

HORIZON

'From the rising of the sun to its setting let the name of the Lord be praised' Psalm 113:3

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The St. Paul Event!

“...I even consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of *knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.*” *Knowing Christ Jesus my Lord* is the **theme** for the **St. Paul Event** to be held on Sunday, September 14th at 4pm in St. Mary’s Cathedral, Ogdensburg. St. Paul’s passion was: “Him I would learn to know”. Paul’s desire was to grow in the knowledge of Christ that faith had brought him (2 Peter 3:18). Paul came to “experience” the power of Christ’s resurrection and “to know what it is to share his sufferings” (Philippians 3:10) by the way he witnessed the Gospel. The “power” of the resurrection proves Christ’s divinity and manifests the glory of the Father. What is important is that we as Christians are assured of our own glorification with Christ’s body at the Parousia. This assurance acts as a vital force firing our own progressive transformation. Like Paul, we are called to *grow* in likeness *with* Christ in death so as to be raised up on the last day.

Bishop Robert Cunningham will be promulgating his letter to the Diocese to open the **Year of St. Paul** the weekend of May 31st. In his letter, he states that “the special jubilee year that will soon begin offers many opportunities for the faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg to ‘*stir into flame*’ (2Timothy 1:6) the gift of faith each one of us received on the day of our Baptism and to allow it to burn brightly in witness to those who struggle to believe or have no belief. For that gift of faith to “*stir into flame*”, there are particular ways for individuals and parishes to observe the **Year of St. Paul**:

- Join a small community group in *Why Catholic?* this fall to continue to share your faith experiences of how Christ is present in the sacraments, especially in the Eucharist. Faith communities build and strengthen the faith.
- Read the story of Paul’s conversion experience on the “Road to Damascus”(Acts of the Apostles 9: 1-9) and pray to the Holy Spirit to discern how the Spirit might be calling you to answer the call to some form of service in your parish and/or community.
- Participate in parish Masses during the **Year of Saint Paul** for the:
 - ~ Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul (Sunday, June 29, 2008 and Monday, June 29, 2009)
 - ~ Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr (Friday, December 26, 2008)
 - ~ Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle (Sunday, January 25, 2009)
- Participate in **Solemn Vespers** to open the **Year of St. Paul** at St. Mary’s Cathedral at 4:00 p.m.
- Participate in the **St. Paul Event**, a diocesan event, at St. Mary’s Cathedral with a Solemn Vespers Service at 4:00 p.m. (Sunday, September 14, 2008). Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of Palm Beach, will be the homilist.
- Make a pilgrimage during the **Year of Saint Paul** to St. Paul’s Church, Black River, St. Paul’s Church, Bloomingdale, St. Paul’s Church, Blue Mountain Lake, St. Paul’s Church, South Colton.
- A plenary indulgence is gained with the proper intentions for anyone or group who attends a local or diocesan event celebrated during the **Year of St. Paul**
- Study, reflect, pray the following themes of Saint Paul:
 - ~*The Mission, Ministry and Passion—Galatians 1 and 2*
 - ~*Jesus, the Christ—Philippians 2: 5-11*
 - ~*Grace and Sin—Romans 5: 1-11*
 - ~*Love—1 Corinthians 13: 1-11*

~*The Cross of Christ*—1 Corinthians 2:2; Galatians 6:14
~*The Dying and Rising of Jesus*—1 Corinthians 1:22-25; 2: 1-5
~*The Spirit*—2 Corinthians 3: 12-18
~*The Body of Christ: Gift and Gifted*—1 Corinthians 12:1-31

- Read, reflect, pray, share the following books on Saint Paul:
 - ~**Prayer Pilgrimage with Paul.** Rea McDonnell, S.S.N.D. Paulist Press, 1985.
 - ~**St. Paul: Jubilee Year of the Apostle Paul Edition: A Bible Study for Catholics,** Mitch Pacwa, 2008.
 - ~**Saint Paul: Called to Conversion-A Seven Day Retreat.** Ronald D. Witherup, SS, St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2007.
 - ~**Praying with Saint Paul** (a handbook of daily reflections of the Letters of Saint Paul) www.magnificat.com
- Study and pray the classical paintings of Saint Paul such as Rembrandt's *Saint Paul at his Writing-Desk* (1629-30), Caravaggio's *The Conversion of Saint Paul* (1600), El Greco's *Saint Paul* (1606), Michelangelo's *The Conversion of Saul* (1542-1545), Raphael's *Saint Paul Preaching in Athens*. For an internet tour of these paintings and other art works that focus on Saint Paul, see website: www.jesuswalk.com/philippians/artwork-st-paul.htm.
- Visit the Vatican website www.vatican.va and follow the link to *Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Wall-Pauline Year* for more information about the *Pauline Year*.
- Visit the Diocesan website for more information on the **St. Paul Event** and the **Year of St. Paul** www.dioogdensburg.org.

The **bulletin vignettes** to begin the **Year of St. Paul** are now on the Pastoral Documentation. The focus of these vignettes is on the life of St. Paul. They run from the week of June 28/29—September 13/14.

Invitations to Special Guests, Pastors and Priests, Religious Communities, Diocesan Staff and Ministries will be sent out the first week of July with RSVP by July 28. A letter in early August will go to the Pastors of your parishes with the number of tickets that you may invite to the Event with an RSVP return date.

The **color red** will be the color of the Event to symbolize the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross as well as to commemorate the martyrdom of St. Paul.

Information about the Event will be posted on the Pastoral Documentation as well as the diocesan website: www.dioogdensburg.org.

Why Catholic?

As parishes and Catholic schools begin their Calendars for the Fall 2008-2009 Year, below is the schedule for the Year II **Why Catholic?** program:

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| • Sign-Up and Prayer Commitment Sunday | September 27-28, 2008 |
| • Sessions 7-12 | October 12—November 16, 2008 |
| • Advent Retreat | December 6-12, 2008 |

**Schedule for Why Catholic?-Year III - 2009
Life in Christ: Walking with God**

<u>Place</u>	<u>SCL</u>	<u>FF</u>	<u>Retreat</u>
Watertown IHC-Intermediate	Saturday – 2/7/09 10am – 12 noon	Saturday – 4/25/09 10am – 12 noon	Saturday – 9/19/09 10am – 12 noon
Lowville St. Peter’s Church Hall	Sunday – 2/8/09 1pm-3pm	Sunday – 4/26/09 1pm-3pm	Sunday – 9/20/09 1pm-3pm
Massena Trinity Catholic School	Monday – 2/9/09 7-9pm	Friday – 4/24/09 7-9pm	Monday – 9/21/09 7-9pm
Malone Holy Family School	Tuesday – 2/10/09 7-9pm	Thursday – 4/23/09 7-9pm	Tuesday – 9/22/09 7-9pm
Plattsburgh St. Peter’s Emmaus Hall	Wednesday – 2/11/09 1:30-3:30pm & 7-9pm	Wednesday – 4/22/09 1:30-3:30pm & 7-9pm	Wednesday – 9/23/09 1:30-3:30pm & 7-9pm
Lake Placid St. Agnes School	Thursday – 2/12/09 7-9pm	Tuesday – 4/21/09 7-9pm	Thursday – 9/24/09 7-9pm
Ticonderoga St. Mary’s School	Friday – 2/13/09 7-9pm	Monday – 4/20/09 7-9pm	Friday – 9/25/09 7-9pm

Sessions 1-6: 2/22/09 to 3/29/09
Sessions 7-12: 10/8/09 to 11/20/09

International Eucharistic Congress

The **International Eucharistic Congress**, Quebec City, Canada will offer an experience of a true Eucharistic renewal from June 15-22 to the many pilgrims who attend. The mission of the Eucharist Congress is to explore the central theme: *The Eucharist, Gift of God for the Life of the World* through a spiritual, educational and stimulating program. There will be catechists, witnesses and Congress pilgrims from around the world who will celebrate the universal nature of the Church. This celebration will be a witness to our faith in Christ that He is alive and present in the Eucharist. The Congress will have speakers from all over the world to reflect on the meaning of the Eucharist e.g. ArchBishop Donald William Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, DC, Mr. Jean Vanier, Cardinal Philippe Barbarin, Archbishop of Lyon, primate of the Gauls (France), Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, S.J., Archbishop of Buenos Aires, primate of Argentina, Bishop Louis Antonio G. Tagle, Bishop of Imus, the Philippines, Cardinal Ivan Dias, prefect of the Congregation for Evangelization of the Peoples, Cardinal Christian Wiygham Tumi, Archbishop of Doula, Cameroon. There will be workshops and time for adoration throughout the week. A Eucharistic procession is planned through the streets of Quebec City on June 19. The closing Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Jozef Tomko, Papal Delegate on Sunday, June 22 at 11:00. The events of the week can be viewed on internet www.ecdq.tv/en and full coverage and details of the event can be found on www.cei2008.ca/en. Father Douglas Lucia, Director of the Department of Worship and member of the International Eucharistic Congress and I will be attending the Event for the week. Bishop Robert Cunningham and Fr. Bryan Stitt will also be attendance for some of the Events.

