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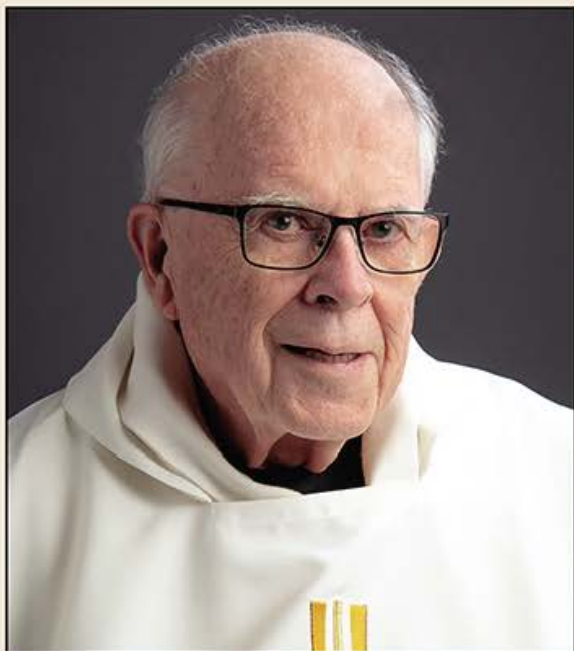
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YOUTH LEADERS



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Diocesan Youth Ministry Director Patrick Looby discusses how to overcome fear and take the first step in Faith with youngsters at the annual Youth Leadership Weekend at Camp Guggenheim in September. This year, recruitment for the revived Diocesan Youth Council kicked off at the gathering of young Catholics from across the diocese. Full story, Page 4.

Pope Leo: Hope is better than optimism

By Victoria Cardiel
Catholic News Agency

Optimism can disappoint us, but Christian hope "promises and fulfills" our hearts' desire for fullness, Pope Leo XIV said at his weekly audience.

Addressing thousands of pilgrims in St. Peter's Square on Oct. 15, the pope said, "This deep desire in our hearts can find its ultimate answer not in roles, not in power, not in having, but in the certainty that there is someone who guarantees this constitutive impulse of our humanity; in the awareness that this expectation will not be disappointed or thwarted. This certainty coincides with hope."

"This does not mean thinking in an optimistic way: often optimism lets us down, causing our expectations to implode, whereas hope promises and fulfills," he added in his weekly message.

The Holy Father continued his reflections on the mystery of Christ, which culminates in the Resurrection, but this time he linked it to "current human and historical reality, with its questions and challenges."

"From Christ's Resurrection springs that hope that gives us a foretaste, despite the fatigue of living, of a deep and joyful calm: that peace that only he can give us in the end, without end," the pope explained.

Leo recalled that human exist-

tence is full of contrasts — joy, sadness, gratitude, and stress — but that only in the Risen Christ does the heart find the fullness it seeks.

"We live busy lives, we concentrate on achieving results, and we even attain lofty, prestigious goals. Conversely, we remain suspended, precarious, awaiting success and recognition that are delayed or do not arrive at all," he continued.

The pope acknowledged that this tension between the desire for fulfillment and the experience of limitation defines much of the human condition: "We find ourselves experiencing a paradoxical situation: we would like to be happy, and yet

it is very difficult to be happy in a continuous way, without any shadows. We come to terms with our limitations and, at the same time, with the irrepressible urge to try to overcome them. We feel deep down that we are always missing something."

However, the pontiff said, this feeling of "lack" is the call to find fulfillment in the Risen One.

"In truth," he said, "we were not created for lack, but for fullness, to rejoice in life, and life in abundance, according to Jesus' expression in the Gospel of John [10:10], which says, 'A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.'"

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I can't have it both ways

We're called to be "in the world but not of the world," but I spend a lot of time trying to be both.

It's something that's been on my heart and on my mind a lot lately.

I spend hours every day wasting time on social media. I have a music playlist that's probably half full (maybe more than half) of songs with objectionable language and themes. I don't really watch movies or TV, but when I do, there's often themes of violence, questionable relationships, party culture... The same could be said of some of my book

choices.

In Matthew's Gospel, we're told, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

**Darcy L. Fargo**

Time and energy are certainly treasures to me. So, what does it say about me when I'm putting so much of my time and energy into content that is "of the world?"

It certainly doesn't say, "woman who loves Jesus."

Since I know I'm unlikely to just scrap my playlist, my social media, my viewing preferences, I've been trying to make little steps that infuse more Jesus and

more positive messaging into my time and energy.

To be honest, it's been a struggle. I've struggled to find content to listen to while I exercise, something that gives me that same boost I get from aggressive music. I find a lot of spiritual reading to be not very engaging or exciting. I struggle even to come up with ideas for content to watch, listen to or read.

Because of that struggle, I recently started what a friend refers to as "crowdsourcing spirituality." I think of it as "letting the Holy Spirit speak through others."

I've asked a handful of my friends some version of:

• "What have you read that you think everyone should read?"

• "What music/podcasts help you feel closer to Christ?"

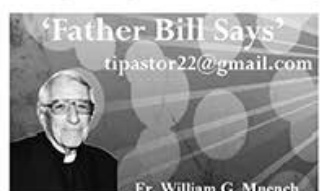
No matter what they say, even if it's something I think I'll hate, I give it a try. While I've yet to come up with content for when I'm exercising (I'm open to suggestions), I've been exposed to music and ideas I otherwise would've likely missed, content that has helped me feel closer to Christ. Taking the recommendations of others has also resulted in great conversations that have also helped bring me closer to our Lord.

And that's out of this world.

Transformed by the Mass

I believe that every time each of us, priest and people, participate together at a Holy Mass, we become a new person, more alive in the grace of the Lord. We leave church a completely different person to when we arrived. At each Mass, we spend a special time with the Lord; we simply must become holier, more God like. Let us consider, today, the special parts of the Mass that touch us.

Each time we enter the Church for Mass, we are in a special place, and it's special time to be with the Lord. So, we begin Mass with a Penitential Rite. To prepare ourselves for participating in Mass, we stand before the Lord acknowledging our sinfulness. We turn to our God and seek the Lord's compassion and forgiveness. Each Mass begins with this personal change. "Lord Jesus, I ask for reconciliation - I seek your forgiveness as I re-



pent my sinfulness. Make me worthy to participate in this Mass and unite me with you, my Lord."

Our Mass continues with the Liturgy of the Word. We listen and learn as Sacred Scriptures are read. We are called to become a new person through the Word of God.

Our Mass continues as we bring to the Lord all our intentions, those prayers we now remember at this Mass - our cares and concerns, our hopes and dreams, those for whom we have promised to pray. I like to think that these intentions are placed on the altar of the Lord. I always encourage people to pile their intentions high upon the altar. We become closer to the

Lord as we pray for loved ones. I believe that during the Eucharist, the Lord Jesus, present on the altar, finds our intentions and recognizes these needs with love and compassion.

Our Mass continues with the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We all, priest and people, gathered around the altar with Jesus and the apostles - just like the Last Supper. It is a time during which we are transformed. The presence of our Lord brings the love and compassion of the Savior to transform each of us. I know that as a priest celebrant often at Mass, I am profoundly touched by the Lord Jesus, and I am renewed at each Mass. I believe that everyone with me at each Eucharist is touched also in a perfect and magnificent way. We are all made new and more alive in the Lord.

Our Mass continues with Holy Communion.

What a perfect moment this is. Each one of us is united with our Lord and God through this Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist in a powerful unity. This wonderful sacrament transforms us. Each time we are led, we are guided, and we are ready to meet the challenges for a new day. We are well prepared.

So, you see why I believe that each one of us leaves Mass truly transformed - a new person, a new disciple of the Lord Jesus. This Holy Mass unites us with our God and with each other as we participated together at Mass. We are the People of God; we are ready to make our world better. At the final prayer of the Mass, we are challenged to go, we are told to go - go and make a difference. You have been with the Lord through this Mass and now you are a new person - a blessed disciple. God is with you. Do not be afraid.

Father Kennehan 'was a wonderful priest'

By Darcy Fargo
Editor

A longtime friend of Father John P. Kennehan, Deacon James Snell of Potsdam said his former pastor helped bring him to the diaconate.

"He had asked me to be on the parish council; I was a trustee for a time," said Deacon Snell. "Over the years, (Father Kennehan) became a friend. We had a Day of Reconciliation at our church, and there were different priests in different parts of the church hearing confessions. I picked (Father Kennehan). He was sitting right in front of the tabernacle. When we got done, he said, 'Jim, have you ever thought of becoming a deacon?' I told him I had thought about it. He said, 'you should think about it some more. I want you to do that, pray about it and come and see me.'"

Father Kennehan, 89, died October 12 at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg.

Deacon Snell said he followed the priest's advice, and he followed God's call to the diaconate.

"I had my appliance business at the time," said Deacon Snell. "I had a couple airplanes I was using for business. I decided I didn't have time for all the studying, so I sold my business and airplanes. Then I had time for studying."

Deacon Snell said Father Kennehan was part of his life for decades.

"We were just lifelong friends," he said. "He was very supportive of me, very helpful. If someone asked me to give a quick description of him, I would say, 'He was a wonderful priest.' He had a bit of an Irish temper sometimes, but that was an exterior thing that faded quickly. He believed in forgiveness. He believed being sorry meant being forgiven."

In his later years, when he struggled with health issues, Father Kennehan was still a source of joy.

"For a while, he lived with his sister in Brasher," Deacon Snell said. "I'd go and visit, and I'd go and take him places. He was always so grateful. He appreciated the attention. When I'd go to see him at the nursing home, he couldn't see well, but he always recognized my voice. I'd tell him, 'It's Jim Snell,' and he'd say, 'oh! My protégé!'"

Deacon Snell said he fondly recalls joining a fellow parishioner and Father Kennehan on a pontoon boat.

"We'd go cruising up and down the water," he said. "He really enjoyed that relaxed atmosphere. That made him really happy."

Father Kennehan also had a great sense of humor.

"Father Kennehan could also enjoy a good joke; he had that kind of personality," Deacon Snell said. "There was this lady in Potsdam who everyone loved - Betty Rowe. There was something going on in Lake Placid, and Betty was there, and there were a bunch of priests. Deacon Fred Brousseau and I recognized Betty's car. We got some police barricades that were nearby, we put one in front of her car and one in back of it, and we slipped a ticket onto the windshield. (Deacon Brousseau) and I were watching from back a few blocks when she came out and saw her car. She started asking everyone around - even total strangers - 'who did this?' When she got back to Potsdam, she called every priest she knew and accused them of being

part of it. One of them was Father Kennehan. He said, 'I don't know what the hell you're talking about, but if I was there,

Mass of Christian Burial celebrated Oct. 21

A Mass of Christian Burial for Father John P. Kennehan will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at St. Patrick's Church in Brasher Falls. Bishop Terry R. LaValley will serve as the celebrant, and Father Raymond J. Moreau will offer the homily.

On Monday, October 20, calling hours will be held at Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home, 4 Cedar Street, Potsdam from 1 to 3 p.m. Father Kennehan's body will be received at 6 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church. Calling hours will follow until Night Prayer at 8 p.m. On October 21, calling hours will resume at St. Patrick's Church from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m.

Burial will follow at St. Patrick's Cemetery with a reception afterward at the lower level of St. Patrick's Church.

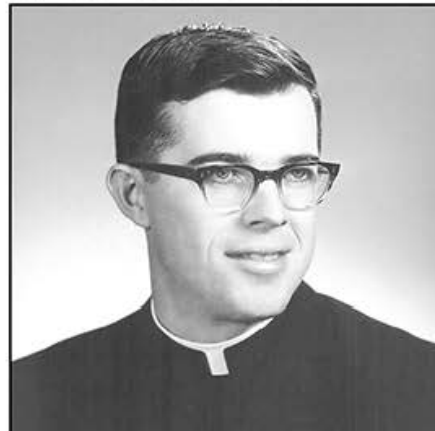
Father Kennehan died on October 12, 2025, at St. Joseph Home in Ogdensburg. He was 89.

Born September 28, 1936, in Brasher Falls, he was the second son of Harold and Ellen (Connolly) Kennehan. After graduation from St. Joseph Academy in Brasher Falls, he attended Wadhams Hall Seminary in Ogdensburg and Christ the King Seminary in Olean. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from St. Bonaventure University in Olean.

He was ordained to the priesthood on April 7, 1962, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg by Bishop James J. Navagh.

Father Kennehan's first assignment was as temporary parochial vicar at St. John the Baptist Church in Plattsburgh. He then served at St. Mary's Church in Clayton before returning to St. John the Baptist where he also taught high school religion classes. In 1967, he left San Martin de Porras in Mollendo, Peru to serve as parochial vicar and later pastor. After seven missionary years, he returned to serve as pastor at St. Paul's Church in South Colton and St. Patrick's Church in Colton. He returned to assist in Peru for 16 months.

Back at home, Father Kennehan served as pastor at St. James Church



Father John P. Kennehan

in Gouverneur followed by the Church of the Visitation in Norfolk. After two years at St. Louis University earning a master's degree in Pastoral Health Care, he returned to be pastor at St. John XXIII College Community Center while attending Plattsburgh State and earning a master's degree in College and Agency Counseling. He was then pastor of St. Mary's Church in Potsdam followed by St. Elizabeth Seton in Dexter and the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Brownville.

His final 10 years in ministry were as Chaplain at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Missouri, before retiring in 2013.

Father Kennehan had a passion for travel, reading, especially historical books, large puzzles and golfing. His greatest joy was connecting with people, whether it was his parishioners or family gatherings.

He is survived by his nieces and nephews, Debbie Koes, Nancy Kennehan, Michael Amyot, Jim Amyot and Patrick Stearns.

Father Kennehan is predeceased by his parents and siblings, Helen Sterns and her husband Donald, Mary Amyot and her husband Edgar, and Phillip Kennehan.

Arrangements are in the care of the Donaldson Funeral Home.

I would've been a part of it!"

Deacon Snell said he'd remember Father Kennehan, his friend, as a fun-loving and caring person.

"He was always so welcoming," he said. "I enjoyed his company."

Grassroots youth effort seeks to build faith

By Keith Benman
Contributing Writer

A revived Diocesan Youth Council aims to meet youngsters where they are in the diocese – and where they are is social media.

A recent Youth Leadership Weekend at Camp Guggenheim to kick off the effort featured talks, exercises, games, prayer and the production of hundreds of videos and photos – some already shared on the diocesan youth ministry's Instagram page and the diocesan Facebook page.

"Their world has become something that fits in their pocket," said Youth Ministry Director Patrick Looby of social media and its consumption on smartphones.

How to use social media for good – and avoid the bad – is one of the most critical issues the revived youth council will tackle.

"These phones and these things that we are being inundated with are having an effect on us spiritually," Looby said.

"It is more crucial than ever to have some-

thing like a Diocesan Youth Council for kids to be able express what is actually happening to them, what's going on, what are the causes," he added.

The Youth Leadership Weekend at Camp Guggenheim Sept. 19-21 was a good start. Some 55 high-school age youngsters from around the diocese were made honorary members of the Diocesan Youth Council. At last count, 30 of those had already done final sign-ups to serve as youth council members at large.

And now, the youth ministry is issuing an open call across the diocese and beyond for more young people to serve on the council.

The Diocesan Youth Council has four goals:

- Amplify the voices of young Catholics.
- Advise diocesan staff and parish leaders on the spiritual and social needs of youth.
- Promote events and initiatives that foster faith, friendship and service.
- Build bridges between parishes, schools and communities – Catholic and Christian



This is a screen grab from the video "I Wanna Live Like That" produced by Christian Gratto at the Leadership Weekend at Camp Guggenheim in September. The video was posted on the Diocesan Youth Ministry Instagram page and on the diocesan YouTube channel.

Volunteer assistance

Adult volunteers made Leadership Weekend and recruitment of Diocesan Youth Council members possible, including:

Michelle Watkins
Scott McDonald
Eileen Wargo

Meeghan Bird Matarazzo
Deacon Mark Webster
Angela Dwyer
Stephen Dwyer
Logan Branch
Christian Gratto
Katie Samperi
Matteo Reilly
Heide Macdougall

Help from youth ministers

The following volunteer youth ministers from around the diocese are helping to get the the Diocesan Youth Council up and running:

Corrine Willis
Sarah Towle
Julie Chartrand
Michelle Watkins
Michelle Wojcikowski

alike.

Looby is emphasizing the new council is not there to replace youth programs already underway in parishes. In fact, that is where the new youth council is finding its inspiration. It plans to enhance, expand and tie together opportunities at the parish level.

"It's a grass-roots, ground-up approach to get kids to feel like they are a part of something," Looby said.

There will also be regional representatives chosen, and each deanery of the diocese will nominate two young people to serve on an executive council.

Duties for at-large members are praying daily for the council's mission and success, attending two youth council meetings per year either in person or virtually, participat-

ing in two youth council events, helping promote those events in the parishes and being active in your own parish.

The activities of previous diocesan youth councils waxed and waned over the years, Looby said. When he was in high school in the late 1980s and early 1990s, he was a member. But the COVID pandemic and the limited activities it allowed for seemed to signal the end for the youth council.

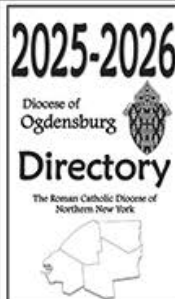
Following Bishop Terry R. LaValley's vision for youth evangelization, the council's revival was one of the first projects Looby started planning when he took up the post of diocesan director of youth and campus ministry last November. He said the council and its input are needed now more

than ever.

"For a long time you could assume that the problems of young people were exactly the same problems you dealt with when you were a young person," Looby said. "But I would say, with just the explosion of technology, that is no longer the case. Everyone working with young people today is doing so blind."

A youth ministry application form that can be filled out online by young people and their parents is available at <https://www.rcdony.org/dyc>. The council is open to Catholic high school students living in the diocese (at-large member), Catholic high school students living outside the diocese (Ambassador member), as well as non-Catholic Christian high school students (ecumenical members).

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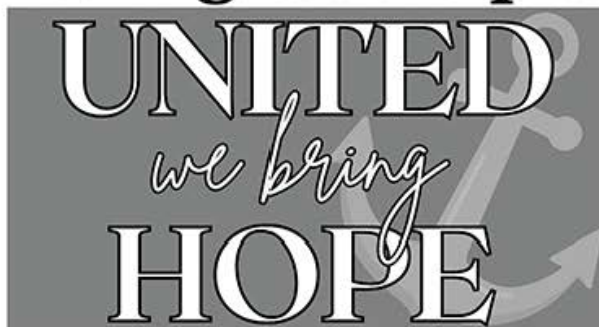
Sharing God's plan for love

By Suzanne Pietropaoli
Co-Director of Natural Family Planning

Good news is meant to be shared - especially the good news of God's love for his people. This effort is shared, in various ways, by each of the diocesan offices through the generosity of the Bishop's Fund. In this way, "United we bring hope."

The Natural Family Planning Office is privileged to participate in this broader diocesan mission. Our focus is necessarily two-fold: To increase understanding of God's plan for sex and marriage through the teachings of the Church, and to educate people in the accuracy and reliability of natural family planning methods which honor the design of the Creator.

The truth and beauty of God's plan for love, marriage and family has been largely crowded out by cultural chaos. What former generations took for granted must now be taught anew. As Msgr. William Smith of Dunwoodie Seminary expressed it decades ago: "Sex is for marriage, and marriage is for Jesus Christ." That truth is at the heart of what the Church teaches about marriage and is articulated in documents from Vatican II's *Gaudium et Spes* through the many writings and encyclicals



of St. Pope John Paul II to the pages of Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*.

It is essential that this truth be taught, understood, and lived. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (2363) affirms this clearly. "The spouses' union achieves the two-fold ends of marriage: the good of spouses themselves and the transmission of life. These two meanings or values of marriage cannot be separated without altering the couple's spiritual life and compromising the goods of marriage and the future of the family."

The passing years bear mute witness to that truth. In our contraceptive culture, marriage rates have dropped dramatically, as marriage is all too often replaced by various forms of "being with." Divorce rates hover around 40% and birth rates plummet. Because God loves us and wants so much more for us, it is vital to make the goodness of his plan more widely known and better understood. For the NFP

Office, marriage preparation is a significant opportunity for this.

In Pre-Canas, using the framework of John Paul II's Theology of the Body, we focus on the truth that each of us is created in God's image. In that image, each of us is called to love as he loves: freely, totally, fruitfully, faithfully - the same promises that couples make at the altar on their wedding day. These qualities are not just words but rather are meant to shape every aspect of a couple's life - including the sexual union. The wedding vows mean accepting each other completely, including the gift of each one's fertility.

This is made possible through education in Natural Family Planning. NFP is actually VERY good news: healthy, holistic, highly effective. Accepting fertility as a gift, not a disease, NFP frees women

from drugs, devices, surgeries and harmful side effects. Through proper instruction, couples learn to "read" the bodily signs of fertility/infertility in the woman's cycle. The alternating phases of fertility in each cycle can be readily observed, and when accurately charted can empower couples to reliably plan their families. Modern NFP methods achieve the same effectiveness as the Pill, but without its health hazards.

Unlike contraception, NFP accepts the human person as created by God, respects the bodies of both husband and wife, honors both the love-giving and life-giving meanings sexual union and views children as the great gift of a loving God. And unlike contraception, NFP can also be used to achieve pregnancy - true family planning. Living according to God's design helps couples to honor their "particular mission in the Church and serve to build up the People of God." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1534)

Other opportunities to share this good include outreach to parishes each July during the USCCB-sponsored National NFP Awareness Week.

In addition to supplying the USCCB/NFP posters to all parishes, we utilize church bulletins and send informational materials for church book racks. Each year we supply an NFP ad and article for the marriage issue of the North Country Catholic, as we do for the NFP Week edition in July.

Another highlight has been to participate, with Family Life Director Steve Tartaglia and Deacon John and Dr. Maura Fehlner, in LOVING AUTHENTICALLY. This one-day program focuses on understanding Catholic sexual teaching from the perspective of natural law and the nature of happiness. It also explores the damage done, particularly to women, by the sexual revolution and proposes a way forward via Theology of the Body, rooted in our identity and destiny as beloved sons and daughters of God. This format includes much time for questions and discussion, leading to deeper understanding and fresh perspectives. This workshop, which helps people make sense of Church teaching, is available to parishes and groups upon request.

Thank you to all who make such work possible. God bless you!

Save the Date

The Ave Maria Circle is thrilled to bring back the Augustinian Academy Craft Fair. Please join us on October 25th, 2025, for a day full of creativity and fun 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We will have over 35 crafters and artisans for you to shop from, for yourself or to find gifts for others. Remember, the holidays are right around the corner. The entrance fee is just \$1.00, which enters you into giveaway drawings held throughout the day. Lunch will be available for purchase. Come spend the day with us! All proceeds support Augustinian Academy School.



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Environmental Stewardship

Burning wood

Wood can be a great source of heat if used properly. The North Country is blessed with an abundance of trees that can be used as firewood. Yet only when wood is burned correctly is this method of heating better for the environment than burning fossil fuels like oil, gas or coal.

The amount of heat energy contained in a face cord of wood depends on a multitude of factors. Drier wood burns more efficiently than wood that has moisture in it. The type of hardwood is another factor. Lastly, the efficiency of the burning method can have a sizeable impact on the heating value. This is why a face cord is cited as yielding the same amount of heat as between 50 to 85 gallons of home heating oil.

Burning wood in a conventional fireplace tends to be the least efficient method of heating, as most of the heat is sucked up the chimney along with air from the room. A Rumford fireplace has the best efficiency of any open fireplace; however, its ability to heat a home is only on the same level as older wood stoves.

Unquestionably, the best way to burn wood is in a newer model of stove that not only is airtight but also has a catalytic converter which limits the amount of harmful gases entering the chimney. Additionally, if the stove has the ability to draw outside air for the combustion process rather than use inside air, the efficiency is enhanced.

It is argued by many individuals that burning wood rather than a fossil fuel reduces a home's winter carbon footprint as the CO₂ given off is being constantly recycling back into the trees to make more wood. Others, however, note that there are additional pollutants being emitted when wood is burned which can lead to various types of air quality issues.

Burning wood in the North Country is a tradition for many and with a highly efficient stove and dry wood it seems better than using a fossil fuel.

Driving is a skill well learned.

My own driving education came on the streets in Queens, New York, and on highways with a well-deserved reputation of striking fear in the less than daring.

Margaret Street in Plattsburgh, Arsenal Street in Watertown and all those main thoroughfares in between are nothing in comparison.

Off the streets are the highways. Think of those roads as inter-

states on steroids.

They were called parkways for those familiar with NYC. They have names like Cross Island, Southern State, Interboro, East Side and West Side.

They were built for far less traffic and speeds of up to 50 miles an hour. Both the width of the lanes and posted speed limits were a joke, even in my youth.

The streets of Manhattan are even more exciting. Drivers compete with pedestrians, thousands of cabs, the occasional limousine and bicyclists. All are going at speeds way too fast for conditions, honking horns, swerving in and out of traffic lanes and dealing with the ever-present grid lock.

It is fun.

Do not tell my wife I said that. Kathy gets white knuckles just thinking about crossing the Mario Cuomo Bridge into that "take your life in your hands" labyrinth of roads called New York.

One radio personality used to refer to the Long Island Expressway as the largest parking lot in the world. On it you can travel 71 miles from Manhattan to Riverhead on the tip of Long Island. I parked on that road a lot when I drove down there.

I was reminded of the Expressway last week as we sat in traffic on the 401 east of Toronto for over an hour. We were traveling to a spot north of the Canadian city to attend a regional meeting of the National Association of Deacon

Directors.

There were wonderful ideas for deacon recruitment and formation offered at the two-day meeting, but I'll tell you about that next week.

Google Map told us the trip would be about three and a half hours door-to-door to our meeting site.

Wrong.

It was closer to five hours in traffic that bogged our minds.

Seven to eight lanes of highway westbound with an equal number eastbound, filled with cars that moved at a pace an Adirondack turtle would find comfortable.

I have only seen that many automobiles gathered in the lots of car dealers that grace every town in the North Country.

And trucks! Big trucks. Hundreds of them.

For the most part drivers were courteous and patient. I did not see any frantic operators. Neither did I see the driver reading a book while we were crawling along.

It was a terrific experience. We arrived at our destination unscathed a little late but that was OK. We thanked God for watching over us and picked another route home.

Trust me, the rush-minutes in your town are nothing in comparison to big city driving. Rush hour in those places is all day.

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



Deacon
Kevin Mastellon

Bishop's Public Schedule

Oct. 22 – 9:45 a.m. – Episcopal Council Meeting at Bishop's Residence followed by Lunch

Oct. 28 – 11 a.m. – Prayer Service at St. Bernard's School in Saranac Lake followed by Lunch with the Students

1 p.m. – Prayer Service at St. Agnes School in Lake Placid followed by Classroom Visits

Oct. 29 – 10:30 a.m. – Diocesan Finance Council Meeting followed by Lunch at Bishop's Residence

Rest in Peace

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

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

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

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

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

Oct. 26 – Rev. J. G. Lavoie, O.M.I., 1908

Oct. 27 – Rev. John M. Fagan, O.S.A., 1966; Msgr. George Norton Whitaker, 1971; Msgr. Gerald H. Service, 2002

Oct. 28 – Deacon Richard Gaebel, 2008; Msgr. George M. Phillips, 2011

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg is able to schedule sessions of the training, Protecting God's Children for Adults. This required training addresses child abuse, the methods and means by which abusers commit abuse, and the five steps to prevent abuse from occurring and stop it from continuing. To arrange for training, call 315-393-2920 or email jgrizzuto@rcdony.org

To Report Abuse

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact Victim Assistance Coordinator, Terrianne Yanulavich, Ph.D., LMHC, 5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955; terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com; Phone: 518-569-0612; or Father Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy; ccarrara@rcdony.org Phone: 315-393-2920 ext. 1340.

If you have a complaint of suspected sexual abuse or related misconduct by the bishops, contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at 800-276-1562 or www.ReportBishopAbuse.org

Survey: Young priests are still more conservative than older priests

By Tyler Arnold
Catholic News Agency

Younger U.S. priests are far more conservative than older priests, reaffirming a generational divide in political views, according to a 2025 survey.

The strong generational divide in political views among Catholic priests in the United States was reaffirmed in a 2025 survey that shows younger priests are far more conservative than older priests.

The National Study of Catholic Priests, published on Oct. 14, was commissioned by The Catholic Project at The Catholic University of America and conducted by Gallup. Researchers surveyed the same priests who were surveyed in The Catholic Project's 2022 survey to examine the U.S. priesthood.

According to the report, the 2025 survey "closely mirrors" the findings in 2022 and shows "a clear generational shift away from liberal self-identification."

About 51% of priests ordained in 2010 or later said their political views are either conservative or very conservative. Another 37% said they were moderate and the remaining 12% were either liberal or very liberal.

For priests ordained between 2000 and 2009, 44% were conservative or very conservative and 44% were moderate. Again, only 12% of priests ordained in these years said they were liberal or very liberal.

Priests ordained between 1990 and 1999 leaned conservative, but to a lesser degree, with 38% saying they are somewhat conservative, 34% identifying as moderate, and 26% saying they are liberal or very liberal.

For priests ordained in the prior decade, 1980 to 1989, conservatism declines to about 22%, and 36% call themselves moderate. About 40%, a plurality, identify as liberal or very liberal.

Older priests are far more liberal. A majority of priests ordained between 1975 and 1979, about 53%, say they are either liberal or very liberal. About 34% are moderate and 11% conservative. About 61% of priests ordained before 1975 said they are liberal or very liberal, 25% are moderate, and 13% are conservative.

The theological leanings of priests followed a similar pattern, with an even sharper decline in theological progres-

sivism, according to the researchers. About 70% of priests ordained before 1975 called themselves theological progressives, and only 8% of priests ordained 2010 or later said the same.

About 70% of the youngest priests self-report as conservative/orthodox or very conservative/orthodox on theological matters.

GENERATIONAL DIVIDE ON PASTORAL PRIORITIES

The political and theological shifts flow into generational divides about what issues the Church should be prioritizing as well, such as climate change, LGBTQ outreach, and synodality.

Regarding climate change, 78% of priests ordained before 1980 said this should be a priority, as did 61% of priests ordained between 1980 and 1999. Just 35% of priests ordained in 2000 or later agreed.

The trend is similar for outreach to the LGBTQ community with 66% of priests ordained before 1980 calling this a priority, but just 49% of priests ordained between 1980 and 1999 and 37% of priests ordained 2000 or later agree.

Synodality is also popular among older priests, with 77% of those ordained before 1980 calling it a priority. About 57% of priests ordained between 1980 and 1999 say the same, but only 37% of priests ordained 2000 or later agree.

IMMIGRATION

Some issues show smaller generational divides. For example, 93% of priests ordained before 1980 see immigration and refugee assistance as a priority, as do 82% ordained between 1980 and 1999 and 74% ordained in 2000 or later. Also, 98% of priests ordained before 1980 believe poverty, homelessness, and food insecurity are priorities, as do 92% ordained between 1980 and 1999 and 79% ordained 2000 or later.

There is a generational divide on whether Eucharistic devotion or access to the Traditional Latin Mass are priorities, with younger priests more focused on those issues.

About 88% of priests ordained in 2000 or later see Eucharistic devotion as a priority, as do 66% of those ordained between 1980 and 1999 and 57% ordained before 1980. About 39% of priests ordained in 2000 or later see Latin Mass access as a priority, but only 20% of priests ordained between 1980 and 1999 and 11% of priests ordained before 1980 agree.

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to select new president

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will select a new president and vice president during its Fall Plenary Assembly, which is set for Nov. 10 to Nov. 13 in Baltimore, Maryland. In November, the three-year terms for the current president, Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, and vice president, Archbishop William E. Lori, are set to expire. The new conference leaders, who will be chosen from a slate of 10 candidates, will also serve three-year terms. The following slate of candidates was selected through nominations from the bishops: Bishop Robert E. Barron, Diocese of Winona-Rochester, Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, Bishop Daniel E. Flores, Diocese of Brownsville, Archbishop Richard G. Henning, Archdiocese of Boston, Bishop David J. Malloy, Diocese of Rockford, Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez, Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Archbishop Alexander K. Sample, Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, Archbishop Charles C. Thompson, Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Archbishop Edward J. Weisenburger, Archdiocese of Detroit.


Pope Leo XIV introduces reform to Holy See's investments

Last week, Pope Leo XIV introduced a significant reform to the financial architecture of the Holy See. With the *motu proprio* *Coniuncta Cura*, ("Shared Responsibility") the Holy Father revoked the exclusive right that the Institute for Works of Religion (IOR by its Italian acronym) — popularly known as the "Vatican Bank" — had until then for investment management, opening the door to the use of other foreign financial intermediaries if deemed more efficient or appropriate. The new regulations do not seek to remove investments from the Vatican purview but rather to open the possibility of management to accredited financial intermediaries. "If there is a sum to be invested, it was previously done only through the IOR; but now it can also be done through the APSA [Administration of the Patrimony of the Apostolic See]. This does not mean that investments will be made outside [of the Vatican] but rather that external financial organizations can step in to assist the Vatican," Mimmo Muolo, an expert on Holy See finances and a journalist for the Italian Bishops' Conference's newspaper, *Avvenire*, told ACI Prensa, CNA's Spanish-language news partner.

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VIRTUAL EVENTS

FRIENDSHIP GROUP MEETING

You are invited to our next Friendship Group Meeting, If you want PEACE in this life!

Date: Oct. 30

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Zoom

Features: A common enemy in the spiritual life is discouragement, and Venerable Bruno Lanteri masterfully assisted his directees in overcoming it through his inspired, straightforward, practical counsels. By prayerfully reflecting on these gems — which Father Timothy Gallagher, O.M.V. deftly connects to the writings of other saints in his new book "If You Want Peace in This Life" — you will gain confidence in God and a greater patience with yourself. At this meeting Father Gallagher will lead us in discussing the second half of this book.

Contact: To order "If You Want Peace in This Life," please visit sophiainstitute.com and enter Friendship25 at the checkout to receive a 25% off discount. For more information or to sign up please contact Mary Beth Bracy at mbracy@sophiainstitute.com

CLINTON NORTHERN FRANKLIN

CHARISMATIC MASS

Malone — Charismatic Mass to be held.

Date: Oct. 26

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: Notre Dame Church

Features: Prayer teams will be available after Mass for private prayer.

Contact: For more information call 518-483-1300 or ss Seymour@rcdony.org

HOLIDAY FAIR

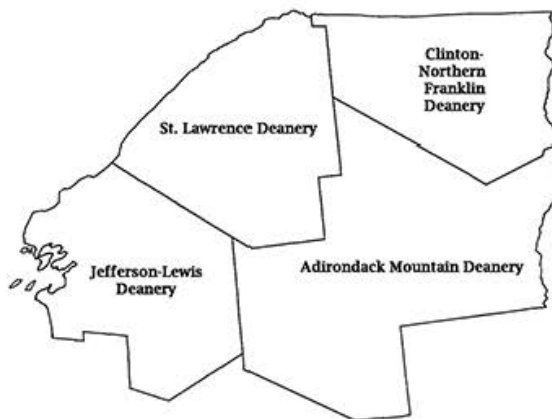
Brushton — St. Mary's & St. Augustine's Altar Rosary Society to hold their fourth annual Holiday Craft Fair.

Date: Nov. 1

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

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Features: Over 20 vendors will be offering jewelry, pottery/ceramics, crafts, floral arrangements,



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

Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:

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e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

Items must be received in the NCC office by the Wednesday before publication.

3D printed items, maple products, baked goods, holiday items and more! Adirondack BBQ food truck will be offering food for purchase. There is no cost to attend.

CRAFT FAIR

Rouses Point — St. Patrick's Church to have their Christmas Craft Show & Bake Sale.

Schedule: Nov. 1, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Nov. 2, 9 a.m. to noon

Place: St. Patrick's Parish Hall

Features: There will be craft and non-craft vendors and bake sale (to benefit St. Patrick's Church).

HARVEST DINNER

Plattsburgh — Holy Cross Parish to have a Turkey Harvest Dinner with all the trimmings.

Date: Nov. 2

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: Holy Cross Parish Center, Dine in or take out

Cost: \$Adults, \$16, Children 6 to 12, \$8; under 5, Free

FIRST FRIDAY

Champlain — St. Mary's to have Mass, Exposition and Benediction every first Friday of the month.

Date: Nov. 7

Schedule: 9 a.m. Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. 11 a.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

HARVEST DINNER

Morrisonville — St. Alexander to have a Turkey Harvest Dinner.

Date: Nov. 9

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: Take-out only. Pick up or Curb side deliver at St. Alexander Church

Cost: \$15

Features: Also available at the door will be Raffle tickets, Basket Raffle and Bake Shop

Contact: For Home delivery within 10 miles call 518-561-5039

SOAKING PRAYER SESSIONS

Ellenburg Center — Soaking Prayers Sessions to be held every third Thursday of the month.

Date: Nov. 20

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Place: Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer

Features: Sessions are offered by Eve McGill, Living Waters Ministry. Soaking Prayer is surrendering yourself to the Holy Spirit in a relaxed atmosphere and being immersed in receiving an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Includes praise and worship, soaking prayer, witness/group sharing, lunch (bring your own bagged lunch), and recitation of the Rosary.

Contact: evemcgill16@charter.net or call 518-645-2648

JEFFERSON-LEWIS

BASKET RAFFLE

Houseville — St. Hedwig's Society will have their Annual Themed Basket Raffle.

Date: Drawing will be held Oct. 26 at 1 p.m.

Features: Tickets will be sold starting Oct. 12 and every Sunday until the drawing after the 11 a.m. Mass. No tickets will be sold during Mass. Themed Baskets will be on display and raffle tickets may be purchased in the church hall. A bake sale and limited kielbasa luncheon will also be featured on the day of the drawing. Proceeds from the event will support church restoration and community outreach. Monetary donations and donations of themed baskets and baked goods are needed and appreciated.

Contact: Elaine 315-486-5532, Lydia 315-286-8462 or Mary Ann 315-348-6260 for information and donations.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Watertown — St. Anthony's Altar and Rosary Society is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner.

Date: Oct. 23

Time: 4 p.m. to 7

Place: Downstairs in St. Anthony's church in Msgr. Sechi Hall

Cost: Adult, \$12; Child, \$8

Features: Take-outs available, please bring your own container.

Contact: For more information contact the Parish Center at 315-782-1190

CLM EVENT

Watertown — Please join the Commissioned Lay Ministers of the Jefferson-Lewis Deanery for a talk and dinner.

Date: Oct. 23

Time: Mass at 5:15 p.m., followed by the talk and then dinner.

Place: Sacred Heart Church

Cost: Talk is free, dinner is \$12

Features: Talk by Msgr. Robert Aucoin entitled, "Finishing The Race With Grace."

Contact: Registers at www.rcdony.org/clm-event

CRAFT FAIR

Carthage — Augustinian Academy to have their Fall Craft Fair Sponsored by the Ave Maria Circle.

Date: Oct. 25

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place: Augustinian Academy Gym

Features: Bake sale, Basket Raffles, home decor, watercolor painting, knitted and crocheted items, quilts wood and metal works, and more! Lunch will be available for purchase. Entry fee \$1 for a chance to win giveaways!

HOLY HOUR AND DIVINE MERCY

Houseville — Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be observed the first Sunday of the month.

Date: Nov. 2

Time: Following 11 a.m. Mass

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Contact: 315-348-6260

RAFFLE

Constableville — Raffle to be held for youth and Faith Formation activities.

Date: Drawing Dec. 21

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: St. Mary's after Mass

Cost: Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20

Features: First-place winner will receive a Virtual Reality Headset, the second-place winner will receive a 50" smart television and the third-place winner will receive a ten-inch tablet.

Contact: They can be purchased after the 10am Mass, from various St. Mary's parents, by calling the Parish office at 315-348-6104 or by going online to <https://catholicparishesofslc.weebly.com/church-offering--raffles.html>

ST. LAWRENCE

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Star Lake — St. Hubert's Church to have their Holiday Bazaar.

Date: Nov. 1

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

Place: St. Hubert's Parish Hall

Features: Bake sale - Silent

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'The Chosen' makers release cartoon series

By Francesca Pollio Fenton
Catholic News Agency

5&2 Studios, the production company behind the hit series "The Chosen," is releasing its new animated series called "The Chosen Adventures" on Prime Video on Oct. 17.

The new series follows 9-year-old Abby and her best friend Joshua as they navigate life in the city of Capernaum. When the two children meet a wise carpenter — Jesus of Nazareth — he changes the way they see the world.

"The Chosen Adventures" consists of 14 11-minute episodes and features several of the original cast members, including Jonathan Roumie as Jesus, Elizabeth Tabish as Mary Magdalene, Paras Patel as Matthew, and George Xanthis as John, among others.

Joining the cast is Paul Walter Hauser as Sheep, Yvonne Orji as Pigeon, Romy Fay as Abby, Jude Zarzaur as Joshua, Danny Nucci as Abba, and Zehra Fazal as Eema.

Dallas Jenkins, writer, director, and creator of "The Chosen," serves as an executive producer for the new animated series. He told CNA in an interview that the inspiration for the new show came from episode three of Season 1 of "The Chosen," in which Jesus is seen interacting with children throughout the episode.

"Not only did kids love it, but adults loved it because seeing Jesus with the eyes of a child is actually how Jesus often wants you to see him," he told CNA. "And that episode resonated so strongly that we thought, 'Okay, well, this is an opportunity. What if we did an animated series where Abigail and Joshua, the two main characters from that episode, were featured and it really allows us to explore a whimsy and a playfulness that you can really dig into with animation in a fresh way.'"

Jenkins emphasized that while children will enjoy the show, it is also something adults can enjoy.

"It's still grounded in truth," he said. "And I still think that you'll watch this show and it will still feel real even though yes, there's a pigeon and a sheep that talk to each other, we always want to ground it in 'The Chosen' way."

He added, "Yes, younger kids are going to appreciate it. But I think it's going to still feel like 'The Chosen.' It's not going to feel like it's a departure from who we are."

As a huge fan of "The Chosen," Hauser, who will voice the character of Sheep, told CNA that "the idea of doing a faith-based program that I was really proud of" was a major factor in what drew him to the role. He hopes the series will leave both children and adults feeling "encouraged or inspired to deepen their relationship with God."

"You don't have to come to God with fancy big words and sound like someone you're not," he added. "God is not impressed with us trying to dress up our faith in some way. I think it has more to do with

authenticity and with the readiness to want to approach God and ask questions and engage with that."

Jenkins added that he hopes viewers will be left inspired to be "curious."

"Abigail sets an example for all of us with curiosity. She's asking questions. She never wants to stop learning. And I think God loves that," he said. "I turned 50 this year. I never want to stop being curious. I never want to stop learning more, seeing things from a different perspective. I think we need that more than ever in society."

He added: "Yes, we are grounded on foundational, Biblical truths that won't change but our perspective, the way we interact with others, the way we see the world, the way we see politics, the way we see other people, the empathy that we can find for other people that I think children are capable of, that we adults sometimes don't do, is something that is really important."

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auction, Wine Tasting Booth with Thousand Island Winery Wines, Raffles - Gift Baskets - Gingerbread Decorating, Accessible to people with disabilities, Lunch served by the Knights of Columbus Council 5718 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

FALL BAZAAR

Massena — St. Peter's Parish to have their Annual Fall Bazaar.

Date: Nov. 8

Time: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Social Hall

Features: Free admission, cost for food, raffles and fun.

Contact: For more information call 315-769-2469

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Ogdensburg — To commemorate Veterans Day, the Legion of Mary will be praying the Patriotic Rosary.

Date: Nov. 9

Time: Noon

Place: St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: Join us in praying for all our Veterans — active, retired, and deceased — as well as for the needs of our country.

ROSARY WITH DEVOTIONS

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

Date: Nov. 1

Time: 8 a.m.

Place: Notre Dame Church, Ogdensburg

Features: Rosary with devotions

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

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

Date: Nov. 1

Time: 3:15 p.m.

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

MENS GROUP

Massena — Men's group to meet the first Saturday of every month.

Date: Nov. 1

Time: 9 a.m. Mass with meeting to follow

Place: Sacred Heart Church

MONTHLY BRUNCH

Norfolk — Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond's will have their monthly Knights of Columbus Brunch.

Date: Nov. 9 (Second Sunday of each month)

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

Place: Father Amyot Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$10; under 12, \$5; under 5, Free; Omelets, add \$3;

Take-outs available

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

ROSARY FOR LIFE

Canton — Rosary for life to be held.

Date: Every Sunday

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

Place: St. Mary's Church

DIOCESAN EVENTS

FOSTER GRANDPARENT

Foster Grandparents are role models, mentors and friends to children with exceptional needs. The program provides a way for volunteers age 55 and over to stay active by serving children and youth in their communities. They are placed in a classroom serving with a child or children who are in need of emotional support, development of basic learning

skills, friendship, companionship, encouragement, individual attention and unhurried help. The program currently has 40 volunteers and serves more than 100 kids per year. To volunteer in this program, you can live in one of the following counties. Franklin, Essex County, Clinton County, St. Lawrence County or Jefferson County

Contact: Melissa Howard, Volunteer Coordinator at (518) 359-7688 or E-mail: mhoward@catholiccharities.org



SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE

Spiritual snobbery

October 26

**Thirtieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

READINGS

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

When was the last time that you prayed these words: "I give you thanks, O God, that I am not like the rest of men - grasping, crooked, adulterous - or even like this tax collector?" The Pharisee spoke those words. When was the last time you spoke like the Publican and prayed these words: "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

Do you see anything wrong with the picture presented in today's Gospel? Is the Pharisee wrong to point out his good deeds and the evil that he has avoided? Shouldn't we do good and avoid evil?

Well, you may be surprised, but three things are wrong with what the "good" Pharisee is

saying.

First of all, he is a spiritual snob. Perhaps spiritual snobbery has not made it to the top ten list of possible sins, but the possibility exists as is illustrated in today's Gospel.

Snobbery happens when we put ourselves above someone else, when we live on a pedestal and believe that's where we truly belong. A snob looks down at others and may have a hard time looking up to God.

There are other forms of snobbery that are just as sinful as spiritual snobbery. Here's a short list for starters: academic ability, athletic skill, popularity and overall sense of being Mr. or Ms. Cool. These instances of

snobbery make us believe that we are above others but ultimately put us on the fringe of the human family.

The Pharisee's second mistake was comparing himself to other people. What a huge mistake! Without being a rocket scientist, it is relatively easy to find someone less talented than oneself to use as a barometer to measure success and value. In comparing ourselves to others, we can always win.

But what happens when we compare ourselves to God? When, or maybe if, we compare

ourselves to God, then our prayer becomes that of the tax collector, "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner." The Pharisee looked down on others; the tax collector, without raising his eyes, looked up to God.

In our present world, many commit the third mistake of the Pharisee. Even though he used the word "God" in his prayer, the Pharisee's spirituality was not true spirituality. His spirituality focused on himself, not on God.

The word "spirituality" is bandied about by so many people today such that it can mean whatever you want it to mean. The spirituality touted in the public arena is one that has no God, but has replaced true spirituality, one's relationship with God who is totally other.

The new spirituality focuses on one's relationship with oneself. There is a big difference. The God of our spirituality revealed himself to us in scripture as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The object of popular spirituality changes depending on the person with the result that the spiritual can be whatever you want it to be.

In praying, we go beyond ourselves to someone, that someone is our God. We don't pray to ourselves or just in our imagination. We pray to a living and true God.

So, the tax collector ends up being the hero of today's Gospel passage. The pharisee is the sinner lost in invincible ignorance. The tax collector is a sinner working at becoming a saint. Hopefully that describes us - sinners trying hard to be saints.

Unless and until we recognize sin in our own lives we will never fully appreciate the greatness of God, the value of Jesus' resurrection, the splendor of the Eucharist, or the real value of eternal life.

Recognition of sin in our lives allows us to recognize values that we never thought possible

Today, as we pray the Eucharist, we encounter the "someone." Our Eucharist is the source and summit of our prayer life. May this prayer today lift us above our snobbery, help us to see the value of others, and, above all, bring us in touch with our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.



Msgr. Robert
H. Aucoin

What is a Foster Grandparent?

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The Foster Grandparent Program is hosted by the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg and supported by AmeriCorps Seniors, a federally funded agency responsible for building volunteer based programs for over 50 years and counting.



Sometimes when you get to be my age, you wake up and say what good am I and along came the Foster Grandparent Program that keeps me going!"

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Am I Qualified to be a Foster Grandparent?

All you need to join is the ability to give the kind of comfort and love that sets a child on the path toward a successful future. If you're 55 or older and want to share your experience and compassion, you have what it takes to be a Foster Grandparent.

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Want more info about how to get started?

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Message from Pope Leo XIV

This year, we received an extraordinary gift: a personal video message from Pope Leo XIV, the first U.S.-born Pope and a missionary himself, which he recorded to invite the faithful to join him in supporting the Church's missionary work.

In this message, the Holy Father reminds us of what he witnessed during his years serving in Peru: that the faith, prayer, and generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities. He calls upon every parish to participate fully — through prayer, preaching, and generosity — and asks us to help him "help the missions."

Many of our parishes, including some of our oldest cathedrals, were built thanks to the generosity of European Catholics in the 19th century, through collections like the one we are



about to take up. Now, close to 40 percent of the help missionary territories receive on World Mission Sunday comes from the United States.

We invite you to watch Pope Leo XIV's personal World Mission Sunday message using the QR code or link below! <https://youtu.be/cVXs-MAua5wU>

We ask you to support the missions this World Mission Sunday with your prayers and donations. If you missed the appeal and would still feel called to donate, find us at the link below. <https://www.rcdony.org/mission/spof>

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Dr. Douglas Gallagher died October 1

Dr. Douglas L. Gallagher, 90, of Malone, passed away on October 1, 2025, in Rochester.

Doug was born on December 9, 1934, to Leland and Edith (Bean) Gallagher.

A lifelong resident of Malone, he served the community as a dentist for 45 years.

Doug graduated from Franklin Academy and went on to receive degrees from St. Lawrence University in Canton and Tufts School of Dentistry in Boston.

He married Ellen Marie Wallace of Boston on November 28, 1959, and they returned to Malone to live and raise a family.

Doug is survived by his children, Brian, Amy and Brendan as well as grandson, Dylan and granddaughter, Norah.

He is predeceased by his parents; brother, Wayne; wife, Ellen; and son, Bret (Father Adrian Gallagher).

Arrangements are being made by Bruso-Desnoyers Funeral Services. Private burial will take place at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Malone.

The adoption of shelter pets provided Doug with wonderful companionship in his retirement years.

In memory of Doug, please donate to the North Country Animal Shelter, 194 Bare Hill Rd. Malone, NY 12953-2913.

OBITUARIES

Black River — Virginia (Fitzsimons) Joels, 92; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 16, 2025 at St. Paul's Church; burial in Black River Cemetery.

Carthage — Mona R. Veniquattro Thomas, 72; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 17, 2025 at St. James Church; burial in Brookside Cemetery, Watertown.

Lisbon — Kevin P. Nicholas, 72; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 17, 2025 at St. Philip and James Church; burial in Flackville Cemetery.

Lowville — Mary Frances "Frankie" (Farney) Baker, 76; Funeral Services Oct. 18, 2025 at Iseneker Funeral Home, Inc.

Lyon Mountain — Edward A. Ashline, 73; Mass of Christian Burial at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Morrisonville — Joseph P.L. (Leo Paul) Bedard, 92; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 17, 2025 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Ogdensburg — Bridget J. (Griffin) Kusior, 96; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 14, 2025 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg — Leroy B. Rand, 83; Funeral Services Oct. 16, 2025 at Frary Funeral Home; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Plattsburgh — Barbara (Giroux) Gilman, 84; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 15, 2025 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh — Joan Miller, 91; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 15, 2025 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Potsdam — Saverio "Sam" Spagnolo, 87; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 18, 2025 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Bayside Cemetery.

Richard J. Anzalone

November 3, 1929 - October 10, 2025



Richard J. Anzalone, age 95, longtime resident of Indian Lake, New York, died on October 10, 2025.

Richard proudly served in the U.S. Air Force and later worked in personnel management at Dayton T. Brown in Bohemia. His most recent job was at BOCES where he assisted students with finding job placements after graduation.

Richard, a longtime member of St. Mary's Church in Indian Lake, will always be remembered for his faith.

Richard is survived by his wife Mildred, his children Richard and his wife Jill, Michael and his wife Ronnie, Donna Henning and her husband Peter, and Sharon Christmann, his grandchildren Robert and his wife Meghan, Jesse, Thomas and Emily, and his great grandchildren Aiden and Austin.

He is predeceased by his son Robert.

Pope talks on treatment of Indigenous peoples

By **Almudena Martínez-Bordiú**
Catholic News Agency

Pope Leo XIV invited Indigenous groups to forgive as he recognized both "the light and the wounds" in the history of the evangelization of their peoples.

"The long history of evangelization that our Indigenous peoples have known, as the bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean have so often taught, is laden with light and shadows," the pontiff said in an Oct. 16 message sent to the Networks of Indigenous Peoples and the Network of Indian Theology Theologians.

Leo invited members of the network to "forgive our brothers and sisters from the heart,

to reconcile ourselves with our own history, and to thank God for his mercy toward us."

He also encouraged them to recognize "both the light and the wounds of our past," to understand "that we can only be a people if we truly abandon ourselves to the power of God, to his action in us."

"It is from this truth," he added, "that we must reread our history and our reality, to face the future with the hope to which the holy year calls us, despite the hardships and tribulations."

Leo XIV explained that, through dialogue and encounter, "we learn from different ways of seeing the world, we value what is unique and original to each culture, and together

we discover the abundant life that Christ offers to all peoples."

"This new life is given to us precisely because we share the fragility of the human condition marked by original sin, and because we have been reached by the grace of Christ," he affirmed.

He recalled that the Lord is the origin and goal of the universe as well as "the primary source of all that is good, including our peoples." This, he emphasized, "is the goal of our hope; it is not only for some but for all, even those once considered enemies, the great occupying powers."

In his message, the pontiff also emphasized the universality of the Church, "which welcomes, engages in dialogue

with, and is enriched by the diversity of peoples," particularly Indigenous peoples, "whose history, spirituality, and hope constitute an irreplaceable voice within ecclesial communion."

The pope invited the network to experience the Jubilee of Hope as "a moment of living and personal encounter with the Lord" as well as an occasion for "reconciliation, grateful memory, and shared hope, more than a mere external celebration."

Passing through the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica, he explained, means entering, through faith, "into the very source of divine love, the open side of the Crucified One," which makes us a "people of brothers."



Adoration in the Diocese of Ogdensburg

The following is a list of Adoration hours and sites across the Diocese of Ogdensburg. If your parish offers Eucharistic Adoration or if this information is incorrect email news@rcdony.org

Holy Angels Church, Altona

After 8 a.m. Mass Dedicated to Vocations and the church

St. Patrick's Church, Brasher Falls
Wed. & Fri. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

St. Mary's Church, Canton
Tues. 4:10 p.m. to 5:10
Fri. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ending with Divine Mercy Chaplet

St. Vincent of Paul, Cape Vincent
First Friday of the month

St. James Church, Carthage
Wed., 3 p.m. to 6
Thurs., 10 a.m. to 11
First Friday, 10:15 a.m. to 7 a.m. Saturday morning

St. Patrick's Church, Chateaugay
Wed. 5 p.m. to 6, Adoration
First Friday 8:30 a.m., Communion
Service followed by Adoration for Vocations

All Saints Church, Chaumont
First Thursday of the month 3 p.m.

Sacred Heart Church, Chazy
At various times as needed, please contact parish 518-846-7650 for more information

St. Mary's Church, Clayton
First Fridays after 9 a.m. Mass

St. Francis of Assisi, Constable
Second Fri. of the Month, 5 p.m. to 6

St. Mary's Church, Constableville
First Fridays 6 p.m.

St. Stephen's Church, Croghan
First Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30
including prayer for Vocations

St. Joseph's Church, Dannemora
Wed. & Fri. 11 a.m. before noon
Mass

St. Elizabeth's Church, Elizabethtown
Summer 9 a.m. to 10
Winter 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

St. Edmund's Church, Ellenburg
Monday after 5:30 p.m. Mass

St. Mary's of the Fort, Fort Covington
Tues. 5 p.m. to 6, Sat. 9 a.m. to 10
except when it's a First Saturday

St. James Church, Gouverneur
9:45 a.m. to 10:45 every second
Sunday

St. Hedwig's Church, Houseville
First Sunday following 11 a.m. Mass

Immaculate Conception, Keeseville
Sun, 1 p.m. to 4

St. Agnes Church, Lake Placid
Tues 10 a.m. to 5:20 p.m.
Vocations and Divine Renovation
our of our parish are emphasized

St. James Major, Lake Pleasant
7:30 a.m. before 8 a.m. Mass on the
First Sunday.

St. Peter's Church, Lowville
First Friday of the month with
intention to Vocations

St. Bernard's Church, Lyon Mountain
First Friday of the month after 9 a.m.
Mass

St. Peter's Parish, Massena
Held at Sacred Heart Church
Thursday 12:45 p.m. to 1:45
First Friday 2 p.m. to 6

St. Ann's Church, Mooers Forks
after 8 a.m. Mass Dedicated to
Vocations and the church

St. Augustine Church, North Bangor
Thurs. 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

St. Andrew's Church, Norwood
Fri after 8:30 a.m. Mass until noon

St. Mary's Cathedral Parish, Ogdensburg
Entryway for the Deacon Winter
Chapel
Thurs. before First Friday from
7 p.m. to 8
Adoration each Wed. 3 p.m. to 6
and Fri. 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

St. Augustine's Church, Peru
Every Friday following 8 a.m. Mass
to 7 p.m.

St. John's Church, Plattsburgh
Holy Family Basement
Wed., Thurs., Fri., 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

St. Martin's Church, Port Leyden
Rectory Chapel
Wed. Mornings after Mass for 30
minutes

St. Mary's Church, Potsdam
Tues. 12:45 p.m. to 4:30
First Friday 8:30 a.m. to 9:30

Church of the Assumption, Redford
Tues. & Thurs. 11 a.m. before noon
Mass

St. Ann's Church, St. Regis Falls
First Sat. after 4:30 Ant. Mass

St. Andrews Church, Sackets Harbor
Fri. 3:30 p.m. to 4:30

St. Alphonsus-Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Tupper Lake
Monday 7 p.m. to 8

Holy Family Church, Watertown
Monday's following noon Mass

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Watertown
1 hour prior to Mass, First Friday of
the Month

St. Anthony's Church, Watertown
First Sun. of the Month 2 p.m. to 3

St. Patrick's Church, Watertown
Every Thurs. after Noon Mass until
7 p.m.

St. Ann's Church, Wells
Half an hour after Sunday Mass
every Third Sunday of the month.

St. Joseph's Church, West Chazy
First Friday after 9 a.m. Mass until
11 a.m.

St. Philip Neri Church, Westport
Half Hour every other Fri. (before
Mass Winter/after Mass Summer)

St. Philip of Jesus, Willsboro
Full Holy Hour on First Fridays
(before Mass Winter/after Mass
Summer)