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## Cornerstone of true charity

### Genuine love for others

VATICAN CITY (CNS)-- Genuine love for others is the cornerstone of charity, but it needs to be backed up by concrete action to be a complete expression of God's love for humanity, the papal preacher said.

In a Lenten meditation released by the Vatican April 8,

Capuchin Father Raniero Cantalamessa explained that Christian charity should be characterized by "a love that is both sincere and active; a love from the heart and a love, so to speak, of the hands."

Father Cantalamessa warned that those who perform charitable acts without

a heartfelt desire to help others may be merely hiding less virtuous motivations such as "selfishness, the use of others for their own purposes, or simply a guilty conscience."

He cited St. Paul's Letter to the Romans in which he calls on Christians to act with charity without hypocrisy.

The call for "a love that is true, authentic and not fake" was the cornerstone of St. Paul's message, Father Cantalamessa said.

"Hypocritical love," the papal preacher said, "is that which does good works without feeling, that shows off to the outside something that is not actually felt in the heart."

## Director of young adult ministry hired

Lorraine Turgeon of Port Henry will begin work as diocesan director of young ministry April 20.

In this part-time position, Ms Turgeon, a graduate of Mater Dei College and of Wadhams Hall, will develop initiatives to motivate young adults (aged 18-35) to participate more actively in the life of the Church and their parish communities.

She currently serves as director of religious education for her home parish the Catholic Community of Moriah, a position she will continue to hold.

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## Annual Book Fair is planned

To be held May 3 in Alexandria Bay and May 4 in Lake Placid; highlight -

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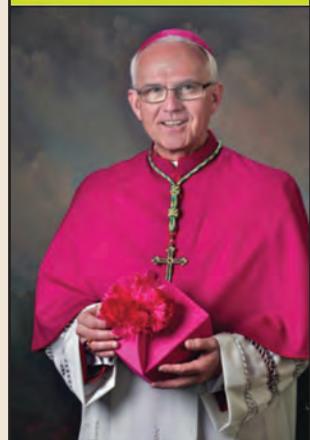


PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

Jackie Ward of Gouverneur plays an imaginary violin during the keynote presentation at the Diocesan Youth Rally April 2 in Massena. She was assisting keynote speaker Carrie Ann Ford, left. Full coverage of the rally - which drew more than 300 young people to Sacred Heart Church and Trinity Catholic School for the day - appears on pages 4-5.

## OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT

Because we care...



"The Church of Ogdensburg continues to examine how best to provide a safe and respectful environment where our children and youth may deepen their relationship with Christ and our family of faith," Bishop LaValley writes. His letter was part of a two-page report on "Protecting God's Children" prepared by the diocesan Safe Environment coordinator Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue.

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

## Hope Springs eternal

I'm almost afraid to jinx it by putting it in writing but I think we can – finally – say "spring has sprung!"

Yes, there was snow in the air (and, alas, on the ground) last week but the latest forecast offers us great hope.

We have indeed survived the long, cold winter of 2010-11.

Thank you, God.

As we bask in the warmth of this young season, we also have good reasons to rejoice in the warmth of young faith in our midst.

From my privileged perch at the NCC, I've been witness to some inspiring faith of our teens and 20-somethings over the past couple of weeks.

On Friday, I had a short conversation with our brand new director of young adult ministry. Lorraine Turgeon can't wait to share the dedication and passion she has "about my work for the church and about God."

I also spent some time with Craig Martin who has served as campus minister for SUNY Potsdam and Clarkson University since last July.

The 22-year-old reflected on his confidence for the future of the church as he sees people in his generation "re-discover the beauty of our faith, with its richness and grandeur that the cul-

ture just can't give us."

And, everyone involved with the April 2 Youth Rally is still buzzing about its success.

Our on-site reporter Kelly Donnelly is a recent graduate of Siena College in Albany and current teacher at Seton Catholic in Plattsburgh. She summed up the day with an encouraging observation:

"At a time when many teens face peers who may not support or value the role of faith in everyday life, the youth rally was a tremendous opportunity for youth to reaffirm that they are not alone on this faith journey," she wrote. "It was a day to grow in faith, have fun, and connect with other youth from across the diocese."

Our collection of "Young Catholic Voices," who regularly share faith-filled reflections for the paper also give us cause for hope. Last week, Zack Leader wrote about his sacred journey through Lent. In upcoming issues, Matthew Pietropaoli will share his thoughts about a visit to the Holocaust Museum in Washington DC, and Amanda Miner and Seth Conklin will reflect on the vocation of marriage as they prepare for their own.

All good reasons to hold on to hope for our North Country Church AND good reasons to keep reading the NCC!

Mary Lou  
Kilian

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## CHURCH: A FAMILY OF FAITH

## Let Yourself Be Loved

## Passion Sunday

By Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSJ

Director of Evangelization

As we enter into the holiest of all weeks in the Liturgical Year, Holy Week begins with the passion of Jesus from Matthew's Gospel and from John's Gospel on Good Friday.

The image of Jesus on the Cross does not look like the image of love. But love is what we see and encounter. This is the Beloved Son of whom God is most pleased!

Jesus is also the Suffering Servant who laid down His life for the ransom of many. Jesus' death on the Cross is not proclaimed to recount the senseless cruelty but His victory over sin and death. His death brings freedom from fear, the courage to open our hearts to a God who understands suffering and death.

As we share in the sufferings of Christ in our daily lives, we become con-crucified with Him. Jesus has become one with all of our suffering. We continually build up the Body of Christ through our own daily suffering and trials.

Gazing upon Jesus' Body on the Cross is an image of consolation and hope. It is knowing with our whole being that we are unconditionally loved by God. He loved us unto death while we were still sinners.

St. Paul says it so well: "I wish to know Christ, the power flowing from His resurrection, to know how to share in His sufferings, by being formed into the pattern of His death, thus do I hope to arrive at resurrection" (Philippians 3:9-11).

This hope is our anchor to our own future resurrection.

What Jesus celebrated the night before was the Feast of Passover, the Last Supper with His apostles.

The culmination of this Passover feast was on Good Friday when His Body broken and His Blood poured out that the full Eucharistic celebration became complete.

As we acknowledge "My Lord and My God" when we see the Sacred Host raised up at Mass, we believe that "the Sacred Host exposed to our view speaks of this infinite power of Love manifested on the glorious Cross" (Pope Benedict XVI).

His death on the Cross is not the end of the story. Jesus is raised from the dead. "If Jesus be not raised from the dead, vain is our faith," says St. Paul.

Each Sunday is a "little Easter" - a celebration of the central mysteries of our faith. By our Baptism, we become a new creation in Christ. It is this new creation which we celebrate on Sunday: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad" (Ps. 118:24).

Let yourself be loved by celebrating what God has done for us through Jesus' death on the Cross and by the power of the Resurrection and by the power of the Holy Spirit on the Lord's Day.

Thus we begin to truly celebrate Easter - the fullness of Christ's resurrection.

# Diocese appoints director of young adult ministry

OGDENSBURG – The Diocese of Ogdensburg has hired Lorraine Turgeon, director of religious education in Port Henry, to serve as the new diocesan director of young adult ministry, effective April 20.

In this part-time position, Ms Turgeon will develop initiatives to motivate young adults (aged 18-35) to participate more actively in the life of the Church and their parish communities.

The director will also lend on-going support to pastors



Lorraine Turgeon

and parish staff members with their young adult ministry efforts.

Ms. Turgeon graduated from Mater Dei College with an associate's degree in religious studies in 1989. She continued her education at Wadhams Hall Seminary College from which she earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy in 1992.

Her previous experience with young adults came during her work as a campus minister at the University of Mississippi from

1994 to 1998.

During that time, she organized retreats, weekly meetings and an annual mission trip to Saltillo, Mexico.

Since 1998, Ms. Turgeon has held various positions in the mental health field in Georgia and in Elizabethtown. She currently works as manager of administrative services for Families First in Essex County, based in Elizabethtown.

During the past year, Ms. Turgeon returned to parish ministry as part-time director of religious education in her home parish, the Catholic Community of Moriah.

## Business Manager Position

Notre Dame Church, St. Mary's Cathedral, and SMDA are seeking a Business Manager. A two-year accounting/business degree or measured experience is required. Applicant must have working knowledge of

QuickBooks including payroll. This is a full-time position with benefits. Salary is negotiable,

dependent upon experience and skill level. Resumes' with references should be sent to Rev. Joseph A.

Morgan, St. Mary's Cathedral, 415 Hamilton Street, Ogdensburg, NY, 13669 (telephone: 315-393-3930,

FAX: 315-393-6680, email:

[jmorgan@saintmaryscathedral.net](mailto:jmorgan@saintmaryscathedral.net)).

Resumes' should be submitted no later than April 25.

## LENT IN LEWIS COUNTY



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE CHAUFY

The parishioners of St. John's in Lyons Falls and St. Martin's in Port Leyden held a Lenten soup dinner at St. Martin's April 5 with six kinds of soup, homemade bread and fruit on the menu. Forty parishioners took part in the supper after reciting the rosary together. Donations of \$175 were collected for Operation Rice Bowl during the event sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Society. Above, the DeLano Family of Lyons Fall - Michael, Alanna, Maria and Jordan - enjoys the supper.

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At the Diocesan Youth Rally April 2 in Massena:

# A day of faith and fun

By Kelly Donnelly  
Contributing writer

**MASSENA** - "I've never been to a youth rally before, but one thing I know is that this one was fun," Thomas Barton of Tupper Lake commented.

Lyndale Nephew of Plattsburgh said, "I really liked the keynote speaker and the Mass...it was good to see people who feel the same way about the Catholic religion as I do."

These comments made by two of the over 300 participants in the Diocesan Youth Rally held at Trinity School April 2 indicate the two interconnected facets of the rally -- faith and fun.

The day was undoubtedly a success as youth throughout the diocese spent the day growing in their faith while connecting with other teens in an exciting atmosphere.

Teen participation was emphasized throughout the day. In workshops, the

keynote address, Mass, and an opening prayer led by Confirmation candidates from St. Mary's in Canton, the youth took an active role in the rally.

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Lyndale Nephew, Plattsburgh

One of the many highlights of the day was the keynote address, which by Carrie Ann Ford.

A former parishioner at Sacred Heart Church, Carrie's keynote address was an energetic blending of music, humor, and great insight.

Participants were actively involved, singing along, standing up, and playing various percussion instruments, as they were equally enthralled with Carrie's reflec-

tions on her own faith journey, missionary experiences, and the often counter-cultural role that faith takes in teenagers' lives.

Beyond the keynote address, teens were able to attend various workshops.

The morning session consisted of two workshops -- one on vocations, which was led by Father Bryan Stitt and Sister Mary Gregory, and one on the changes in the Mass led by Father Doug Lucia.

In the afternoon, participants were able to attend workshops on theology of the body, leadership in parishes, social justice, bullying, or experiencing a taste of Guggenheim.

Following the afternoon workshops, Eucharistic Adoration was held.

Throughout the day, the teens were encouraged to write questions to be answered by Bishop LaValley in a question and answer period.

Bishop LaValley eloquently and captivatingly answered a variety of questions posed by the teens, ranging from personal questions about his vocation and life, to recommendations for an improved prayer life, to questions about the Mass and Church.

The day concluded with Mass presided by Bishop LaValley, with the teens taking an active role in the liturgy.

At a time when many teens face peers who may not support or value the role of faith in everyday life, the youth rally was a tremendous opportunity for youth to reaffirm that they are not alone on this faith journey.

It was a day to grow in faith, have fun, and connect with other youth from across the diocese.

The 2011 Diocesan Youth Rally left participants more equipped to live their faith, and looking forward to future diocesan youth events.



Deacon Brian Dwyer, diocesan director of youth ministry, was chief organizer for the Diocesan Youth Rally which brought more than 300 young people from across the Diocese of Ogdensburg to Massena April 2.



PHOTOS BY PAT HENDRICK  
Sacred Heart Church in Massena was filled during the prayer service which opened the Youth Rally and the Mass which closed the day.



Confirmation students from St. Mary's in Canton participated in the opening prayer service. From left are Elizabeth Parker, Janelle Sovay, Katie Christy, Thessa Zimmerman, Hilary Wilcox, Julia Bailey, Jamie Burns, DRE: and Kelly Clemmer at the podium.

# AT THE YOUTH RALLY



Emily Jones of Watertown and Connor Pierce of Heuvelton try their hands at building the tallest church using spaghetti strands and marshmallows.



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

Carrie Ann Ford, singer, songwriter, presenter and teacher, who has been sharing her message of God's unfailing love with audiences across the globe for nearly 20 years, was the keynote speaker for the day.



PHOTO BY PAM BALLANTINE

Members of the Peer Ministry group from the Roman Catholic Community of St. Alexander and St. Joseph in Morrisonville, who attended the Youth Rally are shown with Bishop LaValley. From left are Racheal Senecal, Jesse Senecal, Allison St. Louis, Michael Hamilton, Bishop LaValley, Chris Fall, Jerry Senecal, Abigail St. Louis and Zach LaForest.



PHOTO BY DAYNA LEADER

The day concluded with the celebration of Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Bishop LaValley presided with assistance from Deacon Brian Dwyer, left, and Father Donald Manfred, pastor of Sacred Heart, right.



PHOTO BY DAYNA LEADER

Father Bryan Stitt, diocesan vocation director, leads a group of young people in the "Steubenville Cup Game."



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

Father Doug Lucia presented a workshop on the New Roman Missal to the young people.

# 19th annual diocesan book fair set

The 19th annual Book Fair for the Diocese of Ogdensburg will take place at the Edgewood Resort in Alexandria Bay May 3 and at the Crowne Plaza Resort in Lake Placid May 4.

The Book Fair is sponsored by the Office of Christian Formation and five publishers: Loyola Press, Our Sunday Visitor, Pflaum Publishing Group, RCL Benziger and W.H. Sadlier, Inc.

These publishers will speak to materials on the new Roman Missal they have prepared for this year as well as new materials that come forth every year.

They will be ready to share new ideas at every phase of Catechesis: children, teens, and adults.

The Christian Formation Office calls the Book Fair "a wonderful learning experience."

"It is our way of knowing how catechetical materials are growing and how many creative ideas are at our fingertips if we just take advantage of this wonderful opportunity," organizers say. "Learning about online opportunities through these publishers is also exciting. Online resources are just growing by leaps and bounds. There are ample opportunities to ask questions.

This year, knowing how these publishers are handling new materials on the Roman Missal will be most important.

The Book Fair is open to pastors, principals, deacons, pastoral and liturgical leaders, catechetical leaders, youth ministers and catechists. To register or to get further details call 518-563-2022. The registration deadline is on or before April 25.

## KNIGHTS PLAN STATE PRAYER RALLY IN ALBANY



The New York State Council Knights of Columbus will hold its 9th Annual Prayer Rally May 10 at the Albany Capitol. Over 1,000 New York State Catholic men joined by their families and friends will unify in prayer within sight of their governor and their legislators. The issues that concern them include: Pro-Life, traditional marriage, fair treatment of parochial schools and basic fairness for their Church and the Catholic community. State Deputy Arthur Harris of Rochester leads the 94,000 New York State Knights. He says, "We will raise our voices in unison in support of Catholic values. Our elected officials must recognize that without the guidance of God there is no virtue or honor in any law they conceive, especially any law that permits taking the life of an unborn child." he rally will take place in West Park adjacent to the Capitol. It will begin at 11:30 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m. Further information about travel plans from the Diocese of Ogdensburg is available from William Ose at 315-232-4433 or 315-771-2273.

### Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults. Pre-registration online is required in order to participate. Participants may pre-register at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) by selecting the registration button and following the directions. All employees and volunteers who participate in church sponsored activities with minor are required to participate in this training. Further information: Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, phone, 315-393-2920. ext. 403. Upcoming programs:

**May 12** - 6 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi, Constable

**May 16** - 6 p.m., St. Alexander's, Morrisville

### To Report Abuse

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### Bishop LaValley's Schedule

**April 13** - 4:45 p.m., Priest Evening of Prayer at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg.

**April 14** - 11a.m., Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

**April 15** - 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg.

**April 16** - 12:00 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

**April 17** - 11:00 a.m., Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

**April 18** - 12:00 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

**April 19** - 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg; 7:00 p.m., Lenten Penance Service at St. Mary's Cathedral

### Rest in Peace

*This week marks the anniversary of the deaths of the following clergymen men who have served in the Diocese of Ogdensburg*

**April 13** - Rev. Callistus Scheid, O.F.M.Conv., 1854; Rev. Emil Kranciewicz, O.F.M.Conv., 1974

**April 14** - Msgr. Richard F. Pierce, 1935; Rev. Alfred Valiquette, O.S.A., 1949

**April 15** - Msgr. Peter O. LaRose, 1918; Rev. Alfred J. Chevalier, 1996

**April 16** - Deacon Vernon J. Chamberlain, 1993

**April 17** - Rev. Peter J. Devlin, 1915; Rev. Vernon L. Doe, 1975; Rev. C. Albert Richardson, 1988; Msgr. Joseph G. Bailey, 2000

**April 19** - Rev. William S. Kelly, 1908; Rev. Edward C. Laramée, 1932; Rev. William P. Fraser, 1961

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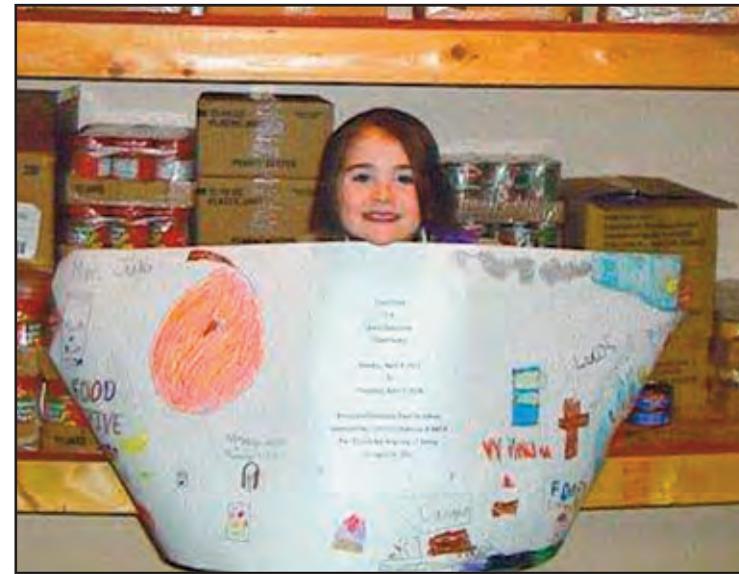
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# SCHOOL DAYS IN THE NORTH COUNTRY



The Watertown Knights of Columbus, Council No. 259, recently presented students at Immaculate Heart Junior High School with awards for the 2011 Essay Contest. The topic of this year's contest was "The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen in a Free Society." Pictured left to right are Sister James Marie, principal of the Junior High School, James W. Fraser, Co-Chairman of the Essay Contest, Anna Garrabrant, 1st place winner, Michael Bamann, 2nd place winner, Natalli Amato, 3rd place winner and Michael N. Deline, Grand Knight of the local Knights of Columbus Council. Not pictured was Nicola Luciani, Co-Chairman of the contest.



Julia Perras, first grade student at Holy Family School in Malone, holds one of the posters her class made for the food drive for The Good Samaritan Food Pantry taking place throughout Malone from during April. The food will be collected April 16 by students of North Country Community College and sorted and shelved at The Good Samaritan Food Pantry. The food drive is co-sponsored by Catholic Charities and the Greater Malone YMCA for this year's United Way Day of Caring to take place throughout Franklin, Clinton and Essex Counties on Saturday, April 16, 2011. The locations throughout Malone include Malone District Schools, Holy Family School, Franklin County Court House, Alice Hyde Hospital and numerous businesses throughout Malone.



Grace Cummings, fourth grade; and Alex Billings, Kindergarten, are Prayer Partners at St. James School in Gouverneur. They are pictured creating sticker prayers together. Prayer partners pray for each other and have some special time, like lunch together during Catholic School's Week.

## Programs beyond the classroom enrich SMDA students, families

By Celina Burns  
Principal, St. Marguerite D'Youville Academy

**OGDENSBURG** - St. Marguerite D'Youville Academy, a Junior Kindergarten-sixth grade Catholic School is a strong supporter of family life and values.

The after school program, for example, frees parents from transporting their children to different places for lessons, scouting and clubs.

This year there are piano and violin lessons after school at SMDA along with Art Club and Eagle's Nest where students can get extra homework help from a teacher.

Next year, the school plans to offer piano, guitar and violin lessons, dance, and Daisy Scouts after school, plus Eagle's Nest, Art Club, Lego Club and basketball.

Parents can pick up their children as late as 5 p.m. and then enjoy quality time with their families.

St. Marguerite's is already recognized for its outstanding band. Last year the fifth and sixth graders took the silver medal at the New York State Music Association's band competition. They were the only elementary band competing against Junior High bands.

The students also compete in NYSSMA adjudication, where they are given a personal score for the piece that they perform.

These special programs offer a wonderful opportunity for children to find something that they are good at that isn't directly related to their school work. Children find that they "can reach the sky" by learning new and interesting things.

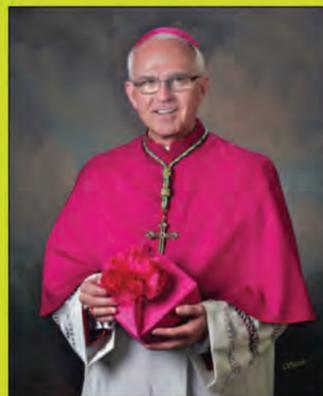
Amateur radio classes - which involve a lot of physics - are offered in the evening each spring. Some SMDA students who take advantage of this program are working on their technician's license so that they are able to operate the radio.

The Art Club also does projects with the residents of St. Joseph's Home. It is good for the students to be able to reach out to the community and witness to the love of God through Works of Mercy. It teaches the students to love at a deeper level. They experience the love of God and they learn to share that with others.

Parents who would like this support for family and your child learning in an environment of love, contact Celina Burns at [cburns@sm-dacademy.org](mailto:cburns@sm-dacademy.org) or call the school at 315-393-0165.



# Keeping OUR PROMISE TO Protect



Dear Friends in Christ,

Because We Care, the Church of Ogdensburg continues to examine how best to provide a safe and respectful environment where our children and youth may deepen their relationship with Christ and our family of faith. We monitor closely our diocesan safe environment programs and related diocesan policies to ensure that our loved ones are protected from all those who would harm them. In this week's issue of the *North Country Catholic*, you will find information reflecting our continuing efforts to ensure that our children are protected from all those who would harm them.

Under the direction and guidance of Sister Ellen Donahue, S.A., the Church of Ogdensburg has diligently sought to ensure that the national and diocesan policies established to provide safe environments for our children are implemented in our diocese. These standards are found in the document promulgated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2002, the

*Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, and in the diocesan *Policy Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests, Deacons, or Other Church Personnel*, also promulgated in 2002.

There are many elements to a sound safe environment program. Among these are criminal background checks that are conducted of all employees and all those having regular contact with children as well as the safe environment training programs we mandate through the *VIRTUS Protecting God's Children* Program. Our pastors maintain records in the local parish for compliance audit purposes. We are keeping our promise to protect.

Whenever an allegation of sex abuse against a cleric is received by the Diocese of Ogdensburg, the local District Attorney's office is immediately notified. Once the information of the alleged abuse is gathered, the Diocesan Review Board meets to consider the facts and determine the credibility of the allegation. This diocesan process occurs whether or not a civil or criminal investigation is undertaken by the civil authorities. The commitment remains: any cleric who has committed such a heinous act will be removed permanently from public ministry.

The Diocese of Ogdensburg offers immediate pastoral care to those who have suffered abuse by clergy or other Church personnel. Allegations of sexual abuse should be made directly to our Victims' Assistance Coordinator, Ms. Terrienne Yanulavich at 518-569-0612. Victims are also encouraged to notify the local authorities when abuse occurs.

We can never minimize the life-long trauma that is suffered by those who have been abused, particularly when a leader of the Church is the abuser. As we continue to seek forgiveness and express our deep sorrow for the abuse and the manner in which the Church handled it, I urge those who have suffered sexual abuse by the clergy to contact our Victims' Assistance Coordinator so that healing may begin and justice served.

I want to thank Sister Ellen for her fine work as our Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator and Mrs. Elaine Seymour who serves as our diocesan Charter Compliance Coordinator. Your support and continuing cooperation help us all keep the promise to protect and the pledge to heal. Please spend some time reviewing the information presented in these pages. You will see that as Jesus, the Good Shepherd, showed constant care for the vulnerable, your local Church is seeking to do likewise.

With a Shepherd's concern and care,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley  
Bishop of Ogdensburg



Elaine Seymour, diocesan Charter Compliance Coordinator of Safe Environment, having deployed to Iraq and still protecting us and our children, reviewing material from recently attended audit workshop in Braintree, MA.



Sister Ellen and Tiffany Childs vigilantly checking records (two peas in one pod sharing one computer) of annual pastor reports, catholic school and parish programs, and diocesan youth activities.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

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### WHAT HAS THE CHURCH DONE TO PROTECT CHILDREN NATIONALLY?

*The Catholic Church has done more to protect children than almost any other organization in the U.S.*

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- 5,259 individuals working with or near your children have undergone criminal background check ADP Screening
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### DIOCESAN STATISTICS 2010 NATIONAL AUDIT

- 5,214 students attended Christian Formation
- 2,372 students attended Catholic schools
- 376 youth attended Guggenheim Summer Camp
- 225 adults and children attended Family Guggenheim
- 75 youth attended Sports Camp



Gayle Frank, one of 17 diocesan facilitators of safe environment training, preparing for her class. Her love for youth knows no bounds. Her life is one large biography of commitment and service to youth.

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You can be trained in safe environment practices. Two million adults nationally have been trained in 194 dioceses in the U.S. to recognize behavior of offenders and what to do about it. Two million volunteers and employees, 52,000 clerics, and 6,205 candidates for ordination were background checked.

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- Over 3 million reports of child abuse are made every year in the United States; however, those reports can include multiple children.
- A report of child abuse is made every ten seconds.
- Almost five children die every day as a result of child abuse. More than three out of four are under the age of 4.
- 90% of child sexual abuse victims know the perpetrator in some way; 68% are abused by family members.
- Child abuse occurs at every socioeconomic level, across ethnic and cultural lines, within all religions and at all levels of education. ([www.childhelp.org](http://www.childhelp.org))

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# New evangelization needed to fight culture's secularism, Cardinal Wuerl tells Knights

By Richard Szczepanowski  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Because materialism, secularism and individualism are "rapidly enveloping our society and culture," Washington Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl urged Catholics to actively participate in the church's new evangelization efforts "to proclaim the Gospel anew."

"This is a time when voices need to be heard that says there is an anchor, there is a basis, a moral foundation to the choices we make," Cardinal Wuerl said in an address at The Catholic University of America. The "subtle influences" of materialism, secularism and individualism, he added, "need to be cleared away before we can plant the seeds" of faith.

Cardinal Wuerl spoke on "Why the New Evangelization Now?" to the D.C. Council of the Knights of Columbus. The March 28 address was attended by nearly 200 Knights along with university students and staff.

Quoting Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal Wuerl said the new evangelization is "an effort to re-propose the Gospel - what we do and how we express our faith" - to those who already know the faith but for whom it holds no interest.

Last June, the pope announced that he was establishing a pontifical council to promote "a renewed evangelization" to people "living through a progressive secularization of society and a kind of eclipse of the sense of God."

Two months later, Cardinal Wuerl took up Pope Benedict's call and issued a pas-

toral letter, "Disciples of the Lord: Sharing the Vision," in which he outlined his vision for a new evangelization.

**Catholics must 'know the faith well enough and be comfortable to share it. We have to know who Christ is'**

In that pastoral, the cardinal urged the faithful to "invite others to hear once again, maybe all over again for the first time, the exciting invitation of Jesus - 'Come, follow me.'"

In his address to the Knights, Cardinal Wuerl said "the new evangelization is not a program, and I have to say this over and over again. It is a mode of thinking, seeing and experiencing."

He called it "a lens through which we see the opportunities to proclaim the Gospel anew. Don't think of it as some task -- it is a recognition that the Holy Spirit is actively working in the church."

He said the religious values espoused by the church can address "the challenges of today."

The cardinal said recent attempts in the state of Maryland to legalize same-sex marriage "seek to redefine, to change the basic meaning of marriage - we live in a society where a 51 percent majority can determine reality."

The Maryland House of Delegates earlier this month failed to reach a vote on a bill that would have permitted same-sex couples in the state to marry. Lawmakers sent it back to the House Judiciary Committee, effectively defeating the measure during this legislative year.

Cardinal Wuerl said that while same-sex couples and other unions can be called "domestic partnerships" or any other such label, "some words' meanings, like 'marriage,' simply cannot be changed by a vote of the majority. You can't change reality just by changing names and words."

He also said the church's new evangelization efforts can refute "the arrogant claims of secularists."

"We are interrelated and we have obligations to one another," Cardinal Wuerl said. "This is what the church is talking about. This is what the pope is talking about."

He said the Sermon on the Mount "offers a vision of life that truly inspires us."

"Here (in the Sermon on the Mount presented in Matthew's Gospel), we are challenged to envision a world where not only the hungry are fed, the thirsty are given drink, the stranger is welcomed and the naked are clothed, but also most amazingly sins are forgiven and eternal life is pledged," Cardinal Wuerl said.

He said the new evangelization is different than evangelization that "brings the word of God to those who do not yet know anything about Jesus Christ." The new evangelization, he said, "is bringing the Word back to those who have moved away from the church, those who have been baptized, but not sufficiently evangelized."

He said that to be successful in their new evangelization efforts, Catholics must "know the faith well enough and be comfortable to share it. We have to know who Christ is."

The "starting point" of this new evangelization, Cardinal Wuerl said, "is recognizing that God still speaks to his people, that God speaks to us today."

## 'MIRACLE NUN' TO SPEAK



CNS PHOTO/REUTERS

Sister Marie-Simon-Pierre is pictured in Aix-en-Provence, France, March 30, 2007. The French nun whose healing was accepted as the miracle needed for Pope John Paul II's beatification will share her story with pilgrims at a prayer vigil in Rome the night before the May 1 beatification Mass.

## Backs bill to ensure conscience rights

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston urged members of the House April 6 to support legislation that would guarantee the rights of Americans to buy health insurance "that meets their medical needs and respects their deepest convictions."

The cardinal, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, said the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act of 2011, H.R. 1179, "will help ensure that the new health reform act is not misused to violate the religious freedom and rights of conscience of those who offer and purchase health insurance coverage in our nation."

The legislation, introduced March 17 by Reps. Jeff Fortenberry, R-Neb., and Dan Boren, D-Okla., would "re-

store the legal status quo" by allowing health insurance plans to exclude "specific procedures that violate the moral or religious convictions of those providing or purchasing the plan," Cardinal DiNardo wrote.

He cited abortions and abortion-causing drugs, in vitro fertilization treatments and "treatments using material from deliberately killed unborn children" as among the "procedures specifically rejected by the teachings of some religions."

Passage of the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act would ensure that health insurance plans "shall not be considered as failing to provide 'essential health benefits'" under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act if they exclude those procedures, he added.

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# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Rumors held that Lincoln was at one time a Catholic

ALBANY, N.Y. (CNS) -- Was Abraham Lincoln a Catholic? As the sesquicentennial of the start of the Civil War is being marked, attention is being focused on Lincoln, whose time in the White House was bounded by the start of the war April 12, 1861, and his assassination April 14, 1865, just days after its end. Debate has always swirled around his religiosity. That he read the Bible and referred to God is well-known; that he rarely went to church is also marked. But, while he was alive and shortly after his death, rumors surfaced that he was, at least for a while, a Catholic. The July 1905 issue of *The American Catholic Researches* took up the issue with an article titled "Was Abraham Lincoln a Catholic in His Youth?" In the piece, Archbishop John Ireland of St. Paul, Minn., responded to a previous discussion of the question and told what he knew: "You report ... on the authority of the pioneer missionary of southern Illinois, Rev. J. M. J. St. Cyr, that Abraham Lincoln was, at one period of his life, a Catholic; and in rebuttal ... you publish a letter from an intimate acquaintance of Mr. Lincoln, Miss Ida M. Tarbell, to the effect that Mr. Lincoln was never a Catholic. ... I happen to be able to furnish a slight contribution to the discussion, by repeating, beyond peril of mistake, what the old missionary, Father St. Cyr, was wont actually to say touching Catholicity in the Lincoln household."

## Pope urges everyone to rediscover St. Therese's autobiography

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Benedict XVI called St. Therese of Lisieux's autobiography, "The Story of a Soul," a wonderful authentic "treasure" and invited everyone to read it. The 19th-century Carmelite saint's teaching of "the 'little way' of holiness has been so influential in our time," he said April 6 at his weekly general audience. His catechesis was a continuation of a series of talks dedicated to the "doctors of the church," men and women who made important contributions to Catholic theological understanding. St. Therese, who was born in 1873 in France, died at the age of 24 of hemoptysis, or bleeding of the lungs. Her spirituality "centered on the contemplation of God's love revealed in the mysteries of the incarnation and redemption," the pope said. The saint "sought to be little in all things and to seek the salvation of the world," he said. Her autobiography was published a year after her death and was enormously successful in many parts of the world, he said. "I would like to invite all of you to rediscover this great little treasure, this glowing commentary on the Gospel fully lived," the pope said.

## Pope calls for end of bloodshed in Ivory Coast, Libya

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Benedict XVI appealed for an end to the bloodshed in Ivory Coast and Libya, saying hatred and violence never led to victory. He called for all sides involved in the separate conflicts to end the fighting and start talks. "I continue to follow with great apprehension the dramatic events the dear people of Ivory Coast and Libya are experiencing," he said at the end of his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square April 6. The pope said his prayers are with all those affected by the conflicts. "Violence and hatred are always a failure! For this reason I am making a new and urgent appeal to all sides involved to begin working for peace and dialogue and prevent further bloodshed," he said.

# From Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin: 'Church culture must change after sex abuse scandal'

By Willy Thom  
Catholic News Service

MILWAUKEE (CNS) - The Archdiocese of Dublin "got it spectacularly wrong" in not assuming responsibility for the harm done through the clergy abuse crisis, the head of the archdiocese told an international conference on the clergy sex abuse scandal April 4.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, the opening speaker during a two-day conference at Marquette University Law School in Milwaukee, said he "cannot accept a situation where no one need assume responsibility in the face of terrible damage done to children in the church."

Other conference speakers at the conference, "Harm, Hope and Healing: International Dialogue on the Clergy Sex Abuse Scandal," included Bishop Blase J. Cupich of Spokane, Wash., chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People, as well as a group of abuse victims, priests and various experts.

Archbishop Martin also was harsh in his assessment of most of the priest abusers he had met since becoming archbishop of Dublin in 2004.

"I can honestly say that with perhaps two exceptions, I have not encountered a real and unconditional admission of guilt and responsibility on the part of priest offenders in my diocese," the archbishop said. "Survivors have repeatedly told me that one of the greatest insults and hurts they have experienced is to see the lack of real remorse on the part of offenders even when they plead guilty in court."

The Irish archbishop, who served as a Vatican diplomat to the United Nations, before being reassigned to his homeland during Dublin's clergy abuse scandal, said a Feb. 20 "liturgy of lament

and repentance" at the Dublin cathedral "was a truly restorative moment" for many abuse survivors, who "felt that they had encountered in it a church which was beginning to identify with their hurt and their journey."

"But there are so many survivors who have not yet had that experience of being surrounded by a church in lament, rather than a church still wanting to be in charge," he added.

The Dublin leader said the church must analyze whether "the culture of clericalism" might have "somehow facilitated disastrous abusive behavior to continue for so long" and must repent for the "false understanding of mercy and human nature" that allow offenders to continue to abuse children.

"Serial sexual abusers manipulatively weaved their way in and out of the net of mercy for years, when what they really needed was that they be firmly blocked in their path," he said.

The Irish archbishop told conference participants that when he was reassigned to Ireland his first decision was to make sure that all abuse files were re-examined by an independent outside expert. He also re-established use of canonical trials for abusers which he called a long process but far better than nothing.

"There was a culture where the church dealt with their own things in their own way," he said. "We had this mixture -- avoid scandal at all costs, but also, be merciful (saying): 'Poor Father, he really was very good.'"

As part of his own investigation he discovered that files on abusive priests were located in unlikely places in diocesan offices or with auxiliary bishops or retired officials. His requests for files went unanswered at times and occasionally he saw documents for the first time

when they were shown to a government commission.

"This dispersal of information and lack of communication between officials, authorities and branches of the church contributed significantly to the scandal, he said.

Archbishop Martin said that as he learned more and met with victims, parents, spouses and children, he became further convinced the investigation he was doing was right.

"With all my personal failings, when I arrive to St. Peter, he'll weigh my case against the 70,000 documents on the other side of the scale," he said, referring to the number of documents he provided to the government commission investigating clergy abuse.

In looking at the future, the archbishop urged greater attention to seminary formation and warned against accepting candidates for priesthood who "may be looking not to serve but for some form of personal security or status which priesthood may seem to offer them."

He said he planned to require all future priests to "carry out some part of their formation together with laypeople so that they can establish mature relationships with men and women and do not develop any sense of their priesthood giving them a special social position."

Bishop Cupich called the Marquette conference a "much-needed effort to bring healing in what is a historically challenging but also decisive moment for our church."

He spoke of the church at large needing more than ever to "keep fresh and internalize" the insights learned in 2002 when the U.S. bishops adopted the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" at their Dallas meeting.

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

## Let us enter Holy Week in a spirit of love, justice

The waving of palm branches and the cries of "Hosanna to the King!" usher in the holiest week of the year. The full drama begins with the crowd's fickle acclaim of Jesus as King for a day. It is a foreshadowing of the blasphemous mockery the soldiers will hurl at our thorn-crowned Saviour a few days later.

And yet, for a few hours we can raise our voices joyfully with the crowd, linking the honor given him, especially by the children, with His ultimate victory beyond the grave. We wonder and rejoice as the veil is raised to permit a glimpse of Jesus, the Messiah-King and liberator. But then, as the Palm Sunday Mass proceeds, the horrors of the Passion are proclaimed, and we must with reluctance raise our voices with the crowd clamoring "Crucify Him!"

Today's events were all foretold thousands of years ago. The first reading from Isaiah, one of the four Suffering Servant oracles written at the time of the Babylonian captivity, speaks of a courageous and obedi-

ent messiah-figure who says, "I have set my face like flint" against the beatings and scourging that lie ahead, "knowing that I shall not be put to shame".

The second reading from Philippians reminds us of Jesus' total emptying out of his divinity in order that he might identify Himself with the lowest criminal being led to his execution, "obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross".

The Church is a master of drama in the liturgies of this week. Through the use of lay readers for the Passion and the voices of the congregation, we all become part of the action. Most feel embarrassed to cry "Crucify Him" with the palm branches still in their hands. It reminds us of our own fickle response and our lack of courage in responding to His love and truth.

Yet we know that it was the sins of us all which brought Jesus to Calvary. The Passion narrative of Matthew is a reminder of the ugliness of sin—his betrayal by Judas, the denial of Peter, the hearings before

Caiaphas and Pilate—the awful scourging by the Roman soldiers, the thorny crown jammed upon His weary head, the whip cutting slashes into His flesh, the blood running down his shoulders and back, the cursing by the crowd, the nails tearing through His hands, the thud of the cross into the ground, As He hangs on the Cross, He cries, "I thirst!"

How that cry echoes down the centuries as a reminder of His search for our love.

The forces of darkness were never more vicious in their attempt to terminate the Mission of Jesus on this earth. That the religious leaders of the day were made instruments of evil is a tragic lesson to all religions, even to the present day. That these leaders scandalized their own people, making them agents of falsehood, is another warning to those of unwary and careless piety. How easily the righteous can be lulled into blind activity that can do harm!

We wonder if any of the many that Jesus healed in his journeys were among those crying out against Him. The Passion narrative is the most powerful story ever written about the sacrifice of innocence to evil,

APRIL 17

**Palm Sunday of the Passion***At the Procession of the Palms:*

Matthew 21:1-11

*At Mass:*

Isaiah 50:4-7;

Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66

and the blind consent of crowds to those in power.

Holy Week offers us the opportunity to personally suffer and die with Jesus for the sinfulness of our world—the sin of the past which seems so remote, and the sin of our present which is all too real, and, in our fear, threatens to overwhelm us. As Father Ronald Rohlheiser pointed out some years ago in his article on Gethsemane, quoting St. Paul "I can't understand my own behaviour. I fail to carry out the things I want to do, and I find myself doing the things I hate".

And he quotes Anna Blemman as saying: "It is impossible for a human being to be and to remain good...we never do enough, and what we do is never well done enough...it's the way we're made!" Henri Nouwen has said "Our lives are always busy. They're like over-

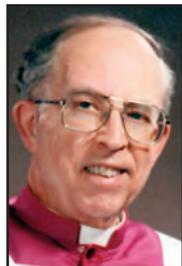
packed suitcases, bursting at the seam". Our lives are so filled with distractions, that we can miss the right response to the battle of good over evil.

Holy Week is all about Jesus suffering for our inadequacies and for our very real sins.

Holy Week is a time for us to realize what we're really like, and to find that the only remedy for our pains and fears is love.

Are we ready to join our own pains and fears to the Master's, and to add as much love as we can possibly muster to His limitless love? If we can, we are guaranteed a great Holy Week. Let us enter into this Holy Week in a spirit of love and justice.

May our Holy Thursday observance help us to celebrate with gratitude the institution of the Holy Eucharist. Good Friday gives us a chance to make reparation and to pray for all the deaths inflicted on so many through war, terrorism, and exploitation of so many through human trafficking. Through the Cross of Jesus Christ this Holy Week, we are saved. Lift High the Cross of Jesus that we may worthily celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord next Sunday.



**Monsignor  
Paul E.  
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## OUR READERS WRITE

**Sister Donna - we are so proud of you!**

Sixteen years ago a lady came to the door of the rectory and introduced herself as Sister Donna, the new Director of Catholic Charities.

She said that she was going to help those in need, the men and women and children who were marginalized and who needed an advocate.

The Daughters of Charity are women who are called to serve Jesus Christ in the person of the poor and marginalized.

Well she has certainly done that in these years that she has served as our Director of Catholic Charities.

All over this great North Country men and women have experienced her love, concern and ministry to those in need.

The Daughters of Charity are known for their love of the poor and the service that they give.

The Daughters add a fourth vow of service to the poor. Values such as respect for the poor, service to the poor and advocacy for them are qualities that we see in the life of Sr. Donna.

The Catholic Charities Directors of New York State have seen these

qualities in the ministry of Sister Donna and have awarded her the Bishop Mugavero Award (recently announced in the *North Country Catholic*) which is presented to a person who has made significant contributions in charity and social justice to people in need.

She continues the great ministry for which the North Country is so well known.

Msgr. Robert Lawler, former Director of Catholic Charities is also a past recipient of this award. We have been so blessed by the various Directors of Catholic Charities and the men and women who love and minister to those in need in our Diocese.

We are proud of all of you.

FATHER ARTHUR LABAFF  
CLAYTON

**First step towards moral - and fiscal - responsibility**

It's time again, April 15th is almost here. The tax collector is again calling for the "widow's mite." It's time to "render to Caesar." It's the one time each year we all grapple with the reality of the two unchanging certainties — death and taxes.

We grumble about over-taxation, high gasoline prices, a stressed economy, soaring unemployment. We wonder why the government seems to want "all" our money, and so much more. We keep thinking there must be another way, a better way, and a fairer way to share the tax burden, to balance the load.

Actually, there's a rather simple solution to these self-inflicted tax woes. As a nation, we've been committing "economic suicide" for nearly forty years now. It's really a numbers game. Did you ever think about the financial impact that 55-million people might have on a staggering economy?

Think about the purchase power of 55-million people in dollars and cents. They would produce \$37.5 trillion dollars in revenue. That could build approximately 170-million average priced homes; manufacture over one-billion mid-sized automobiles; send over one-billion students to a mid-priced four year college.

But, do you know where those 55-million people are today? They are all dead! They are all dead from legalized abortion since 1973. So much for the economy. And your government proudly pays Planned

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## AT THE MOVIES

## SOUL SURFER

By Joseph McAleer  
Catholic News Service

The true story of a teenage girl who overcame a horrific shark attack to rise to the top of her sport is translated to the big screen in "Soul Surfer" (Tri-Star), an uplifting film about the power of faith and perseverance.

Bethany Hamilton (AnnaSophia Robb) is a happy, ordinary 13-year-old living in Hawaii with her parents (Helen Hunt and Dennis Quaid) and two brothers. The entire family surfs, but Bethany shows the most promise, winning competitions and gaining a sponsor.

When not at the beach, Bethany's family is often in church, where sermons are given by youth-group leader Sara (country singer Carrie Underwood in her film

debut).

Sara's message? Trust in the Lord and his purposes, as revealed in Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord."

No one could have predicted God's plan for Bethany on Halloween morning 2003: While paddling out with friends to catch a wave, Bethany is attacked by a 14-foot tiger shark, which bites off her arm. In a flash, her life and dreams are changed forever.

The depiction of the attack and its aftermath, while not overly explicit, is nonetheless disturbing.

Surprisingly, while her family and friends fall to pieces, Bethany is serene and composed. With only a few "Why me?" moments (including one where she snaps the arm off her Barbie doll), Bethany accepts her

fate and is determined to surf again, whatever the odds. Faith in God remains her anchor, and the fuel for her inexhaustible determination.

"You can do all things through him who gives you strength," Sara reminds Bethany. "You pray and you listen for what comes next. Something good will come out of this."

And it does. Soon Bethany is competing -- and winning -- at surfing events again. And she uses her newfound celebrity to inspire the disabled and others to follow their dreams.

Bethany also travels to Thailand with her church to aid tsunami victims. "Love is more powerful than any fear, bigger than any tidal wave," she says.

Directed by Sean McNamara ("Raise Your Voice"), "Soul Surfer" is that Holly-



CNS PHOTO/TRI-STAR

AnnaSophia Robb stars in a scene from the movie "Soul Surfer."

wood rarity: a film that is not afraid to talk about God or to show a happy, well-adjusted family that makes faith its foundation.

The cinematography is stunning. The Aloha State has never looked so beautiful, and the surfing scenes are thrilling, putting viewers out on the water and inside the waves. Digital effects convey Bethany's disability and her efforts to overcome

it. Despite the intensely emotional (but nongraphic) shark onslaught and its aftermath, "Soul Surfer" can be enjoyed by parents and mature young people alike. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II -- adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

## Our readers

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Parenthood (the largest baby-killing organization in the U.S.) over \$360-million dollars each and every year to kill nearly 1.3 million pre-born babies -- with your tax dollars.

A nation which is comfortable killing its citizenry (and potential taxpayers) demonstrates fiscal waywardness at its zenith. It should be noted that Planned Parenthood is also recognized and legally classified as a "non-profit" organization. Yet, in 2008-09 they reported "profits" of \$63.4 million. Now that's real government accountability for you.

Consequently, there are no tax dollars left to continue funding this ongoing colossal government waste. A first step toward moral and fiscal responsibility would be to stop killing our pre-born children; the second would be to de-fund Planned Parenthood, and put them out of business.

For more statistical information, go to: [www.thecostofabortion.com](http://www.thecostofabortion.com).

MICHAEL & DONNA MAREK  
OGDENSBURG

## Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters from readers of the *North Country Catholic*.

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## ADIRONDACK

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Saranac Lake** – Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at St. Bernard's Church.

**Date:** May 1

**Time:** 2:30 p.m.

**Features:** The chanted chaplet, evening prayer, benediction and confessions. Father Mark Reilly will be officiating.

## CLINTON

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Plattsburgh** – St. Peter's Church to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday.

**Date:** May 1

**President:** Msgr. Dennis Duprey

**Schedule:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:15 p.m. to 3; Sacrament of Reconciliation in the chapel 1:30 p.m. to 2:30; Video "Tell All Soul's About My Mercy" at 12:30 p.m. and "Extreme Mercy" at 1:45 p.m.; Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Prayer Service begins at 3 p.m.; Blessing of Religious objects will take place after the service.

## BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

**Keeseville** – The Keeseville Altar Rosary Society to sponsor Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Date:** Every Sunday

**Time:** 1 p.m. to 4

**Place:** Immaculate Conception Church

## LENTE ADORATION

**Plattsburgh** – Come spend an hour with the Lord during the season of Lent.

**Place:** St. Peter's Church

**Schedule:** Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday after 7 a.m. Mass until 7 p.m. and Wednesday only, after 7 a.m. Mass until 9 p.m.

**Contact:** To sign up for Adoration for one hour a week or for more information call St. Peter's at 563-1692 or contact Ceil Johnson 566-0527 or e-mail kjeleshhouse@verizon.net.

## PRAYER VIGIL

**Plattsburgh** – A Helper's of Gods Precious Infants prayer vigil will be held the first Sunday of the winter months.

**Place:** St. Peter's Chapel

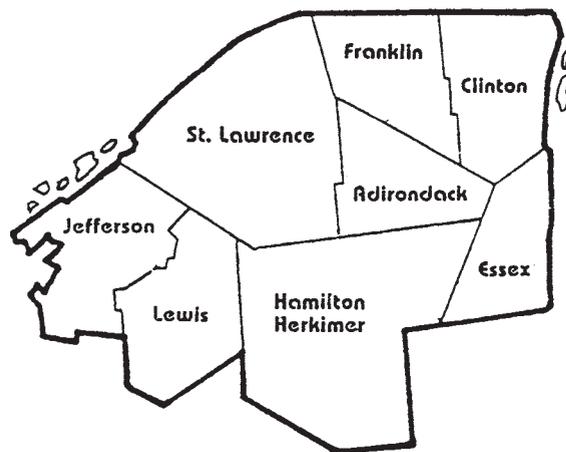
**Time:** 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

**Plattsburgh** – Plattsburgh area pro-life advocates will once again join together with people of faith and conscience from many other communities for the area's third 40 Days for Life campaign.

**Place:** Plattsburgh Planned Parenthood

**Features:** 40 days of prayer and fasting,



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peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and grassroots educational outreach.

**Contact:** Nancy Belzile at 518-593-6024

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Plattsburgh** – Eucharistic Adoration is held throughout the year every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

**Place:** St John's Holy Family Adoration Chapel, downstairs

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Contact:** For more information about spending a special hour with Jesus weekly, or becoming a substitute, please call 518-561-5083 or email us at Sjohnsadoration@aol.com

## FRANKLIN

## LENTE MEAL

**Constable** – The Catholic Community of Constable, Westville & Trout River is sponsoring Lenten Meal after the Lenten Liturgy on Wednesday's.

**Dates:** April 13

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Place:** St. Francis Church

**Features:** On Friday during Lent at Our Lady of Fatima Church will be offering Stations of the Cross at 5:15 p.m. followed by Mass at 5:30

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Malone** – Divine Mercy Sunday to be celebrated.

**Date:** May 1

**Time:** 11 a.m.

**Place:** Notre Dame Church

**Schedule:** Noon to 3 p.m. the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for individual

adoration. Confessions will be heard from 1 p.m. to 2:50. At 3 p.m. Devotions for Divine Mercy Sunday will begin. The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be sung and there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join in any or all of the above times.

**Contact:** Fr. Joseph Giroux, Malone Catholic Parishes Office, (518) 483-1300.

## JEFFERSON

## MINISTRY TO THE MINISTERS

**Watertown** – All Commissioned Lay Ministers of the Jefferson Deanery are invited to a special presentation.

**Date:** April 14

**Time:** Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; Mass with a light meal at 6 p.m. and presentation at 7:30 p.m.

**Place:** St. Anthony's, Msgr. Sechi Hall

**Cost:** \$10 each

**Speakers:** Deacon Gary and Gayle Frank from Family Life

**Contact:** Rose Morgan for more information at 583-5101 or rosetmorgan@hotmail.com

## BEREAVEMENT MEETING

**Watertown** – An ecumenical bereavement meeting is to be held.

**Date:** April 25

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse  
**Speaker:** James Monaco, LCSW, will be returning for Part II of his March presentation "Continuing the Journey of Healing" .. Mr. Monaco is a psychotherapist with a local private practice, as well as a consultant for agencies and schools.

## THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

**Cape Vincent/Clayton** – The Franciscan Mystery Players of Clayton will present "The Sorrowful Mysteries," a dramatic multi-media presentation of the passion and death of Jesus.

**Schedule:** April 17, 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent of Paul Church in Cape Vincent  
April 22, 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Clayton

**Features:** Through the use of special lighting and sound, this dramatic meditation on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary promises to be a high point in your Lenten journey. For more information visit [www.mysteryplay.org](http://www.mysteryplay.org) or call St. Mary's at 315-686-3398.

## INTERFAITH RETREAT

**Watertown** – A men's and women's interfaith retreat to be held.

**Date:** April 16

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Place:** St. Anthony's Church

**Theme:** "Looking Through the Eyes of God"

**Presenters:** Ian Banks and Eileen Banks "Just Lean Ministries"

**Features:** Please bring a bag lunch. Soup, beverages & dessert provided.

**Contact:** Debbie Cavallario, 782-5888; Kay Arthur, 782-0084 or Eileen Adderly, 654-3703.

## HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

**Watertown** – St. Patrick's Church will observe a Holy Hour for Vocations on two occasions during this Lenten season.

**Dates:** March 31 from 4 p.m. to 5 and April 14 from 7 p.m. to 8

**Features:** St. Patrick's hosts Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday following Noon Mass until 8 p.m.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Watertown** – Our Lady of the Sacred Heart will hold a Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration.

**Date:** Divine Mercy Sunday is May 1; a novena Will begin April 22 at 3 p.m.

**Features:** On May 1 at 3 p.m. there will be Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Singing of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, & Special prayers for Healing your family tree, Blessing of the Divine Mercy image (you may bring your own Divine Mercy picture to be specially blessed) and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

**Further Information:** The Divine Mercy Devotion consists of making a Novena by praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy beginning on Good Friday; celebrating the Feast of Mercy, the 1st Sunday after Easter; Being merciful to others, Placing

our complete trust in Jesus & making a good confession, eight days before or after that Sunday and receiving Communion on the Feast of Mercy Sunday without the stain of mortal sin.

**Contact:** For more info on how to prepare for Mercy Sunday . . . call Judy at 315-783-7349 or 315-788-2388, or visit [www.divinemercysunday.com](http://www.divinemercysunday.com)

## LIFERIGHT MEETING

**Watertown** – Liferight of Watertown will hold its monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of the Month.

**Time:** 4 p.m.

**Place:** 312 Sherman St.

**Features:** Liferight is a pro-life educational organization. The office has videos, books and educational materials which may be borrowed. Topics covered: infanticide, assisted suicide, euthanasia and chastity.

**Contact:** Phone 315-788-8480; website: [www.liferight.org](http://www.liferight.org).

## ST. LAWRENCE

## SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

**Canton** – St. Mary's School to have a spring rummage sale.

**Date:** April 15 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and April 16, Bag sale from 8 a.m. to Noon

**Place:** St. Mary's School Gym

## K OF C BRUNCH

**Norfolk** – The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a brunch.

**Date:** May 8

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to Noon

**Place:** Visitation Parish Center; Take-outs available

**Cost:** Adults, \$6; Children under 12, \$4; Under 5, Free; Family, \$16

## FISH FRY BUFFET

**Ogdensburg** – The Knights of Columbus to hold a Fish Fry Buffet during Lent.

**Date:** Fridays

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** K of C Hall; Eat in or take out.

**Cost:** \$9 per person, Children 6-11, \$4.5; under 5, free; Desserts, \$1 extra

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Massena** – St. Mary's Church has scheduled Eucharistic Adoration every Saturday.

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## NOVENA FOR MILITARY

**Ogdensburg** – Notre Dame Church is holding a weekly novena for the safety of U.S. military personnel

**Date:** Tuesday evenings

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.



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# Lenten Reflection for the Missions

From the Director's Desk,  
Sister Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ,  
Diocesan Director

Dear Lord,

*You know what it is to be alone.  
Alone in the midst of a jeering crowd,  
You carried Your Cross to Calvary.  
Alone, You hung on the Cross,  
hot hour after hour,  
thirsty, growing weaker.  
But there at the Cross was Mary;  
There were the holy women and John.  
And You were not – not quite – alone.*

*Help me this Lent to stand by the Cross  
of Your suffering poor in the Missions.  
With my prayers, with my sacrifices,  
let me reach to them and tell them:  
"You are not alone.  
You are my sister, my brother.  
And I am with you."*

*Help me, Lord, to be Your missionary,  
here, today, right where I am.*



Sisters Rosemary & Juliet are pictured in Luano Valley, Zambia, Africa. Through your prayers and support of the Society for the Propagation Of the Faith, you are with these local Sisters and so many more just like them throughout the Missions, as they help the poor to experience the hope and joy of Easter even in the midst of Good Friday suffering and struggles.

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## OBITUARIES

**Burke** – Georgette A. (Bowen) Rousell, 88; Funeral Services April 7, 2011 at St. George's Church; burial in St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery, Constable.

**Cadyville** – Theresa I. (Ryan) Trudeau, 83; Funeral April 8, 2011 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

**Canton** – Donald W. Sharlow Sr., 73; Funeral April 4, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Cape Vincent** – Harold A. Henchy, 77; Funeral Services April 6, 2011 at St. Vincent of Paul Church; burial in St. Vincent De Paul Cemetery, Rosiere.

**Carthage** – Bruce E. Swain, 85; Funeral Services April 8, 2011 at Bossuot-Lundy Funeral Home; burial in Swinburne Cemetery, Deer River.

**Champlain** – Robert Hill Franks, 70; Memorial Services April 4, 2011 at St. Mary's Church.

**Clayton** – Richard H. Heath, 80; Funeral Services April 7, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Copenhagen** – Lloyd C. LaVancha, 63; Funeral April 2, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Croghan** – Eleanor B. "Toby" (Buckingham) Proulx, 82; Funeral Services April 6, 2011 at Scanlon Funeral Home; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery.

**Dannemora** – Donald J. Coulon, 81; Funeral April 2, 2011 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Keeseville** – David A. Latourelle, 52; Funeral services April 2, 2011 at the Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in St. John's Cemetery.

**Lyon Mountain** – Hazel E. (Facteau) Alexander, 89; Funeral Services April 6, 2011 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

**Malone** – Stanley M. Elliott, 81; Funeral Services April 4, 2011 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Massena** – Marguerite D. (Garand) Mathieson, 93; Funeral Services April 2, 2011 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** – Mary Elizabeth (Driscoll) McLellan, 79; Funeral Services April 2, 2011 at St. Mary's Catholic Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – Helen M. (Murphy) Gray, 89; Funeral Services April 5, 2011 at Frary Funeral Home; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

**Plattsburgh** – Mercedes Loughan "Dee Dee" Drown, 93; Funeral Services April 4, 2011 at St. John's Church; burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Helen "Happy" McGavisk, 89; Funeral April 9, 2011 at St. John's Church; burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Margaret A. LaFleur, 74; Funeral Services April 7, 2011 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Paul's Cemetery, Bloomingdale.

**Potsdam** – Bernard Eugene "Bum" narrow, 72; Funeral Services April 8, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Redford** – Lorena M. (Bressette) Weldon, 100; Funeral Services April 2, 2011 at Church of the Assumption; burial in parish cemetery.

**Redford** – Byron "Salty" E. Patnode, 64; Funeral Services April 8, 2011 at Church of the Assumption; burial in Immaculate Heart of Mary Cemetery.

**Saranac Lake** – Lola G. (Rousseau) Del-laquila, 100; Funeral Services April 6, 2011 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in Pine Ridge Cemetery.

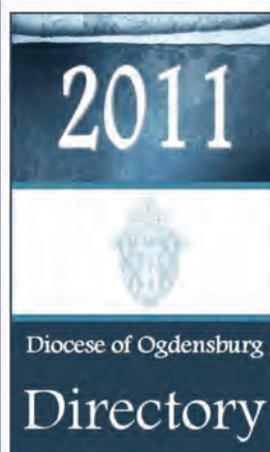
**Saranac Lake** – Jane (Bunker) Rovito, 74; Funeral Services April 5, 2011 at Fortune-Keough Funeral Home; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

**Watertown** – John L. Boulter, 81; Funeral Services April 9, 2011 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** – Rene J. Chamser, 83; Funeral Services at Holy Family Church.

**Watertown** – Daniel C. Petrus, 55; Funeral April 7, 2011 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Lowville Rural Cemetery.

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