Faith of our children

In his column, Faith Matters, Bishop Alexander Sample writes about our children’s faith and the moral responsibility to “transmit the great gift of faith to the future generations.”

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Seminarians share

Seminarians share with readers of The U.P. Catholic how the U.PCSA appeal helps them on their journey to the priesthood.

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Diocesan Directory

The diocese is blessed to have many parishes across the U.P. The Diocesan Directory lists addresses, phone numbers, Mass times and more. Printed in the center section of the newspaper, the directory can be easily saved for future reference.

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UPCSA goal remains unchanged for fourth straight year

By Loreene Zeno Koskey

In 2006-2007, the goal for the U.P. Catholic Services Appeal (UPCSA) was $1,590,796. Remarkably, it will be the same for 2009-2010. “In recognition of financial struggles with many of our parishes, the UPCSA goal remains at $1,590,796 for the fourth straight year,” the Diocesan Director of Administration and Finance, Tim Thomas, wrote in a letter to pastors and pastoral coordinators recently.

In addition, the UPCSA credit which parishes that subsidize Catholic schools receive will also remain the same as last year, instead of going down. The 2007 Strategic Plan for Catholic Schools’ implementation plan called for the phase-out of the credit subsidizing parishes receive in calculating their UPCSA goal. As part of a three-year plan, this credit was reduced by one-third last year and was to be cut by two-thirds this year. However, the decision was made to put the credit phase-out on hold for 2009-2010.

T he phase-out of the UPCSA credit and the phase-in of the Catholic school assessment are related. Parishes that subsidize a Catholic school have historically received a credit in regard to their UPCSA goal, since they bore the additional cost of supporting a school. However, now that other parishes across the U.P. are contributing to the financial well-being of Catholic schools through the assessment, the UPCSA credit is being phased out as the Catholic school assessment is phased in.

Mark Salisbury, the Diocesan Superintendent of Catholic Schools, noted that the U.S. bishops have called on all Catholics to support parochial schools, saying the burden can no longer be borne exclusively by the parishes that have schools and parents who pay tuition. “The Catholic school system is now seen as part of the mission of the whole diocesan Church,” Salisbury pointed out.

Bishop Alexander Sample said, "We know that some of our parishes are suffering financially, so we have worked hard to keep the appeal goal and Catholic school assessment flat. The diocese took some painful, but necessary, steps to cut its budget for the upcoming year.”

- Bishop Alexander Sample

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DEATHS/WEDDINGS

Sister Dorothy Johnson
ADRIAN, MICHIGAN — Sister Dorothy Johnson, formerly known as Sister Ann Dorothy Johnson, died on September 8, 2009, at the Dominican Life Center. She was 96 years of age and in the 76th year of her religious profession in the Adrian Dominican Congregation.

Sister Dorothy was born in Chicago to William and Mary Agnes (Girardot) Johnson. Sister graduated from Aquinas High School in Chicago. She received a Bachelor of Philosophy Degree in history from Siena Heights College (University) in Adrian, Mich., and a Master of Education Degree from DePaul University in Chicago.

Sister Dorothy spent 36 years ministering in education in Detroit, St Clair, Munising and Iron River, Michigan, Oak Park, Loves Park, Chicago and Mundelein, Illinois, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Santa Cruz, Calif. She was principal at St. Agnes School in Iron River from 1953 to 1959, and coordinator of Maria Health Care Center from 1969 to 1972. Sister Dorothy was a medical records clerk at Bixby Hospital in Adrian for six years and at Dominican clerk at Bixby Hospital in Adrian 1972-78 — Medical Records Clerk.

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Bishop blesses new gym floor in Menominee

NEW FLOOR FEATURES CROSS DESIGN IN CENTER - Bishop Alexander Sample celebrated Mass at Menominee Catholic Central on May 8 to bless the school’s new gym floor. Acuer Flooring of Peshtigo assisted with the installation of the floor which features a cross in its center.

Father Robb Jurkovich of Resurrection Parish, Menominee, and Father Cory Litzner of Precious Blood Parish, Stephenson, concelebrated with Bishop Sample. Deacons Jerry Roetter, Vince Beckley, Steve Greninger and Scott Jiamison assisted with the Mass. The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus were also on hand to welcome the bishop to the school. Mary Fournier, who teaches piano at the school, provided the accompaniment for the Mass.

Students from all the grades at Menominee Catholic Central took part in the Mass, by being greeters, altar servers, readers, musicians, etc. The preschool class received a special blessing by Bishop Sample. In addition to the entire student body and staff, more than 125 parents and other members of the community attended.

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A Tradition of Caring
Our children’s faith

B y the time this issue of The U.P. Catholic reaches your mailbox, another school year will have begun for our precious children. This will also signal the beginning of a new catechetical year in the parishes, missions and Catholic schools of our diocese. This year something will be different.

Starting this fall, the new diocesan curriculum for grades K-8 will become mandatory in every parish, mission and Catholic school in the Upper Peninsula. Also mandatory this fall will be the use of one of three approved catechetical textbooks which meet the requirements of our diocesan curriculum.

This is truly an exciting time in the history of Catholic education in the Diocese of Marquette. Perhaps for the first time since the use of the Baltimore Catechism, we will all be on the same page when it comes to the teaching of the faith to the children.

Ordinarily one does not hear God’s call in your ears or feel a physical push forward. Rather you enter the seminary if one senses an inclination of grace to do so. There in the seminary you determine your fitness and test your inclination by meeting the expectations of the seminary regimen. I entered the seminary that fall and thanks be to God I have never looked back with any regrets.

Since retirement three years ago I have served as a hospice volunteer, meeting weekly with patients who are terminally ill. One man, let’s say his name was Joe, was close to death. He asked me one day, “Why did you decide to become a priest and bishop?” I paraphrased the words in Scripture. “Well, no one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God. That call to priesthood is validated as coming from God when the bishop in the name of the Church calls you to Holy Orders or when the Holy Father calls you to the episcopacy. As far as human motivation for the priesthood I can tell you this: that of all the occupations and professions one could pursue in this life it was clear to me that none is more important than helping people get to heaven, helping people save their souls. What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world but loses the church? St. Paul said, “Uh huh, that’s good. That’s good.” We said some prayers for the dying day that and when we finished he nodded and said, “Those were good. I’ve heard some of them.” Two days later Joe died. I like to think he helped him get to heaven.

Our children’s faith

If implemented carefull and thoughtfully, and with the support of parents, I am confident that we will have done our best to transmit the great gift of faith to the future generations. It is upon this point that I wish to reflect.

I first have an apology to make. It was my sincere intention to issue a pastoral letter on the occasion of the implementation of this new curriculum. Unfortunately, I was unable to complete this task, for which I have serious regret. Nevertheless, I wish to focus on one important aspect regarding the implementation of the curriculum.

There are several who have serious roles of responsibility in seeing to the transmission of our Catholic faith to our young people. I, as the Bishop and chief shepherd and teacher of the flock, have the responsibility to do everything I can to make sure that the faith is taught in our diocese in all of its fullness, beauty, truth and integrity. The establishment of a common and thorough curriculum to be followed in the teaching of our children is an important part of my fulfillment of that responsibility.

Pastors in the parishes and missions of our diocese have this same responsibility on the local level. For the faithful under his pastoral care, the parish priest must take seriously his role in fulfilling the teaching office that is intimately connected to his priestly ordination. He exercises this role as teacher under the direction and in communion with the diocesan bishop. The pastor must be intimately involved in overseeing all programs of religious education and faith formation in the parish and/or mission entrusted to his care.

Coordinators of religious education and catechists help the parish priest fulfill his teaching responsibility on the local level. Working closely and in communion with their pastor, these dedicated individuals are indispensable in our efforts to transmit the gift of faith to our children. All of us must show great appreciation and support for our catechists and other religious education personnel.

But there is one group in particular to whom I most especially address these words of encouragement and, indeed, challenge. These are the parents of our children. My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, parents to whom God has entrusted the souls of your children, without your active, dedicated and sacrificial efforts to support these initiatives in catechesis and faith formation, the efforts of the rest of us will bear little fruit.

“As it is the parents who have given life to their children, on them lies the gravest obligation of educating their family…” The role of parents in education is of such importance that it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute... It is therefore above all in the Christian family, inspired by the grace and the responsibility of the sacrament of maternity, that children should be taught to know and worship God and to love their neighbor, in accordance with the faith which they have received in earliest infancy in the sacrament of Baptism.” (Declaration on Christian Education, Vatican II, #3)

It is therefore primarily the responsibility of Christian parents to ensure the Christian education of their children in accordance with the teaching of the Church.” (Canon 226, §2)

My dear parents this is not merely a juridical responsibility as outlined in Church law and in Church documents. It is a moral responsibility that you have as parents. God himself has entrusted you with the very souls of your children and with this grave responsibility. You must do everything you can to make sure that your children actively participate in the catechesis offered by your parish or school, in addition to your own efforts at home. As your Bishop, I ask for and expect your full cooperation and support for our efforts to hand on the faith to your precious children.

Working together we can do such great things for the good of our children, for the salvation of their souls and for the building up of the Kingdom of God. Let us pray together, that our efforts will bear great fruit into eternity. God bless you all!

Only when called by God

“Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can be patient in dealing with the ignorant and erring for he himself is beset by weakness... No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God.” (Heb. 5:1-4)

Many a young man has searched his heart to know whether God is calling him to the priesthood, perhaps some young men who read these words.

Many years ago I was a student at Ohio State University. The Newman Catholic ministry center was at 1946 Iuka Avenue in those days, just a block or so off High Street and the main entrance of the campus. I remember that address 60 years later because I lived there in my senior year. Once when going through the foyer of the center I picked up a pamphlet on the side table. It was about religious vocations. The author made a statement that impressed me then and I remember it to this day, “God calls sufficient numbers of men to the priesthood. So if there are not enough priests in the Church it is because some are not answering His call.” I felt sad about that. Why are young men not answering God’s call? And then the question turned toward me. Why aren’t you answering God’s call?

A few years earlier, when I was in high school, my mother said what seemed to be a peculiar thing to me at the time. “Jim, if you want to be a priest that would be all right with me.” I said, “Well, I don’t want to be a priest.” But I remember her saying that even today and in a way it was permission for me to consider the seminary. There are mothers today who are not comfortable with their sons entering the seminary.

In my senior year at OSU three friends and I made a retreat at the Trappist Monastery in Gethesemane, Kentucky. That was a grace-filled and first time experience for me. It broadened my perspective of the Catholic Church. It came at the time I was looking at offers of teaching positions. I wasn’t terribly excited about starting a teaching career. And that turned my mind toward possible alternatives, including the priesthood.
Michigan Catholic
Conference

The U.P. Catholic Calendar of Events

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
Annual Harvest Benefit Dinner is being held at Holy Spirit School, Norway from 4 to 7:30 p.m. CDT. All you can eat buffet style chicken dinner with all the trimmings, garden fresh vegetables, rolls and pies. Adults: $7.50, children 5 to 12: $4.00, tots under 5: free. There will also be a bake sale and prizes.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 AND 20
Annual Silver Tea for the Carmelite Monastery will be held from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. CDT at the monastery in Iron Mountain. Tea, complete with sandwiches and sweets will be served. Arts and crafts, baked goods, including the Sisters' famous bread will be available.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
Diocesan Milestone Wedding Anniversary Celebration Couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries, such as their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or 51st and above this year are invited to a celebration of the life and ministry of the first bishop of the diocese. On Saturday, there will be a Slovenian Mass at 6 p.m. EDT at St. Peter Cathedral, Marquette followed by a 7:30 p.m. EDT social at the Marquette Armory featuring Mama Russo’s Italian food and the Singing Slovenes (a free-will collection will be taken). On Sunday, there will be an English Mass at 2 p.m. EDT at St. Peter Cathedral, Marquette followed by a 3:30 p.m. EDT banquet, featuring a baked turkey dinner, and annual meeting at the Marquette Armory. Tickets: $15 for Saturday or Sunday; $25 booster button for the weekend.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2
Luncheon Speaker Series Bishop Alexander Sample will be the guest speaker at the Diocesan First Friday Club at 11:30 a.m. EDT at the Landmark Inn of Marquette. The bishop will hold an open forum with a question and answer segment and dialogue with the audience. The cost, which includes lunch, is $15. Everyone is welcome. Registration is required by Sept. 25, Contact Pam Erickson at (906) 227-9135/800-562-9745, ext. 135. The First Friday Club is a quarterly educational luncheon speaker series that offers an opportunity to make meaningful connections between work, Catholic faith and the issues of the day.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
Harvest Dinner will take place at St. John Catholic Church, Garden from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. EDT. There will be ham and turkey dinners along with homemade pies.

Statement on Constitutional Convention

LANSING — Michigan Catholic Conference Board of Directors today approved a statement that does not support the call for a constitutional convention in 2010. The statement in its entirety is as follows:

"Michigan’s current constitution is not a perfect document. Amendments are in order, especially in the area of state aid to non-public schools. The financial impact of a constitutional convention on the state budget, however, only presents additional threats to, and concerns for, the state’s social safety net. Michigan Catholic Conference does not support the call for a constitutional convention in the state budget, however, only presents additional threats to, and concerns for, the state's social safety net." The statement further reads: "Michigan’s budget must have a moral foundation, one that manifests the priority the state places on providing basic human services through an equitable tax structure and a just distribution of resources."

"The MCC Board of Directors recognizes that Michigan is facing extraordinary challenges and difficult economic times," says Sister Monica Kostielney, R.S.M., Michigan Catholic Conference President and C.E.O., “but the Board is also saying that the state has a moral obligation to craft a budget that recognizes and protects the programs and services on which thousands of poor and vulnerable citizens rely for health and safety.”

The state is facing a combined $2.8 billion budget deficit in its general fund and school aid budgets for the 2009-10 fiscal year. That deficit must be balanced by October 1, according to the Michigan Constitution, otherwise the state will be forced, as it was in 2007, to discontinue temporarily services and programs until revenues are secured.

Michigan Catholic Conference has consistently spoken out against a prevailing “shared pain” approach to balancing the state budget deficit, and has called on legislators to craft a state budget that ensures Michigan’s poorest citizens are protected. Earlier this year the governor proposed, and the Legislature’s appropriations’ committees approved, an Executive Order that cut some $304 million out of the state budget that ends September 30. Over half of those cuts came from the Department of Community Health and the Department of Human Services, two state departments primarily responsible for ensuring adequate health and safety for the state’s destitute citizens.

Additional legislative proposals have called for a fifty-percent cut to the state clothing allowance program, which provides the poorest children in the state with limited funds to purchase clothes prior to the commencement of the new school year; a cut to the state Family Independence Grant program, which provides cash assistance to poor citizens who have no other income; making the 48-month time limit on cash assistance retroactive; cutting the Supplemental Security Income program, which, in part, provides assistance to the elderly and people with disabilities who live independently; and halting full implementation of the Earned Income Tax Credit, which provides a tax break for the working poor who pay a disproportionate amount in payroll taxes.

“We call on all those of good will, especially the Catholic community, to join us in working for the common good and economic justice for all,” the Board statement concludes.

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Back to school with The U.P. Catholic

Local leadership will bring success to Catholic schools

BY JOHN FEE

Having arrived in the U.P. in May, Mark Salisbury, the new superintendent of Catholic schools, has already hit the ground running. This summer he has been working with some schools that need a bit of extra help, while planning his work for the entire group of diocesan schools for the new year. Collaboration and support for local school leadership are two recurring themes for Salisbury when he talks about the upcoming year.

Rather than taking a top-down approach and sending out directives from his office, Salisbury plans to personally visit with the local school commissions, pastors of parishes with schools and the schools themselves. During these visits he will be able to assess the needs of the local operations and determine what resources the diocese can offer.

The goal is to “build an atmosphere of teamwork,” Salisbury said, “between schools and parents, schools and parishes, and schools, parishes and the diocese.”

Three years ago the diocese put into place a strategic plan to strengthen and improve Catholic schools. According to Salisbury, the diocese has been fortunate to have a broad base of leadership for its Catholic schools, starting at our bishop, which has put a great deal of thought and effort into supporting the schools.

“Having a strategic plan is outstanding,” Salisbury said. “It’s very attractive to be working with that teamwork approach and support from the top.”

Although Salisbury has put implementing the strategic plan at the top of his list of goals, he believes this is a good time to reassess and do some tweaking. He’s now asking, “What do you need locally to be strengthened and viable for the long term?”

Salisbury is especially proud of the accomplishments of Catholic schools in the U.P. and standardized tests back his claims.

“In the MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) tests we are consistently higher than the state average when compared to local school districts over 95 percent of the time,” Salisbury said.

Catholic identity and catechesis are important elements of Catholic education, noted Salisbury. To make sure students are getting the “meat and potatoes” of the faith, he said the diocese has developed the new Faith Formation Curriculum for Catholic schools and parishes. Three publishers were selected that best align to the new curriculum. The local schools have then chosen from these options the texts that best suit their needs.

More than knowledge alone, Salisbury said Catholic schools provide a disciplined environment, values and educational excellence. Additionally, it’s a ministry of the Church with a long track record.

“Studies show that kids who have gone to Catholic schools have a greater chance of being participating Catholics and giving back to their communities later in their life,” Salisbury said concerning the ministry aspects of Catholic education.

With respect for the hard work of those who have fostered Catholic education in the U.P., Salisbury said, “Catholic education is a tradition in this diocese. We are standing on the shoulders of people who have built what we are carrying on.”

After considering all the elements that are in place for Catholic education in the diocese, the superintendent offers a succinct forecast: “We’re poised to succeed.”
Catholic school teachers learn about love and discipline from national speaker

By John Fee

“Discipline without love is harsh – love without discipline is child abuse” is the message Dr. Ray Guarendi gave diocesan educators at the Catholic Schools Teacher Convention with 108 in attendance from eight diocesan schools.

The well-known clinical psychologist imparted wisdom of the ages for disciplining today’s youth that goes against much of pop psychology. He encouraged his listeners to do the things they know they should to mold their young charges – at home and at school – into adults of high moral character.

“Two generations ago your parents didn’t say ‘what are we going to do with the children,’” Guarendi said.

Parents and teachers need to impart discipline and good morals to their children, according to Guarendi. This goes contrary to some popular ideas that children should develop their own moral code.

“No culture has survived without the big people passing on their ideas that children should develop their morals to the little people,” Guarendi said.

He also pointed out that there should be consequences.

“You do A; I do B,” he said. “None of my children is strong-willed,” Guarendi told his listeners. Then he added, “The strongest-willed of my children is not stronger willed than my wife.”

The doctor urged parents and teachers to tell their children what they expect in a calm and clear voice and to mean it.

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Guarendi encouraged parents and teachers to make decisions about disciplining their children using the time-honored moral compass of past generations.

“Watch out for psychological correctness – it will do a number on you,” he said. He also encouraged people to take action and avoid “analysis-paralysis.”

Speaking directly to teachers, Guarendi pointed out the importance of their influence in young lives.

“For some of the kids, you’re the most stable person in their lives,” he said. “You made discipline not personal. You’re love in action.”

Guarendi is the author of several books on parenting, a syndicated parenting columnist, and has appeared on “Oprah,” “CBS this Morning,” “Joan Rivers” and other national television programs. He has a radio talk show on the Ave Maria Radio Network and the Relevant Radio Network and has made more than 2,000 public speaking appearances. More information is available online at www.drray.com.
Back to school

St. Francis looks for continued growth, excellence

BY CAROL HOLLENBECK

It will be tough to top the anticipation and thrill of last school year, when St. Francis de Sales School in Manistique opened the new Junior High Academy wing. But staff and students are looking forward eagerly to returning to class in a finished building and welcoming two new teachers to the school family.

“We’re starting out this year with the new Junior High Academy wing open and completed. It’s given us the additional space we needed,” said Principal Kitty Lovell.

And every inch of that space will be used, as St. Francis has added a second kindergarten class. “It’s the first time in a lot of years that we’ve had two kindergartens,” Lovell noted. “At this point, we have 29 students enrolled in kindergarten, compared to 10 last year.”

Enrollment in general is up already this year, and Lovell expects more students will enroll as the school’s opening day approaches. There are currently 175 students enrolled in kindergarten through eighth grades. “I’m still getting calls from parents interested in enrolling their children,” Lovell said. “Our average class size is still at 15 to 18 students. Our retention rate this year has been phenomenal. All the fifth, sixth and seventh graders from last year have returned, so our junior high enrollment is around 40, about the same as last year.”

St. Francis School is bucking a trend with increasing enrollment. Administrators from other Catholic schools ask how St. Francis does it, but there’s no simple answer to that, Lovell said. “We have one of the best staff of teachers out there,” she said. “Every single one of them does something with the students after hours: Lego robotics, sign language, the school newspaper, student council. I don’t care what kind of building you have. If you don’t have the teachers, you don’t have the kids. If you have happy parents and happy kids, the word will be out. They will tell their families and friends about your school.”

Two new teachers have joined the staff. Becky Vincent will teach kindergarten, and Melissa Aho will teach third grade.

Vincent graduated with honors from Northern Michigan University with a degree in elementary education. Aho graduated cum laude from NMU with a degree in elementary education. She has prior teaching experience at Menominee Catholic Central and Escanaba Public School.

St. Francis will continue following an advanced curriculum, modeled on those offered in elite schools throughout the country.

The goal is to have St. Francis students working a full year ahead of their public school peers. “We looked at the elite private schools in the country,” pastor Fr. Glenn Theoret said. “But we also knew that to get our kids a year ahead academically, we would have to start at the preschool level. So there’s a curriculum in the preschool. Children in the Little Lambs Learning Center are introduced to reading, writing and basic math, he said.

Based on elite schools’ programs, St. Francis began teaching Spanish in all grades, added algebra in seventh grade and geometry in eighth. Computer classes begin with kindergarten and continue through eighth grade. A $7,000 Legacy of Faith grant was received this year which will be used to purchase laptop computers for seventh graders.

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Seminarians attest to importance of annual appeal

By LOREENE KOSKEY

This is not a normal year, and Diocesan Vocations Director, Father Greg Heikkala, is quite happy about that. “What’s unusual is that we’re starting five new men (in the seminary), and it’s very rare that we start five at the same time in the fall,” he explained.

When you add in the four men from the diocese who have been in the seminary for a few years, you end up with a total of nine men studying for the priesthood. All of them receive assistance from the U.P. Catholic Services Appeal. UPCSA funds room and board for the men in college, and tuition, room, board and insurance for men in theology.

When asked how he feels about this new group of candidates, Fr. Heikkala responded, “Very good, enthused, excited, pleased, hopeful for the diocese and for the men themselves who are very good men, who have discerned, who have prayed, who are faithfully following God’s call to serve.” He added, “I think our men are dedicated, prayerful and bright.”

He noted that the new seminarians range in age from 18 to 30, and all are from the Upper Peninsula or places nearby.

The youngest is Andrew Schwartz from L’Anse, who comes from a family of 12, six boys and six girls. “I was born in Wisconsin, and then when I was about seven years old, we moved up here, and I went halfway through first grade all the way through sixth grade at the Catholic school at L’Anse, and that’s where I met Fr. Greg,” Schwartz explained.

He feels drawn to the priesthood to defend the faith, a trait his mother recognized in him. “You’re a soldier,” she told me,” Schwartz recalled. “I have this need to not exactly fight, but protect, and I do love the Church and the faith. I strongly believe in it.”

Kevin Roelant, 20, is originally from the Monroe area in southeastern Michigan, but has been living in Paradise for the last year. He attended Catholic grade and high schools and spent a year at Ave Maria University in Florida. He just completed a year of formation with Companions of Christ the Lamb, a public association of the faithful that is seeking to become a religious order that is recognized by the Church.

Roelant sees his father’s influence in his decision to pursue a church vocation. “My dad is a great man. He’s a very devoted Catholic. Growing up, he would always have us say prayers with him, such as reading from the office, chaplets, rosaries, and going to Mass with him during the week also. He’s also a lay member of our community, Companions of Christ the Lamb.”

Bradley Sjoquist, 22, is a seminarian from St. Mary Queen of Peace Parish in Kingsford. He’s a graduate of Kingsford High School and Central Michigan University, with a double major in Spanish and psychology and a minor in philosophy. Sjoquist toyed with the idea of being a clinical psychologist, but at his college graduation, he decided his future path would either be law school or the seminary.

The seminary won out, possibly due to the fact that he had been thinking about the priesthood throughout high school and into college. “I’ve just had a lot of experiences with campus ministry, being able to go to daily Mass, and being able to make time each day for prayer. They all just convinced me that some of the deepest desires of my heart were to serve the Lord, and possibly as a priest.

“The discerning was something that I took very seriously and prayed about for a long time, and it sort of came to me that I would never really be at peace if I didn’t at least try seminary, if I didn’t at least try the priesthood.”

Another “chapelt rat,” as the students who live at St. Albert the Great Parish in Houghton are called, has found his way to the seminary. Aaron Nowicki, 25, a native of downtown Cheboygan, moved to the U.P. to attend Michigan Tech University. He studied computer science there for four years and earned a master’s degree in business, before moving to Marquette to work at Northern Michigan University for two years.

Nowicki feels God has been calling him for some time, but he just wasn’t answering. “I had several priests and several of the laity say, ‘You’d make a good priest,’ and I’d respond, ‘Yeah, right!’” he remembered, laughing. He said that things fell into place for him at St. Al’s when he got to know Father Larry Van Dumme, who was pastor at the time, more personally.

“He was a really good example and a good witness. A couple of other priests I’ve met along the way, Father Bill Ibach and Father Tom Schmied, also were a good example. And I started asking the right questions along the way. God keeps calling, and I think this time I’ve answered.”

At 30, the oldest of the latest group of seminarians, Joshua Kaplewski was born in Iron Mountain, but lived in Spread Eagle, Wis. for about five years. His family moved to Phoenix, Ariz., where Kaplewski attended Catholic school until the fifth grade, when his parents began to home-school him and his two brothers. After approximately 10 years, the family moved back to Spread Eagle.

Kaplewski is probably one of only a handful of seminarians who can say they have been dairy goat farmers. “I got to the national show level. The national show is in a different part of the country every year. And at the show at the Wisconsin State Fair, I usually took grand champion or best of breed. I did that the last three years in a row.”

Although he spent about 15 years raising dairy goats, Kaplewski said he has felt a calling to the priesthood ever since he was a child. “I never really gave it serious thought, but always kept it in the back of my mind. If I tried not to think about it, it was nagging, persistent, it wouldn’t go away. Finally, the past few years, I decided I’d better give a little more serious thought to it. Ever since then, a chain of events just seemed to fall into place naturally, everything leading and pointing in that direction.”

Six of the diocese’s nine seminarians are attending Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, two are at Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wis., and one is attending the University of St. Thomas as part of St. John Vianney Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. All of them are grateful for the financial assistance provided to them through the U.P. Catholic Services Appeal, as well as the prayers being said for them by parishioners throughout the diocese.

Sjoquist has been overwhelmed by everyone’s support. “I’ve gotten so many cards from people just telling me how thankful they are that I’m discerning this, and it’s just been a great source of encouragement for me to have people telling me they’re praying for me.”

Nowicki added, “I think without the prayers and the support, it would have been a little bit more of a challenge for me to actually go down this road. Certainly, it’s six years of study and that doesn’t come overnight. I know I will be forever grateful for the support that I’ll be given in my time in the seminary from the appeal and also with the prayers.”

Father Heikkala summed it up by saying, “We need everyone’s prayers for vocations, and not only for the priesthood, but for all vocations, that we might respond and serve God.”
Appeal goals unchanged

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The diocesan budget for 2009-2010 has been set at $2,596,923, down from the current figure of $3,067,186. Stock market losses made the reductions essential.

“As a result of poor investment performance, the diocesan budget was decreased by more than 15% from 2008-2009, and more than half of the budget cuts were made by reducing six full-time equivalent staff positions,” Thomas stated.

What this means is that investment income will fund a smaller percentage of the diocesan budget this year, and UPCSA will fund a larger percentage, although the amount of money raised from the appeal will stay the same.

“The support of Catholic parishioners across the diocese for the appeal is more important than ever this year,” stated Bishop Sample. “The mission of the Church doesn’t stop during tough economic times. In fact, the services provided by the Church are needed more than ever to help people who are struggling.”

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Diocese honors top volunteers

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ed to the youth of Iron Mountain and Kingsford,” stated Mike Kusz, district deputy of the KC Council 1585, on the nomination form.

Ralph was instrumental in starting the local Piusano Club, has served as the group’s past president and sings the U.S. National Anthem in Italian events at times. He was a member of the Iron Mountain Rotary and belongs to the American Legion.

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On her nomination form, Bernice Scozzafave of Brimley noted that Swanson has a great sense of humor and is very artistic. “Laurie’s way of relaxing is to carve. Most of her carvings are of Christian statues. She is even teaching her children to carve, and they are learning by doing Christian statues.”

Laurie said that her husband are very blessed and thankful for their 18-month old grandson, Leif Fierstein, and look forward to teaching him the Catholic religion to pass on their faith for generations to come. “We are very thankful that Jesus has taken care of our family throughout trial, celebrations, and sorrows,” Laurie remarked.

Both the Izzos and Laurie Swanson have had to deal with tragedies in their lives, but their faith has provided them with the strength to carry on in the midst of these hardships and formed the foundation for their service to others.

They are being recognized with the Legacy of Faith (LOF) Catholic Service Award in their home parishes and at the Sept. 25 Bishop’s Ambassadors’ dinner in Marquette.

The LOF Catholic Service Award annually recognizes lifetime dedication and service to the Church. It was developed as part of the Legacy of Faith campaign to establish a permanent endowment foundation with the mission of preserving and fostering the Catholic faith in the Upper Peninsula.

Nominations for the award are due by May 1 of each year. Recipients receive a medallion engraved with the diocesan coat of arms. For more information, visit www.legacycfoffaith.net or call 906/227-9129.

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## Notes for the Diocesan Annual Budget

- Decrease in these budgets is due to reduction in personnel.
- Office of Divine Worship is being re-established to support clergy in the areas of worship and liturgy. These costs are for training and education of a part-time staff person.
- Catholic Charities of the Upper Peninsula (CCUP) amount reflects only the portion of their budget which is funded by UPCSAs. CCUP total budget includes an additional $1,308,874 of revenues from counseling, United Way, and other sources.
- Ministry Personnel office reduction is due to change in director from a lay person to a priest.
- Parish Assessment is the budgeted amount non-subsidizing parishes are contributing in support of Catholic Schools.
- UPCatholic Newspaper (UPC) subsidy reflects only the portion of their budget which is funded by diocesan investment income. UPC total budget includes an additional $307,469 of revenues from parish subscriptions, advertising, grants, and other sources.
- The reduction in Investment Income is due to loss of investment principal.
- No income is budgeted due to the loss of principal below corpus.
- Reduction in Other income is due to a decrease in the insurance rebate.

### Parish-mission UPCSA goals and school assessments for 2009-10

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Are extracurricular activities expendable?

FROM OUR SUNDAY VISITOR September 16-30, 1959:

• The new president of the U.P. Laymen’s Retreat Association was John W. Fazer of Powers.

• Sponsored by Holy Trinity parish, the Freda-Beacon Hill area in west Houghton County held its first community reunion.

• From Bishop Thomas Noa: parents have a duty to provide a Catholic education for their children, regardless of age.

FROM THE U.P. CATHOLIC September 16-30, 1984:

• The diocesan RENEW program was introduced at the annual convention of the Council of Catholic Women.

• A full house at St. Peter Cathedral witnessed the ordination for John Martignon, Eric Olson, Robert Paruleski, and Peter Petrose.

• When a busload of 47 Copper Country pilgrims arrived at Baraga Days in Chicago, they received a standing ovation.

Bishop Noa: parents have a duty to provide children a Catholic education

FROM HERE AM I September 16, 2009

Sister Angeline and the ceiling of doom

IN high school, I fondly remember climbing aboard the school bus with the rest of my teammates as we embarked to visit rival cities for our next competitions. Back then, our biggest worries were (1) who we were playing, and (2) did we remember to pack our uniforms?

As long as we had a few bucks in our wallet, we were in with the world.

My, have times changed. Now, when athletes settle into their seats for the next bus ride, they are quietly wondering if it will be their last.

That’s because — in this shrinking economy, hard hit by budget cuts — high school athletic programs are feeling the pain of the chopping block. From Hawaii to Maine, and many

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John Fee

We survivors will never forget the shock and dismay on the day the ceiling crashed down at St. Paul Elementary School.

I was the new student at the Catholic school in Pocahontas, Ark., but it didn’t take long for the kid from St. Louis to learn that sweetly-named Sister Angeline suffered no fools. She ran a tight ship and we fourth graders listened to the directions of our challenging educator with fear and awe.

A popular movie of the era inspired a nickname for Sister Angeline, a name slightly different than the lovely one chosen at the time of her vows. We called her Sister Patton. I don’t know if Old Blood and Guts ever knew her secret identity, but even when whispered on the playground it was used with deference.

Sister Angeline demanded discipline and commanded respect. We knew what was expected in our behavior and in our work. We feared the consequences if we crossed the line she figuratively had drawn on the chalkboard.

Back then the Olivetan Benedictine nuns wore a more traditional habit than generally seen today. Many of the sisters appeared to have a permanent ridge in their foreheads from the stiff material that held up their veils — especially Sister Angeline. Even so, with just their hands and face showing they could say so much using only a slight gesture or glance.

Sister Angeline must have been speaking that disastrous day, because we were looking at her the moment the ceiling crashed down. Great chunks of plaster fell from on high, falling only upon our stern leader.

We sat there in our small desks, frozen with fear as the calamity occurred. Time slows down during such momentous occasions and we thought of the many ways that we were all going to be in trouble for somehow causing the ceiling to fall, for not responding properly and then for the final horror and possibly sin — for seeing her hair.

The debris knocked Sister Angeline’s fortress-like veil slightly sideways revealing a few wisps of her hair.

Then it happened; she laughed. We also laughed a small laugh of relief, and of solidarity with our beleaguered leader.

Something weird happened in our fifth grade year. Sister Angeline became our warm supporter and friend. She would randomly hug us in the hallways. She had kind and encouraging words for us. And we still loved and respected her.

Listening to Dr. Ray Guareni talk with the educators of our Catholic schools here in the U.P. reminded me of Sister Angeline. She’s the teacher we remember because she really cared. She cared enough to make sure we were in an environment that led to learning and respect for our neighbor. I was blessed to have her and other Catholic school educators form me into the person I am today. Our Catholic schools deserve our support because they are a ministry of the Church that teaches lives not only today but for generations to come.

“No disciple is superior to the teacher, but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher.” Luke 6:40

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