Exciting Times!

September is always an exciting time, as a new school year begins. Especially true this year, here at St. Louis! Great things have been in the works for several years. Our pre-school and kindergarten students, teachers and aides will be enjoying a brand new location, in the Reddington Hall. The plan developed three years ago is now bearing fruit. Pre-school has been housed in the Manse, but the reversion committee foresaw that to build our school program for the future, that historic building had major limitations/disadvantages. The recommendation to enhance our early childhood programs, moving them to Reddington has come together. The builders have done a great job. Plan to see the result at an open house for the parish, later this month. For a fresh look, every class will be in a new location; the early childhood classes in Reddington Hall, while the class distribution in the elementary building is reversed. The youngest classes are in the part of the school building closest to the Rand Place entrance, working around to 6th grade, closest to the Manse and Saints Place. The Manse will be a quiet location for the library, assisted instruction space, a faculty room and a parish meeting room.

Every year there are new faces. Enrollment has increased since last year. We welcome with great joy our new incoming students and families! Some teachers have moved on to other schools, while others have retired. We especially thank our retiring teachers, Peggy Martin, Lenora Ciccone, and Susan Kiseleski, and wish them every blessing in retirement. Meanwhile, we welcome to our school community Kathy Conezio, Lynn Miller, Elizabeth Rooney, Aliza Franceschelli, Meg Schauber, Erin Smith, and Karen Mack, as well as new aides, Pat Bowers and Sue Whitaker. While Sally Schrecker has been overseeing bricks and mortar, our Principal, Fran Barr, (no longer interim, praise God!) has been working hard on staffing, programming and planning. We have a great year in store!! The first Mass of the school year will be Friday, September 13th at 9:10 AM, and you are welcome to pray with our school community as we enter the 2013-2014 school year.

Speaking of things that have been in the works for years: the entrance from Rand Place will have a new look next week, and you’ll be able to watch that come together completely this Fall. Potholes are gone, a new driveway will be complete, and three major concerns will be resolved. Those walking in from Rand Place will now have a sidewalk, no longer having to lookout for cars while walking in the driveway. Sharing is good, but not pedestrians and cars sharing the same stretch of pavement! No longer will the deteriorating brick wall block the view for exiting cars of pedestrian or vehicular traffic on Rand Place (and vice versa). Finally, at the main entrance to the school, an ongoing drainage problem has been addressed. Some landscaping will round out the project. We have an exciting year together in store! Peace to you all, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - September 2
Labor Day
One Mass Today
1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30
9:00 am  Michael Murphy - Bernadette Skobjak

TUESDAY - September 3
St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37
6:45 am  Paul Spinelli - Mary and Tom Diamond
11:00 am  Louise Carcelli - Susan and Bill Fay

WEDNESDAY - September 4
Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
11:00 am  Paul Spinelli - Geri and Paul Dolan
5:15 pm  Ruth Kirk Phelps - Ginny McDonnell

THURSDAY - September 5
Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
6:45 am  Anthony Noto - Jefrey and Nancy Mason
11:00 am  Paul Spinelli - Birdie Proctor

FIRST FRIDAY - September 6
Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39
10:30 am  Mass at the Highlands
11:00 am  Martha Serio - Jennifer and Jeffrey Serio
5:15 pm  Susan Barber - Irene DeSantis

SATURDAY - September 7
Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5
9:00 am  Walter C. Gaesser - Alan Gaesser
4:30 pm  Mark Reichenbach - Family

SUNDAY - September 8
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/
Lk 14:25-33
7:30 am  Martha Serio - Jennifer and Jeffrey Serio
9:00 am  Lewis Sidney Johnston - Pittsford Hawks Soccer Team
11:00 am  Marcel Blackman - Fred and Karen Giovagnoli
5:00 pm  John Regan - Jeannette Fisher

SPECIAL INTENTIONS
We invite you to have a Sanctuary Lamp lit at the Blessed Sacrament to have your very special intentions remembered for a week.
To arrange this, please call or visit the Ministry Center. The Thursday Holy Hour Ministry will offer special prayers for your intention.

One lamp will burn In Memory of James Small by the Conklin Family.
Two lamps will burn In Memory of Richard, Ted, and Anne by Family.

REQUIEM AETERNAM
Philip Graham
Angelina Dengler
Genevieve (Jen) Christiansen

Saturday & Sunday, September 7 and 8  Thank you, faithful servants!

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Sunday Communion Service - September 8
The Highlands: Jim Haefner     Heather Heights: Marge Mancine
The Second Canon

‘Canon’ comes from the Greek, a word that meant a measuring stick. In reference to a collection of writings, it means a widely accepted list. With reference to the Bible … it is the list of books considered inspired, Holy Scripture. When it comes to the Hebrew Scriptures, or Old Testament, Jews, Catholics and Protestants agree on most of the books, which you might call the 1st canon. There are additional books, like Tobit, Wisdom of Solomon, Sirach, Baruch, 1st & 2nd Maccabees etc. that you may not find in Jewish or Protestant Bibles. Jewish rabbis considered prophecy to have ended and the scripture complete at the time of Ezra, hence these books which came after the time of Ezra were not included in their canon. Our Catholic church and the Orthodox church consider them ‘Deutero-canonical’, or second canon; in the Bible, not the appendix, but placed between the Old and the New Testament (they were written between the two testaments). Protestants consider these writings ‘apocrypha’, valuable, but not in the Bible.

Meditations to Cure Pride

Our passage from Sirach (a Deutero-canonical book) is an excellent meditation on humility. Read it together with psalm 131 as a way to keep pride in check, not by just going over the words, but by hearing God speak the words to us, and letting the meaning settle into our hearts. The theme of humility is on Jesus mind in the Gospel today as well.

Be Not Afraid

Despite the ways the author of Hebrews presents a contrast between the old and the new, the law and the Gospel, fear and love, Mt. Sinai and Mt Zion, he/she was writing to a community that included both Jewish and Gentile Christians. Ben Witherington, blogging in 2006, and quoting Andrew Lincoln frequently, makes the case that Hebrews is not a supercessionist document (the new covenant replaces or supercedes the old). Rather than ‘replacement theology’, Hebrews and St. Paul teach a ‘completionist theology’. Jesus fulfills and completes the revelation of the Torah. That can still leave questions, so Witherington put it perspective this way: “Both Paul and our author (of Hebrews) see salvation as a work in progress that will not be completed until Christ returns and the dead are raised. Only then will there be full conformity of anyone to the image of Christ, and only then will we finally and fully know who is saved and who is not. Between now and then the lost can be saved, and the saved can commit apostasy, and even when Jesus returns there will still be some saving yet to be done it would appear.” We are all a work in progress, and the work is done through love, not fear.

Who Is Coming To Dinner

In Luke’s Gospel, meals are often the setting for Jesus’ teaching. Today’s meal messages begin with a lesson about humility, echoing the first reading. Then we move on to Jesus teaching how we are to understand and use the gifts God has given. God has given the resources for us to throw a banquet? Then invite the poor and the hungry who really need a share in the good things of this earth. Jesus’ teaching at meals continues for us today as he speaks to us in the Gospel, and teaches us at our Eucharistic meal.

Looking Ahead: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b
Who can know God’s counsel?

2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Welcome him as you would welcome me

Renouncing possessions

Camping With Seniors

Camp Stella Maris, located on beautiful Conesus Lake, is offering a camp experience specifically designed for campers aged 62 and older. We are opening the camp to those campers who never lost the true meaning of camping, or who always wanted to camp but never got around to it. Bring a friend, or make a new friend, while enjoying camp and the Finger Lakes. September 26-27, 2013 & May 15-16, 2014. Visit www.campstellamaris.org OR call 585-346-2243 ext. 104 for information or to register.

ST. LOUIS PARISH PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 12:15 PM
(FOLLOWING 11:00 AM MASS)
RAIN OR SHINE
HOTS, HAMBURGS, SALADS
ASSORTED BEVERAGES AND DESSERTS
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS FAMILY EVENT!
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

Page Three St. Louis Church, Pittsford, NY September 1, 2013
Moving to the Fall Schedule
School is starting up, and effective the 3rd week of September, morning Bible study with Fr. Bob will move back from Wednesday mornings to Tuesday morning at 7:30 AM. No experience necessary, come whenever you can!

Help Wanted: Volunteers to Teach 6th-8th Grade Religious Education

Crossroads, the middle school religious education program, is looking for volunteers to help teach. We meet Monday nights, October through April from 6:45-8:00 pm. Teaching volunteers will work in pairs with small groups of about 12 students. Lesson plans and materials are provided. You do not need to be an expert in the faith, just have a desire to learn and work with kids. If you are interested or have questions, contact Robin Hill at walimu@hotmail.com.

LIVING OUR STRENGTHS
Yes, you can learn more about your strengths, and how to live them effectively, Tuesday, September 24th at 7PM, kicking off a new season of Fruit of the Vine. With Living Our Strengths, take inventory of your gifts and talents, and turn them into strengths in service. Mark your calendar now!

Offerings of Many Kinds

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH
August 25
Attendance .......... 1,473
Collection ............ $10,868.50

God bless you! Are you visiting with us today? Welcome! We love to have you with us, and hope that you felt warmly welcomed, at home even. Our home is your home! We pray that your experience of liturgy here was uplifting, and helped you experience God’s presence in the Word proclaimed, the prayers prayed, the music sung, the Eucharist, offered and shared. If you were able to contribute, we are very grateful!

This Week’s Tithing Will Support
ST. PETER’S KITCHEN

Next Week’s Tithing Will Support
FRIENDS OF THE ORPHANS
ST. DAMIEN PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL

Over the last 22 years of our personal relationship with Fr. Rick Frechette, St. Louis parishioners have seen his small hospital grow into a state-of-the-art premier pediatric hospital. The number of sick children in Haiti is so large because of poor sanitation, poor nutrition, lack of prenatal care and now the cholera epidemic which followed the catastrophic 2010 Earthquake. With the failure of many hospitals to rebuild after the earthquake, St. Damien remains Haiti’s only free pediatric hospital. Under Fr. Rick’s great leadership, specialized programs in maternity, neonatal care, radiology, surgery, dentistry and public health have been initiated. Its Pediatric Oncology/Hematology Center works closely with St. Jude’s Medical Center here in the U.S. St. Damien sees 100 outpatients per day and daily treats 149 children hospitalized with chronic and infectious diseases. St. Damien and its associated public health programs of Our Little Brothers and Sisters (NPHS) reach over 80,000 children annually.

Much of Fr. Rick’s financial support comes from Europe and with the failing global economy, Fr. Rick struggles to meet payroll and most employees are Haitian. Fr. Rick plays a huge role in the future of Haiti as a country with his “hand up approach through education as he gives life sustaining hand outs”. Please be generous with your prayers; and crucial financial help for St. Damien Pediatric Hospital lest lack of funds curtail the awesome effective progress Fr. Rick has made in Haiti’s dire health issues. Throughout the 2013 calendar year – two anonymous donors will match all donations totaling up to $1,000,000. More info at www.friendsoftheorphans.org/haiti.

ANNOUNCING:
St. Louis’ 32nd CORN SALE

After all masses
Sat./Sun., Sept 7 & 8
(weekend after Labor Day)
To benefit St. Damien Pediatric Hospital in Tabarre, Haiti
Fr./Dr. Rick Frechette,
Medical Director

For 32 years, the a-m-a-i-z-i-n-g-y generous Powers Farm Market Family on Marsh Rd. has planted a field of delicious corn to lessen World Hunger. Totally pro bono, they also harvest the crop and bring it to St. Louis fresh just before each Mass to raise funds that support the efforts of our parish friend Fr. Rick Frechette. Find info about St. Damien’s at: www.friendsoftheorphans.org/haiti

Donations from the Corn Sale will be doubled by 2 anonymous donors totaling up to $1,000,000. If you are able to help bag corn for a few minutes before/after your mass, please call Dick and Joanne Thomas (chairs) at 381-8252.

Living Our Strengths, take inventory of your gifts and talents, and turn them into strengths in service. Mark your calendar now!
**Praying, Learning, Healing**

**Magnificat**
Once a month, Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic Women hosts a breakfast and faith sharing time. This month, on Saturday, Sept. 28th from 9:30 to Noon at the Holiday Inn, Rochester Airport, our very own Christine DiNova will be sharing the story of her walk with Jesus. Be inspired, have a full course sit down breakfast, enjoyable company, and opportunity for confession at noon as well. Call Kathy @ 585-413-3212 or Maureen at 585-350-8926 or e-mail beofrochester@gmail.com. For more information visit www.beginningexperiencerochesterny.org.

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**September Day of Prayer, Tuesday, September 10, 2013**

Notre Dame Retreat House
5151 Foster Rd., Canandaigua, NY 14424
585-394-5700

**Jonathan Cahn: “The Harbinger” and the Isaiah 9:10 Judgement**

Presented by Fr. Paul Miller, C.Ss.R

Join us for this two-part thought provoking visual presentation of a Biblical Prophecy that may well be foretelling America’s future.

Please call 585-394-5700 to make a reservation for this day. The fee is $25.00 which includes conference and lunch. The day begins at 9:00am with refreshments and concludes with mass beginning at 2:00pm.

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**It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird: it would be a jolly sight harder for it to learn to fly while remaining an egg. We are like eggs at present. And you cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad.   ~ C. S. Lewis**

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**Prayer for Selecting a Bishop**

Lord, God, you are our Eternal Shepherd and Guide. In your mercy, grant to the Diocese of Rochester a shepherd who will walk in your ways and whose watchful care will bring us your blessing. Inspire our Holy Father, Pope Francis with wisdom, knowledge, discernment and right judgment. In Your love for us, give us the joy of receiving a shepherd who will be an example of goodness to your people and who will fill our hearts and minds with the truth of the gospel. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults…RCIA**

Bringing people into a relationship with Christ, into the community of faith, and into the sacramental life of our church is why we are here! The RCIA is the process for welcoming adults into the Roman Catholic Church. Whether a person has never been baptized, has been baptized in another church but wishes to become Catholic, or was baptized Catholic, but never was fully initiated (being confirmed and receiving 1st Eucharist), we have a process to help with the next steps, leading to life in Christ, community, and all that the Lord offers us through the sacraments. Even if you are not sure if you are ready for the next step in a journey of faith, it doesn’t hurt to learn how it works! If you are interested in learning more about this process, please contact Father Bob or call the office.

**Stewardship Directory**

Do you have your copy yet? Our Stewardship Directory is a great place to look for what ministries are available in our parish, who to contact, ways you can get involved. Even if you aren’t looking to sign up, it is inspiring to know more of the parish story, and to see just what discipleship can include. Prefer to do things on line? Check out our parish website at www.stlouischurch.org.

**Hospital Visits**

When a parishioner is in the hospital, we are very pleased to provide visitation from one of our trained hospital visitors. Our pastoral staff also makes visits to the various hospitals.

If someone is in need of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, there are ‘on-duty’ chaplains at each of the hospitals. The patient or the family should contact the Pastoral Care office at the hospital and tell them that you would like a priest to visit. While Fr. Bob is willing to celebrate this sacrament with any parishioner, it is not always possible that he cancome immediately.

If the patient wishes to receive Communion, the patient, or again the family, should let the Nurses’ Station know that desire and they will make arrangements. If it is a pastoral emergency, please ask the hospital staff to contact the on-duty chaplain.

**Weddings Bells...**

We pray for these couples as they prepare for their wedding celebration:

- ♦ Kim Cufari & Kenneth Chin, September 6
- ♦ Lauren Sansone & Kevin Garden, September 7
- ♦ Aniria Rios & Jose Espinosa, September 14
- ♦ Courtney Colosi & Kevin Abrams, September 14
- ♦ Lauren Armstrong & Zachary Zemaitis, September 20
- ♦ Katherine McGuire & Timothy Russell, September 21
- ♦ Lindsey Tobey & Michael Wegner, September 28

We congratulate and pray for Mary Mullaly and Kevin Gray who were married on August 31.

**It’s Time for School Supplies**

School supplies and backpacks are needed for refugee children who arrived this summer and start school for the first time this September. Saint’s Place supplies each school-aged refugee with a backpack filled with needed school supplies. Any supplies you donate are very much appreciated. Thank you!

**Items Needed for Refugee Children**

- Backpacks
- Markers, Crayons
- Calculator
- Rulers, Scissors
- Pens, Pencils, Pencil sharpener
- Folders
- Glue sticks
- Erasers
- Loose leaf paper
- Composition Notebook
- Spiral notebook

**Anointing of the Sick**

If you have a serious illness, are anticipating surgery, are undergoing chemo or other treatment, consider asking for the church’s support, prayer, and Christ’s healing presence through the sacrament of the sick. You can request to be anointed before, during, or after Mass, at home, or in the hospital. Just contact the office, or speak with one of our priests. You can request to be anointed before, during, or after Mass, at home, or in the hospital. Just contact the office, or speak with one of our priests.
**Register for Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation Programs for the 2013-2014 School Year!!**

You can register online but please send in your payment as soon as possible so we can complete the registration. You can also pick up registration forms at the Ministry Center, 64 So. Main St., on the counter in the Narthex area at the back of church or by the VBS bulletin board; and include your payment with the completed form.

Please read all information very carefully so your child’s registration is not delayed because of incomplete requirements.

Specific information about our programs can be found on our website: [www.stlouischurch.org](http://www.stlouischurch.org)

**Help Needed Urgently!!!!!**

We are beginning to plan for our 2013-2014 school year in Religious Education and we **NEED** teachers and aides for our Living Faith program which takes place on Tuesday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. We have vacant spots for teachers and aides in Kindergarten through fourth grade. If your Tuesday afternoon is available please consider volunteering to help us with this program.

This is a great opportunity to work with the children of our parish and share your faith with them; a rewarding job! It’s simple to do, a teacher’s manual and all materials are provided, and every classroom requires two teachers and an aide so it’s a great support system.

Please contact Sue Payne at 586-5675 or email spayne@dor.org if you have any questions or concerns. She’s anxiously waiting by the phone and computer for your call or email!

**Future Members of the St. Louis Council of the Knights of Columbus**

We now have enough members to start a Council at St. Louis, but we would like more men to join! If you have not yet signed a form 100 (application), please contact one of the following persons:

- William Stewart, DD: bcstewart1964@gmail.com or phone 406-3717;
- Roland Schindler: rrschindler@yahoo.com, or phone 385-1696;
- Dick Hilliard: bwgolf@hotmail.com, or phone 943-1106.

We are now in the process of setting up 1st and 2nd Degrees for those of you who have not taken them. You will be contacted in the very near future as to when they will be. Those of you who are already Knights will also be contacted because we would like everyone there. Again, if you have any questions, please contact one of the men listed above.

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**Here are some guidelines and requirements:**

- Families need to be registered parishioners of St. Louis Church.
- Public school children, kindergarten through eighth grade, are required to be in a religious education program every year.
- Sacramental preparation programs of First Penance, Confirmation and First Communion are **separate** programs in addition to children receiving their religious education through one of St. Louis’ programs or Catholic school.
- For a child to prepare to receive a sacrament, they ideally should be in a religious education program or Catholic school for at least one year prior to the preparation program.
- Parents are asked to actively participate and help in our programs.

If you are new to our parish or have children who will be coming of age to enroll into one of our programs, please call Sue Payne at the Ministry Center, 586-5675 or email spayne@dor.org for details of what you need to do to register.

**So we can plan for the coming year, please register NOW for your child’s religious education program and their sacramental preparation program.**
What’s Your Story

Give Without Expecting Anything In Return

Parents and children often enter into “negotiations” over how much allowance is to be earned at certain ages. Typically, when a child seeks an increase in allowance, parents will attach an increase in chores and responsibilities for them to better earn the increase. What kind of allowance did you receive as a child and what kind of responsibilities did your parents expect of you to earn your allowance.

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus talks about doing good deeds for others and expecting nothing in return. Ask your children how they would feel if you told them to take on more chores without ever expecting another raise in allowance. Jesus teaches us that it is our duty as his followers to take care of the needs of others and to do so without expecting repayment. What other types of rewards can we find when doing good things for others?

Sometimes we fall into the trap of wanting too many things and that, in the Our Father, we pray for “our daily bread,” meaning that we pray for only that which we really need in life.

There are many people who are in need of our help. Some need food, some need clothing, some need jobs, and some need money to buy things until they can find a job. Jesus tells us in the Gospel this week that we should give to the poor all that we can—even though they can’t pay us back.

We usually think of being rich as meaning that you have a lot of money. Jesus teaches us, however, that we can find reward in a very different way by being rich in grace—God’s life in us.

Away from Home Over a Weekend

Ah, yes – tis the season of textbooks, homework, possibly new friendships, and a new school year. And the traditional period of summer “vacation” is ending.

But, vacations are not restricted to summer for many. And then there’s “long” weekends, “weekend getaways”, business trips, and various other circumstances to be away from home over a weekend … and away from St. Louis, and the Eucharistic celebration of Mass here. The USCCB.org website lists Participating in Mass as #1 on “10 Ways Catholics Can Live the Year of Faith,” adding, “The Year of Faith is meant to promote the personal encounter with Jesus. This occurs most immediately in the Eucharist. Regular Mass attendance strengthens one’s faith through the Scriptures, the Creed, other prayers, sacred music, the homily, receiving Communion and being part of a faith community.” Bottom line, besides the obligation, there’s a need to attend Mass, even while away from home, to help maintain and even strengthen our faith.

So, is there an easy way to find local Mass times elsewhere, besides asking the hotel desk clerk, or checking the local phone directory and then calling? We’ve done these and others through the years, but then uncovered MassTimes.org. Simply entering the name of the city or location into the designated field provides a reliable listing of all local Catholic Churches and their Mass times, addresses, and map location. It couldn’t be easier!

On a related matter, you may have found (or will find) that each parish has its own unique “personality”. Do you have an interesting story about a visit to another church outside the area, or even a different state or country? Please let me know – after Mass sometime or contact me at 1deacondave@gmail.com. A future column will highlight some responses, along with a few personal stories.

God bless,
Deacon Dave

Looking Good!

Have you checked out our new website (stlouischurch.org)? Or, our school’s website (SLSpittsford.org)? Like any great website, we want to keep them fresh and interesting. There is a photo gallery that is crying for additional great photos, and we would also like to have a variety of pictures to change in and out periodically to keep the site engaging. Photos of Mass, weddings, baptisms, parish events, anything of that nature would be great (especially helpful if you can get permission of those in the photo). Please e-mail to our webmaster, Elizabeth Finn, efinn@dor.org. (High resolution photos preferred for possible use in other St. Louis publications.)

Rochester’s Catholic Radio In keeping with the year of faith, consider listening to Rochester’s Catholic Radio. The programming is varied and 24/7 - something for everyone! Questions about the Catholic Faith? Misconceptions that you don’t know how to explain to others? Family dilemmas? They cover it all. Just tune in to 1460 AM or 92.9 FM.
The William H. Shannon Chair in Catholic Studies at Nazareth College Presents:

Sr. Simone Campbell, S.S.S.

Acting on Faith: The Quest for Economic Justice
September 19, 2013 7:00 p.m.

and

Acting on Faith: Intersection of Faith and Immigration
September 20, 2013 1:30 p.m.

Linehan Chapel, Golisano Academic Center

“...our faith strongly affirms that we are all responsible for one another...I am my sister’s keeper. I am my brother’s keeper.” ~ Simone Campbell, S.S.S.

A religious leader, attorney, poet, and noted speaker and educator on public policy issues, Simone Campbell, S.S.S., is executive director of NETWORK, a national Catholic social justice lobby. Its mission is to advance “the global movement for justice and peace—that educates, organizes, and lobbies for economic and social transformation.” NETWORK addresses a host of critical issues including peacemaking, immigration reform, housing, poverty, federal budget priorities, trade, and hunger.

Campbell led the 2012 Nuns on the Bus tour to protest the effects of cuts to the federal safety-net spending proposed by Congressman Paul Ryan. In 2013, Nuns on the Bus traveled 6,500 miles through 15 states—53 events in 40 cities—advocating for comprehensive immigration reform. Prior to coming to NETWORK, Campbell served as executive director of JERICHO, the California interfaith public policy organization; as general director of her religious community, Sisters of Social Service; and as the founder and lead attorney for the Community Law Center in Oakland, California.

Speaking of Websites
Have you ever checked out our Diocese of Rochester website? You will be amazed at what you can find! Visit www.dor.org.
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