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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hooray for the *North Country Catholic!*

I guess there's something to be said about the old adage "practice makes perfect."

After more farewell and installation issues than this editor cares to count, the *North Country Catholic* received first place honors from the Catholic Press Association for our May 5, 2010, issue covering the ordination and installation of Bishop Terry R. LaValley.

The award was especially gratifying because the judges cited the "comprehensive coverage of the event" and our "good story selection."

We are so grateful that, week after week, we can publish stories from tremendous writers who share their talent, indeed their ministry, with the diocesan paper for a pittance. For the special issue, Suzanne Pietropaoli offered us a powerful description of the installation ceremony and an interview with Bishop LaValley's closest priest friends.

Shan Moore spent time with the bishop's Mooers Forks family who shared loving, funny memories. She also delved into the significance of his new coat of arms.

The issue also featured reflections from the new bishop and his three predecessors and a special column from our gifted young writer Rachel Daly.

The pages were graced, as well, with photographs from Pat Hendrick and Father Scott Fobare.

Bishop LaValley kindly sent congratulatory remarks to the paper, noting how "remarkable" this accomplishment is. He knows that, in Catholic press contests, the *NCC* competes with hundreds of papers from across the country with much larger staffs and far greater resources.

The most remarkable aspect of that installation issue, though, had nothing to do with the writing. More than two-thirds of the paper was filled with congratulatory advertisements which were pursued and created by the *NCC's* extraordinary editorial assistant Christine Ward... while she was eight months pregnant!

Over the past several months,

Christine and I have spent a good deal of our time expanding the presence of the *North Country Catholic* on the Internet.

We're very proud of our upgraded website and dynamic new Facebook page.

But our most important work continues to be the publication of a printed diocesan newspaper 45 times a year.

Along with the award presentation, one of the highlights of the 2011 Catholic Media Conference was a presentation by Bishop David A. Zubik, bishop of Pittsburgh, the host city.

"We can and we must use every means of social communications available to us today: television, radio, Twitter, Facebook, Skype and whatever has evolved since you and I began our meeting this morning," Bishop Zubik said during a panel discussion at the convention. "But I believe that it is incumbent on us as bishops and on us as church to maintain a vital Catholic print presence."

Bishop Zubik noted that today, "absolutely and fundamentally the best option ... to evangelize the evangelizers, is through Catholic print."

He said bishops/publishers must use the newspaper consistently "as the chief means to communicate with all of the people of the diocese," and they also "must be the most vocal supporter of the diocesan newspaper."

Luckily for us, Bishop LaValley agrees:

"I rely on the *North Country Catholic* as my best means of communicating with all the faithful of our expansive Diocese," he said this week. "I want to thank all those who support our paper by subscribing and urge those who don't, to please consider.

"As you can see," Bishop LaValley said, "such a modest investment (it's only \$25 a year!) is money well spent."

And, just one more thing: as grateful as the *NCC* staff is for the prestigious award, this is the kind of issue we never, never want to publish again!

Mary Lou
Kilian

CHURCH: A FAMILY OF FAITH

Seed Planted and Rooted in God

July 9-10

By Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSI
Director of Evangelization

Because the North Country experienced so much rain this past spring, it was difficult for the farmer "to go out" to plant seed in the ground with so much water. How difficult the ploughing must have been! What kind of soil is this seed being planted into?

The farmer casts the seed everywhere in the field not knowing what the seed will produce. But he is assured there will be a harvest!

The seed is the Word of God planted in our hearts. The Word of God must be rooted in the good soil of prayer.

Our prayer may not always bear the fruit that we would like; it will still bear fruit in the way God sees it for us.

God makes this promise in the First Reading.

Just as the rain and snow do their task of making the earth productive, so too, God's word always achieves the purpose for which it is sent. God is generous in the operation of His word. His word comes from His mouth. It reaches its goal and returns to God.

God in His providence carries forward the next stage of progress in a way that His Word will continue to grow and to bear fruit. God's creative process is never finished. That means that our faith needs to continue to grow.

St. Paul told the Romans that although the Spirit of Jesus lives in us, we have not reached the fullness of what God has in store for us.

God's work is not finished in us. Sometimes we groan because the work seems overwhelming, but we are reminded that the sufferings of this earth are nothing compared to the glory of God.

As a family of faith, we must be open, ready to hear, to see, and to believe that the fruit of our prayer is God's work, not our own.

God's work continues through the Church. The Sacred Scriptures have been preserved. It expresses the work and will of God in the Sacraments.

The Church continues the teaching mission that Jesus fulfilled in His preaching and parables. The Church's action and teaching comes with the power of God. What the Church offers is salvation. But the offer can be resisted. People cannot be compelled to accept what the Church teaches. They cannot be forced to listen to the Word and pay attention to it. But that doesn't make the Church's proclamation of the Word of God, the seed of glory, any less true or any less the Word of God.

Jesus, the master teacher, has assured us that if we hold fast to His Word the seeds that have taken root in our hearts will bring many blessings "a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold!"

Jesus' description acknowledges the possibility of low productivity. Yet, this should not discourage us. The work of evangelization is not about results or success. It consists in being faithful to the mission received from God. What is important is to see that the seed is sown.

The rest is up to God.

Even a low yield can please God.

We are a family of faith who strives to understand and do the will of God despite the results we obtain.

How have you experienced the power of God's word?

How have you experienced the "hundredfold" in your own life, family, or Christian community?

How did you give thanks for these blessings?

Where do you perceive resistance to God's word?

How can you offer the Word of God to someone who struggles with the teachings of the Church or dealing with some disappointment in life?

What specific action will you take?

FOLLOW ME

'A sad moment in our state's history'

A message to Catholic New Yorkers from the Bishops of New York State

We bishops share with so many of you deep disappointment in the presumption of our state's elected officials in the radical redefinition of marriage. Yet we are heartened by the vigor with which so many faithful Catholic New Yorkers fought to preserve the true meaning of marriage.

Many surely believed that Catholics would simply shrug their shoulders and go along with this radical act of social engineering. Yet you did not do that. Together with people of other faith traditions, you spoke out.

Thousands of you, by phone, email, letter or in-person visits to your legislators, and through social media like Facebook and Twitter, as well as hand-signed petitions in the back

of your church, let your convictions be known.

We are grateful to you, as we are to the many legislators in the state Senate and Assembly who voted to reject this bill. We know the pressure that was brought to bear on them, and we admire their courage and yours in attempting to defend marriage and protect religious freedom.

Their integrity and yours was called into question by many. Both you and they were accused of bigotry for simply defending the timeless understanding of marriage.

The proponents of so-called "same-sex marriage" portrayed their cause as a matter of "civil rights." Redefining marriage has nothing to do with civil rights. The Catholic Church has a proud history in this country's civil rights movement for African-Americans. However, this situation is in no way analogous. In the first case, a race of people was

shamefully made to endure hundreds of years of slavery and systemic persecution and discrimination. Today's debate focuses on a small group of persons, whose human rights must always be respected and defended by us all, but who claim a civil right to redefine marriage for all of society based on a private and personal preference.

As so many of you have let us know, this is not just a "Catholic issue." Yet for us Catholics, there is particular disappointment with those elected officials who publicly profess fidelity to our Catholic religion but whose public stance is at odds with a fundamental teaching of that faith. The definition of marriage resides in the plan of God for humankind. It is at the very least presumptuous for the state to attempt to redefine it.

From this sad moment in our state's history, let it be our prayer that we witness a new appreciation for authentic marriage as understood by our Catholic faith and revealed to us by God through nature.

We have seen so many threats to marriage in recent years, from widespread cohabitation, to infidelity, to exploding out-of-wedlock birth rates, to pornography and other addictions that undermine family and married life. Sadly, we have even seen rates of Catholic marriages plunge over the last four decades by nearly 60 percent.

And now we see the state presume to alter what God already has defined and common sense can recognize as right and true.

While our culture seems to have lost a basic understanding of marriage, we Catholics must not. We must be models of what is good, holy and sacred about authentic sacramental marriage. Let this moment where marriage is being attacked from without become a moment of renewal from within – in our Church, in our communities and in our families – where marriage is indelibly marked by fidelity, sacrifice and the mutual love of husband and wife leading to children.

The Church does not seek

to be at odds with the society and culture. The Church welcomes the opportunity to be part of the public dialogue and listens respectfully to all positions.

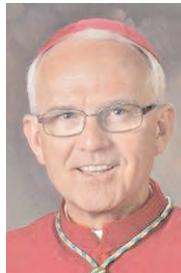
But the Church cannot do otherwise than stand against the claims of any culture and any society that attempts to define a relationship into being what it is not. To that extent we members of the Catholic Church are called to be in opposition to the prevailing culture.

And sadly we are called to do so again. We know well that marriage always has been, is now and always will be the life-long, life-giving union of one man and one woman. No act of government can change that reality. With respect for the dignity of every person, we proclaim this truth and we will be faithful to its meaning and to its observance in all that we say and do.

**The Catholic Bishops
of New York State**

June 24, 2011

**Feast of the Birthday
of St. John the Baptist**



**Bishop
Terry R.
LaValley**

Bishops: same-sex marriage undermines families

ALBANY, N.Y. (CNS)— Following passage of legislation to allow same-sex marriage in the state, the Catholic bishops of New York expressed concern "that both marriage and family will be undermined by this tragic presumption of government."

In a June 24 statement, (see above) the heads of the state's eight Catholic dioceses said they were "deeply disappointed and troubled" at approval of a bill that will "alter radically and forever humanity's historic understanding of marriage."

The state Senate passed the measure 33-29 in an evening vote June 24, and New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat and a

Catholic, signed it into law later that night. Unless it is delayed by legal challenges, it will take effect in late July.

New York would then become the sixth state to permit same-sex marriage. It currently is allowed in Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont, in addition to the District of Columbia.

The bishops said the true definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman "cannot change, though we realize that our beliefs about the nature of marriage will continue to be ridiculed, and that some will even now attempt to enact government sanctions against churches and reli-

gious organizations that preach these timeless truths."

The statement was signed by Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York and Bishops Howard J. Hubbard of Albany, Nicholas DiMarzio of Brooklyn, Edward U. Kmiec of Buffalo, Terry R. LaValley of Ogdensburg, Matthew H. Clark of Rochester, William F. Murphy of Rockville Centre and Robert J. Cunningham of Syracuse.

But in a separate statement, Bishop DiMarzio said both Republicans and Democrats had "succumbed to powerful political elites" with their votes, and Cuomo had "opened a new front in the culture wars that are tearing

at the fabric of our nation."

A last-minute amendment to the legislation exempts any clergy members who decline to perform same-sex weddings and protects any employee "being managed, directed or supervised by or in conjunction with a religious corporation, benevolent order or a not-for-profit corporation."

It also says failure to provide same-sex ceremonies would not "result in any state or local government action to penalize, withhold benefits, or discriminate against such religious corporation, benevolent order, a not-for-profit corporation operated, supervised or controlled by a religious corporation."

In a June 28 statement about the New York action, the chairman of the U.S. bishops' Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage expressed "grave disappointment with the Legislature's abandonment of the common good" but praised the legislators and citizens who worked against passage of the law for "their inspiring witness."

To read the bill:

Visit the NCC's website at

www.northcountrycatholic.org to read the same-sex marriage bill, official known as the Marriage Equality Bill, in its entirety

Funeral held June 23 for Deacon David Moltz, 64

BROWNVILLE – Bishop Terry R. LaValley presided at a Mass for Deacon David F. Moltz, 64, June 23 at Immaculate Conception Church.

Deacon Moltz died June 19 at Loretto in Syracuse.

He was born June 24, 1946, in Boonville.

Deacon Moltz was predeceased by his father Albert Moltz and mother Loneita Boyce Moltz. He is survived by: his brother, Albert Moltz (Janet), sister Jean Bouchard, children and grandchildren; Zoe-Danielle Proper (Ellie) their

children Elden & Emmett; Christian Moltz and his children Jayde, Talon, Kayli; Juliana Lee (Prentiss) their children Andre & Adonus; John-Paul Peter David Moltz (Heba) as well as several nieces and nephews.

Deacon Moltz was ordained a permanent deacon for the Diocese of Ogdensburg Oct. 1, 1988, at St. Mary's Cathedral by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana.

Family members say, "He loved spending time outdoors being one with nature but he was happiest when surrounded by the love of his family. He was honored to have been a Deacon in the Catholic Church for many years serving in Lowville, Watertown, Dexter and Brownville. He continued his ministry while finishing his life at Loretto."

Memorial donations can be made to Cross International.



Deacon David Moltz



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Seton teacher is outstanding Catholic school teacher of '11

OGDENSBURG – Sue Ellen Lacroix, a teacher at Seton Catholic in Plattsburgh, has been named the 2011 Outstanding Catholic School Teacher for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

She was honored June 29 during a luncheon hosted by Bishop Terry LaValley at the Bishop's residence.

Mrs. Lacroix has worked as a teacher or a principal in the Diocese of Ogdensburg for 39 years serving at Mount Assumption Institute and St. Peter's elementary school.

Most recently she has taught math, business and social studies at Seton Catholic.

For many of her years at Seton Catholic, Mrs. Lacroix was the yearbook advisor. In addition to her work at Seton Catholic, she is an active and faithful member of St. Peter's Parish in Plattsburgh.

The letter which nominated Mrs. Lacroix for the Outstanding Teacher Award stated, "Sue is a teacher with a very high sense of professionalism and a wonderful work ethic. She can be seen often working with students who require extra help. Sue goes about her day quietly but always keeps the needs of her students as her primary focus. . .

"Likewise she is attentive to administrative decisions and policies. Parents respect her and appreciate what she does for students."

Mrs. Lacroix represents a generation of faithful laity who devoted their lives to Catholic school education, said St. Joseph Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, diocesan superintendent of schools.

In her application for a teaching position at St. Peter's in 1981, she noted, "I believe that the education of its youth is one of the most

important missions of the Church. Through the Catholic school the Church is able to fulfill its commitment to the building of community. I feel that students today have a real need to experience the meaning of community. From this experience they are better able to build community in their families – a definite need in our society today."

Mrs. Lacroix graduated from the Albany Business College and Providence College. Her post graduate work continued at SUNY Plattsburgh and Regis College in Weston, MA.

She was joined at the bishop's luncheon by her husband, Roger Lacroix, as well as Catherine Russell, principal at Seton Catholic, St. Joseph Sister Shirley Anne Brown, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and Sister Ellen Rose.

KNIGHT OF THE YEAR



The Msgr. Charbonneau Knights of Columbus Council 258 of Ogdensburg recently held its "Knight of the Year" banquet with William "Bucky" Tebo honored as the Knight of the Year. Pictured, from left, are Nelson Woods, Deputy Grand Knight; Sylvia Tebo, Bucky's wife; Bucky Tebo, Kevin Hollis, Grand Knight; Bishop Terry LaValley and Father Joseph Morgan, rector of St. Mary's Cathedral who served as guest speaker at this year's dinner.

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Bishop LaValley called the award "truly remarkable!"

"Some would say it's unbelievable, but, it's true," the bishop said. "The full time staff of our diocesan newspaper, the *North Country Catholic*, consists of only two individuals: our editor/general manager, Mary Lou Kilian and her editorial assistant, Christine Ward. These two women, supported by several contributing writers and photographers provide our diocese with a diocesan paper that is second to none.

"At the recent National Convention of the Catholic Press Association held in Pittsburgh, the *North Country Catholic* received a first place award for its special issue covering my episcopal ordination/installation last year," Bishop LaValley said. "Congratulations! The Diocese of Ogdensburg is truly honored and proud of this award.

"We are so fortunate to be blessed with such a hard-

working and professional staff that operates on a shoestring budget," he said

NCC earns first place honors for Bishop LaValley installation issue

"Receiving such an award indicates the caliber of our local paper," Bishop LaValley said. "I rely on the *North Country Catholic* as my best means of communicating with all the faithful of our expansive Diocese. I want to thank all those who support our paper by subscribing and urge those who don't, to please consider. As you can see, such a modest investment is money well spent!"



PHOTO BY VALERIE MATHEWS

North Country Catholic staff members Mary Lou Kilian, editor/general manager; left, and Christine Ward, editorial assistant; display the May 5, 2010, issue of the *North Country Catholic* which received first place honors from the Catholic Press Association. The award was presented during the 2011 Catholic Media Conference held June 21-24 in Pittsburgh. The front page of the issue is shown below.

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BISHOP TERRY R. LaVALLEY



PHOTO BY FATHER SCOTT FOBARE
As the ordination/installation rite for Bishop Terry R. LaValley concluded, he was escorted to the cathedral, the bishop's chair in St. Mary's Cathedral by Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan and Archbishop Pietro Sambì, the papal nuncio. Above, Bishop LaValley spends a moment in prayer before the liturgy of the eucharist continued.

Bishop Terry Ronald LaValley is 14th bishop

Bishop Terry R. LaValley was ordained and installed as the 14th bishop of the Diocese of Ogdensburg April 30 with Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan serving as presiding ordinary bishop. Archbishop Pietro Sambì, the apostolic nuncio of the United States, read the mandate from the Holy See stating Pope Benedict's desire that he should be ordained a bishop. Three former Ogdensburg bishops took part in the ceremony - Bishop Paul S. Loverde, now bishop of Arlington, Va.; Bishop Gerard M. Barbarito, now bishop of Palm Beach; and Bishop Robert J. Cunningham, now bishop of Syracuse. Also present were Cardinal Edward Igan and 12 other bishops from New York State, Vermont and Canada. The cathedral was filled with 1000 witnesses including priests, deacons, religious, family members and representatives from each parish in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

VICAR GENERAL Archbishop gives amusing advice to the new bishop



Msgr. Robert Lawler is re-appointed

From his friends Four of Bishop LaValley's closest priest friends share their thoughts about their new bishop

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Funeral held for Sr. Alice Carrow, DHS

Putnam, Conn. - A Mass of Christian Burial for Daughter of the Holy Spirit Sister Alice Carrow, was held June 17 at the Provincial House.

Sister Alice died June 13 and was buried in the plot of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit at St. Mary of the Visitation Cemetery.

Born Alice Anne Carrow, the daughter of Adelard and Bertha (LaRose) Carrow, she was a native of Tupper Lake. She attended local schools and entered the Novitiate of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit in 1952 at the age of 24.

After her religious profession at the Holy Spirit Provincial House in Putnam in August of 1953, Sister Alice pursued her Bachelor's Degree at the Annhurst campus of Diocesan Sisters' College in Woodstock, Conn.

In her early years of reli-

gious life, she was known as Sister Elizabeth Adelard

Sister Alice embarked upon her long career as classroom teacher and school administrator in Connecticut, Vermont and her native New York State. She was loved and well respected by her students who admired her athleticism, especially her skills in baseball. From 1995

she assisted with the pastoral work in the Parish of St. Alphonse in Tupper Lake. It was from there that her declining health brought her to retire at the Provincial House and eventually to the Health Care Center.

Offerings to the Retirement Fund of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit may be made in Sister Alice's memory. These may be sent to the Office of Development 72 Church Street Putnam, CT 06260.



Sister Alice Carrow, DHS

Larkins. She is mourned by her Sisters and Associates in Holy Cross, by her numerous nieces and nephews and dear friends.

Sister's love for children endeared her to them during her many years of teaching primary grades at Saint Gabriel's, Montreal, and in her beloved Clayton, N.Y., near where she was born. After retiring from teaching, Sister was a volunteer at St. Mary's Hospital, Montreal.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sisters of Holy Cross Mission Fund.

APPOINTED



Bishop Terry R. LaValley has appointed Deacon John White as associate director of deacon formation for the Diocese of Ogdensburg, effective July 1. He will be working with Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin in the proper implementation of those sections of the National Directory for the Formation, Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States which pertain to the formation of permanent deacons for the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Deacon White, a deacon associate at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg, was ordained Sept. 19, 2009, at the cathedral by Bishop Robert Cunningham.

Annual vocation pilgrimage planned

Bishop Terry R. LaValley will lead a Fall pilgrimage to St. Agnes' Church, Lake Placid Oct. 4.

The trip is sponsored by the Serra Club and the Diocesan Vocation Office of Ogdensburg.

Bishop LaValley will celebrate the Mass at 11 a.m. A buffet luncheon at the Crowne Plaza Hotel will follow Mass and a Holy Hour at 2:30 p.m. will end the pilgrimage.

Bishop LaValley's Schedule

July 7 – 12:00 p.m., Mass and Meeting with Parish Life Coordinators at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake.

July 8 – 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg.

July 9 – 4:30 p.m., Mass at St. Raphael's Church in Heuvelton.

July 10 – 9:00 a.m., Mass at Saints Philip and James Church in Lisbon; 10:30 a.m., Mass at St. Raphael's Church in Heuvelton.

July 12 – 4:00 p.m., Mass at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake.

July 13 – 12:00 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

July 15 – 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg.

July 16 – 11:00 a.m., 40th Anniversary Mass for the Knights of Columbus at Holy Name Church in AuSable Forks; 6:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus Pilgrimage Dinner in Champlain.

July 17 – 12:15 p.m., Pilgrimage and Mass to St. Ann's Shrine in Isle LaMotte, Vermont.

Rest in Peace

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

July 9 – Rev. John Rogers, 1887;

Rev. Joseph H. Emard, O.M.I., 1924

July 10 – Rev. Mary Ignatius Grom, 1936; Rev. John F. McNamara, 1971; Deacon Victor Fisher, 1999

July 12 – Rev. James Salmon, 1835;

Rev. John J. Brennan, 1881; Most

Rev. Albert Pascal, O.M.I., 1920

July 13 – Rev. George Garand, 1941

July 15 – Rev. John Conlon, 1881;

Msgr. Armand Dussault, 1963; Rev.

Joseph F. Quinn, 1970; Rev. Joseph F. Dowd, 1983

July 16 – Rev. Eugene Carroll, 1882;

Rev. H. T. Regan, O.S.A., 1937; Rev.

James Torsney, 1958; Rev. Joseph L.

Quinn, 1970

July 18 – Msgr. Joseph Domina

Brault, 1966

July 19 – Rev. Francis E. Gilbert,

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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 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:

July 13 – 6 p.m., Holy Family School, Malone

July 19 – 9 a.m., Loverde Building of the diocesan offices, Ogdensburg

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

The next issue of the *North Country Catholic* will be dated July 20

Rites held June 28 for Holy Cross Sister

MONTREAL, QUE. – A Mass of Christian Burial for Holy Cross Sister Irene Larkins, 98, was held June 28 at St. Joseph Pavilion, St. Laurent, Montreal.

She died June 25 in 80th year of religious life.

Sister Irene was the daughter of the late Charles Larkins and Clara Thompson, and was pre-deceased by all of her siblings: sisters Kathleen Miller, Marie Willoughby, Ethel Dixon and Lucille Barker, and brothers Larry and George Flake, Francis, Thomas and Lansing



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Kyle Hauk, Joel Fontana, Chiara Alteri and Robert Spicer celebrate the successful completion of their high school careers following the Immaculate Heart Central graduation ceremony June 18.



Bishop LaValley presents a diploma to Sophia Gullo.

Bishop LaValley addresses graduates of IHC

WATERTOWN -The Immaculate Heart Central Class of 2011 was honored to have Bishop LaValley address them during their graduation ceremony held in the school auditorium in Watertown on June 18. Afterwards he presented class members with diplomas.

The graduates also heard remarks from IHC Jr/Sr High principal, Lisa Parsons; vice principal, St. Joseph Sister Cecilia Marie, and Education Council President, Michael Alteri.

Academic leaders of the Immaculate Heart Central Class of 2011 are Hanna R. Powell, valedictorian, with a cumulative grade point average of 96.592, and Robert Spicer, salutatorian, with a 95.979GPA.

Valedictorian

Hanna is the daughter of Mrs. Patricia Minter Powell and Dr. Edward Powell, Watertown. Other scholastic honors Hanna has received include the Sisters of St. Joseph Departmental Award in English, the Margaret Wiley Memorial Health Services Award (a \$1,000 Scholarship presented to a graduating senior attending college to study in the health service profession), the United States Marine Corps

Scholastic Excellence Award and a Presidential Academic Fitness Award. She was elected to membership in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapter of the National Honor Society in grades 11 and 12 and participated in Whiz Quiz.

Hanna will be remembered by her classmates and teachers, however, as both a good student and a good person with a sincere commitment to helping others. As a junior she was selected as recipient of the Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award given by the University of Rochester to a student with "a demonstrated commitment to understanding and addressing difficult social issues, leadership and dedication to community action and strong grades and rigorous courses taken in the humanities and social sciences." She has contributed hundreds of hours of community service through work with the IHC Language Club, the Ambassadors Club and the Respect Life Initiative. She was especially dedicated to "The Mother Bear Project" which provides crocheted and knit bears to children with HIV/AIDS in emerging nations.

Though she never sought

recognition for her efforts, Hanna's quiet dedication was an inspiration to those around her. She was chosen to receive the 2011 Faith Community Service Award and the Diocesan Outstanding Student Award for participation in IHC's Faith Community Service Program, the Thousand Islands' chapter of Habitat for Humanity, and for her contributions to IHC's annual Respect Life Initiatives in support of the survivors of the genocide in Darfur, the international organization charity: water and AIDS orphans.

Additional activities included playing modified soccer and lacrosse, recognition as a participant in the VFW Voice of Democracy Contest in grade 11 and having art work selected for the Tri-County Art Show in both her sophomore and junior years. As a senior, Hanna was a member of the Cavalier Yearbook staff and an IHC Mystery Player. She has been accepted to Binghamton University where she will study in their Pre-Health Program this fall.

Salutatorian

Robert Spicer is the son of James and Nancy Spicer, Woodville, NY. In addition to earning Salutatorian honors

he received an American Legion School Award for a graduate best representing outstanding qualities of character and ability. The award is based on courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service, which if cultivated, result in better citizenship. He is also a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapter of the National Honor Society and received a Presidential Academic Fitness Award.

Robert was active in both school and outside activities. At IHC he played Varsity Soccer and Golf, was a member of the New York Math League and the Quiz Whiz team. He helped his fellow students as a peer tutor. He served as a Eucharistic Minister at school liturgies and was selected as an IHC Mystery Player. Outside of school he was involved in the Boy Scouts of America, earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

In acknowledgement of his scholarship and service Robert was awarded a Naval ROTC Scholarship valued at approximately \$41,000 per year, a Rensselaer ROTC Award valued at \$12,000 per year and a Boy Scouts of America Scholarship. Robert plans to begin his college studies at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Immaculate Heart Central High School ~ Class of 2011

The list of graduates from IHC follows:

Chiara Marcela Alteri, Kevin Michael Bamann, Connor G. Caldwell, Darren Ryneal-Demont Carrington, Allison H. Cavallario, Katelynn M. Chamberlain, Zachary J. Chatterton, Allison M. Cleaver,

Also, Laura M. DePerrior, Ronald William Dvorsky III, Dustin P. Exford, Joel M. Fontana, Tyler G. Grable,

Also, Sophia R. Gullo, Andrew M. Guyette, Brendan M. Hanna, Kyle Hauk, Ji Hye Hong, An Hiep Ngoc Huynh, Robert Ingerson, Michael A. Keefe, Brendan J. Laverty, Thomas Jacob Lazore, Anthony J. Magovney, Joseph M. Majo, Jeffery J. Marra,

Also, Matthew P. Marra, Gabrielle Navarra, Mackenzie L. Nolan, Erin E. Patenaude, Crislia Inez Ponce De Leon, Hanna R. Powell, Michael B. Roman, Krittakarn Sapkamnerd, Andrew G. Schneeberger, Carlos E. Smith, Michael Snow,

Also, Adriana C. Spicer, Robert J. Spicer, Ryan M. Spicer, Liam E. Stevenson, Caitlin E. Stone, Elana M. Tontarski, Hang Le Van, Corey T. Ward, Robert M. Weldon III, Ruiyao Zhu, Danielle L. Zimmer

Lake Placid graduate receives CDA scholarship

By Terry Bertrand
Regent, CDA Court Tom Dooley

LAKE PLACID - Brendan Vise was honored to be the recipient of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas scholarship and to represent St. Agnes Parish and the court Dr. Tom Dooley in receiving this award.

He is a Lake Placid Middle/High School Graduate of the class of 2011 and is the youngest of three boys.

Brendan lives with his parents, James and Jan and older brother Keegan. His brother, JT graduated from SUNY Albany in 2009 and Keegan graduated from NCCC in 2010. Brendan plans to attend Rochester Institute of Technology Physics program in the fall.

Brendan has attended Camp Guggenheim's since he was 12 years old and has volunteered there as a Teen Visionary for the past two years.

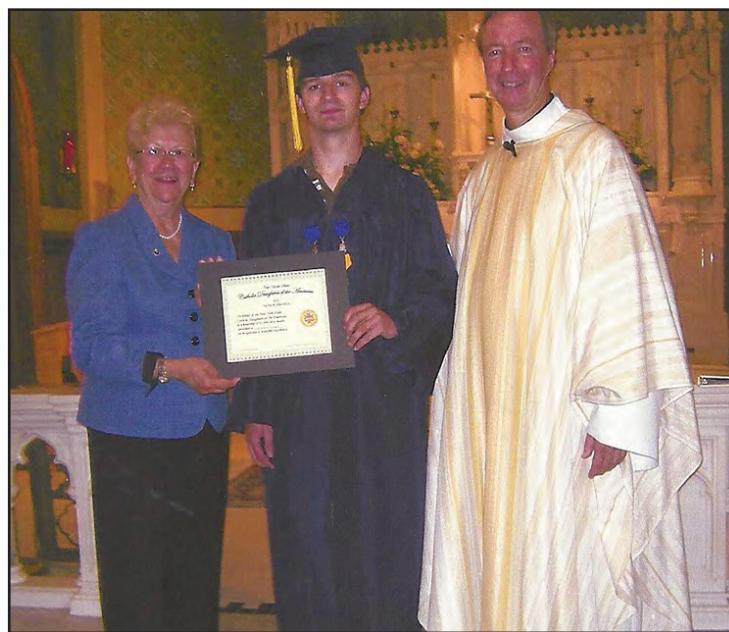
He says that he really enjoys working there with the priests, counselors and campers and enjoys the religious experience that comes with it. His faith is a large part of who he is and in the past he has been very active in St. Agnes Parish, first as an altar boy and then as a member of the choir.

St. Joseph has been his favorite saint since studying him in first grade religion class. As a matter of fact, he liked St. Joseph so much that he wanted to change his name to Joseph but settled for using it as his confirmation name when his parents

rejected his request.

While in high school, Brendan kept quite busy playing trombone with the high school band, guitar with the jazz band and participating in the fall plays and spring musicals. In the winter he teaches skiing and snowboarding at Whiteface Mountain and throughout the year he works as a barista at Starbucks Coffee Company.

He has been recognized for academic excellence in 2009-2010 and has been a member of Lambda Pi - New York State Mathematics Honor Society. He has also received medals for participation in the NYSSMA Solo Festival in trombone and vocal and received recognition for outstanding volunteer work as a Kids Kampus® Shadow at Whiteface Mountain.



Terry Bertrand, regent of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #2183, in Lake Placid, presents a certificate to Brendan Vise, acknowledging his CDA scholarship. At right is Father John Yonkovig, pastor of St. Agnes in Lake Placid.

THE MONTHLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Twenty grants awarded from Respect Life collection

Donations to the annual Respect Life collection from parishioners in the Diocese of Ogdensburg allowed 20 applicants to receive funding for various projects.

"While the collection total of \$68,240 is a decrease from last year's collection of \$76,557, pro-life efforts in our diocese were greatly boosted by the monetary help received from the collection," said Colleen Miner, diocesan director of respect life ministry. "Thank you to everyone who donated."

Recipients include:

- Five Gabriel Project, parish-based crisis pregnancy apostolates located in Gouverneur, Potsdam, Brasher Falls, Massena, and Plattsburgh.

- Catholic Charities of Malone received funding for their counseling services.
- The Department of Education received funding for the September 16/17 Christopher West Theology of the Body Presentations.
- Four grants were given for travel to the Washington

DC March for Life. Dave Ferguson of Lewis County Right to Life coordinates a family bus. And this year there will be three Youth Buses traveling to DC: the Western bus (departs from Watertown), the Eastern bus (departs from an Eastern location) and a new Northern bus (departs from a northern location). The three youth buses are for high school students. Sign-ups begin October 1.

- Lifematters of Willsboro received a grant to help with Plattsburgh's 40 Days for Life.
- Dr. John Middleton received monies for a pro-life media campaign Plattsburgh's Birthright received a grant to help continue their ministry.
- The Natural Family Planning office received a small grant to help with NFP week materials.
- Money was allocated for the USCCB Respect Life Sunday packets which each pastor receives for October's Respect Life month.

- Champlain Valley Right to Life and Lewis County Right to Life both received funding to aid their county fair booth presence.
- St. Mary's Respect Life group in Potsdam plans to use their grant for educational outreach.
- Liferight of Watertown's grant will sponsor a Silent No More luncheon and host a speaker to explain the abortion & breast cancer connection.

"Please check the North Country Catholic for more information concerning these efforts," Mrs. Miner said. "If you have a pro-life endeavor originating in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, please consider applying for a grant."

Grant applications are available from the Respect Life office or at the Pastoral Documentation section of the diocesan website.

"Thank you to all who donate and who volunteer in these ministries," Mrs. Miner said. "Together we help build a Culture of Life!"

WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

PRAYER SUGGESTION

Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

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Pope tweets the news!

By Sarah Delaney and John Thavis
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Benedict XVI inaugurated the Vatican's online news portal with a click, and then announced the launch with the first-ever papal tweet.

"Dear Friends, I just launched News.va. Praised be our Lord Jesus Christ! With my prayers and blessings, Benedictus XVI," the pope said in his message on the news site's Twitter account.

His tweet -- 117 characters -- went viral, and within 24 hours http://twitter.com/news_va_en had more than 35,000 followers.

The pope was flanked by Vatican communications officials June 28 as he tapped an iPad and officially launched www.news.va, which aggregates news content from the Vatican's newspaper, radio, television and online outlets.

The pontiff was then given a brief tour of the portal's features. The launch came on the eve of the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul and the 60th anniversary of Pope Benedict's ordination into the priesthood.

Archbishop Claudio Celli, who heads the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, said at a news conference June 27 that the site would streamline news from the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*; Vatican Radio; the Vatican television station, CTV; the Vatican Information Service, VIS; the Fides missionary news agency; the Vatican press office; and the main Vatican website.

It offers print, video and audio material in Italian and English. New languages will be added gradu-



CNS PHOTO/L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO VIA REUTERS

Archbishop Claudio Celli, president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, assists Pope Benedict XVI with the new Vatican news portal on an iPad at the Vatican June 28. The information portal at www.news.va aggregates the Vatican's various media into a one-stop site for all things papal. It launched June 29.

ally, beginning with Spanish, followed probably by French and Portuguese, he said.

Thaddeus Jones, an official of the pontifical council who coordinated the creation of the portal, said the site gives all the news generated by the various information sources but will highlight the latest most important items of the day.

It features a list of the 10 most-read stories and offers links to many social network sites. Users can share content through Facebook, Twitter and email, Jones said.

Gustavo Entrala, CEO of 101, the Spanish digital media agency chosen for the technical development of the new site, said it was constructed on a high-end flexible platform that allows millions of people to use it at the same time.

The first big test, said Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, head of the Vatican press office, will be the World Youth Day event in Madrid Aug. 16-21, which will be attended by Pope Benedict and which is expected to generate heavy traffic to the site.

Costs of the development and maintenance of the site will be borne exclusively through donations from private organizations and foundations, Archbishop Celli said. It will not be supported at present or in the future by advertising or other commercial initiatives, he said.

While Pope Benedict may not appear to be a media-savvy pontiff, Archbishop Celli said, "in reality, with this pope Vatican communications have made enormous strides."

The archbishop gave as an example the pope's reply when his advisers proposed an appearance on YouTube. According to the archbishop, the pope replied, "I want to be present wherever the people are found."

Blessed Marianne Cope's cause moves forward

By Patrick Downes
Catholic News Service

HONOLULU (CNS) - The sainthood cause of Blessed Marianne Cope of Molokai has taken a significant step forward with a Vatican medical board ruling in favor of a miracle attributed to her intercession.

According to a news release from her religious community, the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities in Syracuse, N.Y., the seven physicians at the Vatican Congregation for Saints' Causes declared there is no medical explanation for the cure of a woman who had been suffering from an allegedly irreversible fatal condition.

"The board concluded the woman's healing was inexpli-

cable according to available medical knowledge. The doctors on the case expected her to die and were amazed scientifically at her survival," the release said.

Blessed Marianne was head of the Sisters of St. Francis religious community in Syracuse

No other details about the case have been released.

The Sisters of St. Francis received the news from Msgr. Robert J. Sarno, an American priest at the congregation who has been working with the postulator of Mother Marianne's cause, Father Ernesto Piacentini, in the written presentation of the miracle case at the Vatican.

The miracle, approved June 16 by the medical board, still must pass two more Vatican examinations before it is presented to the pope for final approval for canonization. The first is by a board of theologians who will determine if the healing was the result of prayer for Mother Marianne's intercession, and then by a committee of cardinals and bishops who will examine the entire case and give a final verdict.

Sister Patricia Burkard, general minister of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities, said that the medical board's decision is a "reason to rejoice" for her religious order, for her devotees, and for "all who unselfishly care for others and do acts of charity known only to God."

"Mother Marianne was the human face of the Gospel's mandate to care for the hungry, the sick and the impoverished," Sister Patricia said. "We pray for success in the case so that her inspirational life will be better known throughout the world. She is a model for us all."

This is the second miracle attributed to Blessed Marianne's intercession to go through the Vatican approval process.

The first miracle, required for her beatification, was the medically unexplainable recovery of a New York girl dying from multiple organ failure after prayers were said to Mother Marianne. It was approved by the medical board Jan. 29, 2004. The board of theologians gave its approval six months later, on

July 15. On Dec. 20, Pope John Paul II affirmed the case, making Mother Marianne eligible for beatification. She was beatified in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican May 14, 2005.

Mother Marianne, as the head of her religious community in Syracuse, led the first group of Franciscan sisters to the Hawaiian Islands in 1883 to establish a system of nursing care for leprosy patients. She was the only one of 50 religious superiors in the United States, Canada and Europe who were asked for help to accept the challenge.

Once in Hawaii, she relinquished her leadership position in Syracuse to lead her mission for 35 years, five in Honolulu and the remainder on Molokai.

Pope Benedict marks 60 years as a priest

By John Thavis
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Celebrating Mass with archbishops from 25 countries, Pope Benedict XVI reflected on his 60 years as a priest, calling it a demanding and "awe-inspiring" ministry that brought him closer to God.

Bestows palliums on 41 new archbishops

The pope's unusually personal recollection came June 29, the anniversary of his priestly ordination in Bavaria in 1951 and the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, the patron saints of Rome.

During the three-hour-long Mass, he gave 41 archbishops the woolen pallium as a sign of their communion with the pope and their pastoral responsibility as shepherds. Among them were four prelates from the United States, including Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles and one from Canada.

The pope devoted most of his homily to his 60 years of priestly ministry, and twice he excused himself for perhaps speaking too long about his recollections. He said he felt he had to look back on "the things that have left their mark."

"I no longer call you servants, but friends.' Sixty years on from the day of my priestly ordination, I hear once again deep within me these words of Jesus that were addressed to us new priests at the end of the ordination ceremony by the archbishop, Cardinal Faulhaber, in his slightly frail yet firm voice," the pope said.

"I knew, at that moment, the Lord himself was speaking to me in a very personal way," he said.

The pope said he felt called into the circle of those God knows in a special way, to a friendship that implies re-

sponsibilities.

"He trusts me to proclaim his word, to explain it aright and to bring it to the people of today," he said.

Pope Benedict said friendship in this sense is about conforming one's will to God and being prepared to step outside oneself and toward others -- moving "beyond the inertia of self-centeredness."

This calling of the priest to friendship with God is "so awe-inspiring that one can feel daunted as the decades go by amid so many experiences of one's own frailty and his inexhaustible goodness," he said.

The pope placed the pallium, a stole made from lamb's wool, around the shoulders of the archbishops as they knelt before him. In his sermon, the pope said the pallium signified the "yoke of friendship with Christ," the pastoral duty to be a shepherd and communion with the pope.

"It means that we must be shepherds for unity and in unity, and that it is only in the unity represented by Peter that we truly lead people to Christ," he said.

The pallium is presented every year to new archbishops or those who have been assigned to a new archdiocese.

Four new archbishops were unable to attend the ceremony and received their palliums at home.

In addition to Archbishop Gomez, those receiving the pallium included Archbishops Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, Gustavo Garcia-Siller of San Antonio, J. Peter Sartain of Seattle, and Gerald Lacroix of Quebec.

Afterward, at a reception for well-wishers, the U.S. archbishops spoke about the deeper meaning of the Mass. Archbishop Sartain, who came to Rome with nearly 500 pilgrims, said the pallium liturgy was "a wonderful expression of our unity together -- first of all with the

Holy Father, and through the Holy Father with the apostolic mission of preaching the Gospel everywhere in the world."

Archbishop Coakley, noting that the pallium is made of wool, said it symbolized a pastoral challenge.

"It's a sign of the Good Shepherd, being charged with carrying and caring for the sheep, as Christ the Good Shepherd would carry the lost and forsaken sheep to lead them back to the fold," he said. "The Lord entrusted care of the flock to Peter -- and Peter, today in this ceremony, in a very visible and symbolic way, entrusts to each of us some share of that burden."

Archbishop Garcia-Siller said the pope's words rightly underlined the joyful task of building unity in the church, adding: "I hope I will be an instrument of the unity that Jesus wanted." He said that when the pope laid the pallium on his shoulders, he told the pope of this desire for unity.

"The pope responded, 'San Antonio, Texas, yes!' Few words, but very meaningful," he said.

Archbishop Gomez, in Rome with about 400 pilgrims, said he's been sharing the excitement of the events with people back home on a Facebook page.

"I think a lot of people have been following it, and it's been a wonderful experience for me, using the modern means of communication to be in touch with the people of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles," he said.

Speaking at his noon blessing after the Mass, Pope Benedict thanked Catholics around the world for the prayers they offered on the occasion of his 60th anniversary as a priest. At the Vatican's request, church communities around the world joined in 60 hours of eucharistic adoration to mark the anniversary.

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Mass closes tribunal reviewing possible miracle in Peyton cause

ALBANY, N.Y. (CNS) -- Bishop Howard J. Hubbard of Albany celebrated Mass June 28 to close a tribunal formed to review a possible miracle attributed to the intercession of Holy Cross Father Patrick Peyton. The priest, whose popular radio and television programs promoted family prayer, was known for coining the phrases "The family that prays together, stays together" and "A world at prayer is a world at peace." Father Peyton emigrated from Ireland to the United States in 1928 when he was 19. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1941 and founded Family Rosary in Albany the following year. He conducted rosary crusades in 40 countries, drawing 28 million people. Father Peyton died in 1992 and the cause for his canonization was opened 10 years ago. The tribunal in the Albany Diocese was appointed at the request of the postulator of the cause, Andrea Ambrosi. Bishop Hubbard conducted "a thorough review of all aspects of this possible healing," according to a statement from Holy Cross Ministries, which was founded by Father Peyton. The findings have been closed and will be sent to the Vatican Congregation for Saints' Causes. "While the details of the possible miracle cannot be shared at this point in the process, we can share with you that a man in his 60s was admitted to the hospital with life-threatening, multiple organ failure. His family prayed to Father Peyton and they strongly felt that he was healed through intercessory prayer."

Vatican prepares document on clergy-laity relationship

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The Vatican is studying a possible document on the relationship of clergy and laity, which touches on the sensitive issue of the administration of the church's goods, Vatican sources said. The sources denied an Italian report that the document will issue instructions on the reorganization of U.S. dioceses that face financial pressures in the wake of the sex abuse scandals -- in particular regarding parish closings. The sources, who spoke to Catholic News Service June 28, said the document under preparation only marginally touches on the topic of parish closings and, if published, will be directed at the universal church. The form of the document has not yet been determined; it may be an instruction or a less formal circular letter, they said. "The main topic here is the respect of norms regarding the nature of the priesthood in collaboration with laypeople, especially as it is affected by the restructuring of parish life," said one source familiar with the draft document. "In some countries, new forms of parish structures have been created in which the priestly ministry appears weakened -- in practice, the priest's role risks being reduced to that of a celebrant of the sacraments, while laypeople are put in charge of management. But the office of governing is part of the priestly ministry," he said.

In Spain, pope to hold nine major meetings with young people

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Benedict XVI will preside over nine major events with young people during World Youth Day celebrations in Madrid in August, including a prayer vigil and a closing Mass expected to draw more than a million people. The pope will hear the confessions of several young people, host a group of youths for lunch and lead a Way of the Cross with young people in central Madrid. He will also meet with Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero and with members of the royal family during his Aug. 18-21 visit. It will be the third international World Youth Day encounter for the German pope, who met with young people in 2005 in Cologne, Germany, and in 2008 in Sydney.

BACKGROUND

The New York debate over same sex marriage

By Nancy Frazier O'Brien
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - It was a fight involving an age-old definition of marriage, with several Catholics playing key roles.

But in the end, the effort to stop a same-sex marriage bill in the New York Legislature came down to money and political favors -- neither of which were at the disposal of Catholic leaders and their allies working to keep the traditional view that marriage can only be between one man and one woman.

"Money talked in this case," said Dennis Poust, director of communications for the New York State Catholic Conference, in an interview with Catholic News Service. By a 33-29 vote late June 24, the state Senate approved legislation making same-sex marriage legal in New York state. Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat and a Catholic, signed it into law later that evening.

Poust said the strategy used by proponents of the legislation was "very simple - millions and millions of dollars from wealthy gay-rights advocates from all over the country, a billionaire mayor in New York City willing to spend whatever it took and

an extremely determined governor willing to do anything to get his way."

Money and political clout set the tone

"That's not something the church can compete with," he added in a telephone interview from the conference's headquarters in Albany, N.Y. "We don't have money to throw around and even if we did, it wouldn't be permitted."

Poust also said there were "all sorts of backroom deals and promises to senators" who voted to support same-sex marriage, as well as pledges by New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg to "open up the pocketbooks" for those legislators. "There was a lot of arm twisting, a lot of cajoling," he said.

In a message to Catholic New Yorkers after the vote, the heads of the eight New York dioceses thanked the legislators and citizens who worked for defeat of the legislation.

"We know the pressure that was brought to bear on them, and we admire their courage and yours in attempting to defend marriage and protect religious freedom," the bishops said. "Many surely be-

lieved that Catholics would simply shrug their shoulders and go along with this radical act of social engineering. Yet you did not do that."

The bishops expressed "particular disappointment with those elected officials who publicly profess fidelity to our Catholic religion but whose public stance is at odds with a fundamental teaching of that faith."

Among those voting in favor of same-sex marriage was Republican Sen. Mark J. Grisanti of Buffalo, N.Y., who said on the Senate floor that "as a Catholic I was raised to believe marriage is between a man and a woman."

But he said he "would not respect myself if I did not make an informed decision based on the information before me," and had ultimately concluded that "I cannot deny anyone in my district and across New York the same rights I have with my wife."

Poust said the New York bishops have expressed frustration with Catholic legislators who say they are personally opposed to same-sex marriage but feel compelled to vote for it anyway.

"The idea that you can claim to be a faithful Catholic and take a position that is at the opposite extreme of what

the church teaches is no longer acceptable," he said.

Passage of the same-sex marriage legislation prompted Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio of Brooklyn to direct Catholic schools in his diocese "to refuse any distinction or honors" bestowed by Cuomo or by any legislator that voted for same-sex marriage and to tell pastors and principals "not to invite any state legislator to speak or be present at any parish or school celebration."

Poust said he did not expect adoption of a similar policy statewide, but "it will continue to be a diocesan bishop's call" about what to do in his own diocese.

The legislation exempts any clergy members who decline to perform same-sex weddings and protects any employee "being managed, directed or supervised by or in conjunction with a religious corporation, benevolent order or a not-for-profit corporation."

It also says failure to provide same-sex ceremonies would not "result in any state or local government action to penalize, withhold benefits, or discriminate against such religious corporation, benevolent order, a not-for-profit corporation operated, supervised or controlled by a reli-

gious corporation."

When the law takes effect, probably in late July, New York will become the sixth state to permit same-sex marriage, more than doubling the number of people for whom same-sex marriage will be an option. It currently is allowed in Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont, in addition to the District of Columbia.

Renewed efforts to pass same-sex legislation or place the issue before voters are expected in Maryland, Rhode Island, Maine, Oregon, Delaware, Minnesota, North Carolina and elsewhere.

Meanwhile, despite what they called a "sad moment in our state's history," the New York bishops and their representatives at the Catholic conference will continue to work with Cuomo and the Legislature on behalf of the poor and vulnerable, the unborn and Catholic school parents, among others, Poust said.

"We can't afford to cut off relations with legislators or with the governor because we have other fights to fight," he said. "There are many more issues of grave concern to us. So we'll just get up and brush ourselves off and continue on."

R.I. bishop: Catholics may not be part of civil unions

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (CNS) - Saying that civil unions "promote an unacceptable lifestyle, undermine the faith of the church on holy matrimony, and cause scandal and confusion," Providence Bishop Thomas J. Tobin reminded Catholics that they may not participate in such ceremonies.

"To do so is a very grave violation of the moral law and, thus, seriously sinful," he said in a statement June 30, the day after passage of legislation that will give same-sex couples who enter into civil unions the same rights

and benefits as marriage in Rhode Island.

The state Senate agreed to the bill, which the House had already approved, on a 21-16 vote late June 29 and Gov. Lincoln D. Chafee, an Independent, has said he will sign it. Bishop Tobin said he was "deeply disappointed" at the decision to permit civil unions.

"The concept of civil unions is a social experiment that promotes an immoral lifestyle, is a mockery of the institution of marriage as designed by God, undermines the well-being of our fami-

lies, and poses a threat to religious liberty," he said.

He said the church members should "have respect and love for persons with same-sex attraction" but must remember that "homosexual activity is contrary to the natural law and the will of God and, therefore, is objectively sinful."

"Persons with same-sex attraction are required to live the Christian virtues of chastity and modesty, as all persons are," Bishop Tobin added.

The Rhode Island vote came less than a week after

the New York Legislature approved a same-sex marriage bill.

Bishop Tobin urged Catholics in Rhode Island "to pray for God's patience, mercy and forgiveness in these distressing times."

"Can there be any doubt that Almighty God will, in his own time and way, pass judgment upon our state, its leaders and citizens, for abandoning his commands and embracing public immorality?" he asked.

In a separate statement July 1, Bishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of Oakland, Calif.,

chairman of the U.S. bishops' Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage, affirmed Bishop Tobin's comments and denounced passage of the civil unions bill.

Elevating same-sex relationships to marital status with all of the rights of marriage, even if the new status is not called marriage, "fails justice because now the government is treating as similar two different realities that cannot be considered as analogous or equivalent in any way," Bishop Cordileone said.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Concentrating on the everyday teaching of Jesus

As we finish celebrating all the wonderful feasts of Pentecost, the Holy Trinity, and the Body and Blood of Christ, our readings for the Sundays in "ordinary time" concentrate on the everyday teaching of Jesus.

This Sunday's Gospel is the parable of the Sower and the seed.

What happens to the seed very much depends on how good the soil is where it falls.

If it falls on a pathway where there is a lot of traffic, it doesn't have a chance

- it's blown away or trampled under foot.

If it falls on rocky ground, it doesn't receive enough nourishment.

If it falls on thorny ground, it's choked to death. Only when it falls on rich, fertile ground will it flourish and grow, and produce much fruit.

In the parable, the listeners are the soil, the seed is the Word of God, and so the

fate of the seed that is sown depends very much on how the listeners receive that Word.

How much fruit it pro-

duces depends on how eagerly the listeners take it in, and ponder it in their hearts.

The first reading from "the second Isaiah" gives us an insight on how God's mind works in all of this.

We're so lucky that God inspired the sacred writers to express the sacred message in terms we can understand.

We learn in this reading that God's thoughts and ways are not like our thoughts and ways.

They're as far different as the earth is from the sky!

And the second thing we learn is that no matter whether we reject His Word or accept God's Word, God will have His way in the end.



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JULY 10

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

READINGS

Isaiah 55:10-11

Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 13:1-2

labor pains, suffering from corruption for which His creatures are responsible.

How much of earth's corruption is caused by wars, exploitation of its wealth for selfish gain, and by the carelessness of governments and power people to preserve the environment!

How much we will be called on to account for at the final judgment!

The message from this Sunday's readings is for us to work harder to provide rich soil so that we may hear the word of God and make it grow in our hearts and the hearts of all people.

God's goal, after all is our salvation and that of the whole world.

"...my word will not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55: 11).

All that will take a long time, but God is patient. Our second reading from St. Paul to the Romans tells us that all creation will share in the redemption of the world by Christ.

Even so, creation is in

OUR READERS WRITE

About Dr. Middleton

Several weeks ago, I attended the 40th Anniversary Mass and dinner party for the Champlain Valley Right to Life Committee, a division of the New York State Committee.

Bishop Terry F. LaValley was in attendance and, in glowing terms, outlined the activities and accomplishments of the group over the last 4 decades. For the most part, this was under the

guardianship of John T. Middleton, Ph.D.

I remember the early days of the Champlain group and how fortunate we felt having John at the helm, for we had no play book and a very sketchy game plan. As the NYS group started to grow and expand during the early 1970's, John was vice-chairman.

Through his attention to detail, a financing plan developed that helped finance the fledgling National Right to Life Committee.

John assumed the chairmanship of New York State Right to Life Commit-

tee upon my resignation of the post and, at a later date, was named chairman of the NYS RTL Education Committee.

Over his lifetime, John has saved countless numbers of babies from the abortionist's tools of destruction. Together with his dear wife Claire, both are lifetime pro-life achievers. It has been an honor to have been associated with them in this work.

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AT THE MOVIES

TRANSFORMERS: DARK OF THE MOON

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

Though clearly pitched at youthful viewers -- sports cars that turn into robots, cool! -- "Transformers: Dark of the Moon" (Paramount) is director Michael Bay's 3-D third installment of a franchise based on a line of Hasbro toys. It includes plot and dialogue elements that make it exclusively suitable, if not especially satisfying, for those who are, chronologically at least, well past adolescence.

Moreover, while gore is virtually absent from the screen during this sci-fi adventure's seemingly endless two-and-a-half-hour running time -- even as computer-

generated, cannon-fodder extras are bloodlessly vaporized by the dozen -- gunplay and explosions feel omnipresent.

Caught up once again in the ongoing mechanical mayhem that sees a race of good shape-shifting alien robots combating an evil army of their own kind is ordinary human -- and now college graduate -- Sam Witwicky (Shia LaBeouf).

Though the boisterous interplanetary conflict provides distraction from Sam's mostly unsuccessful job hunt -- hey, kid, times are tough all over -- it also endangers his live-in British girlfriend Carly (Rosie Huntington-Whiteley).

Entertaining outings from John Malkovich as a wacky

tycoon and John Turturro as a conspiracy theorist help offset a tedious back story involving an alternate history that would be vaguely offensive if it weren't so silly. According to same, the real reason for the U.S.-Soviet race to the Moon in the 1960s was the Camelot-era crash landing there of one of the Transformers' spacecraft. Hearing the news of this unusual event from Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, JFK barks -- what else? -- "Get me Bobby!"

While the outcome of what follows is easily guessed, more suspense hangs on the question of whether our hero will ever put an engagement ring on poor Carly's finger. This despite his growing conviction



CNS PHOTO/PARAMOUNT
Animated character Bumblebee is pictured in the movie "Transformers: Dark Side of the Moon."

-- fueled by her "Perils of Pauline"-style sufferings at the hands of the baddies -- that "she's the one," as well as his late-reel blurting out of the L-word. Ah, modern romance.

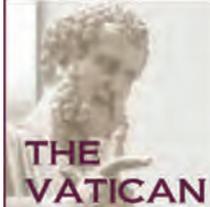
The film contains pervasive stylized violence, cohabitation, brief partial nudity, some sexual banter,

a couple of uses of profanity and about a dozen instances each of crude and crass language. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 - parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

ALSO PLAYING.. LARRY CROWNE



CNS PHOTO/ UNIVERSAL
Julia Roberts and Tom Hanks star in a scene from the movie "Larry Crowne." The Catholic News Service review says: With "Larry Crowne", director, co-writer and star Tom Hanks creates a timely - and generally genial - romantic comedy, one that projects a hopeful message about starting anew. The low-key proceedings are somewhat problematic from a faith perspective, however, since the second chances on offer include not only midlife educational and vocational opportunities, but marital mulligans for both partners in the film's central pairing. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

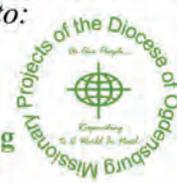


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Lake Placid - St. Agnes Church is joining other churches and community organizations to assist Tom Angulot of Lake Placid Rental and Supply, who was injured in an accident and is currently paralyzed from the neck down is accepting monetary donations as well as donations of building materials and labor to complete a home addition that will allow Tom more mobility in his home.

Benefit Dinner: Aug. 5

Time: 4 p.m. to 8

Place: St. Agnes Church

Donations: Checks may be made payable to St. Agnes Church - Tom Angulot Fund. Monetary donations can be dropped off at the St. Agnes Rectory, Monday - Friday from 9 am - 4 pm, or mailed directly to Rev. John Yonkovic, St. Agnes Rectory, 169 Hillcrest Ave., Lake Placid, N.Y. 12946. Persons wishing to donate materials or time should contact Jim Morganson at 523 - 9518 or 524 - 8159. Volunteers for the community dinner should contact Marcia Pilawa at 523 - 2200, ext 18 or religious.director@gmail.com.

IRONMAN BLESSING, BREAKFAST

Lake Placid - Ironman Mass, Blessing and Breakfast to be held.

Schedule: Mass July 23 at 5:30 p.m., "Iron Friar" Fr. Dan Callahan, SA, celebrant at St. Agnes Church; Breakfast July 24 at the American Legion sponsored by the Catholic Daughters

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RETREAT: THE EUCHARIST

Ellenburg - OLA House of Prayer is holding retreat, focusing on the Eucharist.

Date: July 16

Time: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

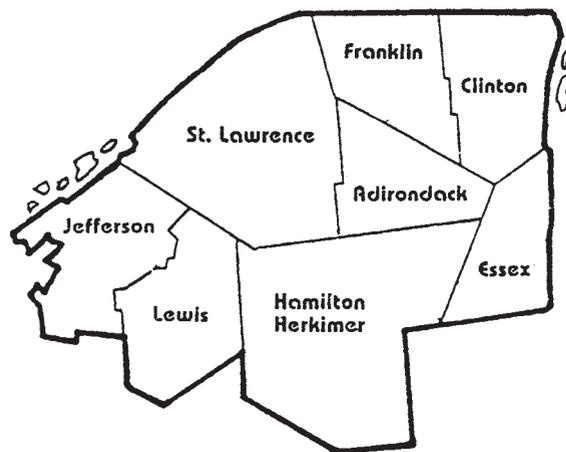
Features: Father Jack Downs will be the speaker. The day will include adoration, reconciliation, and anticipated Mass in memory of Fr. Joe Trombley, our Founder, John McCarthy, Rita Parrott, Fr. Howard McCasland, Joanie Roberts, and Tony Barber. Lunch provided

Contact: RSVP by July 12 to olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or by calling 518-594-3253. Donations appreciated and necessary for us to continue our ministry

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Morrisonville - The Roman Catholic Community of St. Alexander and St. Joseph will be holding their 6th Annual Golf Tournament.

Date: July 8



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North Country Catholic, PO Box 326,
Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 315-394-0670;
e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

Items must be received in the NCC office by the Thursday before publication.

Time: Shotgun start at Noon

Place: Barracks Golf Club, the former Plattsburgh Air Force Base

Cost: \$240 for a four person team. Register: Send four person team information and check payable to R.C.C. of St. Alexander and St. Joseph Golf Classic, POB 159, 1 Church Street, Morrisonville, NY 12962

Contact: Pam Ballantine at 518-561-5039 or Tom Hamilton at 518-561-6177 or 518-572-5675.

Features: A Chicken barbecue and awards dinner will follow.

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: "Kateri, who loved Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, pray for us." (Litany of Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha) Everyone is invited to spend some quiet time with Jesus anytime during these hours.

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

JEFFERSON

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.

LEWIS

SUMMER SOCIAL

Constableville - St. Mary's Church to have its 6th Annual Summer Social.

Date: July 13

Time: 5 p.m. to 7

Features: Ala carte menu (hot dogs, hamburgers, hot sausage, salt potatoes, dessert, beverage). Take-outs available. Games, raffles, socializing and more

60TH ANNIVERSARY

Father Paschal Rys OFM Conv., former pastor of St. Hedwig's in Houseville, St. Mary's in Constableville and parishes in Alabama celebrated his 60th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on June 26th, The Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

Contact: Father Paschal may be reached at St. Hyacinth's Church, 110 Cyman Drive, Chicopee, MA 01013. Phone 413-557-6930 Ext. 131.

ST. LAWRENCE

K OF C BRUNCH

Norfolk - The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a brunch.

Date: July 10

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

CAMP REGISTRATION

Registration continues for Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake and Sports Camp at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

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

SERRA CLUB PILGRIMAGE

Lake Placid - Bishop Terry R. LaValley will lead a Fall pilgrimage to St. Agnes' Church. The trip is sponsored by the Serra Club and the Diocesan Vocation Office of Ogdensburg.

Date: Oct. 4

Schedule: Bishop LaValley will celebrate the Mass at 11 a.m. A buffet luncheon at the Crowne Plaza Hotel will follow Mass and a Holy Hour at 2:30 p.m. will end the pilgrimage.

Features: Bus pick-ups will be in Watertown, Ogdensburg, Potsdam and Plattsburgh. The cost for the pilgrimage including bus travel is \$90 per person. For pilgrims arranging other transportation, the cost is \$50 per person. Regis-

tration forms will be available in all parishes

Contact: For further information, contact John or Sondra Castle at (315) 265-3578.

CHARISMATIC RETREAT

Saranac Lake - Fr. Anthony Gramlich of the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, MA will give the annual Charismatic Retreat at Guggenheim Lodge.

Date: July 8-10

Contact: Resurrection House at 518-891-1182

NEIGHBORING DIOCESES

SAINT ANNE'S SHRINE

Isle la Motte, Vt - The 2011 schedule at St. Anne's Shrine has been set.

Schedule: Daily Masses, which began on Monday, July 4th at 11:15 a.m. Mass offered Monday through Friday at 11:15 a.m. Also this week we begin our weekly Reflection Series. This Wednesday, Father Richard O'Donnell will be with us. Mass begins at 11:15 a.m., followed by lunch and presentation in the Boucher Building at 1:00 p.m.

HOLY FAMILY HONORS ALUM



Grey Nun Sister Mary Elizabeth Looby, president of the Education Council at Holy Family School in Malone presented Amanda Gadway with the school's Alumni Scholarship. Amanda, a 2011 graduate of Franklin Academy in Malone and is an alumna of Holy Family School. She is a member of St. Helen's Parish in Chasm Falls.



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OBITUARIES

Altona – Irene D.(Parsons) Deyo, 87; Funeral Services June 24, 2011 at Holy Angel's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Black River – Louis J. Hervey, 92; Funeral Services July 2, 2011 at St. Paul's Catholic Church; burial in Black River Cemetery.

Bloomington – Robert C. LaPlante, 82; Funeral June 22, 2011 at St. Paul's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Chazy – Ronald J. Hazen, 75; Funeral Services June 18, 2011 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Riverview Cemetery.

Gouverneur – Kenneth A. Towne Sr., 71; Funeral Services June 28, 2011 at French Funeral Home Inc.; burial in East Riverside Cemetery.

Keeseville – Daniel C. Gengenbach, 62; Funeral June 24, 2011 at St. John's Church; burial in Port Kent Cemetery.

Lake Placid – Eugene LeRoy, 76; Funeral Services June 21, 2011 at the Clark Funeral Home.

Lowville – Nina (Widrick) Monnat, 86; Funeral Services June 24, 2011 at St. Peter's Catholic Church; burial in Brantingham Cemetery.

Lyon Mountain – Douglas James Grogan, 76; Funeral June 22, 2011 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Malone – Loyal F. Carter, 81; Funeral Services June 28, 2011 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Mausoleum.

Malone – Paul J. Dumas, 39; Funeral Services June 25, 2011 at Notre Dame Church.

Massena – Mary (Robideau) Grogan, 43; Funeral Services June 23, 2011 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery, Louisville.

Massena – Veronica "Ronnie" A. (Dziewisz) Hebda, 95; Funeral Services June 29, 2011 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena – Bettie J. (Perkins) LaClair, 83; Funeral Services June 25, 2011 at the Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena – Gloria P. (Recore) Stewart, 80; Funeral June 21, 2011 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Morrisonville – Marion A. (Rock) St. Denaris, 86; Memorial Services July 1, 2011 at St. Alexander's Church.

New Bremen – Margaret K. Mattis, 80; Funeral June 27, 2011 at St. Peter's Oratory; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Norwood – Ruth I. (Loomis) Garrow, 75; Funeral Services June 29, 2011 at the Buck Funeral Home; burial in Riverside Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – George F. Bruyere, 87; Funeral Services June 30, 2011 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Dorothy Cooper Labertrandie, 89; Funeral Services June 25, 2011 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Brushton.

Ogdensburg – Sheila A. (Julien) Pratt, 68; Funeral Services June 20, 2011 at Fox & Murray Funeral Home; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

Ogdensburg – William F. Tupper, 74; Funeral Services June 29, 2011 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Genevieve M. (Mitchell) LaValley, 83; Funeral Services June 30, 2011 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Alice Theresa (Bell) Renadette, 107; Funeral Services June 21, 2011 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Charlene C. (Comstock) Wolf, 63; Funeral June 25, 2011 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Monkton, VT.

Plattsburgh – Rosa C. (Cruz) Reyes, 85; Funeral Services June 23, 2011 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial in St. Augustine's Cemetery, Peru.

Port Leyden – Irma L. (Kraeger) Post, 81; Funeral Services June 23, 2011 at St. Martin's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Potsdam – Francis J. Burkham, 82; Funeral Services June 29, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Raymondville – Shawn J. LaDue, 48; Funeral Services June 21, 2011 at St. Raymond's Church; burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery, Louisville.

Redford – Rose G. (Rascoe) Plumadore, 79; Funeral Services July 16, 2011 at

Church of the Assumption; burial in parish cemetery.

Rouses Point – John F. Huchro Jr., 71; Funeral Services June 24, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery, Champlain.

Sackets Harbor – Barbara A. Delles White, 44; Funeral Services June 23, 2011 at St. Andrew's Church.

Saranac Lake – Timothy D. Sullivan, 67; Funeral Services June 28, 2011 at the Fortune-Keough Funeral Home.

Saranac Lake – Alice Munn Wallace, 98; Funeral June 27, 2011 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Watertown – Elizabeth (Lotz) Blodgett, 92; Funeral Services June 27, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – Harry P. Booras, 69; Funeral Services June 29, 2011 at the Reed & Benoit Funeral Home; burial in North Watertown Cemetery.

Watertown – Mary V. Byrne, 71; Funeral Services June 21, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – Kenneth A. Dancer, 63; Funeral Services June 25, 2011 at the Cleveland Funeral Home.

Watertown – Marjorie E. Farrell, 90; Funeral Services June 27, 2011 at Holy Family Church.

Watertown – Frances (Spagone) Naccari, 96; Funeral Services July 1, 2011 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – Jeannette Ann (Henrich) Rausch, 77; Funeral Services June 18, 2011 at Cleveland Funeral home; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – June I. (Palmer) Sholett, 89; Funeral Services June 29, 2011 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Watertown – Sally T. Washer, 79; Funeral June 23, 2011 at D.L. Calarco Funeral Home; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

West Chazy – Leona Emma Stone LaVigne, 86; Funeral June 29, 2011 at St. Joseph's Church; burial parish cemetery.

Westport – Agnes K. (Klein) Tanneberger, 84; Funeral June 20, 2011 at St. Philip Neri Church; burial in parish cemetery.



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YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

Balancing the child in me with the adult I am destined to be

Coming home from my first year of college, I rolled into my room with one monster suitcase, a backpack, and a duffel bag - the only articles I had been able to bring with me on the plane.

A few days later, four boxes arrived via UPS, and just like that, the belongings I had lived off of for the better part of eight months were sitting in a pile in the center of my childhood bedroom.

All around them were the trappings of high school life - photographs taken at homecoming football games, stacks of young adult novels I had at one time devoured, and clothes in the closet that no longer fit - and yet those boxes sat there containing those items that had gotten me through freshman year.

It was a strange dichotomy between Rachel the high school teenager and Rachel the emerging adult.



Rachel
Daly

There are certain elements of being a kid that you want to retain, and the college years bring with them plenty of transitions, during which if you're not careful, you might leave the wrong things behind.

At the end of finals week first semester, my friends and I had a silly string fight, and I thought to myself, "Man, I hope I never outgrow things like this."

Yet at the same time, I realized that those moments of

pure, pointless fun were already fewer and farther between than they once were.

I think the most important childlike quality that often gets left behind is humility. When you're a kid, the adult is always right. There is something incredibly humbling about having to bend to someone else's rules, no matter how silly, if you want to get anywhere.

You constantly see that smug look and hear, "Some day you'll understand," when maybe they're right and you will, but maybe they just get a little too much enjoyment out of telling you no.

Even when you're not forced to obey, there's still a sense that the adult has years of life experience and potential knowledge on you. Childhood, by nature, is a humble position.

As I unpacked those boxes, I quickly discovered that not everything was going to fit back on its original shelf or in its drawer. So

I shifted around a lot of things, made a huge mess, but then managed to rearrange everything so it fit. It turned out that my books now exceeded the capacity of my bookshelf, so I lined up the extras one by one on the surface of my desk.

As I placed them there, I thought to myself that this was not a child's book collection. It contained my philosophy books from college, books from my literature class, and all my math and science books.

I couldn't help but enjoy placing them out on display, like trophies of hard-won victories.

Was it pride that made me want to flaunt the books I had read?

Pride, it seemed, was a sneaky and insidious temptation, and one which fed off feelings of self-importance and boastfulness.

Here was proof that as I get older, the path of humility will become an increasingly narrow tightrope to walk. Chances are I'll go further along in life and want to take myself more and more seriously.

The challenge then will be to mature in faith and responsibility while remaining free of pride, a struggle that may never actually end.

Maybe I'll have to put those books in the closet. Who knows?

But regardless of what I do, I will hold onto what I learned from them and from all my experiences, and somehow, with God's grace, try to balance the child in me with the adult I am destined to become.

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