He is a federal police officer at Fort Drum and instructor on human trafficking in the Police Academy at SUNY Canton.

Also, our diocesan Catholic Charities office, under the direction of Daughter of Charity Sister Donna Franklin, is taking on the challenge to eradicate this evil.

The four-page insert in this week's paper - which includes an important message from Bishop LaValley - was prepared with Sister Donna's guidance.

And, since everything we need to know about this challenge can't fit in one issue of the paper, we will publish more information - particularly about the work of our religious orders - in upcoming weeks.

In the meantime, spend some time absorbing the information on pages 7-10, realizing that it's very difficult to read. A situation that alarms our pope, our bishop and our sisters is not one that we can afford to ignore.



Mary Lou
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A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Listening for the times that God calls us

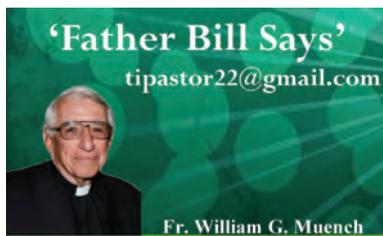
This week I headed down to Florida for my annual sun gathering expedition. I visit my brother, Tom, and his wife, my sister-in-law, Mary Lee.

The trip down was filled with mishaps and I spent most of the day in airport terminals. That is a most interesting experience since I enjoy being a bit of a people watcher. As many of you do, I suspect, I enjoy putting together my own set of stories as I watch an individual passing by - or a family scurrying about trying to stay organized.

However, I finally made it to Florida.

Mary Lee enjoys attending morning Mass so I went along with her to St. Thomas More Church for this morning's Mass. The Old Testament reading today is a favorite of mine and I am certain rather familiar to you. This story is from the Book of Kings - it concerns the young Samuel who become one of the great leaders and judges of Israel. Samuel as a young man has become an associate to the High Priest, Eli.

The story goes like this: On a



particular day Samuel is sleeping in the temple of the Lord and God tries to call out to Samuel. Samuel, however, believes that it is Eli who is calling to him though Eli admits to Samuel that it was not him who called.

Three times this happens and finally Eli realizes that something divine is happening - that Samuel is being called by God. So, he instructs Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

Thus, begins for Samuel a close and important relationship with the Lord. I firmly believe that God calls each one of us; God tries to become part of our lives - often during our life time.

I know that it is not as dra-

matic as it was for Samuel. I believe that often - for each one of us - God strives to reach us. I think of this as truly a call from God for each one of us. I believe that this call from God is more frequent than we will ever realize.

The Scriptural story seems to indicate that our prayer should often be the same as that of Samuel, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

So, listening is one of those important spiritual qualities that we must develop. As you have probably learned before, listening is not just hearing - listening demands that we carefully process the material.

I know that each day there are many voices barraging us with messages. We hear many of these but we don't necessarily listen to all of them. Some are not worthy of listening. However, some of them are from God - truly - and we should listen to them.

I am certain that you are going to ask me how you or I can tell the difference. Honestly, I am not absolutely certain. However, I do know that

when I do listen and discover something of God, that I become a very different person, that I often do something, even something spectacular, something I never even thought about before.

So, I know it is so important to keep on listening - I may soon discover something of God in my listening.

Now, here is what I do - I pray - that I may be aware and ready when God becomes part of my listening.

Then, I have to make some decisions. Is this something that will make my world a better place? Is this something that Jesus would do, something that Jesus would want me to do? Will this help someone and not hurt anyone?

Of course, I know this is not easy. Yet, I know that our God reaches out to each and every one of us each day - he calls - he wants us to be truly ready.

"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." We will learn to recognize the Lord's call and when it is aimed at us.

"Here, I am, Lord; I come to do your will."

FOLLOW ME

Going Without

By its very nature, love always involves sacrifice. As did other parents, my parents *went without* in order to provide a loving, secure home for my five siblings and me.

As we mark the 41st anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court abortion decision, *Roe v Wade*, it is timely that we reflect on the question, 'How are we responding to God's invitation to love sacrificially?'

Couples who have been married for decades know both the personal cost and the great rewards of a lifetime of putting the needs of spouse and children ahead of their own. Not only does this mean stretching one's wallet and pocketbook, most importantly, it means the stretching of our hearts.

My parents never drove a new car and our family never went to Disney World (yes, the place existed back then!).

Certainly, times have changed and things are different today, but, my sis-

ters and brothers and I knew that we were loved and we felt secure, even though we didn't get everything we wanted.

We thank God for all our spouses and young parents whose lives today reflect such sacrificial love.

As we mark the forty-first Anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court abortion decision, *Roe v Wade*, it is timely that we reflect on the question, "How are we responding to God's invitation to love sacrificially?" Today, many people fear the thought of *going without*. This "fear" prompts them to make decisions that minimize the possibility that they will have to encounter any sacrifice in life. Sometimes marriages are at risk because spouses choose not to *go without* for the sake of the other. Clearly there is the absolute need for responsible parenthood and natural family planning.

However, sometimes parents choose to abort a child in the mother's womb for fear that they would be unable to provide all the material things that they want their children to have. Unborn children become the tragic casualty of

a consumer mentality.

A consequence of such fear of "going without" is that our society as a whole has been *going without*. We have been going without a sense of marital stability and permanence.

With the fracturing of families, children question the love of parents and are denied the security of that one place to call 'home.'

Our modern world has been increasingly *going without* the sound of children's laughter and the normal commotion that is part and parcel of daily living in a family of several children.

Our children are *going without* the lessons of what it means to sacrifice and not have everything they want. They are missing the lessons about needing to share with siblings, the lessons of how to play together and get along with sisters and brothers. If I never learn how to sacrifice, how to *go without*, I will never mature fully into the human person I was created to be.

Our culture has been *going without* respect for the dignity of every human person, born and pre-born. Many persons today have been *going without* a sense of the common good.

While so many men, women and children in our world are literally begging for their daily bread, some persons became indignant because their Christmas gifts arrived at their

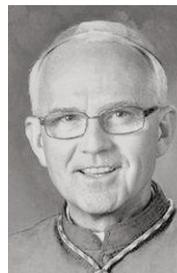
doorsteps a day or two late. Some of us cannot comprehend what it means nor accept *going without*. God can use our sacrifice, yes, even our suffering, to conform us to His sacrificial love and to show us He is always near us in difficult times.

The Holy Father exhorts us to never cease finding ways to "accompany women in very difficult situations, where abortion appears as a quick solution to their profound anguish" (EG,214). For forty years, the pro-life community has promoted the inestimable value of the human dignity of mother, father and child.

In our efforts, we must be careful not to suffer from a pessimism that stifles boldness and zeal when we seek to continue to advance the Good News to a culture that too often seems deaf to the message. Pope Francis reminds us that "Christian triumph is always a cross, yet a cross which is at the same time a victorious banner borne with aggressive tenderness against the assaults of evil" (EG,85). The Holy Father urges us to "go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the 'peripheries' in need of the light of the Gospel" (EG,20).

Today's culture, more than ever, needs the light of the Gospel in promoting human life. A culture that tells us we can have it all without meaningful sacrifice is a culture that misleads. No sacrifice breeds a culture of death.

How are we responding to God's invitation to love sacrificially? Our response is a lifetime endeavor of following Him who has shown us how to risk loving selflessly. Our grace-filled mission to promote life continues today as we stretch and open our hearts to life.



Bishop Terry R. LaValley

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The Diocese of Ogdensburg is seeking an energetic and dedicated individual for the position of Summer Camp Director at the Guggenheim Center.

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY



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Bishop Terry R. LaValley presided at the annual diocesan Ecumenical Service held Jan. 12 at St. Bernard's Church in Saranac Lake. The service is held each year in anticipation of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,

Jan. 18-25. The choir, shown at left, was comprised primarily of members from St. Bernard's and the First Presbyterian Church with the organist coming from First Presbyterian. The event was organized by the Ecumenical Committee of the diocese, headed by Father Daniel Chapin of Croghan/

Ecumenical Service called 'a huge success'

By Shawn Ryan
Staff writer

SARANAC LAKE — "The Ecumenical Service was a huge success," said Father Daniel Chapin, chair of the diocesan ecumenical committee and pastor in Croghan.

"The weather cooperated, thanks be to God, and there were at least 200 present," he said.

In a church still adorned in its Christmas finery, Catholic

priests and Christian religious from around the area converged at St. Bernard's Church Jan. 12 for the annual diocesan Ecumenical Service.

St. Bernard's pastor, Father Mark Reilly, welcomed the assembled congregation with a message of unity.

Scriptural readings were delivered by members of various religious congregations, with Bishop Terry LaValley offering the main talk.

Bishop LaValley called the

disunity in Christianity. "a scandal to the world."

"It weakens the Christian message and witness," he said. "What moral weight do we carry when we ask different peoples of the world to reconcile their differences when we as Christians cannot reconcile our own differences?"

"Let us pray for Christian unity, and resolve to extend a hand of reconciliation and friendship to our estranged brothers and sisters in the

Lord," he said.

The bishop concluded by asking those present "to resolve, in our own little ways, to work for the realization of the full unity of all Christians for which Jesus prayed.

"Occasions such as this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity can fire us with enthusiasm to overcome the difficulties in attaining unity," Bishop LaValley said. "Let us not be deterred. After all, Christians are a people of hope."

A choir, primarily composed of St. Bernard's and First Presbyterian Church members led the music for the service, with the organist from First Presbyterian.

Greeters were from St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Center in Saranac Lake while members of the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters provided hospitality following the service.

Bishop LaValley's talk may be read in its entirety at www.northcountrycatholic.org



PHOTOS BY SHAWN RYAN AND DALE CHAPIN

Father Mark Reilly, left, welcomes the assembly to St. Bernard's Church in Saranac Lake where he serves as pastor. Above are the ministers/pastors who comprise the Ecumenical Clergy Fellowship of Saranac Lake. At right, Father James J. Kane, Director of the Commission for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs for the Diocese of Albany, is shown with Father Daniel Chapin of Croghan, chair of the Ecumenical Committee for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.



ON THE MARCH FOR LIFE



PHOTOS BY COLLEEN MINER

Above, left, Roy Garrant, Dave Clark and Dave Pomprio from the Plattsburgh Knight of Columbus #255 Msgr Morris Dwyer Council led the annual Plattsburgh March for Life Jan. 12. At right, Dr. John Middleton, a parish-

ioner of Our Lady of Victory Parish in Plattsburgh and recent recipient of the *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* cross was one of the marchers. Dr. Middleton, the first chair of the Champlain Valley Right to Life, was honored with the papal award in part for his decades of commitment to life.

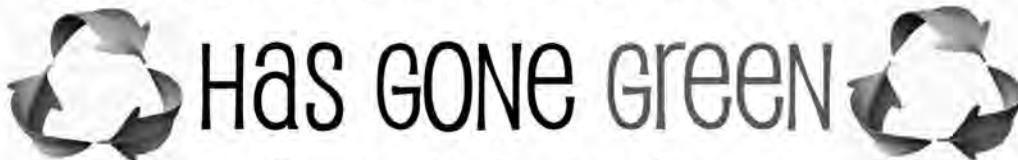
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Protecting God's Children

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Jan. 30- 8 p.m., Wakefield Recital Hall/SUNY Potsdam, Room C-224.
Feb. 6 - 6 p.m., Holy Family School, Malone

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Jan. 23 - Rev. Jeremiah C. Manning, 1909
Jan. 24 — Rev. Joseph N. Beaudry, 1897; Rev. M. A. Ryan, O.S.A., 1924
Jan. 25 — Rev. Eugene Gauvin, O.M.I., 1890
Jan. 26 — Rev. Antoine Paillier, O.M.I., 1916; Rev. Henry Thamelng, 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

Environmental Stewardship

What is the Church SAYING?

"Let us be 'protectors' of creation, 'protectors' of God's plan inscribed in nature, 'protectors' one another and of the environment." Pope Francis

What is Our Church DOING?

Seton Catholic High School in Plattsburgh over the past three and half years has been being 'protectors' of creation by:

- Stop using paper plates and plastic silverware in the cafeteria at lunch
- Stopped using plastic containers for fruit (use a section of the tray)
- Started a recycling program that recently became NO SORT; there is a recycle bin in every classroom
- Started a recycling program for batteries and printer cartridges
- Fixed all leaky faucets and toilets
- Science club is looking into starting a composting program for food waste
- Started a college level environmental science class
- We have been able to reduce our trash bill by about 15%; with trash pick up every other week instead of every week

If you have a practice to share,
contact: srbeth@cit-tele.com

Human Trafficking - Human Tragedy

Bishop Terry R. LaValley

February 8th, Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita, is the National Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Human Trafficking. This day we encourage all the faithful throughout the country to remember, support and pray for those affected by human trafficking. St. Josephine was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. Once she was freed, Josephine dedicated her life to sharing her witness of deliverance from slavery and comforting the suffering. It is, therefore, fitting that this day of prayer coincides with her Feast Day.

What do we mean by "human trafficking"? The United Nations Protocol on Human Trafficking defines it as "the recruitment, transportation, and/or harboring of persons by means of force, fraud or coercion." Women, men, adolescents and children are bought and sold. This sin violates the dignity and sanctity of the human person. The Second

Vatican Council calls such slavery an infamy that dishonors the Creator and poisons society (see *Gaudium et spes*, 27,29).

The Church teaches that "The seventh commandment forbids acts or enterprises that...lead to enslavement of human beings, to their being bought, sold or exchanged like merchandise in disregard for their personal dignity. It is a sin against the dignity of persons and their fundamental human rights to reduce them... to their productive value or to a source of profit." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2414) Trafficked persons struggle for physical, emotional and spiritual survival in a situation of indentured servitude. They are voiceless and powerless.

Many of us believe that human trafficking is an international crime that doesn't happen here. The unsettling truth



is that every community and every home in America is at risk to falling victim to human trafficking; the most vulnerable group being our children. Imagine being a parent and your young child goes out to play with her friend. She never returns and you never see her again. Her life becomes one of terror and exploitation. She experiences being sold and resold. She suffers abuse and oppression for years. She even forgets the name you gave her. That's what happened to St. Josephine. This remarkable woman is a role model for each of us. Her strength, faith and ability to remain a person of virtue and openness to the movement of the Spirit in her life, inspires and motivates us to deepen our understanding of our own faith.

This horror of modern-day slavery touches all of our lives. Pope Francis recently wrote: "All persons of good will, whether they profess a religion or not, cannot allow these women, these men and these

children to be treated as objects, deceived, violated, often repeatedly sold, for various purposes, and at the end either killed or ruined physically and mentally, to end up discarded and abandoned. It is shameful." (*Papal Audience, Dec. 12, 2013*) So, what can I do? This Feast Day is a good occasion for each of us to:

1. Expand our knowledge of the scourge of human trafficking;
2. Research how socially responsible the manufacturers are of such commodities as coffee, chocolate, and the clothing that we purchase; and
3. Ask what practical steps can we take on behalf of the victims of human trafficking.

The Holy Father exhorts us: "I have always been distressed at the lot of those who are victims of various kinds of human trafficking. How I wish that all of us would hear God's cry: "Where is your brother?" (Gen 4:9). Where is your brother or sister who is enslaved? Where is the brother and sister whom

you are killing each day in clandestine warehouses, in rings of prostitution, in children used for begging, in exploiting undocumented labor? Let us not look the other way...many people have blood on their hands as a result of their comfortable and silent complicity." (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 211).

This issue of the *North Country Catholic* provides us with: a prayer for victims of trafficking; a brief biography of St. Josephine Bakhita; and information, resources and links to websites that will assist us in educating ourselves about this tragedy of human trafficking. Please make a concerted effort to avail yourselves of these resources to grow in your awareness of this terrible crime. Invite your family members, neighbors and friends in praying for all the individuals who have suffered through human trafficking and exploitation. Let each of us make a personal commitment to work against this horrific affront to humanity.



St. Josephine Bakhita

St. Josephine Bakhita was born in Sudan in 1869 and enslaved as a child. Eventually she was sold to an Italian diplomat and taken to Italy, where she was later brought to freedom through the help of the Canosian Daughters of Charity. Through their guidance, she learned about God and served him faithfully until her death in 1947. In October 2000, Josephine Bakhita was canonized by Pope John Paul II, at which point he noted that "in St. Josephine Bakhita we find a shining advocate of genuine emancipation. The history of her life inspires not passive acceptance but the firm resolve to work effectively to free girls and women from oppression and violence, and to return them to their dignity in the full exercise of their rights" (St. Bakhita's Canonization Mass, October 1, 2000).

St. Josephine Bakhita has been proposed as the Patron Saint of victims and survivors of human trafficking and slavery.

For more information about St. Josephine Bakhita please visit:

[http://www.catholicsentinel.org/main.asp?](http://www.catholicsentinel.org/main.asp?Search=1&ArticleID=17292&SectionID=2&SubSectionID=35&S=1)

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Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita

St. Josephine Bakhita, you were sold into slavery as a child and endured untold hardship and suffering. Once liberated from your physical enslavement, you found true redemption in your encounter with Christ and his Church.

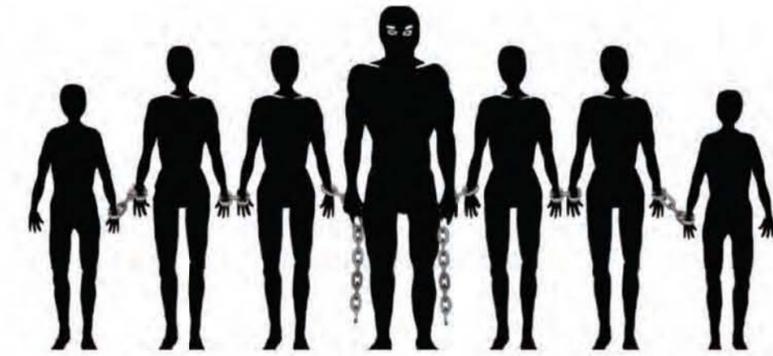
O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.

Provide comfort to survivors of slavery and let them look to you as an example of hope and faith. Help all survivors find healing from their wounds. We ask for your prayers and intercessions for those enslaved among us.

Amen.

Stop Human Trafficking!

Each year, an estimated 17,000 vulnerable men, women and children are trafficked across our borders and then forced into slavery. Many are fleeing terrible situations in their home countries, and come to the United States to find a better life. Unfortunately, the nightmare often begins when they reach our shores.



What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is a horrific crime against the fundamental rights and dignity of the human person. The United Nations Protocol on Human Trafficking defines it as "the recruitment, transportation, harboring or receipt of persons by means of force, fraud or coercion."

According to the U.S. State Department, every country in the world is affected by trafficking. The United States is no exception, serving as a source, transit and destination country for men, women and children - both U.S. citizens and foreign nationals. According to the State Department's 2012 annual Trafficking in Persons Report, . . . , federal and state human trafficking data indicate more investigations and prosecutions have taken place for sex trafficking than labor trafficking in the U.S.; however, victim service providers reported assisting significantly higher numbers of foreign national victims in cases of labor trafficking than in cases of sex trafficking. Non-governmental and religious organizations, such as the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, have noted increasing reports of children recruited into criminal activity, particularly at the U.S.-Mexico border, as well as traveling sales crews and peddling rings utilizing the forced labor of children and adults.

Human Trafficking: Key Statistics

The United Nation's International Labour Organization's 2012 Estimate on Forced Labor. . . provides some shocking statistics on the prevalence of human trafficking worldwide:

- Of the 20.9 million victims of trafficking and human slavery worldwide, 9.1 million victims (44 percent) have been trafficked internally or internationally.
- 11.8 million are subjected to forms of modern slavery in their place of origin or residence within their own national borders.
- Nearly 1.5 million victims are currently laboring in conditions of forced labor, sexual exploitation and servitude in the United States, Canada and developed countries of the EU
- 55 percent of forced labor victims are women and girls, as are 98 percent of sex trafficking victims.
- Children aged 17 years and below represent 26 percent of total victims, representing a total of 5.5 million child victims worldwide.

Why is Human Trafficking So Prevalent?

Owing to the lack of anti-human trafficking laws, enforcement of such laws where they exist, along with the ease and ability to re-exploit individuals, human trafficking has become one of the fastest growing sources of profits for criminal enterprises worldwide. Though efforts to combat it have been increasing, human trafficking has been experiencing a dramatic resurgence in recent years according to the ILO.

Traffickers lure vulnerable men, women and children with false promises of good jobs, an education, economic security and even love. Once lured, the traffickers are able to keep their victims from seeking help by confiscating identification documents, using threats of violence against the victim or their family, as well as subjecting the victim to physical, psychological and/or sexual abuse.

No sector or industry is immune from human trafficking. Victims have been identified in factories, restaurants, construction work, agricultural fields, hotels, spas, nail salons, and even private residences.

Catholic Social Teaching and Human Trafficking

The Catholic Church's vehement opposition to human trafficking is rooted in principles of Catholic social teaching, central to which is the sacredness and dignity of human life, and in the Catechism of the Catholic Church which "for-bids acts or enterprises that, for any reason, lead to the enslavement of human beings - to their being bought, sold, and exchanged like merchandise, in disregard for their personal dignity." The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Migration's Statement On Human Trafficking clearly outlines the Church's teaching on human trafficking, noting "Human trafficking is a horrific crime against the basic dignity and rights of the human person. All efforts must be expended to end it."

For over a decade the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has been a leader in the U.S. and global response to human trafficking, and has even established an Anti-Trafficking Program within the Migration and Refugee Services Department to coordinate the response of the U.S. Church. Explore the links below to learn more about the Church's effort and to find out how you can help.

The information provided in this insert can be found <http://www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/index.cfm> © 2014 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

What is Child Trafficking?

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA) defines "severe forms of human trafficking" as:

The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for:

- sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; or
- labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

Coercion includes threats of physical or psychological harm to children and/or their families. Any child (under the age of 18) engaged in commercial sex is a victim of trafficking.

Human trafficking happens "anytime and anywhere," impacting more than 12 million children and adults, according to the 2010 U.S. Department of State Trafficking in Persons Report. The International Labour Organization and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) estimate that 1.2 million of these victims are under the age of 18. Children 12 and younger are included in the numbers exploited and abused by traffickers. When children are trafficked, their right to develop in a nurturing and loving environment is stolen from them. Their right to be free and protected from sexual, physical, and emotional abuse is also taken from them. At times, individuals whom they perceive as their protectors and caregivers are the individuals that prey on them. Exploiting children through forced labor or commercial sex, traffickers take many forms including peers, community and family connections, pimps, family members or organized labor groups.

Protecting children from this horrendous reality starts with awareness.

What should you do if you encountered a child victim?

1. Contact your local law enforcement or child protection authorities in accordance with your state's mandatory child abuse/neglect reporting laws. Many cases of trafficking may be prosecuted as child abuse, and vice-versa, depending on local laws. Law enforcement and child welfare agencies cross-reports in most jurisdictions; however, it is a good idea to contact both. Keep in mind that if you are a mandatory reporter, many state laws require that you directly report suspected child abuse and neglect and cannot give the responsibility to report to another person.
2. Call the USCCB Anti-Trafficking Services Program 1-866-504-9966 for case consultation and accessing services in your area for foreign national child victims of trafficking.
3. Call the National Trafficking in Persons Information and Referral Hotline 1-888-373-7888 (funded by the Department of Health and Human Services/Office of Refugee Resettlement) for general information, or to access services in your area.
4. Call the national Trafficking in Persons and Worker Exploitation Task Force complaint line 1-888-428-7581 (sponsored by the U.S. Departments of Justice and Labor) to begin an investigation of a suspected case by federal law enforcement authorities.
5. Contact the Department of Health and Human Services/Office of Refugee Resettlement Child Protection Specialist to request interim assistance and eligibility letters for foreign national child victims of human trafficking. 202-205-4582 or childtrafficking@acf.hhs.gov

Trafficking impacts more than adults - it impacts children and teenagers, the most vulnerable segment of our society and the consequences of trafficking are grave and far-reaching for this population.

"Human trafficking is a crime against humanity. We must unite our efforts to free victims and stop this crime that's become ever more aggressive, that threatens not just individuals, but the foundational values of society," international security and laws, the economy, families and communities" ~ Pope Francis

What you can do to help!

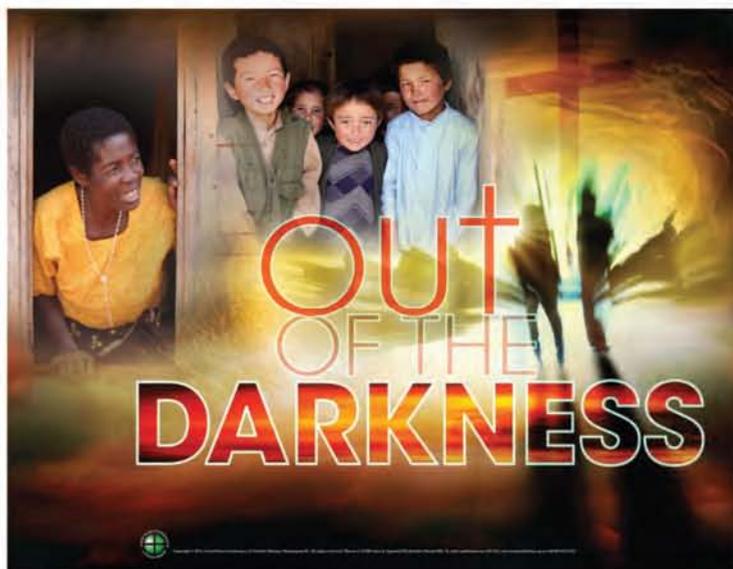


If you suspect they are a victim of human trafficking, take the following actions:

- Ask the person if you can help them find a safe place to go immediately.
- If they need time, create an action plan with them to get to a safe place when they are ready.
- Call and make a report to the human trafficking hotline at 1.888.3737.888. The hotline has language capabilities, so any individual can call directly if they choose.
- If you need more guidance, you can call and talk through the case with USCCB Anti-trafficking program staff at 202.541.3357.

If you can find an opportunity to get he/she alone, ask him/her the following screening questions:

- Can you leave your job or house when you want?
- Where did you get those bruises or is anyone hurting you?
- Do you get paid for your employment? Is it fair? How many hours do you work?
- (If foreign national) How did you get to the U.S. and is it what you expected? Are you being forced to do anything you don't want to do?
- Are you or your family being threatened?
- Do you live with or near your employer? Does your employer provide you housing? Are there locks on doors or windows from outside?
- Do you owe debt to anyone?



As a service provider, you may have an opportunity to identify and assist a victim of human trafficking. These are some red flags:

- Seems anxious, fearful or paranoid. Avoids eye contact.
- Tearfulness or signs of depression.
- Unexplained bruises or cuts or other signs of physical abuse.
- Appears to be in a relationship with someone who is dominating.
- Never is alone and/or always has someone translating or answering questions on their behalf.
- Not in control of their own finances.
- Presents with secrecy or unable to answer questions about where they live.
- Inconsistent details when telling their story.
- Has no identification such as a license, passport or other ID documents.
- Inability to leave their job or residence. Says they cannot schedule appointments.
- Being a recent arrival to the United States and does not speak English.
- Is under 18 and providing commercial sex acts. Or at any age unwillingly providing commercial sex acts.
- Is afraid of law enforcement or receiving help from an outside entity.

Coalition of Catholic Organizations Against Human Trafficking

The **Coalition of Catholic Organizations Against Human Trafficking** consists of national and international Catholic agencies working to eliminate the scourge of human trafficking. The main purposes of the Coalition are to:

- Formulate plans for combating trafficking and serving its victims
- Promote development of services for trafficking victims and approaches to empowerment of trafficking victims
- Dialogue with government officials and others engaged in public policies affecting this issue
- Devise strategies for public education, awareness-raising and grass roots action.

More than twenty Catholic organizations form the Coalition of Catholic Organizations Against Human Trafficking. Each organization has its own network of concerned citizens who can work together to further the commitment to combat trafficking. Coalition organizations engage in combating human trafficking by

- Providing safe haven for trafficked adolescents and young adults in the U.S.
- Delivering direct services to adult and child trafficking victims in the U.S. and overseas
- Conducting prevention projects overseas, especially in Eastern Europe, India, and Latin America
- Providing national training and technical assistance on the issue of trafficking
- Meeting with government officials, including Senators and Representatives in the U.S. Congress, and representatives from the U.S. State Department's Office to Monitor & Combat Trafficking in Persons, the Department of Health & Human Services, and the Department of Justice.

For educational materials, links to related websites and DVD's on the topic of human trafficking that can be borrowed from the Administrative Office of Catholic Charities, visit Catholic Charities website:

www.cathcharities.org

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Pope says abortion, hunger, environmental damage threaten peace

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis said world peace requires the defense of human dignity from violations such as world hunger, human trafficking and abortion. The pope made his remarks Jan. 13 in his first annual address to the Vatican diplomatic corps, offering a survey of world conflicts and crises he said were caused by "envy, selfishness, rivalry and the thirst for power and money." Pope Francis spoke of what he has frequently called a "throwaway culture" exemplified by widespread food waste that leaves children starving or malnourished. "Unfortunately, what is thrown away is not only food or disposable objects, but often human beings themselves, who are discarded as if they were unnecessary," the pope said. "It is horrifying just to think that there are children, victims of abortion, who will never see the light of day; children being used as soldiers, abused and killed in armed conflicts; children turned into merchandise in that terrible form of modern slavery called human trafficking, which is a crime against humanity." The pope also lamented what he called rising numbers of "broken and troubled families," which he attributed to both moral and material factors: the "weakening sense of belonging so typical of today's world" as well as the "adverse conditions in which many families are forced to live, even to the point where they lack basic means of subsistence."

Nine days of prayer part of Roe v. Wade anniversary events for 2014

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- For the second year in a row, the U.S. Catholic bishops are sponsoring "Nine Days for Life: Prayer, Penance and Pilgrimage," planned for Jan. 18-26 this year, as part of several events marking the 41st anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion virtually on demand in the U.S. "Since that tragic decision, more than 55 million children's lives have been lost to abortion, and many suffer that loss -- often in silence," says a posting on the website www.9daysforlife.com. Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley of Boston, chairman of the bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, said Jan. 15 that the number of abortions since the 1973 decision reflects "with heartbreaking magnitude" what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." He said in a statement: "Yet our society relegates abortion to a matter of personal choice, often denying the integrity and even the recognition of the personhood of unborn children. However, we have great trust in God's providence." Cardinal O'Malley urged all Catholics to participate in nine-day pro-life novena, whether they planned to travel to Washington or not for this year's March for Life Jan. 22.

Cardinal-designate: pope knows Que. Catholics need encouragement

OTTAWA, Ontario (CNS) -- Cardinal-designate Gerald Lacroix said he sees his elevation to the College of Cardinals as a nomination for the whole Quebec Archdiocese -- more than 1 million Catholics. He said Pope Francis knows Quebec and knows Catholics there need encouragement. The province has seen a breakdown of the family, an increase in individualism and a lack of respect for life, the cardinal-designate said, noting that a province "with so many resources is on the verge of legalizing euthanasia." The Quebec archbishop was among 19 new cardinals Pope Francis named Jan. 12; he will receive his red hat at a Feb. 22 consistory in Rome. The announcement came as Quebec marks the 350th anniversary of the founding of the first parish in North America. At a news conference Jan. 13, the cardinal-designate said euthanasia, abortion and family breakdown are not just a concern for Quebecers. He said the family is the foundational cell necessary for the building of a good society.

Pope names 19 new cardinals, including six from Latin America

By Francis X. Rocca
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Stressing that their role would be one of service rather than honor, Pope Francis named 19 new cardinals, including six men from his home region of Latin America.

The pope announced the nominations Jan. 12 after praying the Angelus and said he would formally induct the men into the College of Cardinals Feb. 22.

Although cardinals are traditionally known as "princes of the church," Pope Francis, who has pointedly refused many of the trappings of his office, characteristically dismissed any element of pomp in the distinction he had decided to bestow.

In a letter to the new cardinals, released by the Vatican Jan. 13, the pope wrote that a red hat "does not signify a promotion, an honor or a decoration; it is simply a form of service that requires expanding your vision and enlarging your heart."

Pope Francis instructed the cardinals-designate to "receive this new designation with a simple and humble heart. And while you should do so with joy and happiness, do it in a way that this feeling may be far from any expression of worldliness, or any form of celebration alien to the evangelical spirit of austerity, sobriety and poverty."

The consistory will bring the total number of cardinals to 218 and the number of cardinals under age 80 to 122. Until they reach their 80th birthdays, cardinals are eligible to vote in a conclave to elect a new pope.

Two current cardinal electors will turn 80 in March, bringing the number of electors back to the limit of 120

set by Pope Paul VI. Some observers had predicted that Pope Francis, the first pope from Latin America, would use his first selections to make major changes in the composition of the cardinal electors, perhaps by boosting the presence of residential bishops from the global South and reducing that of Vatican officials or prelates from rich Western countries.

Half of the new cardinal electors hail from statistically underrepresented regions in the southern hemisphere, including three of the world's poorest countries: Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso and Haiti. Yet Pope Francis did not substantially reduce the representation of groups with a traditionally strong presence.

Five of the new electors are from Latin America, an increase by one-third of the current number from the region. Latin America, home to about 40 percent of the world's Catholics, will account for about 16 percent of the group eligible to choose the next pope.

The archbishops of Westminster and Quebec are also on the list of those to receive red hats; the latter is only cardinal-designate from North America.

Four of the new cardinal electors are from Italy, leaving that nation's share practically unchanged at nearly a quarter. However, the pope passed over the archbishop of Venice and the archbishop of Turin, both dioceses that traditionally come with a red hat.

Four new cardinal electors are Vatican officials, three of them in offices that traditionally entail membership in the college.

Three of the new cardinals are already over the age of 80 and, therefore, ineligible to vote in a conclave. The pope uses such nominations to

honor churchmen for their scholarship or other service to the church.

Among the new honorary cardinals is Cardinal-designate Loris Capovilla, who served as personal secretary to Blessed John XXIII.

New Cardinals

- Italian Archbishop Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, 59
- Italian Archbishop Lorenzo Baldisseri, general secretary of the Synod of Bishops, 73.
- German Archbishop Gerhard Muller, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 66.
- Italian Archbishop Beniamino Stella, prefect of the Congregation for Clergy, 72.
- English Archbishop Vincent Nichols, Westminster, 68.
- Nicaraguan Archbishop Leopoldo Brenes Solorzano of Managua, 64.
- Canadian Archbishop Gerald Lacroix, Quebec, 56.
- Ivorian Archbishop Jean-Pierre Kutwa, Abidjan, Ivory Coast, 68.
- Brazilian Archbishop Orani Tempesta, Rio de Janeiro, 63.
- Italian Archbishop Gualtiero Bassetti, Perugia-Citta della Pieve, 71.
- Argentine Archbishop Mario Poli, Buenos Aires, 66.
- Korean Archbishop Andrew Yeom Soo-jung, Seoul, 70.
- Chilean Archbishop Ricardo Ezzati Andrello, Santiago, 72.
- Burkina Faso Archbishop Philippe Ouedraogo, Ouagadougou, 68.
- Philippine Archbishop Orlando Quevedo, Cotabato, 74.
- Haitian Bishop Chibly Langlois, Les Cayes, 55.
- Italian Archbishop Capovilla, 98.
- Spanish Archbishop Fernando Sebastian Aguilar, retired, of Pamplona, 84.
- Saint Lucian Archbishop Kelvin Felix, retired, Castries, who will be 81 Feb. 11.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Striving to overcome darkness and division

Our readings this week-end provide us with a timely warning. They speak loudly of the importance of "unity" and "light". How important for us who live in a world and in nation overshadowed by darkness and division!

We must all be concerned about the attempts on the part of Al Quada against Christians in the Middle East.

They continue to drive out natives in those lands who have worshipped in their churches for thousands of years.

Burnings of churches, murder of parishioners have

caused an exodus of thousands of those who were among the first to follow the light of Christ.



Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore

And there is so much darkness in America, including government interference in religious freedom.

Responsibly conducted polls show that there is growing consensus among the majority of our citizens that our nation is headed in the wrong direction on issues such as abortion, marriage, family life, and moral values. It seems that the voice of the Church is rarely heeded.

Just this week, Pope Francis

condemned abortion as part of the culture of waste, whether of goods or human life. Into our darkness comes the clear warning from this week's readings: Christ is the light that has the power to dispel the darkness.

His message of love for all peoples is the true source of unity.

The marvelous prophecy of Isaiah concerns the land of Zebulun and Naphtali in northern Galilee where Jesus lived and worked. Here will be a restoration of light with the coming of Jesus.

In this week's Gospel, Matthew clearly refers to Isaiah's prophecy that "a people who lived in darkness have seen a great

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READINGS

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

I Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Matthew 4:12-23

light". Just as this land of the Gentiles sat in darkness until Jesus came, so too do those in our time and in our culture, await a new evangelization.

In "The Joy of the Gospel", Pope Francis calls for a new boldness and fiery hearts from all followers of Christ.

From the papacy itself down through all ranks of clergy and laity, we must take his call very seriously,

Only the message of God's love, mercy, and salvation for all people and nations can save our world.

Each year in January, both Catholics and Protestants seek to pray together and work together for peace. Much good is done through these celebrations. But we must also strive harder for unity within our own Catholic communities.

Both clergy and people committed to their care need to be united in repairing our crumbling values.

It means struggling to let go of suspicions and false assumptions.

When we are unified, we stand a much better chance of influencing the society in which we live.

VATICAN LETTER

Pope Francis shows a new way to be pro-life

By Francis X. Rocca
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)-- On the morning of Jan. 25, 2013, participants in the Washington, D.C., March for Life received an unexpected boost in the form of a Twitter message from Pope Benedict XVI.

"I join all those marching for life from afar, and pray that political leaders will protect the unborn and promote a culture of life," the pope wrote on his account, @Pontifex.

With few words on abortion....

This Jan. 22, when marchers on the Mall again protest the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 decision legalizing abortion, Pope Francis might very well follow Pope Benedict's lead by tweeting his support. If he does, those words will be among the relatively few Pope Francis has devoted to the subject.

Pope Francis' decision to talk less than his predecessors about abortion has puzzled and distressed some supporters of the pro-life movement. Yet the pope has made clear his commitment to the defense of unborn life and, thanks to his colossal popularity and gift for communicating across cultural divides, his pontificate could prove a boon to the pro-life cause in enormous and unprecedented ways.

The pope's comparative reticence on abortion became evident to many observers a few months into his pontificate. At a June Vatican Mass dedicated to pro-life causes, an event that had been

planned under Pope Benedict, Pope Francis surprised many when delivered a homily without any reference to abortion, euthanasia or any other specific threat to life.

During his weeklong visit to Brazil the following month, the pope said nothing about the country's moves to liberalize abortion (or its legalization of same-sex marriage), explaining afterward to reporters that the "church has already expressed itself perfectly on that."

Among people used to regarding the pope as the world's foremost advocate for the unborn, his silence was disquieting. "Some people think that the Holy Father should talk more about abortion," Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley of Boston said in a speech to the Knights of Columbus in August. But the cardinal added: "I think he speaks of love and mercy to give people the context for the church's teaching on abortion."

In a widely quoted interview published the following month, Pope Francis acknowledged that he had "not spoken much" about "issues related to abortion, gay marriage and the use of contraceptive methods," and that he had been "reprimanded for that."

"But when we speak about these issues, we have to talk about them in a context," the pope said. "The teaching of the church, for that matter, is clear and I am a son of the church, but it is not necessary to talk about these issues all the time."

The day after that interview was published, Pope Francis spoke out strongly on abortion for the first time since his election, denouncing it as a product of a "widespread mentality of profit, the 'throwaway culture,' which has today en-

slaved the hearts and minds of so many," and stating that "every unborn child, though unjustly condemned to be aborted, has the face of the Lord."

Just as strong were his words in the apostolic exhortation "Evangelii Gaudium" ("The Joy of the Gospel"), published in November, in which he affirmed the church's "particular love and concern" for "unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us," and quoted Blessed John Paul II's statement that "every violation of the personal dignity of the human being cries out in vengeance to God."

A key element in the pope's words on abortion is the link he makes between protection of the unborn and the wider cause of social justice.

"Defense of unborn life is closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right," Pope Francis wrote in the apostolic exhortation. "It involves the conviction that a human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development. Human beings are ends in themselves and never a means of resolving other problems. Once this conviction disappears, so do solid and lasting foundations for the defense of human rights, which would always be subject to the passing whims of the powers that be."

It is nothing new for a pope to draw such connections, as Pope Francis knows, since he made a similar point in September by quoting Pope Benedict: "If personal and social sensitivity in welcoming a new life is lost, other forms of welcome useful to social life will dry up."

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AT THE MOVIES

JACK RYAN: SHADOW RECRUIT

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

Few fictional characters have proven as durable as novelist Tom Clancy's brainy - and Catholic-educated -spy, Jack Ryan.

Spread across more than a dozen books and four film adaptations, his exploits have kept readers and viewers engaged, some of them riveted, ever since his first appearance between the covers of "The Hunt for Red October" 30 years ago.

In crafting the enjoyable origin-story thriller "Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit" (Paramount), director Kenneth Branagh, who also plays the movie's principal villain, provides mature viewers with a diverting adventure. The level of mayhem as well as other considerations, however, bars recommendation for youngsters.

Though originally a baby-boomer, in this iteration Ryan (a likable Chris Pine) is young enough to be studying at the London School of Economics on 9/11. He reacts to the events of that day by joining the Marines, only to be wounded in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan.

While recovering, Ryan makes two significant connections: Romantically, he bonds with his physical



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Chris Pine is Jack Ryan and Kevin Costner star in a scene from the movie "Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit."

therapist, Cathy Muller (Keira Knightley), who becomes his girlfriend. Professionally, he catches the eye of CIA operative William Harper (Kevin Costner), who recruits him as a financial analyst for the agency.

Planted undercover at a Wall Street firm, Ryan eventually comes across evidence of portentous investment manipulations by sinister Russian oligarch Viktor Cherevin (Branagh). Only Ryan, it soon develops, can foil Cherevin. But to do so, he'll have to cross the

line from desk work to perilous field activity.

What follows is slick, clever and fun. Morally, the picture gains credibility from Ryan's evident qualms about the use of fatal force. Compelled to take out an adversary in a kill-or-be-killed situation, he's shown to be both shaken and haunted by the incident.

Ryan's relationship with Cathy would likely be more ethically acceptable except for the fact that their shackling up together, but stopping short of marriage,

serves to advance the plot. Ryan is only authorized to tell Cathy the real nature of his work once she becomes his wife. For reasons not really explained, however, she initially turns down his proposal.

This leaves Cathy free to stumble unknowingly into danger once Ryan goes after Cherevin.

Later, though, the engagement seems to be a done deal. In fact, Cathy's diamond ring becomes a significant prop since it has special capabilities that fit

in with the story but that can't be specified here for fear of a spoiler.

Strangely, the Russian Orthodox Church gets dragged into the proceedings in an incidental but less than flattering way.

As a choir chants in the background, ultra-nationalist Cherevin is shown lighting a candle in church and praying for the success of his malign project. Subsequently, his underlings are alerted to the fact that the time has come to put his scheme into action by a liturgical reading that serves as a coded signal.

Whether the clergyman reciting the telltale passage is in on the plan remains unclear. But it's safe to assume that Orthodox believers will not be pleased by this portrayal of their community. Though too fleeting to be really offensive, it's an unwelcome ingredient in an otherwise mostly pleasing recipe.

The film contains some harsh violence, much bloodless gunplay, images of gory combat wounds, premarital cohabitation, several instances of profanity.

The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

Pope Francis

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Yet such arguments are especially effective coming from Pope Francis, because his vehement criticisms of global capitalism, along with his conciliatory attitudes toward some of the more contentious issues between the church and contemporary secular culture, have earned him a reputation as less of a conservative than either Blessed John Paul or Pope Benedict.

"It is not 'progressive' to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life," Pope Francis has written.

Nevertheless, many now see support for legalized abortion as a progressive position.

The idea of a pope who is at once progressive and pro-life is thus bound to strike them as paradoxical.

And there is nothing better than a good paradox for getting someone to question his assumptions, even on a topic as polarizing and long-debated as abortion.

If any public figure today is capable of persuading large numbers of people outside the pro-life ranks to change, or

at least open, their minds on the question, it is Pope Francis.

There is another way, at least as important, in which Pope Francis acts a witness for life: the countless images of him embracing, kissing and caressing people with crippling or disfiguring injuries or diseases.

No verbal argument could more powerfully refute the eugenic mentality behind the culture of abortion than the sight of a pope passionately celebrating human lives that many would insist are not worth keeping.

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ADIRONDACK

FRIENDSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Lake Placid - Mercy Care for the Adirondacks has scheduled a Friendship Volunteer Training Program.

Date: Feb. 4 & 11, Lake Placid; Feb. 18 & 25, Tupper Lake

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Features: New volunteers will join Mercy Care's 90+ Friendship Volunteers from Tupper Lake, Saranac Lake, and Lake Placid who are helping elders stay connected to their communities.

Contact: Sheila Schneck at 518-523-5583

CLINTON

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Treadwell Mills - St. Alexander & St. Joseph's will hold a Pancake Breakfast.

Date: Feb. 2

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Place: St. Joseph's Church Parish Hall

Cost: Adults, \$6; Children 12 and under, \$3; under 5, Free

QUILTING CLASSES

Ellenburg Center - The Lost Sheep Quilt Shop is holding classes

Charm Quilt Class: Feb. 22, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30; Debbie Baldwin, Instructor; Cost: \$15 - does not include material; Call 518-594-3253 or email to register

Through the Year Wall Hanging: March 15, 22, and 29; Rita Breen, Instructor; Cost: \$40 for all 3 classes. Call or email to reserve a spot by March 1. Class size is limited to 7.

Sew Together: any Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 3. This is a quilting group designed to share ideas, help fellow quilters, teach beginners. Bring a bag lunch if you come for the day.

Contact: The Lost Sheep Quilt Shop, Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer, 7270 Star Road, Ellenburg Center, 518-594-3253, olaprayerhouse@gmail.com

HEALING MINISTRY

Morrisonville - The Catholic Community of St. Alexander's and St. Joseph's announces the addition of Living Waters Healing Ministry to the Parish.

Date: First Thursday each month

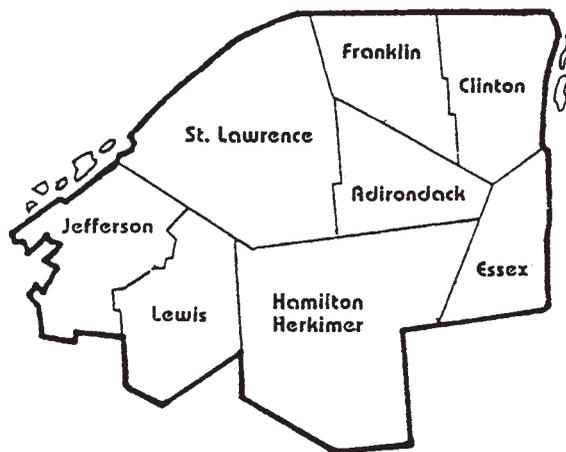
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: St. Alexander's Church

Features: Healing Mass, Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and an opportunity to receive individual prayer.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Plattsburgh - Eucharistic Adoration is held throughout the year every Wednesday,



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

Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:

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day, Thursday, and Friday.

Place: St. John's "Holy Family" Adoration Chapel, downstairs

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

Contact: call 518-561-5083 or email Sjohnsadoration@aol.com

JEFFERSON

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

Watertown - There will be a Holy Hour for renewed respect for all human life.

Date: Jan. 22

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: St. Anthony's Church

Features: Prayers, reflection, benediction led by Deacon Guy Javarone.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Watertown - Liferight will hold its annual Interfaith Respect Life Candlelight Service.

Date: Jan. 27

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: In front of the Municipal Building on Washington Street

Features: Join us as we pray for an end to all forms of violence and renewed respect for all human life, particularly the most vulnerable. Refreshments will follow at the First Presbyterian Church.

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Watertown - There will be an Ecumenical Bereavement Meeting.

Date: Jan. 27

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Hearthside Hospitality Center at the SSJ Motherhouse.

Speaker: Kathy Sheley, a widow, volunteer at Hospice on "New Beginnings".

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Watertown - Sister of St. Joseph will have a Social Justice program on the topic of human trafficking.

Date: Feb. 2

Time: 2 p.m. to 4

Place: Hearthside Center, SSJ Motherhouse

Features: "Human Trafficking in the North Country" presented by Mr. William Hall. This is a world-wide epidemic happening in our own backyard. Be informed; take action to stop this form of modern-day slavery. Public is invited.

Contact: Sr. Bethany, SSJ; 315-212-6592

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Watertown - St. Anthony's Altar Rosary Church will be having Spaghetti Supper.

Date: Jan. 30

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7

Place: Msgr. Sechi Hall

Cost: Adults, \$8; children \$4.50; under 3, free; sauce, \$5 per quart meatballs are \$.75

Features: Take-out orders begin at 4 p.m. Please bring your own containers

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Watertown - Holy Family Church is holding holy hours of Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

Schedule: Monday through Friday following the 9 a.m. Mass at Holy Family Church (9:30 - 10:30 a.m.),

LIFERIGHT MEETING

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

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: 312 Sherman St.

Features: The office has materials on infanticide, assisted suicide, euthanasia and chastity.

Contact: Phone 315-788-8480; website: www.liferight.org.

LEWIS

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Houseville - Divine Mercy Devotions to be held.

Date: Feb. 2

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Features: Vespers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, The Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction and coffee hour

Contact: 348-6260.

ST. LAWRENCE

K OF C BRUNCH

Norfolk - The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a brunch.

Date: Feb. 9

Time: 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Place: Visitation Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$7; Children under 12, \$4; Under 5, Free; Family, \$18; Take-outs available

5K WALK/RUN

Massena - The 2nd Annual Glory in our Hearts 5K Walk/Run to Remember will bring together walkers and runners, for a heart healthy fundraiser to support the 2014 outreach activities of the Glory in our Hearts Foundation.

Date: May 3

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Robert Moses State Park Picnic Area at Barnhart Island

Features: Stroller and child friendly out and back 5K event. Visit the Glory in our Hearts 5K website at <http://www.gloryinourhearts.org/5k.html> for additional race information.

DINNER AND SHOW

Ogdensburg - Notre Dame Altar & Rosary is sponsoring a bus trip to the Syracuse Oncenter.

Date: June 4

Cost: \$120 per person (includes show ticket, bus fare, and dinner at Spaghetti Warehouse restaurant.)

Features: Performance of Million Dollar Quartet. at 7:30 p.m.. Inspired by the electrifying true story of the famed recording session that brought together rock 'n' roll icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins for the first and only time.

Contact: Call Cherie @393-5050 or 393-7158 or Joyce @528-1819.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Massena - Sacred Heart/St. Lawrence holds a Bereavement Support Group Tuesday of each month.

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: Sacred Heart Convent

Features: A gathering of those who have had a recent loss of a loved one

Contact: 315-769-3137

NOVENA FOR MILITARY

Ogdensburg - Notre Dame Church is holding a Weekly novena for the souls of U.S. military personnel at a new location.

Date: Tuesday afternoons

Time: 1:30 p.m.

LATIN MASS

Potsdam - A Tridentine (Latin) Mass is celebrated each Sunday with Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin as the celebrant.

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

COMMUNITY FREE LUNCH

Ogdensburg - The Knights of Columbus Council 258 is starting its community free lunch program again.

Date: Every Wednesday

Time: Noon

Features: Free hot lunch

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Massena - St. Mary's & St. Joseph's holds Benediction and Adoration every Friday morning.

Time: 9 a.m. to Noon

Place: St. Mary's Family Room

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Ogdensburg - St. Mary's is holding a monthly Holy Hour for Vocations.

Date: Thursday before the First Friday of the month

Time: 7 p.m. concluding with Benediction at 8 p.m.

Place: Deacon Winter Chapel

DIOCESAN EVENTS

PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN

Father Donald Robinson, pastor of St. Anthony's and St. Patrick's in Watertown will be leading a pilgrimage "Best of Spain and Portugal".

Dates: Feb. 18-28, 2014

Cost: \$2899 per person from NYC (includes roundtrip air, hotel, meals, etc.)

Included: Roundtrip Air from NYC, roundtrip train, most meals, comprehensive sightseeing and more in Madrid, Salamanca, Lisbon, Seville, Granada & Toledo

Contact: Fr. Robinson at 315-782-4444 or e-mail donrob4@twcny.rr.com



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Trafficking and what the missions are doing about it

World Mission Sunday, organized by the Propagation of the Faith, is a day for Catholics worldwide to recommit to the Church's missionary activity. In 2013, World Mission Sunday was celebrated on October 20. Every year the needs of the Catholic Church in the Missions grow, as new dioceses are formed, as areas devastated by war or natural disaster are rebuilt, and as other areas, long suppressed, are opening up to hear the message of Christ and His Church. That is why the involvement and commitment of Catholics from around the world is so urgently needed.

As our expansion as a Church into the developing lands grows, so does the awareness of people in those lands that are in dire need due to the darkest of circumstances. One such circumstance is the atrocity of human trafficking. This past World Mission Sunday brought to light the Catholic Church's focus on our focus to reach out to the most vulnerable in our world. As the Holy Father, Pope Francis said, we are here "to give voice to those not able to make their cries of pain and oppression heard."

Mission Sunday and its promotion this past year chose to focus on the country of India where it is a harsh reality for 12 million children there. On a daily basis, countless children there are sold often by their own families into domestic slavery and prostitution. Pope Francis last May stated, "Human Trafficking is a despicable activity, a disgrace for our societies, which describe themselves as civilized."

From fundraising efforts such as the World Mission Sunday annual world-wide collection, human trafficking is being tackled at the grass roots level by the Catholic Church in places such as India. With the support of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, religious orders such as the Salesian Sisters in India work tirelessly to rescue girls from trafficking and provide them with safe havens. Their work continues after rescues to provide medical care, counseling, rehabilitation, education and aid in helping them see their real worth in God's eyes.

Father Andrew Small, the National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in New York City, echoed this past year at World Mission Sunday that "Pope Francis urges us all to heed the Lord's call to serve the poor and the vulnerable. It is something we can do in small, but great ways."

In keeping with this message, is there anyone more vulnerable than a small, defenseless child? We send our prayers and gratitude to those in the Missions working tirelessly to carry out this task.

-Molly M. Ryan

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will.
www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice

OBITUARIES

Salvatore Carrara

SARANAC LAKE—A Mass of Christian Burial for Salvatore Carrara, Jr., 83, father of Father Christopher Carrara of Lowville, was held Jan. 20 at St. Bernard's Church.

He died Jan. 11 at the Adirondack Medical Center. Burial will take place in St. Paul's Cemetery in Bloomingdale in the spring.

Born in Brooklyn, New York on August 15, 1930, he was the son of Salvatore and Mary (LeGrand) Carrara. He owned and operated various businesses in Long Island including a restaurant and lumber yard, before moving to Bloomingdale 25 years ago.

After moving to Bloomingdale, Carrara worked with his daughter Carolyn in their computer chip brokerage company, Arista-Tech in California and Bloomingdale.

He married Erika Matthews in 1993 at St. Paul's Church in Bloomingdale; she predeceased him in 1999.

Carrara was a veteran of the United States Army serving during the Korean War from 1951 to 1953 and was stationed in Germany. He was a past member of the Knights of Columbus, member of the Saranac Lake Fish and Game Club, with his son Mark was an avid hunter and loved the outdoors. He also enjoyed restoring old cars with his son Christopher.

He was a communicant of St. Paul's Church in Bloomingdale where he volunteered as a Eucharistic minister, religious education instructor and had served on the finance council.

In addition to Father Carrara, he is survived by a son Mark Carrara of Potsdam, a daughter Carolyn Carrara of San Clemente, CA, and one grandson Nicholas Carrara of Potsdam. He was preceded in death by his father, mother, a brother Anthony Carrara, and sister Frances Procida.

Memorial contributions



may be made to St. Paul's Church or Mercy Care for the Adirondacks in care of the Fortune Keough Funeral home

Altona — Raymond D. Crowley, 90; Funeral Services Jan. 13, 2014 at Holy Angels Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Brushton — John "Jack" Byrnes, 87; Funeral Services Jan. 15, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Brushton — Bernice E. (Deon) Tower, 92; Funeral Services Jan. 18, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Chazy — Linda M. (Roberts) Lewis, 60; Funeral Services Jan. 17, 2014 at Sacred Heart Church.

Chateaugay — Lloyd Edward "Dude" Taylor, 49; Funeral Services Jan. 17, 2014 at the Chateaugay Funeral Home; burial in Ridgeway Cemetery, Burke.

Hogansburg — Edward "Rateh" Lazore, 67; Funeral Services Jan. 18, 2014 at St. Regis Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Houseville — Irene J. (Rhone) Hunziker, 78; Funeral Services Jan. 20, 2014 at St. Hedwig's Church; burial in Brantingham Cemetery.

Madrid — Timothy P. Carkner, 64; Funeral Services Jan. 13, 2014 at St. John the Baptist Church; burial in Madrid Cemetery.

Massena — Cathrine (Cutrie) Meyer, 104; Funeral Services Jan. 14, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Visitation Cemetery, Norfolk.

Massena — Kenneth R. Sucece, 88; Funeral Services Jan. 16, 2014 at Church of Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Moers — Rene G. Rabideau, 89; Funeral Services Jan. 13, 2014 at St. Joseph's Church.

Moers Forks — Victor J. Rabideau, 92; Funeral Services Jan. 14, 2014 at St. Ann's Church; burial in St. Ann's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh — Jane C. (Weatherwax) Arena, 81; Funeral Services Jan. 18, 2014 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Mausoleum.

Plattsburgh — Edward J. Bleeker, 84; Funeral Services Jan. 17, 2014 at St. John's Church; burial in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-Divine Mercy Cemetery.

Plattsburgh — Eileen (McArdle) Taylor, 90; Funeral Services Jan. 20, 2014 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Holy Angels Cemetery, Altona.

Port Henry — Louise Elizabeth (Montagnola) Celotti, 84; Funeral Services Jan. 13, 2014 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Potsdam — Theresa M. (Lashomb) Slater, 87; Funeral Jan. 14, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Schroon Lake — Edward T. Haroff, 66; Funeral Services Jan. 17, 2014 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church; burial in the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, Schuylerville.

Star Lake — Clark W. Smith, 61; Funeral Jan. 16, 2014 at St. Hubert's Church; burial in Cranberry Lake Cemetery.

Waddington — Kelsey D. Brock, 85; Funeral Services Jan. 17, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

Watertown — Josephine A. (Compo) Fralonardo, 96; Funeral Services Jan. 17, 2014 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.



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RESPECT LIFE

Do your thing: respect life!

By Kathleen M. Gallagher
Director of Pro-Life Activities
New York State Catholic Conference

I am not a marcher. I never have been. I don't participate in Life Chains or pray the Rosary outside in front of clinics. It's just not my thing.

Nevertheless, on Sunday, January 12, I marched. I marched with the Champlain Valley Right to Life organization in Plattsburgh at their annual March for Life. I was thoroughly impressed with the dedication and passion of this group of people. These are believers who are literally willing to "walk the walk," and their public witness sends a strong message to the community.

But you know what? Marching is still not my thing. I'm a writer, and a speaker. That's how I choose to promote the pro-life cause.

As St. Paul says to the Corinthians:

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone."

Indeed.

As we commemorate the 41st anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized the tragedy of abortion-on-demand, let's each ponder our individual gifts, and ask God what we might do to help protect moms and



PHOTO BY COLLEEN MINER

Kathleen Gallagher, director of pro-life activities for the New York State Catholic Conference, and her husband Joe, traveled from Schenectady to take part in the annual March for Life in Plattsburgh Jan. 12. The march began at the Newman Center and concluded at St. John the Baptist Church where Mrs. Gallagher was the featured speaker.

their babies. The list of "things" is endless:

- If you're a marcher, by all means, march! Get out there and be a peaceful, prayerful witness to the sanctity of human life.
- Perhaps you're a writer like me. Please pen some letters...write to your elected officials. Write to the editor of your local newspaper. Both things are easy to do through the New York State Catholic Conference web site at www.nyscatholic.org. Write to local organizations and

businesses and ask them to sign on as supporters of New Yorkers for Life (www.nys4life.com).

- If you've got the "gift of gab," spread the pro-life message by talking it up. Just talk to your neighbors, your co-workers, your bowling buddies. Educate them with a gentle tone and a loving heart. You never know where you might plant a seed.

- Do you enjoy politics? Think about organizing a voter registration drive or

becoming more active within your chosen political party to try to influence their platform. Consider running for public office yourself.

- Maybe you're a compassionate person with a good listening ear; you could volunteer at a pro-life pregnancy center or a post-abortion healing program.

- Got organizational skills? Can you knit or crochet? The Gabriel Project is always looking for more 'an-

gels' to help create baby blankets, organize and deliver gifts for pregnant women in need.

- Pray. 40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life effort of prayer and fasting where you can pray with others. Or you can simply pray in solitude at home.

Each "thing" a grace. Each is a form of service. And God is at work in each of them.

What's your thing? How are you going to make a pro-life difference in the coming year?

We've come a long way since 1973, and things look bright: fewer and fewer doctors are performing abortions. In some states, abortion facilities are becoming harder to find. Greater and greater numbers of young people are proclaiming pro-life beliefs, and sharing them. More pro-life laws were enacted across this country in the past 3 years than in the entire previous decade! Modern medicine keeps pushing the envelope in terms of what we can do to save the lives of the unborn. It's a good time to be pro-life.

So do your thing. Use the gifts that God has given you to spread the good news and make a difference. Get involved and stay involved.

For more information about pro-life efforts in the north country, contact Colleen and John Miner, Diocesan Directors of Respect Life Ministry, at cminer@rcdony.org

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