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# NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC

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## A new evangelization

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - New evangelization means finding the most effective ways to proclaim the Gospel to a world that is either too distracted or too blind to see the divine, Pope Benedict XVI said.

Today's spiritual crisis is marked by people excluding God from their lives, "generalized indifference" toward

Christianity and stringently pushing faith from the public to the private sphere, he said.

The church will have to "find ways to make the proclamation of salvation more effective," he told members of the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization.

The newly created council, met for its first plenary assembly May 30 to June 1.

Pope Benedict, who established the new council, said he hoped the members would help outline a plan for the whole church in regards to the urgent task of evangelization, which must include formation, especially for

young people.

It's important for people to understand that "being Christian is not a kind of outfit to wear in private or on special occasions but is something that is alive and all-encompassing, capable of taking on all that is good in modern times," Pope Benedict said.

## Rallies held to stop same-sex marriage

With a push on by supporters of same-sex marriage to legalize it in New York State, supporters of traditional marriage - including New York's archbishop - are mounting their own campaigns to keep marriage as a union between one man and one woman.

Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan wrote that the definition of marriage is "hard-wired into our human reason," and that he's dismayed to hear that Catholics and others who oppose same-sex marriage are branded as "bigots and bullies who hate gays."

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Msgr. Paul Whitmore and St. Joseph Sister Mary Eamon Lyng share reflections about this important day  
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## FAMILY BLESSINGS FROM A NEW DEACON



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

Deacon Thomas J. Higman blesses his parents James and Mary Higman and brother, Michael after his May 28 ordination as a transitional deacon. Bishop Terry R. LaValley presided at the liturgy held at Deacon Higman's home parish, St. James in Carthage. Bishop LaValley's homily appears on page 3 and more photos are on page 4.

## CELEBRATION OF 40 YEARS

### At Champlain Valley RTL



PHOTO BY BRYAN MOORE

Dr. John Middleton of Plattsburgh, first chairman the Champlain Valley Right to Life, a pro-life organization that serves Clinton, Essex and Franklin counties, reflects on the origins and future of the organization on its 40th anniversary. A crowd of more than 80 attended a Mass and dinner that celebrated Champlain Valley Right to Life's 40 anniversary in Plattsburgh on May 25. Just about that same number took part in the organization's very first meeting at Howard Johnson's Restaurant there on May 25, 1970. At the same time, Dr. Middleton and his wife, Claire, formed Champlain Valley Birthright, a nonpolitical organization that helps women in crisis pregnancy.

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

# A week to remember

This has been a particularly good week to be a Catholic in northern New York, I think.

It started with the May 28 ordination of Carthage native Deacon Tom Higman, whose pure joy at this development in his life is completely infectious.

He's excited about serving the people in Saranac Lake as a deacon this summer and then returning to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary for one more year of study and pastoral training.

Bishop LaValley gave the new deacon some advice that he's definitely taking to heart: "Don't get too comfortable in those deacon vestments!"

A year from now, God willing, we'll be celebrating the ordination of a new *priest* for the first time since Father Bernie Menard's ordination in 2007.

This has also been a week when several parishes of the diocese have welcomed the service of our diocesan seminarians.

Last year, there were three such young men; this year – thanks to tireless efforts of our vocation director Father Bryan Stitt – there are ten!

A couple will be working at Camp Guggenheim but most will be partnered with priest-mentors who will teach them what it means to serve in pastoral ministry in northern New York in the 21st century.

And, speaking of pastoral ministers, this past Sunday, Bishop LaValley commissioned 51 lay ministers for service in parishes all across the Diocese of Ogdensburg. After two years of training in the Formation for Ministry program, they are ready, very willing and certainly able to offer support in catechetics, ministry to the sick and elderly, youth and more.

Next week's paper will feature full coverage of the commissioning but for those who can't wait to see the photos, find the *North Country Catholic* Facebook page (and "like"

it). By the time you read this, photos and a slide show should also be posted on the *NCC* website – [www.northcountrycatholic.org](http://www.northcountrycatholic.org). (Barring any technical difficulties, of course!)

But for the complete package, you can't ignore next week's printed *NCC* where you'll find messages for the new lay ministers from the Bishop LaValley, pastors and parishes.

A printed publication, website and Facebook page: that's what it takes to fulfill a Catholic newspaper's ministry in the 21st century.

Just like the experienced priests and not-so-inexperienced seminarians in our midst, we can *never* stop learning to best ways to spread the Good News that Jesus gave us more than 2000 years ago!



Mary Lou  
Kilian

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## CHURCH: A FAMILY OF FAITH

## The Holy Spirit -the Gift of the Father

June 11-12

By Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSJ

Director of Evangelization

The gift that Jesus gave to His disciples and to us is the gift of the Holy Spirit, the power to carry on His mission. The disciples' fear was unlocked with the presence of the Risen Lord. This Spirit is the Spirit of the Risen Christ whose presence gave peace to the disciples. This same peace is given to us—the community of believers.

It is the gift of joy, very similar to peace, "life" or salvation, which Jesus had promised His disciples before His resurrection.

It was a peace that gave them courage in times of persecution, hope during trials and tribulations, and perseverance in the testing of faith.

Jesus gave the gift of peace and the power to forgive sins, but He also gave these gifts as a mandate.

Jesus explained the mission of the disciples with the words: "As the Father sent me . . ." (Jesus' mission), now He was announcing the second mission: "so I am sending you." Jesus had breathed His last breath on the Cross completing His mission upon the earth.

The breath which Jesus returned to the Father is now bestowed on the disciples as He breathed upon them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit . . ." This symbolism of "breathing" (ruah Yahweh) reminds us of the Creation story in Genesis where the Breath-Spirit of the Creator-God "swept over the waters" (Genesis 1:2). This was the life-giving and animating principle of all of creation.

As a Church, a Family of Faith, we have a responsibility to bring peace to others and to be instruments of forgiveness.

The breath of the Holy Spirit that we received at Baptism empowers us to make a difference in our parish family, in your own family life, and in the workplace.

This power makes all things possible: better Christians, ability to forgive, zealotry in proclaiming the Gospel message, courage to speak out to acknowledge human dignity, etc.

We have been given the Holy Spirit. What we have been given, we give back. The Peace Prayer of St. Francis speaks the message and mission of Jesus:

*"Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

*Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness only light,  
And where there's sadness ever joy.*

*O Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled, as to console,  
To be understood, as to understand,  
To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving of ourselves we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

Is there someone in the parish who feels isolated from the Church or needs support because of some misunderstanding experienced in the Church? Do your parish ministries address the needs of people who lack peace or forgiveness? How can the parish reach out more effectively to call forth the gifts of newcomers? How do they feel welcome?

## FOLLOW ME

# Blessed day for the Church of Ogdensburg!

*Editor's note: Bishop Terry R. LaValley's homily for the May 28 diaconate ordination of Deacon Thomas J. Highman follows:*

What a blessed day it is for the Church of Ogdensburg! Here we are, sisters and brothers all, gathered in this beautiful sacred space of St. James to celebrate God's call to one of our own, Thomas Higman, to serve the Church in Sacred Orders.

In a few minutes, Tom will be advanced to the Order of Deacon as a minister of the Word and of charity. It is the duty of all the faithful of the diocese to assist the candidate by our prayers. So, your presence here marks our public commitment to hold him in prayer, today and always. Thank you for being here to share in this sacred moment.

Pope Benedict XVI announced my appointment as Bishop of Ogdensburg on the Feast of St. Polycarp. Ever since, I've paid particular attention to the writings of this early Church Bishop and Martyr.

In admonishing the deacons of his day, Polycarp said, "Be merciful and zealous, walking according to the truth of the Lord, who became the servant of all."

Through the centuries, his words continue to challenge the deacon to this very day.

#### Be merciful!

Be merciful! St. Paul told the people of Ephesus to bear with one another through love with all humility, gentleness and patience.

Tom, these sacred words which you selected for your ordination to the diaconate should become the identifying feature of your ministry.



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

Bishop LaValley greets newly ordained Deacon Thomas Higman outside of St. James Church in Carthage following Deacon Higman's ordination May 28. See page 4 for more photos.

When you remain faithful to your daily prayer, including the Liturgy of the Hours, and through your service at the Altar, you will come to know, more and more, Jesus as friend.

Your ministry will reflect His humility, His gentleness. A trusted friend has that kind of an effect on us.

Tom, let this define your loving service in His Name and mercy will be yours.

#### Be zealous!

Be zealous! No easy task, given our own human limitations and the crosses encountered in witnessing to Jesus in a world so often uninterested and even hostile to the Church.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples that we are to keep the Commandments if we are to remain in his love. He tells us this so

that we might possess His joy, a complete joy.

Again, this can only happen to a person of disciplined prayer. This joy will be the motivation for your zealous proclamation and witness of the faith.

Never allow yourself to be turned away from the hope offered by the Gospel. Your people, your Church expects this holy energy from you.

Again, this will be fueled by your prayer, Tom. Rejoice in your faith and share that joy!

Polycarp told the early deacons that they are to walk according to the truth of the Lord.

There is no room for a cafeteria style ministry of preferences.

The splendor of all God's truth must be taught. Our people deserve it, our Church expects it, and our

God demands it.

Tom, you are to be a lifelong student of the faith, confident teacher, and gentle servant of the Truth. Jesus' word must become a very part of the fabric of your being.

"Christ became the servant, the 'diaconus' of all." Tom, the Model is before you, before all of us. Soon, like the deacons set apart by the early Church, about which we have just heard in our first reading, you will be set apart for ordained ministry.

You will freely promise to live the celibate life with total dedication so as to cling to Christ with an undivided heart.

Through perfect and perpetual continence for the sake of the Kingdom, you will be an inspiring sign of love and hope for all who know you.

Tom, firmly rooted and grounded in faith, you are to show yourself chaste and beyond reproach before God and the faithful.

Hold the mystery of faith with a clear conscience. Express by your actions the word of God which your lips proclaim and your heart embraces.

#### Ministry of charity

The ministry of charity is most characteristic of the deacon. In fact, with sacred ordination, the deacon is constituted a living icon of Christ the servant within the Church.

So, as you conform your life to Christ the Servant, making yourself a generous and faithful servant of God, you will help to shape the vitality and genuineness of the exercise of the corporal and spiritual works of charity in the life of our faith family.

Be attentive to the needs of all those with whom you come in contact.

Tom, your Church is so very proud of your persevering study and formation.

We are grateful for your generous heart in responding to the Lord's call to serve His Church.

With much love and deep appreciation, Jim, Mary, Mike, Dot, and Maureen, the Church thanks you for the gift of your son, brother, and grandson.

We rely on God's grace, Tom's life of sacrifice, and the prayers of all gathered here to make Tom's ministry among us a heavenly reality with earthly application.

Tom: "Be merciful and zealous, walking according to the truth of the Lord, who became the servant of all."

May God be praised... forever may God be praised!

'THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE'

# A DEACON IS ORDAINED

Bishop Terry R. LaValley ordained Thomas J. Higman a transitional deacon May 28 at St. James Church in Carthage



Father John Cosmic, a dear friend of Deacon Higman, vested the newly ordained deacon with the diaconal stole and the dalmatic.



In his homily, Bishop LaValley told the new deacon, "We are grateful for your generous heart in responding to the Lord's call to serve His Church."



Deacon Higman is shown as lays prostrate on the altar during the Litany of the Saints. Music was led by Michael Perfetto, Jr., and the St. James Church Family Choir.

PHOTOS BY PAT HENDRICK

Through the laying on of hands by Bishop LaValley and the Prayer of Ordination, the gift of the Holy Spirit for the office of deacon is conferred on Deacon Thomas J. Higman. At left is Deacon Timothy McGuire of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, a seminary classmate of Deacon Higman since 2004. At right, is Deacon Richard Staab, deacon assistant of St. James Church in Carthage where the ordination was held. Deacon Higman will return to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Pennsylvania for a final year of study before his expected ordination to the priesthood next year. He has been assigned to serve as a deacon assistant at St. Bernard's Parish in Saranac Lake before the school year begins in September.



Deacon Higman's family gathers for a family photograph after the ceremony. From left are his grandmother, Maureen Higman, Carthage; grandmother, Dorothy Burrows, Lake Bonaparte; Deacon Higman, Bishop LaValley, Father George F. Maroun, pastor of St. James in Carthage, parents, James T. and Mary G. Higman; and brother Michael Higman.

*Champlain Valley Right to Life celebrates its 40th anniversary May 25*

# Decades of respect for life marked

By Shan Moore  
Staff Writer

PLATTSBURGH - A crowd of more than 80 attended the Mass and dinner that celebrated Champlain Valley Right to Life's 40th anniversary in Plattsburgh on May 25.

Just about that same number took part in the organization's very first meeting at Howard Johnson's Restaurant there on May 25, 1970.

"We were concerned about the abortion mentality that was on the rise," said Dr. John Middleton, who was first chairman of the pro-life organization that serves Clinton, Essex and Franklin counties.

At the same time, Dr. Middleton and his wife, Claire, formed Champlain Valley Birthright, a nonpolitical organization that helps women in crisis pregnancy.

## 'Not a legal person'

That was less than three years before the U.S. Supreme Court decision that many mistakenly believe legalized abortion in the United States.

Rather, it stripped individual states of the power to limit abortion beyond the first trimester of pregnancy, except when the health of the mother was considered at risk.

That, Dr. Middleton said, "really allows abortion up to and including the day of delivery."

Chillingly, he said, "it uses the same wording the old Dred Scott case used. The unborn child ... was declared not a legal person."

The ruling struck pro-life activists a hard blow.

"We practically had a statewide depression; people were very disappointed," Dr. Middleton said. "But we didn't slow down. We dug in our heels -- and that's how it's gone."

They'd not been blind to the coming of Roe v. Wade.

In New York state in 1970, a crucial pro-abortion bill



PHOTO/BRYAN MOORE

The head table at Champlain Valley Right to Life's 40th anniversary dinner featured back, from left, John Boule, Kate Golden, Claire Middleton, Bishop Terry R. LaValley, Msgr. Joseph G. Aubin, Nancy Monette and Dr. John Middleton; front row from left: Joanna Boule, Wanda Gaffney, Ed Golden and Roger Miner.

had passed by one vote, Middleton said.

"We organized and reversed that."

Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, who was very pro-abortion, was away at the time, he remembered, and Lieutenant Governor Malcolm Wilson refused to sign the legislation into law.

That spelled its demise, for Rockefeller vetoed it immediately after he returned to Albany.

## Strong and vocal

And yet the pro-life movement was strong and vocal; Champlain Valley Right to Life played a crucial role.

A slide show the organization had done to show at its Clinton County Fair booth was borrowed by Franklin County then continued on to the NYS Fair.

Right to Life in the North Country began a canister drive outside churches to raise funds. It was so successful, Dr. Middleton said,

that it was adopted by Right to Life at the state level.

The money raised from both drives helped fund creation of the first official office for the state organization and to launch National Right to Life.

## Notorious clinic

Roe v. Wade also allowed abortions to take place outside hospital facilities, and its influence was felt in the North Country when, in an abortion clinic opened in a house on Salmon River Road in Schuyler Falls.

Abortion was illegal in Quebec then, so "they brought the clients down by bus," Dr. Middleton said.

"It was a tragic type of thing," he reflected.

A woman would call a number in Quebec, was told to bring \$400 to a Montreal address. A urine test was done that Dr. Middleton said didn't necessarily confirm pregnancy.

"We even did a male sam-

ple one time; it came back pregnant."

Protesters outside the clinic numbered as many as 100 at a time, holding signs and praying.

A fire at the clinic, ruled arson, stopped abortions for a time, and though it reopened, it shut down a short time later.

## Continued prayer

Present day, Right to Life prays weekly outside Planned Parenthood of the North Country New York in Plattsburgh, where first-

trimester abortions are performed.

"We don't know how long it will take, but most everybody I've met in this, in all the organizations I've been associated with, are religiously oriented," said Dr. Middleton, who is 85.

They stay hopeful, he said, "with prayers."

The dedication of pro-life volunteers was evident at the anniversary dinner, attended by longtime members, among them Chairman Protem Wanda Gaffney and past Champlain Valley Right to Life chairpersons, including Dr. Boule and Nancy Monette.

Bishop Terry LaValley took part, as did Ed Golden, former president of both the New York state and national Right to Life organizations and his wife, Kate.

## Rekindled

A select group of Right to Life leaders met on June 2 for a reorganizational session infused with new energy drawn from the strength of conviction that held sway at the celebration.

"It's going to rekindle" efforts, said Dr. Middleton.

Soon will be election of officers, a continuation of activities including the fair booth, the Life Chain, March for Life and peaceful, fervent prayer outside Planned Parenthood.

"We are no less dedicated to pro-life today," Dr. Middleton said, "trying to respect the dignity of all innocent life from conception until natural death."

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Warren and Belle Baker of Ogdensburg were honored for their 65th wedding anniversary May 28 at St. Mary's Cathedral. Bishop LaValley led the couple in a renewal of marriage vows and presented them a Papal Blessing from Pope Benedict XVI. Pictured, from left are Bishop LaValley, Mr. and Mrs. Baker and Father Joseph Morgan, cathedral rector

## Couple honored at cathedral on 65th wedding anniversary

OGDENSBURG—Mr. and Mrs. Warren (Bunk and Belle) Baker observed their 65th wedding anniversary May 28 with friends and family at 4 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Bishop Terry R. LaValley was the main celebrant at Mass with Father Joseph A. Morgan concelebrating and Deacon Frank Bateman assisting.

Bishop LaValley administered the renewal of Marriage vows and presented the Bakers with a Papal Blessing from Pope Benedict XVI.

The Bakers, lifelong resi-

dents of Ogdensburg, were married May 25, 1946 at St. Mary's Cathedral Rectory.

Mr. Baker, a veteran of World War II in the Pacific Theater, is the retired co-owner of Commercial Press in Canton.

Mrs. Baker (the former Annabelle Robinson) worked at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center in her early years, is a homemaker and was the volunteer librarian at O.C.C.S., the predecessor to St. Marguerite D'Youville Academy.

The Bakers have four chil-

dren, Reg and his wife Pat Baker of Ann Arbor Michigan, Tim and his wife Shannon of Ogdensburg, Brenda and her husband Eric Zumwalt of Oswego and Jeff and his wife Lee of Seattle Washington. They have four grand children and two great grand children.

The Bakers enjoy visits from their children and grand children, their involvement with the Knights of Columbus Council 258, the St. Vincent DePaul store and are lifelong parishioners of St. Mary's Cathedral.

### Bishop LaValley's Schedule

**June 9** – 10:30 a.m., Diocesan Finance Council Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg.

**June 10** – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg; 3:30 p.m., Blessing of the Sisters of Charity of St. Louis Home in Plattsburgh; 7:00 p.m., Confirmation for St. Mary's, Champlain; St. Patrick's, Rouses Point; and St. Joseph's, Coopersville at St. Mary's Church.

**June 11** – 11:00 a.m., Confirmation at St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh; 4:00 p.m., Mass at St. John the Baptist Church in Keeseville; 6:00 p.m., Bishop's Burse Dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Keeseville.

**June 12** – 10:30 a.m., Confirmation at Church of the Assumption in Redford; 3:30 p.m., Confirmation for St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg; Notre Dame, Ogdensburg; St. Mary's, Canton; St. Raphael's, Heuvelton; SS Philip and James, Lisbon; St. Patrick's, Brasher Falls; St. Lawrence, North Lawrence; St. John's, Morristown; St. Peter's, Hammond; St. Patrick's, Rossie; Church of the Visitation, Norfolk; and St. Raymond's, Raymondville at St. Mary's Cathedral.

**June 13** – 6:00 p.m., Mass and Graduation Ceremony at Holy Name Church in AuSable Forks.

**June 14-17** – United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Spring Meeting in Seattle, Washington.

### Rest in Peace

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

**June 8** – Rev. James J. McGowan, 1961; Deacon Ronald Coryea, 1995  
**June 9** – Rev. James Bolton, O.S.A., 1925; Rev. John W. Ryan, 1982  
**June 10** – Rev. Augustus Gaudet, O.M.I., 1895; Rev. Alfred J. Boulrice, 1952; Rev. Rupert P. Hajna, O.F.M.Conv., 1979  
**June 11** – Rev. Lawrence K. Brady, 1993  
**June 12** – Rev. Eugene A. Kelly, 2001  
**June 14** – Rev. Hermisdas Mayer, 1927; Rev. Thomas A. Kiley, O.S.A., 1954; Rev. William J. Deacy, O.S.A., 1960; Rev. Arthur Desrosiers, 1963; Msgr. Walter T. Cleary, 1968

### 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:  
**June 28** – 7 p.m., St. Mary Nativity Church, West Leyden  
**July 13** – 6 p.m., Holy Family School, Malone

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# FACES OF FAITH



Msgr. John R. Murphy, a longtime resident at Notre Dame rectory in Ogdensburg, was recently honored at a going away party held at Centennial Terrace in Ogdensburg. Msgr. Murphy will move to Norfolk later this month to serve as administrator of the Church of the Visitation in Norfolk and St. Raymond's in Raymondville. Joining him at the party were, from left, Father F. James Shurtleff, Dr. Elizabeth LaRosa, Msgr. Murphy, Father Roland G. Gonyo and Father Vicente F. Jazmines.



PHOTO BY ANN CHARLEBOIS

Father Donald Robinson, pastor of St. Patrick's and St. Anthony's parishes in Watertown, celebrated a Memorial Day Mass at Glenwood Cemetery. About 200 people attended the annual outdoor Memorial Mass for the four Catholic churches in Watertown. Father Robinson was assisted by Deacon Kevin Mastellon. Singing was led by Tricia Marra.



PHOTO BY MARY LOU KILIAN

Bishop LaValley welcomed some special guests to his home June 1 as the first and second graders of St. Mary's School in Canton took a field trip to the diocesan offices in Ogdensburg. Above, Bishop LaValley shows the children the pictures of all the former bishops of the diocese. At left is Canton pastor Father Douglas Lucia.



The parish children of St. Raphael's in Heuvelton recently held their annual "Skit Spectacular" in which each class acted out a Scripture story. The skits also raised donations on behalf of the children's efforts for the Rice Bowl project of Catholic Relief Services. Pictured, front, from left, are Zachary Ashlaw, Madisyn Bushey, Evan Felt, Eliza Hand and Michael Pierce; middle, Rodger Premo, Brienne Basford, Meaghan Pierce and Katie Premo; and back, Ford Wing III, Justin Merrill, Kara Ashlaw, Maureen Pierce, Elizabeth Cooper, Eliza Martin (hidden), Allison Merrill and Sydney Thornhill.

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## YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

# 'People don't just like this camp. They love it!'

Camp Guggenheim. I could describe it like a basic summer camp—boating, hiking, swimming, rappelling, volleyball, and campfires. I could add that it is perhaps the most beautiful place I have ever been. I could say that it is an extraordinary faith community. All of these things would be true, but I can't help but feel like they do not even come close to capturing the truth about Guggenheim. Words tend to fail as you come closer and closer to the most special things in life, and this is one of them.

My first year at Guggenheim, I was a nervous but excited twelve-year-old who had signed up not fully knowing what the camp was all about. I had never been away from home a whole week, but I had seen the Parent Trap, so going to a summer camp seemed like a cool thing to do.

My best friend's mom had been the one to convince me to go, and in her words, "People don't just like this camp. They love it." I took that to mean it was a decent camp, and I agreed to go, in spite of the fact that I would have to go to Mass every day. At the time, it seemed the camp's only outstanding flaw.

When it came time to check in at camp, there was a sign above the door that said, "Your Guggenheim family welcomes you home," and I think I knew right then that this was a family that I wanted to be a part of. Still, I was an unremarkable twelve-year-old, small compared to all of the older kids, and I didn't think it was really possible. But I decided that I might actually like it here.



Rachel  
Daly

What happened the rest of that week was history. Somewhere between the action-packed mornings, the ridiculous personalities of the counselors, the beauty of the lake and mountains, and the quiet moments of peaceful reflection, I fell in love.

I'll never forget my first Mass, when the opening notes of the entrance song played and I heard the booming voices of a hundred young people singing with everything they had.

For the first time, I saw the beauty of the Mass for what it was, and I have never since forgotten. When I went home, the first things I did were write letters to the counselors and get my pictures developed. I hadn't been homesick when I was at Guggenheim, but I found myself Guggenheim-sick when I went home.

I loved Guggenheim so much that I went back for a leadership weekend that Labor Day. A counselor there encouraged me to join my church's youth group, so when I went home, I did, which set in motion a host of different events.

It led me to a number of valuable friendships, and it eventually became a contributing factor in my decision to get involved with the North Country Mission of Hope and to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference.

I returned to camp every year through the age of

eighteen, and though it was only for a week each year, it became my second home and second family. I think I can safely say that I cannot imagine who I would be right now if it hadn't been for Camp Guggenheim.

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I have since outgrown the age limit on camp, but this past April I received the greatest honor I've ever been given when I was hired as a Guggenheim counselor.

I will be there the entire camp season this year, and I couldn't be more excited.

That brings me to the real purpose of this article—to encourage every young person in the Diocese of Ogdensburg to register for Guggenheim if you have not already done so!

There is still space the week of June 26th to July 1st and the week of July 3rd to July 8th, and you will not regret signing up. At the very least, you will have an outrageously fun time, and that alone is enough to make it worthwhile.

Guggenheim hasn't lost a bit of its character over the years, and I have no doubt that this summer is going to be as special as ever.

So to every young person in the diocese, I hope from the bottom of my heart to see you there!

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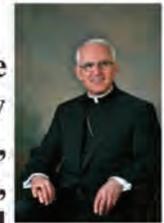
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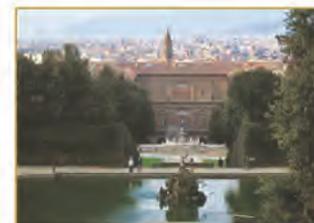
Perhaps no part of the world is closer to every Catholic's heart than Italy, home of Our Holy Father, magnificent basilicas and sacred treasures.



I would like to invite you to join me in a journey of a lifetime: a 12-day pilgrimage that will bring us to Venice, Florence, Sorrento, Siena, Assisi, Capri, Pompeii and Rome.

While at the Vatican, we will take part in an audience with Pope Benedict XVI, visit the Sistine Chapel and see all the sites of the Eternal City. The pilgrimage promises to be a time for prayer and growth in our faith as we explore the treasures of the Catholic Church in Italy.

God bless you,  
Bishop Terry R. LaValley



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## SAINT FULTON SHEEN?



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Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of Peoria, Ill., greets Pope Benedict XVI as he presents the "positio" on the life of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen during the pontiff's general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican May 25. The "positio" is the official position paper on why the Catholic Church should recognize Archbishop Sheen as a saint.

## At the bishops' meeting

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Although the U.S. bishops' spring general assembly will focus primarily on a review of the 2002 "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" and consideration of a new document on physician-assisted suicide, the June 15-17 meeting in Seattle also

will include a variety of presentations looking forward and back.

Ken Hackett, president of Catholic Relief Services since 1993, will address the bishops about his nearly four decades of work with the international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic community as his retirement nears.

Msgr. David Malloy, a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, also will address

the assembly as he concludes a five-year term as general secretary of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The bishops are expected to look to the 2012 elections as they discuss their perennial "Faithful Citizenship" document on political responsibility, and Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington will report to them on progress toward incorporation of Anglican groups into the Catholic Church in the United States under Pope Benedict XVI's November 2009 apostolic constitution "Anglicanorum coetibus."

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin will speak to the U.S. bishops about the International Eucharistic Congress to be held in his city in June 2012.



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## Sex abuse expert reflects on the John Jay report

By Carol Zimmermann  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Even before the report examining the causes and context of clergy sexual abuse in the United States was released May 18, media reports keenly honed in on one possible cause of abuse cited in the study: the social upheaval of the 1960s.

### 'It's not just about mistakes in the 1960s'

Monica Applewhite, an expert in abuse prevention strategies, said she was surprised the report was characterized almost solely for what The New York Times dubbed the "blame Woodstock" theory, especially since that factor did not "jump out" at her after reading the 150-page report.

She said highlighting one cause -- among multiple factors that were described -- "is an extreme simplification of what the report actually says" and ends up oversimplifying "a complicated problem that requires a complex solution."

"I would encourage people to read the report for themselves, or at least the four-page executive summary," she added. The report is available online at [www.usccb.org/mr/causes-and-context.shtml](http://www.usccb.org/mr/causes-and-context.shtml).

The report: "The Causes and Context of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Catholic Priests in the United States, 1950-2010," was conducted by a team of researchers at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the City University of New York and commissioned by the National Review Board, a lay consultative body created in 2002 under the bishops' "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People."

It concluded that there is

"no single identifiable 'cause' of sexually abusive behavior toward minors" particularly during the 1960s and 1970s but instead that situational factors, opportunities to abuse, social upheaval of the time and lack of "careful preparation for a celibate life" for priests played a role.

Applewhite said the report makes "a significant contribution" to the study of sexual abuse and could be a model for any youth-serving organization "that decides to study itself." She pointed out that "no other major organization has taken on a study like this" and credited the U.S. bishops for publicly releasing its findings.

A Texas-based researcher, Applewhite is an expert in the field of abuse prevention and response. She specializes in programs for churches and schools and has worked with several hundred organizations that serve children and youths. She spoke to Catholic News Service May 25 from her office in Austin, Texas.

One aspect of the John Jay report she found particularly helpful was the language it used to describe different ways bishops have responded to reports of abuse in their dioceses -- either as "innovators" or "laggards."

The report describes innovators as those who "understood the harmfulness of the (abuse) acts and moved to implement policies to reduce abuse and remove abusers early on."

It conversely notes that the response of other bishops "lagged behind, thus creating an image that the church generally was not responsive to victims."

The report said the media "often focused on these 'laggards,' further perpetuating the image that the bishops as a group were not responding to the problem of sexual abuse of minors."

# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Passage of laws in '70s credited with decline in rate of abuse

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The head of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection credited the passage of laws in the 1970s to protect women and children with leading to a decline in child sexual abuse. "I think the laws in the '70s dealing with domestic violence ... brought in a new respect for women and children. We were seeing the residual effects in the '70s and '80s," said Teresa Kettelkamp in a recent interview with Catholic News Service. "More rape crisis centers came into operation," she continued. "As laws changed, the sensitivity to discussing these issues was still there, but people were talking about them. And it was no longer OK to harm children or beat your wife." The number of child sexual abuse incidents in the United States has declined over time, according to several studies, and that decrease corresponds with a drop in reported cases perpetrated by priests. The studies also indicate that other forms of child abuse also have dropped. The first study to report lower numbers of child sexual abuse was published in 2001, according to Lisa Jones of the Crimes Against Children Research Center at the University of New Hampshire. According to Jones, who held a webinar earlier this year on child abuse and neglect trends, the number of abuse reports had gone down 61 percent between 1992-2009. "The most significant parts of the decline happened in the 1990s, but continued through the 2000s," Jones said during the webinar.

## Pope: Moses mediated for Israel as Christ mediated for mankind

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Moses was willing to sacrifice himself to God for the sins of the people of Israel, just as Jesus Christ later sacrificed himself for the sins of humanity, Pope Benedict XVI said. In his weekly audience June 1 in St. Peter's Square, Pope Benedict said that the intercession of Moses, in which he asked God's forgiveness on behalf of others, invites Christians to recognize their sins and be saved through God's mercy. The explanation about the role of Moses was the latest in a series of papal audience talks emphasizing the importance of prayer and its transformative power. Pope Benedict recounted the story from the Book of Exodus when Moses, who had been fasting for 40 days to prepare for receiving the Ten Commandments, is told by an angry God that in his absence the people of Israel have made a golden calf to worship. The pope said this is because the people, after having been led out of Egypt by Moses, are not able to understand the mystery of an invisible God and therefore produce "a comprehensible god, which corresponds to their ideas and their projects." God is ready to destroy them for praying to a false god, but Moses, in prayer, begs him to forgive them and "show himself stronger than sin and death," the pope said. In reality, the pope said, God gave Moses the chance to intercede, "thus revealing that God's desire is always salvation."

# NYS rallies fight effort to legalize same-sex marriage

By Mary Ann Poust and John Woods  
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) -- With a push on by supporters of same-sex marriage to legalize it in New York State, supporters of traditional marriage - including New York's archbishop -- are mounting their own campaigns to keep marriage as a union between one man and one woman.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo has made clear that he will sign a bill legalizing same-sex marriage but said recently he will not introduce one in the state Senate session that ends June 20 unless he's comfortable that the votes are there to pass it.

On May 24, more than 350 people attended a rally outside the Capitol in Albany, and hundreds more met with lawmakers in their offices later that day, according to organizers of the event.

Other recent efforts to fight any such measure included a rally in the Bronx that drew several thousand people, a pledge by the advocacy group National Organization for Marriage that it will spend \$1.5 million in advertising and campaign contributions to head off same-sex marriage, and a blog posting by Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan saying that the definition of marriage is "hard-wired into our human reason."

The archbishop also wrote that he's dismayed to hear that Catholics and others who oppose same-sex marriage are branded as "bigots and bullies who hate gays."

"Nonsense!" he wrote in a blog posting titled "Marriage: the core of every civilization."

"We are not anti-anybody; we are pro-marriage," the archbishop wrote. "The definition of marriage is a given: It is a lifelong union of love and fidelity leading, please God, to children, between one man and one woman."

The archbishop said in the

May 13 posting that upholding, strengthening and defending that definition "is not a posture of bigotry or bullying. Nor is it a denial of the 'right' of anybody."

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He said that in a "civilized, moral society, we have the right to do what we ought, not to do whatever we want," and that "to tamper with the definition of marriage, or to engage in some Orwellian social engineering about the nature and purpose of marriage, is perilous to all of us."

Meanwhile, the Bronx rally in defense of marriage May 15 drew some 3,000 people - a large majority of whom were Hispanics -- who marched several blocks to the Bronx Supreme Court building.

Led by a Democratic state senator, the Rev. Ruben Diaz Sr., the marchers drew support from the surrounding neighborhood, with a number of curious onlookers joining in when they learned what was going on. There were many thumbs up, and a few thumbs down, from apartment windows overlooking the march.

Many carried signs reading "Marriage = One Man + One Woman," and cheers of "Alleluia" and "Jesus" rose up periodically.

"We want to bring the word out there, the fact that marriage is between a man and a woman," said Alex Soto, 33, a member of the Salem Evangelical Free Church who came from Staten Island to join the march.

At the courthouse on what was a rainy Sunday, Rev. Diaz, a Pentecostal minister, told the crowd that every state that has given the choice to the people has rejected same-sex marriage.

"I tell the governor and other who say Hispanics are for this -- then let them vote for it," Rev. Diaz said. "If people say yes, then we will shut up."

Others who addressed the rally included Brian Brown, president of the National Organization for Marriage, who said that same-sex marriage opponents are "standing up for the right of our churches to stand up and speak about the truth."

"Contact your legislators and tell them that marriage is the union between one man and one woman," he said. "Stand up for what is beautiful and true."

There currently are 26 confirmed "yes" votes in the Senate, where 32 are required to pass. Republicans hold a 32-30 majority, and there are four Democrats, including Rev. Diaz, who voted "no" last time it was up in the Senate. Rev. Diaz is considered a sure "no" again, but the other three are considered undecided. A handful of Republican senators are undecided as well.

New York's Catholic bishops have called the effort to legalize same-sex marriage "a radical step that would remove from marriage its most basic, fundamental characteristic, thereby altering its very essence."

"The joining of man and woman in the bond of marriage is a constant and visible reminder of God's goodness and the beauty of the divine plan for humankind," they said. "The Catholic Church teaches that Jesus Christ himself raised marriage to the dignity of a sacrament. And, indeed, all of the world's great religions rightfully recognize marriage as a holy union of a man and a woman."

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

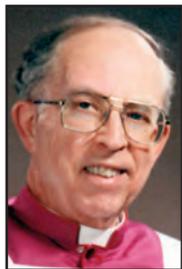
## Called to focus on presence of the Holy Spirit

Tornadoes this year are not popular. They have caused far too much damage and death in our country. However there is one tornado-like event that never fails to capture our attention, for it changed the history of the world forever in about 33 A.D.

In wind and thunder and fire, in the city of Jerusalem, the Holy Spirit of God entered into the twelve Apostles, and the Catholic Church was born.

From that day forward, the same Holy Spirit has

entered the hearts of millions more.



Monsignor  
Paul E.  
Whitmore

On the day of Pentecost, the apostles baptized in water and the Spirit about 3000 Jews, and after the Spirit had entered the house of Cornelius, they baptized Jew and Gentile. The power of the Spirit was with these totally changed men, and neither threats nor imprisonments, beatings or stoning, could prevent them from preaching with great persuasion and power.

They went to whatever country or city the Spirit

led them, even to Rome and beyond.

It is no wonder that the unstoppable Holy Spirit soon brought the news that Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary, both divine and human, had really entered the world at the command of God the Father.

This same Jesus had not only risen from the dead, but had ascended back to the Father. The realization that this same Jesus now lived in all who would believe, and have all been given the gifts of the Spirit to continue the building of the Church on earth.

Why hasn't the Spirit of God, working through us,

JUNE 12

## The Feast of Pentecost

## READINGS

Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

brought the whole world to belief? Because of human weakness.

Because of complacency sometimes in the face of human success.

We know all about that in today's world, where the sins of leaders, both bishops and priests, have slowed the work of evangelizing.

The lessening of moral

discipline in society has poisoned and confused the young who are often cynical about the importance of faith.

Fewer and fewer listen to and heed the authoritative teaching of the Church.

On this Pentecost, we are urgently called to refocus our belief in the presence and daily inspirations of the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit alone can give us that hope in His Power to repair what is broken, to enflame hearts who turn to Him in prayer and listening. Centuries have passed since this one "good tornado" in Palestine, but the wind and flame is as strong as ever.

## REMEMBERING... GIVING THANKS

## We shall never forget...

To the Daughters of Charity of the Sacred Heart:

I am one of many to have fond memories of your order. Indeed, generations of us owe a debt of gratitude for the strong cultural and religious influence your sisters exerted on our family and community life.

Not only did you provide us with a sound faith-oriented education but you nurtured us as well as individuals and families.

I owe my Catholic college education to the nun principal who helped me to obtain a scholarship to the College of St. Rose after high school graduation. But my memories go back earlier to the time when my father was unofficial chauffeur to the sisters at St. Mary's Convent

when they had neither cars nor driver's licenses.

My father often drove the nuns to various appointments and meetings. They knew they could count on him to sing at a funeral Mass at a moment's notice. He was therefore honored each year by the grateful sisters who wrote him birthday wishes in verse on beautiful handwritten manuscript paper adorned with a bow.

On those occasions one of us children was chosen to read the birthday wishes at the evening meal. This was but one example of how the sisters enriched our lives.

I personally remember a later thoughtful gesture on the part of Sr. Mary St. John who was in charge of the cafeteria during my high school years.

I can still hear the sound of her loud bell when she silenced us for grace before lunch. She often chided us for being so noisy during lunch hour. Some of us thought that she was cranky and mean.

## Editor's note

This reflection is the first in an occasional series of articles in which subscribers share memories and thanks to religious men and women who have had a significant impact on their lives.

I felt differently about her when I came home from college for my first holiday. I asked permission to use a typewriter at school so that I could type my first term paper. I had been typing for a couple of hours when I heard footsteps in the hallway. Sr. Mary St. John appeared and handed me a small tray with cookies and juice. She whose feet had probably ached for many years had taken additional thoughtful steps for a former student.

Such was the nature of the nuns who devoted their lives to nurturing youth and family life in our community. We shall never forget their many kindnesses.

Name withheld upon request

## MARKING THE MONTH OF MARY



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Pope Benedict XVI delivers his blessing during a service at the Lourdes Grotto in the Vatican Gardens May 31 to conclude the month of Mary. The pope said he was happy to have been able "to begin this Marian month with the memorable beatification of John Paul II. What a great gift of grace the life of this great pope was for the whole church."

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## AT THE MOVIES

## THE TREE OF LIFE

By John P. McCarthy  
Catholic News Service

For his fifth movie, reclusive filmmaker Terrence Malick takes as his subject nothing less than the universe and our place within it. A metaphysical rumination that gives free rein to the writer-director's impressionistic style and background as a philosophy professor, "The Tree of Life" (Fox Searchlight) is consistently beautiful and often moving.

Ultimately, however, the ambitious effort proves vague and unsatisfying because of its overly schematic premise - the juxtaposition of nature and grace - and glancing endorsement of New Age spirituality rather than belief in God.

While not attempting to definitively explain the mystery of existence, Malick is trying to be comprehensive and so hedges his bets by proffering a message of love consistent with Christianity (and many other world-views) as well as a theologi-

cally suspect paean to nature.

The bulk of the film concerns Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien (Brad Pitt and Jessica Chastain), a Texas couple raising three boys during the 1950s.

After opening with a quote from Job and showing the O'Briens in the wake of a tragic loss, Malick sketches a portrait of a strict father who, frustrated professionally, has grown cynical. In opposition, Mrs. O'Brien remains kindly and gentle, a model of maternal sympathy and warmth.

Their eldest son, Jack (played by newcomer Hunter McCracken), bristles at his father's discipline and tests typical coming-of-age boundaries. We also glimpse the grown-up Jack (Sean Penn), a rather morose architect weighed down by an inchoate sense of guilt.

Woven throughout these comparatively traditional passages are abstract sequences depicting the origins of the universe and changes in the natural world. Using extensive special effects for the first time,

Malick creates primordial imagery on both the cellular and cosmic levels -- celestial fantasias, microscopic mutations, roiling gases, colorful seascapes and desert vistas. There's even a scene featuring dinosaurs. Everything is accompanied by composer Alexandre Desplat's exquisite music, much of it sacred-sounding choral work.

From a theological standpoint, "The Tree of Life" is best described as deeply spiritual but not religious. Although there are numerous references to God -- in fact, the characters often address him directly in voice-over narration -- Malick's agnosticism appears to win out. He leaves the door open to God, yet seems equally willing to endorse a form of pantheism or animism that puts the natural world and mankind on equal footing.

As in his two most recent films, "The Thin Red Line" and "The New World," Malick's camera repeatedly points upward to the sky. Despite the visual precision and fluidity of "The Tree of



CNS PHOTO/FOX SEARCHLIGHT

Jessica Chastain and Tye Sheridan star in a scene from the movie "The Tree of Life."

Life," we're left wondering exactly what he sees up there.

Although it contains no morally objectionable content, the film's mature subject matter and eschewal of plot and dialogue in favor of mood and imagery make it a better fit for cinephiles than

mainstream audiences.

The Catholic News Service classification is A-II -- adults and adolescents.

The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

## X-MEN: FIRST CLASS

By Kurt Jensen  
Catholic News Service

Mutant superheroes were much cooler during John F. Kennedy's administration.

That's the implied message of "X-Men: First Class" (Fox). In this briskly paced Camelot-era prequel to the franchise of comic-book adaptations, an assortment of young mutants teams up to take on the Soviet Union -- as well as some evil adversaries of their own kind -- during the Cuban missile crisis of 1962.

Although on the side of truth and justice, these warriors - they're slightly more

evolved than the rest of humanity and each boasts a singular amazing ability - are prone to coarse talk. Additionally, the "Mad Men"-era setting is used as an excuse for skimpy costuming on buxom women. So, despite its source material, this is not an appropriate offering for youngsters.

But, begorrah, one among them is an Irish Catholic. We know this because, at one point, Sean Cassidy (Caleb Landry Jones) who, under the mutant moniker Banshee, flies about shattering glass via sonic waves from his high-pitched screams, takes time to bless himself.

Perhaps he honed his avi-

ation skills under the tutelage of Sister Bertrille of "Flying Nun" fame?

The character of Erik Lehnsherr (Michael Fassbender), who becomes Magneto - in which guise he can bend or move anything metal - is more troubling. He's a Holocaust survivor, tortured in Auschwitz by evil doctor Sebastian Shaw (Kevin Bacon), who is himself a mutant. Understandably, Erik has anger issues and is out to avenge his mother's death at Shaw's hands.

But why, at a climactic moment, does Erik employ the phrase "Never again"? That expression has sacred status among Holocaust sur-

vivors and all others who honor the dead of Hitler's concentration camps. Used in a fantasy action film, it sounds trivialized.

The script has telepathic Charles Xavier (James McAvoy) -- aka Professor X -- reassuringly conveying a theme about learning to love one's true self, even if you are blue and scaly like Raven (Jennifer Lawrence) or blue and furry like Beast (Nicholas Hoult).

The actual history portrayed is not to be taken seriously, but the filmmakers obviously did some research before tricking up the saga.

Why did the United States

place nuclear missiles in Turkey before the Russians sent similar weapons to Cuba? Why, malevolent mutants were to blame. Now it can be told!

The film contains considerable, though nongraphic, gun violence, a couple of uses of profanity, a few instances of rough language, fleeting sexual references and some mild sexual banter.

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## CLINTON

## DAY OF REFLECTION

**Ellenburg Center** – OLA House of Prayer will hold a Day of Reflection on the topic Jesus the Harlequin.

**Date:** June 10

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Features:** Father Gilbert Boisvert will give a reflection on the many faces of Jesus, incorporating his marionettes into the presentation. Mass, Confessions, the Rosary, and Adoration will be included. Lunch provided. RSVP by June 7 to olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or 518-594-3253. Donations appreciated.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Peru** – St. Augustine's Knights of Columbus Council 7273 will host its 25th annual golf tournament.

**Date:** June 17

**Time:** Shotgun start at 10 a.m.

**Place:** Adirondack Golf and Country Club  
**Features:** The four-person scramble will feature a "New Car Hole in One" prize sponsored by Bill McBride Chevrolet and other great prizes. The entry fee is \$260 per team until June 10th and \$280 per team thereafter. Spouses are invited to attend the dinner at \$15 each.

**Contact:** Obtain entry forms and information by contacting Bill McBride Jr. at 643-6678; email Scar6064@charter.net

## 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.

## EUCHARISTIC 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.

**Theme:** "Upon the Altar there takes place the transubstantiation of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ." (St. Anthony of Padua).

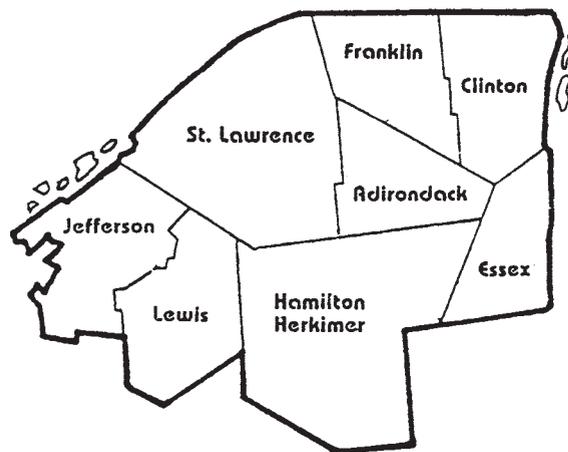
**Contact:** For more information about spending a special hour with Jesus weekly, or becoming a substitute, please call 518-561-5083 or email us at Sjohnsadoration@aol.com

## ESSEX

## RETIREMENT PARTY

**Ticonderoga** – Come Join us at Father Bill Muench's Retirement Party.

**Date:** June 26



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**Time:** Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's, Reception Noon to 3 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall

## JEFFERSON

## IHC GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Watertown** – Ferne Kobel invites players and sponsors to be part of the annual Dick Kobel Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit IHC Schools.

**Date:** June 26

**Time:** 1 p.m.

**Features:** This captain and crew style tournament which benefits the Immaculate Heart Central Jr./Sr. High School Scholarship Fund is a memorial tribute to Mr. Richard Kobel.

**Contact:** For team registration or sponsor information please contact: stacy.uliano@ihcschools.org or call 315-788-4670.

## HEALING MASS

**Clayton** – St. Mary's Church will be celebrating its Annual Healing Mass and Antoine Tetrault Memorial Service.

**Date:** June 11

**Time:** 11 a.m.

**Features:** The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered during Mass. After Mass there will be prayer teams to pray for individual needs. A social time to meet the Tetrault family, refreshments follows in parish center

**Contact:** If you have any questions, call the Parish Office at 686-3398.

## 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.

## ST. LAWRENCE

## FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST BUFFET

**Ogdensburg** – The Ogdensburg Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a breakfast buffet.

**Date:** June 19

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

**Cost:** Adults, \$7; Children 6-12, \$3.50; under 5, free

**Features:** Bring Dad to breakfast and he can register to win one of two \$50 gas cards. Eat in or take-out.

## WINE TASTING

**Canton** – 1844 House and St. Mary's School have set a Wine Tasting Dinner.

**Date:** June 21

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Place:** 1844 House

**Cost:** \$100 per person

**Features:** Proceeds from the event will benefit St. Mary's School, Canton. Dinner will include Hors d'oeuvres, soup, sorbet, fish course, meat course, dessert with four different wines served with meal.

**Contact:** Reservations are required; they may be made through The 1884 House at 286-1844

## K OF C GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Winthrop** – Brasher Falls K of C is hosting a golf tournament to benefit handicapped and needy children

**Date:** June 11

**Time:** 9 a.m. shotgun start

**Place:** Meadowbrook Golf Course

**Features:** Four person, scramble, men, women, seniors and mixed teams welcome. \$15 per person, includes \$5 for skins and \$5 for 50/50 raffle. Green fees and cart are not included.

**Contact:** Galon Eldridge at 315-842-9277 or e-mail gandmeld@gmail.com by June 7.

## K OF C BRUNCH

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

**Date:** June 12

**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

## HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

**Ogdensburg** – St. Mary's is holding a monthly Holy Hour for Vocations.

**Date:** Thursday before the First Friday

**Time:** 8 p.m. to 9

**Place:** Deacon Winter Chapel

**Features:** Nocturnal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues through the night, concluding with Benediction at 7 a.m. Friday.

## 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.

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

## MEDICAL DIRECTOR NEEDED

Camp Guggenheim is currently in search of a Medical Director.

**Features:** This is a 7 week paid position which requires a RN, LPN or EMT license. Included in this position is optional free room and board, and meals.

**Contact:** Deacon Brian Dwyer at 315-393-2920 or email bdwyer@dioogdensburg.org

## SERRA CLUB PILGRIMAGE

The Serra Club of Ogdensburg has announced its Annual Fall Pilgrimage.

**Date:** Oct. 4

**Place:** Lake Placid

**Features:** Bishop Terry LaValley will celebrate Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Agnes Church, lunch will be at the Crown Plaza and a Holy Hour will follow.

**Contact:** John and Sondra Castle at 315-265-3578.

## CAMP REGISTRATION

Registration for the two diocesan summer camp programs – Guggenheim in Saranac Lake and SportsCamp at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg is open

**Guggenheim dates:** for 12 - 15 year-olds, Week 1, June 26 to July 1; Week 2, July 3-8; Week 3, July 10-15; Week 4 July 17-22; Week 5 July 24-29; For 16-18 years olds, Week 6, July 31 to Aug. 5 is geared for 16 - 18 year olds.

**SportsCamp:** Basketball Camp: July 3-7; Soccer Camp: July 10-14

**Features:** The camp director for Guggenheim is Casey Provost of West Chazy; Michelle Rosteck of Lowville will be director of SportsCamp.

**Registration:** may be made through the parishes of the North Country or online at www.catholiccamps.org

**Contact:** Further information is available from the Diocesan Youth Office, 315-393-2920 ext. 411

## NEIGHBORING DIOCESES

## ST. ANNE'S SHRINE

Isle La Motte, VT. - St. Anne's Shrine has experienced unexpected and difficult circumstances this spring due to the continued flooding in the Islands.

**Schedule:** Mass is celebrated on Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Lisa is in the Café on Sundays to prepare lunch for our visitors and we encourage you to call us ahead of time if you wish to visit with your group. The Visitor's Center, located in the lower level of the Boucher Building will be open daily beginning June 5th. The Office, History Room, Gift Shop, Café and Public Restrooms are located in this building. We invite all our neighbors, visitors, tourists and friends to stop by to say hello!

## TRINKETS AND TREASURES SALE

Isle La Motte, VT. – Saint Anne's Shrine will hold their annual Trinkets and Treasures Sale.

**Date:** June 25

**Time:** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Features:** Many great items, children's furniture, lamps, tables, etc.

**Contact:** Shrine Office, 802-928-3362 should you wish to donate items for the sale.



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# Invitation to act

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

The Small Community faith-sharing groups which have been formed in parishes across the diocese are invited to take action from their faith-sharing experience from the Sunday Scripture readings.

The group determines a specific action that flows from their sharing. The action is some form of outreach that will in some way strengthen the life of the parish and/or local community.

A "Lenten Longings" faith sharing group in St. Stephen's Parish, Croghan led by Dorie Boliver created an enthusiasm within the parish to help the missions in a special way.

Rosaries, statues and holy cards were collected from the parishioners. They were boxed and will be sent to the people in Nicaragua with Sr. Debbie Blow, OP, on the next trip for the "Mission of Hope."

The faith of the people in developing countries is especially strong with devotion to our Blessed Mother. These gifts will be a reminder of our Blessed Mother's continual care for them. They will also be grateful for the people in St. Stephen's Parish who remembered them with gifts.

The parishioners collected money for the missions which will be sent to St. Martin de Porres Parish in Mollendo, Peru. The Peruvians will be especially grateful when they realize that it is a gift from Fr. Dan Chapin's parish. He was a favorite missionary when he served in Mollendo. The donation will be a reminder to the Mollendo Parish that he has not forgotten them.

May we continue to share our faith with each other in word and action.

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will.  
[www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice](http://www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice)



Three Nicaraguan children who receive help from the North Country Mission of Hope are all smiles for the camera.

## OBITUARIES

**Brownville** – Helen M. (Netto) Parker, 82; Funeral Services May 30, 2011 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery, Watertown.

**Evans Mills** – John A. "Jack" Donaghy, 81; Funeral June 6, 2011 at St. Mary's Catholic Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Hogansburg** – Warren P.A. Gorrow, 74; Funeral Services May 31, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Bombay.

**Hogansburg** – Josephine Margaret Barnes Mitchell, 81; Funeral Services June 3, 2011 at St. Regis Catholic Church; burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery.

**Massena** – Thomas R. Grow, 80; Funeral Services June 4, 2011 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Mineville** – Margaret Hagey, 93; Funeral Services June 4, 2011 at All Saints Church; burial in St. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Moriah.

**Morrisonville** – Ann Q. (Quinn) Barnard, 90; Funeral Services May 30, 2011 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in St. Alexander's Cemetery.

**Norfolk** – Elwin J. Brothers, 88; Funeral Services June 3, 2011 at the Buck Funeral Home; burial in Hale Cemetery.

**Norfolk** – Katherine C. (Zappia) Sabad, 87; Funeral Services June 1, 2011 at Church of the Visitation; burial in Visitation Cemetery.



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**Ogdensburg** – Hazel M. (Butterimore) Mastine, 76; Funeral Services June 4, 2011 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Peru** – Ronald Paul Giguere, 49; Funeral Services June 6, 2011 at the Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in St. Augustine's Cemetery.

**Peru** – Ruby Marie (Desautels) Trombley, 53; Funeral Services June 3, 2011 at the Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in St. John's Cemetery, Keeseville.

**Plattsburgh** – Rita D. (Reeves) Andresakis, 87; Funeral Services June 8, 2011 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Audrey C. (LaPier) Bouyea, 82; Funeral Services May 31, 2011 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Alexander's Cemetery, Morrisonville.

**Plattsburgh** – Ronald Perry "Ron" Whitson,

68; Funeral Services June 2, 2011 at the Newman Center.

**Port Henry** – Regina Rose Connors Williams Peterson, 84; Funeral Services May 28, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery Moriah.

**Potsdam** – Lorraine Louise (LaVean) Tricker, 85; Funeral Services June 2, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Saranac Lake** – Edward J. Lewis Sr., 77; Funeral Services May 31, 2011 at St. Bernard's Cemetery; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery, Saranac Lake.

**Tupper Lake** – James Rae Watson McCartney Jr., 81; Funeral Services Jun 1, 2011 at St. Alphonsus Church.

**Watertown** – Mildred K. (Piddock) Kehoe, 94; Funeral Services June 3, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Copenhagen.

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