UPCSA, diocesan budget, first in memory set without bishop

By Loreene Zeno Koskey

The Latin words, “Sede Vacante,” have new meaning for the members of the Diocesan Finance Council, who prepared the 2013-2014 diocesan budget with the “seat (the cathedra, or bishop’s chair, at St. Peter Cathedral) being vacant.” Tim Thomas, the diocesan director of administration and finance, noted, “This is the first budget approved without a bishop that we can remember.”

Since Bishop Alexander Sample was appointed the archbishop of Portland in Oregon in January, the diocese has been waiting for a new bishop to be named for Marquette. Father Francis Dobrzenski of Lake Linden has been serving as administrator of the diocese for the past five months, and he, along with the Diocesan Finance Council, approved the budget.

“It was extremely challenging to put together a budget without knowing what the priorities of the incoming bishop will be,” explained Mike Roy, council chairman. “However, we felt it was proper to continue following the course previously set by Archbishop Sample.”

Thomas was appreciative of the hard work done by the council. “Mike Roy did a wonderful job in leading the group to come up with various ideas, such as additional fundraising efforts, to balance the budget.”

Sault Ste. Marie, Flat Rock parishioners honored with Catholic Service Awards

By Terri Gadzinski

Josie Benoit of St. Joseph Parish in Sault Ste. Marie and the late Lawrence Chouinard Sr. of Holy Family Parish in Flat Rock are recipients of the 2013 Legacy of Faith Catholic Service Award. Diocesan Administrator Reverend Francis Dobrzenski announced the recipients of the award, which annually recognizes members of the Catholic Diocese of Marquette for lifetime dedication and service to the Catholic Church.

Benoit has served her parish selflessly for about 30 years as a catechist for youth and adults; as a teacher of sacramental preparation for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation; as a dedicated choir member; and as a pastoral council member. Her leadership of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) has helped the program to flourish. In nominating Benoit for the award, many of her fellow parishioners credit her with fostering the vibrancy of parish life and being a role model of how to live and share the Catholic faith. In addition to serving her parish, Benoit is a wife, a mother and employed full time outside the home. She has been involved in a number of community activities, including raising money for cancer research.

P. Dobrzenski presented Benoit with a

Bay Cliff Health Camp serves many, faithfully

By Jenny Lochner

“One camper was asked, ‘What was the most important thing that you learned at Bay Cliff?’ … her answer was, ‘I learned to pour my own milk.’ What she’s saying there is, ‘I learned to feed myself. Now I can go to the restaurant and I don’t have to be embarrassed that someone else has to feed me… I can live a relatively normal life like a 17- or 18-year-old girl would want to.’ Always thought that kind of captured what we can accomplish with the kids,” said Tim Bennett, director of Bay Cliff Health Camp in Big Bay. ‘It’s unbelievable what happens to people when they come here. They really become different people.” Bay Cliff is a “non-denominational, private camp. We’re celebrating life. There is no child with a disability that’s not important,” Bennett added.

Bay Cliff currently hosts several camps, serving people with many different types of disabilities year-round. Bay Cliff began as a dream of two ladies, Dr. Goldie Corneliaison, a physician, and Elba Morse, a nurse, who together founded the camp to help malnourished children during the Great Depression. In the 1940s, childhood malnutrition was no longer a large issue, but many suffered instead from the out-

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Bay Cliff from P1
break of polio. At that time, “the camp became focused on disabilities. Those programs are surrounded now with about 30 other programs,” said Bennett.
Bay Cliff’s primary camp is Summer Camp, a seven-week-long therapy program for youth. When people think of Bay Cliff, many think about physical therapy, but “not all kids are going to learn to walk. Some kids are going to be learning to speak clearly so you can understand them… Everything is a teaching moment… even reciting the pledge is speech therapy,” said Bennett.
Occupational therapy is also a focal point at Bay Cliff. Bennett explained that physical therapy has to do with the muscles, and occupational therapy helps people to develop, recover, or maintain daily living and work skills. “It’s all about independence,” he said.
Although the camp is non-denominational, it also has a strong connection to the Catholic faith.
“This really is a ministry. The Catholic population gets it, and they really understand service,” said Bennett. “I think that’s why I have had so many kids work here and go on to the seminary… Father Al (Mott), Father Robb (Jurkovich), Father Corey (Litzner) and Father Greg Heikkala all worked here… Father Al (still) brings up a group over spring break. He brings up an altar, ambo and a tabernacle and he sets up a chapel and works here. Father Robb, Father (Michael) Jacobus, and Father Corey (Litzner) all come up and con-celebrate.”
A St. Peter Cathedral parishioner, Bennett first became involved with Bay Cliff as executive director of Combined Health Services of the Catholic faith.

Baraga Barbeque – Fr. Corey Litzner, Fr. Al Mott and Fr. Nick Thompson, along with Mr. “T,” Mr. Jarrod and Mr. Tim (Camp Director) were the cooks for the Famous Bay Cliff Chicken B.B.Q., at the “Bishop Baraga Barbeque Pit.” (Photo courtesy of Bay Cliff Health Camp)
Holy Name Class of 2013 tours Chicago, Milwaukee, helps feed hungry for class trip

BY VICTORIA LAFAVE
DICOSAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MARKETING COORDINATOR

Just one week after graduating from Holy Name Catholic School in Escanaba, the class of 2013 was together again for three whirlwind days, taking in a Chicago White Sox baseball game, touring downtown Chicago on Segways, along with touring the Navy Pier, Willis (Sears) Tower and Shedd Aquarium. More importantly, students also attended Mass at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago and spent time volunteering at the Milwaukee Hunger Task Force.

While at the task force, the students filled boxes with 18 items, including juice, cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, and many more items. Middle School Science Teacher and 8th Grade Class Adviser Amy Chartier said the group put together the 480 boxes in two and a half hours.

The students worked hard all school year through various fundraisers to earn enough credit to attend the three-day class trip.

According to Chartier, a class favorite was the Segway tour of downtown Chicago. “It took a practice session to learn how to maneuver the Segways, and then we were off to explore,” she said. Students rode around and saw places like The Field Museum, Buckingham Fountain in Grant Park, Shedd Aquarium, Soldier Field, and rode along the Lake Michigan shoreline. Students and chaperones alike enjoyed traveling around Chicago for two hours learning and exploring.

Chartier described the trip: “After two days of taking in the sights and incredible opportunities Chicago has to offer, our final events before heading home were to recognize how friendship, and faith that they have always remember the camaraderie, and pride was displayed when they saw the 11 pallets assembled to feed the less fortunate.”

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I hope and pray that it has been an easy and comfortable transition for him. He lives in a renovated monastery in the Vatican grounds with his priest secretary and some religious sisters who care for his personal needs. It is not that he is a prisoner of the Vatican. He has traveled at least once to the Castel Gandolfo for a meeting with his former students. This is the summer house of the popes outside the city of Rome. At the same time, one as well-known as Pope Benedict could not mingle among the public without being recognized and causing a disturbance. Even his personal safety is an issue for such a dignitary in today’s world.

While the pope’s resignation has unique aspects, his personal adaptation to the changes would have similarities to other persons who make a substantial transition in their lives. For church personnel, one can think of a transfer to a new assignment, such as a pastor or an assignment as diocesan bishop or religious superior. Other common transitions include retirement, the death of a loved one or the aging process itself.

The St. Luke Institute in Silver Spring, Maryland has served the Catholic clergy and religious since 1977. The Institute offers mental health and educational treatment. In its quarterly publication named Connections, the August 2013 issue highlights the navigation of transitions in people’s lives. The article cites three stages of transition. In the first stage called “letting go,” an individual suffers a loss of some kind, such as a responsibility for a parish or ministry. The presented task is to let go. The task is completed more easily if accompanied by a proper goodbye to one’s former associates.

The second stage of transition is called by this article the “neutral zone.” It is the most transformative. Most of the circumstances of the transition consists of new persons, new tasks and a new community. Before being settled into the new place, there is a period of uneasiness. Sister Jane Becker, OSB of St. Luke’s staff recommends that prayer is important in handling the changes when at the neutral zone stage.

The third stage is labeled in this article as “new beginnings.” The individual handles the change well when he or she feels at home in the new environment. In addition, they are grateful for the change. At the same time, they do not fear a possible future loss.

If several months finds the person in new beginnings still struggling to be at home, a spiritual director or therapist can be helpful. Such assistance can identify the obstacles and whether the new assignment is a good or bad fit.

Sister Jane writes that transitions should be viewed as a positive experience. While the change can be difficult, the challenge can deepen us. Trying something new can enable one to seek new skills and see new connections.

The Holy Father Emeritus can be an example for all of us. Say a prayer for him that he navigates the transition well and for all who are in transition.

Pope Benedict XVI recently told some close friends who are his former students that he received a sudden inspiration or grace of enlightenment to resign from the office of the papacy. Recognizing this as God’s will, he promptly resigned. He did so even though it had been centuries since a pope voluntarily resigned from his office. It might be that he was setting a precedent, rather than following one.

I wonder how the Pope Emeritus is adjusting to the changes in his life. It was no small step for the pope to become a private citizen. To suddenly surrender huge responsibilities from a worldwide organization, the Church, is no small task and a complete change of one’s life and activities.

My love and appreciation of the angels began when I was about 3 or 4 years old. At Grandma’s house, my mother would put me to bed upstairs while the adults did their homework. At Grandma’s house, my mother would put me to bed upstairs while the adults did their homework. At Grandma’s house, my mother would put me to bed upstairs while the adults did their homework. At Grandma’s house, my mother would put me to bed upstairs while the adults did their homework.

I take seriously Jesus’ words that children’s angels always see the face of the Father in heaven (Mt 18:10). Further, I believe that God does not take away his gifts and that during our entire lifetimes our companion sees the face of God. Therefore it is appropriate to ask our angels to look to God for what God wants of us and to guide us to do God’s will. Parents do well to ask their children’s angels to guide them as they explore life options – vocation, choice of marriage partner, and how they will be true to their baptismal promises.

I trust my angel for protection in the everyday care I receive. Since the angels look constantly upon the face of God, the angels can teach us to pray and help us remain faithful to prayer. In your imagination, walk into Sunday worship – and be aware of all the guardian angels who have accompanied their people. The church is full of angels. The liturgy makes many references to the angels among us. “I have sinned… and ask all the Angels and Saints to pray for me.” “God, maker of all things visible and invisible;” “And so the Angels declare your glory;” “in company with the choirs of Angels, we praise you and with joy we proclaim;” “in your presence are countless hosts of Angels, who serve you day and night, and gazing upon the glory of your face, glorify you without ceasing.” I may have missed a reference or two, but I leave them for you to find. The important point here is that each of us does well to be aware that we are praying in union with our faithful companion. If angels have feelings, I wonder what those whose charges refuse to take part in the prayer and song think of them.

I have a theory that, just as Jesus, Mary and the saints can make their presence felt, so do the angels. When I read about some of the heroic ways in which animals warn and protect people, I can’t help wonder if, on occasion, an angel has acted in the disguise of a pet.

At the end of September we celebrate the Feast of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel and Raphael. On Oct. 2 is the Feast of the Guardian Angels. Take a few moments on these days to appreciate and thank God for our precious friends and companions whom we call the angels.

Some have unknowingly entertained angels

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Bishop James Garland

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“Make yourself familiar with the angels, and behold them frequently in spirit; for without being seen, they are present with you.” St. Francis de Sales

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The summit of Christian life is not just for Sundays

Pope receives used Renault 4, a Swiss guard worries where Holy Father will go with it

Vatican City, (CNA/EWTN News) - An Italian pastor has donated a used Renault 4 with 186,000 miles to Pope Francis, in response to the exhortation he made to priests and seminarians in July to live simply and humbly.

Father Renzo Roca, 69, who is pastor of St. Lucy Parish in Pes-cantina, wrote to the Holy Father offering to donate his car, according to news reports out of the Vatic-an.

"The car was delivered to the Pontif on Sept. 7 at St. Martha's Residence, shortly before the be-ginning of the Vigil for Peace which the Holy Father led in St. Peter's Square that evening.

"When I gave it to him, we got into the car, but I didn't have to ex-plan anything to the Pope because he told me that he also used a Re-nault 4 in Argentina and that it never left him stranded," Father Roca said.

After receiving the car, the Pope rode together with Father Roca to meet with the group of faithful that traveled with him to Rome.

During the brief encounter, a young man gave the Pope a T-shirt and Father Roca explained that "normally we sell the shirts for five Euros to raise money for parish ac-tivities, but we gave it to him for free."

However, the Pope said he would pay for it, "He took out his wallet and gave us ten Euros and asked for change. Luckily I had five Euros in my pocket. Incredible," Father Roca said.

He also joked that a Swiss guard standing nearby told him, "Now we are going to be a little worried because we'll have to watch what Pope Francis does with that Renault 4."

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. (Heb. 11:1)

So, being the “believer,” why did I stop going to daily Mass? I guess I was tired and decided that going home and taking a nap before dinner was more attractive than sitting 40 minutes in church.

I shortchanged myself.

It’s ironic that shortly before I stopped going to daily Mass, I remem-ber talking with a friend about how important it was to me. In fact, I real-ized that I’m a better person when I go to daily Mass.

The Catechism puts it this way:

1334 The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." 1336 "The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical min-istries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch."

All this stuff of faith seems simple on the surface, but it’s a lot to take in. As the sage known as Ringo Starr sang, “It don’t come easy.”

Sister Lynn Osika celebrates 25th jubilee of profession

Sister Lynn Osika, daughter of the late Rose Osika of Norway, Mich., celebrated her 25th Jubilee of Monastic Profession at Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton, S.D. on July 27.

Born in Harvey, Ill., in 1957 to Louis and Rose Osika, Sister Lynn Osika was an only child but had many cousins and friends. After gradu-ating from Marian High School in Chi-cago Heights, she studied forestry at Michigan Tech University in Houghton and then Range Management at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. Sister Lynn worked as an agricultural researcher, and also served as a volunteer in a Catholic Worker House while run-ning a community garden project in a parish neighborhood center serving the poor of inner Kansas City. Serv-ing the poor and stewarding God’s cre-ation have always been important to her.

Sister Lynn entered Mother of God Monastery in Watertown, SD and made first monastic profession in 1988 and perpetual monastic profession in 1992. She took care of the monastery grounds and assisted in the business office. After receiving a master’s degree in library science in 1993, she worked as librarian.

In 2010 she served as a monastery archivist, and in 2011 moved to Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton, S.D. to discern a trans-fer to that community. In Yankton she has volunteered in Mount Marty College library, worked at Yankton Community Library, and taught a Wisdom of Benedict class at MMC. Currently she is on staff at Mount Marty College, and also is organizing the Monastery Li-brary. Commenting on community living at this time of jubilee, she says, “I treasure and need our times of prayer and the common life as much as I need breathing and eat-ing. It has helped me become a whole person.”

So, for months I've chosen naps, extra TV and such over the body and blood, soul and divinity of Christ. I think I've shortchanged myself. What's more, I've let Jesus down by not embracing every opportunity to re-cieve him and draw closer to him in the Blessed Sacrament.

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Column
Catholic doctor brings healing, hope to the poor with help from Cross Catholic Outreach

“People grow by giving. Everybody has something to give, whether it’s their time, their knowledge, or their resources,” says Dr. Maria Theresa Losada Monsalve, a woman whose life revolves around giving. In her case, she’s giving medical care to the poor.

Maria Theresa recently provided care for Jerry, an 18-year-old street dweller and drug addict, at a clinic in downtown Cochabamba. Operated through a Franciscan ministry called the San Lucas Foundation, the clinic provides medical care for poor street dwellers, most often in desperate need of immediate care.

Jerry was brutally beaten in the streets and no hospital would treat his life-threatening head injuries. After easing Jerry’s pain the best she could, and with his very life in the balance, Maria Theresa took him from hospital to hospital throughout the city until one yielded to her pleas and provided Jerry with the critical surgery he needed.

Even though the San Lucas Foundation paid for the care, Maria Theresa said the problem is that sometimes people like Jerry aren’t valued by society.

“Jerry is a drug addict and has serious health problems. When he broke his head and was limping, a lot of people said, ‘Why bother? Why help him? Why not just let him die?’ They see some people as disposable — they don’t see their value to society. I think there’s a divine presence in every human being and those who believe have the duty to care for a person like Jerry, just like they have the duty to care for their own children,” Maria Theresa said.

A devout Catholic and four-year director of a network of clinics operated by the San Lucas Foundation, Maria Theresa says she sees her work as “a way to practice our Catholic beliefs and knowledge.”

“The presence of crucified Jesus didn’t stay behind 2,000 years ago,” she said. “Christ lives today in those who give and those who receive.”

Jim Cavnar, president of a Catholic humanitarian aid organization called Cross Catholic Outreach that supports San Lucas Foundation, says Catholic lay missionaries like Maria Theresa are bringing physical and spiritual healing to the poor.

“The book of Matthew says, ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ As Catholics, we know it’s not enough to provide care for the body only — we have to care for the soul as well, and that’s what our partner Maria Theresa and the San Lucas Foundation are doing,” he said.

According to Cavnar, it’s the kind of Christ-inspired aid American Catholics are eager to support.

“Our generous Catholic benefactors who help us support Maria Theresa understand that she’s responding the way Christ himself would want us to respond — with love, compassion, and the Gospel. American Catholics find it heavenly value in that, and I know they’ll continue supporting Cross Catholic as we lift up these brave missionaries of Christ like Maria Theresa,” Cavnar said.

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“Cross Catholic” Now Endorsed by 60 U.S. Bishops, Archbishops

“We’ve received an impressive number of endorsements from American Bishops and Archbishops — 60 Catholic leaders at last count,” explained Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach (CCO). “They’re impressed by the fact that we’ve done outreaches in more than 40 countries and that we undertake a variety of projects: everything from feeding the hungry and housing the homeless to supplying safe water and supporting educational opportunities for the poorest of the poor.”

Archbishop Robert Carlson of St. Louis sent one of the more recent letters of encouragement, writing: “It is my hope that this ministry will continue to flourish and reach as many people as possible. I will inform the priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis of the important work that Cross Catholic Outreach does and elicit their prayerful and financial support for the service you provide to the less fortunate around the world.”

In addition to praising the work CCO accomplishes, many of the Bishops and Archbishops are also impressed by the unique collaborative relationship Cross Catholic Outreach has with the Pontifical Council Cor Unum in Rome. This allows the charity to participate in the mercy ministries of the Holy Father himself.

In his praise of CCO, Archbishop Dennis Schnurr of Cincinnati underscored this unique connection.

“Cross Catholic Outreach’s close collaboration with the Pontifical Council Cor Unum is a source of encouragement,” the Archbishop said. “The Holy See has unique knowledge of local situations throughout the world through its papal representatives in nearly two hundred countries and through its communications with Bishops and others who care for the poor and needy in every corner of the world.”

CCO president, Jim Cavnar, explained the significance of this connection.

“Our collaboration with Cor Unum allows us to fund outreaches in virtually any area of the world and we have used that method in special cases — to help the victims of natural disasters, for example,” he said. “It only represents a small part of our overall ministry, but it can be a very important benefit in those situations.”
Cross Catholic Outreach helps bring medical care to the rural, urban poor

Donata Juarez’s youngest son, Jose Angel, 3, has the ruddy cheeks and dark eyes of a child raised high in Bolivia’s arid mountains. He’s a healthy, vibrant boy who smiles easily but becomes solemn and serious when approached by strangers. “My children give me strength. They keep me going and help me keep working,” said Donata, a widow now raising two children alone. She works long hours as a mountain farm laborer to support her family, and her face and hands bear the lines of years of exposure to sun, wind and soil.

Things like electricity and running water are public services that have not yet made their way into most homes in Sapanani Alto. In this village where Donata and her sons live, most homes, like Donata’s, are made of concrete; others have crumbling earthen walls with dirt floors. Families survive through subsistence farming on land most projects are not only far-reaching, but also in line with Catholic teachings.

“Christ’s life serves as a prime example of how we should treat the poor,” Cavanaugh said. “He healed them, he restored them and he uplifted them. We aspire to the same approach in our work. We want to serve the poor in a way that preserves their dignity.”

As an example, Cavanaugh told the story of John, a partially paralyzed street dweller who lived a life of misery on the streets of Cochabamba. The San Lucas Foundation regularly sends its volunteers to search for street dwellers needing medical care. When the ministry discovered John, who is unable to walk and was supporting himself only through begging, they immediately brought him to their downtown clinic where they treated his wounds, bathed him and admitted him to their physical therapy facility.

All the while, Cavanaugh says, the doctors and staff of the San Lucas Foundation treated John as they would have treated Christ: with respect, dignity and love. “John was literally lying in the streets — he can’t stand or walk on his own — and people were passing him by as if he wasn’t there. He was hungry, sick and in great need of Christ. There was no one to help him, but these compassionate Catholics stepped in as Christ would have,” Cavanaugh said. “That’s the type of medical ministry God is calling all of us to support.”

Based on the response Cross Catholic has gotten to medical appeals, American Catholics seem to agree.

“Thank God every day for the “army” of American Catholics who give generously to our medical projects. Because of them, we’ve been able to help our ministry partners save thousands of lives all over the world. That’s a feat only Christ and his faith-filled followers could accomplish,” Cavanaugh said.

Cavanaugh says he’s confident American Catholics will continue to stand for what is right.

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s and will be moved up to the third and final level this coming year, as schools are struggling to keep up in the face of declining revenues for operations.

The UPCSA goal and the parish assessment have again been combined into one goal, that of $2,041,340, for 2013-2014. Each parish is assigned a UPCSA goal (see the individual parish goals to the right), and parishioners are asked to help their parish meet its goal through their donations. Any parish that fails to achieve its goal is asked to make up the difference from its parish budget. However, a parish that exceeds its goal will receive the overage back, for use as it sees fit in the parish.

Here are a few highlights of the 2013-2014 diocesan budget: Education of Priests/Ministry Personnel Office

The money budgeted for the education of priests has been re-
duced due to the fact that Father Dan Moll has completed his
canon law studies in Rome. How-
however, Fr. Moll is now working part-time in the Diocesan Min-
istry Personnel Office, so part of his salary is paid for by this of-

In addition, Kevin Branson took over as Director of Ministry Personnel from Monsignor Ronald Browne, who returned to the Archdiocese of Detroit this past summer.

Education of Seminarians

The diocese currently has eight seminarians studying for the priesthood. This is two less than the year before. However, the men are all in theol-

ogy, which is the more expensive stage at the seminary. Every parish is touched by the money ex-
pended in this area.

The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives as Catholics, and there is no offering of that atoning sacrifice without priests," stated Fr. Dobrzenski. "A signif-
ificant portion of the funds collected in the annual appeal (UPCSA) goes to-
ward the education of our seminarians, our future priests, quite simply our future as the Church in the Diocese of Marquette.

Associate Pastor Support

There are two more associate pastors being funded in the coming
budget than in last year’s. The

parishes where these priests serve are a “training ground,” preparing the men for the day when they will lead a faith community as pastor.

Office of Divine Worship

A director of sacred music, Nathan Knutson, was hired, and he

began his ministry with the diocese in February. Part of his salary for a full year will be

covered in the new budget; this music position is split between
diocese and St. Peter Cathe-
dral in Marquette. Deacon Tom Foye works part-time as director of
this office.

Family Life Office

The position of Family Life Coordinator is currently vacant, but money has been budgeted in this area to be used at the discre-
tion of the new bishop.

The U.P. Catholic Newspaper Subsidy

Before he left the diocese, Archbishop Sample approved the

hiring of a part-time editorial as-
ist to help the editor produce this diocesan newspaper and ad-\n
minister the diocesan website.

Givers down, Gifts up

Although the number of indi-

viduals who contribute to UPCS

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years, those who continue to do so are more generous. Fr. Dobrzen-
ski said the diocese is thankful for this.

UPCSA parish-mission goals set for 2013-2014

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view this page).
A parishioner recently asked me some important questions. As many organizations ask for financial support, to which should I give? Which are worthwhile and make a difference in the lives of people? This question is not uncommon. Requests are numerous, and even within parishes there are many worthwhile Catholic efforts which depend upon financial support.

My response was to consider the annual U.P. Catholic Services appeal. UPCSA funds essential Catholic ministry efforts which are local and far reaching. They include evangelization and faith formation, vocations and pastoral outreach, Catholic Social Services, and Catholic schools. I believe that UPCSA is worthwhile and makes a difference in the lives of people. There is more.

As a pastor in the Upper Peninsula, parishioners and I benefit directly from the assistance of people who make up these Catholic ministry efforts. We benefit from personal direction, materials, and presentations in our faith formation program. Local people in need receive direct assistance from Catholic Social Services. People who are trained in evangelization provide us with the best tools and ideas possible to connect with Catholics who are making a return to the Church. Vocation efforts engage the minds and hearts of young people as they trust in God, who abides with them into the future. Our Catholic schools are treasures that promote Catholic and family-based values and environments.

I recently served on a committee whose members explored the ways in which UPCSA can be more effectively understood and promoted. Even after years of conducting the campaign in parishes, I came away with a renewed appreciation and commitment to UPCSA. We will ask all parishioners to join the already many people who provide support.

My parishioner asked an important question. To which organization should I give? Which are worthwhile and make a difference? Please prayerfully consider giving to UPCSA. I am grateful that the parishioners with whom I serve are generous. I too will give generously to the U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.
These numbers demonstrate that Diocese of Marquette Catholic schools have consistently bucked the nationwide trend of declining enrollment in Catholic schools, particularly when compared to the other six dioceses in the State of Michigan, who have lost an average of more than eight percent of their students in a comparable time period.

Working for Mark Salisbury, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, in the Office of Catholic Schools are Administrative Assistant Pam Erickson, Business Manager John Dehlin, and, on a subcontractor basis, Marketing Coordinator Victoria LaFave. Recently, staff in the diocesan department of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry has come under the supervision of the Catholic Schools office.

While his office is headquartered out of the Marquette diocesan offices, Salisbury travels frequently around the Upper Peninsula to all nine schools, where he meets with the principals, pastors, councils and faculties to help with curriculum, address any issues, and help the schools plan for their futures.

“For me, my ministry can only be effective when I am present to those in the field working day to day to keep the mission of Catholic school education alive in our diocese. As the representative of the bishop, we work hard to establish a spirit of unity between our local schools, their parishes, and the diocese,” Salisbury said.

With an eye toward helping the schools with future strategic planning, the Office of Catholic Schools has secured the assistance of Catholic School Management, Inc. (CSM). Funded through a generous grant from the Catholic Extension Foundation, Marquette diocesan schools have received a four-year commitment to work with nationally-known educational consultant Richard Burke, president of CSM. With his expertise in managing Catholic schools, Burke will provide valuable input on key areas of leadership within the schools, such as strategic planning, marketing strategies and plans, council leadership and financial management.

One of the diocesan Catholic school principals, Kathleen “Kitty” Lovell of St. Francis de Sales School in Manistique, said the Catholic Schools office has been helpful in moving her school forward. “The diocese has established a support infrastructure for our nine schools, providing spiritual, academic, and financial resources,” she said. “Their leadership, commitment and dedication help to keep us moving in the right direction, maintaining the highest professional standards for our schools.”

The Office of Catholic Schools also recently conducted its first-ever comprehensive diocesan-wide Parent Satisfaction Survey. All parents of students in the diocesan Catholic schools were invited to complete the survey and anonymously submit their answers.

“We were very happy to receive 337 completed surveys, representing a 37-percent return rate,” said Salisbury. Overall, results were very positive. For instance, when parents of students from all nine diocesan Catholic schools were asked if they would recommend the Diocese of Marquette Catholic Schools to other parents, an overwhelming 96 percent of the 337 respondents said that yes, they would and do recommend them to friends and community members.

Also, within the past few years, the superintendent’s office developed, with the help of teachers and principals, a core list of trade books that students are taught in Diocese of Marquette schools. This core list is structured around six major genres gleaned from classical works of literature and non-fiction, while including works such as biographies of saints from our Catholic tradition. This past year diocesan schools made a concerted effort to improve the mathematics curriculum and materials.

Another service provided by the Office of Catholic Schools is centralized accounting, coordinated by Business Manager John Dehlin. This system streamlines the time it takes for these bookkeeping procedures to be performed by the local schools, including payroll and tuition collection.

These and other services provided by the Office of Catholic Schools support the overall philosophy of our diocesan Catholic schools to share in the evangelization mission of the local Church in the Upper Peninsula.

“Our Catholic schools are a vibrant means through which the New Evangelization is being carried out in the Diocese of Marquette,” Salisbury said. “We are excited and confident for future growth and very grateful to everyone who is helping to carry out this mission.”

The Diocesan offices are located at 1004 Harbor Hills Drive, Marquette, MI 49855. For more information on the Diocesan Catholic schools, call (906) 227-9135 or visit: www.dioceseofmarquette.org/schools.
A Time for Renewal

The Chrism Mass is a visible example of UPCSA gifts at work that touch every priest, parish, and mission in the diocese. The Chrism Mass is celebrated once each year. On this occasion, faithful from all regions of the diocese gather together with the bishop and priests to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. All the priests from the diocese come to renew their promise of obedience to their bishop. The holy oils that will be used for the coming year—the oil of the sick, the oil of catechumens, and the holy Chrism used in baptisms, confirmations and ordinations—are blessed or consecrated and set apart for sacred use.

The bishop’s homily at this Mass encourages his priests to strive for holiness and to live their promises more perfectly. He instructs them to continually work to be more like Jesus, to turn away from sin, and to take joy in the love that God has for us as his children. His encouragement can be taken to heart not just by priests but by every Christian.

Every parish and mission in the diocese sends a representative to the Chrism Mass to receive the blessed oils and return them safely to the parish.

Diocesan priests, who are financially and spiritually supported by UPCSA—divine worship, sacred music and communications that are supported by UPCSA—divine worship, sacred music and communications.

Catholic Social Services Welcomes New Leader

By John Fee

When talking with Kyle Rambo, the new director of Catholic Social Services of the Upper Peninsula (CSS), the conversation revolves around people and team building. “We’ve got a great team here. What I see are some hardworking people,” Rambo said. “I think my job is supporting them so they can do their job better.”

Team meetings by conference calls, bringing together the offices in Marquette, Iron Mountain and Escanaba, will allow staff to have more input into the organization, to share ideas and encourage each other. Rambo said the staff has a lot of “great ideas. I’m taking those ideas and putting them into policies.”

Rambo has plenty of experience in teamwork and leadership. He is retiring from the Army as a lieutenant colonel with 23 years of service, including four combat assignments. During his most recent tour in Iraq he was Chief of Plans and Advisor to the Iraq Army in Baghdad, responsible for the command and control of 66 Iraqi Army Battalions and 39 Iraqi Police battalions providing security in and around Baghdad.

He believes that being a veteran himself will help him connect with veterans who would benefit from CSS’s services. “The biggest problem is the (veterans) who don’t ask for help,” Rambo said. He noted that there is camaraderie in military service that veterans miss. “That’s why we have a VFW or American Legion in every town in America, no matter how small,” he said.

Working at CSS has been an eye-opening experience, according to Rambo. The agency offers many services including those for substance abuse and mental health, marriage counseling and foster care. He often refers to the CSS counselors as “healers.”

“Hard times make what we do more important,” Rambo said, pointing out that the foster care program has almost doubled in the past year. “Our services are needed even more.”

“One of the first things (counselors) ask me is, ‘Can we bring somebody else on board?’” There are so many people we can help,” Rambo said. “Not right now. We have to prove we can operate efficiently. There is a need for support, healing. We just need to be good stewards of the limited resources provided us,” Rambo said.

“The counselors are working hard; they earn every penny,” Rambo said. He noted that they often bring their lunch and in his words, “barely have time to eat it.”

The Upper Peninsula Catholic Services Appeal “goes directly to my ability to support my counselors in their work.”

Faith and “spiritual fitness” have been very important to Rambo throughout his military career and especially during deployments into combat zones. “During your darkest hour you realize how important your faith in God is to get you through it.”

Chaplains are “worth their weight in gold,” Rambo said. He especially credits Chaplain Larry Sharp, a Vietnam War veteran who returned to the military as a chaplain.

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UPPER PENINSULA CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Vocations and Pastoral Outreach

Diocesan Sacred Music Conference held in Escanaba

By Victoria LaFave

Angelic voices chanting in Latin could be heard through the open stained glass windows at St. Joseph and St. Patrick’s Parish in Escanaba on a beautiful summer afternoon.

The voices emanating from the church were those of participants in the Diocesan Sacred Music Conference, held at St. Joseph & St. Patrick’s Parish in Escanaba on July 12-13.

The conference was organized for priests, deacons, seminarians, directors of music, organists, cantors, choir members and singers of all ages, especially those responsible for Sacred Music in the parishes and missions of the Diocese of Marquette. The 2013 Diocesan Sacred Music Conference included a study of Gregorian chant from basic to advanced, the use of organ within the Sacred Liturgy, as well as Sacred music resources. Diocesan Director of Sacred Music Nathan Knutson directed the conference. The diocesan Office of Sacred Music is funded through UPCSA.

Conference participant Carol Yakovich, choir director at Holy Family Parish in Ontonagon, said the conference provided her with practical information she can take back to her parish. “This year, I’m learning more about Sacred Music and how to introduce Gregorian Chant into our parish,” she said.

“It was introduced a little already after last year’s conference,” Yakovich said. She noted that Knutson has given her ideas on “how to incorporate chant a little more now.” Another conference participant, Jeanne Korpi, member of St. Joseph & St. Patrick’s Parish Choir, said she is taking valuable knowledge back to her choir from the conference. “What I’ve learned from this conference is that interpretation of chant is variable,” she said. “There are different interpretations of chant.”

Knutson said this year’s conference material, covering primarily Gregorian Chant and organ music, “was very well-received.”

Knutson noted that part of Archbishop Sample’s pastoral letter, Rejoice in the Lord Always, recommends actually singing the Mass rather than singing at the Mass. The overall goal of the Sacred Music Conference was to further develop Archbishop Sample’s vision of Sacred Music and Liturgy. The conference included Mass each day, along with an organ concert featuring organists Nathan Knutson and John Ignatowski.

New CSS leader felt called to “higher purpose”

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laid, for helping him grow in spiritual fitness. The chaplain also gave him an engraved plaque with his favorite poem, emphasizing attitude and concluding that “life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent how I react to it.”

Although Rambo took over the top spot at CSS on Aug. 19 this year, he and his family are no strangers to Marquette and the U.P. For the last four years, the lieutenant colonel has been a professor of military science and led the military science department of Northern Michigan University in Marquette. He held a similar position at Michigan Technological University in Houghton from 2002 to 2005.

After his earlier stint in the Army in Houghton, the Rambo family hoped to be able to return to the U.P. and Rambo feels privileged the Army placed him in NMU’s strong military science program. Both Rambo, and his wife Kay (a secretary at Father Marquette Middle School) are natives of Michigan’s Lower Peninsula.

They have two sons, Lance, a high school sophomore in Marquette, and Luke, an eighth grader at Father Marquette Middle School. Rambo said both sons “love the school system” here.

Rambo lights up talking about volunteering as a cross country and track coach at Father Marquette Middle School. “It’s fun coaching those kids. Father Marquette is going to dominate,” he said with a smile.

Moving from military to civilian life and working at CSS was described by Rambo as a “good transition.” He said in the university setting he worked for a “higher purpose” helping a small group of future military leaders grow. At CSS there is also a higher purpose of “taking care of people.”

“Agencies like this one are more important than ever because hospital health systems won’t do it unless they’re making money. That’s the way of the future—everyone else is left on the side of the road. We can’t let that happen,” Rambo said.

“When people recover, when people find spiritual fitness, there’s a tendency for them to give back to society. Rather than take, take, take, we now have a community of givers who are trying to contribute to their community,” Rambo said.

This four-page UPCSA section sponsored by the Diocese of Marquette
### Annual Budget

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**Notes for the Diocesan Annual Budget**

1. Catholic Social Services (CSS) of the UP amount reflects only the portion of their budget which is funded by UPCSA. CSS total budget includes an additional $1,134,226 of revenues from counseling, adoption, United Way and other sources.
2. The third phase of the Parish Assessment for Catholic Schools is being implemented.
3. U.P. Catholic Newspaper (UPC) subsidy reflects only the portion of their budget which is funded by diocesan investment income. UPC total budget includes an additional $228,475 of revenues from parish subscriptions, advertising, grants and other sources.
4. Investment Income is budgeted using a five-year weighted average at a 5% spending level.
‘Grasshopper Parade’ is time-honored tradition at St. Nicholas Cemetery

TRADITION - Father Jacek Wtyklo celebrates Mass at St. Nicholas Cemetery in honor of the upcoming feast day of St. Ann. (Photo courtesy of Doris Newhouse)

SUBMITTED BY DORIS NEWHOUSE


Original settlers of the St. Nicholas area who are buried there were remembered during the Mass. Father Jacek Wtyklo, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Perkins, St. Charles Borromeo in Rapid River and St. Rita in Trenary, celebrated Mass Wednesday evening, July 24, in St. Nicholas Cemetery in honor of the upcoming feast day of St. Ann.

Whatever the reason, the annual event has continued throughout the years paying tribute to St. Ann.

Refreshments were enjoyed following the Mass by friends and family members who visited with each other and remembered those who immigrated to this country in the early 1900s and struggled to clear the forest to plant their crops.

An immense field of healthy, green potato plants grows next to the cemetery, seemingly to remind descendants of those early settlers that the potato is what brought Belgian immigrants to this country years ago and sustains their families even today.

IN THE SAME BOAT - Getting out on the water is a major accomplishment in the Bay Cliff Adapted Kayaking Program. (Photo courtesy of Bay Cliff Health Camp)

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Upper Peninsula, a consortium of major health agencies. In this position, he worked with counseling, patient services, education, clinics and equipment.

“I noticed early on people with disabilities, in the ’70s and the early ’80s, did not have the opportunities to enjoy the beautiful U.P. It just occurred to me that there ought to be recreation available for folks to get out and have some fun,” Bennett said. With this belief, “I came up and rented the facility … and brought people I knew and ran a camp for adults with disabilities. It took on a life of its own. We still run that camp.” In 1987, the Bay Cliff camp director retired and Bennett began his career as the director of Bay Cliff.

There are many ways others also serve the camp. Along with therapy, the camp offers medical and dental care free of charge. “Dr. Michael Nidiffer, a St. Michael parishioner, and Dr. Michael Coyne come up and see the kids and we never see a bill… We used to have to hire a dentist and an assistant. It was really hard to find the right person. Now we have this teaching clinic with U of M,” Bennett said.

Camp counselors are often college students. They are at least 18 years old and have at least one year of college. Bennett said, “They have to have a high level of maturity. They sleep in the cabin with their (four to six) kids. They help them get up; they do therapy carryover. It’s just like being a mom. When you are a mom, you don’t get a day off. Most of them want to go into medicine or therapy.”

More than half of the campers are from families who are financially indigent. Bay Cliff has a large facility filled with clothing “collected by women’s clubs and church groups. They all come folded, washed and pressed. The kids are all dressed basically the same…We don’t have to track 180 campers’ clothes this way, either. Every day they get to come shopping. It also gives them structure and routine….Upstairs we have tacos and there are prom dresses, too,” for the annual Bay Cliff prom.

Bay Cliff has an annual “Camper-ship Appeal” in the fall. “Every year we do one major fundraising appeal. We don’t get any grants… I have to raise $1,000,000 every year,” said Bennett.

Bay Cliff gives much back to the general community, as well. “We host other organizations and even have some who partner with us, but they must all be to serve others, to help others to live a better life,” Bennett.

St. Peter Cathedral, Catholic campus ministries and other church programs frequently use Bay Cliff as a retreat facility.

Physical and life skills therapy, weight management, a pilot program for autism, Camp Star bereavement which helps youth come to grips with loss, Camp Independence for adults with disabilities, and polio wellness for adult survivors of polio are just a few of the many ways the Gospel is lived out at Bay Cliff. Bennett said Bay Cliff is clearly a “treasure for the U.P. We really celebrate life. It’s a blessing.”

For more information about Bay Cliff, visit its website at www.baycliff.org and Facebook page at www.facebook.com/baycliff.
John D. Besse

John D. Besse, 86, of Gladstone, died July 27, 2013, at his home. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 3, at St. Anne Catholic Church, with Father Fran DeGroot officiating, and burial at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Besse was born in Butternut, Wis., on Aug. 17, 1926, son of the late Arthur and Gertrude (Klein) Besse. Following high school, he served in the Navy. He graduated cum laude from the University of Minnesota, and received a master's degree from the University of North Carolina.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia, and was preceded in death by his wife, Melissa, who passed away in 2011.

Besse and Melissa started their own company, Northern Michigan Veneers Inc. in 1966 in Escanaba. The company expanded, and by the 1990s had become a multi-million dollar corporation, Besse Forest Products Group.

A philanthropist, Besse and his family have made generous donations through the years, including to the Bishop Nos Home, OSF St. Francis Hospital, Marquette General Hospital’s cancer center, the Beacon House, the Catholic Diocese of Marquette, Bay Cliff Health Camp, and renovations to the Escanaba Civic Center.

Survivors also include his children, Melissa (Jim) Roulo of Shawano, Wis., Greg (Diane) of Gladstone, Mer- rijo (Dave) Koen of Minneapolis; his stepchildren, Jeffery Abrahamson of Alexandria, Va., Victoria Abrahamsson-Cass of Fox Point, Wis.; grandchild- ren, Gabrielle, Cain, Amber, Aprylle and Alex; step-grandchildren, Heather, Graham, Zachary, Mary Pat, Kelly, Gabrielle, Noah, Mathias, Jaden, Tony and Audrianna.

He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Arthur Jr. and Robert; sister, Helen; and stepson, Gary Abrahamson, Jr.

The family asks that any memorial donations be made to the John and Patricia Besse Foundation for community projects.

DEATHS

BEACCO, Rachel Marie, St. Paul, Negaunee
BEAUDRIE, Dorothy, 85, All Saints, Gladstone
BUTRYN, Jean, 95, St. Anne, Escanaba
CAMPBELL, Joseph Donald, 87, Immaculate Conception, Wakefield
GEROY, Allan, 61, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Bark River
GUTZMAN, David, 72, St. Louis the King, Marquette
JACOBSON, Mary Rose, 98, St. Sebastian, Bessemer
JOHNSON, Betty, 88, St. Andrew, Nahma
JOHNSON, Rose Mary, 83, St. Thomas the Apostle, Escanaba
KENDY, Timothy, 58, St. Joseph & St. Patrick, Escanaba
KLEE, Riley T., 21, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Bark River
LARSON, Bernard, 97, St. Anne, Escanaba

Deadline set for state-wide petition to prohibit tax-funded abortion insurance

A deadline date for submitting NO Taxes for Abortion Insurance petitions is set. The state-wide petition drive will end Sept. 30. More than 270,000 signatures have been received.

The Michigan Catholic Conference is supporting the citizens’ initia- tive to prohibit abortion coverage in the forthcoming health care exchange. A petition drive is operating under the committee name No-Taxes for Abortion Insurance, and is being conducted through the end of this month by Right to Life of Michigan. Parishes and other organizations in the Upper Peninsula are collecting signatures for the petition.

The federal health care reform bill (Affordable Care Act), enacted in March 2010, requires that insurance exchanges be available in all 50 states by 2014. The ACA contains a special provision allowing the states to exclude abortion as a covered benefit. To date, 23 states have passed such legis- lation. This petition drive will ask the state legislature to prohibit abortion coverage in the exchange that will be accessed by Michigan residents.

The Michigan Constitution allows the people to initiate legislation through a petition. In order to propose legislation to the Michigan Legislature, approximately 258,088 valid signatures of registered voters must be gathered.

A citizen’s initiative that appears before the legislature may not be amended nor does it require consid- eration from the Governor. Should either the House of Representatives or Senate vote “no” or fail to vote, the issue will go to the November 2014 statewide ballot. If both chambers vote “yes” within the 40 days, the bill will become law. This citizen’s initia- tive is the same process that was used to override former Governor Jennifer Granholm’s veto in 2003 of legisla- tion that banned partial birth abortion.

The federal health care reform law provides federal subsidies for millions of American families. Families with household incomes up to 400 percent of federal poverty level will be allowed to receive federal sub- sidies when purchasing a health care plan through the health care insurance exchanges. If Michigan doesn’t opt-out, federal tax dollars will be allowed to subsidize the purchase of health care plans—which cover abortion.

In a letter to pastors and pastoral administrators, President Long, President and CEO of Michigan Catholic Confer- ence wrote, “In order to ensure that taxpayer dollars are not used to subsi- dize abortion coverage on a health care exchange sold in Michigan, this petition drive must be successful. Since the campaign is an initiative proposal, churches may speak out and distribute as much material as they wish.”

SUNDAY, OCT. 6
The 10th annual Ontonagon Life Chain will be hosted by Ontonagon Christians for Life from 2 to 3 p.m. on the sidewalk at the intersection of U.S. 45 and Greenland Road. Those who can’t stand for the entire hour of silent prayer may be seated or lain down on the ground. Donations are being accepted in the parish office or in Sunday collections. Place your donation in an envelope marked “Life Chain.”

The Life Chain will be held at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Hall. Following the Life Chain, everyone is invited to attend a short meeting at the church hall. For more information, call Roland or Theresa Mayer at (906) 884-6813.

A Harvest Dinner will take place at the Garden Community Building of St. John Catholic Church of Garden from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Cost is $10 for adults, $5 for children and no cost for children younger than 5. Ham and turkey dinners will be served, along with homemade pies.

THURSDAY, OCT. 10
A videotape viewing of Abby Johnson’s presentation at the annual Care Fundraising Banquet will be offered at St. Peter Cathedral. The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. and is open to all ages. The Care Clinic, formerly known as Pregnancy Services of Marquette, began under the auspices of the Catholic diocese in 1973. It now operates two clinics, one in Marquette and the newest at K.I. Sawyer. Both clinics offer free services for women who are in an unplanned pregnancy, as well as classes and support for the fathers. Abby Johnson is a former Planned Parenthood clinic director who, after assisting with an ultrasound-guided abortion, became a staunch advocate for life.

A collection to benefit the Care Clinic will be taken after the viewing. For more information, contact the Care Clinic at (906) 228-2273.

SUNDAY, OCT. 13
All Saints Parish in Gladstone will host a harvest dinner. Dinner and drawing proceeds will help fund Christmas baskets and gifts for the poor families of our area. For more information, contact the parish office at (906) 428-3199.

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MARIAN CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Marian of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary

OCTOBER 25-27, 2013 • Boyne Mountain Resort • Boyne Falls, MI
Register & Info: www.MarianConference.org • 231-347-6279

Special Guest Emcees: Nick Thomm • Producer of Kresta in the Afternoon • Ave Maria Radio

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THE U.P. CATHOLIC CALENDAR OF EVENTS
(All times are local)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21
Holy Spirit School of Norway will host its annual harvest dinner from 4 – 7:30 p.m. The chicken dinner is an all-you-can-eat buffet and includes garden fresh vegetables, rolls and pies. There will be many prizes, as well as a bake sale. The cost for the evening is $8 for adults, $5 for children ages 5-12 and younger than 5 is free.

Marriage in Today’s Culture, a Claves Regni Ministries forum and dinner presentation will be held at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette. The forum will consider questions such as: What is the Catholic understanding of Marriage? How do we minister to those with same-sex attraction?

The forum will follow a dinner beginning at 5:15 p.m. A freewill offering will be accepted.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 24
A Kick-Off Rally will be held at 5:30 to launch this fall’s 40 Days For Life campaign on the sidewalk outside St. Anne Parish, 817 S. Lincoln Road in Escanaba. Join and be part of the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history. Participants join prayers with hundreds of other cities around the country and the world to pray for an end to abortion. For more information, contact Sue Tackman at (906) 233-1697.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 24
A Fourth Degree Exemplification celebration for the Knights of Columbus will be held at Marygrove Retreat Center in Garden. An overnight retreat focuses on the mission of the Knights and precedes the ceremony. If you are a Knight of Columbus and interested in making your Fourth Degree, contact Vem Miron at (906) 353-6021.

Juke Box Memories Variety Shows, featuring music from the ’50s and ’60s, will be presented by St. Mary Queen of Peace Parish in Kingsford. Shows begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. All performances are held at the Kingsford High School auditorium. Admission is $10 for adults and $7 for children ages 12 and younger. A cash bar may be available in advance at the parish office or at the door.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28
Sacred Heart Parish in Champion will host a fall bazaar from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A soup and sandwich lunch will be available, as well as crafts, bakery items and a drawing. Tables are available for rent. Contact Carolyn Plattenberg at (906) 339-2386 for more information.

St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish will host the St. Stanislaus birthday dinner at Raber Township Hall. Reservations are requested. For more information or to make your reservation, contact Frances (906) 297-6561 or the parish office at (906) 297-5211.

The Knights of Columbus of St. Paul Parish in Neguane will host Oktoberfest. Brats, chips and potato salad will be served. The cost is $5 per plate. Call the Knights of Columbus at (906) 475-6671 for more information.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 29
New Life, New Hope, New Beginnings prayer group will be holding a “Life in the Spirit” first anniversary celebration at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Calumet. Activities include Friday night bingo, ethnic food booths, a bake sale and drawings. The festival is open to the community. Donations and volunteers are needed. Financial donations are being accepted in the parish office or in Sunday collections. Place your donation in an envelope marked “Festival donation.” Food donations may be purchased in advance at the parish office or at the door.

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Fall clean-up in cemetery set
A fall clean-up is set for Holy Cross Cemetery in Marquette. All decorations, tributes, flowers (natural and artificial), pots, baskets and wreaths should be removed by families by Oct. 15. Articles not removed by this time will be disposed of by cemetery personnel. Families may leave a shepherd’s hook but should remove the arrangement. Christmas wreaths may be placed after Nov. 15. Any questions may be directed to Neil Newcomb, sexton, at (906) 225-0191.

Catechists in-service training set
In-services for parish and school catechists are being held in each vicariate (region) for training in the use of the new diocesan elementary and high school faith formation curricula. Catechists are encouraged to attend the session in their own vicariate, but are free to attend any session that works best for them. There is no charge for the in-service.

The Diocesan Offices of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry have set up the following schedule:

Wed., Sept. 25, 6:30-8 p.m. ET, Immaculate Conception, Mount Pleasant
Wed., Oct. 9, 6-7:30 p.m. CT, Immaculate Conception, Iron Mountain
Mon., Oct. 14, 6-7:30 p.m. ET, Resurrection, Hancock
Tues, Oct. 15, 6-7:30 p.m. ET, Holy Name School, Escanaba
Wed., Oct. 16, 7-8:30 p.m. ET, St. Joseph, Sault Ste. Marie

To register for the in-service, see your local faith formation coordinator or contact Denise Foye at dfoye@dioceseofmarquette.org or (906) 227-9130 or (800) 562-9745, ext. 130.
Feather Bingo will be hosted at Precious Blood Parish in Stephenson. Doors will open at 5 p.m., with play beginning at 6 p.m. Turkey’s & chicken are among the prizes. The event includes pie, beverage and door prizes. There is a suggested donation of $2. Contact Marie Naffzinger at laffnaff@gmail.com or (906) 753-2241 for more information. This event is sponsored by St. Mary’s Sanctuary Society.

SUNDAY, OCT. 20
St. Jude Parish in White Pine will hold its 22nd annual Harvest Dinner in St. Martha’s Hall from 4 to 6:30 p.m. The turkey dinner is $9 for adults, $4 for children 5-10, free for children younger than 5 and includes turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetable, coleslaw, cranberry sauce, dessert and a beverage. Take-outs are available.

American Martyrs Parish in Kingsford will be hosting an Annual Fall Festival in the Parish Hall. Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m., featuring the Famous Chicken Dinner with all the trimmings. The cost of the dinner is adults $8, children ages 6-12 $5. Children 5 and younger are free. There will be craft items, and baked goods for sale. There will also be a big drawing.

THURSDAY, OCT. 24
A “Focus on Life” benefit dinner featuring keynote speaker Arlene A. Anzalone will be held at the Alpha Porter School gym in Alpha, Mich. Arlene Anzalone, an active parishioner at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Bark River and member of the Diocesan Respect Life Committee, was a signatory for Operation Outcry/Silent No More, and among the first group of women to be “Silent No More” in Washington, D.C.

Anzalone will speak about her own experience with abortion 35 years ago and its effects, as well as the hope and healing that is available. This benefit dinner is hosted by the Iron County Right to Life. The doors will open at 6 p.m. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information or to register contact Christina Velie at (906) 553-4899 or Yolie Buehler at (906) 265-2976.

SATURDAY, OCT. 26
St. Joseph Parish in Perkins will host a fall bazaar from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Craft tables and a drawing are among the activities.

TUESDAY, OCT. 29
A fall salad bar luncheon will be hosted at Resurrection Parish in Menominee from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The salad bar will include casseroles and salads. For more information call (906) 863-3405 ext. 10.

FALL ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES
St. Mary Parish in Norway will offer the study “Created and Redeemed” Thursday evenings Sept. 21-Nov. 7 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This study looks at The Theology of the Body, Blessed Pope John Paul II’s legacy and integrated vision of the human person-body, soul and spirit.

St. Michael Parish in Marquette will host The Bible Timeline: Story of Salvation, a 24 week study, by scholar Jeff Cavins. All adults are welcome. There will be a small charge for materials. The 7 to 9 p.m. sessions will take place on the second Tuesday of each month beginning Sept. 10. For more information, contact Joanne Walsh at (906) 226-4574 or Marilyn Keeffe at (906) 225-1603.

St. John Parish in Ishpeming will offer True Devotion to Mary classes beginning Thursday, Sept. 5. St. Louis de Monfort wrote True Devotion to Mary which teaches us the way to Jesus is through Mary. The book can be studied in preparation of making a Consecration to Mary. Sessions will take place from 6-7 p.m. in the room on the alley side of church. Contact LeeAnne Sundberg at (906) 486-4573 or Vicky Ricketts at (906) 486-4376 for more information.

The Bible Timeline: The Study of Salvation, First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community and James, Pearls for Wise Living Bible studies will be offered this fall by the Menominee area parishes. Contact the Holy Spirit Parish office, (906)863-5239, or Resurrection Parish office, (906) 863-3405 x10, for more information.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Bark River: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – First Friday monthly, following the 8 a.m. Mass until benediction at noon.

Baraga: St. Ann – Tuesdays evenings, following the 6 p.m. Mass until 7:30 p.m.

Calumet: St. Paul the Apostle Parish – Fridays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. (from 2 to 6:30 p.m. on First Fridays).

Manistique: St. Cecilia Parish – Fridays, following the 8 a.m. Mass until noon (until 4:45 p.m. on First Fridays).

Escanaba: OSP St. Francis Hospital – Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is held daily in the chapel. St. Joseph & St. Patrick Parish – Tuesdays, from 9:30 am to 4 pm, First Fridays, from 9:30 to noon for vocations.

Gwinn: St. Anthony Parish – Mondays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., concluding with Night Prayer.

Houghton: St. Albert the Great University Parish – Tuesdays, from 8 to 9 p.m., St. Ignatius Loyola Parish – Fridays, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the side chapel.

Iron Mountain: St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish – Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is held daily in the Adoration Chapel.

Iron River: St. Agnes Parish – Wednesdays, following the 8 a.m. Mass until 3 p.m.

Ishpeming: St. John the Evangelist Parish – Thursdays, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass and concluding with a Rosary prayed at 7:15 p.m. following Benediction. On first Thursdays, Fatima prayers begin at 7 p.m.

Kingsford: American Martyrs Parish – On second Thursdays, following the 7 a.m. Mass until benediction at 4:50 p.m.

Lake Linden: St. Joseph Parish – Wednesdays, from 6 to 8 p.m., beginning with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and ending with benediction.

L’Anse: June - August – First Fridays following 9 a.m. Mass until 12:30 p.m.; September - May weekly following 9 a.m. Mass until 12:30 p.m.

Marquette, Wis. (shared with Menominee parishes): Holy Family Parish – Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is held in the God the Father Adoration Chapel.

Marquette: St. Peter Cathedral – Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is held in the side chapel.

St. Louis the King - Tuesdays, from 1 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m., and Fridays, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. St. Michael – fourth Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. benediction.

Menominee: Menominee Catholic Central School – Wednesdays from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.

Moran: Immaculate Conception Parish – Second Saturdays from noon to 6 p.m.

Munising: Sacred Heart Parish – Tuesdays following the 8 a.m. Mass until benediction at 8 p.m.

Nadeau: St. Bruno Parish – First Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Norway: St. Mary Parish – First Fridays from 9:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Ontonagon: Holy Family Parish – Fridays, following the 9 a.m. Mass until 3 p.m. except First Friday, following the 9 a.m. Mass until the 10 p.m. closing benediction.

(Editors note: If your parish has a regularly-scheduled Eucharistic Adoration time that is not listed, send the city, parish, place and times by e-mail to editor@dioceseofmarquette.org or call Jean Fee at (800) 562-9743 ext. 128 or (906) 227-9128.)
Papal peace vigil draws positive response

Vatican City (CNA) - Pope Francis’ four-hour Saturday, Sept. 7 prayer vigil was part of a “major peace initiative” that is receiving a favorable reaction across religious lines, a leading Vatican communications figure has said.

“Pope Francis wants to keep this issue alive to make sure everything possible could be done to put an end to the violence, and not to increase it,” Greg Burke, senior communications adviser to the Holy See’s Secretariat of State, said Sept. 7.

Burke said that Pope Francis’ numerous actions show how important peace is to him.

“If you look at the Pope’s tweets, his letter to Putin and the G-20, and the diplomatic activity in the course of the week, this has been a major peace initiative on the part of Pope Francis,” Burke said before the vigil. “Today he’s asking everyone to join in by praying. The Pope will be praying not only for Syria but for peace in the Middle East and the entire world.”

The U.S. government has threatened military strikes on Syrian government forces, which it blames for a massive chemical weapons attack that killed over 1,400 people. The Syrian conflict between government and rebel forces has killed more than 100,000 since March 2011.

In a Sept. 4 letter to Russian President Vladimir Putin, the Pope urged world leaders to “overcome the conflicting positions” and “lay aside the futile pursuit of a military solution.” He said that “one-sided interests” have “hindered the search for a solution that would have avoided the senseless massacre now unfolding.”

‘Papal bounce’ credited for increase in British confessions

London, England, (CNA/EWTN News) - Catholic clergy in England and Wales say more people are going to confession, and many credit both Pope Francis’ election and Benedict XVI’s 2010 papal visit for inspiring the trend.

The U.S. government has threatened military strikes on Syrian government forces, which it blames for a massive chemical weapons attack that killed over 1,400 people. The Syrian conflict between government and rebel forces has killed more than 100,000 since March 2011.

Bishop Kieran Conry of Arundel and Brighton, who heads the England and Wales bishops’ Department for Evangelization and Catechesis, has called on every parish to reach out to the countries’ four million baptized Catholics who rarely or never attend Mass.

He encouraged practicing Catholics to use materials available at their parish church to help them reach out to non-practicing Catholics. He invited lapse Catholics to come back to church and not be “afraid to embarrass themselves by doing the wrong thing.”

He said confession has moved away from having a “mechanistic shopping list” approach of listing one’s sins and more a way to improve one’s relationship with God.
The Face of Evangelization

Emmes’ artistry draws people to faith

BY MARGARET STRIPE

“Roy Emmes is an artisan who uses beauty to draw others into the faith,” said Father Michael Chenier, former associate pastor of Resurrection Parish in Menominee, “and what more effective evangelization is there?”

Roy Emmes and his wife, Cindy, are members of Resurrection Parish. They and their son, David, have lived in Menominee for many years.

Emmes is employed as a tool designer/manufacturing engineer at Enstrom Helicopter Corporation. The techniques used in the aircraft industry closely parallel those of woodworking and have taught him the skills he uses in doing projects for others as a part of living his faith.

“How can someone more actively live their faith?” asked Emmes. “How can anyone step into a mindset of building faith? It must change from individualism into a persistent desire to serve others and God,” he stated. “I have been fortunate to attend classes at our parish and improve my understanding of Church doctrine, history, tradition, and the process of ‘faith in action.’ I have learned that faith must be activated, step by step,” he said, “and, by making conscious and deliberate decisions, I have grown. Each person must:

1. Start by making a decision to fall in love with God.
2. Sacrifice yourself and your time.
3. Make Jesus your best friend and an active part of your daily life.
4. Trust in Jesus and pray often.
5. Use your talents and skills to serve Him through your neighbor and the church, and
6. Learn to do His will.”

GOOD WORKS - Roy Emmes pauses while working to restore a church pew. The work of his hands becomes a tool for evangelization. (Courtesy of Father Michael Chenier)

“Learning to do God’s will by ‘faith in action’ has not come easy for me,” said Emmes. “Selfishness gets in the way. The road has been difficult and rocky, but volunteering becomes a habit after awhile. There is a thirst for God out there!”

Emmes volunteers at St. Vincent de Paul by way of home visits, which he says, are a good way to evangelize. His volunteering has included the design and building of several pieces of furniture for Resurrection Church as well as educational items for the Catholic school. It is all a labor of love.

“Years ago I attended several cabinetmaking classes, and slowly I improved my ability. With the gift of patience and those skills, I found a way to put my faith into action. I do the best I can and I do it for God.”

“I’ve been so thankful to Roy,” said Fr. Chenier, “for his willingness and generosity in using his talents for the church. I’m amazed at his ability to work with metal and stone, as well as wood. He donates all the materials he uses, and the work he does is amazing. It is truly a gift from God. Roy is the sort of carpenter I would imagine St. Joseph to be: both gentle and skilled, devout and diligent, producing beautiful craftsmanship.”

Evangelization is becoming the hands and heart of Christ by what we do for others.

CHURCH TIME - A perpetual liturgical calendar is one of the items fashioned by Roy Emmes. Small color-coded blocks of wood keep up the the Church’s seasons. (Courtesy of Father Michael Chenier)

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FLAT ROCK - A 2013 Legacy of Faith Catholic Service Award was presented posthumously to Lawrence Chouinard Sr. of Holy Family Parish in Gladstone on Aug. 18, 2013 by Father Francis Dobrzenski, diocesan administrator. Pictured (left to right), along with Father John Longbucco, parish pastor of Holy Family Parish, and Father Dobrzenski are five of Lawrence Sr. and Fernant Chouinard’s 13 children: Sharon Stangel, Jim Chouinard, Father Longbucco, Lawrence Chouinard Jr., Father Dobrzenski, Cherese Sovey and Janice Roberts. The Chouinards’ other children are Mary Ann Gascon, son Jared. Not pictured is Benoit’s son, Gary, who lives and works in Cleveland. (Terri Gadzinski photo)

SAULT STE. MARIE - Josie Benoit of St. Joseph Parish, Sault Ste. Marie, received a 2013 Legacy of Faith Catholic Service Award from Father Francis Dobrzenski, diocesan administrator, on Aug. 10, 2013. Benoit is pictured with her husband, Richard and son Jared. Not pictured is Benoit’s son, Gary, who lives and works in Cleveland. (Terri Gadzinski photo)

The following is a prayer written by Lawrence Chouinard Sr. that he prayed daily:

Good Morning, Lord

Thank you, Lord, for being able to sleep and for my rest, my health, my courage and happiness.
Thank you, Lord, for the air I breathe, the water I drink, sunshine, rain and the weather you’ve given me.
Thank you, Lord, for my hands, my feet and my back, so I can do the work I need to do.
Thank you, Lord, for the food you told me to use, so I can be healthy in mind, in body and spirit. Also, the clothes, home, car and the money you’ve given me to use. That and everything else I don’t even realize.
Thank you, Lord, for the air I breathe, the water I drink, sunshine, rain and the weather you’ve given me.
Thank you, Lord, for the privilege to be your servant and whatever you need me for.
Thank you, Lord, for teaching me how to read, so I can read your Scripture and understand your word.
Thank you, Lord, for teaching me the way and making me a better person, so I can bring more people to you, not only for me. Amen.

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Commemorative medallion at a Mass at her home parish, in the presence of her parish pastor, Fr. Jose Maramattam, family and friends. Following the Mass, she was honored at a reception where friends and family gathered to celebrate her. Benoit was grateful and humbled to receive the award.

In thanking her parish family for their support, she said, “I am proud to be Catholic. I do what I do because I’m Catholic… God brought us together to do great things, and we are.”

The late Lawrence Chouinard Sr. of Holy Family Parish in Flat Rock was also recognized with a Catholic Service Award in honor of his outstanding life of service to the Lord and the Catholic Church. The posthumous award was presented to Chouinard’s oldest son, Lawrence Jr., by Fr. Dobrzenski at a recent Mass he celebrated at Holy Family Parish. Fr. John Longbucco, parish pastor, concelebrated.

Friends and family members of Chouinard gathered for a luncheon in his honor following the award presentation.

Lawrence Chouinard Sr. was born in 1913, the oldest of six children. He worked in the woods and on the family farm, and then at the Escanaba Paper Mill where he worked for 44 years before retiring in 1975 as a carpenter foreman.

He married the former Fernant Bussineau and together they raised 13 children. Following a life-changing Catholic retreat early in his marriage, Chouinard became a very devout Catholic whose life and example influenced many.

Chouinard was a charter member of the Escanaba Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, and remained an active volunteer for nearly 50 years, until shortly before his death at age 97. He received the Ozanam Top Hat Award for distinguished Vincentians in 1999. He was also a member of the Third Order of St. Francis for 53 years, the Knights of Columbus for 55 years, and St. Francis Hospital Auxiliary for 12 years. He was involved in prison ministry, visiting prisoners every Sunday morning for 16 years. He loved growing his own garden and sharing the fruits of his labor. He visited the sick in their homes and in the hospital, gave rides to those in need, provided haircuts to the homebound, and donated his tips to the poor.

Chouinard is remembered as a dedicated Christian who enjoyed serving his church and helping others that were less fortunate than him.

The Catholic Service Award is a program of Legacy of Faith, which is the campaign to build the Endowment Foundation of the Diocese of Marquette. The award was created in 2006 in the spirit and intent of the endowment to preserve and foster the Catholic faith in the Upper Peninsula. Nominations for the annual award are due by May 1 of each year. For more information, contact Terri Gadzinski at (906) 227-9108 or visit www.LegacyOfFaith.net.

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