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In his column, Faith Matters, Bishop Alexander Sample considers what drew him and other pilgrims to the beatification of Pope John Paul II.



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Parishes and missions across the diocese collected \$58,283.89 for Japan's relief efforts as parishioners gave to help victims of the recent earthquakes in the Asian nation.

Ordination Invitation

In the Spirit of Joy and Thanksgiving

The Most Reverend Alexander K. Sample

in the name of
The Diocese of Marquette

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and

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Immaculate Conception, Moran, parishioners roll up their sleeves to get expensive job done



READY TO WORK - Rosemary Irwin puts on her work gloves to complete labor-intensive refurbishing of pews at Immaculate Conception Parish in Moran. (Photo courtesy of Susan Tamlyn-Massaway)

BY PATRICIA SERWACH
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
PARISHIONER

When members of Immaculate Conception Parish in Moran received permission from the bishop to renovate their church, they were happy campers. They had been saving for the renovation since 1995, but the priest shortage kept the project on hold. In the interim, parishioners raised funds through bake sales and their annual dinner and raffle, while holding expenses to a minimum.

Still, when they budgeted to implement their renovation, they discovered that their treasury wasn't enough to install a three-stop lift, refinish the windows and sills, insulate and drywall the block walls of the church, paint the vaulted ceiling, replace the lighting, reconfigure the entrance to enlarge the gathering space, replace carpeting and refinish the pews.

"We had about \$92,000 saved, and it clearly wasn't enough to do everything, based on the bids we received," said finance council member Yvonne Fuller. "As we moved

into implementation, the 'to-do' list just kept growing."

Bids to refinish the church's scratched and peeling 12-foot-long oak pews amounted to almost half the parish's total renovation budget. In November, a group of eight gutsy parishioners decided to refinish the pews themselves. In the end, the \$39,000 refinishing job was reduced to \$3,000 out-of-pocket expense and hundreds of volunteer hours; today, the refinished pews are a source of satisfaction.

Pastor Pawel Mecwel dubbed this crew "the stripping grannies" and recognized and supported everyone who participated in the project.

The group found that the original white stain had soaked into the oak grain of the pews and was difficult to remove. They experimented until they found products and a process that worked. Dee Frazier and her sister Kathy Lawnichak stepped into leadership roles, working every weekday on the project. Rosemary Irwin, Gail Becker, Mary Lugerling, Nancy Roggenbuck, Joni Grogan,

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New documentary explores diocesan seminarians' call

BY LOREENE ZENO KOSKEY

What draws seminarians to consider the priesthood? Why are current priests grateful that they said "yes" to God's invitation to become a priest? Find out by watching the 15-minute local TV documentary called "Answering the Lord's Call." The diocesan program, which has been in the planning stages the last few years, will air this month on WLUC-TV, Fox U.P. and Charter Communications.

The program was produced at no charge to the diocese as a pilot

project by Tom Byrne, fundraising consultant, and Kirk Moreland, videographer, both from lower Michigan. It followed diocesan seminarians as they went about their day at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and includes interviews and footage of priests in the U.P., as well.

Father Greg Heikkala, Diocesan Director of Vocations, appears in the program. "I would describe the experience of being involved in the production as exciting, encouraging, and hopeful. Being involved provided me

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SPEAKING UP - Tom Byrne interviews Father Greg Heikkala for a new documentary on a day in the lives of diocesan seminarians. (Loreene Zeno Koskey photo)

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FAITH MATTERS

Most Reverend
Alexander
K. Sample



It was supposed to rain. All the weather forecasts from the previous week had predicted it. I brought my umbrella, ready for the worst. Yet there we were in the bright warm sunshine in St. Peter's Square experiencing the glorious Mass of beatification of Blessed John Paul II.

The morning had started out overcast, but by the time the large tapestry bearing the image of the newly-declared "Blessed" was unveiled following the proclamation of his beatification, the sun was shining brightly over the crowd gathered for this historic event. There was Blessed John Paul's smiling face. With that image and with the relic of his blood enshrined before the altar, it was as if this beloved Pope was once again present in the square he knew so well.

Estimates are that about 2 million pilgrims from all over the world were gathered in Rome for the beatification, nearly 1.5 million in and around St. Peter's Square itself. What drew people there? I can only answer that by telling you what drew me there.

I truly loved and admired this remarkable shepherd of the universal Church. I still do. He had a profound influence on me, a young man in college at the time of his election. It was a time of great spiritual awakening for me, and Blessed John Paul II had a lot to do with that.

I was struggling to find my way in the world and even in the Church at a time of great turmoil and confusion in both. There was so much uncertainty as to where we were headed. There was doubt as to what we believed anymore, especially in the moral realm. It was unsettling for me as a young person, and I felt insecure in my own life of faith.

Then this (relatively) young, dynamic and charismatic Pope burst onto the scene. He instilled confidence and hope for my generation. He told us not to be afraid to thrust open wide the doors of our hearts to Jesus Christ. He taught clearly and with conviction and enthusiasm the perennial truths of our faith. He powerfully upheld the dignity of the human person, decrying the culture of death and proclaiming the Gospel of life.

He captured the imagination of this young man and inspired my vocation to the priesthood. I am almost convinced that I would not be a priest today, let alone a bishop, had it not been for the leadership

What drew me there?



PRESENTING A RELIC - Sister Marie Simon-Pierre Normand carries a relic of Blessed John Paul II. A miracle, attributed to the intercession of Blessed John Paul II, cured the French nun of Parkinson's disease. The relic is a vial of blood drawn for medical use from the pontiff just days before his death. Sister Tobiana Lucyna Sobotka, a caregiver to the now-deceased pope, can be seen in the background. (Bishop Alexander Sample photo)



BLESSED JOHN PAUL II CASKET - The casket of Pope John Paul II lies in St. Peter's Basilica during the time of his beatification. (Bishop Alexander Sample photo)

and heroic example of this apostle of Jesus Christ. I'm not sure I would have had the courage to answer the call. I am a John Paul II priest, and even though appointed by Pope Benedict XVI, I am largely a John Paul II bishop.

It was Blessed John Paul II that God had chosen to shepherd the Church across the threshold of the New Millennium. It was he who called the universal Church to the important work of the New Evangelization. We are just beginning now to fully understand and implement that great endeavor for the generations of the New Millennium. It will be the thought of Blessed John Paul II that will guide that pastoral initiative in our own diocese.

Perhaps Blessed John Paul's greatest witness and teaching, however, was allowing us to accompany

him in his final illness, when the ravages of Parkinson's disease had taken away his vigor, his warm smile, the twinkle in his eye and even his ability to speak. Gone were all the human gifts to which so many had credited his remarkable "success." His final witness was to the dignity of the human person, even in old age, suffering and infirmity. And we still loved him. Young people still flocked to him. He showed us the face of Christ.

I conclude with the words of our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI in his homily at the Mass of Beatification: "Blessed are you, beloved Pope John Paul II, because you believed! Continue, we implore you, to sustain from heaven the faith of God's people. You often blessed us in this Square from the Apostolic Palace: Bless us, Holy Father! Amen."

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FROM THE
SIDELINES

Jim LaJoie



It's common and entirely understandable for fans to relegate athletes to the sidelines for unbecoming behavior. We do it for a number of reasons. Yet, it takes something uniquely special for athletes to climb back into our good graces.

Ray Lewis is, rather surprisingly, back in my good graces, and quite honestly, I would have never expected it.

The longtime Baltimore Ravens middle linebacker, a record-tying, 12-time Pro Bowl selection, has led the NFL five times in tackles and has made the All-Pro team 10 times. A ferocious hitter who has flattened countless players in his career, Lewis will arguably go down as one of the finest linebackers to play the game.

Yet, for all of his athletic skills, Lewis will be remembered for his alleged involvement in two stabbing deaths following a Super Bowl party in Atlanta in 2000. He and two others were indicted on murder and aggravated assault charges, but his attorney arranged for the murder charges to be dropped in exchange for testimony against the other two. He was sentenced to one year of probation and fined \$250,000.

Many, including me, thought he received the "star treatment" and avoided prosecution because of his fame and star power he meant for the league. We were outraged that he was playing football several months later.

He became the player we loved to hate.

Then, two weeks ago, Lewis' name re-surfaced — away from the

The other side of Ray Lewis shines brightly

police blotter and court pages — in an astonishingly positive way.

Lewis reached out to help a 10-year-old New York boy whose mother drowned herself and three of her children by driving a van into the Hudson River. Miraculously, the boy escaped through a van window after the car plunged into the water.

In an interview, Lewis said the

"Lewis has given back in more meaningful ways than I know, and for that, I acknowledge his charitable work."

- Jim LaJoie

boy, whose biological father is in prison for robbery, needs mentoring.

I'll be the first to admit Lewis is among the last professional players I would have expected to step forward to mentor. Yet, as I read, my disdain and disrespect for Lewis began to slowly subside. I became enlightened, and in so doing, felt forgiveness creeping into my heart.

I learned that Lewis is vice chair of the United Athletes Foundation, a non-profit that improves the lives of athletes and their communities. Lewis helped organize a fundraiser in the boy's honor to help with college scholarship expenses. It also helped buy him new clothes.

I found out Lewis began the Ray Lewis 52 Foundation, a non-profit that provides personal and economic assistance to disadvantaged youth. The foundation has funded a number of events in the Baltimore area, including adopting 10 families for the holidays.

Lewis has given back in more meaningful ways than I knew, and for that, I acknowledge his charitable work.

The truth is we get great pleasure in taking shots at athletes we dislike for their shortcomings as humans. Yet, I'm now convinced Lewis learned from his brushes with the law and is making a profound Christian effort to become a role model by lending his time and treasure.

People can and often do change. Yes, I didn't expect it from Lewis, but as I followed his account of helping this innocent, heart-sunken boy, I couldn't help but begin to warm up to Lewis.

Lewis says, and I believe him, he wants to play a role in the child's life today, tomorrow and, his words, "forever." Ray Lewis has made a believer out of me. How about you?

(Editor's note: LaJoie is a member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Negaunee. He welcomes reactions to his column at jlajoie@charter.net.)

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Why write about a priest being removed from the clerical state?

To the readers,

Following the recent story in this newspaper concerning a priest removed from the clerical state, I received four letters by post or e-mail. Of those, three were critical of printing this story, and one was glowing in its praise for the newspaper.

In short, the story was called “muckraking at its best,” “‘sour grapes’ because (the former diocesan priest) didn’t play the game,” and, to paraphrase, airing dirty laundry.

One writer noted, “We prefer to remember the good he did, i.e., the large numbers he returned to the Church during his days of active ministry, the comforting of mourners at the death of their loved ones, the tasteful

redecorating of churches throughout the diocese, etc.”

With that in mind, why would we print this story?

The easy answer is we’re obligated to bring this information to the people of the diocese. With the norms and standards put in place by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops through the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, the diocese is required to be as open as possible in these situations. The diocese itself has made a commitment to victims not only to offer help, but to be transparent in these matters. The diocesan newspaper is the natural vehicle to disseminate this information.

The hard answer is that the lack of openness in the past is at least partly to blame for

allowing these problems to continue and to spread beyond anyone’s comprehension. When it became clear that past solutions were not working, the U.S. bishops and our diocese took strong measures to put an end to abuse in the Church – and the measures are working.

According to the 2010 Survey of Allegations and Costs conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), seven youth made credible accusations of sexual misconduct against seven clerics in 2010 in the United States. A credible allegation is one which has a semblance of truth to it following an initial examination of the facts and circumstances surrounding the allegation. Approximately 30,000 diocesan priests serve in the U.S. and all but one diocese

responded to the nationwide CARA survey.

While it’s sickening to think that seven priests could possibly have committed the unthinkable, it’s a significant change in the right direction. It’s only reasonable to attribute a good portion of this change to the hard decisions made by the bishops and diocesan leadership across the U.S. One of those hard decisions being printing stories in diocesan newspapers about priests removed for sexual abuse.

I pray that we’ll never have a story like this again in the newspaper. But should it become necessary, we will honor our commitments and do what’s required. As difficult as it is, it’s working.

John Fee
The U.P. Catholic

Drop in number of victims of clergy sexual abuse continues

WASHINGTON—Reports of current instances of sexual abuse of minors continues to decrease, with seven credible allegations against seven priests reported in 2010, according to the 2010 Survey of Allegations and Costs done by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, CARA. At the same time diocesan audits are uncovering weaknesses in audit compliance and finding reports of boundary violations short of abuse, such as inappropriate hugging.

A credible allegation is one which has a semblance of truth to it following an initial examination of the facts and circumstances surrounding the allegation.

The survey by Georgetown University-based CARA collects numbers from the dioceses and coincides with the annual audit of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, conducted by the U.S. bishops’ Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection. The audit reviews compliance with the Charter, and is conducted by a team of independent auditors, the Gavin Group Inc. Both

the survey and audit report are available on the Web at <http://www.usccb.org/ocyp/annual-report-2010.pdf>.

All dioceses responded to the CARA survey except the Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska, which has refused to participate in the compliance audits process since 2004. The U.S. bishops enacted the Charter in 2002 and have conducted national compliance audits annually since 2003.

In addition to the seven cases of abuse of minors in 2010, CARA also found hundreds of accounts of sexual abuse from decades ago that were reported to dioceses only last year. The “number of alleged offenders increased by a fifth, from 286 alleged offenders reported in 2009 to 345 alleged offenders reported in 2010,” CARA reported. Almost 60 percent of these offenders had been identified in earlier allegations and three quarters of the offenders are now dead or laicized.

CARA also noted that two thirds of these allegations (66 percent) are old and occurred or began between 1960 and 1984. The most common

time period when these allegations reportedly occurred was 1970-1974.

Costs to dioceses and eparchies (Eastern rite dioceses) related to clergy sexual abuse increased between 2009 and 2010 by more than \$19 million. More than half of the payments by dioceses and eparchies in 2010 (57 percent) were for settlements to victims. Costs for settlements paid out by dioceses and eparchies in 2010 were \$70,375,228. This was an increase of 28 percent over the previous year’s payments for settlements. Legal fees increased by 18 percent.

CARA also noted that “in addition to allegations-related expenditures, at least \$20,954,405 was spent by dioceses and eparchies for child protection efforts such as safe environment coordinators, training programs, and background checks.”

The audits of Charter compliance, as reported by the Gavin Group, found that “all dioceses/eparchies that participated in the 2010 audit process were found to be compliant with the Charter.” At the same time 55 dioceses received management letters expressing concerns about proce-

dures which could result in non-compliance. This number exceeded the number in the 2009 audit, which was 23.

Management letters are sent to a diocese/eparchy by The Gavin Group, Inc. when issues are identified that the auditor believes need to be documented and brought to the bishop’s attention for the bishop to handle as he deems appropriate. These are issues that, though not at the level to categorize the diocese/eparchy as non-compliant in a particular area, were identified as possibly doing so if not sufficiently addressed. The purpose of the management letters is to strengthen the implementation of the Charter within a particular diocese/eparchy.

The chief concern which resulted in the majority of these management letters centered on safe environment programs. “Reasons for the management letters include parishes or schools failing to offer classes for children, new pastors or directors of religious education failing to understand diocesan requirements to train students, accepting parent training as parish training, or simply count-

ing absent students as opt-outs. Several dioceses reported receiving verification from pastors that training had taken place, only to have auditors discover it was not offered,” the report noted.

In evaluation of compliance with safe environment criteria, the audits found that “over 98 percent of clerics were trained” as were “98 percent of employees and volunteers.”

“In addition, over 5 million children received safe environment training. Background evaluations were conducted for over 99 percent of clerics; 99.8 percent of educators; 98.5 percent of employees; and 99.2 percent of volunteers.”

Dioceses that refused to participate in audits included the Diocese of Lincoln, Diocese of Baker, Oregon; the Eparchy of St. Peter the Apostle for Chaldeans; Eparchy of Newton for Melkites; Eparchy of Our Lady of Nareg in New York for Armenian Catholics; Eparchy of St. Josephat of Parma for Ukrainians; Eparchy of Our Lady of Deliverance of Newark for Syriacs. Based on their refusal all were declared non-compliant.

Historical association forms

FROM OUR SUNDAY VISITOR

May 15-31, 1961:

- Father Eugene Hennelly, pastor at Iron River St. Agnes, died at 62 of appendicitis and a heart attack.
- A most rare event: Adolf Bormann, son of top Hitler aide Martin Bormann, was ordained a priest in Germany.
- Rock native Father Mathias Jodocy, who died May 16, had just flown back from Rome for cancer treatments.

**50 & 25
YEARS AGO**
By LARRY CHABOT

FROM THE U.P. CATHOLIC

May 15-31, 1986:

- Bishop Baraga's simple house in Sault Ste. Marie was being moved closer to the waterfront.
- Regis Walling led the formation of a Catholic Historical Association to gather, preserve, and publish U.P. church history.
- Elected president of the National Tekakwitha Conference (Catholic Native-Americans) was Fr. John Hascall of Assinins.

How to get help for abuse victims

Anyone who believes he or she has been a victim of clergy abuse is urged to seek help. The Diocese of Marquette has a confidential process for victims to report abuse and receive help from the diocese.

How to bring a complaint:

Call the Victim's Assistance Coordinator and Diocesan Director of Ministry Personnel at (906) 227-9107 or (800) 562-9745, ext. 107 (toll free). If the director is unavailable, call the bishop at (906) 227-9115. Or

write to the Director of Ministry Personnel, Diocese of Marquette, 1004 Harbor Hills Dr., Marquette, MI 49855. Mark the letter "Personal and Confidential" and indicate the means of response desired (by phone, by letter or in a meeting).

The diocese will also help you bring your concerns to church officials outside the diocese if the sexual misconduct occurred elsewhere and you now reside in the Diocese of Marquette.

If you are unsure about bringing a complaint or would like further information, contact: Rev. Ronald Browne, (906) 227-9107 or 1 (800) 562-9745, ext. 107 (toll free), e-mail: rbrowne@diocese-ofmarquette.org.

Information regarding the Diocese of Marquette's safe environment program can be found on the diocese's website: www.dioceseofmarquette.org by selecting "Protecting Children" on the snowshoe menu.

CHURCH FROM P1

Yvonne Fuller, Sarah Halvorsen and Patricia Serwach stripped and sanded pews. Mark and Sarah Halvorsen applied two coats of warm honey-colored stain and four coats of protective finish to every pew. Hank Michaels removed hardware, kneelers and book racks from every pew and reinstalled them. Ray and Polly Lowetz took on the task of recovering 66 kneelers. Mike Grogan, Don Luger, Joe Frazier and Fred Luepnitz pitched in as needed.

Every Saturday at 3 p.m., all work stopped and a cleaning crew

including Stacy Brandt, Gail Becker, Nancy Roggenbuck and others vacuumed, dusted, and put the church in order for Sunday Mass. During the heaviest work periods, the clean-up could take four or five hours.

By Holy Thursday, the bulk of the renovation was complete.

The work on the church became much more than a work project; it became a Church-building project as parishioners pulled together to reach their lofty goal.

"It wasn't about the pews anymore, it was about the people," said Father Mecwel. "They discovered each other, they shared their stories,

they became 'real' to one another, sharing their hurts and pains."

Father Mecwel pointed out that the Church is not the physical property on which we worship, but the people who come together to worship.

"The Church is not the building," Father Mecwel said. "In the process of building and repairing their worship space, they discovered what it means to be the Church. It became about the people."

The work and most of the decisions on the project were made by parishioners. Father Mecwel praised the members for their

accomplishments.

He said, "They took the ball and ran with it, and the results are quite amazing."

"A project of this scope can build community or destroy it," said parishioner Gail Becker. "We recognize that our feeling of community was strengthened through this project and is the most important thing we gained. People got to know one another and admitted they were surprised by what they learned. People who had been quiet stepped forward to become effective leaders. People worked very long and exceptionally hard, and they were unfailingly supportive of

one another.

"There was a certain peace in the church as we worked together side by side," Becker added. "In the lulls between sanding, you would hear people humming, at peace. We have felt the Holy Spirit among us."

The history of Immaculate Conception parish goes back to 1888, when the first church was built. That church was razed and a new church built in 1903. In 1957 the current church was built, and it was renovated in the 1980s.

Patricia Serwach is a member of Immaculate Conception Parish in Moran. John Fee contributed to this story.



FOUR CHEERS - Hard-working Immaculate Conception parishioners stop and cheer as progress on refurbishing the pews is made. Pictured are (left to right) Joni Grogan, Nancy Roggenbuck, Gail Becker and Rosemary Irwin. (Photo courtesy of Susan Tamlyn-Massaway)

CALL FROM P1

with opportunities to highlight the lives of our seminarians, as they discern God's call, and continue in their formation at Sacred Heart in Detroit.

"All of our men have discerned for many years, and they believe that God is calling them to serve the Church as priests. Even though most of our men are from the Upper Peninsula, their seminary formation at Sacred Heart in Detroit provides opportunities to work in Catholic schools, hospitals, and large parishes," Father Heikkala explained.

The documentary also features interviews with Bishop Alexander Sample, Father Jamie Ziminski of Garden, Father Corey Litzner of Stephenson, Father Brian Gerber of L'Anse (as a seminarian), and transitional deacons Nicholas Thompson of Menominee and Ryan Ford of Gladstone, as well as Ford's parents, Dale and Ann Ford. Ryan Ford and Nick Thompson plan to be ordained priests of the Diocese of Marquette on Friday, June 3.

The Diocesan Communications and Development Department has helped plan the production,

and the National Catholic Society of Foresters has provided a \$3,000 communications grant for air time and promotion.

Father Heikkala envisions this documentary as bearing fruit now and in the future. "I hope that the airing of this TV program on vocations will provide people with a greater awareness of our seminarians as they process towards ordination to the priesthood in the Upper Peninsula. My hope also is that more men give prayerful consideration to the possibility that God might be calling them to become priests."



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In addition to being available for viewing on the diocesan web site (www.dioceseofmarquette.org), "Answering the Lord's Call" will air on Sat., May 21, at 1 p.m. ET/12 p.m. CT on WLUC-TV6 and on Sun., May 29, at 4 p.m. ET/3 p.m. CT on Fox U.P. It will also air multiple times on Charter Communications according to the following schedule:

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Three auxiliary bishops ordained for Archdiocese of Detroit

On May 5, Archbishop Allen Vigneron ordained three new auxiliary bishops to serve the Archdiocese of Detroit during a Mass and Episcopal ordination rites celebrated at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit.

The three men ordained as the archdiocese's 26th, 27th and 28th auxiliary bishops are Bishop José Arturo Cepeda, who will serve the Southeast Region; Bishop Michael Byrnes, who will assume administrative responsibilities for the Northeast Region beginning July 1, and Bishop Donald Hanchon, who will retain his administrative responsibilities for the parishes and priests of

the Central Region.

The ceremony included a reading of the letter from Pope Benedict XVI naming the three priests as bishops, the laying on of hands, the prayer of consecration, the anointing of the bishop's head and the new bishops' investiture with ring, mitre and crosier. The cathedral was filled with priests from the archdiocese and bishops from across the country, along with the lay faithful.

Upon his ordination, Bishop



Bishop José Arturo Cepeda

Cepeda, 41, became the youngest bishop in the United States.



Bishop Michael Byrnes

Cepeda comes to us with an apostolic mission to use all of his many gifts and talents for the service of the whole People of God in Southeast Michigan – with particular attention to that portion of our family which is Hispanic," Archbishop Vigneron said.

"I have been privileged to know (Bishops Hanchon and Byrnes) since their years in

seminary formation – Bishop Hanchon when we were students together, Bishop Byrnes when he was my student. They are zealous priests, each in his own way distinguished for the skills and accomplishments he brings to the Episcopacy," the archbishop said.

Up until their Episcopal ordination, the newly-ordained bishops were serving: Monsignor Donald Hanchon, as the pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish in south-

west Detroit; Father Michael Byrnes, as the vice-rector of Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit; and Father José Arturo Cepeda, as a priest of the Archdiocese of San Antonio and rector of Assumption Seminary in San Antonio.

The Archdiocese of Detroit serves more than 1.4 million Catholics in 281 parishes and 106 Catholic schools, with Masses celebrated in 14 languages.

"Certainly it's an honor for a priest to be selected for this level of responsibility. More than an honor, it's about new capacity for sharing Christ with others," said Archbishop Vigneron.

Play therapy is in more than the movies, it's a serious tool for CSS

Play therapy is featured in a new movie, but it happens every day in real-life right here in the Upper Peninsula. In the newly-released movie, "The Beaver," Mel Gibson plays a once successful family man, Walter Black, who has become hopelessly depressed. The depression felt by Black leads to a feeling of all hope being lost and a desperate attempt to find something that will allow him to express his feelings. He finds hope in a puppet that looks like a beaver.

Games, activities, puppets, art work, pretending, and sand play are used by licensed mental health professionals in the Catholic Social Services of the U.P. (CSS) offices to allow children – and sometimes adults – to express their feelings

about issues that they find difficult to verbalize.

"Play Therapy is especially useful in helping children, because play is their natural language. Play-based techniques allow children to easily engage and safely express themselves while working through issues such as family relationships, trauma, and behavior problems," said Elizabeth Moberg, LMSW, who works in the Escanaba office and is a Registered Play Therapist through the Association of Play Therapy (APT). "I am continually amazed by the way play therapy works."

This type of psychotherapy is an established and important mode of mental health treatment for clients of Catholic Social Services

in Marquette and Escanaba. In each location, two therapists are trained and experienced in this modality. Connie Eltman, LMSW, who uses play therapy in the Marquette office said, "We see children who have experienced trauma in their lives – divorce, abuse, abandonment, death – who may have inner conflicts that they cannot seem to resolve. Play therapy helps them to learn how to communicate with others and to express their feelings in appropriate ways. It is a highly effective way to reach them without forcing them to directly confront painful things in their past."

APT is a national professional organization that provides members with research, training, and credentialing says that play therapy is especially appropriate for children ages 3-12 but can also benefit teens and adults. It can be used for multiple mental health conditions including: anger management, grief, loss, family dissolution, and trauma. Play therapy helps children become responsible for behaviors, develop creative solutions and develop respect and empathy for others, as well as learning to experience and express emotion.

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In addition to doing play-based treatment in the therapists' offices, a therapeutic playroom is used at CSS in both Escanaba and Marquette. Jennifer Reynolds, LMSW, who works in the Escanaba office, explained why she finds play therapy effective.

"(It (play therapy) allows me to enter the child's world at their developmental level and witness them acting out and solving problems without having to put them into words. Being safe in their comfort zone helps children to express themselves in their own way," Reynolds said.

Dave Dill, LMSW in Marquette said, "My clients tend to be older adolescent, teens, and adults, but I still find opportunities to use the therapeutic play room in certain situations. It's a safe, effective way of dealing with difficult issues."

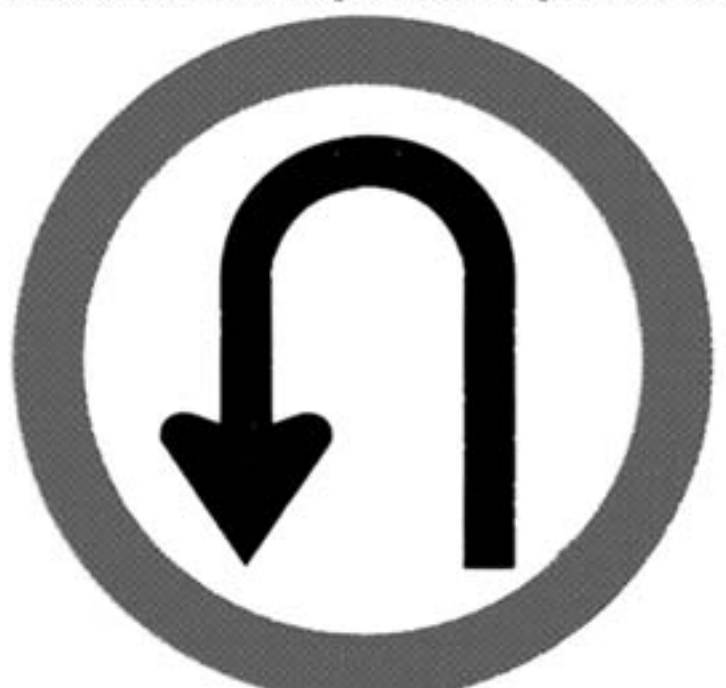
Catholic Social Services offers a wide range of services, including mental health counseling for depression, anxiety, and other disorders as well as substance abuse counseling, marriage and family counseling, and education and

treatment groups. The agency also provides pregnancy counseling, adoption home studies, and adoption services.

Those needing services can contact the Marquette office at (906) 227-9119 or visit the website at www.cssup.org. CSS offices may be reached in Escanaba by telephone at (906) 786-7212, and in Iron Mountain at (906) 774-3323. Catholic Social Services of the Upper Peninsula has been serving the U.P. since 1952. CSS receives funding from the U.P. Catholic Services Appeal, Legacy of Faith, United Way of Delta County, United Way of Dickinson County, United Way of Marquette County, OSF St Francis Hospital and many other donors. It serves all regardless of faith and offers a sliding scale to those with limited ability to pay.

More information about play therapy is available at www.a4pt.org. For additional information about services at CSS, contact Deacon Dan Powers at (906) 227-9116, or Elizabeth Moberg in the Escanaba office at (906) 786-7212.

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The New American Bible, revised edition (NABRE), the first major update to the New American Bible (NAB) translation in 20 years, is now available. Cardinal Francis George of Chicago, then president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), signed the canonical rescript approving publication on September 30, 2010. The NABRE is available in a variety of print, audio and electronic formats.

The new translation takes into account advances in linguistics of the biblical languages, as well as changes in vocabulary and the cultural background of English, in order to ensure a more accurate translation. This issue is addressed in the apostolic exhortation of Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, in which the pope says, "The inculturation of God's word is an integral part of the Church's mission in the world, and a decisive moment in this process is the diffusion of the Bible through the precious work of translation into different languages."

The new translation also takes into account the discovery of new and better ancient manuscripts so that the best possible textual tradition is followed.

The NABRE includes the first revised translation of the Old Testament since 1970 and a complete revision of the Psalter. It retains the 1986 edition of the New Testament. Work on most books of the Old Testament began in 1994 and was completed in 2001. The 1991 revision of the Psalter was further revised between 2009 and 2010.

The revision aimed at making use of the best manuscript traditions available, translating as accurately as possible, and rendering the result in good contemporary English. In many ways it is a more literal translation than the original New American Bible and has attempted to be more consistent in rendering Hebrew (or Greek) words and idioms, especially in technical contexts, such as regulations for sacrifices. In translating the Psalter special effort was made to provide a smooth, rhythmic translation for easy singing or recitation and to retain the concrete imagery of the Hebrew.

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Bible translations do matter for reading

BY MARY ELIZABETH SPERRY

Walk into any bookstore and you'll see entire shelves of Bibles. Type "Bible" into the search engine on an online bookseller, and you'll get more than a quarter of a million results. Does it matter which one you buy? How can you tell which one is right for you?

The first step in selecting a Bible translation is making sure that you have a Catholic edition. Catholic editions include seven books of the Old Testament (Tobit, Judith, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Wisdom, the Wisdom of Ben Sira (Sirach), and Baruch) and the additions to two other books (Esther and Daniel) that are not found in many Protestant editions of the Bible. The Church believes these books are part of the canon of Scripture, inspired by the Holy Spirit. In a Catholic Bible, these books are printed as part of the Old Testament. In some other Bibles, these books (and sometimes additional, non-Scriptural books) are printed between the Old and New Testaments.

To be used for teaching or private reading, a Catholic Bible should have an imprimatur or canonical rescript. This official notice is usually printed on the back of the title page. Latin for "let it be printed," the impri-

matur indicates that Church authorities have reviewed the text and found that nothing in it is contrary to the doctrine and morals of the Church. It does not necessarily mean that all the experts and bishops involved in the review agree with every decision made by the translators. It simply means that the text of Scripture is translated accurately and that nothing included in the text or notes is contrary to the teaching of the Church. A canonical rescript expresses a similar judgment.

You will also want to decide what style of translation you find most useful. A formal equivalent translation will render the text more literally (word for word), keeping as close as possible to the language and structure of the original while remaining readable in the modern language. A dynamic equivalent translation is less literal, conveying the overall meaning of the original text in the modern language (thought for thought) without necessarily following the language or structure. A paraphrase retells the original text in the writer's own words. This style is used most frequently in Bible story books intended for children.

A Catholic translation will also have notes and annotations to help you understand the text.

These notes may provide alternate readings of passages that are unclear in the original, help in understanding plays on words that depend on knowing the original language, and brief explanations of how the Church has interpreted the passage.

Once you have picked a translation, look for features that will meet your personal needs, including price, size, and format. Bibles may include added materials to help you understand the text better, including maps of biblical regions, time lines, dictionaries, listings of the readings used at Mass, and devotional materials. A particular edition may be targeted to young people, moms, or married couples, providing articles and prayers to enrich your spiritual life.

A given translation will be identical no matter which edition you choose. If you pick your translation first, you'll have a text you can rely on, no matter what other features you seek.

Mary Elizabeth Sperry is the Associate Director for USCCB Permissions and NAB Utilization at USCCB Publishing. She serves as staff to the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine which is responsible for the development, publication, and distribution of the New American Bible and the promotion of biblical literacy.

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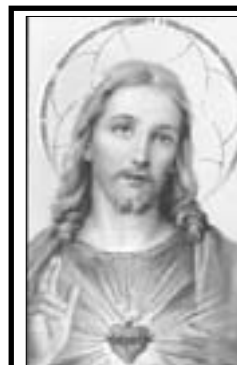
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Schools of the month

Questions, answers with Bishop Baraga Principal Richard Krainz

Name:

Richard Krainz, principal of Bishop Baraga Catholic School in Iron Mountain

Family:

I now live part-time in Iron Mountain. My wife Mary Beth and our cat Gabby still live in Green Bay, Wisconsin. We have two grown children, Kevin and Melissa.

Parish:

St. Bernard Catholic Parish in Green Bay, WI. (When my wife and I take up residence in Iron Mountain, we will become members of St. Mary & St. Joseph's Parish in Iron Mountain.)

Education:

I have compiled licenses as a Superintendent, a Director of Instruction, and a K-12 Principal, along with three Master's degrees. I am about to start working on obtaining a fourth – returning to my roots in special education to earn my Director of Special Education license.

Work history:

I've worked at Catholic schools in Minneapolis, across Wisconsin, and now, in Michigan.

Altogether, I have 23 years experience as an educational administrator and eight years experience as a teacher. My specialty as a teacher was in special education, teaching students with severe pro-

found multiple handicaps.

Main goals for this school year for Bishop Baraga Catholic School:

My goal is to bring people together in a collaborative and common vision to ensure the success of our school. I plan on orchestrating change to enhance the learning process and direction of our school. Success will be identified by increased student performance scores; faculty focus on the principles of learning; professional development activities; and parent participation, as well as the welcoming of the community into the school activities.

I plan on setting up committees and personally contacting parents and community members to get involved in the educational process. This really works. When I ask parents and community members to be a part of our team, I ask them to trust in the vision. I tell them that if they can bring their talents to the school, they can enhance our vision and be a part of our success.

What are your other goals for Bishop Baraga Catholic School:

The teachers at Bishop Baraga Catholic School have worked tirelessly over the years to form a strong learning foundation from which we can expand learning opportunities for all students. I bring my experiences and ideas to enhance what they have done and

are doing at Bishop Baraga School.

What do you wish every student knew?

For me, education is not all about the business. The kids are who really matter. I respect children, and what they can offer. I will know I've been successful if the students at Bishop Baraga Catholic School truly enjoy learning.

Kids are really involved in my schools. Here at Bishop Baraga School, the students will be involved in day-to-day activities, particularly the eighth graders, for they are our school student leaders.

What do you wish every parent knew?

I feel that when we treat a student with respect and dignity, we don't have problems with discipline. The vision for Bishop Baraga School has to involve more than me and my staff – it has to start at home in parents trusting the vision and expectations for the school.

The key is to keep kids and parents engaged in the learning process, and we include how students make decisions. Students learn from their mistakes and the decisions they make. The teachers, parents and administration will continue to work together to assist each student on their journey of learning and faith development.



MAKING THE GRADE - Richard Krainz, principal of Bishop Baraga Catholic School in Iron Mountain, poses for a photo with eighth grade students (left to right) Erika Ellis, Maddie Shorkey, and Marti Pirkola. (Photo courtesy of Bishop Baraga Catholic School)

At Bishop Baraga Catholic School, our students will continue to be involved in their school's success, in more ways than just as students. Students will be active in their learning and challenged to not only learn their academics, but put into action the principles of their faith. Students will continue to do a variety of service projects to connect their faith to the school and community.

What is one fact about you most people don't know?

I learn history through stamp collecting. I started collecting stamps when I was seven years old.

Richard Krainz took on the role of principal at Bishop Baraga Catholic School in January, 2011. He can be contacted at: (906) 774-2277, 406 W B Street, Iron Mountain, MI 49801

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MEN AT LUNCH - Holy Spirit Catholic School honors Norway city workers with lunch at the school on Tuesday, Feb. 1. This was part of the annual Catholic Schools Week activities at Holy Spirit to show appreciation for the services city workers provide. (Photo courtesy of Holy Spirit Catholic School)

Popular fashion show raised funds for Ontonagon schools foundation



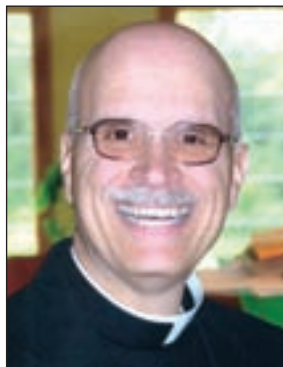
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Twilight



Bishop Noa Home resident stays active, shares words of wisdom

BY VICTORIA LAFAVE

The Bishop Noa Home in Escanaba is not just a place to idle away your twilight years. The nursing home offers residents a plethora of activities to get involved in, ranging from Bible studies to coffee socials, playing Wii video games, and opportunities to sample the kitchen staff's fare. And resident Alice Paul is enjoying all of it. According to Tammy Martin, Bishop Noa Home activities director, Alice is one of her most active residents. "Alice is a star resident. She's active and outgoing, but she also chooses what she wants to do."

That seems to be the key to the Bishop Noa Home's popularity: each resident has an individualized care plan, which includes specific dietary needs and activities. "No one thing works for every one of our residents," Martin explained. "We leave it up to our residents how much or how little they want to get involved in." Some of the activities outside of the home include shopping and eating lunch out at local restaurants.

There are plenty of activities inside the Bishop Noa Home as

well, and Alice tries to get involved with as many of them as she can. In fact, the interview for this story interrupted her weekly bingo game.

"I love the activities," she said with a smile. One activity Alice said she particularly enjoyed was going to the U.P. State Fair. For that outing, residents were accompanied by volunteers (one volunteer for every resident who attended) for Senior Citizens' Day. At the fair, they walked around, looked through the barns, and enjoyed the food.

Besides getting out in the community, Alice said she also enjoys the religious activities the Bishop Noa Home offers.

Some of Alice's favorites are the talks given by Deacon Mike LeBeau called "Christianity and You," where, once per week, he reads Bible passages and discusses them with a group of residents.

"I like to listen to him," she said. "He's such a good speaker." She says she only wishes she could listen to him more often.

Other activities that are among Alice's favorites include Gospel Sharing, Prayer Circle and Rosary,

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THE WRITE STUFF - Alice Paul lives an active life at the Bishop Noa Home. When she's not enjoying bingo or other activities with her fellow residents, she likes to write letters in Italian to cousins in Italy. (Victoria LaFave photo)

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where residents discuss gospel passages, pray, and recite the Rosary together.

But her true favorites are two that involve some of her favorite loves – and vices – at the same time: ‘Krunchy Toast’ and ‘In the Kitchen.’

‘Krunchy Toast’ is a social event held every Tuesday morning where residents munch on toast with peanut butter and jelly and just enjoy each other’s company. “I love the toast,” she said.

Once a month, residents are invited to attend an ‘In the Kitchen’ event, where they are given an oppor-



A GREEN BASKET - Alice Paul holds an Easter basket she and fellow residents made to give away to children in need. (Photo courtesy of Tammy Martin)

tunity to sample some of the kitchen staff’s most popular seasonal dishes, like deviled eggs and decorated Rice Krispie treats during Easter time, apple desserts during fall, and pumpkin dishes around Halloween. “I really like that one,” she said, though she says she has to be careful of how much she samples. “I recently lost 20 pounds, and I don’t want to put that back on. But the food is delicious here.”

Alice revealed her simple yet profound secret to weight loss: “Just eat less!”

She admits that some foods are particularly hard for her to stay away from: “The taco salad, breads and potatoes are my favorites.”

Though cer-

tain foods may be her weakness, her true love is her son, Dan Paul, principal of Menominee Catholic Central School (MCCS).

“He is my pride and joy,” she said. “I couldn’t imagine having anyone better than him. I call him the ‘best of the best.’”

Alice said she’s been to MCCS and is impressed by her son’s involvement. “Along with everything he does for the school, he organizes races at the school on his own time,” she said. “He even takes kids to the races that can’t get there themselves. I’m very proud of him.”

According to Alice, other people have told her about her son’s dedication to MCCS as well. “One lady even wrote to me telling me how good he was for that school,” she said with a smile.

Alice gets together with her son

and his family every Sunday, which is one of the highlights of her week, she said. “It’s wonderful. Visiting with Danny is one of the things I look forward to the most.”

In her free time, Alice writes letters in her native language – Italian. “I learned Italian from my folks, who were both Italian. I never did learn English until I went to kindergarten, so I still enjoy writing letters to my cousins in Northern Italy.”

Though she has been at the Bishop Noa Home for just over six of her 92 years, she says these past six and a half years have been some of the best of her life. “I love it here,” Alice said, looking at Martin with a smile.

“Well, I think we’re the lucky ones,” Martin replied. “I really enjoy our residents.”

In looking back at her 92 years,

Alice said she has only one simple philosophy to share – her secret to her longevity: “Loving God,” she put simply.

For more information on the Bishop Noa Home for Senior Citizens, 2900 3rd Ave. So., Escanaba, call (906) 786-5810. It offers three levels of care: senior apartments, home of the aged, and nursing home. The Catholic Diocese of Marquette established the Bishop Noa Home, owned and operated by the Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres, in 1963. The former Bishop, Thomas Noa, invited the Sisters to the U.P. to establish a religious order of Sisters that would have their headquarters here. The Bishop Noa Home operated on Ludington Street in Escanaba until 1992 when it relocated to its new facility at 2900 3rd Ave. South.

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How to ensure your life support wishes are honored

BY: ROBERT C. ANDERSON

The 1990 Supreme Court decision in the Nancy Cruzan case recognized that it gave us the right to prepare Living Wills and Health Care Powers of Attorney so we can express our wishes on life support in advance of a medical crisis. In a Living Will, you express your preferences on life support. In a Health Care Power of Attorney (POA), you appoint a trusted family member or other person to make treatment decisions when you can't. Collectively, they are known as Advance Directives.

Less than 20 percent of Michigan citizens have written Living Wills, and some of those who have written them have encountered problems, such as forgetting to bring them to the hospital, having physicians misinterpret or fail to honor them, and the lack of specificity in application.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops encourages people of faith to express their life support preferences in Advance Directives. It is worth noting that as of 2007, the official guidance of the Catholic Church is that artificial

nutrition and hydration (ANH) constitutes ordinary care that should be considered unless the body cannot assimilate the artificial nutrition.

How can we improve our chances that our end-of-life wishes will be honored?

1. Appoint a trusted family member or friend in a Michigan

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-Robert C. Anderson

Patient Advocate Declaration (PAD) which is a Health Care POA. All law offices and hospitals offer these forms.

2. Write down your wishes in a situation-specific Living Will and have a family meeting, including your Patient Advocate, to discuss them. This discussion is called "the caring conversation." To obtain a free Living Will contact The National Catholic Bioethics Center, Boston, MA, or www.agingwithdignity.org/five-wishes.php. Also, my firm (The Elder Law Firm of Anderson Associates, P.C.) offers a free Living Will, called the Your

Wishes Guide.

3. Deposit a copy of your Advance Directives with your primary care physician, local hospital and attorney's office.

4. Carry a laminated medical emergency card in your wallet. The card should contain your Patient Advocate's name and telephone number and how to obtain your Advance Directives.

5. Engage your loved ones and pastor in a caring conversation about your wishes and forgiveness issues in the family. Remember that the bitterness of unforgiveness may last a long time after you're gone.

6. If you live in the Escanaba area, be sure to obtain a POLST form, a short form living will, from St. Francis Hospital.

In other words, be prepared. Keep in mind that life on earth is short and God has called us to live it to the fullest, but when life's tasks are accomplished, we need not undertake life-prolonging medical procedures that extend our life beyond its appropriate boundaries.

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Illnesses

Overcoming obstacles to maintain a balanced life

BY SUSAN VOGT, MA, CFLE

It's crucial to have a strong network of support.

Many kinds of illness – physical, mental and emotional – can impact a marriage. They range from the occasional cold, to an unexpected accident, to chronic or terminal illness.

Here we consider long term or chronic illnesses, and serious conditions such as cancer, loss of a limb, diabetes, and life-altering disabilities. All of these test the “in sickness and in health” part of the couple’s marriage vow. Illness, especially chronic illness, changes the relationship with spouse, family, friends, social network, and God. Illness can bring out the best – and sometimes the worst – in both partners.

A long or severe illness is usually a crisis, a turning point that can lead to ruin or renewal. A chronic or life-threatening illness creates a demand for a “new normalcy.” Not only do familiar daily patterns change, but also your expectations of how you will live, love, and share a mutual life. There is no going back to the way things were – only a going forward. At times it can feel like a roller coaster ride from hope to despair and back to hope. That’s normal. In addition to dealing with the illness itself, other issues that couples need to address include finances, ability to work, lifestyle, intimacy, and emotional and practical support for everyday life.

Dealing with the illness

This starts with understanding your illness and accessing the best medical treatment possible. Many people turn to the internet for assistance. This can be both a blessing and a curse. Which websites offer reliable help? How can you distinguish valid medical information from advertisements? See the www.foryourmarriage website for a start. It’s crucial to have a strong network of support. Initially, many people want to help by bringing food, running errands, visiting, calling, and praying. As time goes

on, however, many do not know how to give sustained help. The person with the illness and the caregiver(s) may fear asking too much or too often.

Suggestions

- Keep building your support networks as you age. Make



sure you ask many people who can give at least a little time rather than depending on one or two people to do it all. Draw from church groups, neighbors, friends, relatives, community support, and support groups of persons with similar illnesses. Try to have at least five good support friends, or more, to insure that one will usually be available to lend a hand. Depending too much on the same group of people can burn out the entire group.

- Develop a mutually-respectful relationship with your doctor(s). The less stress you feel about your medical care and frustration of dealing with the system, the better your chances for recovery.
- The primary caregiver needs care too. If you are the caregiver, treat yourself with as much kindness and care as you do your ill spouse.
- Take advantage of support groups for people with your illness. Look into partnering with a “patient navigator” to help you move through the medical system. Hospitals often spon-

sor support groups or can link you with a mentor.

Financial stressors

Some couples are blessed with insurance that covers expensive treatments when illness strikes. It may not cover lost income, however. When a wage earner loses a job, everything changes. You may need to draw down your savings and cultivate a simpler lifestyle. The illness may affect the kind of job your spouse needs to get.

If a couple is younger (especially if you are still in the active parenting stage) the financial stressors can be even greater. Some couples use up their resources and need to declare bankruptcy or hope to qualify for Medicaid.

Suggestions

- While you’re still well, consult with a person who understands the financial issues involved with chronic illness and disability. Make sure you have both a short-term and long-term plan.
- If it’s too late for the “while you are well” suggestion, do it now and lean on the medical support services to guide you.

Work

The loss of a job has repercussions besides loss of income. Identity is closely tied to one’s work. Work helps us feel productive, important, and useful. We may need to grieve the loss of this identity. Loss of employment also takes away important social networks. The caregiver may have to take on additional employment or household responsibilities. These role reversals can be difficult for both partners. Few people like

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Look for the heart of the message

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With seven children and 27 grandchildren, Ed and I had traveled a long road in our marriage — the wonderful times, the struggling times and the difficult times. We even had the good fortune to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. In recent

"I had to look beyond the words and really hear what his heart was saying to me."

years, however, several diseases had left Ed in much pain and confined to a wheelchair.

One day, as I was folding clothes, I confronted Ed on whether he had taken his shot for the severe osteoporosis that debilitated him. Ed responded with "NAG, NAG, NAG...that's all you do anymore. I want a divorce!" I was stunned. Upon gaining my composure, I reflected on how much we had been through with his lung cancer, osteoporosis, kidney failure, diverticulitis, hernia, congestive heart failure, quadruple heart by-pass...

I walked over and sat by his wheelchair. I knew he was trying to stay on top of all of this disease that was taking so much of his energy and "fight." Sensing his growing frustration, I asked him, "If you want a divorce, I will give it to you, but you must first tell me where you will be going to live — maybe one of our children? I

am not going anywhere. I am staying here and don't intend to leave."

I took Ed's feelings seriously, offering him respect and a chance to vent. I had to look beyond the words (no matter how difficult) and really hear what his heart was saying to me. In response, Ed admitted that he was feeling like a burden to me and

the family. He was struggling desperately to stay alive. Three weeks later, Ed died.

I think it's important not just to look at situations as they appear to be, but to look beyond what is happening and go to the heart of the message. I'm so grateful I didn't overreact or respond with sarcasm, or tell Ed how silly he was being. When you learn to see the heart of the most important person in your life, with whom you have shared marriage and a family, then you understand that marriage is more than a commitment or a vocation. It's a sacrament.

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depending on another for daily care. The ill spouse may feel guilty about burdening the caregiving spouse. Self-esteem takes a hit. Meanwhile, as generous and loving as the caregiver is, this "job" is time-consuming and draining.

Lifestyle and Recreation

The caregiver might have to do things that he or she had previously not done. The illness can become the focus of your life and everything can revolve around it: researching it, getting to/from treatment, dealing with side effects, doctor visits and support groups. Even cooking can be a challenge if the ill person needs a special diet or needs to be coaxed to eat. Recreational pursuits that both of you previously enjoyed may become physically impossible. Travel may be more difficult. This doesn't mean you don't have fun; you just have to be creative about finding new interests that fit changing physical abilities. Recreation may become more passive such as watching TV, movies, or going out to eat. The caregiver may need solo recreation

such as working in the garden or going out with friends.

Suggestions

- Careful planning can help couples work out treatment schedules, but make peace with the reality that the future is not knowable or predictable.
- Keep a sense of humor. Make

touching or holding is difficult. Many chronically-ill people report that although sexual intercourse is limited or non-existent, emotional and spiritual closeness increases because of the shared trauma. Look for new ways to express your love so that you can sustain a caring, growing relationship.

Mental Illness

A spouse with mental illness presents an even more complicated situation. The disease is harder to "see" and often carries a stigma. Relatives and friends may not be compassionate. It can be hard for the caregiver if the spouse is unwilling to accept help and follow treatment. The mentally-ill person may show little gratitude for the efforts of the caregiving spouse. In this situation, a support group with an effective counselor is a must.

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"Do not let the illness become the primary organizing principle of your life..."

- Do not let the illness become the primary organizing principle of your life, even though recreation might not be what you're used to. Persons who do the best in treatment are those who continue to play, take short vacations or day trips, and continue to socialize to the extent they are able.

Intimacy and sex

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Remembering Father Marcotte

BY KELLY FOSNESS
THE DAILY MINING GAZETTE

LAKE LINDEN - Joann Kriege said Father Wayne Marcotte had a way of bringing out the best in people.

"He called it forth from you, and he knew it, too," she said. "He said so often, 'It's God working.' He was just so special."

Father Marcotte, who served as a Roman Catholic priest in several Upper Peninsula parishes for more than four decades, died April 30, 2011 at his Lake Linden home following a short illness. He was 72.

Kriege, of Hancock, said she and her late husband, Ray, were involved in various ministries at the Church of the Resurrection in Hancock, where Marcotte was a priest for 15 years.

"A number of us were also in a scripture study group with him; that's been going on for 15 years or so and it's still going today," she

said. "Three weeks ago (in April) was our last session with him."

Father Marcotte was born April 23, 1939, to Emile and Yvonne Marcotte of Lake Linden. He attended St. Joseph Grade School and graduated from Lake Linden-Hubbell High School in 1957.

Father Marcotte attended seminary schools until 1966 when he was ordained by Bishop Thomas Noa at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette.

During his more than 40 years of ministry, Father Marcotte served at St. Anne in Escanaba, St. Ambrose in Ironwood, Sacred Heart in Champion, St. Jude in Bergland, St. Paul the Apostle in Calumet, and his longest service was at Resurrection, along with St. Francis Assisi in Dollar Bay, until his retirement in 2006.

"It's hard to say just what he meant to all of us," Kriege said. "He was very human and warm, very welcoming. He was never judg-

mental."

Father Marcotte's devotion to both his parish and the community was deeply appreciated by Father John Martignon.

"People would seek him out for counseling; folks dealing with various addictions or folks dealing with difficulties from their time at war," said Father Martignon, pastor at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church in Houghton. "He approached their difficulties with compassion and common sense. They saw in Father Wayne someone they could rely on for good advice."

Kriege said Father Marcotte had an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, enjoyed nature and shared a particular interest in the galaxies and the universe.

"He read a lot about the stars," she said. "He had a love for the scriptures and was so well informed. He was always searching for more knowledge and continued his quest for knowledge until he couldn't anymore."

Father Marcotte had a real sense of God's presence in the world, Kriege said, and by looking at him one could see God's work in him.

"Somehow you knew God could work in you, too," she said. "He touched so many lives, even when he himself was sick at the end."

Well into his final days, Kriege said Father Marcotte continued to visit the Omega House hospice home, take Communion to the homebound, and visit with the sick.

"Those were the kinds of things that made him stand out," she said. "He will leave a hole in this community that will not easily be filled."

Mary Ann Battersby, of Laurium, who worked as a housekeeper for Marcotte for eight years at St. Paul and nine years at



CLERGY - Father Wayne Marcotte (left) poses with newly-ordained Deacon Art Stancher June 3, 2005 at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette. (Archive photo)

Resurrection, said he was "one in a million."

"He was the kindest, most thoughtful person in the world," she said. "We'll all miss him a lot."

Battersby said she began working for Father Marcotte after her husband passed away in 1980.

"I needed a job and he hired me," she said. "When I lost my husband I was at loose ends, and there were other women around who were recently widowed, so he started a grieving group for us. He helped us out a lot."

Even though Father Marcotte was retired, Battersby said he continued to minister in local parishes.

"He was still busy going and filling in for different priests, and in fact, the last time I actually talked to him was when Father Abraham (Mupparathara) went . . . to visit his people," she said. "Father Wayne took over his job up here in Calumet, saying Mass at St. Paul."

Battersby said in the summertime, Father Marcotte would travel to Eagle Harbor and Copper Harbor for Mass.

"He took turns with Father Abraham," she said. "He particularly liked the church in Eagle Harbor because it was the church where Father Baraga used to come up and say Mass."

Pat Carlson of Hancock, who worked as secretary during Father Marcotte's tenure at Resurrection, said he was well liked by many people.

"He was a really easy person to talk to and work for," she said, recalling their staff lunches and coffee socials. "We've got a lot of good memories. We were like family."

Deacon Art Stancher said Father Marcotte made people feel like they mattered, and personally engaged with people, even from the pulpit.

"You never felt like you were being preached to, you felt like you were in a conversation with him," Deacon Stancher said. "He loved the people of God - God's people - all of them."

Deacon Stancher found Father Marcotte to be a humble man. He said being asked by Father Marcotte several years ago to preach the homily at his funeral was an affirmation of the diaconate, and their friendship.

"I think he would be a little disturbed by all this fuss about him," Deacon Stancher said. "He was a humble person and he didn't take to the limelight."

Kriege said like many others, she considered Father Marcotte a dear friend and spiritual guide. She will fondly remember him as being a good and holy priest.

"He was a great man; a great gift to us, not just to Resurrection, but to the community," she said. "He was a wonderful, holy priest."

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Father Wayne Marcotte

Father Wayne Emile Marcotte, 72, died April 30, 2011 at his home in Lake Linden.

Father Marcotte was born April 23, 1939 in Lake Linden to Emile and Yvonne (Vittrich) Marcotte. He attended St. Joseph Grade School and graduated from Lake Linden-Hubbell High School in 1957. He entered Jordan Seminary in Menominee that same year, and continued his studies toward the priesthood at St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Minnesota. He completed his studies at St. John's Provincial Seminary in Plymouth in 1966. Archbishop (later Cardinal) John Dearden ordained him to the diaconate in 1965, and Bishop Thomas Noa ordained him to the priesthood at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette in 1966.

Father Marcotte served at St. Anne in Escanaba, St. Ambrose in Ironwood, Sacred Heart in Champion, St. Agnes in Michigamme, St. Jude in White Pine, St. Ann in Bergland, St. Paul the Apostle in Calumet, and he served the longest period of time at The Church of the Resurrection in Hancock along with St. Francis



Father Wayne Marcotte

Assisi in Dollar Bay until his retirement in 2006. After his retirement, he continued to serve the churches of the Copper Country.

Father Marcotte was a member of many diocesan committees and other Catholic organizations. His activities included diocesan liaison to the Charismatic Renewal; member of the Diocesan Health Panel; dean of the Houghton Deanery (three terms); episcopal vicar of the western region of the diocese; member of the College of Consultors (three terms); member of the diocesan Board of Faith Formation and Education. He also served as chaplain of the Daughters of Isabella and as a co-chaplain for the Knights of Columbus, Hancock Council, No. 692, and served as a member of *The U.P. Catholic Newspaper* Advisory Board.

Father Marcotte was preceded in death by his parents, his brother-in-law, Edward "Sam" Judnich, and a stillborn niece. He is survived by his sister, Kathleen Judnich of Lake Linden; three nieces, Suzanne (Mike) Ask of Minneapolis, Yvonne (Karl) Wittek of Wausau, Wis., and Michele Judnich of Minneapolis; four grand-nieces and numerous other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered May 5 at St. Joseph Parish in Lake Linden on May 5. Bishop Alexander Sample celebrated the Mass, concelebrated by Bishop James Garland and priests of the diocese and assisted by deacons of the diocese.

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Marcotte may be made to: The Omega House, 2211 Maureen Lane, Houghton, MI 49931; Saint Vincent dePaul Store of Hancock, 204 Quincy St, Hancock, MI 49930; or to Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly, 527 Hancock St., Hancock, MI 49930.

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Diocesan offices set new summer hours

The diocesan offices have temporarily changed to new hours with a goal of saving energy during the warm summer months. Already in effect, the new schedule will continue through Labor Day.

New hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed noon to 12:45 p.m. for lunch) and Friday, 8 a.m. to noon, all ET. Employees will continue to work the same number of hours weekly.

"We were inspired to do this by NMU's (Northern Michigan University's) decision to close

most buildings on Fridays," said Timothy Thomas, director of administration and finance. "It's something we've been considering for some time. Now that we're in our own building it makes more sense."

Other cost-saving measures have been put in place recently, including having all diocesan employees turn off unused equipment when not in use.

"Two weeks of turning off computers and printers at night preceding this decision have made a significant difference in our energy use," Thomas said.

BISHOP SAMPLE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All times local

- May 21, 11 am: Installation of new Episcopal Bishop Rayford Ray, Vandament Arena, NMU, Marquette
- May 21, 4 pm: Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre Mass at St. Peter Cathedral, Marquette
- May 22, 9 am: Confirmation Mass at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Ishpeming
- May 24: Catholic Servant Award Banquet, Minneapolis, Minn.
- May 26-28: Annual Knights of Columbus State Convention, Mackinac Island
- May 28, 5:30 pm: First Communion Mass at St. Anne Parish, Mackinac Island
- May 29, 4 pm: Extraordinary Form Mass, St. Peter Cathedral, Marquette
- June 1-2: Michigan Catholic Conference Board of Directors' Meeting, Lansing
- June 3, 3:30 pm: Priest Ordination Mass for Deacon Ryan Ford and Deacon Nicholas Thompson, St. Peter Cathedral, Marquette
- June 5, 3 pm: 100th Anniversary of St. Mary Mission, Trout Lake and 125th Anniversary of St. Joseph Parish, Rudyard, Mass at Rudyard
- June 6, 10 am: 60th Anniversary Mass for Sr. Bernadette, Carmelite Monastery, Iron Mountain
- June 9, 9:30 am: Hospitality Lecture Series, Holiday Inn, Marquette
- June 10, 3 pm: Rite of Dedication of new St. Timothy Church, Curtis
- June 11, 6 pm: 50th Jubilee Celebration Mass and dinner for Reverend Sebastian Ettolil, Ewen
- June 12, 11 am: Confirmation Mass at St. Francis de Sales, Manistique
- June 15-18: United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Spring Meeting, Seattle, WA
- June 21: "Day to Experience Faith" at Sacred Heart Parish, L'Anse
- June 25, 4 pm: Baptism and Confirmation at Precious Blood Parish, Stephenson
- June 26, 10:30 am: Installation of Pastor, Resurrection Parish, Hancock
- June 26, 2 pm: Corpus Christi Procession from St. Albert the Great Parish to St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Houghton
- June 30, 10 am: Faith Formation Coordinators Workshop, Mass at Marygrove Retreat Center, Garden

THE U.P. CATHOLIC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(All times are local)

SATURDAY, MAY 21

A "Flock's Full-Fixin's Supper" raising funds for a parish fire pit will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Resurrection, Menominee, parish hall. The menu had not been disclosed at press time; however, pies have been mentioned.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

A breakfast to raise funds for youth travelling to Steubenville will be held at the St. Barbara, Vulcan, parish hall after the 8 a.m. Mass. The menu features eggs, sausage, pancakes, fried potatoes, French toast casserole, toast, bars and beverages.

SUNDAY, MAY 29

An all-you-can-eat breakfast will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 6447 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Gauthier Hall of St. Louis the King Parish in Marquette (Harvey). Breakfast items include pancakes, sausage, cheesy hash browns, scrambled eggs, coffee, milk and juice. The price is \$6 per person or \$15 per family.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

The First Friday Club luncheon will feature Kelsey Davenport's presentation, "The Forgotten Third: Palestinian Christians in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict." The Israeli-Palestinian conflict affects Palestinian Christians and is resulting in an exodus of Christians from the

Middle East. In a conflict frequently characterized along the religious lines of Islam and Judaism, Palestinian Christians constitute the often forgotten "third party" to the conflict. This presentation examines the impact of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict on local Christians in the region.

Davenport, a Marquette native, spent 6 months in Israel in 2010 as part of her Masters program in Peace Studies from the KROC Institute at the University of Notre Dame. The program includes time for questions and discussions with the audience.

The "club" requires no membership and meets at the Landmark Inn in downtown Marquette. A soup and sandwich lunch is served beginning at 11:30 a.m. The program concludes by 12:45 p.m.

The cost is \$15 and is paid at the door. Reservations are required. RSVP to Heather at handersonfmc@gmail.com or call 906-226-3773 by May 27.

JUNE 3 - 5

Lessons from St. Francis Retreat will be offered at Marygrove Retreat Center in Garden. The retreat will explore joy, humility, prayer, creation, service, peace — all virtues modeled in the life of St. Francis. This retreat is open to all those interested in the "Beggar Saint." Join Sister Anne Marie Lom for this weekend of learning from St. Francis how to bring simplicity and spiritual-

ity into your daily life. The fee is \$110 per person or \$215 per couple. For more information or to register, visit www.marygrove.org or call (906) 644-2771.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

The annual Hospitality Lecture Series will feature Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson, New Jersey. Bishop Serratelli's lecture will offer insights and background on the Roman Missal.

The free lecture will take place at the Marquette Holiday Inn from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Late registration at the door will begin at 9:30 a.m. Registration deadline for an optional lunch buffet costing \$15 is May 27. For more information or to register, call Greg Gostomski at (800) 562-9745, ext. 125 or send an email message to ggostomski@dioceseofmarquette.org.

JUNE 10 - 12

A Retrouvaille program will be held at Marygrove Retreat Center in Garden.

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Dates set for image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

A 4-by-6-foot replica of the 480-year old image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will arrive in Ontonagon on June 9, 2011, for veneration in churches, schools, senior centers, and more, of the western U.P. for two weeks.

The image is scheduled to be at Holy Family Parish, Ontonagon Sunday, June 12, for a 3 p.m. Hour of Prayer; Monday, June 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish in L'Anse for veneration and prayer;

Sunday, June 19, at Sacred Heart Parish in Ewen for veneration and prayer following the 9 a.m. Mass; Tuesday, June 21, at 3 p.m. (CT) at St. Sebastian Parish in Bessemer for veneration and prayer, with Mass following at 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, June 22, 4 to 8 p.m. at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Houghton for Eucharistic adoration, benediction and a rosary; and Saturday, June 25, 6 p.m. at Holy Family Parish in Ontonagon for a youth Mass, ven-

eration and a talk. All times Eastern except Bessemer. Additional dates are expected.

The image is called the "Missionary Image," because it travels as a missionary of North America. The original image remains in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, just outside Mexico City, where it has survived almost five centuries on the cactus material cloak of St. Juan Diego, the Aztec Indian to whom Mary appeared.

'Come and See' vocations event

Single Catholic women between the ages of 18 and 40 are invited to get to know the Sisters of St. Benedict, Ferdinand, Ind. June 24-29. During this "Come and See Event" women will have the opportunity to share in the community's life and prayer, and to meet other women who are considering religious life — no pressure, no commitment. For more information or to register online, visit www.thedome.org/vocations, call Sister Michelle Sinkhorn at (800) 734-9999, or email vocation@thedome.org.

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Rivard named national competition winner

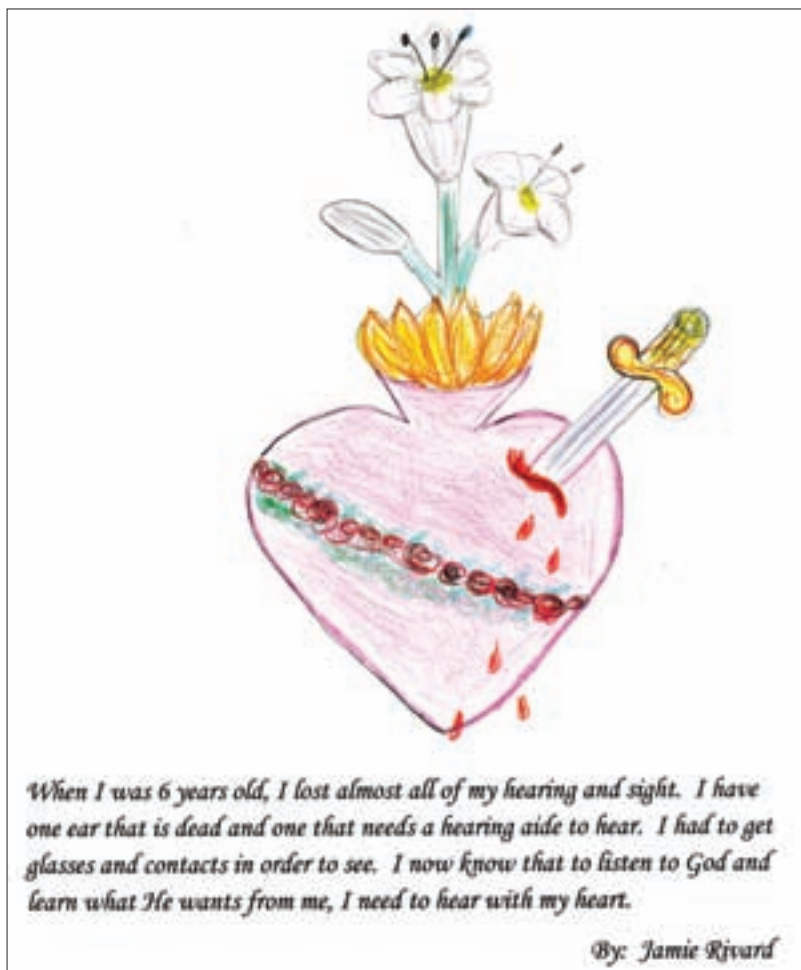
Jamie Rivard of Holy Family Parish in Gladstone was named first-place winner in the Grade 4 division of the 2011 U.S. "Try Prayer! It Works!" annual contest. Family Rosary sponsors the national competition that encourages students to express their faith through art, poetry and prose. Jamie was selected from more than 3,000 entries and more than 32,000 participants in the 16th annual contest.

This year, the contest's theme was "Speak, Lord; Your Servant is Listening." Students from kindergarten through 12th grade creatively depicted in various art forms how their families are united by daily prayer and faith.

Jamie, who is home-schooled, lives in Cornell. She lives with her parents and seven brothers. An eighth brother is expected in May. Jamie enjoys playing the piano, drawing, sewing and praying the Rosary. Her favorite game is playing baseball with her grandfather.

In the United States, up to three winners are chosen per grade: first-place winners are awarded \$100.

Family Rosary was founded in 1942 by the late Servant of God Father Patrick Peyton, CSC. The "Try Prayer! It Works!" contest derives its name from an experience in his life. While a seminarian, Father Peyton was stricken with severe tuberculosis. At one point, a



FROM THE HEART - Pictured is artwork by Gladstone youth, Jamie Rivard, named tops in a national competition. (Artwork reproduced courtesy of Family Rosary)

frustrated physician said, "Try prayer! We have done all we can for you." Father Peyton prayed his Rosary to the Blessed Mother and he made a miraculous recovery,

which he attributed entirely to Mary's intercession.

For more information, call (800) 299-7729 or visit www.FamilyRosary.org/TryPrayer.

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American Martyrs Parish, Kingsford celebrates Scout Sunday



SCOUTS HONORED - (Far left photo) Scouts and their leaders pose for a photo on Scout Sunday at American Martyrs Parish. Pictured left to right are (front row) Lucas Bolda, Derrick Sirovy and Matt Bruns, (back row) Andrea Bolda, Brendan Bolda, Jon Sturm, Joe Sturm, Luke Sturm, Anthony Palmer and Kelly Bruns. (Right photo) Lucas Bolda received the Light of Christ medal for Cub Scouts from Father Joseph Gouin at American Martyrs Parish in Kingsford on Scout Sunday, Feb. 6. (Courtesy photos)

Ontonagon, Ironwood, Bessemer, Hurley youth join for NET retreat



GATHERED TOGETHER - The youth of Holy Family in Ontonagon, Our Lady of Peace in Ironwood, St. Sebastian in Bessemer and St. Mary in Hurley, Wis., gathered for a group photo during their NET Retreat held April 25 in Ontonagon. The 46 students were encouraged to grow in their relationship with Christ no matter where they are on their faith journey, or even if they haven't started a relationship yet. The points that God loves each of them right where they are and God's love is more powerful than any sin they could ever commit was stressed. (Photo courtesy of Danielle Sutherland)

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