A missionary heart: from Honduras to NET

BY JAMIE CARTER

Katelyn McKeen has always had the heart of a missionary and has often heard God’s call to serve others. McKeen’s mission work includes traveling to Honduras as a part of Sirvientes de Cristo four times to take part in mission work for multiple weeks each summer.

“I knew God was calling me to be a missionary after my first mission trip to Honduras. When we were flying into Honduras I remember asking my mom what we were doing there, I thought we were crazy,” said McKeen, a member of St. Anthony parish in Gwinn. “But, then flying out of Honduras, I couldn’t help but cry because I knew God was calling me to help the people of Honduras and everyone for that matter.”

This year, McKeen is taking her mission work a step further by serving as a missionary for nine months with NET (New Evangelization Team) ministries. The call to the ministry was made evident during her discernment of serving as a part of a program that does similar work.

“I was asked to be a part of the Totus Tuus team for the diocese. During the process of figuring out if it was right for me, I got this feeling that God was calling me to apply for NET,” stated McKeen.

This wasn’t the first time McKeen had the feeling she should try to get into the program. It was something she often considered as she completed her senior year of high school last year.

“I was thinking about applying for NET right after high school, but I decided to attend college for a year first. Then, on the same day I declined the invite to be a part of Totus Tuus, my mom suggested I should apply to NET. It then became clearer God was calling me to apply.”

Though it was clear to McKeen she was being called to apply, it wasn’t an easy process. After submitting her application, she was required to attend training parishioners how to effectively demonstrate the flow of our prayer life to those Christ brings us to.”

The sisters bring that mission into training parishioners how to effectively evangelize. Following the training, parishioners used what they learned by going door-to-door with the sisters.

“Their mission is two-fold in evangelization and catechesis,” said Sister Theresa. “It is supported by our spirituality as contemplatives that we have to give the overflow of our prayer life to those Christ brings us to.”

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“Our church leaders have been telling us we have to go out in the street, visit the homes,” explained Sister Mary. “It’s overwhelming when looking at the (number of) fallen away Catholics that is really increasing every day and the pastors are concerned.”

One parishioner, Paulette Bruno,
Parishes honor Catholic Service Award recipients

By Terri Gadzinski

The endowment foundation of the Diocese of Marquette has been recognizing outstanding Catholics with the Legacy of Faith Catholic Service Award for 10 years. This year, Rudy Schmitt of Sacred Heart Parish in Calumet and James Newnum of Holy Redeemer Parish in Menominee are the recipients of the Legacy of Faith Catholic Service Award. Bishop John Doerfler announced the recipients of the award, which annually recognizes members of the Diocese of Marquette for lifetime dedication and service to the Catholic Church.

Schmitt is a devoted, humble, faithful servant of God, as witnessed by his involvement in many ministries within the Catholic Church and beyond. He has served as the director of RCIA, religious education teacher, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, lector, sacristan, altar server, and usher. He has been an active member of numerous parish committees. The scope of Schmitt’s service has reached beyond the Sacred Heart Parish to include the greater Keweenaw area. He helps out at the local food pantry, visits the sick in the hospital, brings Holy Communion to the home-bound, participates in the local council of churches and helps with ecumenical community worship services. Leaders of the area Methodist and Lutheran churches provided letters of support for Schmitt’s nomination for the award, giving witness to his quiet, humble and faithful service.

In the words of his pastor, Father Abraham Mupparathara, “He is a shining example of God’s love to us, and he shares it by serving God, his church and his people.”

Father John Martignon, Vicar Forane of The Most Holy Name of Jesus Vicariate, presented Schmitt with a commemorative medallion on July 1 at Sacred Heart Parish. A reception was held in his honor where friends and family gathered to celebrate him. Emcee of the reception, Beth O’Brien, stated about Schmitt, “We are all called to be saints,” O’Brien said. “As humans we are inspired when we see others who use their talents to serve the Church. Their examples inspire and challenge us. Rudy is one of these people.”

Newnum is active in his home parish serving as a lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and altar server at funerals and daily Mass. He is the adult faith formation organizer for the Menominee tri-parishes and conducts a number of faith-building programs for adults. He has worked with RCIA and adult sacramental preparation, leads Bible study groups and has been involved with Catholics Coming Home, a program that invites people home to Jesus and his Church.

As a retired educator, Newnum has in-depth knowledge in school management and administration, and has provided varied and consistent service to St. John Paul II Academy in Menominee. He has served as chair of the education council for many years, as well as interim principal and substitute teacher. Newnum is a member of the Knights of Columbus as a council member and assistant Grand Knight.

His pastor, Father Michael Ocran, said, “He influences a lot of parishioners positively and many young adults look up to him for inspiration because of his exemplary life.”

Father Ocran presented Newnum with a commemorative medallion at a Mass at Holy Redeemer on July 19. Following the Mass, Newnum was honored at a reception where friends and family gathered to celebrate him. During the presentation of the medallion, Father Ocran stated, “In all that he organizes and does for our parish, he is always ready to serve with humility, gentleness, compassion and love.”

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.
Religious tolerance and the freedom to serve

Pope Francis announced changes to annulment process

(CNA/EWTN News/Staff Reports) – Pope Francis announced changes to the marriage annulment process on Sept. 8. The new process will give more of a role to the local bishop, dropping automatic appeals, and the process will be free of charge.

It is aimed at streamlining the system for granting annulments out of concern “for the salvation of souls” while affirming the longstanding Catholic teaching on marriage indissolubility.

In a brief introduction, Pope Francis stressed that his adjustments “do not favor the nullifying of marriages, but the promptness of the processes.”

He said that he decided to make the changes in line with the desire of his brother bishops, who during last year’s extraordinary synod on the family called for the process to be “faster and more accessible.”

Many have criticized the current process of obtaining an annulment for being long, complex and in some places, too expensive.

Reform was also required due to “the enormous number of faithful who... too often are diverted from juridical structures of the Church due to physical or moral distance,” the Holy Father said, adding that “charity and mercy” require the Church as mother to draw close to her children who consider themselves far off.

Among the changes the pope made were dropping the automatic appeal needed after a decision on nullity has been reached. Until now, once a decision had been made to declare a marriage null, the ruling was automatically appealed to another body, a practice many have blamed for unnecessary delays in the process.

With Francis’ new changes, only one judgment will be needed. However, in the case that it is appealed, the Holy Father said that appeals can be done in the nearest metropolitan diocese, rather than needing to go to Rome. He also decided that each diocese throughout the world will have the responsibility to name a judge or tribunal to process incoming cases.

The bishop can be the only judge, or he can establish a three-member tribunal. If a three-member tribunal is established, it must have at least one cleric, while the other two members can be laypersons.

Francis has also declared that the annulment process will be free of charge. Although the practice is already in place in many dioceses around the world, including the Diocese of Marquette, the new change makes it universal.

In his introduction, Pope Francis recognized that the streamlined process, particularly the new procedures surrounding the decisions made by bishops, could raise concerns over the Church’s teaching on the indissolubility of marriage.

He has escaped me how an abbreviated judgment might put the principle of indissolubility of marriage at risk,” he said. “Indeed, because of this I wanted that in this process the judge would be composed of the bishop, so that the strength of his pastoral office is, with Peter, the best guarantee of Catholic unity in faith and discipline.”

The pope also explained that he wanted to offer the new process to bishops so it can be “applied in cases in which the accused nullity of the marriage is sustained by particularly evident arguments.”

The changes are set to go into effect Dec. 8 which is the opening day of the Jubilee for Mercy.

Statement by Bishop John Doerfler

“I welcome the modifications Pope Francis has announced to streamline the process for declarations of nullity of marriage (otherwise known as annulments). Earlier this year, I waived all fees for this process in the Diocese of Marquette to make the ministry of healing more easily available to all who have undergone a civil marriage. Marriage is a permanent, lifelong partnership between one man and one woman that is ordered to the good of spouses and having and raising children. However, sometimes there was something seriously deficient with the making of the marriage promises, or other impediment, and it was never a true marriage from the beginning. I encourage anyone who is divorced to contact a parish priest to seek healing and reconciliation through this ministry.”

Priest on leave for suspected financial improprieties

As of Sept. 10, Father Brian Gerber, director of Marygrove Retreat Center in Garden, Mich., has been placed on administrative leave in light of suspected financial improprieties. The Michigan State Police have been contacted about this matter.

Father Timothy Ferguson, associate pastor of St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette, will serve as the center’s interim director.

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The annual Upper Peninsula Catholic Services Appeal, commonly known as UPCSA, begins this month. The annual appeal not only supports the work of the diocese as a whole, it also supports local parishes and missions. Any funds a parish or mission raises above its goal is returned to that parish or mission.

The “United in Heart” theme continues from last year’s appeal. “It emphasizes the people of the diocese coming together as a whole to support the various needs,” said Terri Gadzinski, diocesan director of development.

In a nutshell, UPCSA funds diocesan ministries divided into four areas. Faith formation and education gets the lion’s share at 33 percent. Vocations and pastoral outreach is next at 30 percent followed by evangelization at 21 percent and Catholic Social Services at 16 percent.

The many ministries of the diocese are supported under the four main categories. These ministries include the diocesan vocations program, bishop’s ministry, marriage tribunal, chancellor’s office, Catholic schools, youth ministry, adult faith formation, prayer ministry, diocesan communications services and more.

Beginning this year, parishioners will be able to make their UPCSA pledge online. A drop down menu allows parishioners to credit pledges or payments to different areas.

### UPCSA parish-mission goals set for 2015-2016

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**TOTAL EXPENSE** $3,094,615 $3,051,303

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### Notes for the Diocesan Annual Budget

1. Catholic Social Services (U.S.P. CSS) amount reflects only the portion of their budget which is funded by UPCSA. CSS total budget includes an additional $940,086 of revenues from counseling, adoption, United Way and other sources.
2. 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 $210,495 of revenues from parish subscriptions, advertising, grants and other sources.
3. Investment income is budgeted using a five-year weighted average at a 5% spending level.

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Make UPCSA pledges online at www.dioceseofmarquette.org/upcsa
By his cross and resurrection Jesus has set us free

(Lk 1) This freedom is a great gift and treasure. Realistically we know that, however much we may think we are free, there are those traits and habits that keep us from choosing the best, most perfect response to God. These obstacles may be very large or very small but they can have the same effect. Someone has said that it doesn't matter if you tie a bird's leg with a chain or a thread it still cannot fly. So it is with those things within that limit true freedom.

Freedom is not to be confused with free will. The rich young man could have chosen to accept Jesus' invitation to follow him, but his goods and riches kept him from making the decision to follow. He had outer but not inner freedom. No matter what limits us from within we are still able to make moral and prudential choices. Even Mary had free will and could have chosen poorly. However, her inner freedom would have protected her. We are always in between good and not-so-good choices but that does not mean we cannot try to achieve a great measure of the freedom God intends us to have. That is why we must often examine our motivations, asking if the choices we have made are making us more like God intended for us to be. Have we made the most loving choices, done the most loving act?

So, we take time to be still, to listen as the Holy Spirit gives us the direction that we need. Let us not be like the child who told Jesus that he could have anything the child had, except “my white rabbit.”

Lord Jesus, teach us to become daily more free to give you our entire selves. Amen.
Ecumenical Awards Honor U.P. Media for Good News

Nearly 50 media professionals and groups from throughout the Upper Peninsula were recognized for the positive stories they wrote and programs they produced during 2014 at the 18th annual Good News Awards luncheon held at Grace United Methodist Church in Marquette on June 9.

This year 16 media outlets, including newspapers, online publications, and TV and radio stations entered a total of 63 entries in the Good News Awards, resulting in 27 Good News Awards and 16 Certificates of Merit being given out.

The Good News Awards, which began in 1998, honors local works of excellence in broadcasting, print and on the web that affirm the dignity of people, recognize and uphold the human spirit. They are sponsored by the religious leaders of the Catholic, Episcopal, Evangelical Lutheran, Presbyterian and United Methodist Churches in the Upper Peninsula region.

Here are the 2015 Good News Awards by division and category:

Non-daily Written News

Straight News Story
Certificate of Merit: The Munising News, Munising for “Warming up Trenary’s Elderly” (a local tavern raised money to assist elderly neighbors in heating their homes) by Tony Mann
Certificate of Merit: The Finnish American Reporter, Hancock for “Athletics to Lead Way for Finlandia’s Growth” (university remains true to ethnic roots when implementing new athletic programs) by David Maki

Feature Story
Good News Award: Pioneer Tribune, Manistique for “Digging into the Good: Veteran, Philanthropist is ‘Person of the Year’” (one man’s mission to better the town despite his own obstacles) by Ashley Hoholik
Good News Award: Marquette Monthly, Marquette for “The Guardians” (spiritualism and environmental advocacy linked by Native American culture) by Jon Magnuson

Daily Written News

Straight News Story
Good News Award: The Daily Press, Escanaba for “Fallen Heroes” (law enforcement remembers peace officers who died in the line of duty) by Jenny Lencour
Good News Award: The Mining Journal, Marquette for “Coaches and Counselors/Back to Bay Cliff” (football stars lend helping hand at Bay Cliff) by Steve Brownlee
Good News Award: The Daily News, Iron Mountain for “Williamses Continue their Mission to Cloth the Needy” (an elderly Iron Mountain couple continue their work to donate clothing to needy around the world and appeal to residents for donations to fill a packing container) by Linda Loebeck
Certificate of Merit: The Daily Mining Gazette, Houghton for “Special Fair” (story about The Daily Press’ gift to the community – the annual Back to School and Children’s Health Fair) by Brian Martucci

Feature Story
Good News Award: The Finnish American Reporter, Hancock for “Heikinpäivä 2014: A Look Back at Midwinter Finnish Fun” (one of the events, the kick-sled race, that makes up the midwinter ethnic festival, Heikinpäivä) by James Kurtti

Series
Good News Award: The Munising News, Munising for “Mikko’s Hiking for Heroes” (following a Munising native, who was part of an eight-month long journey across the country meant to bring awareness and support to America’s Gold Star families) by Amanda Ingraham

Daily Written News

Straight News Story
Good News Award: The Daily Press, Escanaba for “‘You’re Special’ like Flowers” (a special performance when he learned to play his instrument – who did nearly everything for them and their instruments – for a special performance when he got sick) by Abby Miller
Certificate of Merit: WJMN-TV, Marquette for “Hospice Pa...
Rare rosary found at old fort site

For more than 50 years, archeologists have been excavating the land at Colonial Michilimackinac in Mackinaw City, but it’s rare when an item is found that is still completely intact. Earlier this summer archeologists discovered a rosary about 250 years old on the site of the old fort.

It was found by the archeologists while excavating the home of French Canadian Charles Gonneville, a fur trader who worked on the site in the mid 1700s.

Archeologists of the project suspect the rosary belonged to Gonneville or one of his family members as the British who occupied the fort were primarily Anglican. The found rosary is made with ivory beads and brass links. It is currently on display at the fort’s Treasures of the Sand exhibit.

Colonial Michilimackinac is an 18th century fort and fur trading village. For the last 50 years, it has been reconstructed as an open air museum. In 2015, the fort was declared a Historic Landmark, attracting thousands of tourists each year.

Since 1959, archeologists have spent the summers excavating the land, making it one of the longest ongoing projects of its kind.

All priests to be able to forgive sin of abortion in jubilee year

(CNA/ewtn News/Staff Reports) – Earlier this month Pope Francis announced a new set of pastoral guidelines for the upcoming Holy Year of Mercy which allows all priests to forgive the sin of abortion. He is also granting priests of the Society of St. Pius X the faculty to forgive the sins.

One of the serious problems of our time is clearly the changed relationship with respect to life,” the Pope said in a Sept. 1 letter addressed to Archbishop Rino Fisichela, president of the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization, who is in charge of organizing the jubilee year.

“In today’s society ‘a widespread and insensitive mentality’ has become an obstacle to welcoming new life, with many who don’t fully understand the deep harm done by the ‘tragedy of abortion,’” he said.

However, Pope Francis also noted that there are many women who, despite thinking abortion is wrong, feel that they have no other choice.

“I am well aware of the pressure that has led them to this decision. I know that it is an existential and moral ordeal. I have met so many women who bear in their heart the scar of this agonizing and painful decision,” he said.

Currently, a woman who obtains an abortion automatically incurs a latea sententiae (automatic) excommunication, as well as those who assisted her in the process. Normally the sin of committing an abortion can only be absolved by a bishop, or certain priests appointed by him.

For specific occasions such as Advent or Lent, some bishops extend this faculty to all priests within their diocese. In the Diocese of Marquette and many other dioceses in the U.S., priests already have the faculty to absolve the sin of abortion year round, and will continue to do so.

However, Pope Francis is taking it to a universal level. He said that the forgiveness of God can’t be denied to a person who has sincerely repented, especially when the person comes to the Sacrament of Confession in order to be genuinely reconciled with the Father.

Because of this, Pope Francis said, he has allowed all priests for the Jubilee of Mercy “to absolve the sin of abortion those who have procured it and who, with contrite heart, seek forgiveness for it.”

In another significant move, the Holy Father has also allowed priests from the Society of St Pius X to “validly and licitly” hear confessions during the Holy Year.

“This Jubilee Year of Mercy excludes no one,” the pope said in his letter, explaining several bishops have informed him of the society’s “good faith and sacramental practice,” albeit combined with an “uneasy insight from the pastoral standpoint.”

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Busy schedule set for papal visit to the United States

(CNA/EWTN News).- Pope Francis is set to land in the U.S. on Sept. 22 for five days, following his visit to Cuba. There are several highly anticipated events he will be participating in, including a United Nations summit and the canonization of Blessed Junipero Serra.

The Holy Father will visit Cuba Sept. 19-22, and will then travel to the U.S. Sept. 22-27, before landing in Rome the morning of the 28th.

The pope’s plan to visit the U.S. in 2015 has been public since November but, his stop in Cuba beforehand was just announced in April.

He will depart from Santiago at 12:30 p.m. on the 22nd, and is scheduled to land in Washington, D.C. at 4 p.m. local time.

The following day, Pope Francis will canonize Blessed Junipero Serra at Washington D.C.’s National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

That next morning, he will be the first religious leader to address a joint meeting of Congress, according to congressional historians. Pope Francis will later meet with homeless individuals before heading to New York.

Once in New York, the Holy Father will address the U.N. Special Summit on Sustainable Development the morning of Sept. 25. He will then participate in an inter-religious encounter at the Ground Zero memorial, where Benedict XVI also stopped during his visit in 2008.

Pope Francis will conclude the day by meeting with child and family migrants in Harlem, and then celebrating Mass in Madison Square Garden.

He leaves for Philadelphia the next morning, where he is set to participate in the World Meeting of Families.

The Holy Father will meet with bishops, priests and religious in the morning of the 26th before attending a prayer vigil for the World Meeting of Families that evening.

On Sept. 27, his final day in the U.S., Pope Francis will meet with bishops present for the family gathering as well as prisoners in Philadelphia’s Curran-Fromhold correctional facility.

After celebrating Mass that afternoon the pope will greet the organizers, volunteers and benefactors of his trip before departing for Rome. He is scheduled to land around 10 a.m. Sept. 28.

Barack Obama at the White House 11:30 a.m. Midday Prayer with the bishops of the United States, St. Matthew's Cathedral 4:15 p.m. Mass of Canonization of Junipero Serra, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24 (WASHINGTON, D.C. & NEW YORK CITY)

9:20 a.m. Address to joint meeting of the U.S. Congress 11:15 a.m. Visit to St. Patrick in the City and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington 4 p.m. Depart from Joint Base Andrews 5 p.m. Arrival at John F. Kennedy International Airport 6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St. Patrick's Cathedral FRIDAY, SEPT. 25 (NEW YORK CITY)

8:30 a.m. Visit to the United Nations and address to the U.N. General Assembly 11:30 a.m. Multi-religious service at 9/11 Memorial and Museum

Saturday, Sept. 26

NEW YORK CITY and PHILADELPHIA

8:40 a.m. Departure from John F. Kennedy International Airport 9:30 a.m. Arrival at Atlantic Aviation, Philadelphia 10:30 a.m. Mass at Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia 4:45 p.m. Visit to Independence Mall 7:30 p.m. Visit to the Festival of Families Benjamin Franklin Parkway

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

(Philadelphia)

9:15 a.m. Meeting with bishops at St. Martin’s Chapel, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary 11 a.m. Visit to Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility 4 p.m. Mass for the conclusion of the World Meeting of Families, Benjamin Franklin Parkway 7 p.m. Visit with organizers, volunteers and benefactors of the World Meeting of Families, Atlantic Aviation 8 p.m. Departure for Rome

It’s time to seek thoughtful discussion, bring out big guns

When I was much younger, I believed in political solutions for many of the world’s problems. And when my party or politician was doing something that I knew deep down was wrong, I told myself the other side was doing much worse.

This way of thinking was easy to follow, because there were plenty of people on my side ranting and raving about the idiots on the other side. Who would want to leave our flawed, but obviously morally superior side, to join those idiots?

At the same time, I did pay a lot of attention to what the opposing side was saying. However, what I heard were mostly insults rather than thoughtfully laid out arguments.

Now, 30 years later, we have social media. The level of discourse has not improved.

For some reason, in the online world many people have turned off the “should I really say that?” filter. Maybe it’s because there’s often a chorus urging them on. Unfortunately, this attitude of vilifying others rather than presenting compelling arguments has overflowed into the “real” world. And this is by no means just a “young people” problem.

Putting each other on the back for making bold and divisive statements is not raising the bar. I think what we seriously need as a society is thoughtful discussion and an openness to learn from one another.

That, and perhaps realizing that the solution to a morally-corrupt society is not political, but spiritual.

As Catholics we have an arsenal of weapons that cannot be overcome.

Sister Lucia dos Santos of Fatima said, “The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...that cannot be solved by the rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the holy rosary.”

If there is no problem that cannot be overcome by the rosary, then we as the Church need to get busy praying to effect real change and healing in our society.

Learn more at www.dioceseofmarquette.org/roary.

St. Faustina Kowalska received private revelation from Jesus about how to pray the chaplet of the rosary. “If you really want to bring out the big guns, attend Mass. If you really understand the Mass, we would die of joy.”

To learn more, visit your local parish.

Diocesan schools welcome 10,000 students

FROM OUR SUNDAY VISITOR

September 1965:

• Over 3,500 people enjoyed the re-enactments at the Pere Marquette pageant in St. Ignace.

• The 38 diocesan schools welcomed over 10,000 students for the fall term.

• In Yugoslavia, a blind priest celebrated his first Mass in his new parish.

FROM THE U.P. CATHOLIC

September 1990:

• Sisters of St. Paul donated hard hats for groundbreaking at the new Noa Home in Escanaba.

• UPSCA’s goal of $896,000 is equal to last year’s, with Catholic Social Services the biggest beneficiary of the annual campaign.

BLESSING - Father Bradley Sjoquist presided over the annual blessing of the watercraft at the Waterfront Festival held in Menominee in August. Father Sjoquist is the associate pastor of Holy Spirit parish and Resurrection parish in Menominee. (Photo courtesy of Jim and Carrie Cole)
Calumet native shares tales, povitica

BY JOHN FEE

“Getting involved keeps you out of trouble,” said Mary Bratetich, a parishioner at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Calumet. Her involvement in a long list of church activities over the years suggests Bratetich has done a pretty good job at staying on the straight and narrow.

“Mary is probably best known for the povitica and cabbage roll workshops that she holds each year in advance of our fall festival,” said fellow parishioner and friend, David Geisler. “Many, many people have learned how to make these ethnic delicacies from Mary. And during fall festival they remain our most popular food items.”

Proud of her background – both of her parents were from Croatia – Bratetich enjoys sharing povitica, a Croatian nut roll with her parish family. She does this not only by leading parish workshops to make it, but by donating her own creations that have become very successful fundraisers.

Bratetich became a member of St. Paul the Apostle parish in 1974 after taking an early retirement option from General Motors. The Keweenaw native said she loved her job, but that moving back to the Copper Country to help take care of her mother was “a good decision.”

Until a couple of years ago, Bratetich was a faithful member of the parish choir. It was during her 31 years in Detroit doing office work for the auto giant that she learned music. She has fond memories of singing alto in a 100-plus member GM choir that performed at churches and corporate and civic functions. Once the choir even traveled via a chartered plane to perform for a business meeting in Washington, D.C. When the plane landed back in Michigan on Monday morning, busses took the choir members straight to work, she recalled.

Even though she turned 100 in August, Bratetich is still active in her parish. Along with leading workshops and attending Mass every Sunday, Bratetich continues to serve as treasurer of the Altar Society.

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Well-known for her sense of humor, it’s said that an Altar Society meeting never ends before she has told one of her jokes. During a discussion about new ethnic booths that might be added to the fall festival, Bratetich once quipped, “Father should add a confessional booth.”

Claudette Vairo, who joined the St. Paul the Apostle with her husband, Gerald, in 1966, has been president of the parish Altar Society for about a dozen years. She described Bratetich as an “example of someone who lives her faith.”

“I would have to say she’s inspiring,” said Vairo. “She has a great devotion to the rosary and the Holy Eucharist.” Vairo mentioned a few of the other parish activities Bratetich has been involved with, including leading church tours and being in charge of funeral lunches.

“She’s a great volunteer who is generous with her time and talent,” Vairo said. “She’s our little Mary.”

Bratetich’s pastor, Father Abraham Mupparathara, MCBS, said, “I have known Mary for the last 14 years. She is a person of prayer, service and has a great sense of humor.”

Father Mupparathara noted Bratetich’s long history of service including membership on the parish pastoral council and welcoming visitors to the parish during the summer months.

“She used to spend many hours in the church praying, attending Mass daily and participating in the Eucharistic Adoration. She is a little ‘Mother Teresa’ to our parish and our community,” Father Mupparathara said. “She has not done anything for the recognition, but she did it from her heart for the love of the Lord. I wish we had more people like Mary in all our parishes.”

For Bratetich’s 100th birthday, her parish hosted a party that packed the hall. She said she especially enjoyed the Slovenian song, “Češčena si Marija” that was performed in her honor.

“I like that song. It was nice,” she said. She also appreciated the gift basket she received containing a bottle of vodka and a bottle of red wine along with seven bouquets of flowers. A lover of flowers, Bratetich said, “I enjoyed them all.”

She’s such a role model. I hope to have her optimism, her joie de vivre,” said Geisler who drives Bratetich and two other ladies to Mass most Sundays. “Her faith is so genuine. I just hope as I age that I can grow in that same wisdom she has.”

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Bratetich said she has “no secrets” to living a happy and long life.

“Know the difference between right and wrong and do the right thing” is her best advice, said Bratetich, who says she lives a simple life.

“I have no big problems like other people do. I try to stay out of trouble. I say my prayers properly. And I love flowers – I have lots of flowers in my yard.”
Grandparents are models, mentors, memory makers

The following was adapted from an article by Deacon Gary and Kay Aitchinson featured online on www.fooryourmarriage.org. The website includes resources for all stages of marriage, parenting and family.

Every child deserves a grandparent who will love unconditionally, and every grandparent needs the opportunity to love and be loved. While it may not take an entire village to raise a child, it certainly takes a loving family. Grandparents are a crucial ingredient in the family mix. They have a unique connection to their grandchildren and a wealth of gifts, talents and wisdom to share with them.

For many families, family life is spinning out of control. Parents are increasingly busy, and family life is often like a pressure cooker that will blow too little parent-child time. Grandparents are made-to-order mentors, who can make a huge difference to these busy families.

Grandparents have many things to teach their grandchildren, both by their modeling and their mentoring. Having lived many years and experienced a great deal, their knowledge can ease and enrich their grandchildren’s lives in a variety of ways.

Grandparents are powerful models for their grandchildren, and their actions and example often speak louder than their words. From grandparents, children learn both attitudes and values. Grandparents show grandchildren how to be good citizens; they are witnesses to their faith; and they are models for aging. Their very presence exposes children to the wisdom to share. Over the years, they have honed their gifts and talents, learned valuable skills and developed interests that are advantageous, educational and beneficial to their grandchildren. Their life experience can guide and teach their grandchildren.

Grandparents mentor grandchildren when they share a skill or new activity, such as baking cookies, building a scarf, building a birdhouse, visiting a museum, or taking a nature walk. Grandparents have an abundance of experience, which they often take for granted, and they almost always have more time than parents. Most grandchildren welcome the opportunity to try something new with a grandparent.

Grandparents are ideal memory-makers. By spending time and mentoring their grandchildren, they can build valuable memories that will last a lifetime. They don’t need a trip to Disneyland to do so, but they do need a willingness to share their time and talent. If you are a grandparent who wants to try something new, birthdays and holidays are opportune times. Consider making a birthday banner which the grandkids might even help create. Make one-of-a-kind personalized birthday cards with a picture of the birthday child. Give gift certificates for overnight stays at grandma’s and grandpa’s house or a special date. Write a letter to your grandchild explaining your excitement when he or she was born. Take your grandchild on a memorable trip or adventure for a milestone birthday.

Organizing an annual camp or family reunion at the grandparent’s house or an away-place is a sure way to build memories. Design a family T-shirt for everyone, establish special games and activities such as a scavenger hunt, bingo game or tug-of-war that can be repeated year after year. Make special foods.

Another ongoing memory-maker is to create a family calendar each year with pictures of the family and birthdays highlighted. Invite grandchildren and their parents to submit family photos.

Today, fewer and fewer grandparents and grandchildren live in the same community. A great many of the more than 70 million grandparents in the U.S. are long-distance grandparents. Both parents and grandparents must be creative to keep the two grands connected. E-mail, Skype, texting, cell phones and snail mail become important avenues for staying in touch. The lines of communication can be kept open by sending stories, jokes, riddles or creating an on-going tale by e-mail. One grandmother’s newsy letters to her grandchildren, about God, nature, and everyday family happenings, became a book: “Letters to Grand Children” by Elaine Mayer was published in 2009 by Trafford.
This month thousands of Catholics from all over the world will gather in Philadelphia for the Vatican-sponsored World Meeting of Families. We Little Sisters of the Poor are looking forward to participating in this great event, the culmination of which will be a Mass celebrated by Pope Francis. In preparation for the World Meeting, our Holy Father has been dedicating his weekly audiences to family issues, including the role of the elderly in family life.

In contemporary western culture, the most common form of family is the small nuclear family unit. In more traditional societies, however, the ideal family is comprised of several generations. According to a recent survey by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), 66 percent of American grandparents live more than 25 miles away from their grandchildren; 75 percent wish they could see their grandchildren more often.

In one of his Wednesday audiences Pope Francis deplored as a mortal sin the neglect of the elderly by younger family members who, he said, give in to a mentality of impatience, indifference or contempt. “How easily the conscience falls dormant when there is no love!” he exclaimed.

In contrast to such attitudes, our Holy Father advocated for what he called “a culture of closeness to the elderly, a disposition of warm and supportive companionship in this final phase of life.” He urged the faithful to “reawaken the collective sense of gratitude, of appreciation, of hospitality, which makes the elder feel like a living part of his community.”

Speaking directly to the elderly, he encouraged them to resist the temptation to become closed in on themselves. “How awful is the cynicism of an elderly person … who scorches the young and does not communicate the wisdom of life! How beautiful, however, is the encouragement an elderly person manages to pass on to a young person who is seeking the meaning of faith and of life! It is truly the mission of grandparents, the vocation of the elderly. The words of grandparents have special value for the young, and the young know it.”

The traditional role of grandparents – giving unconditional love and passing on family, cultural and religious values – is more needed than ever in our highly connected yet overly distracted world.

Speaking of connections, an array of online resources exists to help grandparents make the most of their privileged role in the family. The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the American Grandparents Association (AGA) and the England-based Catholic Grandparents Association are just a few of the organizations offering advice and practical resources to seniors.

The Catholic Grandparents Association asserts that grandparenting is a great vocation. “Our title ‘grandparent’ is surely one of honor. ‘Grand’ is a word that signifies importance … What could be greater or more important than our vital task of handing on to future generations the values, skills, accomplishments of the past, enhanced by the additions and improvements of our own time?”

When, as believing Christian grandparents, we talk of our special role in the handing on of the faith … it becomes a calling, a calling from God … a vocation. It’s the vocation that gives meaning to our later years, when our strength starts to wane and our powers to decline … As well as being great and important, this is a happy vocation, something to be welcomed and celebrated, something which lights up both our own later life and the early lives of our grandchildren.”

But grandparenting can also be a demanding and delicate task! The Catholic Grandparents Association suggests that the presence and example of grandparents should be “unobtrusive, never overpowering, always respectful of the rights and values of others. It involves always being at hand when needed, but never imposing oneself, never interfering. Knowing when to offer a helping hand or a word of advice, but also knowing when to stand back.”

Those of us who are younger should take time out of our schedule to spend time with our grandparents and other elders in our families. And for those of you who are grandparents, call upon the intervention of Saints Joachim and Anne for the graces you need to fulfill your great and happy vocation!

Catholic Grandparents Association
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Pope Francis carries words of late grandmother with him every day

Rome, Italy, (CNA/EWTN News). In a general audience earlier this year, Pope Francis stated that the elderly play a key role in the lives of the youth. He also shared that he still keeps the letter his grandmother wrote him for his ordination in his daily prayer book.

“I still treasure the words my grandmother wrote to me on the day of my ordination. I carry them with me to this day inside my breviary,” the pope said.

In the book interview “The Jesuit,” Pope Francis referenced a text written by his grandmother, which he kept in the breviary that he carried with him, Andrea Tornielli of Vatican Insider noted.

The text reads, “May these my grandchildren, to whom I have given the best of my heart, have a long and happy life, but if on some painful day, sickness or the loss of a loved one fills you with grief, remember that a sigh before the Tabernacle, where the greatest and most august martyr resides, and a gaze at Mary at the foot of the Cross, can make a drop of balm fall on the deepest and most painful wounds.”

Francis, the eldest of five children, spent much of his childhood under the guidance of his grandmother, Rosa, who looked after the future pope when his younger siblings were born. She played a key role in his upbringing, and he had a great respect for her.

When the hearts of the elderly are free from “past resentments and present selfishness,” he said, they become attractive for the youth, “who hope to find in them a strong support in their faith and meaning for their lives.”

He specifically pointed to the importance of prayer for the elderly, in which they are able to thank the Lord for many blessings that would otherwise go unnoticed, and intercede for the needs and hopes of the youth.

The purifying ability of faith and prayer can also help society to find “the wisest way to teach the young that the true meaning of life is found in self-sacrificing love and concern for others.”

Simeon and Anna are two biblical figures who provide a model for how the elderly can live the final stages of their lives, the Holy Father said, noting that he himself is included in this category.

The image of the two elderly prophets in the temple attentively waiting for the coming of the Messiah point to the “centrality of the elderly in the Church.”

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prayer,” he said, noting that this prayer is a gift both for families and the Church.

Because we are called by the Lord to follow him in every moment and circumstance of our lives, the elderly have a “special mission” to fulfill and are given the grace to do it, Pope Francis explained.

He said that because of this the final stage of their lives is not a time to “give up” and become marginalized, and recalled how Simeon and Anna both received new strength to praise God when they recognized Jesus as the Messiah.

“Grandparents today are called to form a permanent choir in the great spiritual sanctuary of our world, to support with prayer and to instill courage with their testimony to those struggling in the field of life,” Francis said.

The Holy Father prayed that in a world which frequently overlooks and discards the elderly, the Church can be a beacon which recognizes “their contribution and gifts,” and helps them to foster “a fruitful dialogue between the generations.”

“How I wish that the Church can overcome the culture of waste, promoting the joyful reunion and mutual acceptance of different generations!” he said, and encouraged pilgrims to pray for this intention.

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Sister Patricia McGrath

Sister Patricia McGrath, 90, formerly known as Sister Ann Maureen McGrath, died at the Dominican Life Center in Adrian, Mich. on Aug. 29, 2015. She was in her 73rd year of her religious profession.

Sister McGrath was born in Royal Oak, Mich. to John and Genevieve (Kuntz) McGrath. She graduated from St. Joseph Academy in Adrian, and received a bachelor of philosophy degree in history from Michigan State University.

She spent 39 years ministering in education in Michigan, including three years (1966-69) at Sacred Heart in Munising. Along with working in education for 39 years she was the manager of the drapery department at the Motherhouse for 14 years. In 2001, she became a resident of the Dominican Life Center.

She is survived by one sister, Kae Brennan of Lauderdale, Tenn.; and loving nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass took place on Sept. 2 at the St. Catherine Chapel, with burial at the congregation cemetery.

DEATHS

ACHATZ, Sally, 54, St. John the Evangelist, Ishpeming

AHLARD, Betty, 84, St. Mary, Norway

ALLEN, Robert C., 82, St. John the Evangelist, Ishpeming

BERTUCCI, Teresa A., 93, St. John the Evangelist, Ishpeming

BRISON, Alvera E., 84, St. Paul, Negaunee

BRONCZYK, James, 68, St. Ignatius Loyola, Houghton

BROWN, Kathleen, 63, St. Ignatius Loyola, Houghton

CAUCHILL, Laura, 89, St. John the Evangelist, Ishpeming

CHARLES, Mary E., 91, Holy Family, Gladstone

DOWNS, Frances, 97, St. Peter Cathedral, Marquette

GOUDGE, Angelina, 99, Resurrection, Hancock

GUINDON, Yvonne “Eva,” 96, St. Anne, Escanaba

HOMA, Gary J., 68, Resurrection, Menominee

KARNA, Betty Anne, 62, St. Ignatius Loyola, Houghton

LAJOICE, Barbara, 91, St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Ignace

MANSFIELD, Frank, 89, Holy Spirit, Menominee

MCCARTHY, Raymond, 84, Guardian Angels, Crystal Falls

MCLELLAND, James, 80, St. Peter Cathedral, Marquette

MESTNIK, Theresa, 92, St. Peter Cathedral, Marquette

MUVRIN, Paula, 73, St. Paul the Apostle, Calumet

NIER, Ronald, 81, St. Peter Cathedral, Marquette

PLOURD, Erika, 63, Holy Family, South Range

REILLY, Robert, 78, Sacred Heart, Calumet

ROBINSON, Dennis, 66, St. Gregory, Newberry

ROWAN, Bo, 34, St. Peter Cathedral, Marquette

RUDNICK, Angie, 87, St. Gregory, Newberry

SWAINEN, Darlene, 78, St. Christopher, Marquette

TASSON, Dominic R., 72, St. John the Evangelist, Ishpeming

John the Evangelist, Ishpeming

THOMPSON, Daniel, 65, St. Mary, Norway

TURINI, Anna, 85, St. Barbara, Vulcan

VANDEZANDE, Elaine, 74, St. Peter Cathedral, Marquette

VESEL, Louis, 90, St. Stephen, Naubinway

WOLFE, Charlotte, 85, St. Ann, Bergland

YOUNG, Margaret, 66, St. Mary Queen of Peace, Kingsford

ZUBIENA, James, 86, St. Paul, Negaunee

BAPTISMS

BARK RIVER, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: Autumn Rose Tourangeau

CRYSTAL FALLS, Guardian Angels: Tomi Lynn Fabi

GLADSTONE, All Saints: Liam Scott; Holy Family: Macy Grace Vandrese; Vada Jane Wagner; Anna Renee Joy Chouinard

HOUGHTON, St. Ignatius Loyola: Iley Sue Bustos

IRON MOUNTAIN, Immaculate Conception: Roman Roque; Isaac Starr

MARQUETTE, St. Michael: Amelia Kai Felicella; Emma Ann Carlson; Hayden Lynn Barton; Vaida Elizabeth Macco

Holy Cross Cemetery in Escanaba

Fall Notice

Each year, in order to beautify our cemetery, our grounds and maintenance crews perform the final cleaning of the year and make preparations for the winter. All decorations, tributes, flowers (natural and artificial), pots, baskets and wreaths should be removed by families by October 1st.

Articles not removed by this time will be disposed of by our cemetery, our grounds and maintenance crews. Wreaths may be placed after Christmas, but should remove the arrangement. Christmas wreaths may be placed after November 15th.

We appreciate your cooperation. If you need assistance or have questions, contact Dale Stannard (906) 786-4685

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March for Life registration due Oct. 31

Registrations for the Yoopers for Life annual pilgrimage to March for Life in Washington, D.C. are still being accepted. The registration packet along with all fees paid in full are due no later than Oct. 31.

The registration packet and further information may be downloaded on the St. Peter Cathedral website at www.stpetercathedral.org under the upcoming events tab. Contact Yooperslife@yahoo.com for more information.

Milestone Wedding Anniversary Mass

The annual milestone wedding anniversary Mass and celebration will take place on Sunday, Oct. 4 at 2 p.m. at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette with a meal to follow. The event is co-hosted each year by the Diocese of Marquette and the Knights of Columbus. Special recognition will be given to couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or 51st and above wedding anniversary anytime during this year. Widows and widowers who would have celebrated a milestone anniversary this year are also invited and encouraged to attend, as are newlyweds couples married from Sept. 1, 2014 through Oct. 1, 2015.

Couples are asked to register in advance as soon as possible. Registration can be done by contacting Charles Crotty by phone, (906) 226-3460 or by email, cbcrotty@chartermi.net.

Look for news coverage of World Meeting of Families

Every three years the World Meeting of Families is held and sponsored by the Pontifical Council for the Family. Next week, for the first time in its 20-year history, the event will take place in the United States. The congress takes place Sept. 22-25 in Pittsburgh, Penn. In addition, on Sept. 27, Pope Francis will celebrate the closing Mass at Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Pittsburgh.

The Diocese of Marquette will be represented by more than a dozen parishioners of the diocese, along with Bishop John Doerfler. During the week, photos and updates of the pilgrimage will be available on The U.P. Catholic’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/theupcatholic.

Nearly 100 renowned speakers are scheduled to present information, as well as facilitate conversations, among the delegates. Among those scheduled to speak are:

- Bishop Robert Barron, founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and host of CATHOLICISM.
- His Eminence, Seán Patrick Cardinal O'Malley O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop of Boston.
- Helen Alvaré, Professor of Law at George Mason University School of Law.
- Dr. Juan Francisco de la Guardia Brín and Gabriela N. de la Guardia, renowned Panamanian physicians.
- His Eminence, Robert Cardinal Sarah, President of the Pontifical Council (Cor Unum).
- Pope Francis will also be making his first visit to the United States, Sept. 22-27. His visit will include meeting with President Barack Obama, celebrating the Mass of Canonization of Junipero Serra, addressing the United States Congress, addressing the United Nations general assembly, meeting with U.S. bishops and celebrating the closing Mass of the World Meeting of Families. See page 8 for a complete schedule of his visit.
- EWTN will be covering several of the keynote talks at the World Meeting of Families, along with parts of the Holy Father’s visit. Visit www.ewtn.com for a complete listing.

SATURDAY, Sept. 19

The Knights of Columbus, Father Ouellette Council 31541, will host a spaghetti dinner from 5 until 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish Hall in Ishpeming. Cost is $5 per person and proceeds will be donated to the local food bank.

Holy Spirit Catholic School in Norway will host its annual Harvest Dinner from 4 until 7:30 p.m. at the school. There will be a buffet style dinner featuring chicken, fresh vegetables, rolls and pies. There will be $1,000 in prizes and a bake sale. Cost is $9 for adults, $5 for children 5-12 and under five are free.

THURSDAY, Sept. 24

St. Joseph Parish in Ishpeming will host a Mass for anointing of the sick at 10:30 a.m., followed by a soup luncheon. The annual event is hosted jointly by St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph parishes.

Father Dan Moll and Father Larry Van Damme will concelebrate the Mass.

“Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained” will be offered in conjunction with the RCIA process at St. Peter Cathedral on Thursday nights (beginning Sept. 24) from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Media Room located in the basement. The video series along with facilitators Msgr. Michael Steber, Father Tim Ferguson and Katie Flaherty will help you learn the core teachings of our faith and how we can grow as disciples of Christ.

TUESDAY, Oct. 6

A healing Mass will be celebrated by Msgr. Michael Steber at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette beginning at 7 p.m. At its conclusion, trained teams will be available to pray confidentially with anyone for healing and to receive the Lord’s strength and peace.

Adoration times throughout the diocese

St. Ignatius Loyola: Fridays, from 4 to 5 p.m. in the side chapel.

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

St. Louis the King: Tuesdays, from 1 to 5 p.m.

St. Michael: Fourth Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. benefaction.

Manistique, St. Francis de Sales: Weekly Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Immaculate Conception: First Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish in Ishpeming: unkempt.

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

Baraga, St. Ann: Thursdays, 6 until 7 p.m.

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

Caspian, St. Cecilia: Fridays, following the 8 a.m. Mass until noon (4:45 p.m. on first Fridays).

Chassell, St. Anne Parish: Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. First Fridays, for 24 hours beginning at 4 p.m.

Crystal Falls, Guardian Angels: Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Friday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Escanaba, OSF St. Francis Hospital: Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is held daily in the chapel.

St. Joseph & St. Patrick: Tuesdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. First Fridays, from 9:30 to noon for vocations.

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

Hancock, Church of the Resurrection: Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. preceding 7 p.m. Mass.

Houghton, St. Albert the Great University: Tuesdays, from 8 to 9 p.m.

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

L'Anse, Sacred Heart: Sept.—May: weekly following 9 a.m. Mass until 12:30 p.m.

Manistique, St. Francis de Sales: Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. (First Wednesdays until 4:30 p.m.) Saturdays from 11 a.m. to noon, including rosary, reconciliation and benediction.

Marinette, Wis. (shared with Menominee parishes), Holy Family: 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.

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

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

Newberry, St. Gregory: Saturdays from 10 to 11 a.m.

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

Ontonagon, Holy Family: Fridays following the 8 a.m. Mass until 3 p.m. except First Friday, following the 9 a.m. Mass until the 10 p.m. closing benediction.

To submit parish Eucharistic Adoration times, e-mail news@dioceseofmarquette.org.
an interview weekend in May. The interview weekends are held in various locations and times during the year.

“A few weeks before the scheduled interview, I was told all the girls’ spots had been filled for this year. However, I was encouraged to still attend the interview weekend I had planned,” explained McKeen.

Following the interview, McKeen received a phone call from NET stating she would be placed on the waiting list. After waiting well over a month, she thought she would be returning to the college classroom to continue her education this fall.

“I thought after July 1, they wouldn’t pick anyone from the waiting list. But, as we can see, that wasn’t the case. There was another plan.”

McKeen departed for five weeks of training on Aug. 20. Following the third week of training, she was assigned to NET team number 10, which she will serve at Providence Academy in Plymouth, Minn. The other nine team members she will be serving with at a Catholic School in Minnesota until May. (Photo courtesy of NET Ministries)

As a part of being a NET missionary, McKeen is required to raise a minimum of $5,000 to assist with the expenses. In total, it costs approximately $20,000 to place a team member in ministry for nine months. The costs cover training, healthcare, transportation and a small monthly stipend. McKeen has until Dec. 1 to raise her portion of the expenses. Donations can be made by visiting www.netusa.org/donate. Then, select “support a missionary,” and where it says, “I’d like to join the mission of a missionary name,” include Katelyn McKeen.

NET Missionaries can be found on Facebook (www.facebook.com/netministriesusa), Instagram (www.instagram.com/netministries) and Twitter (@netministries). By following them on social media, you may even see a photo or two of McKeen during the next several months.

I saw the need for this type of evangelization and participated with the sisters.

“I was a little uncomfortable about it, but I see it as something that’s necessary in this community,” said Bruno. “When sister gave the percentages of the Mass attendances in different countries around the world, it was quite sobering. I now feel more than ever, I have to bite the bullet and do the right thing and answer God’s call.”

Each home the sisters and parishioners go into, begins with a prayer and asking if anyone in the home was baptized Catholic. From there, the sisters and parishioners share their faith and answer any questions. It is then hoped the individual(s) discerns seeking more about the faith, or attending Mass, whether it is for the first time, or returning to the faith.

“After the two sessions of workshops, they (trained parishioners) really go out in the footsteps of our Lord. They go out and try to share our faith and bring them back, even if it’s one, two, or three people. Each soul counts,” explained Sister Mary. “The immortality of each soul is the foundation of our congregation. And, we hope the parish will continue our mission afterwards.”

“Before it began, I was hoping to get a half dozen parishioners on board, but we ended up with over 25,” stated Father Timmock. “It was certainly a tremendous success to have so many involved. I’m also very happy with how our Legion of Mary group stepped forward and gained great confidence in reaching out. It’s something I hope each of them and everyone involved can use moving forward.”

The sisters advise all baptized Catholics to develop a strong prayer life to help share the faith and bring them to Christ and his Church. “By virtue of our baptism, we are all called to be missionaries. Motivated by love, we have to go out visit the homes and the streets, which starts in prayer. Each of us should develop a prayer life. That’s where we’re going to strengthen our relationship with Jesus. We owe gratitude to God because he shared his life with us. In return, we want to show our gratitude to him to make him known, loved and to be served.”

To learn more about Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate, visit www.parishvisitorssisters.org.
To place an advertisement of gratitude for your favorite priest contact Deacon Steve at upc@new.rr.com or 1-866-452-5112.

Results of art contest announced

The Department of Communication for the Diocese of Marquette has announced the winners of the Michigan Year for Marriage art contest. Children, teens and adults were invited to take photographs or create art work in the form of either drawings or paintings that express the true meaning of marriage.

The winners in the three age group categories were:

Pre-K through 4th grade: Carney Salo, Holy Name Catholic School, Escanaba

5th through 8th grade: Ellen Wils, Holy Name Catholic School, Escanaba

Adult: Margaret Stripe, Holy Family Parish, Ontonagon

(Above) Pre-K through 4th grade winner, Carney Salo’s drawing titled, “Man and women, God created them.”

5th through 8th grade drawing by Ellen Wils titled, “Families for our future.”

Adult drawing by Margaret Stripe titled, “The Marriage Covenant.”

New design for The U.P. Catholic slated to roll out with October 2 issue

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The U.P. Catholic

It’s just around the corner. Starting with the Oct. 2 issue, The U.P. Catholic newspaper will launch its new design.

The idea of continuing the locally-focused news emphasis while giving the newspaper a cleaner, more contemporary look that’s easier to read was suggested to Bishop John Doerfler by several of the priests of the diocese. With the bishop’s encouragement, a professional newspaper designer was selected to give the newspaper a more inviting look.

Ed Henninger, a newspaper veteran who has redesigned Catholic and secular newspapers across the United States and Canada, was found to be a good fit for The U.P. Catholic’s needs. He’s a practicing Catholic who understands Catholic newspapers and their readers.

Henninger put it well when he said the “cleaner, more comfortable design” was needed “not to be more fancy, but better.”

To accomplish this goal, more easily readable typefaces have been chosen that are also a little larger than those currently in use. Stories will have more space between them with rules (lines) separating them from each other.

The inside story and section highlights on the front page “side bar” will now be moved to the bottom of the page to make it less crowded. If a story is continued on a second page, there will be a not only a keyword, but a short descriptive title to help readers find it more easily.

“Column sings,” for regular columnists that have a photo, title of the column and name have been freshened up a bit to make them pop.

“Standing heads,” those short descriptions that go above recurring items such as “Official Appointments,” “Word News,” “Diocesan Calendar,” “Bishop Doerfler Schedule” and such will now have a consistent look. This will make it easier to recognize changes or groupings of certain content.

A new email address will be set up for the month of October to allow readers to offer feedback on the redesign. The email address will allow the editor, assistant editor and ad manager all to have access to the comments. Input received will be compiled to see what tweaks may need to be made. Feedback may also be sent to The U.P. Catholic’s mailing address.

Look for the redesign to begin with the Oct. 2, 2015 issue. The newspaper will be in mailboxes and online as usual at www.upcatholic.org that day.