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Pope: let go of pride and envy

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - All wars begin in the human heart - a heart that is jealous and bitter and tears apart communities through misunderstandings and marginalization, Pope Francis said.

"How wonderful if we would remember more often who we are, what Jesus Christ did with us: We are his

body," members of the church filled with the Holy Spirit's gift of new life in Christ and united in fellowship and love, he said at his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square Oct. 22.

The day also marked the feast day of St. John Paul II, who "invited everyone to open the doors to Christ,"

said Pope Francis, who had canonized the Polish pope in April.

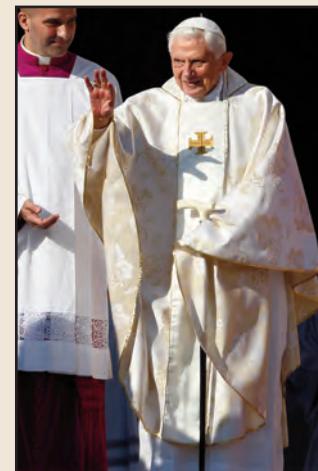
As the church celebrated for the first time the memorial of St. John Paul, Pope Francis recalled how he "reminded the whole world of the mystery of divine mercy. May his spiritual legacy not be forgotten, but drive us to

reflect and act concretely for the good of the church, the family and society," he said in a greeting to pilgrims from Poland.

In his main audience talk, Pope Francis continued his catechesis on the nature of the Catholic Church, focusing on the church as body of Christ.

MESSAGE FROM RETIRED POPE

On spreading the Gospel



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Retired Pope Benedict XVI arrives for the beatification Mass of Blessed Paul VI celebrated by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Oct. 19. The retired pope said dialogue with other religions is no substitute for spreading the Gospel to non-Christian cultures, and warned against relativistic ideas of religious truth as "lethal to faith." He also said the true motivation for missionary work is not to increase the church's size but to share the joy of knowing Christ. The retired pope's words appeared in written remarks to faculty members and students at Rome's Pontifical Urbanian University. The speech is one of a handful of public statements, including an interview and a published letter to a journalist, that Pope Benedict has made since he retired in February 2013.

October is Respect Life Month

The theme for the 2014 observance of Respect Life Month is "Each of us is a masterpiece of God's creation."

NCC writer Suzanne Pietropaoli reflects on the significance of this statement in light of the birth of a new family member:

All unknowingly, this beautiful, tiny, new human being embodies the theme of this year's observance: "Each of us is a masterpiece of God's creation." This is not an idle claim, but a solid scriptural truth. In fact, it is the foundation of our identity, of our irreplaceable value..."

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PHOTO BY STEVE TARTAGLIA

Kelly Donnelly, second from left, a teacher at Seton Catholic in Plattsburgh, served as one of the staff members at the 2014 Leadership Weekend held Oct. 4-6 at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake. She is shown with three of the high school students who took part, Alisabeth Furnace, Mariah Foltan and Grace Furnace. The Furnace girls are from Sacred Heart Parish in Massena; Mariah is from St. Thomas the Apostle parish in Delmar, NY. Kelly writes about her experience at Leadership Weekend in a Young Catholic Voice column on page 5.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

A celebration of October life

How is it possible that we are counting down the last days of October!?!?

Perhaps it's because we've enjoyed blessedly mild autumn temperatures that I, for one, have been able to forget about the frigidity that looms.

It's still a joy to traipse through crunchy leaves with the pampered puppy and drive through a snow-

free Snowbelt to check on the growing grandbabies.

As we make our way into November, though, all bets are off.

We won't soon forget that the first of the enormous snowstorms that blasted through-out last winter came just in time for Thanksgiving. Thanks, but no thanks for that!

But, of course, that's what life in the North

Country is all about: the surprising days of sun and snow and rain and sun again.

And, since it's still October, we're still in the business of respecting and celebrating life.

In the issues of October, we focused on topics of concern for Catholics: abortion, suicide, care for the elderly, care for the environment and care for families. On Oct. 23 Pope Francis gave voice to another life issue when he called for an end to capital punishment, pointing to the words of the *Catechism*

of the Catholic Church on the subject.

It's easy to accept that babies born - and not yet born - are "masterpieces of God's creation." To say the same for a terrorist may require a significant jump in faith.

Yet even the worst among us is made in the image of God, and is "precious" in God's eyes.

That's something to remember during the glorious month of October and through every God-given, snow-covered, bone-chilling day ahead!



Mary Lou
Kilian

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Beatitudes: valuable guide for teenagers

For the last few weeks, we have been considering the Beatitudes of Jesus. I am sure you will remember that the Beatitudes were Jesus' message for us on our path to happiness. Now I was wondering whether these beatitudes will make any sense to young people - to teenagers. So, I invite you to join me as we consider this.

"Blessed are the poor in Spirit."

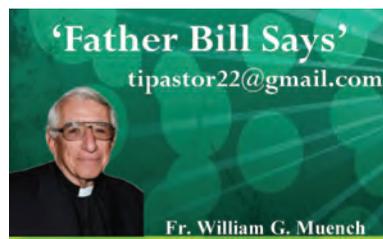
We must show our young people that their lack of knowledge and understanding of Jesus is a real poverty. They have heard a great deal about Jesus in the homilies at Mass and in religious education classes, yet, I believe that most of them have not established a real relationship with Jesus. That is a poverty.

You cannot accept or reject Jesus unless you really know him and have a good relationship with him. The solution to this poverty, I think, is to read the New Testament - the whole New Testament - slowly and prayerfully and establish a real relationship and friendship with Jesus.

"Blessed are those who mourn."

Teenagers are going through a time of huge choices and this demands a time to mourn. Their life is going through sudden changes, radical changes. This can be a time of sadness.

The simplicity of the early years is slipping away - life is



becoming more complicated with lots of new decisions to be made.

Teens should be unafraid to mourn, to experience a prayerful mourning time. This will be a step of moving into the adult world. In this way, they will adopt a new strength, a strength of Spirit that only God can give, a new dedication to trust God to guide them.

"Blessed are the meek."

This beatitude will seem rather unattractive to young people. Their world teaches them that to be successful demands being daring and challenging. Yet, they will discover - as we all have - that there are too many road blocks along life's way. Such crises can disrupt a young person's life. I believe the way for Christians to deal with these moments is with humility like that of Jesus. Jesus met the most difficult challenges in life - his passion and death - with humility. This humility gave him a strength - God's strength. Young people will need this kind of strength - God's strength - that come from hu-

mility, patience and meekness - to meet the crises in life.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness."

Young people are enthusiastic, even excited, about things that make sense to them. It is part of being young. I believe that when young people really know Jesus and his message that they will be enthusiastic about living in the Spirit of Jesus.

They realize how good and happy life can be by living a good life according to the teachings of Jesus. May they find that righteousness and pursue it with enthusiasm.

"Blessed are the merciful."

I have discovered that young people care about each other - especially their friends - especially if they are hurting. They know about being merciful.

I pray that they discover that the following of Jesus is all about mercy. Jesus was well known for his mercy. Like Jesus, we are called to be just as merciful, just as caring. As a follower, a Christian finds help and guidance in being merciful. It changes helping others into a spiritual act of mercy.

"Blessed are the clean of heart"

To find happiness and peace, to become a good person and life a good life demands a heart and mind that is free from distracting evil. That is

why Jesus encourages us to be positive - positive in attitudes and positive in life.

Young people may and will meet others who bring negative attitudes into their relationship, an attitude filled with guile, even hate. Jesus must become their guide and strength. Jesus teaches us all, especially our young people, that developing a pure heart, a clean heart and mind, a happy tone in life, leads to personal happiness and truly touches the lives of others.

"Blessed are peacemakers."

Young people will find a real purpose in life as a peacemaker. Being a peacemaker does not mean walking around breaking up fights. Being a peacemaker is all about knowing how to live properly, without anxiety, with a desire to make the world happier, more peaceful. This is only possible through prayer. Young people must learn the importance of prayer. A person of prayer knows what to do, to live a better life, to make things better with the strength and support of the Lord. A person of prayer and peace know they can trust God and live committed to the Lord. A young person certainly can be such a person of prayer and bring Christ's peace to their world. So, indeed, the Beatitudes can be a very good guide for our people - our teenagers.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

'We Are God's Masterpiece'

By Suzanne Pietropaoli
Staff Writer

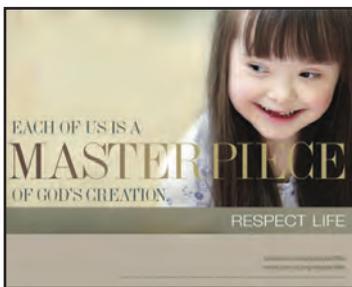
Our new grand-niece was born yesterday afternoon. Within half an hour, courtesy of her proud grandfather, we were looking at a lovely photo of Amelia Grace and her parents. Amelia has been born to loving parents, and into the warm embrace of a huge extended family.

She has also been born during Respect Life Month, observed by U.S. Catholics every October.

All unknowingly, this beautiful, tiny, new human being embodies the theme of this year's observance: "Each of us is a masterpiece of God's creation." This is not an idle claim, but a solid scriptural truth. In fact, it is the foundation of our identity, of our irreplaceable value, and of our incalculable dignity.

How could it be otherwise when we have been created as sons and daughters of the most high God, who delights in us every bit as much as Amelia's parents delight in her?

From the beginning, this has been so. In the creation story of Genesis 1, we read something utterly extraordinary. After creating the heavens and the earth and



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all that is in them, God says, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness... God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them."

Then or now, this claim cannot be made for any other creature. Human beings, and we alone, are made in the image of God himself. Made like God, we are able to think and able to love; we have also been endowed with the freedom and the will to choose for or against these goods.

But written into our very nature is a hunger for authentic love, and for the God who is love. The God who has revealed himself as a Trinity of loving persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has created us to share forever in his own free, permanent, faithful, fruitful love.

This calling, this destiny,

shapes our lives.

Consider the cry of the psalmist (Ps. 8): "What is man that you should be mindful of him, or the son of man that you should care for him? *You have made him little less than the angels, and crowned him with honor and glory. You have given him rule over the works of your hands, putting all things under his feet.*"

There is mystery here, and something more. How can we even imagine the value God places on each one of us, to have made us little less than angels and to have crowned us with honor and glory? We are not some sort of anonymous product, mass produced for no particular purpose by an indifferently but powerful being. Rather, the creator of the universe, who has chosen to create each of us, calls us by name and reminds us (Is 43): "You are precious in my eyes, you are honored and I love you."

Amelia and every baby, indeed every human person, bears this indelible imprint of the glory of God. The richness of this knowledge can comfort and inspire us, challenge and change us.

It can even move us to pray with Psalm 139: "I give you thanks that I am fearfully, wonderfully made."

HELP FOR THE MISSIONS



Each year the students of Seton Academy in Plattsburgh collect redeemable bottles and cans for the Missionary Childhood Association. This is coordinated with World Mission Sunday and is one way of making the students and their families aware of their global responsibility to help those in need. Pictured, front, are Matthew Macner, and Kaleb Guay; back, Graziella Turco, Sierra McLaughlin, and Noemi Charles.

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Third in a series of biographies of 2014 Religious jubilarians

Sister James Marie Kelly: SSJ for 60 years

Known in religion as Sister James Marie, I was christened Eileen Theresa Kelly in St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg. I was pre-school age when my family moved to Watertown, so my education was received from the Sisters of St. Joseph at Holy Family School and Immaculate Heart Academy.

After graduation from high school, I entered the Sisters of St. Joseph and received the religious habit on April 25, 1954. The major I pursued in college was secondary math, so I spent many years teaching math-related subjects in high school and middle school.

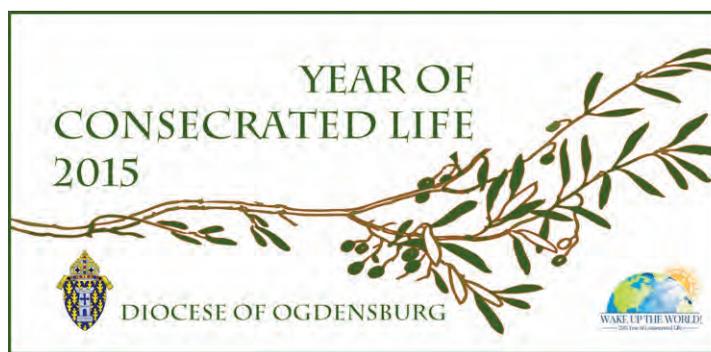
My ministry has involved both school administration and classroom teaching.

Administration duties were fulfilled at Augustinian



Sr. James Marie Kelly

Academy High School in Carthage, Holy Family High School in Massena, and St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga. I also had the opportunity to teach at St. Mary's in Massena, St.



Patrick's in Port Henry, and St. Patrick's in Watertown.

In 1995, I was transferred to Immaculate Heart Central where I taught math and religion in the high school. When the four Watertown schools merged their junior high with IHC high school in 2003, I assumed a new role as religion teacher in junior high. I still enjoy my teaching career.

Through the years, I have had the privilege and responsibility to serve my community on the Leadership Team for several terms.

Some light frivolous memories of my past include swimming across the St. Lawrence River before I entered, since I mistakenly thought I would never swim again, gliding down the bobsled run at Lake Placid at

the Augustinian senior winter class trip, and riding as a passenger on my nephew's motorcycle on a major highway.

Among more elegant memories that I treasure are my trip to the Vatican and the Holy Land, a workshop at Notre Dame University, a retreat at Niagara Falls, two Papal Masses at Yankee Stadium, and a vacation with my sisters to Washington, DC.

I treasure my family, friends, and Community members who have all enriched my life in so many ways for so many years.

In addition to the religious values that I hold dear, I maintain great loyalty to America, to Notre Dame football, and to my Irish heritage.

OPEN OUR HEARTS

Bishop's Fund supports Evangelization Office

Thanks to the Bishop's Fund, the Diocesan Office of Evangelization exists to assist parishes, groups and individuals to become aware of the need for evangelization and to assist every baptized Catholic to become a disciple who shares the faith with others.

Following the document of the US Bishops, "Go and Make Disciples, a National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States," the Office of Evangelization has three goals:

- to bring about in all Catholics such an enthusiasm for their faith that, in living their faith in Jesus, they may freely share it with others;

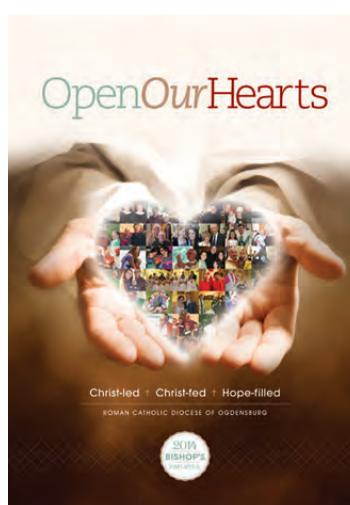
- to invite all people, what-

ever their social or cultural background, to hear the message of salvation in Jesus Christ so they may come to join us in the fullness of the Catholic faith;

- to foster gospel values in our society, promoting the dignity of the human person, the importance of the family, and the common good of our society, so that our nation may continue to be transformed by the saving power of Jesus Christ.

In order to fulfill these goals, the Office of Evangelization offers a variety of workshops to parishes and groups, from simple discussions on how to form a parish evangelization team to eight-session regional Forming Intentional Disciples workshops.

As Director of the Office of Evangelization, Marika Donders is happy to speak with groups and parishes on topics ranging from Telling our Story/Sharing our Faith, The



New Evangelization, Evangelizing through New Media and programs to Welcome Catholics Home.

She also offers retreats for Evangelization Teams.

The Office of Evangelization collaborates with all the other diocesan offices to promote larger events to help Catholics in the North Country to know and live their faith more fully. Some recent

events have been the collaboration with the Family Life Offices for the Building Strong Families workshop with Dr. Angela Franks (see www.rcdony.org/BSF for videos) and the End of Life Conference with Father Tad Pacholczyk.

Currently the Office of Evangelization is coordinating the group which will attend World Youth Day 2016, collaborating with the Delegate for Religious on promoting the Year of Consecrated Life and planning future events such as Beauty of Belief II.

The Office of Evangelization also spreads the Good News using the means of social communication.

The Office manages the web-pages for both the Office of Evangelization (www.rcdony.org/evangelization) and Young Adult Ministry (www.rcdony.org/youngadultministry) as well as the

associated Facebook Pages (www.facebook.com/dioce-seofogdensburg, www.facebook.com/ogdensburg.evangelization and www.facebook.com/OgdensburgYAM and Twitter feed (@rcdony).

The Office of Evangelization publishes a blog with reflections on the Sunday readings and reviews of resources (www.rcdony.org/evangelization/blog).

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Bishop's Fund without which the Office of Evangelization would not exist.

If you would like assistance in establishing a parish evangelization team, have someone come to your parish or group about the New Evangelization and Discipleship or assistance with evangelization workshops or retreats, please do not hesitate to contact Marika Donders at mdonders@rcdony.org.



YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

A weekend in the mountains

By Kelly Donnelly
Contributing writer

On the first weekend of October, a group of 26 high school students gathered at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake for a weekend leadership retreat.

Teens voiced the fact that diocesan events like this leadership weekend rejuvenate them and give them the courage to live out their faith

Coming from all areas of the diocese, the teens spent the weekend in prayer, leadership workshops, and enjoying one another's company.

The theme for the weekend was focused on the 1 Corinthians 13, including the song "Proof of Your Love" by For King and Country that is based on that passage.

Organized by diocesan youth director, Deacon Brian Dwyer, the weekend was a chance for teens to grow in their leadership skills and deepen their faith.

The young people took part in several workshops which included time for them to discuss the content



PHOTO BY STEVE TARTAGLIA

The 2014 Leadership Weekend drew teenagers from across the Diocese of Ogdensburg to Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake in early October. From left are, Nora Canning, St. Joseph's Parish, Dannemora; Brendan Raville, St. Andre's, Malone; Samantha Bashaw, Catholic Community of Keeseville and Tim Beese, St. Cecilia's in Adams.

of the workshops in small groups.

Mass was celebrated both Saturday and Sunday: on Saturday evening, the schedule also included a reconciliation service and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

The teens had time to spend with

one another as they played a variety of games, met new friends, and reconnected with old friends.

Personally, spending time with the teens over the course of the weekend as a chaperone was incredibly inspiring, and I felt blessed to

be a part of it.

Hearing their reflections and insights on faith, and witnessing their exuberant joy in all that they did was incredible.

Whether the teens were sharing in small group discussions, participating in Mass or Adoration, or singing and initiating random games, it was an absolute joy to witness their love for Christ.

Since these teens came to a leadership weekend, I should have anticipated that they would already be strong leaders, but I was continually impressed with the initiative they took - from creating impromptu "around the room" skits to contributing to prayer, they were entirely committed to the weekend... and their faith.

Many of the teens voiced the fact that it is a struggle to go home and face peers and a society that is often ambivalent or disrespectful to Catholicism and religion. They also voiced the fact that diocesan events like this leadership weekend rejuvenate them and give them the courage to live out their faith.

Time and time again, I heard participants commenting that they felt at home, that this group felt like family - it was a beautiful reminder to me of just how dynamic our family of faith is.

MOUNTAINTOP EXPERIENCE



Youth and young adults from St. Stephen's, Croghan, celebrated their Franciscan heritage most recently by climbing Bald Mountain and praying together the "Canticle of Brother Sun."

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OUR READERS WRITE

Be an informed voter

Voting on Tuesday Nov. 4th is extremely important but voters need to be informed and prepared.

If your county's Board of Election website doesn't show sample ballots, call them and ask for one to be mailed to you. That way, you will know exactly who is on your ballot and how the proposals are worded.

It is important to vote for candidates who will protect our freedom. What I am looking for in this election are candidates who oppose abortion, uphold gun rights, and are against Common Core education.

We have really good and really bad choices regarding these issues. I have noticed that candidates that are in agreement with me on these issues seem to be common sense candidates and will represent us better for the most part with all other issues.

Some of the candidates may claim they are Catholic but they don't represent Catholic values. For Catholic values, a good website to check out is nysrighttolife.org, then click on Political Action. Here you will find the candidates that have been endorsed by New York State

Right to Life. Rob Astorino for Governor has been endorsed by NYS Right to Life even though his name has not been added to the website.

We shouldn't forget the Baltimore Catechism: "God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him"

We shouldn't forget the 5th Commandment: "Thou Shall Not Kill".

We shouldn't forget the Declaration of Independence, dated July 4th, 1776: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Abortion should not be called a choice as some pro-abortion, pro-choice people call it, because God's living unborn child is left without a choice.

In my district, I am voting for Rob Astorino for Governor and Elise Stefanik as Representative for US Congress. Both have been endorsed by NYS Right to Life.

Proposal #3 on my ballot is disturbing to me. It is really sugar coated. Don't fall for the bait. It is not to help our children. It will take away parental rights. We already spend more than \$17,000 per stu-

dent per year. One aspect of this proposal is to prepare for mandatory universal pre-kindergarten. Here is what my ballot says:

Proposal Number Three, A Proposition : Smart Schools Bond Act of 2014

The Smart Schools Bond Act of 2014, as set forth in section one of part 8 of chapter 56 of the laws of 2014, authorizes the sale of state bonds of up to two billion dollars (\$2,000,000,000) to provide access to classroom technology and high-speed internet connectivity to equalize opportunities for children to learn, to add classroom space to expand high-quality pre-kindergarten programs, to replace classroom trailers with permanent instructional space, and to install high-tech smart security features in schools, Shall the Smart Schools Bond Act of 2014 be approved?

I urge you to vote against this. There are two more proposals on the ballot. My county (which is Lewis County) Board of Election website has all three proposals with more detail.

Forget what party you are registered with or the party of your parents. Do what's right. Stand up for the freedoms of We the People, and that includes our children and grandchildren.

Prepare now and please vote responsibly on Tuesday, November 4th. It's very important for our future!

JANICE KAMPNICH CROGHAN

Bishop's Schedule

Oct. 29 – 10:30 a.m., Diocesan Finance Council Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

Oct. 29-30 – Visit to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood, PA

Nov. 2 – 10 a.m., Mass at St. Bernard's Church in Saranac Lake

Nov. 3 – 9:30 a.m., Prayer Service and Visit to St. Agnes School in Lake Placid

Nov. 4 – 11 a.m., Catholic Charities Corporation Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

Nov. 5 – Noon, Catholic Charities Board Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

Environmental Stewardship

Ecology Workshop planned

"Conserving Energy as a Way of Living Our Faith" Workshop sponsored by the Watertown Faith and Ecology Group will be held in Hearthside Hospitality Center at Srs. of St. Joseph Motherhouse, 1425 Washington St, Watertown, NY on Saturday, November 15, from 10 a.m. to 12:00.

The Program focuses on low-cost & no-cost measures that can be used to reduce energy consumption in homes and churches. Discussion will include state & utility programs and the connection between energy use and our faith. Presenter will be Jerry K. Loch, D.Min., who has worked in the field of energy efficiency for more than ten years, conducts energy workshops, audits for commercial buildings, churches and has practiced extensively in Christian Ethics. Open to the public. No cost. Come and bring a friend.

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults. Pre-registration online is required in order to participate. Participants may preregister at www.virtus.org by selecting the registration button and following the directions. All employees and volunteers who participate in church sponsored activities with minor are required to participate in this training. Further information is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 1440. Oct. 29 - 6:30 p.m., St. Stephen's Church, Croghan Jan. 22- 8 p.m., SUNY Potsdam

Rest in Peace

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

- Oct. 29 – Rev. James R. Scanlon, 1880; Rev. John Canning, 1998; Deacon Robert V. Ruddy, 2013
- Oct. 30 – Rev. Michael F. Burns, 1921; Rev. Thomas E. Owen, 1945; Rev. Peter N. Butler, 1973
- Oct. 31 – Rev. James Rooney, 1863; Rev. Lucien Jean, M.S.C., 1964; Rev. Ivan G. Boyea, 1996
- Nov. 2 – Rev. Thomas Walsh, 1888; Rev. John Henry Lyons, 1931; Msgr. James J. Ruddy, 1987
- Nov. 3 – Rev. Thomas Plunkett, 1904
- Nov. 4 – Msgr. Benjamin Harrison Staie, 1970

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Pope beatifies Blessed Paul VI, the 'great helmsman' of Vatican II

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Beatifying Blessed Paul VI at the concluding Mass of the Synod of Bishops on the family, Pope Francis praised the late pope as the "great helmsman" of the Second Vatican Council and founder of the synod, as well as a "humble and prophetic witness of love for Christ and his church." The pope spoke during a homily in St. Peter's Square at a Mass for more than 30,000 people Oct. 19. "When we look to this great pope, this courageous Christian, this tireless apostle, we cannot but say in the sight of God a word as simple as it is heartfelt and important: thanks," the pope said, drawing applause from the congregation, which included retired Pope Benedict, whom Blessed Paul made a cardinal in 1977. "Facing the advent of a secularized and hostile society, (Blessed Paul) could hold fast, with farsightedness and wisdom - and at times alone - to the helm of the barque of Peter," Pope Francis said, in a possible allusion to "Humanae Vitae," the late pope's 1968 encyclical, which affirmed Catholic teaching against contraception amid widespread dissent.

Pope Francis calls for abolishing death penalty and life imprisonment

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis called for abolition of the death penalty as well as life imprisonment, and denounced what he called a "penal populism" that promises to solve society's problems by punishing crime instead of pursuing social justice. "It is impossible to imagine that states today cannot make use of another means than capital punishment to defend peoples' lives from an unjust aggressor," the pope said Oct. 23 in a meeting with representatives of the International Association of Penal Law. "All Christians and people of good will are thus called today to struggle not only for abolition of the death penalty, whether it be legal or illegal and in all its forms, but also to improve prison conditions, out of respect for the human dignity of persons deprived of their liberty. And this, I connect with life imprisonment," he said. "Life imprisonment is a hidden death penalty." According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, cited by Pope Francis in his talk, "the traditional teaching of the church does not exclude recourse to the death penalty, if this is the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor," but modern advances in protecting society from dangerous criminals mean that "cases in which the execution of the offender is an absolute necessity are very rare, if not practically nonexistent."

Synod sends message of encouragement to traditional families

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- On its last day of business, the Synod of Bishops on the family approved and released a three-page message expressing solidarity with Christian families around the world. The message, released Oct. 18, is distinct from the synod's final report, which the assembly was scheduled to vote on later the same day. Following two weeks of often-contentious discussion that included sensitive questions of sexual and medical ethics and how to reach out to people with ways of life contrary to Catholic teaching, the synod's message, which was approved by a large majority of the assembly, focused on the challenges and virtues of traditional families. "We recognize the great challenge to remain faithful in conjugal love," the bishops said, citing obstacles including "enfeebled faith," "individualism," "stress that excludes reflection" and a lack of "courage to have patience and reflect, to make sacrifices and to forgive one another."

Cardinal Wuerl says synod came to 'real consensus'

By Francis X. Rocca
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington said the Oct. 5-19 Synod of Bishops on the family came to a "real consensus" after two weeks of animated debate, and that its final report will serve as a solid basis for the world synod on the family in 2015.

"What we saw and what we ended up with was the result of a free and open process. The pope at the very beginning said speak with clarity and charity and listen with humility and that's what happened," Cardinal Wuerl told Catholic News Service Oct. 20.

The cardinal said the only "glitch" in the process came with the synod's Oct. 13 midterm report, which made headlines with its strikingly conciliatory language toward people with ways of life contrary to Catholic teaching, including divorced and remarried Catholics, cohabitating couples and people in same-sex unions.

The midterm report was "seen by many as not being as balanced as it should have been. At least from their perspective, it wasn't as reflective of the balance in the discussions," the cardinal said. As a result, he said, "it was really important that that final (report) be a consensus document."

Cardinal Wuerl, who served on the 11-member team that drafted the final report, said "there were a number of things that you see in this final document that were only lightly touched upon (in the midterm report), and then there were things you see in that (midterm report) that aren't in here at all."

He said the synod's working groups commonly objected to the theological concept of "graduality," which the midterm report



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington arrives in procession for the beatification Mass of Blessed Paul VI in St. Peter's Square, Oct. 19. Cardinal Wuerl said the next Synod of Bishops on the family would focus more on traditional families.

used, among other ways, to suggest the positive value of "irregular" relationships such as cohabitation.

"You don't see that in the final document because the small language groups said, 'Yes, it was said, but it didn't garner support,'" the cardinal said.

Synod fathers voted on each of the final report's 62 paragraphs. All received a simple majority, but three -- on especially controversial questions of homosexuality and Communion for the divorced and civilly remarried -- failed to gain the two-thirds supermajority required for approval of synodal documents.

The final report was a "consensus document, to the best of the ability of everybody working on it," Cardinal Wuerl said. "And you know what verifies that for me? Every single one of those paragraphs received a majority and only a handful didn't receive the two-thirds."

"What I think Pope Francis succeeded in doing was letting the synod fathers, letting the synod participants, actually come to a real consensus even though it's a weak consensus in some areas," the cardinal said.

The final report will serve

as the working paper for the October 2015 world synod on the "vocation and mission of the family in the church and the modern world."

"Between now and next October, I think there is going to be so much fruitful discussion in the church," Cardinal Wuerl said.

Following the often-contentious discussion of sexual ethics and how to reach out to people in "irregular" unions during the synod, preparation for the next assembly, the cardinal explained, would give more attention to the challenges and virtues of traditional families.

"We've had such an airing, such as expression of the problematic," Cardinal Wuerl said. "I think we are going to be hearing more and more the positive side ... the wonder of what the church has experienced and presented from the beginning."

He added, "We are going to be able to celebrate that and find there are a lot people living it, struggling to live it, and I think they're going to be witnesses to the next synod. They're going to be the ones in the next synod who will be bearing witness to what's ahead of us and what we can be."

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Celebrating the most consoling of feast days

Every once in a while, All Souls' Day, November 2nd, falls on a Sunday. When it comes on a weekday, many Catholics fail to celebrate this most consoling of feast days.

As the years go on after the death of a loved one, and grief is now lessened, we tend to forget that those who have died are still "real," still part of our lives through the Church's belief in the "com-



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munion of saints".

Why do we call them "holy souls?"

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that they are those "who die in God's grace and friendship" but who are "still imperfectly purified".

The pain of seeing how intensely God loves them is a pain that lasts until they are completely ready to enjoy God's loving

gaze.

Do some souls go

"straight to heaven"? Only God knows that. On our part, this feast reminds us always to pray that God will hasten the process.

It gives us a chance to strengthen our belief that we will one day see them again, and enjoy their love. And they will enjoy our love.

The first reading from the Book of Wisdom strongly affirms that "the souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them".

Even there, they are in peace, knowing they will soon be in the full joy of heaven.

Unlike those who are without faith, we must not look on their death as "total destruction", or that our loved ones are "lost".

The loss is on our part.

NOV. 2

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

READINGS

Wisdom 3:1-9

Romans 5:5-11

John 6:37-40

The second reading from Romans begins with very assuring words: "Hope does not disappoint"

He further tells us that the great virtues of faith, hope, and love are the basis of our world-view and foundation of reconciliation with God through His death on the cross, not just for some, but for all people, the just and the unjust.

Most consoling of all is today's Gospel. In effect, Jesus tells us that each one

of us has been given to Him by His Father.

He purchased us by shedding His blood, and He will never let us go.

Jesus emphatically says that it's the Father's Will that He not lose anyone, and that our faith in Him is an insurance policy for eternal life. There can be no room for doubt here.

All Souls' Day is a day to remember, to renew our bond of love with our deceased loved ones, and to renew our habit of praying for all who have died.

In so doing, we can be sure that they will intercede for us before the throne of God's mercy.

What powerful friends we have in our beloved dead.

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AT THE MOVIES

FURY

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

Brutal realism in the depiction of combat and scripturally inspired spirituality hardly make an obvious pairing. Yet, by bringing them together in "Fury" (Sony), writer-director David Ayer crafts a powerful - albeit disturbing - study of the psychological effects of combat.

In addition to a willingness to subject themselves to sometimes repellent images, those few grown-ups for whom the film makes suitable viewing also will require ethical subtlety to work their way through the script's thicket of moral complexity.

Those not appropriately equipped to navigate this challenging terrain may find themselves as bewildered as Norman Ellison (Logan Lerman), the young GI in whose company we primarily traverse it.

With the European phase of World War II reaching its final stages, and American troops rolling ever deeper

into Germany, Norman finds himself assigned to replace a fallen crew member on the tank whose nickname serves as the movie's title.

This comes as unwelcome news to the vehicle's hard-bitten commander, Don Collier (Brad Pitt) - all the more so after Norman protests that he has only been trained for a desk job, and that his current orders must be a mix-up.

Snafu or not, however, there's no undoing the transfer.

So Norman is forced to settle in to his new surroundings under the hostile gaze of a trio of unwilling comrades: Boyd Swan (Shia LaBeouf), Trini Garcia (Michael Pena) and Grady Travis (Jon Bernthal).

Boyd, a born-again Christian whose moniker is "Bible," introduces the movie's religious theme by asking hapless Norman if he is saved. When Norman, an Episcopalian, replies that he has been baptized, Boyd only scoffs.

Novice gunner Norman soon has a much bigger problem than this lack of ecumenical understanding.

Totally unschooled for his military task, he has difficulty bringing himself to kill enemy soldiers.

Since Norman's delicacy could end up costing lives, Collier resorts to a savage measure, attempting to force Norman to shoot a German prisoner in cold blood. Yet we soon see other aspects of Collier's character that prove he has not given way entirely to such barbarism.

As Norman struggles to adapt to the kill-or-be-killed environment into which he's been thrown, he gradually learns to follow Collier's example -- suspending some tenets of basic morality while keeping other facets of his humanity intact.

Mature moviegoers will need sound judgment to assess the terms of that bargain as well as a high tolerance for harsh visuals to endure the graphically portrayed circumstances which lead Norman to imitate Collier by adopting it.

A margin of compensation comes in the more serious treatment of faith to which Boyd's biblical literacy eventually leads. But for some



CNS PHOTO/COLUMBIA PICTURES

Logan Lerman, Brad Pitt, Michael Pena and Jon Bernthal star in a scene from the movie "Fury."

Christian viewers, at least, this blend of theologies will seem irredeemably out of place amid the much more prominent slaughter by which it's surrounded.

The film contains pervasive wartime violence with much gore, an off-screen nonmarital bedroom encounter, and relentless

rough and crude language.

The Catholic News Service classification is L -- limited adult audience, films whose problematic content many adults would find troubling.

The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

Video catechism series aims to appeal to youth

WHEELING, W.VA. (CNS) -- A new series of catechism videos is in the works aimed at youth and focusing on morality. Bob Rice, a professor at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio, is the writer for the series, known as VCat.

The first video in the "Morality" series was released in October. Titled "Love God/Love Each Other," this video morphs hip-hop music and graphic arts to discuss the importance of love.

It is a collaboration between Rice; Outside da Box

Productions, who produces nearly every video in what is a four-year series; Likeable Art, a graphics art specialists company; and Righteous B, a Christian musician.

"One of the important things about the video catechism," said Bob Perron, executive director of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Department of Youth Ministry, "is that we are using several different genres both in video style and approach to make these relevant to young people. This particular video has an urban feel to it that will ap-

peal to youth not only in West Virginia, but in the country." Rice agreed. "What we are doing with these 18 videos is show young people that the commandments of God actually set us free and don't restrict us," he told The Catholic Spirit, the diocesan newspaper.

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR/CRAFT FAIR

Lake Placid – The Annual Christmas Bazaar and Craft fair to be held.

Date: Dec. 6

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

Place: St. Agnes School

Features: Vendor space is available \$45-\$55 per space. There are toys, gifts, crafts, wreaths, trees, holiday plants, baked goods, raffle and silent auction

Contact: Kathleen at school for more information or to reserve a vendor space, at 518-523-3771 or at info@stagneselementary.com

CLINTON

HARVEST DINNER

Morrisonville – Harvest Dinner to be held with turkey and all the fixings.

Date: Nov. 9

Time: Noon to 6 p.m.

Place: St. Alexander's Parish Hall

Cost: Adults, \$9; Children 6-12, \$5; under 5, Free, Take-out, \$9 (Call 518-5039 to order)

Features: Harvest dinner raffle drawing at 6 p.m., Grand Prize, \$1,500; country store and silent auction.

QUILTING CLASSES

Ellenburg Center – Quilting classes to be held.

Place: Our Lady of the Adirondacks

Cost: \$25 per class

Classes: Disappearing Pinwheel class: Nov. 12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donna Hastings, guest instructor.

Contact: Email thelostsheepquiltshop@gmail.com or call 518-594-3253. Overnight accommodations available.

PRAYER OF EXAMEN

Ellenburg Center – Our Lady of the Adirondack House of Prayer to hold a retreat day.

Date: Nov. 8

Time: 10 a.m. to 4

Features: Fr. Jack Downs will present Prayer of Examen, the Ignatian method of meditation which engages our thoughts, imagination, emotions, and desires. Suggested donation \$25.

Contact: olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or 518-594-3253. RSVP by Nov. 1

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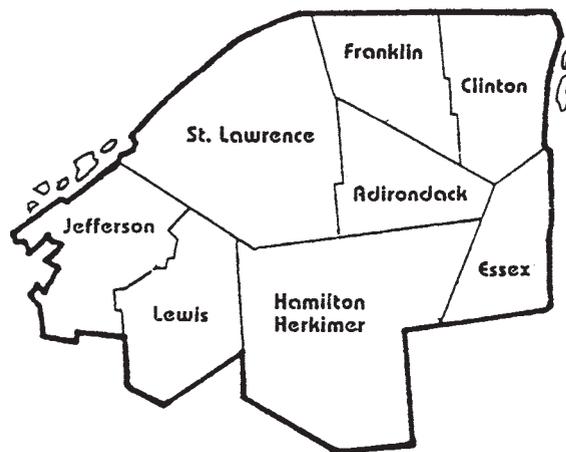
Plattsburgh – A 40 Days for Life crusade has been planned

Date: Sept. 24 to Nov. 2

Place: Outside Planned Parenthood

Time: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Features: 40 Days For Life is a life-saving campaign made up of 3 compo-



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PORK LOIN DINNER

Port Henry - The Port Henry K of C Council 384 will have a pork loin dinner.

Date: Oct. 29

Time: 4 p.m.

Cost: \$11

Features: All the proceeds from the dinner will go to St. Mary's school in Ticonderoga. Take-outs available.

FRANKLIN

CABBAGE ROLL SALE

Brushton – St. Mary's to have their famous election day cabbage roll sale.

Date: Nov. 4

Time: 6 a.m. until gone

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: \$4

Features: Take-outs only. May be pre-ordered Nov. 3. Call 518-529-6580 for all orders.

JEFFERSON

MEN OF FAITH

Carthage – An Advent mini retreat for men who wish to further their love and understanding of the Catholic faith will be held

Date: Dec. 6

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12

Place: St. James Church.

Features: A day of inspiration with guest speaker Father Mark Reilly. Mass at 9:30 will be followed by fellowship and

refreshments. The event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus #291.

HARVEST DINNER

LaFargeville - St. John's Church will again hold its Annual Harvest Dinner.

Date: Nov. 2

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cost: Adults, \$8.50; Children 5-10, \$4; under 5, Free; Take-outs, \$8.50

Features: A traditional turkey dinner will be served family style

Contact: 686-3398

ELECTION NIGHT HAM DINNER

Alexandria Bay – Annual Election night family style ham dinner to be held.

Date: Nov. 4

Time: 5 p.m.

Place: St. Cyril's Church

Cost: Adults, \$8.50; Children, \$5; under 5, Free; take-outs, \$9 starting at 4 p.m.

Contact: For deliveries call Joanne Fitch, 955-5504

CONSERVING ENERGY WORKSHOP

Watertown - Conserving Energy as a Way of Living Our Faith" Workshop will be held, sponsored by the Watertown Faith and Ecology group

Date: Nov. 15

Time: 10 a.m. to Noon

Place: Hearthside Hospitality Center at Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse

Features: The Program focuses on low-cost & no-cost measures that can be used to reduce energy consumption in homes & churches. Discussion will include State & utility programs and the connection between energy use and our

faith. Presenter will be Jerry K. Loch, D.Min. who has worked in the field of energy efficiency for more than ten years and has practiced extensively in Christian Ethics.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Watertown – The Altar Rosary Society will be having a spaghetti supper.

Date: Oct. 30

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7

Place: St. Anthony's Church, Msgr. Sechi Hall

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

Features: Take-outs begin at 4 p.m., please bring your own containers

LEWIS

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Houseville – Divine Mercy Devotions for the month of November will be observed.

Date: Nov. 2

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Features: The program will also include: Vespers (Evening Prayer), Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction.

Contact: 348-6260.

ST. LAWRENCE

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

Massena – First Saturday rosary devotion to be held.

Date: Nov. 1

Time: After the 8:15 a.m. Mass

Place: St. Mary's Church

Features: Joyful Mysteries to Our Lady of Fatima in reparation to Her Immaculate Heart and for World Peace.

SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Colton – St. Patrick's to have Sesquicentennial Celebration.

Date: Nov. 8

Time: 6 p.m.

Features: Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin, pastor will be celebrant of the Mass. A reception hosted by St. Patrick-St. Paul Altar & Rosary Society will immediately follow Mass in the parish center.

K OF C BRUNCH

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

Date: Oct. 12

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

Place: Visitation Parish Center

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

PRAYER OF EXAMEN

Massena – The Ignatian "Prayer of Examen" program will be presented by Father Jack Downs.

Date: Nov. 12

Time: 11 a.m. or 7 p.m.

Place: Jessie Carey Room, Sacred Heart Convent

Features: There will be five sessions at both times with two presentations of each session. The Ignatian method of meditation engages our thoughts, imagination, emotions, and desires.

Contact: Please register by Nov. 10 by calling 315-384-4143

HARVEST DINNER

Gouverneur – Harvest dinner with all the trimmings to be held.

Date: Oct. 30

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Place: St. James School

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

Features: Eat in or take-out

CRAFT SHOW

Brasher Falls - The Altar Rosary Society of St. Patrick's Church will hold its annual craft show.

Date: Nov. 1

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

Place: K of C Hall

Cost: Adults, \$1; Students \$.5; under 5, Free

Features: All kinds of crafts. Luncheon and refreshments will be available.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE

Star Lake - St. Hubert Church is having their annual Bazaar; featuring hundreds of items such as live wreaths, hand-crafted items, gift baskets, and a Children's Shoppe.

Date: Nov. 1

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; coffee and donuts, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.; lunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

HEALING MASS

Raymondville – St. Raymond's Church will be hosting a Healing Mass.

Date: Oct. 29

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Features: Father Andrew Amyot will be the main celebrant and homilist. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at 5:30 p.m. During Mass, there will be the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick. After Mass there will be an opportunity for private prayer. The church building has easy access.

Contact: For more information call Visitation Rectory at 384-4242



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'I Will Build My Church'

By Sister Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ,
Diocesan Mission Director

The theme for World Mission Sunday 2014 is "I Will build my church" (Matthew 16:18). The story of the Church in Mongolia which is the world's youngest Catholic Church at only two decades old is featured in the promotions for World Mission Sunday 2014.

After decades of struggling in a communist ruled country with no religious freedom, it was just a little more than 20 years ago that the people of Mongolia had the opportunity to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The Church is called to transmit the joy of the Lord to her children

says Pope Francis. He reminds us that true to his faith and the missions that Bishop of Mongolia, Wenceslao Padilla, a former missionary priest, first arrived in Mongolia in 1992 to build the Catholic Church and serve the poor of that Asian nation.

By proclaiming and sharing their faith through spiritual and practical outreach, including education, medical care and vocational skill training programs, the first missionaries slowly built the Mongolian Catholic Church in a country where, for generations, there was no proclamation of the Gospel.

Sadly, countless communities in Mongolia and across the world are still to hear the Good News. With no local priest or Sisters, nor any local income to sustain the outreach, our mission family in these areas needs our help. This year, your generosity on World Mission Sunday will reach the Church in Mongolia and remote churches across the globe, where the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace.



World Mission Sunday funds support the Work of missionaries in Mongolia

OBITUARIES

Belleville - James R. Schraenkler, 63; Funeral Services Oct. 21, 2014 at the Carpenter-Stoodley Funeral Home; burial in Woodside Cemetery.

Carthage - Marie Elaine (Segovis) Cimarello, 82; Funeral Services Oct. 21, 2014 at St. James Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery, New Bremen.

Clayton - Joanne Burtch Cerow, 93; Funeral Services Oct. 20, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Cyril's Cemetery, Alex Bay.

Coopersville - Jeannine A. Laurin, 49; Funeral Services Oct. 24, 2014 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Dexter - Joyce M. (Arnosky) Moran, 71; Funeral Services at the Johnson Funeral Home.

Indian Lake - Catherine L. (Dewey) O'Brien, 53; Funeral Services Oct. 24, 2014 at the Miller Funeral Home; burial in Louisville Cemetery.

Lowville - John "Jack" Louis Edwards, 69; Funeral Services Oct. 24, 2014 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery, Croghan.

Malone - Eleanor Johnson Benware, 85; Funeral Services Oct. 20, 2014 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in the new St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Malone - James "Jimmy John" Maguire, 52; Funeral Services Oct. 21, 2014 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Massena - Paul E. Pelletier, 72; Funeral Services Oct. 22, 2014 at the Philips Memorial Home; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena - Richard P. Vincent, 62; Funeral Services Oct. 20, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Ogdensburg - Howard M. Hess, 53; Funeral Services Oct. 18, 2014 at Frary Funeral Home; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Peru - Patricia Ann (Hastings) Shea, 71; Funeral Oct. 24, 2014 at St. Augustine's church; burial in parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh - John L. Bielat, 79; Funeral Services Oct. 22, 2014 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Mausoleum.

Plattsburgh - Howard "Larry" Lagoy, 64; Funeral Services Oct. 23, 2014 at St.

Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh - Wilma Jean (Eifler) Lloreda, 72; Funeral Services Oct. 22, 2014 at the Brown Funeral Home.

Potsdam - Diane Marie (Lawrence) Ingram, 67; Funeral Services Oct. 24, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Saranac Lake - Virginia Schiller Mason, 98; Funeral Services July 1, 2014 at St. Bernard's Church.

Ticonderoga - Carlene F. (Thatcher) Wendell, 76; Funeral Services at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Parish Cemetery.

Watertown - Francis Xavier Caprara, 80; Funeral Services Oct. 22, 2014 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

Watertown - William J. Cleaver, 95; Funeral Services Oct. 23, 2014 at the Cummings Funeral Service, Inc.; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Winthrop - Ronald I Perry Sr., 70; Funeral Services Oct 23, 2014 at the Hammill Funeral Home; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

RCIA programs beginning in parishes of the diocese

MASSENA - The Catechumenate Committee of the Diocese of Ogdensburg met Sept. 22 and discussed the state of Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programs in the diocese.

The committee members are Deacon Patrick Donahue, director of the western regional office of the Department of Faith Formation; Pam Ballantine, director of the eastern regional office; Father Daniel Chapin, pastor of St. Stephen's Parish in Croghan; Star Burke, St. Peter's, Plattsburgh; and Julie Lashomb, Sacred Heart, Massena.

Deacon Donahue noted that the committee was concerned about the inconsistency among parishes in establishing an RCIA pro-

gram. Some parishes have no program while some are very active.

"We want to remind parishioners that RCIA that is not just for 'catechumens,' people who want to join the Catholic Church but it's also for 'candidates,' those who were baptized but never went through the process of receiving the other sacraments of initiation, the Eucharist and confirmation," Deacon Donahue said.

"Many parishes are now actively in the beginning

process of inquiry, he said. "We asked that Catholics keep these people in your prayers while they are discerning to join our faith.

"There are many areas in the process where parishioners can be helpful," he said. "Ask your pastor what you can do."

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Students of the week for Oct. 20 at St. Mary's School in Canton are shown with Pam Neal, principal. The honored students are Pre-K, Maeve Murphy; kindergarten, Kevyn Morrissey; first grade, Alexander Stone; second/third grade, Ross Cruikshank; fourth grade, Zachary Anderson; fifth grade, Drew Harmer; sixth grade, Grace Sawyko; and art, Gavin Schryver.



St. Augustine's Council 7273 Grand Knight Anthony Andrews and "Coats For Kids" Chairman John Ryan presented 24 new winter jackets to Peru Elementary principal Matt Slattery, left, and associate principal Sanford Coakley, right, Oct. 18. Since 2009, Knights of Columbus councils in the United States and Canada have distributed more than 167,000 winter jackets to needy children through the organization's Coats For Kids Program. These jackets will be made available to Peru Elementary students during this week's parent-teacher conferences.



Father John Yonkovic, pastor of St. Agnes in Lake Placid and St. Brendan's in Keene, celebrated Mass with 65 people from the two parishes who climbed Owl's Head for Mass and lunch on Sept 28.



Recently, the Rosary Altar Society of St. Peter's in Plattsburgh and some guests traveled to Ogdensburg to visit St. Mary's Cathedral, have Mass with Bishop, LaValley, join the bishop for lunch at his home and tour the diocesan offices. Picture here with Bishop LaValley are members of the society with their guests.