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As the new church year begins during this first week of Advent, Bishop Terry R. LaValley opened the year 2011 with the theme, The Church: A Family of Faith.

St. Joseph Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, diocesan director of evangelization, will oversee programs in the

coming months, to celebrate the Family of Faith in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

"The Church is a family of faith united together in and with Jesus Christ to praise His name," she said. "We gather around the altar of sacrifice where the Eucharist unites us as the Body of

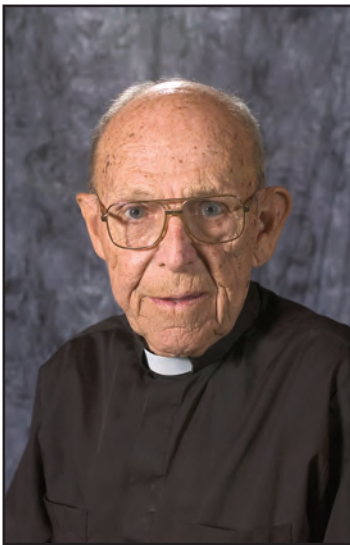
Christ to give Him glory and to worship Him as a community of believers. We are the people of God who are sent forth to carry on the mission of Jesus Christ to preach and to live the Gospel message. We build up the Body of Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit to act with justice,

to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with our God."

Bishop LaValley also reflects on the domestic family in this week's *NCC* with the first in a four-part series "Family: Become What You Are." The first installment focuses on families as communities of love.

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PHOTO BY GAYLE FRANK

Richard Christy of Canton blesses his daughters, Faith, Lizzie and Maggie during Family Guggenheim earlier this year. This week, *The North Country Catholic* begins a special Advent series on Catholic family life adapted from a presentation which Bishop Lavalley made at a Family Life Forum in Carthage. See page 3.

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WITH A FOREWORD BY GEORGE WEIGEL



This is the cover of "Light of the World: The Pope, the Church, and the Sign of the Times" by Pope Benedict XVI. Pope Benedict XVI's book-length interview sparked global attention, and not only for his comments suggesting that condom use might be acceptable in some circumstances. In the 219-page book, the German pontiff spoke candidly on the clerical sex abuse scandal, relations with Islam, papal resignation and the "threatening catastrophe" facing humanity. The wide-ranging interview was conducted by German writer Peter Seewald, who posed questions in six one-hour sessions last summer.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

‘I love my family’

Thanksgiving isn't Thanksgiving in our family without some pick-up basketball games, a jigsaw puzzle and – most importantly – Grandma's apple pie.

We can also usually count on a poignant moment or two.

This year, 28 members of three generations gathered at my baby sister's home for a couple of hours or a couple of days.

The signature moment of the weekend, though, took only a couple of seconds.

Just before we filled our plates, the family formed a large and winding circle around the turkey/trimmings-laden kitchen island.

We joined hands and began the familiar, perfect prayer "Bless us O Lord and these thy gifts..."

After the "amen," barely audible words came from one of our 20-something nephews – "I love my family."

If one of us oldsters had said them, the four words would have been welcome but unsurprising.

Coming from Nicholas, they were a natural continuation of the prayer.

What a perfect way to express our gratitude for God's great generosity in giving us each other.

Certainly the joy of our family

celebration was matched in homes all across the North Country last week.

For most of us, this spotlight on our families will continue through the month of December as we shop and cook and celebrate.

The *North Country Catholic* will be all about families, too, as we move through the weeks of Advent. Beginning in this issue, we will present a four-part series "Family: Become What You Are," written by Bishop LaValley. The reflections are adapted from a presenta-

tion the bishop gave at a Family Life Forum held Oct. 30 in Carthage.

I heard such a positive reaction to the bishop's message that I asked him to share it with the newspaper. My initial plan was to condense it into a single "Follow Me" column but then I read his words and knew they should *all* be read by every single Catholic family in the diocese.

Bishop LaValley reminds us that the mission of the family in today's world is the "mission of love" which must be "guarded, revealed and communicated."

Wouldn't it be great if everyone could say, with conviction, "I love my family - can't you tell!?"



Mary Lou
Kilian

Church: A Family of Faith

By Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSI

Director of Evangelization

Bishop Terry R. LaValley has opened the year 2011 with the theme, *The Church: A Family of Faith*. The Church is a family of faith united together in and with Jesus Christ to praise His name. We gather around the altar of sacrifice where the Eucharist unites us as the Body of Christ to give Him glory and to worship Him as a community of believers. We are the people of God who are sent forth to carry on the mission of Jesus Christ to preach and to live the Gospel message. We build up the Body of Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit to act with justice, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with our God.

The Church is a herald of the Good News announcing that the kingdom of God is among us. The Church is holy because its members are holy; and unites the family of faith together as one with Jesus Christ as its head. As a family of faith our Baptism calls us to be holy. Holiness is the living union with God and sharing His love in right relationship with others. To be holy is a daily process of conversion and reconciliation. Mary, the Mother of God is the model of the Church. She is a sign of hope for the future of the Church. "She stands out among the poor and humble of the Lord, as one who confidently hopes for and receives salvation from Him" (Lumen Gentium Ch. 8 #55). St. Ambrose taught that the Mother of God is a model of the Church in the order of faith, charity, and perfect union with Christ. . . the Mother of Jesus in the glory which she possesses in body and soul in heaven is the image and beginning of the Church as it is to be perfected in the world to come. . . a sign of certain hope and comfort to the pilgrim People of God" (Lumen Genitum #68).

On the First Sunday of Advent, the Gospel readings for Sunday Liturgy will be on the Gospel of Matthew. The Gospel of Matthew is often called "the Gospel of the Church" because of Christ's promise to be with His Church community until the end of time. "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Mt. 18:20). Throughout the year, there will be a variety of ways that the Church of Ogdensburg will celebrate what it means to be a Church, A Family of Faith. This is an exciting time to be a family member of the Church as it experiences some changes in the Roman Missal that will enhance our celebration of the Mass.

The Office of Evangelization will have as its focus the theme: Church Community in Action. As part of the Diocesan plan to prepare the parishes for the changes in the Roman Missal, the Office of Evangelization is planning two workshops for all the Deaneries focusing on Church as a family of faith as remote preparation for these changes. The first workshop called "Being A Part of a Church: A Family of Faith," with emphasis on the Gospel of Matthew, will be presented during the week of February 20-28, 2011. During the six weeks of Lent, parishes are encouraged to form small communities of faith sharing around the Sunday readings, e.g. the use of Lenten Longings, Cycle A from RENEW International. Rev. Douglas Lucia, Director of Department of Worship, will be recommending Eucharistic readings for reflection and resources for parishes in preparation for these changes. The second workshop called "What Does It Mean to Be an Evangelizing Parish Family" will be offered during the week of April 2-9, 2011. These workshops are open to all members of the parish, especially to the Pastor, Evangelization Team, Parish Council Members, Deacons, Family Life Ministers, Coordinator/Facilitators of Small Community Faith Sharing Groups, and other Leaders of Parish Ministries.

For the immediate preparation for the changes in the Roman Missal, parishes will be encouraged to use *Lifting Up Our Hearts* for their small community faith-sharing groups. The Department of Worship will be planning regional days of retreat for the parishes in September and October.

As we enter into the season of Advent, let us prepare our hearts for the two-fold meaning of Advent: 1) the remembrance of God's gift of His Son, the Incarnate Word, coming among us, and 2) to look forward to Jesus' return at the end of time called the Parousia. As a family of faith, we utter the same cry: "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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FOLLOW ME

Family: Become What You Are

Three men sat hopefully and expectantly in the hospital waiting room. A nurse from the maternity wing entered the room. She said to the first man, "Congratulations! You're the father of twins." "That's great! What a wonderful coincidence--I'm a member of the Minnesota Twins baseball team."

PART ONE: Families are... Communities of Love

Then the nurse addressed the second man: "Congratulations! You're the father of triplets." "WOW!" said the new father, "another wonderful coincidence. I work for the 3M Company."

The third man jumped to his feet, "I'm outta here! I work for 7UP."

Life is like that. The actual occurrence never seems to match our expectations. Sometimes we get more, sometimes we get less than we had expected or hoped. But, as a people of faith and hope, we know that it is beyond our human power to put limits on what to expect from God. "No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love Him." (1Cor.2:9)

I chose to begin my presentation with this Scripture passage as a reminder for all of us. Sometimes we can get so darned discouraged. Certain things haven't turned out the way we expected or had hoped. Maybe our dreams of long ago are now clearly off the radar screen. Or, perhaps we are experiencing some pretty stormy weather in our relationship with our spouse, our children, or maybe even with our Church. Maybe, we are just plain scared or anxious about the future—getting or keeping a good job, health concerns, anxieties about our children as they grow through these difficult times. We look around us and wonder what's happening to our families. Again, remember what we just heard St. Paul tell the people of Corinth: "No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love Him." So, it's all



PHOTOS BY GAYLE FRANK

Bishop Terry R. LaValley offered a message on family life during an Oct. 30 Family Life Forum in Carthage. The presentation has been adapted for publication in the *North Country Catholic* and will appear in four installments during the month of December. Weeks one and two will focus on "families as 'communities of love;'" week three, families as "communities of holiness" and week four, families as "communities to treasure." Shown at right are members of the Cruz family of Fort Drum, Landon, Janette and Adilen, whose father is serving in Afghanistan. They were among more than 200 participants at the Family Life Forum.



about love isn't it?

To answer the question: "What is the mission of the family in today's world and in the Church, the answer, quite simply is *the mission of love*. Parents translate for each other and for their children Christ's love—a forgiving and unconditional love. The family finds in the plan of God not only its identity, but also its mission, what it can and should do. So, in order for the family to become what it is, it must be about its mission of love.

The title for this opening presentation - Family, Become What You Are - is taken from Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Exhortation, entitled, "On the Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World," written back in 1981. He said each family finds within itself a summons that cannot be ignored and specifies both the family's dignity and its responsibility.

The family has the mission to guard, reveal and communicate love. This love is a living reflection of and a real sharing in God's love for humanity and the love of Christ the Lord for the Church, His bride. In this reflection, and in the next three issues of the *NCC*, I would like to explore with you three essential elements that families must recognize and embrace if they are to accomplish their mission to "Become What They Are." Families are: 1) communities of love; 2) communities of holiness; and 3) communities to treasure.

Family is about relationships. Remember we are made in the image

and likeness of our God. Our One God is Trinity, a community of love: the love relationship of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Therefore, made in the divine image, we are defined by and called to relationships of love.

More often than not, when someone asks, "Who are you?" we respond by identifying ourselves by relationships that we have. *I am the daughter or son of... sister of... friend of...* Or we identify ourselves in relation to our workplace: *I work at or I work with...* Or we identify ourselves in relation to a place... *I come from or I was born in...*

All these responses set a relational context that help identify ourselves. We never stand alone. For a Christian: I am a child of God, the Father who created me, the Son who redeemed me, and the Holy Spirit who empowered me. Blessed Mary is our mother, as is the Church, the people of God. The saints are our brothers and sisters. Then we add our unique biographical details: "In addition, I am the son of Ronald and Doris LaValley. I have two brothers and three sisters, nieces, nephews, cousins, etc."

The divine family of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and the human family are what define us first and foremost. Your goal and mine is union, an intimate relationship with the Triune God and with others in God. That is why God created you and me--to be one with each other.

I join those who make the observation that as society became more affluent, the sense of relationship,

the need for one another seemed less urgent. Haven't we seen a certain shift in our culture after World War II, a subtle shift in the definition of self? There has been a move from a relational definition of the self to a definition that looks inside the person as an individual, to the wants of the individual. One almost gets the sense that society today suggests that you are, most importantly, an inner self with inner desires, an isolated person. The Gospel, on the other hand, suggests you are first and foremost a member of the divine family. Our secular culture believes you are just an individual. Our religious faith starts with the belief you are a family member. The first is lonely. The second is a matter of belonging, granted with all the messiness that comes with it.

Our children need to experience relationships, connectedness with people, and not just the connection we make with our i-phones and all the other wonderful communications gadgetry available today.

Connectness means presence—real, live physical presence to each other. It means paying attention—eye contact, physical touch, active listening.

Every family member having his or her own TV and computer in the bedroom, although good in of itself, does nothing to build family or strengthen relationships between family members. It certainly does not help our children learn social skills or experience sacrifice.

In our past, our moral lives had external rules, but now there seems to be only internal authority, not external authority. What's important is me. It's all about me. If it's right for me, it's ok. If it's right for you, that's all right. Many do not accept the absolutes, the moral standards that trump individual desires. Many deny that moral absolutes exist for the common good. It's only the individual that counts.

Our task now, for ourselves and our children, is to recover—or rediscover, the incarnational and redemptive Christian view, where relationships take precedence over our inner selves and where one looks outside of oneself to find meaning and fulfillment. Isn't that the definition of love--outward looking instead of navel gazing?

Continued in next week's NCC.

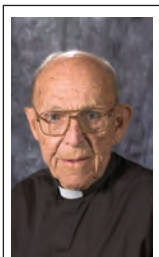
Funeral held Nov. 29 for Father James F. Lamitie, 83

MALONE - A Mass of Christian Burial for Father James F. Lamitie, 83, was held Nov. 29 at Notre Dame Church with Bishop Terry R. LaValley officiating.

His brother, Father Robert Lamitie of Saranac Lake served as homilist.

Father Lamitie died Nov. 22 at the Adirondack Medical Center in Saranac Lake. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Father Lamitie was born Aug. 21, 1927 in Rutland, Vt., the son of Oliver and Flora Hamlin Lamitie. He was raised in Schenectady and Scotia, NY, attending St. Joseph's Academy in Schenectady and graduating in 1945. He later attended Siena College.



Father James F. Lamitie

In 1947 he entered Wadhams Hall and later, St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, MD in 1949.

He was ordained May 30, 1953, by the late Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart, a member of the first class to the new St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

His first assignment was to St. Michael's in Mohawk Hill, after his first Solemn Mass celebrated in St. Joseph's Church, Scotia, NY.

His other assignments as parochial vicar were at St. Bartholomew's, Old Forge, St. Brendan's, Keene, Our Lady of Victory, Plattsburgh, Assumption Church in Redford, St. Alphonsus, Tupper Lake, and St. John the Baptist, Kee-

seville.

During these years, Father Lamitie became certified to teach and taught in a number of area schools.

Later, in 1966, he was appointed pastor of St. Mary's in West Leyden. Following this, he served as pastor in St. Francis of Assisi Church in Constable, St. Mary's Church in Champlain, and St. Bartholomew's in Old Forge.

In 1992, he became chaplain in Franklin Correctional Facility in Malone. Following his retirement from corrections in 1997, Father Lamitie move to Florida working as a volunteer at St. Mary's Hospital in West Palm Beach during the winter and substituted for priests in the Diocese of Ogdensburg during the summer months.

Father Lamitie is survived by his brother, Father Robert Lamitie and several cousins.

A reflection on the life and ministry of Father Lamitie Will appear in the next issue of the *North Country Catholic*.

Local K of C council honored

ST. REGIS FALLS - St. Francis Regis Knights of Columbus Council 7321 of St. Ann's Parish is a Columbian Award winner for the 2009-2010 fraternal year.

The award is presented for excellence in the sponsorship of programs that members and their families serve the Catholic Church, local communities, families, pro-Life, youth, and its council members.

The announcement was made by the Knights of Columbus international headquarters in New Haven, Connecticut.

District Deputy Nicholas Haas presented the engraved plaque to Grand Knight Cory L. Haynes Oct. 21

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, president of the world's largest Roman Catholic lay international organization, in recognizing this local winning Council said, "Please accept my sincere congratulations on attaining this prestigious award. The dedication to the Order shown by your Council is seen in the high standard of excellence you have achieved. At the same time, I encourage you to carry forward this enthusiasm to meet the challenges

that will face the Knights of Columbus in the years ahead. May this award be a reminder and an inspiration to the members of your Council and parishes to continue to promote the ideals of Columbianism for the Good of the Roman Catholic Church, your community, and the Order."

In accepting the award Grand Knight Cory L. Haynes, head of the local Council, said, "Receiving this award is a humbling and noteworthy honor. We are pleased with this rare accomplishment, and invite Catholic men to join anytime our fraternal service organization, even if it is to help one hour per year."

St. Francis Regis Knights of Columbus Council 7321 serves the parishes of St. Ann's Church in St. Regis Falls, St. Peter's Oratory in Santa Clara, The Church of the Holy Cross in Hopkinton, St. Mary's Church in Brushton, and St. Augustine's Church in North Bangor.

Further information is available at www.kofc.org or from Grand Knight Cory L. Haynes, P.O. BOX 312, St. Regis Falls, NY 12980 at 518-856-9656.



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Mystery Players set Advent schedule

CLAYTON - The Franciscan Mystery Players group from St. Mary's Church will present "The Birth of Jesus: A Franciscan Christmas" at several sites during the season of Advent.

The schedule is shown below:

THE BIRTH OF JESUS A FRANCISCAN CHRISTMAS			
Date	Place		Time
December 5th	St Mary's Cathedral	Ogdensburg, N.Y.	6:00 PM
December 11th	St Joseph & St Patrick Church	Utica, N.Y.	6:00 PM
December 12th	St Peter's Church	Lowville, N.Y.	6:30 PM
December 17th	St Mary's Church	Clayton, N.Y.	6:30 PM
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RITE OF CANDIDACY



Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia, received Nicholas Newtown of Brasher Falls among 15 seminarians as a candidate for the Sacred Orders of Diaconate and Priesthood Nov. 4, at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook, Penn. The Rite of Admission to Candidacy is customarily celebrated during the seminarian's first year of graduate theological study at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. This ceremonial step allows for a better appreciation of the ministry, as well as affording each seminarian ample time for the next stage in priestly formation prior to ordination. Shown, from left, are Newtown, Cardinal Rigali and Father Shaun L. Mahoney, rector of the seminary.

TO WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



The seventh and eighth graders from St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga, recently travelled to The WILD Center in Tupper Lake. They took in the life science exhibits which included fish, porcupine, turtles and ducks. The highlight was the otter exhibit. Pictured from left to right are, back row, Milt Chellis, former seventh grade teacher; Brianna Veneto, Jake Mildon, Heather Ryan, Amanda Hurlburt, Taylor Suddard, Makayla Holt, and Rebekah Vosberg, current seventh grade teacher; front, Thomas Manley, Coby Harris, Brandon McKeown, Jacob Spaulding, Cody Stockwell, and Brendon Crowningshield.

IHC ESSAY CHAMPS



The Knights of Columbus Council No. 259, Watertown, recently presented awards to winners of the annual essay contest to students at Immaculate Heart Central Junior High School. The topic of this year's contest was "The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen in a Free Society." Pictured left to right are Sister James Marie, Immaculate Heart Central School, Junior High Principal, Megan Goss, first place winner, Korine Clark, second place winner and Kristen Stone, third place winner and Michael Deline, Grand Knight of the local council and Nicola Luciani, Council Co-Chairman of the Essay Contest. Co-Chairman James Fraser is not pictured.

FOCUS ON FAMILIES



PHOTO BY GAYLE FRANK

Among the more than 200 participants at the Family Forum Day Oct. 30 in Carthage were Vincent and Mona Paragon Watertown. The speakers included Franciscan Father Francis Pompei, who had led a parish retreat in the days leading up to the Forum; Deacon Gary and Gayle Frank, diocesan directors of the Family Life Office; and Bishop LaValley. Bishop LaValley's address, "Family, Become What You Are," is being printed in four installments in the *NCC*, beginning this week on page 3.

Rest in Peace

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

Dec. 1 – Rev. Charles Goulet, 1913; Rev. George J. Bouchard, 1967

Dec. 2 – Rev. Charles Desrosiers, 1944; Rev. Joseph A. R. Cote, 1969; Rev. Joseph Fortier, M.S.C., 1970

Dec. 3 – Rev. Michael O'Neil, 1899; Msgr. Walter Funcke, 1958

Dec. 4 – Msgr. James Mackey, V.G., 1883; Rev. Alexis D. Medeville, O.M.I., 1884; Rev. Albert Chevalier, O.M.I., 1948; Msgr. Joseph Patrick Heslin, 1962; Rev. Charles Flaherty, 1974

Dec. 5 – Rev. M. Hallahan, 1891; Most Rev. Edgar P. Wadhams, D.D., 1891

Dec. 6 – Rev. Edward F. O'Brien, 1936

Bishop LaValley's Schedule

Dec. 4 – 10:30 a.m., Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting at St. Alexander's Parish Center in Morrisonville.

Dec. 5 – 11 a.m., Mass for the "Blessing of the Brains" at the Newman Center in Plattsburgh; 3 p.m., Installation of Father Mark R. Reilly, as Pastor of St. Bernard's Church, Saranac Lake, St. John the Wilderness Church, Lake Clear, St. Paul's Church, Bloomingdale, and Church of the Assumption, Gabriels; Father John R. Yonkovic, as Pastor of St. Agnes Church, Lake Placid and St. Brendan's Church, Keene; and Father Douglas A. Decker, as Pastor of Holy Name Church, Tupper Lake and St. Alphonsus Church, Tupper Lake at St. Agnes Church in Lake Placid.

Dec. 7 – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Spratt Building in Ogdensburg.

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. Ongoing monthly training is required for all employees involved in activities with minors. Volunteers are strongly encouraged to continue their training. Further information is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 403.

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**A Message from
 Bishop Terry LaValley**



As your bishop, I receive expert assistance from our Diocesan Fiscal Officer, Michael Tooley, and his very capable staff in the managing of the Church's financial affairs. They continue to carefully safeguard all that has been entrusted to the local Church. In addition to the staff of the Diocesan Fiscal Office, I also wish to thank the members of the Diocesan Finance Council and the Diocesan Investment Committee for their invaluable counsel throughout the year.

I have been truly overwhelmed by all of your support as you have so warmly welcomed me as your new bishop. The members of our diocesan staff, such as those noted above, have made these weeks of transition for our diocese and for me so smooth. God bless you and your loved ones for such faithful stewardship and prayerful support!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Terry R. LaValley
 Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
 Bishop of Ogdensburg

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Each autumn, the Diocesan Fiscal Office provides you with a detailed statement indicating the financial condition of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. With that in mind, I am pleased to present for your review the audited financial report of the Diocese of Ogdensburg for the July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010 Fiscal Year.

As you study this report, you will quickly note the tremendous generosity of the faithful and the breadth of the Church's ministry to all who call the North Country home. It's no secret that we continue to live in difficult economic times, particularly here in northern New York. Yet, your generous spirit continues unabated. What a remarkable witness of faith!

The Diocesan Fiscal Office is pleased to present in the North Country Catholic the audited financial statements for the Central Administrative Offices of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg for the year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, as audited by the certified public accounting firm of Pinto, Mucenski, Hooper, Van House & Co., Certified Public Accountants, P.C.

The audited statements include the central diocesan offices and programs but do not include parishes, Catholic Charities, schools, cemeteries and institutions. The report is presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and the norms of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The audited financial statements are formatted in accordance with pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). Accordingly, all financial transactions have been recorded by net asset class as required by the pronouncements of the FASB.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 INCLUDE:

•The Independent Auditors Report (Opinion) that the diocese has received on its financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, is an unqualified opinion. This is the 14th consecutive year that the diocese has had an unqualified opinion expressed by its auditors.

The investments shown in the Statements of Financial Position have a market value of \$44,858,787 as of June 30, 2010. This amount consists of investment of funds for the following purposes:

1. Amounts owed to investors in Diocesan Trust Fund	\$15,328,774
2. Amounts owed to investors in Deposit & Loan Fund, net of loans receivable from borrowers in the Fund	\$11,134,987
3. Reserves for Charitable Gift Annuities.....	\$ 1,317,318
4. Reserves for Pending and Unreported Insurance Claims	\$ 767,563
5. Reserves for Priests' Retirement.....	\$ 8,146,903
6. Other Investments	\$ 8,163,242
Total	<u>\$ 44,858,787</u>

The market value of investments as of June 30, 2010 is \$3,723,906 higher as compared to one year earlier.

•The Statements of Financial Position shows the market value of assets restricted for support of the Lay Employees' Retirement Plan was \$20,885,877, which is \$934,244 higher than their value as of June 30, 2009. Even with positive investment performance in 2009-10 the Plan remains underfunded due to significant investment losses two years ago. The diocesan central office share of this unfunded liability as of June 30, 2010 is \$172,352, and is recorded as Accrued Pension Obligations.

•The Statement of Activities is presented in a format that presents the revenues, gains and other support as well as the expenses by unrestricted, board designated, temporarily restricted and permanently restricted.

•The expense section of the Statement of Activities reflects in the unrestricted column all expenses of the diocese.

•In the Statement of Activities, the Change in Net Assets shows the unrestricted fund operated at a gain of \$1,836,345 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. Temporarily restricted net assets had a gain of \$223,071 in 2009-10.

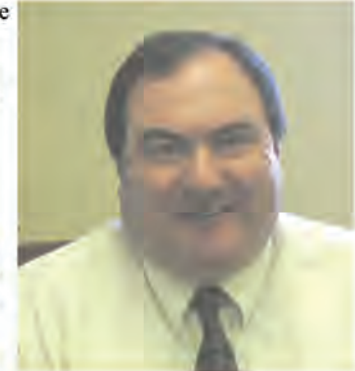
•Total revenues, gains and other support increased by \$4,019,572 when compared to the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. This is primarily due to investment performance. Total expenses decreased by \$642,967, primarily due to significantly lower claims experience in the diocese's Protected Self-Insurance Program (\$93,517 in 2009-10, \$544,570 in 2008-09; \$550,000 was budgeted).

•The Statements of Cash Flows shows cash flows from operating activities, investing activities and financing activities of the diocese had a decrease in cash and cash equivalents for the year ended June 30, 2010, in the amount of \$565,112.

•The Schedules of Functional Expenses provide a breakdown of the various categories of expenses shown on the statement of activities. These include pastoral, religious personnel development, education, social services, diocesan administration and auxiliary services.

•The notes to the financial statements represent additional information and are an integral part of the financial statements. A reading of the financial statements should include a thorough reading of the notes as the additional information provided is designed to prevent the reader from misinterpreting the financial statements or making incorrect conclusions or assumptions about the amounts shown in the financial statements. The audited financial statements are presented in their entirety in order to provide a complete accounting of the financial condition of the diocese and the results of its operations for the year ended June 30, 2010.

The Diocesan Fiscal Office is available to answer any questions that may arise as a result of a review of the audited financial statements for 2009-2010. Please feel free to call the Diocesan Fiscal Office at 315-393-2920 or visit the Fiscal Office in the Spratt Memorial Building at 604 Washington Street in Ogdensburg during normal office hours.



Michael J. Tooley

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 Diocesan Fiscal Officer

Central Administrative Offices of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg
2009-2010 Audited Financial Statements
Independent Auditor's Report



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
 Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of the Central Administrative Offices of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg as of June 30, 2010 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of Diocesan management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. The prior year summarized comparative information has been derived from the Diocese's 2009 financial statements and, in our report dated October 16, 2009, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Central Administrative Offices of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg as of June 30, 2010, and the changes in its net assets and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The Schedules of Program and Other Expenses on Pages 29 and 30 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Pinto Mucenski Hooper Van House & Co.
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October 25, 2010

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Central Administrative Offices of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg
2009-2010 Audited Financial Statements
Statements of Financial Position

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG		
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION, JUNE 30, 2010 AND 2009		
ASSETS	6/30/2010	6/30/2009
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,666,951	\$ 3,232,063
Accounts Receivable	395,435	356,134
Accrued Interest Receivable	197,786	203,337
Due from Lay Employees' Retirement Obligation	124,249	182,215
Inventories	18,520	8,218
Prepaid Expenses	75,575	91,155
Investments at Market	44,858,787	41,134,881
Other Investments	261,110	246,489
Loans Receivable - Ministry- Net of Loan Loss Reserve	332,256	401,660
Loans Receivable - Parishes and Affiliates - Net of Loan Loss Reserve	3,617,692	3,599,647
Property, Plant and Equipment - Net of Accumulated Depreciation	2,201,138	2,264,439
Restricted Assets	20,885,877	19,951,633
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 75,635,376	\$ 71,671,871
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 713,611	\$ 326,994
Accrued Compensation	94,308	87,282
Collections Payable	50,807	80,532
Deferred Revenue	454,965	394,129
Reserve for Insurance Claims	867,563	1,095,145
Deposits Payable	14,752,679	14,804,785
Diocesan Trust Fund	15,328,774	14,288,054
Charitable Gift Annuities Payable	1,801,852	2,014,793
Disaster Relief Funds Collected	9,452	14,452
Accrued Pension Obligation	172,352	172,352
Lay Employees' Retirement Obligations	20,885,877	19,951,633
Total Liabilities	\$ 55,132,240	\$ 53,230,151
NET ASSETS:		
Unrestricted:		
Undesignated	\$ 3,219,076	\$ 3,189,964
Designated	6,600,730	4,793,497
Total Unrestricted	\$ 9,819,806	\$ 7,983,461
Temporarily Restricted	9,441,343	9,218,272
Permanently Restricted	1,241,987	1,239,987
Total Net Assets	\$ 20,503,136	\$ 18,441,720
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 75,635,376	\$ 71,671,871

See notes to the financial statements and the auditors' report
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Central Administrative Offices of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg

2009-2010 Audited Financial Statements***Statements of Activities***

For the year ended June 30, 2010 with totals for 2009

	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	2010 TOTALS	2009 TOTALS
REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT:					
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 1,225,921	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,225,921	\$ 1,166,251
Contributions	1,274,899	429,359	-	1,704,258	1,817,826
Bequests	12,070	-	2,000	14,070	625,100
Contributed Services	267,194	-	-	267,194	236,931
Investment Income	804,217	309,031	-	1,113,248	1,119,273
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains and (Losses) on Investments	1,181,340	813,910	-	1,995,250	(2,617,397)
Grants	19,186	44,833	-	64,019	64,223
Management Fees	162,035	-	-	162,035	147,173
Other Revenue	390,045	-	-	390,045	531,800
Auxiliary Services	2,163,927	-	-	2,163,927	2,060,317
Gain or (Loss) on Disposal of Assets	7,950	-	-	7,950	(2,069)
Change in the Value of Charitable Gift Annuity	-	(72,324)	-	(72,324)	(133,407)
Net Assets Released from Restrictions: Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	1,301,738	(1,301,738)	-	-	-
Total Revenues, Gains, and Other Support	\$ 8,810,522	\$ 223,071	\$ 2,000	\$ 9,035,593	\$ 5,016,021
EXPENSES:					
Pastoral	\$ 550,198	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 550,198	\$ 551,500
Religious Personnel Development	1,626,426	-	-	1,626,426	1,573,335
Education	976,811	-	-	976,811	957,473
Social Services	274,636	-	-	274,636	348,343
Cemeteries	4,062	-	-	4,062	6,532
Diocesan Administration	1,437,944	-	-	1,437,944	1,471,859
Auxiliary Services	2,104,100	-	-	2,104,100	2,708,102
Total Expenses	\$ 6,974,177	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,974,177	\$ 7,617,144
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 1,836,345	\$ 223,071	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,061,416	\$ (2,601,123)
CHANGE IN FUNDED STATUS OF EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN	-	-	-	-	(172,352)
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	7,983,461	9,218,272	1,239,987	18,441,720	21,315,195
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT	-	-	-	-	-
TRANSFER TO THE FOUNDATION OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG	-	-	-	-	(100,000)
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 9,819,806	\$ 9,441,343	\$ 1,241,987	\$ 20,503,136	\$ 18,441,720

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Central Administrative Offices of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg
2009-2010 Audited Financial Statements
Statements of Cash Flow

	<u>6/30/2010</u>	<u>6/30/2009</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Change in Net Assets	\$ 2,061,416	\$ (2,601,123)
ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE CHANGES IN NET ASSETS TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Depreciation	107,618	120,484
Net Realized and Unrealized (Gains) Losses on Investments	(2,827,609)	5,760,445
(Gain) Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets	(7,950)	2,069
Change in the Value of Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA)	72,324	133,407
Decrease (Increase) In:		
Accounts and Loans Receivable	30,103	34,494
Accrued Interest Receivable	5,551	(9,807)
Due from Lay Employees' Retirement Obligations	57,966	259,665
Inventories	(10,302)	1,598
Prepaid Expenses	15,580	(78,874)
Increase (Decrease) In:		
Accounts Payable	386,617	(499)
Accrued Compensation	7,026	19,774
Deferred Revenue	60,836	(407)
Reserve for Insurance Claims	(227,582)	(143,339)
Other Liabilities	(34,725)	21,828
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>\$ (303,131)</u>	<u>\$ 3,519,715</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from Sale of Equipment	\$ 9,900	\$ 30,200
Purchase of Furnishings and Equipment	(46,267)	(85,366)
Net Change in:		
Restricted Assets	(934,244)	7,956,236
Investments	(910,918)	(997,028)
Loans Receivable - Parishes and Affiliates	(18,045)	796,984
Deposits Payable	(52,106)	1,599,018
Lay Employees' Retirement Trust	934,244	(7,956,236)
Diocesan Trust Fund	1,040,720	(3,724,248)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	<u>\$ 23,284</u>	<u>\$ (2,380,440)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from New Annuities	\$ 108,178	\$ 87,669
Transfers to the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg	-	(100,000)
Annuity Payments and Payoffs	(393,443)	(186,376)
Net Cash Used by Financing Activities	<u>\$ (285,265)</u>	<u>\$ (198,707)</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	<u>\$ (565,112)</u>	<u>\$ 940,568</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - Beginning of Year	<u>3,232,063</u>	<u>2,291,495</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 2,666,951</u>	<u>\$ 3,232,063</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW DISCLOSURES FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2010 AND 2009		
Cash Paid During the Year for:		
Interest	\$ 507,703	\$ 624,132

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Central Administrative Offices of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg
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Schedules of Program & Other Expenses

	6/30/2010	6/30/2009
PASTORAL:		
Respect Life	\$ 18,351	\$ 17,851
Pastoral Grants	74,445	74,613
Tribunal	107,962	116,275
Hospital Apostolate	14,255	12,736
Evangelization	87,291	97,681
Formation for Ministry	70,150	66,643
Department of Worship	49,221	45,874
Indian Apostolate	40,000	38,000
Missionary Projects of the Diocese	48,472	46,961
Guggenheim Center	38,228	33,422
Other Pastoral	1,823	1,444
Total Pastoral Expenses	<u>\$ 550,198</u>	<u>\$ 551,500</u>
RELIGION PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT:		
Priest and Pastoral Personnel	\$ 23,675	\$ 25,535
Vicar for Religious	21,449	22,672
Council of Women Religious	3,626	3,677
Vocations	26,552	29,795
Education of Priests and Seminarians	237,390	282,091
Care of Clergy	1,261,735	1,166,376
Council of Priests	3,028	3,070
Permanent Diaconate Formation Program/ Ordained Deacons	48,970	40,119
Total Religious Personnel Development Expenses	<u>\$ 1,626,425</u>	<u>\$ 1,573,335</u>
EDUCATION:		
Education Grants	\$ 197,078	\$ 195,355
Catholic Schools	297,133	253,804
Communications	7,690	12,935
Christian Formation	286,297	314,149
Family Life/ Natural Family Planning	103,312	94,653
Campus Ministry	85,301	86,577
Total Education Expenses	<u>\$ 976,811</u>	<u>\$ 957,473</u>
SOCIAL SERVICES:		
Social Service Grants and Donations	\$ 82,662	\$ 119,099
Catholic Youth Ministry	191,974	229,244
Total Social Services Expenses	<u>\$ 274,636</u>	<u>\$ 348,343</u>
DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATION:		
Diocesan Administration	\$ 424,451	\$ 407,427
Bishop's Residence	59,386	84,508
Planning	71,055	69,116
Spratt Memorial	384	2,084
Development Office	254,927	277,321
Diocesan Contribution to Foundation	-	60,000
Diocesan Fiscal Office	292,070	294,604
Catholic Charities Fiscal Office	70,227	70,677
Parish Services	82,589	79,617
Safe Environment	62,863	58,428
Information Technology	68,685	67,711
Archives	1,818	366
Installation of Bishop	49,488	-
Total Diocesan Administration Expenses	<u>\$ 1,437,943</u>	<u>\$ 1,471,859</u>
AUXILIARY SERVICES:		
Protected Self-Insurance Program	\$ 1,002,013	\$ 1,440,339
Disability Insurance	77,278	73,474
Unemployment Insurance	182,275	101,646
North Country Catholic	226,575	230,697
Diocesan Loan Fund	590,501	835,951
Annuity Payments	201	183
Charitable Gift Annuity Program	25,258	25,812
Total Auxiliary Services Expenses	<u>\$ 2,104,101</u>	<u>\$ 2,708,102</u>

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Central Administrative Offices of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg

2009-2010 Audited Financial Statements

Notes to the Financial Statements

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg (Diocese) was incorporated in 1945 to oversee the theological and financial affairs of the parishes and missions within the northern counties of New York State. The accompanying financial statements include the assets, liabilities, net assets and financial activities of the offices and departments directly under the control of the Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg.

The accompanying financial statements do not include the assets, liabilities, net assets and financial activities of certain entities which operate within the Diocese such as Catholic Charities, parishes, schools, cemeteries, etc. Each is an operating entity distinct from the Diocesan administrative offices.

Reverend Terry R. LaValley was ordained a Bishop and installed as the 14th Bishop of the Diocese of Ogdensburg on April 30, 2010.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A summary of the significant accounting policies consistently applied in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements are as follows:

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of support, revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with the audit and accounting guide for not-for-profit organizations issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The guide states that net assets and revenues, expenses, gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Diocese and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted Net Assets - net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions.

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets - net assets whose use has been limited by donors to specific time periods or purposes. When the donor restrictions expire, that is, when a stipulation ends or the purpose of the restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets as net assets released from restrictions.

Permanently Restricted Net Assets - net assets that are donated with stipulations that they be invested to provide a permanent source of income. Such restrictions can neither expire with the passage of time nor be removed by fulfillment of a stipulated purpose.

Designated Net Assets - Designated net assets represent internally imposed limitations on the use of unrestricted net assets and are, therefore, included in unrestricted net assets.

The Diocese recognizes contributions received as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support, depending upon the assets and/or the nature of any donor restrictions.

The financial statements include prior year summarized comparative information in total, but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Diocese financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2009 from which the summarized information was derived.

Contributions and Bequests

Contributions are generally available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Pledges not received at year end are deemed uncollectible and are not reflected in these financial statements.

Other contributions of cash and other assets are reported as temporarily restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the Statements of Activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Endowment contributions and investments are permanently restricted by the donor. Investments earnings available for distribution are recorded in temporarily restricted net assets until used for their designated purpose.

The Diocese's endowment consists of approximately 8 individual funds established for a variety of purposes. Its endowment includes donor restricted endowment funds. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, net assets associated with endowment funds are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor imposed restrictions.

The Board of Trustees of the Diocese has interpreted the current state law as requiring the preservation of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor restricted endowment funds, absent donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Diocese classifies as permanently restricted net assets the original value of the gift donated to the permanent endowment, the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment and accumulation of the permanent endowments made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument and/or the investment policies of the Diocese. If applicable, the remaining portion of the donor restricted endowment fund that is not classified in permanently restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets, until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Diocese.

The Diocese has adopted an investment policy for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment, while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets, including those assets of donor restricted funds that the Diocese must hold in perpetuity or for a donor specified period, as well as designated funds. The Diocese utilizes the results of Morningstar Short Term U.S. Fixed Income Universe, Wilshire 5000 Index, LB Aggregate Bond Index, and NCREIF Index to evaluate performance. The Diocese expects its endowment funds over time to provide a total rate of return equal to or exceeding any approved distribution rate. Actual returns in any given year may vary from this amount.

To satisfy its long-term rate of return objective, the Diocese relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). The Diocese targets a diversified assets allocation that places a greater emphasis on equity based investments to achieve its long-term objectives within prudent risk constraints.

Bequests are recorded as revenue at the time an unassailable right to the gift has been established and the proceeds are measurable.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purposes of cash flows, the Diocese considers all highly liquid unrestricted investments available for current use with an initial maturity of three months or less to be a cash equivalent.

The Diocese maintains cash deposits in bank accounts which may at times exceed the F.D.I.C. limit. The Diocese has not experienced any losses on such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risks on these cash and cash equivalents.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Management reviews the status of accounts receivable due from parishes and other related entities. If an account is determined to be uncollectible, it is written off. Therefore, all accounts in this category of receivable as outlined in Note 3 are considered to be fully collectible.

Loan Loss Reserve

Management also reviews the outstanding loans receivable. As a result of this review, a Loan Loss Reserve has been set up for loans whose repayments are doubtful (see Note 4 and 12).

Investments

Marketable securities are recorded at their fair value. Other investments as outlined in Note 5 are carried at cost or book value.

The Diocese invests in various types of marketable securities. These securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rates, market conditions and credit risks. Due to these risks, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in values could occur in the near term and such changes could materially affect the market values reported in the accompanying financial statements.

Central Administrative Offices of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg 2009-2010 Audited Financial Statements

Notes to the Financial Statements

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, interest receivable, investments, accounts payable, and accrued expenses approximate fair value. Fair values are estimated based on quoted market prices for same or similar issues.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market using the first-in, first-out method. Inventories consist of various religious items and publications related to the work of the Catholic Church.

Land, Building and Equipment

Land, buildings and equipment acquired before June 30, 1977 are reflected at their appraisal value as of June 30, 1977. All acquisitions subsequent to that date are reflected at cost.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

- Land Improvements 10 years
- Buildings and Improvements 10 – 40 years
- Furnishings and Equipment 5 – 15 years

Insurance Claims Reserve

The Diocese and participating entities are insured for certain risks associated with their operations. These self-insured programs are as follows:

- General Insurance - This program includes property and auto physical damage, general liability, workers compensation and sexual misconduct.
- New York State Disability Insurance.
- New York State Unemployment Insurance.

Each of the participating entities are assessed their portion of the estimated expense of these programs. The accompanying financial statements reflect claims currently payable and an estimated amount for incurred but not reported claims.

Contributed Services

The contributed services of clergy and religious who work for the Diocese have been recognized in the accompanying financial statements. The computation of the value of these services represents the difference between the compensation paid to religious personnel and the comparable compensation which would have been paid to lay persons if lay persons were to occupy these positions. No computation is made for positions which can be held only by religious personnel. For the years ending June 30, 2010 and 2009 the recognized value of these services were \$ 267,194 and \$ 236,931, respectively.

Income Taxes

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg qualifies as a tax exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and, therefore, has no provision for federal income taxes. The Diocese is also classified by the Internal Revenue Service as an entity that is not a private foundation.

Subsequent Events

The Diocese has reviewed and evaluated subsequent events from July 1, 2010 through October 25, 2010, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, for possible disclosure and, or, recognition in the financial statements. There were no events or transactions that existed which would provide additional pertinent information about conditions at the balance sheet date required to be recognized in the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable for the years ending June 30, 2010 and 2009 consists of the following:

	06/30/2010	06/30/2009
North Country Catholic,	\$ 5,206	\$ 16,042
Excess Insurance Carriers,	48,284	82,891
Due from Parishes and Other Diocesan Entities:		
Protected self-insurance premiums,	67,824	23,162
Health insurance premiums,	162,268	86,723
Parish assessments,	32,697	33,649
Catholic School financial support,	15,501	23,765
Other,	63,655	89,902
Total,	\$ 395,435	\$ 356,134

NOTE 4 - LOANS RECEIVABLE - MINISTRY

The Diocese provides financial assistance as needed to students attending Seminary College. Students receiving financial assistance sign a note guaranteeing repayment to the Diocese of one-half of the amount loaned. If a student leaves during the course of seminary study the student is responsible for repayment to the Diocese of the total amount of financial assistance. The indebtedness is to be payable monthly over 15 years, and the minimum monthly payment is \$ 75. If a student proceeds to theological studies, the terms of the Diocese's Major Seminary Tuition Policy will govern repayment of this indebtedness by the student.

The Diocese pays tuition, room and board for its students in Major Seminary. At time of payment the seminarian signs a note guaranteeing to repay the Diocese one-half of the amount loaned. A student leaving Major Seminary during the course of seminary study is expected to repay the Diocese one-half of the total amounts paid for his theological education. The indebtedness shall be paid over 15 years, and the minimum monthly payment will be \$ 75.

If a seminarian transfers to another diocese or religious community then the Diocese of Ogdensburg shall request of the diocese or community the seminarian is joining reimbursement of the total amount paid by the Diocese for his theological education.

If a student is ordained a priest the Diocese will begin the forgiveness of the entire amount of his debt in equal installments over 20 years. Should a priest leave active ministry he is expected to repay the Diocese one-half of the balance paid but not forgiven at the time of separation. Repayment must be completed within 15 years, and minimum monthly payments of \$ 75 are expected.

The loans receivable at June 30, 2010 and 2009 was \$ 443,008 and \$ 472,540, respectively. The loan loss reserve at June 30, 2010 and 2009 was \$ 110,757 and \$ 70,880, respectively.

Future maturities of the loans receivable for the year ending:

June 30,	
2011,	\$ 45,665
2012,	41,277
2013,	40,265
2014,	38,496
2015,	38,465
Thereafter,	<u>238,840</u>
	\$ 443,008

NOTE 5 - INVESTMENTS

Investments which are carried at fair value at June 30, 2010 and 2009 consist of the following:

	Cost	Market (Carrying Amount)
June 30, 2010:		
U.S. Government and Agency Obligations,	\$ 7,429,388	\$ 7,895,311
Stocks,	13,752,642	13,408,179
Mutual Funds,	12,575,616	12,755,565
Commonfund Realty,	78,578	78,578
Corporate Obligations,	5,032,277	5,200,980
Dimensional Fund Advisors,	990,750	771,710
The Investment Fund for Foundations,	<u>4,621,775</u>	<u>4,748,464</u>
Total,	\$ 44,481,026	\$ 44,858,787

Investment income consists of the following:

Interest and Dividends,	\$ 1,310,095
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments, ..	2,748,370
Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments,	836,779
Other Than Temporary Losses,	<u>(1,047,536)</u>
Total,	\$ 3,847,708

Included in the schedule above is other than temporary losses of \$ 1,047,536 which pertains to the Diocese's investment in Commonfund Realty Investors, LLC. The original investment was \$ 1,910,000 and this investment has been written down to \$ 78,578. The reasons for this impairment are as follows:

1. The U.S. institutional real estate market overall experienced an unprecedented collapse in asset values across virtually all sectors and markets.
2. The properties included in the above investment have not produced the cash flow necessary to keep interest payments and other expenses current.
3. At the time of the investment in these projects, trading was at historically high prices, resulting in a portfolio that lacked sufficient current income and cash flow just as real estate markets froze and bank lending evaporated.

The most recent third party appraisal of the individual fund properties was done as of December 31, 2009. Based upon all of the above factors, management believes that this is other than temporary impairment.

	Cost	Market (Carrying Amount)
June 30, 2009:		
U.S. Government and Agency Obligations,	\$ 10,266,733	\$ 10,544,430
Stocks,	15,264,728	13,915,949
Mutual Funds,	12,711,628	11,251,915
Commonfund Realty,	1,910,000	1,126,114
Corporate Obligations,	2,645,516	2,683,459
Dimensional Fund Advisors,	990,750	615,308
The Investment Fund for Foundations,	<u>880,376</u>	<u>997,706</u>
Total,	\$ 43,669,731	\$ 41,134,881

Investment income consists of the following:

Interest and Dividends,	\$ 1,234,968
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments, ..	(1,390,354)
Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments,	<u>(3,727,846)</u>
Total,	\$ (3,883,232)

Total expenses and fees for investment advisory services and custodial fees expenses are \$ 182,462 and \$ 117,739 for the years ending June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

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NOTE 6 - OTHER INVESTMENTS

At June 30, 2010 and 2009, other investments consisted of the following:

	06/30/2010	06/30/2009
The National Catholic Risk Retention Group (at cost),	\$ 132,248	\$ 132,248
The Bishop's Plan Insurance Company,	128,862	114,741
Total,	\$ 261,110	\$ 246,989

NOTE 7 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The fair value measurement accounting literature establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of fair value hierarchy are described below:

(a) *Level 1:* Quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical assets and liabilities. Level 1 includes fixed income and equity securities that are traded in an active exchange market, as well as U.S. Treasury securities.

(b) *Level 2:* Inputs, other than quoted prices in active markets, that are observable either directly or indirectly and fair value is determined through the use of models or other valuation methodologies. This category generally includes certain U.S. Government and agency obligations, fixed income securities and alternative investments.

(c) *Level 3:* Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the asset or liabilities. Level 3 assets and liabilities includes financial instruments whose value is determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques, as well as instruments for which the determination of fair value requires significant management judgment or estimation. This category generally includes private debt and equity instruments and alternative investments.

The following presents the Diocese's investments in fixed income securities, marketable equity securities, and mutual funds at June 30, 2010 that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis. Investments are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurements:

	Significant Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Investments:			
U.S. Government and Agency Obligations	\$ 7,895,311	\$ -	\$ -
Stocks	13,408,179	-	-
Mutual Fund	12,755,565	-	-
Corporate Obligations	5,200,980	-	-
Dimensional Fund Advisors	771,710	-	-
Common Fund Realty	-	78,578	-
The Investment Fund for Foundations	-	4,748,464	-
The National Catholic Risk Retention Group	-	-	132,248
The Bishop's Plan Insurance Company	-	-	128,862
Total	\$ 40,031,745	\$ 4,827,042	\$ 261,110
Assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3):			
July 1, 2009		\$ 246,489	
December 31, 2009		14,621	
Increase in member's surplus			
June 30, 2010		\$ 261,110	

NOTE 8 - LAND, BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT

Land, building and equipment as of June 30, 2010 and 2009 consist of the following:

	06/30/2010	06/30/2009
Land and Improvements,	\$ 909,568	\$ 909,568
Buildings and Improvements,	1,945,828	1,945,828
Furnishings and Equipment,	898,776	878,101
Accumulated Depreciation,	3,754,172	3,733,699
Property, Plant and Equipment - Net,	\$ 2,201,138	\$ 2,264,439

Depreciation charged to operations for the years ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 were \$ 107,618 and \$ 120,484, respectively.

NOTE 9 - GENERAL INSURANCE PLAN

The insurance Department of the Diocese manages a protected self-insurance program in conjunction with Arthur J. Gallagher and Co. and Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc. on behalf of the Diocese, parishes and other related entities of the Diocese. The protected self-insurance program consists of a combination of self-insurance retentions, participation in liability risk retention groups with other Dioceses, and the purchase of excess insurance coverage above the self-insured levels. Excess insurance coverage is provided by the purchase of various policies carried through Arthur J. Gallagher and Co.

NOTE 9 - GENERAL INSURANCE PLAN (Continued)

The schedule below summarizes the benefit structure for each line of coverage.

Coverage 2009-2010	Self-Insured Retention	Maximum Coverage
All Risk, Property, Equipment, and Auto Physical Damage,	\$ 250,000	\$ 100,000,000
Boiler and Machinery,	2,500	50,000,000
General Liability, Auto Liability, Directors and Officers Liability,	250,000	10,000,000
Workers' Compensation,	125,000	Statutory
First Layer, above \$ 275,000,	175,000	
Sexual Misconduct,	250,000	3,000,000
Coverage 2008-2009		
All Risk, Property, Equipment, and Auto Physical Damage,	\$ 250,000	\$ 100,000,000
Boiler and Machinery,	2,500	50,000,000
General Liability, Auto Liability, Directors and Officers Liability,	250,000	13,000,000
Workers' Compensation,	125,000	Statutory
First Layer, above \$ 250,000,	150,000	
Sexual Misconduct,	250,000	3,000,000

In 2009-2010, the Diocese did not renew its Loss Fund and associated stop loss aggregate. The stop loss aggregate in 2008-2009 was \$ 1,000,000.

The Diocese has an accrued liability which is the difference between the maximum claim amount for any plan year minus the amount paid in claims and the amount set aside for reserves for pending claims. For fiscal years ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, this accrued liability amounted to \$ 750,563 and \$ 978,145, respectively.

As of June 30, 2010 and 2009, the Diocese had in place a letter of credit in the amount of \$ 936,000. This letter of credit is required by the New York State Workers' Compensation Board, since the Diocese maintains a self-insured workers' compensation program. The letter of credit is not to be used for any other purpose. There was no outstanding balance on this letter of credit at June 30, 2010 and 2009.

Diocesan entities are billed premiums to defray the cost of the projected self-insurance program. A summary of the insurance activities for the years ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 follows:

For the Years Ended June 30,	2010	2009
Premium Revenue,	\$ 1,482,997	\$ 1,395,042
Investment Earnings,	128,715	-25,422
Total Revenues,	\$ 1,611,712	\$ 1,369,620
Claims Expense,	\$ 93,517	\$ 544,570
Administrative Costs,	235,343	262,902
Commercial Insurance Premiums,	727,212	706,158
Total Expenses,	\$ 1,056,072	\$ 1,513,630
Net Insurance Activity,	\$ 555,640	\$ (144,010)
Net Assets,	\$ 2,586,026	\$ 2,030,386

NOTE 10 - NEW YORK STATE DISABILITY INSURANCE

The Diocese has a self-insurance program for New York State disability benefits which is administered by Association Plan Administrators, Inc. This program covers the employees of the Diocese, parishes and other related entities of the Diocese. Included in the reserve for claims is the amount of \$ 70,000 for disability insurance. This reserve represents an estimated amount for incurred but not reported disability claims.

NOTE 11 - NEW YORK STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

The Diocese has a self-insurance program for New York State unemployment insurance benefits. The Diocese assumes the responsibility for reimbursing the State of New York for unemployment insurance benefits paid by the State to former employees of the Diocese, parishes and other related entities. A reserve for claims in the amount of \$ 30,000 for New York State unemployment insurance is maintained. This reserve represents an estimated amount for incurred but not reported New York State unemployment insurance claims.

NOTE 12 - DIOCESAN DEPOSIT & LOAN FUND**Loans Receivable**

The Diocesan Deposit and Loan Fund receives deposits from the Diocese, parishes and other related entities that in turn are loaned or become available for loan to parishes and other related entities. As of June 30, 2010 and 2009, the loans receivable outstanding totaled \$ 4,255,414 and \$ 4,228,826, respectively. The loan loss reserve at June 30, 2010 and 2009 was \$ 637,722 and \$ 629,179, respectively.

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The Diocese's policy is to loan funds for a period of ten years with interest and principal payable quarterly, or in the case of autos five years, unless other terms are agreed upon. The current interest rate charged is 5%. Interest received on outstanding loans amounted to \$ 210,094 and \$ 236,871 for the years ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Future maturities of the loans receivable is as follows:

June 30,	
2011,.....	\$ 510,389
2012,.....	477,030
2013,.....	469,254
2014,.....	423,408
2015,.....	340,737
Thereafter,.....	<u>2,034,596</u>
	<u>\$ 4,255,414</u>

Deposits Payable

Deposits payable are due to the Diocese, parishes and other related entities on demand. As of June 30, 2010 and 2009 these deposits payable totaled \$ 14,752,679 and \$ 14,804,785, respectively. Interest on deposits was paid at 2% in the first two quarters and 2.5% in the last two quarters in 2009-2010. Interest on deposits was paid at 4% for the first two quarters and 2% in the last two quarters in 2008-2009. Total interest charged to expense for the years ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 was \$ 507,703 and \$ 624,132, respectively.

NOTE 13 - DIOCESAN TRUST FUND

The Diocesan Trust Fund is a mutual fund operated by the Diocese for the investment of endowment and other similar long-term investments of the Diocese, parishes and related entities. The fund is designed to pay quarterly dividends and to grow the principal to offset inflation. As of June 30, 2010 and 2009, the Diocesan Trust Fund balance was \$ 15,328,774 and \$ 14,288,054, respectively.

The Diocese suspended payment of dividends in the last two quarters of the June 30, 2009 fiscal year because the market values of several investments in the Diocesan Trust Fund were below their respective cost. In such circumstances NYS Not-for-Profit law requires distributions to endowments from investment income only. Total dividends paid from the Diocesan Trust Fund for years ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 were \$ 426,427 and \$ 559,652, respectively.

The value per share is determined quarterly based upon the number of shares outstanding in the fund and the market value of the fund at the end of the quarter. As of June 30, 2010 and 2009, the value per share was \$ 22.949 and \$ 21.091, respectively. The original per share value in 1977 was \$ 10 per share.

NOTE 14 - CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY PAYABLE

The Diocese was granted a permit by the State of New York Insurance Department to operate a Charitable Gift Annuity program. This permit authorizes the Diocese to receive gifts of money conditioned upon, or in return for, its agreement to pay an annuity to the donor, or his/her nominee, and to make and carry out such annuity agreements within New York State as specified in Section 1110 of the New York State Insurance Law. In accordance with New York State law, the Diocese maintains assets of at least 121.0% and reserves of at least 105% of the annuity payable. The Diocese uses the United States Internal Revenue Service's discount rate and mortality table 80 CNSMT to compute the annuity payable.

A Charitable Gift Annuity is a contract between the donor and the Diocese. The beneficiaries of the Charitable Gift Annuity program can be designated by the donor to benefit the Diocese, parishes or other related entities of the Diocese. In exchange for an irrevocable gift of cash, securities, or other assets, the Diocese agrees to pay the annuitants a fixed sum each year for life. The annuity payments are guaranteed by the general resources of the Diocese.

NOTE 15 - LAY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT TRUST

The Lay Employees' Retirement Trust is a qualified multi-employer defined benefit plan which includes lay employees of the Diocese, parishes and other related entities under Diocesan control. The current funding policy of the plan is to collect 9% of gross wages from the employer since this Plan is entirely employer funded. The contributions are used to pay current pensions, overhead costs and provide funding for the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits as well as to fund future benefit enhancements.

The Bishop of the Diocese of Ogdensburg serves as the Trustee of the Plan. The pension funds are invested by Manning and Napier, Dimensional Fund Advisors, Commonfund Realty and The Investment Fund for Foundations as investment managers of the Plan. NBT Bank is the custodian bank for assets invested by Manning and Napier.

The net periodic pension costs for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 included \$ 1,596,972 in actual pensions paid and \$ 189,097 in administrative costs of the plan including the Trustee's fee, the fee of the actuarial consultant and the expenses of the fiscal office in administration of the plan.

For the same period, the fund received contributions of \$ 1,310,033 of which \$ 118,362 were for Diocesan employees. Realized and unrealized gains or (losses) on investments were \$ 810,661 and \$ (7,178,605), for the years ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Investment income was \$ 599,620 and \$ 623,178, for the years ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

The assets and liabilities of the fund at June 30, 2010 and 2009 are as follows:

	2010	2009
Cash and Cash Equivalents,	\$ 208,231	\$ 1,047,632
Investments at Market Value,	21,114,127	19,627,181
Employers' Receivable,	125,802	44,191
Accrued Investment Income,	40,114	70,299
Due to Operating Fund,	(124,249)	(182,215)
Deferred Revenue,	(478,148)	(655,455)

Restricted Assets,

Net Assets Available for Benefits,

The net assets available for benefits of the Lay Employees Retirement Trust are classified as restricted assets on the accompanying statement of financial position.

Investments with readily determinable market value at June 30, 2010 and 2009 consist of the following:

	Cost	Market (Carrying Amount)
June 30, 2010:		
U.S. Government and Agency Obligations,	\$ 2,574,496	\$ 2,622,375
Equities,	6,588,280	6,151,004
Mutual Funds,	6,601,394	6,620,918
Commonfund Realty,	62,533	62,533
Corporate Obligations,	760,361	837,989
Dimensional Fund Advisors,	1,034,250	826,472
The Investment Fund for Foundations,	3,795,925	3,992,836
Total,	\$ 21,417,239	\$ 21,114,127

Investment income consists of the following:

Interest and Dividends,	\$ 608,084
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments,	1,339,569
Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments,	296,269
Other Than Temporary Losses,	(833,641)
Total,	\$ 1,410,281

Included in the schedule above is other than temporary losses of \$ 833,641 which pertains to the Diocese's investment in Commonfund Realty Investors, LLC. The original investment was \$ 1,520,000 and this investment has been written down to \$ 62,533. See Note 5 for a detailed explanation for management's decision.

	Cost	Market (Carrying Amount)
June 30, 2009:		
U.S. Government and Agency Obligations,	\$ 4,361,710	\$ 4,375,930
Equities,	8,947,928	8,636,922
Mutual Funds,	3,097,268	1,914,193
Commonfund Realty,	1,520,000	896,174
Corporate Obligations,	2,299,258	2,326,348
Dimensional Fund Advisors,	1,034,250	658,972
The Investment Fund for Foundations,	722,370	818,642
Total,	\$ 21,982,784	\$ 19,627,181

Investment income consists of the following:

Interest and Dividends,	\$ 623,178
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments,	(3,005,179)
Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments,	(4,173,426)
Total,	\$ (6,555,427)

Total expenses and fees for investment and advisory services and custodial fees expenses are \$ 124,993 and \$ 169,668 for the years ending June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

In 2009 the Diocese adopted the provisions of FASC 715. This provision requires an employer to recognize the funded status (i.e. difference between the fair value of Plan assets and projected benefit obligations) of its defined benefit pension plan as an asset or liability in its balance sheet and to recognize changes in that funded status in the year in which the changes occur through changes in unrestricted net assets. The adjustment to net assets by the Diocese at the adoption of FASC 715 represents net unrecognized actuarial losses. Additional actuarial gains and losses that arise in subsequent periods and are not recognized as net periodic cost in the same period will be recognized as a component of unrestricted net assets. These future actuarial gains and losses will be recognized as a component of net periodic pension cost on the same basis as the amounts recognized in unrestricted net assets at adoption of FASC 715. The actuarial present value of vested benefits as of July 1, 2010 was \$ 27,026,434 and total non-vested benefits were \$ 275,004. There was no unrecognized prior service cost and no unrecognized gain or loss.

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The funded status of the Plan and amounts recognized in the balance sheet at June 30, 2010, are as follows:

	2010
Total Plan Funded Status, End of Year:	
Fair Value of Plan Assets,.....	\$ 24,677,893
Projected Benefit Obligation,.....	30,159,944
Prepaid (Accrued) Pension Obligation Recognized in the Balance Sheet, End of Year,.....	\$ (5,482,051)
Central Office Amounts Recorded in Unrestricted Net Assets, End of Year: Net Actuarial Loss,.....	\$ 172,352

NOTE 16 - PRIESTS' RETIREMENT PLAN

The Diocese has a non-qualified retirement plan which covers all eligible Diocesan priests. During the years ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 the Plan paid retirement benefits and 90% of the cost of health insurance premiums for the retired priests.

The Plan provides for assessment of the Diocese and its parishes and other related entities to fund the Plan. Other financial support includes bequests designating the Plan as beneficiary and investment income on accumulated funds.

The assets of the fund at June 30, 2010 and 2009 are as follows:

	2010	2009
Cash and Cash Equivalents,.....	\$ 28,733	\$ 173,572
Investments at Market Value,.....	8,372,200	7,947,545
Accounts Receivable,.....	6,026	1,776
Accrued Investment Income,.....	10,509	11,886
Due from Operating Fund,.....	(177,609)	12,124
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets,.....	\$ 8,239,859	\$ 8,146,903

Investments with readily determinable market value at June 30, 2010 and 2009 consist of the following:

	Cost	Market (Carrying Amount)
June 30, 2010:		
U.S. Government and Agency Obligations,.....	\$ 724,948	\$ 749,107
Mutual Funds,.....	2,842,271	2,761,165
Equities,.....	3,295,914	3,097,081
Commonfund Realty,.....	22,217	22,217
Dimensional Fund Advisors,.....	364,750	285,963
The Investment Fund for Foundations,.....	1,417,875	1,456,667
Total,.....	\$ 8,667,975	\$ 8,372,200

Investment income consists of the following:

Interest and Dividends,.....	\$ 202,607
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments,...	614,449
Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments,.....	267,661
Other Than Temporary Losses,.....	(296,161)
Total,.....	\$ 788,556

Included in the schedule above is other than temporary losses of \$ 296,161 which pertains to the Diocese's investment in Commonfund Realty Investors, LLC. The original investment was \$ 540,000 and this investment has been written down to \$ 22,217. See Note 5 for a detailed explanation for management's decision.

	Cost	Market (Carrying Amount)
June 30, 2009:		
U.S. Government and Agency Obligations,.....	\$ 1,009,128	\$ 1,027,058
Mutual Funds,.....	3,105,866	2,714,897
Equities,.....	3,822,489	3,353,397
Commonfund Realty,.....	540,000	318,378
Dimensional Fund Advisors,.....	364,750	228,007
The Investment Fund for Foundations,.....	269,844	305,808
Total,.....	\$ 9,112,077	\$ 7,947,545

Investment income consists of the following:

Interest and Dividends,.....	\$ 191,595
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments,...	(734,028)
Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments,.....	(946,652)
Total,.....	\$ (1,489,085)

Total investment expenses are \$ 31,998 and \$ 31,829 for the years ending June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

NOTE 17 - DESIGNATED NET ASSETS

Designated net assets at June 30, 2010 and 2009 are as follows:

	06/30/2010	06/30/2009
Capital Improvements,.....	\$ 37,470	\$ 36,593
Charitable Needs of the Diocese,.....	25,420	21,574
Catholic Education,.....	4,308	11,416
Bishop's Discretionary,.....	110,459	123,400
Guggenheim Maintenance,.....	(6,754)	(39,020)
St. Joseph's Emergency Fund,.....	32,326	32,498
St. Paul's,.....	19,210	18,764
Bishop's Retirement,.....	481,312	442,344
Bishop's Contingency,.....	164,345	173,164
Bishop's Heritage Circle,.....	78,716	68,070
Priests' Graduate Studies,.....	17,039	13,331
Support of Priests Not in Ministry,.....	547,507	539,007
Protected Self-Insurance,.....	2,586,026	2,030,386
Unemployment,.....	13,747	(31,650)
Disability,.....	139,390	122,242
Deposit and Loan Fund,.....	2,326,879	1,172,261
CORE,.....	1,590	2,117
Bishop's Installation,.....	995	55,000
North Country Catholic,.....	18,149	-
Formation for Ministry,.....	2,596	-
Total,.....	\$ 6,600,730	\$ 4,793,497

NOTE 18 - RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Restricted net assets at June 30, 2010 and 2009 are as follows:

	06/30/2010	06/30/2009
Temporarily Restricted		
Annuity Funds,.....	\$ 151,694	\$ 151,895
Charitable Gift Annuities,.....	(92,334)	(219,823)
Annie Peck,.....	6,475	5,546
Indian,.....	32,525	41,539
Missionary Projects,.....	66,802	59,213
Priests' Disability,.....	35,654	65,654
Bourdon Estate,.....	123,166	127,172
Priests' Retirement,.....	8,239,859	8,146,903
K of C Foundation Fellowship,.....	57,830	53,124
Communications,.....	14,767	10,147
Mallette Scholarship,.....	4,305	5,332
Catholic Campaign for Human Development,.....	11,168	10,573
K of C for Handicap Children,.....	1,585	1,585
Education of Seminarians,.....	730,027	713,656
Mear Scholarship Endowment,.....	42,505	42,505
Natural Family Planning,.....	480	-
Education Grants,.....	2,635	2,635
Rachael's Vineyard,.....	4,044	614
Family Life,.....	500	-
Spratt Memorial,.....	1,248	-
Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund,.....	162	-
Formation for Ministry,.....	1,063	-
Vocation,.....	2,500	-
Foundation Support for Education,.....	2,683	-
Total,.....	\$ 9,441,343	\$ 9,218,272
Permanently Restricted		
K of C Foundation Fellowship,.....	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Reverend O.L. Bentley Fund,.....	11,781	11,781
Kelly-Rivette Trust Fund,.....	4,703	4,703
Annie Peck Fund,.....	5,000	5,000
Martin Memorial Fund/Masses,.....	10,000	10,000
Mallette Catholic School Endowment Fund,...	207,854	207,854
Youth Sports Camp Endowment Fund,.....	58,665	58,665
Weidner Memorial Endowment,.....	923,984	921,984
Total,.....	\$ 1,241,987	\$ 1,239,987

NOTE 19 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year ended June 30, 2009 the Diocese transferred \$ 100,000 of restricted net assets to the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg. These funds will be invested and used for the original purpose as outlined by the donors.

NOTE 20 - CONTINGENCIES

As of the date of these financial statements, various claims and lawsuits are pending against the Diocese. The outcome of these matters is not currently determinable. In the opinion of management, after consultation with counsel, the ultimate resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the Diocese.

VATICAN LETTER

Into the 'Light'

Pope Benedict XVI comes into clearer focus in new book

By John Thavis
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- In the middle of Pope Benedict XVI's new book is a story about a hat, and it sheds light on the trials and tribulations of the modern papacy.

Pope Benedict, an academic theologian whose speeches can challenge even erudite listeners, comes across in these pages as a very human and accessible figure, one who communicates simply and directly

The book's interviewer, German journalist Peter Seewald, recalled a public appearance one winter day when the pope donned the "camauro," a red velvet cap trimmed with ermine that was last worn by Pope John XXIII. Seewald suggested this was one of those subtle signals that marked a return to the old ways of the church.

In reading the pope's answer, one can almost hear him sighing.

"I wore it only once. I was just cold, and I happen to have a sensitive head. And I said, since the camauro is there, let's put it on. But I was really just trying to fight off the cold," he said.

The pope's appearance in the cap caused a minor uproar in the media, which saw it as a kind of pre-Vatican II fashion statement. In the book, the pope said he hasn't put it on since that day, "in order to forestall over-interpretation."

"Light of the World: The Pope, the Church and the Signs of the Times" is that kind of book: It deflates myths, explains papal decisions and offers unexpected insights, leaving the German pontiff in much clearer focus.

Perhaps most surprising is that Pope Benedict, an academic theologian whose speeches can challenge even erudite listeners, comes across in these pages as a very human and accessible figure, one who communicates simply and directly.

"The image that emerges is not that of a man isolated in the Vatican, but a pope who knows what is going on in the world and is willing to talk about everything, with a clear idea of what can contribute to the spiritual and social well-being of humanity," said Passionist Father Ciro Benedettini, of the Vatican press office.

The pope himself seemed to realize that this was an opportunity to set the record straight on some things he keeps reading about in the media. Newspapers sometimes portray the German pontiff as a remote figure who has cut back on meetings and contact with outsiders, but the pope said that's inaccurate.



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Jesuit Father Joseph Fessio, editor in chief of Ignatius Press, and Msgr. Georg Ganswein, the pope's personal secretary, watch as a reporter asks a question during a Nov. 23 Vatican press conference on Pope Benedict XVI's new book. The book is titled "Light of the World: The Pope, the Church, and the Sign of the Times."

"There are, I believe, few people who have as many meetings as I do," he said. He said he sees a continual stream of bishops, world leaders, old friends and close advisers, and relaxes in the evening with his staff to watch DVDs.

"All in all, therefore, I cannot say that I live in an artificial world of courtly personages; on the contrary, through these many meetings I experience very directly and personally the normal, everyday world of this time," he said.

To those who see him as trying to roll back the Second Vatican Council in small steps, including liturgical modifications, the pope again cautioned against over-interpretation. For example, he spoke about introducing the practice of having people receive Communion from the pope on the tongue while kneeling.

"I am not opposed in principle to Communion in the hand; I have both administered and received Communion in this way myself," he said. He adopted the current practice, he said, to "send a signal and to underscore the real presence with an exclamation point."

He said he felt this was necessary precisely at papal Masses, which have widely divergent congregations of people, and where people might think everyone is automatically supposed to receive Communion.

"I have heard of people who, after receiving Communion, stick the host in their wallet to take home as a kind of souvenir," he said.

To those wondering, "What are you trying to do as pope?" - seemingly a huge question - the book offers important insights.

The pope identified a priority task as rekindling an awareness of God in personal lives and in society. He described this project not in terms

of restoring church influence, but in responding to global problems that could otherwise add up to catastrophe - economic, environmental, biological and moral catastrophe.

In this sense, he said, the church's role is to promote a new attitude of moral awareness and a spirit of self-sacrifice.

"Man is clearly in danger; he is endangering both himself and the world ... Man can be saved only when moral energies gather strength in his heart; energies that can come only from the encounter with God," he said.

Pope Benedict was particularly insistent on the problem of the huge public debt run up by various countries around the world. "We are living at the expense of future generations," he said, and "huge debts are treated as something that we are simply entitled to."

He called for a global examination of conscience on such economic issues.

In short, the book reveals the pope as more attuned to the practical issues of the day than many might have imagined. He also comes across as down-to-earth regarding matters of faith.

"I am no mystic," the pope said bluntly when his interviewer tries to suggest a mystical vein in his papal role.

Likewise, the pope wouldn't be goaded into a discussion of "end times" and fanciful readings of the Book of Revelation, saying he is "skeptical" about such interpretations. He does believe in a real last judgment, but said Scripture cannot be used to calculate when the world will end.

On some topics, the pope was downright terse, refusing to be led down the journalistic path. The shortest exchange in the book is this one:

"Are you afraid of an assassination attempt?"
"No."

Overall, the pope seems to balance between a positive and negative view of the modern world. He said he is disappointed at the lack of interest in the faith and that "the overall trend of our time continues to go against the church."

More than once, he referred to "enemies" that lie in wait, ready to strike the church at the first opportunity. "In Catholic Germany, there is a rather large group of people who, so to say, are on the lookout for an opportunity to attack the pope; that is a fact," he said.

He finds hope in a somewhat surprising place: not in traditional Catholic structures and bureaucracy, which he described as "spent and tired," but in new initiatives, especially those involving young people. While Christianity no longer holds the "command post" in world opinion, it has the right spirit, he said, and added:

"I am quite optimistic that Christianity is on the verge of a new dynamic."

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Pope creates new cardinals, telling them authority means service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Benedict XVI created 24 new cardinals, including two from the United States, and called them to be strong in spreading and defending the faith and promoting peace and tranquility within the church. Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington and Cardinal Raymond L. Burke, prefect of the Vatican's supreme court, joined other new cardinals from 13 countries Nov. 20 in formally professing their Catholic faith and fidelity to the pope. After the oath, all but one of the new cardinals knelt before the pope to receive a red biretta, a three-cornered ret hat, which the pope said, "signifies that you must be ready to act with strength, to the point of shedding blood, to increase the Christian faith, for the peace and tranquility of the people of God and for the freedom and growth of the holy Roman church." Cardinal Antonios Naguib, the Catholic Coptic patriarch of Alexandria, Egypt, received a new patriarch's hat with a thin red trim added to the traditional black veil. Pope Benedict concelebrated Mass Nov. 21 with the new cardinals and gave each of them a cardinal's ring, telling them it was a sign "of your nuptial pact with the church." Rather than precious gems, the gold rings feature a crucifix, which, "for the same reason your clothes allude to blood, is a symbol of life and love" as demonstrated by Christ's ultimate sacrifice for the salvation of all, the pope said.

Bishop affirms timeline for implementation of new missal in US

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Catechetical preparation to implement the new translation of the Roman Missal next Advent is proceeding in U.S. parishes "with much enthusiasm and wide acceptance by both clergy and laity," according to the outgoing head of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Divine Worship. Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli of Paterson, N.J., who concluded a three-year term as chairman at the close of the bishops' fall general assembly Nov. 15-18 in Baltimore, affirmed the timeline for implementation of the new missal and disputed what he called "a report surfaced through some segments of the Catholic press." The 36-page report, whose source has not been made public, is titled "Areas of Difficulty in the Received Text of the Missal" and cites what it said are problems of mistranslation, omission and repetition in the missal translation that received "recognitio," or confirmation, from the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments in August. The report is believed to have been sent to English-speaking bishops' conferences around the world. "The critique that has circulated has necessarily failed to take into account the final version of the text, which incorporates some corrections issued by the congregation since transmittal of the full text to the English-speaking conferences of bishops," Bishop Serratelli said in a Nov. 18 statement.

US seminary in Belgium to close in June due to falling enrollment

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The American College of the Immaculate Conception in Leuven, Belgium, will close at the end of this academic year because of the small number of seminarians and difficulties in obtaining qualified priests for its faculty. The decision to close it in June 2011 was announced to the public Nov. 22 by Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wis., who chairs the board of bishops of the American College. "The seminary has served the church in the United States and other parts of the world faithfully, steadfastly and zealously throughout its 154-year existence, and so this is a sad moment for many of us," Bishop Ricken said in a news release.

A NEW AMERICAN CARDINAL



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Pope Benedict XVI presents a cardinal's ring to new U.S. Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington during a Mass concelebrated with new cardinals in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Nov. 21.

Pope opens condom debate

By John Thavis
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- In a new book, Pope Benedict XVI said the use of condoms may be a sign of moral responsibility in some specific situations when the intention is to reduce the risk of AIDS.

The pope addressed the issue in the book-length interview, "Light of the World: The Pope, the Church and the Signs of the Times," which released Nov. 23.

In the book, the pope repeated what he said during a trip to Africa last year, that "we cannot solve the problem (of AIDS) by distributing condoms."

Focusing exclusively on condoms damages human sexuality, making it "banal" and turning it into a kind of "drug," he said.

But the pope went on to say that in particular cases - he mentioned prostitutes - condom use may be justified as a first step toward taking moral responsibility for one's actions.

Here is the key passage as translated in the English edition of the book. The pope was asked whether it was "madness to forbid a high-risk population to use condoms."

"There may be a basis in the case of some individuals, as perhaps when a male

prostitute uses a condom, where this can be a first step in the direction of a moralization, a first assumption of responsibility, on the way toward discovering an awareness that not everything is allowed and that one cannot do whatever one wants.

"But it is not really the way to deal with the evil of HIV infection. That can really lie only in a humanization of sexuality," the pope said.

Peter Seewald, the German journalist who conducted the interview, then asked: "Are you saying, then, that the Catholic Church is actually not opposed in principle to the use of condoms?"

The pope answered: "She of course does not regard it as a real or moral solution, but, in this or that case, there can be nonetheless, in the intention of reducing the risk of infection, a first step toward a different way, a more human way, of living sexuality."

The Italian translation has a slightly different wording: it uses the feminine "prostitute", not male prostitute, and says this is an example of where condom use can be "justified."

At a news conference Nov. 23, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman, said "I asked the pope personally if there was a serious or important problem in the choice of the mas-

culine gender rather than the feminine, and he said no, that is, the main point ... is the first step of responsibility in taking into account the risk to the life of another person with whom one has relations," Father Lombardi said. "Whether a man or a woman or a transsexual does this, we're at the same point. The point is the first step toward responsibility, to avoid posing a grave risk to another person."

It was the first time Pope Benedict -- or any pope -- has said publicly that condom use may be acceptable in some cases.

In an earlier statement, Father Lombardi said Nov. 21 that the pope was not "reforming or changing" the church's teaching on sexual responsibility, but rather considering an "exceptional situation" in which sexual activity places a person's life at risk.

While the pope was not morally justifying disordered sexual activity, he was saying that use of a condom to reduce the risk of transmitting the disease may be an act of moral responsibility, Father Lombardi said.

The spokesman said it would be an exaggeration to call the pope's comments "revolutionary," but he said they offered a courageous and important contribution to a long-debated question.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Advent challenge to make dreams come true!

Advent presents us with some great visions and dreams that woke us from sleep last week.

But on this Second Sunday, two prophets, Isaiah and John the Baptist challenge us to do something to make those dreams come true!

Isaiah speaks of a shoot from the stump of Jesse that will grow and blossom by the power of the Spirit, eventually bearing fruit.

That fruit is peace to every level of creation, from



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human enemies that will reconcile....all the way to the animal world. The earth will be a marvelous place. Traditional enemies like the wolf and the lamb, the leopard and the kid, calf and the lion, the cow and the bear....all will live together in harmony.

How will this happen? Because a "little child will lead them" who is empowered with the gifts of the Spirit - wisdom, understanding, counsel and courage, knowledge and

fear of the Lord- and joy!
Where do we come in?

The second Prophet this week is John the Baptist whom we listen to every Advent.

He cuts a strange figure, dressed in animal skin, and eating wild honey,

Out of curiosity, thousands went out to the desert to listen to a stern message of repentance. "Prepare the way of the Lord".

He fearlessly scolds the Pharisees for receiving his baptism for appearances sake only.

The message for us is clear - our preparation for Christmas must be genuine, our "housekeeping" must be

DEC. 5

Second Sunday of Advent

READINGS

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

thorough.

Where will we get the power and the courage to do this? Does the list of spiritual gifts that empowered the child Messiah in Isaiah sound familiar?

They are the ones we all received in Confirmation.

Even though they may lie dormant, we need only call on them in faith for God to

bring them to life in us as more actively involve ourselves in Advent prayer and penance.

As Jesus brought redemption to the world, so will He bring that peace promised by the prophets.

If we are truly serious about following Him, we will listen.

Today's second reading has a great line this week. It says: "For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures, we might have hope"

May Advent hope be yours this week.

OUR READERS WRITE

The power of prayer

On October 8th, I fell backwards onto blacktop at the local funeral home! I bruised my head and my elbow. Because I was on plavix, I developed two blood clots in my brain and spent a month at Fletcher Allen and Fannie Allen.

I slept about 20 hours a day for the first two weeks and then started rehab. The initial reports were not very good but I have recovered and I am back in the parish (part time).

Why?

Because of the power of prayer!

I want to thank my family, parishioners, former parishioners, friends and strangers for their prayers! I received over 100 'get well' cards! I heard from former parishioners from 30 years ago!

Thank you all.

FR. JOE ELLIOTT
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THE HOLY LONGING

Dealing with loss, grief, obsessions

By Father Ron Rolheiser
NCC columnist

What can we say in the face of deep loss, inconsolable grief, or unrequited obsessions?

As a graduate student in Louvain, I once posed that question to the renowned psychologist, Antoine Vergote: "When you lose a loved one, either through death or because that person dies to you in some other way, what can you do? What can you say to help someone in that situation?"

His answer was cautious, words to this effect: "When someone is grieving a deep loss, there is a period of time when psychology finds itself rather helpless. The pain of death or the pain of losing a deep relationship can trigger a paralysis that is not easy to reach into and dissolve. Psychology admits its limits here. Sometimes I think that the poets and novelists are of more use in this than is psychology. But, even there, they can offer some insight but I am not sure anyone can do much to take away the pain. There

are some things in life before which we simply stand helpless."

That was, I believe, a wise and realistic answer.

The death of a loved one, or even just the pain of an unrequited obsession, can bring us to our knees, literally, and, as the author of Lamentations says, leave us with no other option than to "put our mouths to the dust, and wait!"

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Sometimes, for a period of time, the pain of loss is so deep and obsessive that no clinic, no therapy, and no religious word of comfort can do much for us.

I remember, twenty-five years ago, sitting with a friend who had, that day, been rejected by his girlfriend. He had proposed marriage to her and had received a clear and definitive refusal. He was shattered, utterly. For some days afterwards he had trouble simply going through the motions of ordinary living, struggling to eat, to sleep, to work.

A number of us took turns sitting with him, listening to his grief, trying to distract him by taking him to movies, without really having much effect in terms of drawing him out of his depression and obsession.

Eventually, of course, he slowly began to emerge from the grip of that over-concentration and, still further down the road, was able to regain his freedom and resiliency.

But there was a time during which we, his friends, could not do anything else for him other than to be with him.

What can anyone say to someone who is in the throes of a deep loss or in

the grips of an unrequited emotional obsession?

We have our stock expressions which are not without merit: Life must go on. Every morning will bring a new day and eventually time will heal things. Remember too you are not alone; you have family and friends to lean on. Beyond that, you have faith. God will help you through this.

All of that is true, and important, but not particularly consoling or helpful during an overpowering period of grief. I remember writing a series of letters to a woman who had lost her husband to suicide and was totally shattered by that, believing that she would never experience happiness again.

Time and time again I repeated the same lines to her: "This will get better - but not right now! Time will heal this, but its rhythm cannot be rushed. You will get better, but it will take time!"

Is there anything practical beyond this that we can offer someone who is in deep grief or in the grip of a

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AT THE MOVIES

LOVE & OTHER DRUGS

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

With a satire of the drug industry in the background and an excess of bare flesh to the fore, "Love & Other Drugs" (Fox) -- a potentially touching romance about the ennobling effects of heart-felt ardor - goes thoroughly awry due to misguided values. In adapting - and fictionalizing - Jamie Reidy's 2005 memoir "Hard Sell: The Evolution of a Viagra Salesman," director and co-writer (with Charles Randolph) Edward Zwick tells the tale of slick pharmaceuticals seller Jamie Randall (Jake Gyllenhaal) and vulnerable artist Maggie Murdock (Anne Hathaway).

Smooth-talking womanizer Jamie and relationship-phobic Maggie - afflicted with early onset Parkinson's

disease, she's afraid to become a burden to any potential partner - hook up for commitment-free sex.

But gradually, despite themselves, they find their alley-cat connection deepening into love.

With Maggie recognizing qualities in self-doubting Jamie's character that others around him fail to notice and with Jamie struggling to find the courage to offer Maggie a lifetime of support, the pair's rise from hedonism has the makings of an engaging conversion story. Their initial high jinks, however, are not only intruded on in a needlessly graphic way, but also presented as perfectly acceptable, if not exactly ideal.

The script consistently confuses vulgarity with sexual frankness and seeks laughs by showcasing way-

ward behavior. Thus, crowds of extras clamor for their Viagra fix and Jamie plays the panderer for a prominent doctor (Hank Azaria) he's trying to convince to purchase his wares. Doc repays the favor by inviting Jamie to an orgy.

All of this reaches a queasy low point in a scene that plays for laughs the fact that Jamie's brother Josh (Josh Gad) - who has moved in with Jamie after quarreling with his wife - has been pleasuring himself to one of Jamie and Maggie's homemade sex tapes.

The film contains strong sexual content, including brief graphic nonmarital activity; offscreen group sex and masturbation; fleeting pornographic images; upper female, rear and partial nudity; much sexual humor; about 15 uses of profanity;



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Jake Gyllenhaal and Anne Hathaway star in a scene from the movie "Love and Other Drugs."

and pervasive rough and crude language.

The Catholic News Service classification is O -- morally offensive. The Mo-

tion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

Fr. Rolheiser

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bitter emotional obsession?

In 1936, when his sister, Marguerite-Marie, died, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin wrote these words in a letter: "I feel that a great void has opened in my life - or rather in the world around me - a great void of which I shall become increasingly aware. ... The only way of making life bearable again is to love and adore that which, beneath everything else, animates and directs it."

Antoine Vergote suggests that sometimes time, only time, can bring about healing and that in the interim the only real option is to bear the unbearable, to try to get one foot in front of the next, stoically, with patience, holding our pain with as much dignity as we can muster, while waiting for time to eventually work its alchemy, knowing that

nothing can short-circuit that process.

But Teilhard suggests there is something that can help make the unbearable bearable, namely, a more conscious, deliberate effort to love and to adore.

How do we do that?

Not easily. But we do it when, despite our crippling obsessions, restlessness, frustration, bitterness, and anxiety, we let our generous and noble side be the deepest voice inside of both our sympathies and our actions.

When we are driven to our knees by loss and frustration, the best, and only useful, thing we can do is to genuflect in helplessness before a God who can help us and express our affection to anyone who can support us.

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, can be contacted through his website www.rolheiser.com.

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Lake Placid – St. Agnes School to have a Christmas Bazaar.

Date: Dec. 4

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

Place: School Gym

Features: Baked goods, gifts, crafts, toys, wreaths, trees, holiday plants and raffia items, Lunch will be served and Santa arrives at noon.

CLINTON

PRAYER VIGIL

Plattsburgh – A prayer vigil will held the first Sunday of the winter months.

Place: St. Peter's Chapel

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

Features: Helper's of Gods Precious Infants prayer vigil will be held. We may not be able to save their lives, but can we not plead on their behalf?

WINTER CRAFT FAIR

Peru – St. Augustine's will be holding it 2010 Fall into Winter Craft Fair.

Date: Dec. 4

Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: St. Augustine Parish Center

Features: The craft fair will include St. Vincent Society's gently used winter clothing sale, more than 50 local vendors, bake sale, face painting, lunch, photos with Santa, Sweet Adelines.

DAY OF REFLECTION

Ellenburg Center – OLA House of Prayer to have an Advent Day of Reflection.

Date: Dec. 11

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

Features: Deacon Dennis Monty will join us for an Advent retreat, encouraging us to reflect on Mary, the Eucharist, and the hope and promise of the season. Bring your Bible and a journal. Lunch provided. RSVP by Dec. 9 to oadiron@twcny.rr.com or call 518-594-3253. Donations appreciated.

SETON CHRISTMAS DINNER

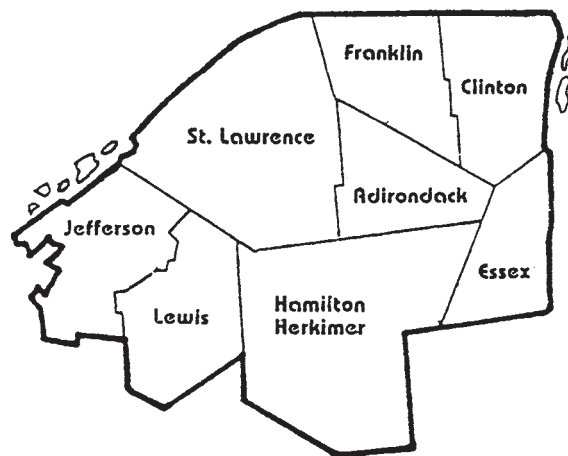
Plattsburgh – Seton Catholic Central to host a dinner and silent auction.

Date: Dec. 5

Time: Noon to 5 p.m.

Cost: Seniors (55+), \$7; Adults, \$9; Children 12-5, \$5; Under 5, Free; Take-outs, \$9. Bring an unwrapped toy or food donation and receive \$1 off an adult meal ticket.

Features: Turkey with all the trimmings. A large silent auction, cash raffle, wreath sale, "gifts from home" made by students and parents and music by Seton students. For raffle tickets or more



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

info visit www.setoncatholic.net. Benefits Seton Academy & Seton Catholic.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Place: St John's Adoration Chapel,

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

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

ESSEX

PEACEFUL HOUR

Westport – St. Philip Neri Catholic Church will be the site of a peaceful hour in preparation for Christmas.

Date: Dec. 19

Time: 7 p.m.

Features: Martha Gallagher, the Adirondack Harper will present A Quiet Celebration. This beautiful program is a contemplative presentation with song, Scripture and spoken word.

Price: Thanks to an unnamed benefactor, there is no admission charge at St. Philip Neri although a free-will offering may be made.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Crown Point – Sacred Heart Church will be having a Christmas Bazaar.

Date: Dec. 4

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Features: Homemade items, religious items, arts and crafts, white elephant table, baked goods, a cookie walk and basket raffle. A luncheon will also be served.

FRANKLIN

LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST

St. Regis Falls – St. Francis Regis Council 7321 K of C will hold its annual "Light Up for Christ" blessing of the Nativity scene.

Date: Dec. 7

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: In front of St. Ann's Church

Features: Blessing by Father John L. Downs. The service includes a prayer, the blessing of the Nativity scene, a song, and refreshments.

CHRISTMAS TEA

North Bangor – The Catholic Community of St. Augustine's will hold their annual Christmas Tea.

Date: Dec. 5

Time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: John C. Dwyer Parish Center

Features: handmade crafts, a bake table, candy booth, cake walk, Chinese Auction, raffles, etc. Christmas cookies, coffee, tea & punch will be available. Homemade soup, sandwiches & soda will be for sale. Santa will make a visit around 1 p.m.

JEFFERSON

ADVENT RETREAT

Watertown - Sr. Janet Peters will speak on the Spirituality of Aging.

Date: Dec. 5

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 4

Place: SSJ Motherhouse

Features: There will also be communal prayer, time for personal prayer, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Benediction.

HOLIDAY TOUR OF HOMES

Fort Drum – There will be a Holiday Tour of Home.

Date: Dec. 12

Time: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: Tour will begin at the Timbers Community Center and end at LeRay Mansion.

Cost: \$15 per person. Includes entry to all home. Refreshments and snacks will be served

Features: On the tour will be 8 locations including an apartment at the Timbers, homes in Richard Hills, the USO building and homes on LeRay Drive.

Contact: For more information and tickets contact Sonia Patton at 254-258-2850 or Teri-Gene Conlin 778-3978.

LEWIS

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Houseville - Divine Mercy Devotions to be held.

Date: Dec. 5

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Features: Program includes: Exposition of The Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet (sung) and Benediction. All are welcome. A coffee hour will follow. Contact Laurie 346-6047 or Mary Ann 348-6260.

ST. LAWRENCE

CRAFT FAIR

Gouverneur – St. James School to host a Craft Fair.

Date: Dec. 11

Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Features: Santa will visit at 1:30 p.m. Items available will include: jewelry, woodcrafts, ceramics, stuffed animals, homemade dolls, leather goods, candles, knitted items, country crafts, Christmas ornaments and decorations, baskets, etc. Paula Towne, local artist, will be doing portraits. Over 50 vendors will be there. Lunch will be available.

Price: Admission is a donation

MUSIC MINISTRY COFFEE HOUSE

Ogdensburg – The Music Ministry at the Cathedral will have their yearly coffee house fundraiser

Date: Dec. 4

Time: 6 p.m. to 8

Features: An evening of fun, fellowship, and song as we enjoy a variety of snacks, teas and coffees (in many varieties and flavors). As usual, our music will be provided by our own Barb Heller Rogers,

and it looks as if Santa will be paying us a visit again this year!

Price: The suggested entry donation is \$5.

Contact: For more information, please contact our Music Director, Ernie Hadley. 393-3930

PEARL HARBOR DAY DINNER

Ogdensburg – The Knights of Columbus will host a Pearl Harbor Day Dinner.

Date: Dec. 7

Time: 3:30 p.m. to 6:30

Place: K of C Hall

Cost: Free to all Veterans and 1 guest; All others, \$7 per person. Desserts are \$1 extra

Contact: Reservations would be appreciated by calling 393-7990 any weekday after 3:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Ogdensburg – The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary will have their Annual Christmas Party.

Date: Dec. 12

Time: 5 p.m. to 6 cocktails with dinner to follow

Place: K of C Hall

Cost: Free to all paid up members; All others, \$8 per person

Features: Reservations are required with our choice of meat by Dec. 4. All members are asked to bring in pajamas or a monetary gift in lieu of a gift exchange. Please wrap the pajamas and mark on tag for boy or girl and the size so we can donate them to the PJ's for Kids program. \$15 limit.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Ogdensburg – St. Mary's Cathedral is holding a Christmas Concert.

Date: Dec. 19

Time: 2 p.m.

Features: This year's Christmas Concert will feature traditional hymns and carols from various cultures throughout the world. If we need to postpone because of snow, the snow date will be January 2, 2011, which is Epiphany Sunday.

Contact: For more information, please contact our Music Director, Ernie Hadley. 393-3930

K OF C BRUNCH

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

Date: Dec. 12

Time: 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Place: Visitation Parish Center; Take-outs available

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



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St. Therese of Lisieux

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

It has been more than 110 years since the death of St. Therese, the Little Flower, and we are reminded of the pilgrim journey of every missionary.

St. Therese, patroness of the missions and all missionaries, was not a young teenage girl who stumbled into holiness. Therese was animated by a spirit of understanding of God's love and a plan for the world from her early years.

At the age of eight, Therese envisioned a world beyond the narrow confines of the city of Lisieux, France. As told in her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul* "Papa rewarded me by giving me a pretty little coin worth four sous. I placed it in a box. . . It was from this box that I drew my offerings on the big feasts when there were special collections for the Propagation of the Faith. . ."

At the age of 15, Therese entered the Carmelite convent. She did not bury herself behind convent walls to escape a troubled world. She entered with a desire to enlighten souls with the same zeal and enthusiasm as the Prophets, Doctors and Apostles of the Church. Throughout her life as a Carmelite, Therese wanted to be a missionary to Vietnam but because of ill health, she did not leave the convent walls. This does not mean however, that she did not fulfill her missionary vocation at home.

Through her prayers, sacrifices and suffering, she was a co-missionary with those who preached the Gospel on all five continents and shed their blood for their faith. In *The Story of a Soul*, She once again reiterates her desire to be a missionary. "I want to be a daughter of the Church. . . and to pray for the Holy Father's intentions which I know embrace the whole universe."

Therese of Lisieux paved the way for all people - laity, women, children, the sick and suffering - to become missionaries by their love.

This 21st century presents missionary challenges greater than those of the previous centuries. As we enjoy our homes and the new media technology which can confine us to our homes, the greatest missionary challenge begins by reminding ourselves of the "homeless existence" of others and opening our hearts to a more universal love. In imitation of St. Therese of Lisieux, patroness of the missions, let us put love at the center of our missionary endeavors.

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Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will.

OBITUARIES

Black Brook – Charlotte A. (Thew) Yelle, 87; Funeral Services Nov. 24, 2010 at St. Matthew's Church.

Cadyville – Yvonne G. (Gravelle) Rivers, 95; Funeral Services Nov. 22, 2010 at St. James Church; burial in West Plattsburgh Union Cemetery.

Carthage – Mary E. (Kraemer) Hastings, 77; Funeral Services Nov. 20, 2010 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

Carthage – Marjorie O. (O'Neil) Townsend, 89; Funeral Services Nov. 24, 2010 at St. James Catholic Church; burial in Sunnyside Cemetery, Great Bend.

Chaumont – Frank Mikos, 79; Funeral Nov. 24, 2010 at All Saints Church; burial in New Cedar Grove Cemetery

Croghan – Mary Agnes (McVoy) Payberg, 71; Funeral Services Nov. 20, 2010 at St. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Stephen's

Cemetery, Croghan.

Lowville – Mary J. (McCannah) McSweeney, 93; Funeral Services Nov. 22, 2010 at St. Peter's Catholic Church; burial in Lowville Rural Cemetery.

Lyon Mountain – Bonnie Jean (Benjamin) Cox, 61; Funeral Services Nov. 20, 2010 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Timmielyn (Gooshaw) Scaggs, 41; Funeral Services Nov. 27, 2010 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

Peru – Sharon M. (McKane) Rockhill, 65; Memorial Services Nov. 27, 2010 at St. Augustine's Church.

Plattsburgh – Norman F. Jabaut, 86; Funeral Services Nov. 22, 2010 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery

Raymondville – James M. Clark, 43; Funeral Services Nov. 23, 2010 at St. Ray-

mond's Church; burial in Visitation Cemetery, Norfolk.

Tupper Lake – Mary M. (Bedore) Bennett, 75; Funeral Nov. 23, 2010 at St. Alphonsus; burial in parish cemetery.

Winthrop – John C. Dullea, 87; Funeral Services Nov. 23, 2010 at Hammill Funeral Home; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Brasher Falls.

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FOR THE JOURNEY

Finding good memories...

By Effie Caldarola
Catholic News Service

Sometimes when I turn toward the mountains at the end of the street where I live, I have a good but wistful memory of all the early mornings my children and I made that same turn.

... when parenting gives you the blues

My children went to Catholic school, and there was no bus, so each morning for 14 winters I journeyed off down the road to the parish.

The remarkable thing about the Chugach Mountains that rise up east of Anchorage, Alaska, is that each day they appear different.

How can unchangeable mountains seem to change so much?

Maybe that's true of mountains everywhere, but, growing up on America's Great Plains, I had no experience of mountains.

The ethereal fog, the sun edging over a peak, fresh snow on the caps, the end-

less palette of blues, grays and golds -- the view was always breathtaking and always different.

The mountains, of course, are still there, but alas, the three kids who sat in the back seat of my car are mostly grown.

The nicest part of the memory is that it was usually as we turned the corner and saw the mountains ahead of us that we would begin our morning prayer, the offering of our day.

I do not tell this story because I want you to see in this idyllic vision something of me as the perfect mother. On the contrary, I am at that age, and my children, at least some of them, at that unsettled and unfinished stage, where it's easy to let one's mind slip back to all of the "should haves, wish I would haves, if I could do that agains."

It's a mother's lament, isn't it?

I think we go through stages as parents. Before we have kids, we're often in the ranks of those who "tsk-tsk" at the behavior of other people's kids. I think I was there once. Our kids will certainly

never get away with that, we declare.

Eventually, our kids come along, and, try as we might, the day comes when someone -- in a church pew or on an airplane -- turns, glares at our child and shoots us one of those "my kids will never act like that" looks. Mercy, we think, just you wait.

Then there are those early days, especially with the first one, when we realize that no one has ever had a child, or children, quite as remarkable as ours.

If they test well, we brag (at least to our spouses) that they are "gifted," forgetting that every child is gifted in his or her own unique way.

At the next stage, we realize that our terrific kid isn't necessarily the next Einstein, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta or Lady Gaga (depending on what talents you value).

Parenting remains richly rewarding, but enters a really, really hectic stage, and sometimes it is not quite as picture-perfect as that night you saw your firstborn take her first step. A call from the principal's office dampens things.



CNS PHOTO/KAREN CALLAWAY, CATHOLIC NEW WORLD
Pam Hollis helps her son John make adjustments to their wreath during an Advent presentation, prayer service and wreath-making day at St. Joseph Parish in Libertyville, Ill., Nov. 13.

Then you reach my stage, the stage where everybody still has closets full of memorabilia at your house, but the evenings are quiet and without kids.

Maybe you've had a wedding or you're planning one. Maybe you're paying for college.

Maybe you have a kid who's struggling.

My spiritual director always tells me to put my feet

firmly on the floor and remind myself that I am living in the present moment. Good advice.

But moms, or dads, when you're having parenting blues, find that memory.

Find your own Chugach Mountains, their contours turning violet in the dawn.

And remember that you prayed there with your kids, and tell yourself, "Job well done!"



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