Young adults flourish in new Frassati Society

BY JIM LAJOIE

Active for only one year, the Marquette Frassati Society is prospering beyond what anyone could have ever envisioned.

The Frassati Society has been a great format for ministry to young adults, and an answer to our Bishop’s call to pilot this kind of ministry here,” said Father Michael Steber, pastor of St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette. “Our aim has been to provide a ministry that serves the needs of young adults, young singles, young couples and young families. In this way, strengthen marriage and family life.”

The Frassati Society is a ministry devoted to offering opportunities for prayer, education in faith, outdoor activities, fellowship and service opportunities for those ages 18 to 40 in the Catholic Church. Nationally, the Society’s aim is “to increase holiness through the power of God’s will in service, forgiveness, and equally important if not most, prayer.”

The Society, which has multiple chapters all across the United States, is dedicated to the memory of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, who lived from 1901 until 1925. He is remembered for his charitable acts to the poor in Turin, Italy, his deep Catholic faith, and his enthusiasm for the great outdoors. Pope John Paul II called him “the man of the Beatitudes.”

Using a Detroit chapter as its template, the Marquette Frassati Society formed in May 2009 by four Catholic churches in Marquette under the direction of Father Steber and Deacon Ryan Ford (St. Michael Parish). The two met with several young adults to gauge an interest in starting a local chapter that would zone in on prayer, fellowship and outdoor activities to complement the Sunday liturgy and help Catholics grow spiritually.

In addition to Deacon Ford, one of the first lay people involved in the formation of the group was Shelly Hicks. Her interest and involvement in the society for 62 years, she also served as president for 12 years and vice-president for 2 years. She currently also prepares the altar for Friday Mass at Pinecrest Medical Care Facility where she is a member of the choir.

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BY JOHN FEE

Irene Framarin and Terry Saunders have several things in common. They’re both Catholic. Both are dedicated to service to others and the Church. And both were selected this year as recipients of the Legacy of Faith Catholic Service Award.

A parishioner of St. John Neumann for 62 years and resident of Hermansville, Framarin has been married for 63 years to Alex Framarin. With three children, Nancy, Susan and Steve and six grandchildren, the 84-year-old is considered the heart of her close-knit family and continues to look after her elderly sister.

For the past 19 years, Framarin has been coordinator of all parish kitchen-related activities as well as funeral dinner coordinator. She often pays the costs for meals herself, including helping out non-Catholic families who are in need.

“Irene is completely dedicated to her ministry to grieving families. No family in our community will ever have to go without a funeral dinner as long as Irene is around,” stated Kathleen Vesser on Framarin’s nomination form.

Framarin has served 12 years as the Circle Chairperson of the St. Anne Altar Society. A member of the St. Monica’s Auxiliary for 62 years, she also served as president for 12 years and vice-president for 2 years. She currently also prepares the altar for Friday Mass at Pinecrest Medical Care Facility where she is a member of the choir.

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Sister Leon Bergeron

Sister Leon was born in 1905 in Ironwood, Mich. to Joseph and Valerie Blais Bergeron and made her final vows in the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity in 1930. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Norbert College in DePere, Wis., and a Master of Arts degree from Ohio University, Athens and from Laval University in Quebec, Canada.

Sister Leon served as a junior high teacher at St. Joseph, Sturgeon Bay; St. Anthony, Oconto Falls; Holy Rosary, Kewaunee, Wis.; St. Nicholas, Zanesville; St. Agnes, Mingo Junction; Catholic Central, Steubenville, Ohio; St. Willibrord, Chicago, and Holy Family High School, Lindsay, Neb. She also served as a teacher of French at Holy Family College and Silver Lake College and as a library aide at Silver Lake College in Manitowoc. She retired to St. Francis Convent, Manitowoc in 1993. Since 2000, she has been a resident of St. Rita Health Center at the Motherhouse in Manitowoc.

She was preceded in death by Sister Joan Bergeron, O.S.F. Survivors include the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Sister Dorothy Jeanne Hebert

Sister Dorothy Jeanne was born in 1905 in Ironwood, Mich. to Paul and Lillie Duboir Hebert of Escanaba, Mich. and made her final vows in the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity Congregation in 1941.

Sister Dorothy Jeanne earned a Licensed Practical Nurse diploma from the Vocational School of Practical Nursing in Alliance, Neb. She served as a homemaker at St. Anthony, Oconto Falls; Sts. Peter & Paul, Kiel; St. John the Baptist, Plymouth, Wis.; St. Sylvester, Woodfield, Ohio; Holy Family, Lindsay, Neb.; San Jose, Piniseno, Ariz.; and as dietitian at St. Joseph Home, West Point, Neb. She served as a nurse at St. Francis Memorial Home, West Point, Neb.; Holy Family Hospital, Manitowoc; Ozamn Home, New Berlin; St. Paul Home, Kaukauna and St. Rita Health Center at the Motherhouse in Manitowoc.

After retiring from active ministry, Sister Dorothy Jeanne performed various services at San Xavier Mission, Tucson, Ariz.; San Damiano Convent, Slinger; Holy Family Convent, Holy Family Conventary, St. Francis, Manitowoc. Since 2003, she had been a resident of St. Rita Health Center.

Survivors include the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity; three sisters and one brother-in-law, Marieda Charlebois and Loyola Gardner of Escanaba and Joyce and Buss Pierson of Niles, Mich.; one brother, Paul Hebert of Spencer, Ind.; many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

DEATHS
BERTOLDI, Joyce, 79, St. Mary, Kingsford
BLAHR, Ethel, 89, St. Joseph & St. Patrick, Escanaba
ELLSWORTH, Beverly J., 91, Most Holy Name of Jesus/Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, Assiniboine
GORENCHAN, Irene, 89, St. Joseph & St. Patrick, Escanaba
JACQUES, Johanna “Jay,” 95, St. Joseph, Lake Linden
KOSKI, Perina M., 85, St. Paul, Negauene
KULENSKI, Margaret Mary

“Marge,” 89, Our Lady of Peace, Ironwood
LESICA, Francis, 87, St. Joseph & St. Patrick, Escanaba
MARIE, Mary Beth, 48, St. Joseph, Lake Linden
MCCARTHY, Helen, 91, St. Joseph & St. Patrick, Escanaba
PFOTENHAUER, Karl, 17, St. Joseph & St. Patrick, Escanaba
POIRIER, Marilyn C., 78, St. Joseph, Lake Linden
RAJALA, Coletta, 88, Our Lady of Victory, Paradise
RJAKOVICH, John Joseph, 88, Our Lady of Peace, Ironwood
SANKOVITCH, Michael, 54, St. Joseph & St. Patrick, Escanaba
SCHAFER, Ronald, 74, All Saints, Gladstone
STARNES, Shirley, 63, St. Mary, Kingsford
SUOMI, Florine B., 94, St. Paul, Negauene
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THE U.P. CATHOLIC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 18
An annual Harvest Benefit Dinner hosted by Holy Spirit in Norway will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. The all-you-can-eat buffet will feature a chicken dinner with all the trimmings, garden fresh vegetables, rolls and pies. There will also be a bake sale and $1,000 in prizes. The cost is $7.50 for adults, $4 for children 5 to 12 and free for 4 and younger.

SEPTEMBER 18–19
The Annual Silver Tea at the Carmelite Monastery in Iron Mountain will be held from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tea, complete with sandwiches and sweets will be served. Arts and crafts and baked goods including the sisters’ famous bread will also be available. There will be door prizes throughout the day and drawings for an Amish quilt, a handmade washable hook rug and more. The tea is open to the public.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 21
Hearts of Mercy charismatic prayer group will present a weekly Life in the Spirit Seminar beginning at 7 p.m. for eight weeks in the Media Room at St. Peter Cathedral, Marquette. Come develop a closer relationship with our Lord while learning about the gifts of the Spirit and their place in the church today. For more information, contact Sharon Dant (906) 346-3480 or Lee Anne Sundberg (906) 486-4573.

DIOCESAN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER
6: Labor Day/Diocesan offices closed
9-12: Deacons and Spouses Retreat, Marygrove Retreat Center, Garden
10: First Friday Club of the Diocese of Marquette Luncheon Speaker Series: Lunch with our Bishop, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Landmark Inn, Marquette
12: 2010 Milestone Wedding Anniversary Celebration, 2 p.m., St. Peter Cathedral, Marquette
13: Diocesan School Council Meeting, 4-6 p.m., Bishop Baraga Conference Room, Diocesan Office Building, Marquette
13-16: 1st Priests Retreat – Fr. Eugene Hensall, OSB, Marygrove Retreat Center, Garden
14: The U.P. Catholic Newspaper

SATURDAY, SEPT. 25
A fall bazaar will be hosted by Sacred Heart Church in Champion from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be crafts, drawings, bakery items, pickles, a soup and sandwich lunch and more. Call (906) 339-2386 for more information.

The annual Friends of the Poor Walk sponsored by the District of Marquette will take place at Mattson Lower Park in Marquette. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the 2-mile casual walk begins at 10 a.m. The cost is $10 per adult, $5 per child or $15 per family or equivalent amount or greater in pledged donations. To register as a walker, to pledge support for a walker, or for more information, call or e-mail Kristie Moe at 906-360-3311 or kamoelot@gmail.com or register online at www.csdfriendsofthepoorwalk.org.

BISHOP SAMPLE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All times local

Sept. 7-8: Michigan Catholic Conference Board Meeting, Lansing
Sept. 10, 11 a.m.: Guest Speaker for First Friday Club, Marquette
Sept. 11, 11:15 a.m.: Mass at Marygrove Retreat Center, Permanent Diaconate Retreat
Sept. 12, 2 p.m.: Milestone Wedding Mass, St. Peter Cathedral, Marquette
Sept. 13, 7 p.m.: “Our Faith in the Future” Reception
Sept. 14, 11:15 a.m.: Mass at Marygrove Retreat Center, Fall Priests’ Retreat
Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m.: “Our Faith in the Future” Reception
Sept. 15, 7 p.m.: “Our Faith in the Future” Reception
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Sept. 16, 7 p.m.: “Our Faith in the Future” Reception
Sept. 18, 10:30 p.m.: Diocesan Pastoral Council, St. Peter Cathedral Meeting Room, Marquette
Sept. 19, 11 a.m.: Mass and “Our Faith in the Future” Reception, St. Joseph Mission, Foster City
Sept. 19, 7 p.m.: NMU Catholic Campus Ministry Mass, St. Michael Parish, Marquette
Sept. 20, 7 p.m.: “Our Faith in the Future” Reception
Sept. 21, 1 p.m.: Priests’ Council Meeting, Diocesan Offices, Marquette
Sept. 21, 7 p.m.: “Our Faith in the Future” Reception
Sept. 23, 7 p.m.: “Our Faith in the Future” Reception
Sept. 24-26: Bishop Baraga Days, St. Ignace
Sept. 27, 7 p.m.: “Our Faith in the Future” Reception
Sept. 28, 6:30 p.m.: “Our Faith in the Future” Reception
Sept. 29, 7 p.m.: “Our Faith in the Future” Reception
Sept. 30, 1 p.m.: “Our Faith in the Future” Reception
Sept. 30, 6 p.m.: “Our Faith in the Future” Reception

SUNDAY, OCT. 10
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For more information or to register for this free event, call Colin Jenkins at (906) 346-3480. For information, call or e-mail cjenkins@diocese-ofmarquette.org. The deadline for registration is September 24.

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9:30 a.m. St. Rita’s Parish
11 a.m. St. John’s Parish
12:15 p.m. Our Lady of the Lake Parish
6:30 p.m. St. Michael’s Parish
SUNDAY, OCT. 10
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ST. MARY OFFERS PRESCHOOL SPANISH
St. Mary School in Sault Ste. Marie is currently accepting new students in its unique preschool program. Not only does the school offer a kindergarten readiness program to their preschoolers, the school also offers an introduction to the Spanish language.

St. Mary School Principal Maria Farney, who herself is bilingual, explained, "At St. Mary’s, we feel it is important for children to be exposed to a new language, particularly at an early age when foreign language instruction brings cognitive advantages and sets the stage for future learning.”

In addition, the school offers a faith-based education, five days per week, with a nurturing, family atmosphere. Morning or afternoon preschool programs are both currently available. St. Mary’s preschool is open to children of all faiths who will be four years old by Dec. 31, 2010.

St. Mary’s School is located at 360 Maple St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. For a tour of the school, call the school office at (906) 635-6141, or visit www.eup.k12.mi.us/stmary.

A JUBILEE CELEBRATION - Capuchin friar and 50-year jubilarian, Father John Hascall helps to prepare the congregation gathered for the celebration of the Capuchin Jubilee Mass using the sacred smoke of sage and eagle feathers in a “smudging” ritual, a form of blessing used in many American Indian traditions. A native of Sault Ste. Marie, his ministry has been serving primarily Native Americans and indigenous people.

Father Hascall served the parishes in Baraga and Assinins from 1968 to 1986. From 1986-1990 he served in Montana on the Crow reservation where he was pastor of St. Charles Parish, Pryor, and President of the Tekakwitha International Conference. He has been pastor of St. Issac Jogues Mission, Sault Ste. Marie since 1998. He is coordinator of Indigenous Religious and Clergy of North and South America, and is also on the board of directors of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Center for Indian Scholars.

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FAITH MATTERS

Most Reverend
Alexander K. Sample

St. Monica’s tears

Most Catholics are familiar with the story of St. Monica. For many years she prayed, fasted and shed tears for the conversion of her son, St. Augustine, to the Catholic faith. It was not until he was 33 years old, after a life of much immorality and heresy, that her prayers were finally answered.

In his “Confessions,” St. Augustine describes the last days of his mother’s life on this earth. St. Monica was pondering why she still lingered in this world when she so wanted to experience the inexpressible joy of being in the presence of God, her earthly life no longer bringing her any pleasure.

She said that the only reason she wanted to remain in this world was to see St. Augustine become a Catholic Christian before she died. God had granted that request in abundance and now she longed to be with the Lord.

St. Monica’s attitude got me thinking. As a mother, the ONE thing she desired for her son was to see him be converted to Jesus Christ, become a faithful Catholic and one day experience the joy of eternal life. It was not to see him become famous, important, wealthy and powerful or to give his grandchildren. Her one desire was to see him become the faithful servant of Christ that God had called him to be.

We know the rest of the story. St. Augustine went on to become a priest and bishop and was eventually named a Doctor of the Church, and he is surely one of the greatest theologians in the history of the Church (one of Pope Benedict’s favorites).

Wouldn’t it be wonderful if every parent had the same attitude and the same desire for their children as St. Monica? If every father and mother put the faith lives of their children first and made the life of the home a true training ground for holiness and a school of prayer, the Church and our culture would be radically transformed and renewed.

Too often, unfortunately, we place emphasis and priority on more worldly goals and accomplishments. We want to see our children and young people succeed in the world. We want them to get good grades, excel in sports, participate in every extracurricular activity under the sun, get into the right college, get a great job, have a successful career and achieve status and importance.

These are not “bad” things, but they are not the most important things. What matters in the end is what St. Monica wanted for her son — to come to know and love Jesus Christ, have an active life of faith in the Church, and come to the glory of heaven. Parents have the primary responsibility for doing everything in their power to make this happen for their children.

In the end our children have free will and, like St. Augustine, will make their own choices in life. But if they have a strong foundation of faith from their parents and family life, they will be far more likely to make the right choices, those that are pleasing to God and merit everlasting life. When they make the wrong choices, we all become “Monicas,” praying, fasting and shedding tears for their conversion back to the Lord.

As we begin this new school year, I exhort, urge and beg every father and mother in my pastoral care to take this to heart. Please place a priority on your children’s faith formation and education. This must take place first of all in your home, but also by participating in the faith formation, education and youth ministry programs in your parish, or by attending a Catholic school.

Pastors frequently express their concern, frustration and discouragement over the lack of participation on the part of many families in the programs of faith formation in the parish, or even at Sunday Mass. I am asking parents to be parents and insist that their children receive the formation that prepares them not just for a life of faith in this world, but for eternal life. I am also asking every family to place absolute and supreme importance on attendance at Sunday Mass. I make these pleas with St. Monica’s tears.

COLUMNS

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-Bishop Alexander K. Sample
Marriage and same sex unions

LEAD KINDLY, John Henry Newman

John Henry Newman, 1801 - 1890

On Sunday, Sept. 19, Pope Benedict XVI will proclaim that John Henry Newman is “Blessed.” His life of heroic faith, witness and service will be acknowledged as an inspiration for all Christians to imitate. There are reports that, when Newman is canonized, the Holy Father will proclaim that he is a Doctor of the Church, one whose teachings are for us all. Newman will be the first Doctor of the Church to have written in English!

Newman was born in London on February 21, 1801 and died on August 11, 1890. His father was a banker. He was the oldest of six children. At an early age he was sent away to school. He was always a shy serious student. At 15 he strongly embraced the Christian faith, primarily in the Church of England (Anglican). At 24 he became an Anglican priest and was curate in several university churches. His worship and sermons attracted others to worship and to the discussions of which he was a part. Perhaps his most notable characteristic was a search for Truth, and thus he moved deeper and deeper into questions of faith. He worked to show that the Latin, Eastern and Anglican churches were branches of the same faith. Eventually his study showed him that the church of the New Testament and the Fathers of the Church were not found in Anglicanism and in 1843 he resigned his pastorate and in 1845 became a Catholic. Two years later he was ordained a priest. He joined with others in the community of The Oratory and continued in pastoral work as well as writing. He paid a high price, alienating his Anglican friends and never being accepted by Catholic bishops but his example led many others into the Church.

Among his contributions to Christian thought is “The Development of Doctrine” written in 1843, 15 years before Charles Darwin’s “Origin of Species.” History showed him how theological understanding had widened and deepened since apostolic time and would continue to develop. The Church’s ongoing theological evolution (and ours) is a necessity as Pope Benedict XVI said this year on Pentecost: “When a person, or a community limits itself to its own way of thinking and acting, it is a sign that it has distanced itself from the Holy Spirit.”

Sometimes Newman is called the “Father of Vatican II.” He strongly recognized the dignity of all persons and right of personal informed conscience. As a parish priest he championed the laity, saying that they were undereducated and ignored. Once, when asked about lay people in the Church, he is said to have replied that “The Church would look pretty ridiculous without them.” In his early years, as he was searching for God’s will, he wrote the beautiful prayer that begins “Lead kindly Light amid the encircling gloom. . . .”

He also wrote the prayer which many of us have said since childhood, the Anastima Christi. He wrote in Latin; there are various translations but you will find it at the end of your song book.

A man of intense prayer, his motto was Cor ad cor loquitur (heart speaks to heart). He also gave us the prayer beginning with “God has created me to do him some definite service. . . .”

I suggest that you go to Zenit.org on September 20 to read Pope Benedict XVI’s homily at the Beatification. Whatever you can learn about Newman will be to your benefit.

GOD HAS CREATED ME

to do him some definite service.
He has committed some work to me
which he has not committed to another.

I HAVE MY MISSION.

I may never know it in this life
but I shall be told it in the next.

I AM A LINK IN A CHAIN

a bond of connection between persons.
He has not created me for naught.
I shall do good - I shall do His work,
I shall be an angel of peace
a preacher of truth in my own place
while not intending it
if I do but keep His commandments.

LEAD KINDLY LIGHT, amid the encircling gloom
Lead Thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home - Lead thou me on!
Keep thy feet, I do not ask to
The distant scene - one step enough for me.
I was not ever thus, nor pray’d that thou
Shouldst lead me on.
I loved to choose and see my path, but now
Lead thou me on!
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will remember not past years.
So long Thy power hath blst me, sure it still
Will lead me on.
O’er moor and fen, o’er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone;
And with the morn those angel faces smile
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

— John Henry Newman

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A couple years ago I looked up the old places in St. Louis from my childhood memories. Sitting in my recliner in Tennessee, I fired up a laptop computer and called up current satellite photos of my family’s old Missouri homes, parishes and even the schools that I attended in the 1960s.

That made me want to find out more about what was happening in the bustling south St. Louis neighborhoods that were full of life during my childhood. I had heard that our first neighborhood was being revitalized after suffering considerable urban blight a number of years after we left.

It was quite a letdown to learn that the Holy Family Parish and Holy Family School I attended had both closed. Although I hadn’t visited the city in quite a few years, it was as if a part of my life was now missing.

Recently I’ve been following a St. Louis story that’s also heartbreaking. The St. Louis Post Dispatch, the diocesan St. Louis Review newspaper and numerous other media outlets have covered the sad saga of St. Stanislaus Kostka, a parish that has chosen to part from the Catholic Church over property ownership and control issues including appointing the pastor.

In a nutshell, the parish was formed by Polish immigrants in 1880 and has maintained a unique, at least in our current times, control or ownership of its property and finances. In 2003 and 2004 the archbishop attempted to bring the parish into conformity with the other parishes in the archdiocese but the parishioners refused. The parish was suppressed in 2005 but continues to function outside the Catholic Church’s canonical structure with a pastor who has since been dismissed from the clerical state by the pope.

The parish was offered a generous compromise to return to the archdiocese, but even that offer was turned down by a narrow vote of the current membership.

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- John Fee

The result of this ongoing fiasco is the parish family was ripped apart as many parishioners with a family heritage of devotion to the parish have had to join new parishes in order to be true to their Catholic faith. Meanwhile, others remain at St. Stanislaus and claim that they are honoring their heritage by staying; but in truth, they are fighting over buildings and Christ’s Church is not made of bricks and mortar.

Here’s the thing, it doesn’t really matter who is wrong or who’s right when it comes to ownership of property and control of finances. You can build your mausoleum out of bricks from your parish church building, but you’re not taking them any farther than that.

Why would any Catholic give up the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist for a building, a bank account or a mere century-long heritage? That’s a much sadder story than the loss of a building.

Send your news, notes, pictures and Letters to the Editor to me by e-mail to: editor@dioceseofmarquette.org.

Question Box finds fake candles a no go

FROM OUR SUNDAY VISITOR
September 1-15, 1960:
- All three Ironwood parishes were raising funds for a combination grade school and convent.
- Louis Carr of Escanaba, now a Christian Brother, awaited assignment to St. Louis, Mo.

FROM THE U.P. CATHOLIC
September 1-15, 1985:
- Newly ordained diocesan priests were Michael Capyak, Rick Courier, Patrick Murphy and Dino Silvestrini.
- Despite foul weather, the fifth annual Blessing of the Fleet at Naubinway drew a large crowd.
- Father I. J. Mikulski’s Question Box column came out four-square against church use of fake candles, marble, or wood.
The annual Silver Tea for the Monastery of the Holy Cross in Iron Mountain, home of the Discalced Carmelite Nuns, will be hosted once again by the Immaculate Conception Church in Iron Mountain. The tea will take place at the Carmelite Monastery on Sept. 18 and 19 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. (CT). Tickets for the fund-raiser drawings are available at most Catholic parish offices, Perina's and will also be available at the tea. This year's prizes include: Queen-size Amish quilt, handmade washable 4x6 hook rug, 58x104 cross-stitched tablecloth, two $100 cash prizes (you need not be present to win). Along with refreshments, arts and crafts and baked goods including the sisters' famous bread will be on sale. There will also be an opportunity to participate in small drawings and door prizes will be given throughout the day. The public is encouraged to attend this awesome event in support of our Carmelite sisters.

Meet the Bishop Day, Oct. 10

The seventeenth annual “Meet the Bishop Day” for people with developmental disabilities will take place on Sunday, Oct. 10, at 4 p.m. at St. Louis the King Parish in Marquette (Harvey). Family members and primary caregivers are also invited.

The celebration includes Mass with Bishop Alexander Sample followed by a dinner and entertainment in the parish hall. A signer for people with hearing impairments will be present at the Mass. For more information or to register for this free event, call Colin Jenkins at 1-800-562-9745, ext. 178 or 906-227-9178 (Marquette calling area), or send an e-mail to cjenkins@dioceseofmarquette.org. The deadline for registration is Friday, Sept. 24.
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service for young adults dates back to encouragement from Bishop Sample and the late Monsignor Louis Cappo. She, along with Deacon Warren Vonck (St. Louis the King), helped gather input from several young adults in order to start the planning process. Shelly then generously gave of her time during the Society’s infancy.

“We held a barbecue/meeting with a number of potential core members in July of 2009,” Father Steber recalled. “We presented the Frassati Society as a model for a young adult ministry, and with their positive response, met later in August to gain commitments for leadership/service roles in the core. We chose a president, vice president, secretary, coordinators for education, family events, service events, outdoor activities, a website/tech person, a priest advisor and an NMU campus ministry priest contact. Father Tim Ekalits got our website up and running.”

Next, the idea for a first event was discussed. The group decided to host a barbecue at Presque Isle in Marquette in late August 2009. At that gathering, the Society’s vision and aim were presented.

Between 80 and 100 people attended the inaugural barbecue at Presque Isle, giving the newly-elected president reason to feel confident the Society would flourish.

“It was a very impressive turnout,” said Dave Pearson, the Society’s first president who works as a meteorologist. “There’s a hunger for this within all churches. We found there was a need for families to be involved, as well as single people. It has worked out very well.” That may be an understatement.

Father Steber said that the Society hosted a number of events this past year, including a canoe/kayak outing, fall color tour and visit to the monastery in the Keweenaw, a couple of game nights, a ski outing, and a snowshoe outing. In addition, there was time set aside for prayer and adoration and a book study and movie night on Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati’s life.

“A significant component of the Society is service, something Blessed Pier devoted much of his life to,” Pearson said. “Some service events the Society has been a part of include: serving meals to residents at the Room at the Inn and Joseph House and participating in the Care Clinic’s annual Lifewalk. Additionally, members have helped the elderly do yard work in the spring.”

The enthusiastic group of 40 typically meets twice a month to engage in planned activities. Along with Father Steber, Father Ben Hasse, Father Larry VanDamme (the latter two serve at St. Michael’s) and approximately 10 lay people invest time in the Society’s core planning and communication.

One of the most important members, Pearson noted, is Secretary Sara Kamershen.

“Sara keeps the group on task and ensures our events get advertised in the church bulletins.”

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Blessing of the boats

Bishop Alexander Sample blesses watercraft large and small at annual event

**Knights provide chalice for V.A medical center**

CHALICE PURCHASED - Monsignor James Kaczmarek, V.A. chaplain (left to right); Francis Antonatti, patient escort for Mass; and Wayne Carter, Knights of Columbus V.A. representative, with the recently-purchased chalice for the Oscar G. Johnson V.A. Medical Center of Iron Mountain. Funds were raised by the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Assembly 0472 of Hancock. (Photo courtesy of Wayne Carter)

Milestone wedding event set for Sept. 12

Bishop Alexander Sample will give special recognition to newly-weds and couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or 51st and above wedding anniversary anytime during this year on Sunday, Sept. 12 at 2 p.m. (ET) at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette. Widows and widowers who would have celebrated a milestone anniversary this year are also invited to attend. For more information or to register call Colin Jenkins at 1-800-562-9745, ext. 178. Online registration is also available at www.familylifeoffice.org. Click on the “Forms” link. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 8.

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~ From your Mom & Parish Families of St. Thomas the Apostle in Escanaba and St. Anthony of Padua in Wells
Have you ever wished you could make a pilgrimage to Lourdes, France? Have you visited the grotto where our lady appeared to Bernadette and wish to return? Then, please mark your calendars!

St. Mary and St. Joseph Church, 411 West B Street, Iron Mountain, MI, will host a Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience on Tuesday, September 28, at 7 p.m.

North American Lourdes Volunteers will present a 90 minute spiritual and prayerful pilgrimage which includes the invitation, apparitions and message of Lourdes in the footsteps of Bernadette. During this guided virtual tour you will: Touch a piece of the Grotto, experience the baths with water from the Spring at Lourdes, receive a Eucharistic Blessing and experience a decade of the Rosary procession - the next best thing to being there - a spiritual journey without the travel! Each pilgrim receives a bottle of Lourdes water to take home.

For further information please call: 906-774-2046

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Cardinal George announces Vatican approval of New Roman Missal English-Language Translation, implementation set for first Sunday of Advent 2011

WASHINGTON—Cardinal Francis George, OMI, Archbishop of Chicago and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), has announced that the full text of the English-language translation of the Roman Missal, Third Edition, has been issued for the dioceses of the United States of America.

The text was approved by the Vatican, and the approval was accompanied by a June 23 letter from Cardinal Llovera Antonio Cañizares, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. The Congregation also provided guidelines for publication.

In addition, on July 24, the Vatican gave approval for several adaptations, including additional prayers for the Penitential Act at Mass and the Renewal of Baptismal Promises on Easter Sunday. Also approved are texts of prayers for feasts specific to the United States such as Thanksgiving, Independence Day and the observances of feasts for saints such as Damien of Molokai, Katharine Drexel, and Elizabeth Ann Seton. The Vatican also approved the Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life, which can be celebrated on Jan. 22.

Cardinal George announced receipt of the documents in an Aug. 20 letter to the United States Bishops, and issued a decree of proclamation stating that “The use of the third edition of the Roman Missal enters into use in the dioceses of the United States of America as of the First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27, 2011. From that date forward, no other edition of the Roman Missal may be used in the dioceses of the United States of America.”

The date of implementation was chosen to allow publishers time to prepare texts and parishes and dioceses to educate parishioners.

“We can now move forward and continue with our important catechetical efforts as we prepare the text for publication,” Cardinal George said.

In the coming weeks, the bishops’ Secretariat of Divine Worship will prepare the text for publication and collaborate with the staff of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL), which will assist Bishops’ Conferences in bringing the text to publication. In particular, ICEL has been preparing the chant settings of the texts of the Missal for use in the celebration of the Mass. Once all necessary elements have been incorporated into the text and the preliminary layout is complete, the final text will go to the publishers to produce the ritual text, catechetical resources and participation aids for use in the Liturgy.
Endowment promotes a Legacy of Faith across diocese

For instance, grants were used to help fund a tri-parish vacation Bible school and the Catholic Youth Group of Baraga County. “We definitely have appreciated the help we’ve received. It’s very beneficial. It’s a blessing,” Deacon Cadeau added.

This year the LOF board of directors has recommended, and Bishop Sample has approved, $179,334 in grants. $74,277 will go to the nine Catholic schools in the U.P. ($8,253 per school) to use however they see fit; $32,650 will be administered by the Diocesan Office of Catholic Schools to bolster academic excellence and Catholic identity in all nine schools; $50,000 has been designated for 2011 World Youth Day expenses and scholarships to 52 pilgrims from parishes throughout the diocese; Catholic Social Services has received $21,387 to assist clients who are unable to pay for therapy services; and $1,020 was distributed to St. Michael Parish in Marquette for registration fees to the 2010 Courage Conference.

In the next fiscal year, an additional $133,930 has been approved for Legacy of Faith grants. Each school is scheduled to receive $8,000, for a total of $72,000; the Diocesan Office of Catholic Schools will administer a $15,000 grant to market all nine schools; Catholic Social Services will receive $23,770 to help clients who are unable to pay for therapy services; $5,500 will be administered by the Diocesan Office of Faith Formation for diocesan adult faith formation efforts that will benefit all parishes across the U.P.; and $17,660 has been set aside for grants to parishes and schools for their own adult faith formation programs.

Parishes and schools have until Sept. 30 to submit their applications for these adult faith formation grants, and should receive word on their grant status in November. Grant application forms, guidelines and procedures are available at www.LegacyOfFaith.net.

The faith formation coordinator at Resurrection Parish in Menominee, Karen Dziedzic, is planning to apply for a grant. Her parish has received LOF grants in the past, one of them for a community-wide Catholic children’s camp. “It made a definite impact not only on the children, but on the families,” Dziedzic stated.

Resurrection also received a grant to offer the “Bible Timeline” series, which attracted about 50 adults. “We learned a lot about the Bible we didn’t know,” Dziedzic emphasized. “Because of that grant, we’ve had a lot of adult catechesis going on in the parish since that time.”

The Legacy of Faith Endowment Fund currently stands at $5.5 million, thanks primarily to the Bishop’s Ambassadors, families who invested $25,000 or more in seeding the endowment fund in its early years. The diocesan capital campaign, called “Our Faith in the Future,” marks the first time that all parishioners across the diocese are being publicly invited to donate to the LOF Endowment. The Legacy of Faith portion of the capital campaign proceeds will further the diocese’s efforts to attain its $10 million goal for this fund.

In addition to supporting Legacy of Faith, the diocesan capital campaign will address three other areas: local parish needs, local Catholic school needs (in parishes that substantially subsidize a school), and this year’s U.P. Catholic Social Services Appeal (UPCSA will return in its usual form in the Fall of 2011).

Although this is a diocesan campaign, the money raised will largely benefit the 94 Catholic parishes and missions and the nine Catholic schools in the U.P. Each parish and mission has set its own goal and is conducting its own individual campaign sometime between August and December, 2010. The plan calls for a series of receptions and a process of ongoing education, giving every Catholic household the opportunity to learn about the challenges facing the Catholic Church in the Upper Peninsula.

For more information regarding the “Our Faith in the Future” campaign, visit: www.dioceseofmarquette.org.

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**Bishop Baraga Days**

September 25 & 26

Hosted By St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, St. Ignace, MI

Saturday September 25th Evening: 6:30 p.m.
Slovenian Mass St. Ignatius Loyola Church, 120 Church St., St. Ignace, MI

Followed (approximately 8:00) by Social at Little Bear East Community Center, 275 Marquette St., St. Ignace, MI

The Singing Slovenes will be performing!
A free will offering is appreciated!

Sunday September 26th: 3:00 p.m. English Mass – St. Ignatius Loyola Church 120 Church St., St. Ignace, MI
Sunday 4:30 p.m. Banquet & Annual Meeting of the Bishop Baraga Association at Little Bear East Community Center 275 Marquette St., St. Ignace, MI

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