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The Chrism Mass

Full coverage of the 2014 Chrism Mass, to be held Wednesday at St. Mary's Cathedral, will appear in the next issue of the *North Country Catholic*.

During the liturgy Bishop LaValley will deliver the *Proclamation of a Mutually Shared Vision for the Diocese of Ogdensburg* which will

offer a five-year vision for the diocese with key priorities for ministry that have been established for every parish.

The proclamation was written after a 13 month process to assess the needs and priorities of the Catholic Church in the North Country. Since February, 2013,

Bishop LaValley has held monthly meetings with an 11-member Envisioning Leadership Team made up of representatives from throughout the diocese.

As part of their work, the team conducted a series of "listening sessions" allowing a broad cross-section of Catholics in northern New

York to talk about their experience and concerns.

At the Chrism Mass, a representative from each of the 97 parishes in the diocese will receive a framed proclamation showing the six specific goals that will address the three priorities that have been established for the next five years.

YOUTH RALLY

To be held April 26 at IHC



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Cape Vincent woman looks back on nearly nine decades of

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'HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE'



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Each Friday during Lent a different age group of students who attend CCD classes at St. Alphonsus Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Tupper Lake have presented The Stations of The Cross in a different way. On March 28, children in kindergarten through fourth grade treated over 200 parishioners to their multi-media presentation. The students proclaimed all the readings, offered sign language as they sang songs, and led the concluding prayers. Above, kindergartners Alex Burnett, John Brockway, Lily Hollingsworth lead the Haily Mary. More photos on page 7.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

With gratitude and anticipation

This week's *NCC* was printed a couple days before Bishop LaValley was to reveal the five year "mutually shared vision" for the diocese during Wednesday's Chrism Mass.

Many of us who work in the diocesan offices feel as though we've been living in a bit of limbo as we wait to hear what the new plan will mean for our particular ministries.

The only thing I know for sure is that the bishop wants the *Proclamation of a Mutually Shared Vision for*



Mary Lou Kilian

the Diocese of Ogdensburg to be printed in the paper, giving Catholics across the diocese easy access to this critical message.

I also know that Bishop LaValley and the Envisioning Leadership Team have worked very hard to bring us to this point with long days of meetings every month and a dozen or so "listening sessions" in every part of our expansive diocese.

I think we can trust that the vision we hear about this week will be an effective faith-building tool as we move

forward together over the next five years.

And, I think we should take a minute to thank these generous committee members for their incredible service: Fathers Thomas Higman, Kevin O'Brien, Garry Giroux and Douglas Lucia, Deacon Mark Bennett, St. Joseph Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, William Amoriell, Barbara Boyle, James Coughlin, Patrick Murnane, Cathy Romano and, of course, Bishop LaValley.

In a couple weeks, we will celebrate the fourth anniversary of Bishop LaValley's installation as the 14th bishop of our diocese. In his decision to

embark on this envision process he said, "since the day I was consecrated and installed as the shepherd of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, I have come to learn more and more of the tremendous privilege and significant responsibilities I have in serving the people of the Diocese of Ogdensburg as your bishop.

"Providing clarity to our God-given mission as a diocese and charting the course for us to accomplish that mission is the most basic need we face as a diocese," he said.

Make sure you read next week's *NCC* to find out exactly what this will mean for us all!

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

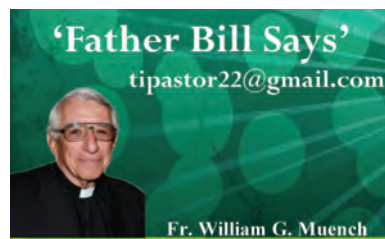
The popes who will become saints

On Mercy Sunday this year (that is the Sunday after Easter), Pope Francis will canonize two new saints for our Catholic Church. Both are popes of modern times – Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II. In this ceremony of canonization, the Catholic Church officially declares that these two well-known Popes are truly saints.

I remember the day that Cardinal Angelo Roncalli was elected Pope – taking the name Pope John XXIII. That was 1958 and I was still in the seminary in Baltimore. I must admit that, on that day, I knew nothing about him, who he was or what he had done as a priest, bishop and cardinal. What I did know was that he was rather old to be elected pope; he was 77 years old when elected and, from what I had read, little was expected of him.

Then he announced his decision to convene an Ecumenical Council – the Second Vatican Council. We all began to learn more and more about Pope John XXIII.

As I began to learn more about Pope John XXIII, I discovered him as a humble servant of the Catholic Church. He served as a chaplain in the Ital-



ian army as a young priest. Later, as a bishop, he was a papal diplomat during the World War in Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey and, after the war, in France. Then he was chosen to be the Patriarch of Venice and a cardinal leading to his election as pope.

His decision to call the Council and his readiness to allow the Council Fathers to act openly truly changed the future of our Catholic Church. He expressed his vision for the Council as an opportunity to throw open the windows of the Church to the present world. He called it a new Pentecost and, indeed, the Holy Spirit became very active in our Catholic Church through the actions of the Council.

I also learned that Pope John XXIII was a truly holy man. His talks radiated a deep love of God. His writings were published and became valuable spiritual reflections. He was truly dedicated to the follow-

ing of Jesus and the good of the Church. I am personally thrilled that he will be canonized a saint. I am so pleased that Pope Francis made this possible.

Cardinal Karol Wojtyla was elected Pope in 1978 and will be canonized in this same ceremony. You will all have memories of Pope John Paul. He traveled to 130 countries during his time as Pope – reaching out to much of the world. He was a real missionary to all the world. I remember being so captivated by his energy – especially during his younger years as Pope. He was elected at 58 years old and his story captivated us all.

As a young man, during the war years, his studies were suspended. He worked in a quarry and chemical plant and was involved in underground seminary studies. He vigorously opposed communism – as a priest and bishop – and later as pope. As a bishop, he was actively involved in the proceedings of the Second Vatican Council.

He caught my attention immediately. I remember the day of his election – I shouted to Father Jerry Bleaux, who was with me then. "we have a Polish Pope." I remember the pic-

tures of him striding across the sanctuary at St. Peter's almost athletically. We also learned that he was a skier. I remember attending his Papal Mass at Yankee Stadium and another time at Central Park. His presence electrified the people.

We began to realize that he was a holy man especially during the time of his long illness. He remained strong and dedicated to carry on. I remember having my picture taken with him – standing close to him (along with 40 others) yet, there was something special about his very presence. Shortly thereafter his health worsened. We all remember the crowds that came to fill St. Peter's Square, praying for him. And we remember the huge crowds that came to simply walk past his casket after his death. His writings continue to reflect his love of God and his holiness of spirit.

The ceremony of canonization is a very special statement by the Catholic Church that these two well-known popes should be recognized and acknowledged as saints.

As saints, their lives will be noticed by many – their writings read by many. All that they did will be an example for all people.

Youth rally plans are set

WATERTOWN - Florida youth minister Kelly Colangelo will return to upstate New York where she was raised to serve as the keynote speaker for the annual diocesan Youth Rally set for April 26 at Immaculate Heart Central School.

Deacon Brian Dwyer, diocesan director of youth ministry, said "Through her humorous skits and engaging presentations, Kelly seeks to draw youth to the beauty of the Catholic faith and to help them grow in a deeper relationship with Christ and his Church."

On her website, Colangelo says, "I have served as a youth minister for many years. I try my best to maintain a balance between fun, creative programming and meaningful, in depth catechesis. My hope is to challenge youth to be everything God intended them to be... and go to heaven of course."

"I attended Niagara University, a small Catholic college and was an active disciple of Christ on campus," she said. "During my summers off, I had a rockin' job working at a Catholic camp, that would ultimately sow the seed for my passion with ministry to teenagers.

After graduating from Niagara University, she attended Syracuse University for a masters degree in School and Student Affairs Counseling and Franciscan University of Steubenville for certificate in youth ministry.

Music for the day will be led by Ryan Grant of Adams.

The youth rally is open to youth in grades 6-12 and will feature interactive games, group discussions, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a closing liturgy with Bishop Terry R. LaValley.

The cost for the day is \$25 which includes lunch, snacks and a tee-shirt.

Registrations forms, which are due in the youth office by April 14, are available in each



Kelly Colangelo



Ryan Grant

parish, on the diocesan youth ministry website, www.rcdony.org/youth or by calling the youth office at 315-393-2920 ext. 1411.

FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS



The Franciscan Mystery Players of St. Mary's in Clayton, and St. John's in Lafargeville, a traveling ministry group, are performing the "Way of the Cross" at St. Mary's Church in Clayton April 11 at 7:30 p.m. The program is a dramatic multi-media presentation of the Passion and Death of the Lord. The players, first row, from left are Maura Warren, Allison Jones, Katie Beeles, Allison Lange, Kimberly Korcz, Claire Sheley and Reba Gushlaw; second row, Donna Orvis, Erick Lange, Danny Swartz, Will Cummings, Chris Newhook, Payton Morse, Tim Orvis, Philip Moots, Tina Gushlaw, Mariah Turner, Drew Walldroff and Christine Woodley.

Bishops of New York State disappointed with budget

ALBANY - The bishops of the eight dioceses of New York State expressed their disappointment at the failure of the governor and state legislators to deliver Education Investment Tax Credit in the state budget.

Richard E. Barnes, executive director of the New York State Catholic Conference, released the following statement March 31.

"The Bishops of New York State are extremely disappointed that, despite the support of so many rank-and-file members in the state Legislature from both parties as well as religious, business

and labor leaders, the Education Investment Tax Credit has not been included in the state budget agreement.

"Education policy in New York State is broken, as ever more money is poured into the public school system with little to nothing to show in the way of results. This proposal would not have taken a dime from public schools. It would have increased desperately needed private funding to help tuition-paying families, and programming in public schools.

"This year's state budget provided our leaders with a

historic opportunity to give thousands of children across the state a chance for a better life through quality education. Today, there are thousands of inner-city and working class families who are understandably angry and who just saw their hopes dashed.

"While we thank those members of the Legislature who fought hard for this proposal, tuition-paying families are counting on them to find a way to get this done."

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A STORY OF FAITH

'I'm just a Catholic, and that's what I'll be until I die'

By Shawn Ryan
Staff writer

CAPE VINCENT - Verna Mason raised 10 children on a dairy farm in Cape Vincent, and at 88 years old, she's as active in her Catholic faith now as she has been since she was a child.

Among her earliest memories as a child was traveling by horse and buggy to the church in Rosiere where her family attended Mass. Behind the church was a stable, where horses and buggies were parked during Mass, like cars are parked today.

Her parents made sure that the family never missed Mass, or catechism class on Saturdays during the summer. She credits her parents as having the greatest role in establishing her lasting faith. She remembers especially Father Michael Kelly though.

"We really remember him because we really had to know everything in that little green book," she said.

When she married her husband Richard in 1945 the couple moved to a dairy farm on a back road in Cape Vincent. She had the first of her 10 children in 1946, and nine more over the next 18 years.

"I wouldn't want to do it today though," she said. "You just let them out in the morning and let them play all day. We had 50 or so acres on the farm they could



PHOTO PROVIDED

Verna Mason of Cape Vincent shares her life story as a North Country woman of faith.

play on."

When they were first married, the Masons worked the farm with horses. Eventually the farm grew, and they got a tractor, then a bigger tractor and then a bigger one. At their peak, the Masons were milking 40 head of cattle at their small family farm.

Through it all, their faith had a prominent role in their lives. All of her seven boys served on the altar, as her brother "Bud" had when she was growing up.

She taught the children prayers as soon as they were old enough to remember them, and prayers were said every night. She remembers teaching her youngest daughter the Our Father while they were hoeing in

the garden.

"We just went down the rows doing the hoeing, and saying the Our Father until she knew it," she said.

As the years passed, Mrs. Mason has not slowed down. About 20 years ago she started out helping on the altar at Cape Vincent, along with cleaning the church, and helping with whatever else needed to be done.

She remembers being asked one day to serve on the altar by Father John Silver. At first she said she couldn't, because she was a woman, but he eventually convinced her that she could do it, and she has ever since.

Since her parish was merged with two others [to form the Catholic Community of Cape Vincent, Rosiere and Chaumont] Mrs. Mason enjoys meeting and getting along with parishioners from the other churches. She says the three parishes get along well, and help one another out whenever needed.

When she's not busy at the church - to which she walks in almost all weather - she busies herself making beautiful quilts.

Her philosophy about her faith has remained simple her whole life.

"I'm just a Catholic, and that's what I'll be until I die," she said. "I just start off every morning right, with prayer. I really feel blessed."



Father Patrick J. Frawley, Fidelis Care President and CEO, and St. Joseph Sister Shirley Anne Brown, assistant superintendent of schools in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, cut the ribbon to officially open Fidelis Care's Gouverneur Community Office. Located at 101 East Main Street, the Community Office was established to make free or affordable health insurance coverage easily accessible to neighbors in and around Gouverneur.

Fidelis Care opens Gouverneur office

GOVERNEUR - Fidelis Care, the New York State Catholic Health Plan celebrated the grand opening of its Gouverneur Community Office March 26 with a ribbon cutting ceremony and reception.

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Fidelis Care's Gouverneur Community Office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5.

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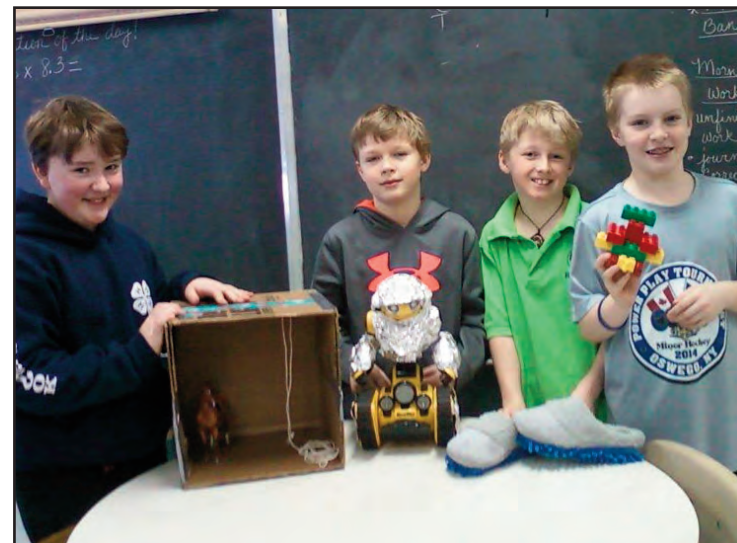
FACES OF FAITH



In honor of National Catholic Sisters Week, the first graders of Holy Family School in Malone wrote thank you cards and sang a song to Grey Nun Sister Rita Frances Brady. They expressed their love and gratitude for Sister Rita's vocation. In back are Chloe Labelle, Kyrsten Mallette and Porter Wood; middle, Sister Rita Frances, Liam Davis, Grace McClain, Sadida Robert, Maisie Smallman, Evan Gratton and Jacob Debyah; and kneeling, Tayllore Poirier, Emily Warner, David Carr and Elizabeth Weeks.



State Senator Patty Ritchie met with Father Douglas Lucia, St. Joseph Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin and Bishop Terry LaValley March 19 in Albany to discuss the priorities of the Catholic Church. In addition, Bishop LaValley delivered the invocation at the start of the day's Senate session.



Fifth graders at St. Mary's School in Canton display some of their inventions. From left are Grace Sawyko with a girth puller; Charlie Grandaw, armor for construction workers; Parker Hunt, slippers that clean the floor; and Brody VanBuren, a wheelchair to help the elderly.



Some of St. Marguerite D'Youville Academy's Junior Kindergarten students in Jennifer Smith's room, participated in a Humpty Dumpty Science Experiment. First they chose items that would catch their hard boiled egg. Next, they checked how soft it was. Then they dropped their egg on their chosen item. If the egg cracked it received a sad face. If it landed without a crack, it received a smiley face. Pictured above are Nolan Hooper, Riley Durham, Brinlee Geary, Jaycie-Rae Ashley and Shea Kiah.



Mercy Care for the Adirondacks commissioned new Friendship Volunteers Ginny Cuttaia and Judy Courtney Feb. 25. The training and commissioning ceremony were held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Tupper Lake. They join with more than 100 Friendship Volunteers who have assisted elders in the Tri-Lakes since 2008. From left are Mercy Sister Catherine Cummings, who directs Mercy Care's Friendship Volunteer and Parish Nurse Programs, Ginny Cuttaia, Judy Courtney and Donna Beal, executive director of Mercy Care for the Adirondacks.

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Wadhams reunion planned

OGDENSBURG - A weekend reunion is being planned for Wadhams Hall Alumni, their spouses, and former members of the Wadhams Hall staff.

The event will be held from Aug. 8 at 4 p.m. through Aug. 10 at 4 p.m. at Wadhams Hall which served as the seminary-college for the Diocese of Ogdensburg for 70 years until its closure in 2002.

The event is being managed through the Wadhams Hall Alumni Group on Facebook; new members of the group are welcome.

Registration and payment must be received by July 21 so that appropriate arrangements can be made with Wadhams Hall.

Further information and copies of the registration form, agenda and price list are available from Rick Trombley at 802-868-4840, Michel Gilbert, 802-233-1638; or email wadhams@wellspringlearn-ing.com.

Bishop's Schedule

April 9 – 11 a.m., Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

April 10 – 2 p.m., Ordination and Installation of the Most Reverend Edward B. Scharfenberger as the tenth Bishop of Albany at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany

April 11 – 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

April 13 – 8 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

April 14 – 7:15 p.m., Novena and Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

April 15 – 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg.
7 p.m., Lenten Penance Service at St. Mary's Cathedral

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April 10 – Rev. Maurice Morin, M.S.C., 1976

April 11 – Rev. John P. Whalen, O.S.A., 1947

April 13 – Rev. Emil Krancewicz, O.F.M.Conv., 1974

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

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

Environmental Stewardship

Fourth Sunday in Lent

*"May we abstain from what we do not really need, and help our brothers and sisters in distress..."

*Taken from Christian Prayer. . . .

Fourth Week in Lent

•Consider "fasting" from shopping for unneeded "stuff"; and spend time clearing out closets of what you no longer need and donating to local thrift shop.

•"fasting" from recreational shopping, to "fast" on "Sabbath" time

•"fast" from unhealthy snacks, and donate to a project you care about, i.e. Catholic Relief Services or local food pantry, so others may "fast" on God's gifts that are meant to be shared.

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 preregister 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 is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 1440.

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April 11 - 1 p.m., Augustinian Academy, Carthage

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Children from parishes across the diocese share in special Lenten experiences



Students in grades 5-8 of St. Alphonus Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Tupper Lake offered a portrayal of Christ's Passion through life size shadows March 21 during their rendition of the Stations of the Cross. Families and members of the parish were very moved to see scenes like a shadow of Simon helping Jesus carry the cross. The portrayers, shown above, are Ben Jones, Aaron Clark, Dante Giacovelli, Patrick Clark, Monica Kennedy, and Kaitlyn Rabideau. At right, kindergartener Brenden Arsenault recited the Our Father during the K-4 presentation of the Stations of the Cross for the parish March 28.



The fifth and sixth grade students of Augustinian Academy in Carthage captured the spirit of each Station of the Cross using prayers from the Mission Children's Association Lenten Prayers on the website of the Pontifical Mission Society. The students made a collage for each station. The experience enabled students to connect the sufferings of Jesus to the sufferings of the most vulnerable children living and suffering in our world today. The Stations and prayers are on display in the school hall for students to pray throughout Lent. Pictured from left are Hanna Overholt, William Briggs and Jaden Thesier. (The website is www.onefamilyinmission.org).



PHOTO BY DEACON KEVIN MASTELLON

Bishop LaValley led a Lenten retreat for the four parishes in Watertown March 31 through April 3. During the Mass held at St. Patrick's Church, four of the boys donned the "Reserved for Priests" pew signs and presented themselves to the bishop. He promptly called for a picture and plunked his zucchetto on Josh Marra's head. From left are Hunter Covey, Philip Marra, Joshua Marra and Jack Marra. The first three served at the Lenten Mass.



Members of the kindergarten class at St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga are shown in front of their Lenten display of the three crosses on Calvary which they each made with watercolor paints on paper plates for the sky and black construction paper for the hill and crosses. Their teacher, Mrs. Wayman had read to them the story of The Three Trees, A Traditional Folk Tale and the children were captivated by the story, as it unfolded, about tells of Jesus' life journey from cradle to cross from the perspective of three forest trees.

POLICE CHAPLAINS



Father Christopher Carrara, Lowville, and Father Shane Lynch, Old Forge, are shown in Ontario County during a presentation they made to a new group of Sheriff Office Chaplains, office administration and other individuals interested in establishing police chaplaincy programs. Fathers Carrara and Lynch recently co-authored the New York State Sheriffs' Association's "Guide to Establishing / Enhancing a Sheriff's Office Chaplaincy Program." While county jails typically allow individual ministers to minister to inmates, the new guide encourages and helps sheriffs to provide chaplain services to employees and their families. Shown, from left, are the Rev. Mark Ammerman, chaplain Ontario County Sheriff's Office; Ontario County Sheriff Philip Povero, Father Lynch, Father Carrara, Wayne County Sheriff Barry Virts and Lewis County Sheriff Michael Carpinelli. Father Carrara serves as chaplain to the Lewis and Jefferson County SO and the FBI and Father Lynch to Jefferson County SO, Watertown PD and the FBI. Both are also involved in the Fire Service as part of their ministry.

SNOW FUN



Father Sony Pulickal, pastor of St. Ann's Parish in Wells and St. James in Lake Pleasant, hosted an Altar Server Appreciation Party at Oak Mountain in mid March. The young people enjoyed an afternoon of tubing followed by a pizza party.



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Preparing for canonizations

Prayer, charity surround John XXIII, John Paul II being declared saints

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - The rite of canonization for Blesseds John XXIII and John Paul II April 27 will use the standard formula for the creation of new saints, but the Mass will be preceded by the recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet, and it is possible retired Pope Benedict XVI will attend, the Vatican spokesman said.

"He is invited," said Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the spokesman. "But there is still a month to go. We'll have to see if he wants to be present and feels up to it."

Discussing preparations for the canonizations with reporters March 31, Father Lombardi also said the popes' tombs in St. Peter's Basilica would not be disturbed, other than to change the inscriptions from "blessed" to "saint." Pilgrims can visit the tombs after the April 27 Mass.

Relics from the two popes will be presented during the liturgy, the spokesman said. The relic of Blessed John Paul - a vial of his blood encased in a reliquary featuring a silver sculpture of olive branches - will be the same that was used for his beatification in 2011.

A matching reliquary has been made for a relic of Blessed John, said Msgr. Guilo Dellavite, an official of the Diocese of Bergamo, where the pope was born.

When Blessed John was beatified in 2000, no relic was presented, the monsignor said, because no blood or body parts had been preserved for that purpose. However, when Blessed John's tomb was opened in 2001 and the remains treated before being reinterred in St. Peter's Basilica, some bone fragments were removed.

Floribeth Mora Diaz, a Costa Rican whose recover-



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Blessed John XXIII, who will be made a saint April 27, is remembered by many for his warmth, simplicity, social conscience and sense of humor. Pope Francis, who will canonize "the Good Pope," recalled his predecessor as being holy, patient and a man of courage, especially by calling the Second Vatican Council. Blessed John is pictured in his undated official portrait.

ing from a brain aneurysm was the miracle accepted for the canonization of Blessed John Paul, and French Sister Marie Simon-Pierre, whose cure from Parkinson's disease was accepted as the miracle that paved the way for his beatification, are both expected to attend the Mass April 27, Father Lombardi said. Pope Francis waived the requirement for a miracle for the canonization of Blessed John.

The canonization Mass is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. the Sunday after Easter, which the church celebrates as Divine Mercy Sunday. Pilgrims are expected to begin filling St. Peter's Square early in the morning, Father Lombardi said, and will have an opportunity to participate in the recitation of the Divine

Mercy chaplet, a series of prayers focusing on the gifts of God's mercy, especially shown through the passion of Christ.

The Vatican, he said, is not issuing tickets for the Mass, although large sections of St. Peter's Square will be reserved for official government delegations, for bishops and priests, and for members of the Vatican diplomatic corps.

Other than that, space in the square will be allotted on a first-come, first-served basis. Because the Vatican is not handling ticket requests, it cannot predict how many people will attend the ceremony, he said.

"We hope many people will come and we are making preparations to welcome them," Father Lombardi said.



CNS PHOTO/ARTURO MARI, L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO

Pope John Paul II waves to well-wishers in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican in 1978, the year his was elected the 263rd successor to St. Peter. Blessed John Paul, known as a globetrotter who made 104 trips outside Italy, served as pope from 1978 to 2005 and was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI May 1, 2011. He will be canonized April 27 with Blessed John XXIII.

"We invite people to come to Rome with trust and serenity without excessive fear."

"If people filled St. Peter's Square and (the main boulevard) back to the Tiber River, we calculate there would be between 200,000 and 250,000 people," he said. Forecasts, including by city of Rome officials, that mention millions of pilgrims trying to attend the event appear exaggerated, Father Lombardi said.

"Come to Rome. Don't be afraid," he said.

Cardinal Agostino Vallini, papal vicar for Rome, told reporters that the diocese was focusing on a spiritual preparation for the canonization of "two pontiffs, two bishops of Rome, who lived and experienced their faith, becoming messengers of the Gospel,

but also of great humanity."

The cardinal will lead an evening for young people April 22 along with the postulators - official promoters - of the sainthood causes of the two popes.

The night before the canonization, 11 churches near the Vatican will be open all night for prayer, meditation and confessions. The program will be offered in English and Italian at the Basilica of St. Mark the Evangelist at the Campidoglio and in Italian and Spanish at the Jesuit Church of the Gesu.

The diocese also has launched a special website -- www.2papisanti.org -- and several social media initiatives with the help of communications students at a Rome university. The Facebook fan page is "2popesaints," the Twitter account is "@2popesaints," the Instagram account is "#2popesaints" and the YouTube channel search term is also "2popesaints."

The Diocese of Bergamo, where Pope John was born and ordained a priest, has put much of the focus of its celebration on acts of charity, Msgr. Dellavite said. The diocese is contributing the equivalent of \$1.1 million for the construction and three years of operating costs of a St. John XXIII School in Haiti; it is building a church and pastoral center in Shengjin, Albania, at a cost of about \$830,000; and it is remodeling a former military barracks in Bergamo to serve as a shelter and assistance center for the poor.

In addition, he said, the 900 priests of the diocese are being asked to donate one month's salary and take up a collection in their parishes to strengthen the diocese's "family and home" fund, which helps families in difficulty with rent, mortgage payments and utilities. The diocese also is selling some of its property to increase the fund's principal.

Social service advocates seek to reframe how Americans view poverty

By Dennis Sadowski
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Concerned with widely held negative perceptions about people who live in poverty, advocates attending the National Poverty Summit pledged to reframe how Americans see their poor neighbors and to work to build stronger relationships across economic classes.

The advocates from several national organizations said April 2 it was unrealistic to characterize the 46 million people living in poverty as unwilling to work while preferring to live in a cycle of dependence on government programs.

They also pledged to collaborate more closely when delivering social services and speak with a unified voice to shape public policy when it comes to state and federal support for programs that lift people out of poverty.

It's time, said Susan Dreyfus, president and CEO of the Alliance for Children and Families, to view people in poverty as neighbors and see that in a prosperous society, poverty is unacceptable.

"We have to talk about the human capital assets of this country," she said. "We have to talk about health and education and what America needs to be prosperous. We have to really make sure to

elevate the place and presence of the very people we are talking about."

Advocates: it's unrealistic to characterize the 46 million people living in poverty as unwilling to work

The measure of success, she said, must be determined by whether people are able to move out of poverty, live healthy and secure lives and move down the path to education and employment.

Dreyfus urged the 120 summit attendees to move from "program thinking to social change thinking."

The call was welcomed by many in attendance including Father Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA, which convened the summit.

In recent years, Catholic Charities USA has led a nationwide effort to partner with other faith-based and secular social service agencies to reduce poverty.

Father Snyder told Catholic News Service that social change must be incorporated into the work of diocesan Catholic Charities agencies. It's a concept that's rooted in the Bible and Catholic social teaching, he said.

"To me it's that issue of outputs versus outcomes. What are your real goals? Our real goal has to be change.

We're talking about changing people's lives, changing people's settings. That's where it's not enough to measure how many shelter beds are filled. If that's your goal, we're not talking change, we're not talking really getting people out of poverty," Father Snyder said.

He acknowledged that social workers must understand that social change is necessary if anti-poverty programs are to be judged successful.

During a panel discussion of top social service agency executives, Father Snyder stressed the importance of innovation in programming. While social service agencies can take credit for helping lift people out of poverty since President Lyndon Johnson declared a "war on poverty" in 1964, he said new ideas and concepts that involve people struggling with hunger, homelessness and unemployment every day are necessary to reduce the country's poverty rate.

He also said that because social service agencies have spearheaded the decline in poverty over the past 50 years, they must be at the table when policymakers are determining what avenues to follow to address the country's 15 percent poverty rate.

The conference gave representatives from several organizations the opportunity to review successful programs that have helped people in poverty to explain how they have developed programs that take a personal approach with families, guiding them to stable employment, affordable housing and quality health care.

A ROYAL VISITOR



CNS PHOTO/MARIA GRAZIA PICCIARELLA, POOL

Britain's Queen Elizabeth and Pope Francis exchange gifts during a meeting at the Vatican April 3. The Queen and her husband, Prince Philip, were making a one-day visit to meet with the pope and Italian President Giorgio Napolitano.

Atlanta archbishop responds to criticism

ATLANTA (CNS) -- Responding to public and media criticism about his new \$2.2 million residence, Atlanta Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory issued a statement of apology in his April 3 column in the archdiocesan newspaper.

"As the shepherd of this local church, a responsibility I hold more dear than any other, certainly more than any configuration of brick and mortar, I am disappointed that, while my advisers and I were able to justify this project fiscally, logistically and practically, I personally failed to project the cost in terms of my own integrity and pastoral credibility with the people of God of north and central Georgia," he wrote in The

Georgia Bulletin.

The archbishop acknowledged that he had received "heartfelt, genuine and candidly rebuking letters, emails and telephone messages" during the past weeks about his residence.

"Their passionate indictments of me as a bishop of the Catholic Church and as an example to them and their children are stinging and sincere. And I should have seen them coming," he wrote. "To all of you," he said, "I apologize sincerely and from my heart."

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Le Moyne's new president is first laywoman to head Jesuit college

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (CNS) -- Linda LeMura, newly named president of Le Moyne College in Syracuse, is the first laywoman to be appointed president of a Jesuit college or university. The college, founded in 1946, is used to some firsts. It also was the first Jesuit school of higher education to open as a coeducational institution. LeMura, who served as provost and vice president for academic affairs at Le Moyne since 2007, was unanimously elected by the school's board of trustees April 3 to succeed Fred Pestello, who announced in March that he would be leaving Le Moyne at the end of June to become president of St. Louis University, which is also Jesuit. Pestello was Le Moyne's first lay leader. LeMura said in a statement that "it is truly humbling" to be selected as the school's president. "These are challenging times to be sure as the landscape of higher education and our world is changing rapidly. However, what remains constant is the value of a Le Moyne education. I am honored by this selection and am proud to be a member of this community." Prior to her work at Le Moyne, LeMura had several titles in her 11 years at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, including professor, graduate program director, chairperson and assistant chairperson in the departments of exercise science and biology and allied health sciences.

Pope declares by decree three new saints for the Americas

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Without a canonization ceremony, Pope Francis declared three new saints for the Americas, pioneers of the Catholic Church in Brazil and in Canada. Pope Francis signed decrees April 3 recognizing: St. Jose de Anchieta, a Spanish-born Jesuit who traveled to Brazil in 1553 and became known as the Apostle of Brazil; St. Marie de l'Incarnation, a French Ursuline who traveled to Quebec in 1639 and is known as the Mother of the Canadian Church; and St. Francois de Laval, who arrived in Quebec 20 years after St. Marie de l'Incarnation and became the first bishop of Quebec. In declaring the three saints, the pope used a procedure known as "equivalent canonizations," which required a thorough study of the candidates' life and writings, fame of holiness and reports of favors granted through their intercession. Unlike a regular sainthood process, though, it did not require the verification of a miracle through their intercession, nor further studies by historians and theologians working for the Congregation for Saints' Causes. The three were beatified together by Pope John Paul II in 1980. The Brazilian bishops, who thought the decrees would be signed April 2 and planned local celebrations for that evening, have said they will celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving with Pope Francis April 24 in Rome's Church of St. Ignatius. The bishops of Quebec have said they will celebrate a thanksgiving Mass May 18 in Quebec and hope to have a larger celebration with the pope in Rome in October.

Pope to young: Be honest, discover what you hold dear to your heart

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)-- Pope Francis told a group of young people to be honest with themselves and others and figure out what they hold dear: money and pride or the desire to do good.

He also told them he has made plenty of mistakes in life, being guilty of being too bossy and stubborn.

"They say mankind is the only animal that falls in the same well twice," he said.

While mistakes are the "great teachers" in life, "I think there are some I haven't learned because I'm hardheaded," he said, rapping his knuckles on his wooden desk and laughing. "It's not easy learning, but I learned from many mistakes, and this has done me good."

The pope spoke to young students and reporters from Belgium, who were accompanied by Bishop Lucas Van Looy of Ghent. They video-recorded the interview in the papal study of the Vatican's Apostolic Palace March 31 and aired it on Belgian TV April 3.

The young Belgians, including the cameraman, asked their questions in English, and the pope answered in Italian.

When asked why the pope agreed to do the interview with them, the pope said because he sensed they had a feeling of "apprehension" or unease about life and "I think it is my duty to serve young people," to listen to and help guide their anxiety, which is "like a seed that grows and in time bears fruit."

The 25-year-old reporter operating the camera asked the pope whether he was happy and why, given that everyone in the world is trying to find joy.

"Absolutely," he smiled, "absolutely, I am happy. I have a certain inner peace, a great peace and happiness that come with age, too." Even though he has always encountered problems in his life, he said, "this happiness does not disappear when there are problems."

When one young woman said: "I have my fears. What makes you afraid?" The pope laughed and responded, "Myself."

He said the reason Jesus constantly says, "Be not afraid," is because "he knows that fear is something, that I would say is, quote, unquote, 'normal.'"

"We are afraid of life, of challenges, we are even afraid before God, right?"

Everyone is afraid, so the real issue is to figure out the difference between "good fear and bad fear. Good fear is prudence," being careful and "bad fear" is something that "cancels you out, turns you into nothing," preventing the person from doing anything, and that kind of fear must be "thrown out."

One young man asked what mistakes the pope has learned from. The pope laughed, saying, "I've made mistakes, I still make mistakes."

The example he highlighted was when he was elected superior of the Jesuit province of Argentina and Uruguay at the age of 36. "I was very young," he said, "I was too authoritarian."

But with time, he said, he learned that it's important to truly listen to what other people think and to dialogue with them.

It took a while to find a happy medium between being too hard and too lax, "but I still make mistakes, you know?" he said.

One woman told the pope she does not believe in God, but "your acts and ideas in-

spire me." She asked what kind of message he would give to the whole world -- believers and nonbelievers alike.

The important thing, Pope Francis said, is to "find a way to speak with authenticity," which involves seeing and speaking to others as our brothers and sisters.

Responding to the cameraman's doubts about whether the human race is truly capable of caring for the world and each other, the pope said, he, too, asks: Where is mankind and where is God in the world today?

"When man finds himself, he seeks God. Perhaps he can't find him, but he goes along a path of honesty, searching for the truth, for the path of goodness, the path of beauty."

"It's a long road. Some people don't find him during their lifetime" or they're not aware that they have found him, but "they are so real, so honest about themselves, so good and such lovers of beauty" that they are mature enough and capable of having "an encounter with God, which is always a grace" and a gift.

When his guests said they were ready to ask the last question, the pope laughed, "Ah, the last! The last is always terrible."

They asked the pope to pose a question for them.

He said his question came from the Gospel, when Jesus says to not store up treasure on earth, but in heaven, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

The pope asked them: What do you treasure and hold close to your hearts?

Is it "power, money, pride or goodness, beauty, the desire to do good?" It can be many things, he said, and he asked them to find the answer "for yourselves, alone, at home."

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

The holiest week of the year begins

The waving of palm branches and the cries of "Hosanna to the King!" usher in the holiest week of the year.

The full drama begins with the crowd's fickle acclaim of Jesus as King for a day. It is a foreshadowing of the blasphemous mockery the soldiers will hurl at our thorn-crowned Saviour a few days later. And yet, for a few hours we can raise our voices joyfully with the crowd, linking the honor given him, especially by the children, with His ultimate victory beyond the grave. We wonder and rejoice as the veil is raised to permit a glimpse of Jesus, the Messiah-King and liberator. But then, as the Palm Sunday Mass proceeds, the horrors of the Passion are proclaimed, and we must with reluctance raise our voices with the crowd clamoring "Crucify Him!"



Monsignor
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Today's events were all foretold thousands of years ago. The first reading from Isaiah, one of the four Suffering Servant oracles written at the time of the Babylonian captivity, speaks of a courageous and obedient messiah-figure who says, "I have set my face like flint" against the beatings and scourging that lie ahead, "knowing that I shall not be put to shame".

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

The Church is a master of drama in the liturgies of this week. Through the use of lay readers for the Passion and the voices of the con-

gregation, we all become part of the action. Most feel embarrassed to cry "Crucify Him" with the palm branches still in their hands. It reminds us of our own fickle response and our lack of courage in responding to His love and truth. Yet we know that it was the sins of us all which brought Jesus to Calvary. The Passion narrative of Matthew emphasizes the great humility of Jesus, the King. It's the only Gospel to tell us in detail of what happened in Jerusalem at the hour Jesus gave up His Spirit. —the sanctuary veil torn in two, the earth quaking, rocks split, and dead saints rising from their graves and entering Jerusalem. It's the fulfillment of all the prophecies of thousands of years before. It also tells us more fully of the betrayal by Judas, the denial of Peter, the hearings before Caiaphas and Pilate—the awful scourging by the Roman soldiers, the thorny crown jammed upon His weary

APRIL 13

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION READINGS

At the Procession of the Palms:

Matthew 21:1-11

At Mass:

Isaiah 50:4-7;

Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66

head, the whip cutting slashes into His flesh, the blood running down his shoulders and back, the cursing by the crowd, the nails tearing through His hands, the thud of the cross into the ground, As He hangs on the Cross, He cries, "I thirst!". How that cry echoes down the centuries as a reminder of His search for our love.

The forces of darkness were never more vicious in their attempt to terminate the Mission of Jesus on this earth. That the religious leaders of the day were

made instruments of evil is a tragic lesson to all religions, even to the present day. That these leaders scandalized their own people, making them agents of falsehood, is another warning to those of unwary and careless piety. How easily the righteous can be lulled into blind activity that can do harm! We wonder if any of the many that Jesus healed in his journeys were among those crying out against Him. The Passion narrative is the most powerful story ever written about the sacrifice of innocence to evil, and the blind consent of crowds to those in power.

Holy Week is all about Jesus suffering for our inadequacies and for our very real sins. Holy Week is a time for us to realize what we're really like, and to find that the only remedy for our pains and fears is love. Are we ready to join our own pains and fears to the Master's, and to add as much love as we can possibly muster to His limitless love?

AT THE PAPAL AUDIENCE

'Married couples called to be icons of God's love'

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Through the sacrament of matrimony, married couples are called to be living icons of God's love in the world, Pope Francis said; and when they fight — and all couples do — they don't have "to call the United Nations," but find simple words and gestures to say they are sorry.

Concluding a series of talks about the sacraments, Pope Francis used his general audience April 2 to focus on marriage, and he asked the estimated 45,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square to pray for the world's families, especially for couples experiencing difficulty.

The sacrament of mar-

riage, he said, "leads us to the heart of God's plan, which is a plan of covenant with his people and with all of us."

Pope Francis concludes series of talks about the sacraments

"We were created for love as a reflection of God and his love," the pope said. "In the conjugal union, a man and a woman fulfill this vocation under the sign of reciprocity and a full and definitive communion of life."

Marriage is a response to a specific vocation and "must be considered a consecration," he said. "The man and woman are consecrated for love. Through the sacrament,

the spouses are given a real mission to make visible — even through simple and ordinary gestures — the love with which Christ loves his church."

"The plan that God has for marriage is really something stupendous," he said.

Calling married couples "an icon of God's love for us," Pope Francis also said the fact that husbands and wives are human means that sometimes the image can appear slightly tarnished.

"We all know how many difficulties and trials spouses face. What is important is to keep alive a bond with God, who is the foundation of the matrimonial bond," he said. Marriages are stronger when husbands and wives pray for each other and with each other.

But prayer doesn't mean there always will be peace and harmony, he said. The demands of work, finances and raising children can frustrate couples and lead to arguments.

"There are always fights in a marriage, aren't there?" he asked the crowd. "Sometimes plates fly. You're laughing, but it's the truth."

"The secret, though, is that love is stronger than an argument," the pope said. "Don't end your day without making peace. It's not necessary to call the United Nations and have them come to your house to broker the peace. A little gesture, a caress, can suffice."

"Marriage is beautiful and we must always safeguard it," he said.

Pope Francis repeated his

recommendation that couples make frequent use of three "magic words": "May I?" "Thank you" and "Sorry." With the three phrases, with prayer and by making up before going to bed, "your marriage will continue," he said.

At the end of the audience, which took place on the ninth anniversary of the death of Pope John Paul II, Pope Francis asked people to prepare for the late pope's canonization April 27 with prayers and by "reviving the patrimony of faith he left."

"Imitating Christ, he was an untiring preacher of the word of God, of truth and of goodness," the pope said. "He turned even his suffering into something good."

"May his intercession reinforce our faith, hope and love," Pope Francis prayed.

AT THE MOVIES

NOAH

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

"Noah" (Paramount), which begins as a fairly straightforward recounting of the biblical story of the flood, eventually veers off into a grim, scripturally unfounded drama about a family dispute.

This clan conflict is driven by the titular patriarch's (Russell Crowe) misguided interpretation of God's purposes in causing the deluge. Though Noah's extreme pro-nature, anti-human reading of the situation is corrected in the end, his temporary fanaticism requires that viewers approach the film with mature discernment and with a solid grounding in the relevant, sometimes mysterious passages of the Old Testament.

Even early on, the narrative of the Book of Genesis is padded out, and there are some borrowings from other parts of the Bible as well as from noncanonical works. Thus, in convincingly portraying the wickedness from which the earth is to be cleansed, director and co-writer Darren Aronofsky embodies the range of sinful tendencies on display in the impious person of self-proclaimed "King" Tubal-Cain (Ray Winstone).

The single verse of Scripture that refers to Tubal-Cain -- Chapter 4, Verse 22, of Genesis -- tells us only about his genealogy and his role as, more or less, the first metalworker. But there is a tradition that at least part of Tubal-Cain's craft involved forging weapons, so perhaps he can reasonably be enlisted as the prototype of arms merchants and war-profiteers.

A more questionable exercise of creative liberty presents us with a race of giant creatures called the Watchers. Their background story, meant to connect them to

the shadowy Nephilim mentioned in Chapter 6 of Genesis, describes them as angels who voluntarily fell to Earth to help the fledgling human race. The idea of angel-like Watchers also evokes the Book of Daniel and the extra-canonical books of Enoch and Jubilees.

Still, the opening sequences are largely faithful to the original story, though in place of a direct revelation by God, Noah is tipped off to the fate of humanity by a dream. He interprets this vision -- acknowledging that it was sent by "the Creator," as God is always called in the dialogue - with the help of his grandfather, Methuselah (Anthony Hopkins).

The building of the ark and the gathering of the animals are also according to Hoyle, and are accomplished through predictably impressive special effects.

On the eve of the flood, though, the stage is set for the familial clash that will occupy the audience's attention throughout the ark's forthcoming voyage. This necessitates not just a departure from the text of Genesis, but a direct contradiction of it.

The Bible tells us that all three of Noah's sons - Shem (Douglas Booth), Ham (Logan Lerman) and Japheth (Leo McHugh Carroll) - were accompanied onto the ark by their wives (Chapter 7, Verse 13, of Genesis). On screen, Shem has his destined bride in Ila (Emma Watson), an orphan Noah and his wife, Naameh (Jennifer Connelly), long ago

rescued and adopted. But Ham has no spouse, and Noah systematically thwarts his efforts to acquire one, while Japheth is barely a teenager.

Noah, it emerges, believes that the only reason he and his relatives have been rescued by God is so that they can keep the animals safe during the flood. Having seen to all the other creatures' survival, it will then be wicked humanity's destiny to die out, restoring the natural world to a pure and innocent state.

This ultra-environmentalist outlook not only puts Noah at odds with Ham but -- through a late-blooming crisis not to be outlined for fear of a spoiler -- with everyone else on board except Japheth. Since Noah will stop at nothing to carry out the apparently anti-life mission the Deity has entrusted to him, what we are left with, for the time being at least, is not a model of faith but an image of unbalanced zealotry.

All this is somewhat miti-



CNS PHOTO/PARAMOUNT

Jennifer Connelly and Russell Crowe star in a scene from the movie "Noah."

gated, and explained away, before the closing credits. And Aronofsky's script, penned in collaboration with Ari Handel, approaches its weighty themes of righteousness and evil, punishment and redemption, with due seriousness.

But, taken together with the elements listed below, the movie's dramatic deviations from its inspired source material mean that young viewers would be better directed -- initially at least -- to more literal-

minded adaptations, rather than this very free variation on a theme.

The film contains much stylized violence with minimal gore, an off-screen encounter that may be premarital, distant partial nudity and some mild sensuality. 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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Place: St. Bernard's Chapel

Features: Mass followed by coffee and refreshment, discussion and prayer.

Contact: Fr. Mark Reilly, 518-891-4616.

CLINTON

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Treadwell Mills – St. Alexander & St. Joseph's Church will hold a Pancake Breakfast.

Date: April 27

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Place: St. Joseph's Church Parish Hall

Cost: Adults, \$6; Children 12 and under, \$3; under 5, Free

Features: All you can eat pancake, real maple syrup, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, coffee, orange juice or milk.

THRIFT STORE SALE

Peru – St. Vincent's Thrift Store will hold their annual sale of gently used summer clothing.

Schedule: April 14-17 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; April 17 6:30 p.m. to 9; April 18-19 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Features: Large bag price of \$6 will be available Thurs. evening, Fri. and Sat.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Plattsburgh – Divine Mercy Sunday to be celebrated.

Date: April 27

Place: St. Peter's Church

Schedule: Exposition begins at 12:15 p.m. in the Church. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in the chapel from: 1:15-2:15 p.m. Video, Jesus, I Trust in You, will be shown in the Emmaus Room at 12:20 p.m. Prayer Service and Chaplet begins at 2:30 p.m.

HEALING MASS

Ellenburg Center – Our Lady of the Adirondacks is holding a Healing Mass.

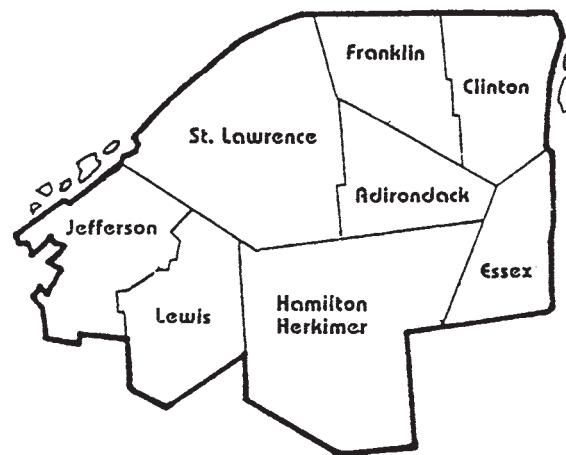
Date: May 17

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer

Features: Fr. Doug Decker presiding. The Mass will be followed by an opportunity for individual prayer by our prayer ministry team. Donations appreciated.

Contact: RSVP by May 14 to olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or ph. 518-594-3253 if you plan on staying for the light lunch that will be provided.



The **North Country Catholic** welcomes contributions to "Around the Diocese." Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:
North Country Catholic, PO Box 326,
 Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 1-866-314-7296;
 e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

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

POT ROAST DINNER

Peru – The St. Augustine's Knights of Columbus Council 7273 will be having a pot roast dinner.

Date: April 12

Time: 4 p.m. to 6:30

Place: St. Augustine's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$10; Children under 12, \$5

Features: Take-outs available

QUILT CLASS

Ellenburg Center – The Lost Sheep Quilt Shop will have a quilt class.

Date: April 12

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

Place: Our Lady of the Adirondacks

Cost: \$25 (includes all instructions needed to complete the project)

Features: Quilt entitled Strip Off uses a jelly roll and sashing fabric.

Contact: Register at thelostsheepquiltshop@gmail.com or call 518-594-3253.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

West Chazy – There will be an all you can eat pancake breakfast hosted by St. Joseph's Men's Club.

Date: April 13

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Place: St. Joseph's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$6.50; Children 6-10, \$3; under 5, Free

Features: Pancakes, real North Country maple syrup, ham, scrambled eggs, sausage, home fries, 50/50 Raffle.

IGNATIAN RETREAT

Ellenburg Center – An Ignatian Retreat, Discernment of Spirits to be held.

Date: May 3 beginning at 10 a.m. to

May 4 ending at 5 p.m.

Place: Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer

Cost: Suggested donation for the weekend is \$60. Overnight guests add \$50.

Features: Father Jack Downs will be the Retreat Director. This time of prayer and learning will be based on St. Ignatius of Loyola's Rules for Discernment, covering 14 rules.

Contact: Register for the retreat by April 28 by emailing olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or call 518-594-3253. Rooms available for overnight guests on a first come basis.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Plattsburgh – 40 Days for Life will be held nationwide in 251 locations and 11 countries including Plattsburgh

Date: March 5 to April 13

Features: 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood of the North Country New York, 66 Brinkerhoff S **Contact:** Nancy Monette, Plattsburgh 40 Days for Life Outreach Coordinator At 518-561-8225 or go to www.40daysforlife.com/plattsburgh

LENTEN ADORATION

Plattsburgh – St. Peter's Church will offer weekday adoration during Lent.

Schedule: Beginning Ash Wednesday after the noon daily Mass and end with Benediction at 7 p.m. on Wednesday of Holy Week. Tues, Wed, Thurs, & Fri after 7 a.m. Mass to 7 p.m. Mon, after 7 a.m.

Mass to 9 p.m.

Contact: To sign up for adoration, call the rectory at 563-1692 or stop in the Chapel anytime during adoration hours.

HEALING MINISTRY

Morrisonville – The Catholic Community of St. Alexander's and St. Joseph's announces the addition of Living Waters Healing Ministry to the Parish.

Date: First Thursday each month

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: St. Alexander's Church

Features: Healing Mass, Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and an opportunity to receive individual prayer.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

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

Theme: "There is no doubt that a flood of graces will descend upon your family and the world if more souls would become docile pupils of adoration." (Pope John XXIII)

Contact: call 518-561-5083 or email Sjohnsadoration@aol.com

FRANKLIN

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Malone – Divine Mercy Sunday to be celebrated.

Date: April 27

Schedule: 11 a.m. Mass at Notre Dame; Noon to 3 p.m. Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for individual adoration. Confessions will be heard beginning at 1 p.m. and continue up until 2:50 p.m. At 3 p.m. Devotions for Divine Mercy Sunday will begin. The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be sung and there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Contact: For additional information please contact Fr. Joseph Giroux, at the Malone Catholic Parishes Office, (518) 483-1300.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

Brushton – St. Mary's will be having a breakfast buffet.

Date: April 13

Time: 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$8; Seniors, \$7; Children 6-12, \$4; 5 and under, free; Immediate Family of 5 or more, \$25

Features: Take-outs available. Sponsored by St. Mary's Catholic Church events committee.

K OF C PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Chateaugay – There will be a Pancake Breakfast.

Date: April 13

Time: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Place: Knights of Columbus Hall

Cost: Adults \$7, Kids 6-12 \$3.50, 5 and Under FREE.

Menu: Eggs to order, Pancakes, New Maple Syrup, Homemade toasted bread, home fries, ham and sausage

LATIN MASS

Constable – A Tridentine (Latin) Mass is celebrated each Friday with Fr. Howard Venette as the celebrant.

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: St. Francis of Assisi Church

JEFFERSON

GOOD FRIDAY WALK

Watertown – A Good Friday Walk is to be held.

Date: April 18

Time: 8:55 a.m.

Place: Beginning at St. Patrick's Church

Features: "Carrying of the Cross Walk" takes approximately two hours.

FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS

Clayton – The Franciscan Mystery Players of St. Mary's and St. John's churches present "the Way of the Cross," a dramatic multi-media presentation of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Date: April 11

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

Contact: 315-686-3398

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Watertown – There will be an Ecumenical Bereavement meeting.

Date: April 28

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Sisters of St. Joseph Mother House

Speaker: James Monaco LCSW, who has a private practice in Watertown. His topic will be "A Counselor's Perspective on Grief".

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Watertown – St. Anthony's Altar Rosary Church will be having Spaghetti Supper.

Date: April 24

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7

Place: Msgr. Sechi Hall

Cost: Adults, \$8; children \$4.50; under 3, free; sauce, \$5 per quart meatballs are \$.75

Features: Take-out orders begin at 4 p.m. Please bring your own containers

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Lent to Easter in the Mission lands

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

I am most grateful for your Lenten sacrifice which is such a blessing to the Church as it serves the poor of the Missions.

Throughout the world, day after day, we find suffering of all kinds – devastation wrought by natural disasters and political unrest. The media reminds us daily of profound hunger, poverty, illness, disease, war and violence. There is also the suffering that comes from not knowing of the great love of our Lord.

Journey with us this Lent – and with the priests, religious and laity in the Missions who are spreading the Catholic faith and caring for God's people in a world of need! In the Missions, local priests, Religious Sisters, Brothers and lay catechists reach out to the suffering in Jesus' name, offering them His love and His message of hope. They remind them that God does not abandon us, helping them to experience in their "Good Friday" world, the hope and joy of Easter Sunday. Christ wants all of us to welcome the light of truth by entrusting ourselves to His message of hope. If we allow God's grace to open our eyes and hearts, we will know His love and mercy. Let us emulate that man whom Jesus healed by offering our fidelity to Christ today and always.

By your prayers, and your gifts to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, you accompany those who bring this Good News to the poor and suffering. As I ask your continuing prayers for our mission family, know that you and those you love remain in my prayers.

May the Lord bestow upon you an abundance of blessings this Easter Season.

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OBITUARIES

Alexandria Bay - Anne C. (Franklin) Kearns, 87; Funeral Services April 3, 2014 at Costello Funeral Home.

Au Sable Forks - Vernon J. Yando, 83; Funeral Services April 3, 2014 at Holy Name Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Cadyville - Wilfred C. Carter Jr., 79; Funeral Services April 3, 2014 at St. James Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Cape Vincent - Patricia Ann Kullertz, 80; Funeral Services April 2, 2014 at St. Vincent of Paul Church; burial in St. Vincent of Paul Cemetery.

Carthage - Ronald J. Grover, 73; Funeral Services April 3, 2014 at the Bezanilla-McGraw Funeral Home; burial in St. James Cemetery.

Chateaugay - Thomas T. Broadie, 69; Memorial Services April 6, 2014 at the Chateaugay Funeral Home.

Chazy - Dorothy (Akey) LaDue, 96; Funeral Services April 3, 2014 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Constable - Gerald "Jerry" Alexander Fleury, 91; Funeral Services April 5, 2014 at St. Francis of Assisi Church; burial in St. Francis Cemetery.

Constable - Inez (Gallagher) Fleury, 84; Funeral Services March 31, 2014 at St. Francis of Assisi Church; burial in St. Francis Cemetery.

Fort Covington - Gladys Martin, 100; Funeral Services April 2, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Hogansburg - Solomon Cook; Funeral

Services April 4, 2014 at St. Regis Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Akwesasne.

Hogansburg - Craig "Pete" Mitchell, 54; Funeral Services April 3, 2014 at St. Regis Church.

Keeseville - William "Al" Robarge, 63; Funeral Services April 5, 2014 at St. John's Church; burial in Evergreen Cemetery.

Lyon Mountain - Sally Siskavich, 74; Funeral Services April 8, 2014 at St. Bernard's Church.

Malone - Marie H. (St. Ann) Fitzpatrick, 88; Funeral Services April 1, 2014 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Malone - Amy M. (Gionet) Monette, 53; Funeral Services March 31, 2014 at Notre Dame Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Brushton.

Massena - Lynn E. Backus, 73; Funeral Services April 3, 2014 at Donaldson Funeral Home.

Mooers - Barbara (Myatt) Wood, 80; Funeral Services April 1, 2014 at the Ross Funeral Home.

Mooers Forks - Joann Sharon Stone, 71; Funeral Services April 2, 2014 at St. Ann's Church; burial in St. Ann's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg - Lucille Perkins, 87; Funeral Services April 1, 2014 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Ogdensburg - James H. Petell, 79; Funeral Services April 5, 2014 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg - Sally T. (White) Sanders, 63; Funeral Services April 5, 2014 at Fox & Murray Funeral Home; burial in Hillcrest Cemetery, Heuvelton.

Peru - Verla D. (Denecal) Weeks, 100; Funeral Services March 31, 2014 at the Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in St. Augustine's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh - Carl F. Darrah, 87; Funeral Services April 3, 2014 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh - Raymond Leonard Favreau, 93; Funeral Services April 28, 2014 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Mooers.

Plattsburgh - Gary "Goose" Gagnon, 62; Funeral Services April 2, 2014 at Our Lady of Victory Church.

Port Henry - Lloyd J. Boyea Sr., 66; Funeral Services March 31, 2014 at St. Patrick's Church.

Potsdam - George O. Hewlett, 83; Memorial Services March 31, 2014 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Tupper Lake - Richard Bernard Poulin, 89; Funeral Services April 1, 2014 at St. Alphonsus Church.

Tupper Lake - Florence (LaBelle) Stone, 96; Funeral Services March 29, 2014 at Holy Name Church; burial in St. Alphonsus Cemetery.

Wilmington - Andrew S. Reed, 41; Funeral Services April 4, 2014 at St. Margaret's Church.

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Watertown – Our Lady of the Sacred Heart parish will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday.

Novena: the Divine Mercy novena will begin Good Friday by praying the chaplet; April 27 at 3 p.m.

Schedule: Divine Mercy Sunday is April 18, (the day that Blessed John XXIII and Blessed John Paul II Will be canonized). Celebration begins at 3 p.m.,

Program: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Singing of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, special prayers for Healing your family tree, Blessing of the Divine Mercy image (you may bring your own Divine Mercy picture to be blessed) and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Contact: Call Judy at 315-783-7349 or 315-788-2388, or visit www.thedivine-mercy.org.

LIFERIGHT MEETING

Watertown - Liferight of Watertown meets third Wednesday of the Month.

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: 312 Sherman St.

Features: The office has materials on infanticide, assisted suicide, euthanasia and chastity.

Contact: Phone 315-788-8480; website: www.liferight.org.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Watertown - Holy Family Church is holding holy hours of Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

Schedule: Monday through Friday following the 9 a.m. Mass at Holy Family Church (9:30 - 10:30 a.m.),

LEWIS

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Houseville - The Feast of The Divine Mercy is scheduled to be celebrated.

Date: April 27

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Schedule: Reconciliation will begin at 2 p.m. and a Divine Mercy movie, Ocean of Mercy-Three Lives-One Vision-No Limits, will be shown in the church hall at 2 p.m. At 3 p.m., the Divine Mercy Celebration program will include: Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image, Exposition of

the Most Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Homily and Benediction.

Features: The Rev. David DeLuca, MSC, a Missionary of the Sacred Heart, Watertown, will be the Guest Celebrant. A reception will follow in the church hall.

Contact: For more information contact 348-6260, or 377-3111.

ST. LAWRENCE

LASAGNA DINNER

Lisbon – SS Philip & James Church will be sponsoring a Lasagna Dinner.

Date: April 10

Time: 4 p.m. to 7

Place: American Legion Hall

Cost: Adults, \$8; Seniors (60+) \$6; Children (Under 12) \$6; Parents and 3 or more of their children under 12, \$25
Features: Take-outs available. Large orders call 393-2090 after 2 p.m.

Features: Processed will benefit scholarships to Camp Guggenheim. Lasagna prepared by the Culinary Arts Class – Northwest Tech. Boces.

FISH DINNER

Star Lake – St. Hubert's Church will be having fish dinners Fridays during Lent.

Time: 5 p.m.

Cost: Adults, \$10; Children under 10, \$5

Features: Deep Fried or Oven Baked.

Homemade desserts. Take-outs available by calling 848-3612

FISH & SHRIMP FRY

Gouverneur – There will be a Fish & Shrimp Fry every Friday during lent.

Date: March 7 to April 18

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

Place: St. James School

Cost: Adults, \$10; Children 12 and under, \$5; under 5, Free

Features: Take-outs available, phone ahead for faster service and deliveries 287-0130.

LENTEN PROGRAM

Norfolk – The Catholic Parishes of Norfolk, Norwood & Raymondville are holding a Lenten program.

Schedule: Tuesday mornings: April 1, 8 Starting with 9 a.m. Mass, presentation and ending around 11:30 a.m.

OR: Thursday Evenings: April 3, 10 start-

ing with 5:30 p.m. Mass, presentation and ending around 8 p.m.

Place: Church of the Visitation

Features: Lenten program will be based on the spirituality of Matthew Kelly.

K OF C BRUNCH

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

Date: April 13

Time: 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Place: Visitation Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$7; Children under 12, \$4; Under 5, Free; Family, \$18; Take-outs

DINNER AND SHOW

Ogdensburg - Notre Dame Altar & Rosary is sponsoring a bus trip to the Syracuse Oncenter.

Date: June 4

Cost: \$120 per person (includes show ticket, bus fare, and dinner at Spaghetti Warehouse restaurant.)

Features: Performance of Million Dollar Quartet. at 7:30 p.m.. Inspired by the electrifying true story of the famed recording session that brought together rock 'n' roll icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins.

Contact: Call Cherie @393-5050 or 393-7158 or Joyce @528-1819.

COMMUNITY FREE LUNCH

Ogdensburg – The Knights of Columbus Council 258 is starting its community free lunch program again.

Date: Every Wednesday

Time: Noon

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Massena – St. Mary's & St. Joseph's hold Benediction and Adoration every Friday morning.

Time: 9 a.m. to 10

Place: St. Mary's Family Room

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

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

Date: Thursday before the First Friday

Time: 7 p.m. concluding with Benediction at 8 p.m.

Place: Deacon Winter Chapel

5KWALK/RUN

Massena - The 2nd Annual Glory in our Hearts 5K Walk/Run to Remember will bring together walkers and runners, for a heart healthy fundraiser to support the 2014 outreach activities of the Glory in our Hearts Foundation.

Date: May 3

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Robert Moses State Park Picnic

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| APRIL 14 | ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST | OTTSVILLE, PA | 8:00 P.M. |
| APRIL 15 | NATIVITY OF OUR LORD | MONROE TOWNSHIP, NJ | 8:00 P.M. |
| APRIL 16 | ST. ROSE OF LIMA | NEWTOWN, CT | 8:00 P.M. |
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BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Massena – Sacred Heart/St. Lawrence holds a Bereavement Support Group last Tuesday of each month.

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: Sacred Heart Convent

Features: A gathering of those who have had a recent loss of a loved one.

Contact: 315-769-3137

NOVENA FOR MILITARY

Ogdensburg - Notre Dame Church is holding a Weekly novena for the safety of U.S. military personnel at a new time.

Date: Tuesday afternoons

Time: 1:30 p.m.

LATIN MASS

Potsdam – A Tridentine (Latin) Mass is celebrated each Sunday

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

DIOCESAN EVENTS

DIRECTED RETREAT

Ogdensburg – The annual summer directed retreat has been planned

Date: June 15-21

Place: Wadhams Hall Retreat Center

Directors: Rev. Roger McGuinness, Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ; Sr. Marlene Butler, G.N.S.H.

Features: The directed retreat is offered in an atmosphere of silence, while giving the opportunity for daily one-on-one meeting with a spiritual director, and Mass each day.

Contact: (315) 393-4231 or email inquiry@wadham.edu

WOMEN OF GRACE RETREAT

Ogdensburg – Women of Grace Retreat to be held again for a spirit filled weekend retreat.

Date: June 27-29

Place: Wadhams Hall

Speaker: Johnnette Benkovic, of Living His Life Abundantly

Features: The weekend will be filled with the celebration of the Eucharist, Adoration, prayer, talks, music, and sacred sisterhood. The theme of the retreat is To Jesus Through Mary... "For Such A Time As This..." (Esther 4:14). Throughout this weekend, Johnnette will unfold the truths of authentic femininity leaving a lasting imprint on minds, hearts, and souls

Contact: Mary Dillenback at marydillenback@twcny.rr.com or call 315-771-1377.

CHRISM MASS

Ogdensburg - Bishop LaValley will preside at the annual diocesan Chrism Mass.

Date: April 9

Time: 11 a.m.

Place: St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: In addition to the blessing of oils, the Bishop will announce the diocesan vision, priorities and goals for the next five years.

2014 YOUTH RALLY

Watertown – 2014 Youth Rally to feature Kelly Colangelo and Ryan Grant.

Date: April 26

Place: Immaculate Heart Central Jr. Sr. High School


Cost: \$25 includes lunch, snacks., gift
Features: Grades 6-12 and liturgy with Bishop LaValley

Contact: your parish for a registration form or call the Youth Office at 315-393-2920 ext. 1411. www.rcdony.org/youth

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