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# NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC

FEB. 22, 2012

## New cardinals are created

VATICAN CITY (CNS)-- Pope Benedict XVI created 22 new cardinals from 13 countries -- including three from the United States and Canada -- placing red hats on their heads and calling them to lives of even greater love and service to the church.

The churchmen who joined the College of Cardinals Feb. 18 included Cardinals Timothy M. Dolan of New York; Edwin F. O'Brien, grand master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem and former archbishop of Balti-

more; and Thomas C. Collins of Toronto.

In their first official act in their new role, the new cardinals were asked to join their peers in giving the pope their opinion, in writing, on the canonization of seven new saints, including Blessed Ka-

teri Tekakwitha, an American Indian, and Blessed Marianne Cope of Molokai, Hawaii.

The pope announced at the consistory that the canonization ceremony would be celebrated Oct. 21 at the Vatican.

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## REST IN PEACE

Fr. Harry E. Giroux, 61

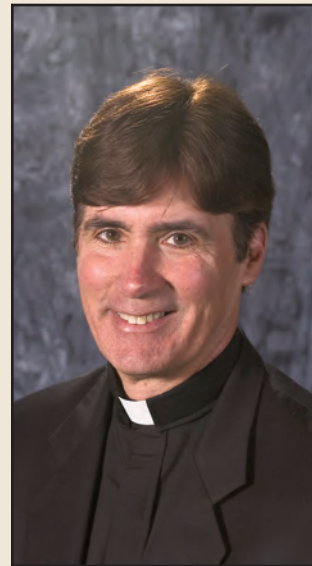


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Bishop LaValley presided at the Mass of Christian Burial for Father Harry E. Giroux Tuesday, Feb. 21, at St. Mary's Church in Massena. Father Giroux died Feb. 13 at Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center, Ogdensburg, at the age of 61. He was ordained May 1, 1976, along with his twin brother, Father Garry Giroux. Father Harry served as campus minister for St. Lawrence University and SUNY Canton for 15 years and then as pastor in West Chazy for four years until he was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's Disease in 2004.

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## Lent begins



CNS PHOTO/DAVE CRENSHAW, EASTERN OKLAHOMA CATHOLIC

An Oklahoma woman prays after receiving ashes in this 2011 CNS photo. This year, the Catholic Church observes the start of Lent Feb. 22. This week's NCC features Lenten reflections from Msgr. Paul E. Whitmore, p. 12 and St. Joseph Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, p. 2 and the list of Lenten regulations, p. 4.

## Canonization date is set

Pope Benedict XVI announced that Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha and Blessed Marianne Cope are among those to be made saints Oct. 21, 2012

## WRITING FOR THEIR RIGHTS



The students in the third year Confirmation class from the Catholic Community of Holy Name and St. Matthew's in Au Sable Forks take time to compose letters to their congressional representatives expressing their concern for the Department of Health and Human Services recent mandate requiring employers to provide health care insurance including contraceptives, sterilization and abortion inducing drugs for their employees. The proposed legislation would require Catholic institutions to provide coverage even though it conflicts with the Catholic Church's long-standing moral teaching. Students shown include, front from left, Megan Strong, Matthew Caito, Nicole Booth, and Jeanna Manning; back, Bradley Deyoe, Jamie Cooledge, Emily Patenaude, Emily Marcus and Naomi Peduzzi (absent Nicole Santa Maria)

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

## RIP, Father Harry

I have a couple favorite memories of Father Harry Giroux that flashed back to me when I heard that this special priest had died.

He was ordained just two years before I started to work for the diocese so I remember the early years of his priesthood when he and his twin, Father Garry made their marks.

A charming and strikingly handsome man, Father Harry soon found his niche in campus ministry, bringing college students at JCC, SUNY Canton and St. Lawrence University closer to God.

In 1986, he was named diocesan director of campus ministry and two years later accepted new responsibilities as the first diocesan director of young adult ministry.

I still remember my interview with Father Harry as he started this new position.

Sitting in his office at St. Thomas More Newman Center in Canton, we spent most of the time just talking about the future of the church we both loved.

I asked him about the lack of vocations to the priesthood and I remember being surprised at his answer. "We'll have plenty of priests," he said, "because we won't have too many people to serve... they just aren't coming to church."

Ever optimistic, though, Father Harry was filled with ideas about how to turn things around.

From that moment on, my impression of this priest was that he was a thoughtful, intelligent man who would make great contributions towards the vitality of our diocesan church in the 21st century.

How sad and ironic that this wonderful brain of his would be ravaged by disease at such an early age.

Yet, we know that Father Harry continued to share his gifts of faith and great love long after he was diagnosed with Alzheimers.

After hearing of his death last week, I took another look at "Garry and Harry" the award winning documentary released in 2007. (It's now posted on the *North Country Catholic* Facebook page)

The poignant film shows the humor and passion of a man who devoted his life to God and God's people.

One line was particularly striking to me. The narrator asked him what his profession was.

"A priest," he said and then, more emphatically, "a human being."

Father Harry, you were indeed a magnificent human being. You can rest in peace now, in the arms of the God you loved so much.

Mary Lou  
Kilian

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## CHURCH: A FAMILY OF FAITH

Repent and Believe in the Gospel  
First Sunday of Lent - Feb. 25-26By Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSJ  
Director of Evangelization

The story of our salvation is a story of promises, covenant, and love that has been fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. The story of salvation begins in the Garden of Eden, continues into the desert and from there to Nazareth to Jerusalem and back into the garden of Olives and the Garden of Resurrection.

The season of Lent prepares us as a family of faith to relive the events of our salvation: the death and resurrection of Jesus.

During the Sundays of Lent, we will hear of God's plan of salvation from the Old Testament beginning with the book of Genesis—the book of "beginnings" where the story of God's love for us is a covenant love, a love relationship between God and us. God established a covenant with Noah and his descendants and with every other living creature that He would never again destroy the earth by flood. The established sign is a rainbow, which served to remind God of the commitment He had made.

Other covenants were made with Abraham and Moses to be read in the next few Sundays of Lent. In every case, the covenant was always God's initiative to strengthen the relationship between Himself and His people. Some response was expected, that is, one of obedience, acknowledging the kindness and generosity of God.

Jesus is the final covenant between God and His people. St. Peter, in his letter to his community, reminds them of their entrance into a covenant relationship through Baptism. He used the connection with Noah to speak of Baptism. Noah and the few others, who were chosen by God, were saved by the water that kept them afloat. Likewise, Christians are saved by the waters of Baptism. We are not only cleansed by our sins, but we enter into a bath that offers believers a relationship with the Risen Lord because He is triumphant over sin and death.

Another sign of the covenant, is the Eucharist. The Eucharist is Jesus' gift of His body and Blood that expresses and strengthens our relationship with Him. The Liturgy expresses it powerfully, "the new and eternal covenant," a relationship that will never wear out, change, nor end.

Lent is the time to refocus our hearts and minds on the meaning of our own Baptism and the celebration of the Eucharist. It is at the Easter Vigil that we welcome catechumens and candidates into the full communion of the Catholic Church. We, too, renew our commitment to our Baptismal promises that enables us to carry life's joys and sufferings in union with Christ Jesus who has been crucified, died and rose from the dead.

Mark's Gospel does not share with his readers the specific temptations that Jesus' faced. But as we reflect on Jesus' life in Mark, we know that He faced Satan many times, all the way to the Cross. Yet Jesus persevered. His time in the wilderness strengthened Him for all that lie ahead of Him. Jesus gives us hope as we wrestle with our own demons during life's journey.

As we journey during this Lenten season, we as the Church: A Family of Faith are on a journey of faith called to repent, renew, and to remember our own stories of those times we have experienced the saving power of God. The story of our Baptism is the story of the saving waters that have been poured over us and reminds us to remember again the "appeal to God for a clear conscience" as we renew our Baptismal promises to live according to the Gospel.

Recall your child's Baptism or yours or the times you have renewed your Baptismal promises. What have you promised? How have you kept your promises? What promises need to be renewed? You have 40 days to reflect on your Baptismal call. The community of faith depends on your renewal to build up the Body of Christ.

*Massena native spent much of his priesthood in campus ministry*

# Funeral set for Father Harry E. Giroux, 61

**MASSENA** – Bishop Terry R. LaValley Will preside at a Mass of Christian Burial for Father Harry E. Giroux, 61, Tuesday, Feb. 21 at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Father Giroux died Feb. 13 at Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center, Ogdensburg.

Father Giroux's body will be received Monday at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with calling hours continuing until 4.

Calling hours will resume at 6:30 p.m. and continue until the celebration of Evening Prayer at 8:30.

At the Mass of Christian Burial, set for 11 a.m. at St. Mary's, Father Garry B. Giroux, Father Giroux's twin brother and the priests of the Diocese of Ogdensburg will concelebrate with Bishop LaValley.

The homilist will be Father Daniel E. White, Diocese of Burlington, Vermont.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Massena.

Father Giroux was born April 14, 1950 in Massena, a twin son of the late Harry E. Sr. and Patricia Munson Giroux. He attended Massena Public and St. Mary's Parochial Schools. In 1968 he graduated from Holy Family High School.

Following high school, Father attended St. John Fisher College in Rochester for one year before transferring to Wadhams Hall Seminary-College in August 1969 and graduating from there on

May 28, 1972 with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

In August of 1972, he began theological studies and seminary formation at St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, Maryland, where he completed his studies in the spring of 1976 and was awarded a Master of Divinity degree.

On May 1, 1976, he, along with his twin brother, Father Garry, was ordained a

Catholic priest by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

His first priestly assignment was to Our Lady of Victory Church in Plattsburgh, where he served from June 1976 until June 1978. He was then assigned as the Associate Pastor of Holy Family Church in Watertown and also served as the Campus Ministry chaplain at Jefferson Community College, until being transferred in June 1983 to St. Alexander's Church in Morrisonville as the Associate Pastor. During his time in Morrisonville, he pursued and received his M.S. degree in psychology from SUNY Plattsburgh, before being transferred to Canton in 1985.

As the Pastor of St Thomas More Campus Parish in Canton from June of 1985 to June of 2000, he also served the campuses of St. Lawrence University and SUNY Canton. During his tenure in Canton, he taught college courses, fa-

cilitated the Big Brother/Big Sisters Program and served as the advisor to several fraternities and assisted with a variety of programs on both campuses.

In June 2000, he was assigned as pastor of St. Joseph's Church in West Chazy.

In July 2004, Father Giroux was diagnosed with Early-Onset Alzheimer's Disease, he continued to serve the parish the St. Joseph's, until his illness forced him to resign his pastorate in June 2006. He then went to reside with his brother, Father Garry, at St. Mary's Church in Potsdam until July 2008.

Father Giroux resided with his sister in Cornwall, Ontario from August 2008 until February 2009 when he entered St. Joseph's Nursing Home.

Father Giroux served as the Diocesan Director of Campus Ministry and the Diocesan Director of Young

Adult Ministry.

He was artistically talented and traveled throughout the United States, Europe, and Australia.

He was member of the Knights of Columbus, where he was currently a member of the Watertown Assembly # 259 and the 4th Degree Knights, Plattsburgh Assembly #706.

He is survived by his twin brother, Father Garry B. Giroux, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Brasher Falls and St. Lawrence Church, North Lawrence, his sister, Peggy E. Giroux of Lake Wood, Florida, his step mother, Louise Giroux of Massena; his nieces, Faith, Sarah, Leah, and Alexandra; and his step-sisters, Bonnie Jean Phillips of Baldwinsville; Lynn C. Bertrand of Utica; and Mary Lou Bertrand and her husband, Joseph Gaglia of Watertown.

He was predeceased by his mother, Patricia on June 2,

1971 and his father, Harry on November 8, 2008.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing may consider memorial contributions in Father Harry Giroux's memory to Hospice and Palliative Care of St. Lawrence Valley, 6805 US Highway 11, Potsdam, NY 13676; North Country Mission of Hope, PO Box 2522, Plattsburgh, NY 12901; The Disclaled Carmelite Nuns of Beacon New York, Carmel of the Incarnation, 89 Hiddenbrooke Drive, Beacon, NY 12508; St. Joseph's Nursing Home Foundation, 950 Linden Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669; or Alzheimer's Association, Central New York Chapter, 441 West Kirkpatrick Street, Syracuse, NY 13204-1305.

Online condolences may be made at [www.donaldsonfh.com](http://www.donaldsonfh.com)

A reflection on the life and ministry of Father Giroux appears on page 2.



Fr. Harry E. Giroux

## Position Opening

### Superintendent of Catholic Schools Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany

The Superintendent of Schools, working collaboratively with the Bishop's Office, the Diocesan School Board, pastors and principals provides leadership that will promote excellence in Catholic education by addressing the spiritual, intellectual, social and physical needs of students. The superintendent of schools oversees the diocesan and parish schools and maintains contact with the private schools.

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To request a current job description, please contact Elizabeth Simcoe, Chancellor for Pastoral Services, [elizabeth.simcoe@rcda.org](mailto:elizabeth.simcoe@rcda.org) or 518-453-6612.

To apply, please send letter of interest, resume and a minimum of three references to Human Resources, Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, Diocesan Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave. Albany NY 12203 or [diocesan.hr@rcda.org](mailto:diocesan.hr@rcda.org). **Application deadline is March 7, 2012.**

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## PROTECTING GOD'S CREATION

# Parishioners saving water 'one drop at a time'

PLATTSBURGH - St. Peter's Environmental Stewardship Committee hosted a "Water Party" in November.

The "Water Party" was an initiative by "The New York Water Rangers" to protect New York water from contamination by the hydraulic fracturing process.

The group shared in a potluck dinner, featuring water as the beverage of choice, and viewed the movie "Journey of the Universe," followed by discussion.

Sheila Harrison, a committee member, said, "Only 1 % of the water on earth is available to support and sustain human, plant and animal life. As Gods stewards we are called to care for this sacred gift."

The Stewardship Committee formulated a letter of concern about the possible approval of the hydraulic fracturing process in New York.

"Our belief is that regulation must first protect life sustaining water from possible contamination by the hydraulic fracturing process," Ms. Harrison said.

Other activities planned by the committee include:

- battery collection for recycling
- weekly bulletin information about good stewardship
- bottle collection for a neighboring community impacted by flooding
- participation in "Sharing in your Bounty," sharing garden vegetables.

Ms. Harrison quoted Pope John Paul II: "Water is a vital element essential to survival; thus, everyone has a right to it. Water is not an unlimited resource. Its rational use in solidarity demands the collaboration of all people of good will with government institutions so as to ensure the effective protection of the environment, understood as a gift from God."



Members of St. Peter's Environmental Stewardship Committee in Plattsburgh are, front, from left, Alan Trombly, Eunice Trombly, Marie Nacht, Sheila Harrison and Celine MacDougall; back, Paul Scott, Alice Scott, Jack Beaumont, Mary Centofanti, Karen Bowers, Deb Meier and Jon Votraw

"Please join St. Peter's Environmental Stewardship Committee in saving Water

"one drop at a time," Ms. Harrison said. "Join us or start your own Stewardship

group." Further information is available from 518-563-1692.

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## Lenten regulations 2012

Feb. 22, is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. Bishop LaValley reminds Catholics of the diocese about Lenten regulations of the Church.

### ABSTINENCE:

All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, & Good Friday.

### FASTING:

All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound also to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22) and Good Friday (April 6). Fasting involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Lighter nourishment may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day.

### PRAYER & PENANCE:

The entire season of Lent should be observed in a spirit of prayer and penance. Spending extra time in prayer or Bible study, attending daily Mass, voluntary sacrifice and self-denial, combined with works of charity and service to others, are all excellent ways to obey the Lord's command to reform our lives and to prepare for the joyful celebration of Easter. Parishes are highly encouraged to offer periods of Eucharistic Adoration during

the Lenten Season, as well as, the traditional devotions of the Stations of the Cross and the recitation of the Rosary.

### EASTER DUTY:

All Catholics who have reached the age of reason must confess their serious sins in the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year. They must also receive Holy Communion at least once each year during the Easter season, which this year extends from February 26th, the First Sunday of Lent, until Trinity Sunday, June 3rd.

### MARRIAGE:

Although other seasons are more suitable, the celebration of marriage and the Nuptial Mass are not forbidden during Lent, according to The Code of Canon Law. When liturgical rules permit, the Ritual Mass for the Celebration of Marriage may be used and the nuptial blessing may be given. However, you should advise the spouses and their guests to exercise proper restraint in accord with the penitential character of Lent.

### OBLIGATION:

All Christ's faithful are obliged by divine law to do penance. The days set aside for fast and abstinence in Lent are special ways of doing penance and are an expression of unity for all the Church.

IN CATHOLIC PARISHES AND SCHOOLS OF THE NORTH COUNTRY

# FACES OF FAITH



Father Anthony Gramlich a priest of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception (MIC) and rector of the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA., is leading a parish mission in Saranac Lake Feb. 27-29. Father Gramlich received his Masters of Divinity from the Dominican House of Studies in 2001 and was ordained to the priesthood in 2002. Before he became national shrine rector, he served as associate pastor at St. Peter's parish in Kenosha, WI, and as the Director of Vocations for his order in both Stockbridge and in Steubenville, OH. The mission begins each night at St. Bernard's Church at 7 pm, Monday through Wednesday, Feb. 27, 28, 29.



The newly elected Board of Directors officers of the Sacred Heart Foundation of Watertown are, from left Joseph Butler, Jr., treasurer; Nancy White, secretary; Tamasina Sharlow, vice president; and Nancy McCabe, president. The mission of the Foundation is to provide scholarships to individuals studying to be Missionaries of the Sacred Heart priests and brothers. This year, the Foundation will distribute \$70,000 in scholarships to students in various stages of study. The Sacred Heart Foundation of Watertown is now conducting its annual membership drive. To become a member, contact the Sacred Heart Foundation office at 782-3344 or send a \$10 check to the Sacred Heart Foundation, 668 Thompson Street, Watertown, NY 13601.

Father Jerome Pastores, pastor of the Church of St. John Francis Regis at Akewsasne, welcomed Bishop Terry LaValley to the parish Jan. 15 for the Confirmation of 27 parishioners. Father Pastores is a priest of the Diocese of Byombang, the Philippines, who has been on a sabbatical loan to the Diocese of Valleyfield, Que.



Malone Mayor Todd Lepine declared Catholic Schools Week in Malone Jan. 29-Feb. 4. Mayor Lepine is a product of Catholic Schools, having graduated from the former Notre Dame School. Pictured, from left, are Rachel Oshiro, sixth grade Student Council representative; Will Bilow, sixth grade representative; Mayor Lepine, Devin Normandeau, secretary of the Student Council and Jordan Kane, president of the HFS Student Council.

## Fundraiser to help build new playground

# Mannsville man wins IHC car raffle

WATERTOWN - Danny Graves of Mannsville is the winner of a new 2012 Ford Focus or \$15,000 in cash.

Mr. Graves' winning ticket was drawn at IHC's St. Valentine's Day Dance Feb. 11 at the Savory Café in the Best Western/Carrriage House Hotel in Watertown.

The raffle and dance raised approximately \$30,000 to help IHC build a new playground and expand its "100 Stars" full-tuition scholarship program.

The car raffle and dance were part of an effort to raise funds to replace the IHC Intermediate School playground, which the school removed at the beginning of the school year out of concerns for safety.

IHC is now about two-thirds of the way towards its goal for the first phase of the playground. The new playground will be open to the community and will feature equipment designed for safety, fun, and fitness.

The car raffle was sponsored by Davidson's Auto Group and The Border, 106.7 FM. Both sponsors felt the fundraising effort was an important way to help support education in the North Country. The fundraising effort will also benefit the "100 Stars" Full-Tuition Scholarship Fund, which provides K to 12 students of all faiths who have never previously studied at IHC the opportunity to do so based on their scholastic potential and

demonstrated financial need.

The "100 Stars" Scholarship was established last year with the help of a \$90,000 gift from Dr. Noaman Sanni of the Watertown Eye Center for Sight.

"100 Stars" applications for the 2012-2013 school year will be available on the IHC website in March.

IHC awarded ten full-tuition scholarships to local families this past school year, a number which will increase this school year.

# Funeral held Monday for Sister Jane Mary Dardis, CSJ

Served as pastoral minister at St. Alphonsus in Tupper Lake

LATHAM - A Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Jane Mary Dardis, CSJ, 83, was held Feb. 20 at St. Joseph's Provincial House chapel. A Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet for the past 64 years, she died Feb. 15 at the provincial house.

Burial was in Our Lady Queen of Virgins Cemetery

on the Provincial House grounds.

Sister Jane Mary was born Sept. 1, 1928 in Syracuse, daughter of the late Arthur and Anne Collins Dardis. After graduating from St. Patrick's High School in Syracuse, she entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Troy, NY, on March 19, 1948, and professed final vows on August 15, 1953.

Sister Jane Mary received a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in education, both from The College of Saint Rose.

She taught in schools in the Albany and Syracuse Dioceses for nearly 30 years and then began her career in parish ministry where she served at St. Alphonsus Parish in Tupper Lake and St. Peter's Parish in Rome.

In addition, Sister Jane Mary was a staff member in the Development Office of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and a receptionist and pastoral-care coordinator at St. Joseph's Provincial House.

Sister Jane Mary is survived by several nieces and nephews and their families; by many cousins and friends; and by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by two brothers, William and John Dardis; by one sister, Mary Banach; and by many dear friends in the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Contributions in Sister Jane Mary's memory may be made to the Development Office of the Sisters of St. Joseph, 385 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham, NY 12110.

## Bishop LaValley' schedule

**Feb. 23** - 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg.

**Feb. 24** - 12:00 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

**Feb. 25** - 4:00 p.m., Mass of Thanksgiving for Cardinal Dolan at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in New York.

**Feb. 27** - New York State Catholic Conference Board Meeting in New York.

**Feb. 29** - 12:00 p.m., Staff Lenten Day of Prayer at Wadhams Hall 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](http://www.virtus.org) by selecting the registration button and following the directions.

All employees and volunteers who participate in church sponsored activities with minor are required to participate in this training.

Further information is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 440.

Upcoming programs:

**Feb. 28** - 1:30 p.m., Diocesan offices, Ogdensburg

**March 5** - 4 p.m., St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga

**March 6** - 6 p.m., Seton Academy, Plattsburgh

**April 21** - 9 a.m., St. Augustine's School, Peru

## Rest in Peace

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

**Feb. 22** - Rev. Edward Tortel, O.M.I., 1901; Rev. Peter H.J. Ryan, 1930

**Feb. 23** - Rev. Leo Heinrichs, O.F.M., 1908; Rev. Edward Blanchard, 1922; Rev. André Payette, O.M.I., 1976

**Feb. 24** - Rev. George Belanger, 1932; Rev. William J. Murphy, C.S.C.O., 1959

**Feb. 25** - Rev. William Howard, 1888; Rev. P.J. O'Connell, O.S.A., 1895; Rev. James J. Duffy, 1912; Msgr. L. Kevin Conners, 1971

**Feb. 26** - Rev. Francis X. LaChance, 1916; Rev. John F. Wiley, 1984

**Feb. 27** - Rev. Ferdinand Grenier, O.M.I., 1872

**Feb. 28** - Rev. J.H. Tabaret, O.M.I., 1886

## To Report Abuse

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy Rev. James Seymour at 315-393-2920 or the

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Diocese Young Adult Ministry will be sponsoring an "ONLINE" Lenten prayer group

Sunday Nights at 9 p.m. during Lent. Jump on line Sunday nights and join others as we pray our way to the Cross. Easy to join! If interested please call or Email Lorraine Turgeon Director of Young Adult Ministry 315-323 4989 [lturgeon@dioogdensburg.org](mailto:lturgeon@dioogdensburg.org) for more information.



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A letter in the *North Country Catholic* (02/15/12) titled, "A time for Socialism?" from an Old Forge resident clearly shows the opacity of the times we live in. Although the writer did not state his religious affiliation, he asserted that, "Socialism is a Catholic doctrine..."

He believes there are "advantages of Socialism for Catholics" and that Socialism "is a good Catholic solution to our current national problems." His closing statement recommends that "... the Catholic Church gets serious about Socialism."

Obviously, the writer has neither knowledge nor understanding of Catholic doctrine – much less any conception or comprehension of the evils of Socialism (i.e. Collectivism, Communism, Leninism, Maoism, Marxism and Nihilism). They are all related.

If the writer is a Catholic, he would be well served by reading the encyclical on the evils of Socialism by Pope Leo XIII entitled, "Quod Apostolici Muneris." This is Catholic Teaching— this is an infallible document. The text states that socialists "... strive to overthrow all civil society..." They strive to "... seize to hold in common, whatever has been acquired either by title of lawful inheritance, or by labor of brain and hands..."

The document further explicates that socialists by, "stealing the very Gospel itself with a view to deceive more easily the unwary, (are) accustomed to distort it so as to suit their own purposes." Socialists "... would destroy the 'right' of property, alleging it to be of human invention... and claiming a community of goods... and (that) privileges of the rich

should be rightly invaded."

But, "... the Church, with much greater wisdom and good sense, recognizes the inequality among men, who are born with different powers of body and mind... and holds that the right of property and ownership... must not be touched and stands inviolate."

The letter writer is woefully misguided in his compassion for the poor and the less fortunate among us. So, he subscribes to the false ideology that "redistribution of wealth" is the best solution to the nation's self-created dilemma. He believes in the premise of "entitlement." What's yours is ours – and if you've got it, we want it!

Transforming Catholic Church Teaching is never an option – but transforming our souls to Catholic Church Teaching most certainly is!

MICHAEL & DONNA MAREK  
OGDENSBURG

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- **Pray** together.
- **Fast** in solidarity with those who are hungry.
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- **Give** sacrificial contributions to support those in need.

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- Prepare one of the **recipes** of simple, meatless meals from different countries each Friday during Lent.
- Sign-up to receive the **Weekly Reflections** each Monday for a deeper experience during your Lenten journey.
- Consider doing an **activity** found on our website with your family one week during Lent.
- Be a voice for the poor through **Catholics Confront Global Poverty**.

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### In Your Kitchen - Make Simple meals from around the world.

Sample the food from CRS' Operation Rice Bowl featured countries. As a sign of solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world, prepare one of these simple, meatless meals with your family and friends!

The 2012 featured recipes are from Madagascar, Vietnam, El Salvador, Zambia and India. They can be found at <http://orb.crs.org/resources/recipe-landing/>

Try the following recipe with your family this week.

#### Casamiento - El Salvador

Black beans and hot rice seasoned with garlic, onion and bell peppers. Your family will love this traditional and hearty Latin American dish. Catholic Relief Services' water and sanitation projects in El Salvador bring clean water to families and communities. Photo by Philip Laubner/CRS



#### Ingredients:

- 2 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 bell pepper, finely chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 can black beans, drained, liquid reserved
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 cups cooked rice

#### Directions:

Heat oil in a large pot. Add the onions, bell pepper, and garlic. Sauté for 2-3 minutes, until tender. Stir in the drained beans, some of the bean liquid, and salt and pepper. Cook at medium-low until heated through. Add rice and stir until cooked through. Adjust seasoning and add a little more bean liquid if necessary. Serve hot. Makes 4-5 servings

**This Lent DON'T GIVE UP ...on the hungry ...on the thirsty ...on the vulnerable ...on the poor  
Join Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl and make a difference in the lives of those in need.**



*Pope Benedict creates 22 cardinals including three from United States and Canada*

# New red hats for 22

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** - Pope Benedict XVI created 22 new cardinals from 13 countries -- including three from the United States and Canada -- placing red hats on their heads and calling them to lives of even greater love and service to the church.

The churchmen who joined the College of Cardinals Feb. 18 included Cardinals Timothy M. Dolan of New York; Edwin F. O'Brien, grand master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem and former archbishop of Baltimore; and Thomas C. Collins of Toronto.

In their first official act in their new role, the new cardinals were asked to join their peers in giving the pope their opinion, in writing, on the canonization of seven new saints, including Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, an American Indian, and Blessed Marianne Cope of Molokai, Hawaii.

The pope announced at the consistory that the canonization ceremony would be celebrated Oct. 21 at the Vatican.

Cardinal Collins said, "I am delighted that my first action as a cardinal was to join with the College of Cardinals in affirming the canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, who has been such an inspiration for the people of our First Nations and so many others in Canada and the United States."

Cardinal Dolan also mentioned the consultation on the canonization of Blessed Kateri, who was born in what is now New York state, and Mother Marianne, who served there before going to Hawaii.

"As grateful as I am for being a cardinal," he told reporters later, "I really want to be a saint. I mean that, but I have a long way to go."



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**New U.S. Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan greets fellow cardinals after receiving his red hat from Pope Benedict XVI during a consistory in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Feb. 18. The pope created 22 new cardinals from 13 countries -- including two from the United States and one from Canada.**

St. Peter's Basilica was filled to overflowing for the ceremony, and several thousand people sat in a sunny St. Peter's Square watching on large video screens. Choirs from New York and from several Italian dioceses provided music for the service.

At the end of the ceremony, the College of Cardinals had 213 members, 125 of whom were under the age of 80 and, therefore, eligible to vote in a conclave to elect a new pope.

The consistory took the form of a prayer service. After the Gospel reading, in what the Vatican described as an allocution, not a homily, the pope told the cardinals that love and service, not an air of greatness, are to mark their lives as cardinals.

"Dominion and service, egoism and altruism, possession and gift, self-interest and gratuitousness: These profoundly contrasting ap-

proaches confront each other in every age and place," Pope Benedict said, but the cardinals must model their lives on that of Jesus, loving others to the point of giving up his life for them.

Cardinal O'Brien told reporters afterward that the ceremony and the pope's remarks underlined that becoming a cardinal "is not a reward, it brings on greater responsibilities -- something the pope experiences every day."

He said that when he knelt before the pope, "I thanked him; I said I'd serve him completely with my whole heart."

Cardinal Dolan, who delivered the main address on evangelization at a meeting of the College of Cardinals the day before, said that when he knelt before the pope, the pope thanked him again for his presentation. "I said thank you, for this, I'm the one who is grateful," he said.

price of freedom for many," he told the new cardinals, praying that "Christ's total gift of self on the cross" would be "the foundation, stimulus and strength" of their faith and that it would be reflected in their love and charity toward others.

During the ceremony, Pope Benedict placed rings on the fingers of the 22 new cardinals and assigned them a "titular church" in Rome, making them full members of the Rome clergy and closer collaborators of the pope in governing the universal church.

Cardinal O'Brien's titular church is the historic Church of St. Sebastian on the Palatine Hill. Cardinal Collins was assigned the Church of St. Patrick in the Via Veneto neighborhood, where an English-speaking congregation worships; and Cardinal Dolan became the titular cardinal of the Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Monte Mario neighborhood.

The new cardinals, the pope said, "will be called to consider and evaluate the events, the problems and the pastoral criteria which concern the mission of the entire church."

The pope asked the new cardinals "to serve the church with love and vigor, with the transparency and wisdom of teachers, with the energy and strength of shepherds, with the fidelity and courage of martyrs."

The Bible reading at the service was taken from the Gospel of Mark and recounted how the disciples were tempted by the idea of honor, but Jesus told them that greatness means becoming the servant of all.

"Serving God and others, self-giving: This is the logic which authentic faith imparts and develops in our daily lives and which is not the type of power and glory which belongs to this world," the pope told them.

"The Gospel and the homily were very sobering," he said, because they recalled the words of Jesus that "we're not in it for the prestige, we're not in it for the honor, we're not in it for the glory. We're in it to serve."

In all things, Pope Benedict had told them, "the new cardinals are entrusted with the service of love: love for God, love for his church, an absolute and unconditional love for his brothers and sisters, even unto shedding their blood, if necessary," a fact underlined by the red color of the biretta -- a three-cornered hat -- and the red cardinal's robes.

"He is servant inasmuch as he welcomes within himself the fate of the suffering and sin of all humanity. His service is realized in total faithfulness and complete responsibility toward mankind," the pope said.

"The free acceptance of his violent death becomes the

# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Revision of HHS mandate ignores religious liberty, say bishops

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Catholic bishops across the country have expressed their disapproval of President Barack Obama's newly announced revision to the contraceptive mandate in the health reform law, saying it does nothing to change what they and other religious leaders and organizations consider an intrusion on religious liberty. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced Jan. 20 that religious organizations could delay but not opt out of the requirement that all health plans cover contraceptives and sterilization free of charge. On Feb. 10, Obama announced a revision that allows religious employers not to offer such services to their employees but would compel insurance companies to do so. The change came after three weeks of intensive criticism that the contraception mandate would require most religious institutions to pay for coverage they find morally objectionable. And now questions have been raised over how that revision will pertain to self-insured parties, like many dioceses and Catholic organizations, and whether it could still force entities morally opposed to contraception to pay for such services. "We can appreciate the efforts of the White House to quiet the furor over the president's HHS mandate that would violate the religious freedom of millions of Catholics and other American citizens," Miami Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski said in a Feb. 10 statement. He noted that hundreds of Catholic universities, colleges, hospitals and other entities offered comments to HHS before the mandate was announced but they "were given short shrift by the administration. The administration continues to insist that the issue is about contraception; we disagree. It is about the first freedom of our Bill of Rights: the freedom of religion and respect for the rights of conscience," he added. Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez said he found the president's revision "troubling and frustrating."

## Family is key to new generation rooted in Gospel, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The family is the church's best ally for raising a new generation resistant to materialism and committed to living out the Gospel, Pope Benedict XVI told bishops from Africa and Europe. "Europe and Africa need generous young people who know how to take responsibility for their future," he said. All institutions, like the family, school and church, "must be well aware that these young people hold the future and that it is important to do everything possible so that their journey is not marked by uncertainty and darkness," he said. The pope made his remarks during a Feb. 16 audience with 80 bishops, priests and other participants attending a joint conference organized by the Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar, known as SECAM, and the Council of European Bishops' Conferences, known by the acronym CCEE. The conference, held in Rome Feb. 13-17, was dedicated to finding ways in which European and African Catholics can cooperate in evangelization. During the symposium, Cardinal Josip Bozanic of Zagreb, Croatia, said that even though economic and social conditions in the two continents are vastly different, the Gospel is universal. Wherever it finds itself, the church has a message of faith that "understands humankind, whether in Europe or Africa, as created in the image and likeness of God and who deep down has basic needs that only God can fully satisfy," he said. "Social and spiritual concerns are both present; one is not separated from the other, but rather, they are dimensions of the one same integral development of the human person and society," the cardinal said.

Meet the press:

# New US cardinals share quips, serious reflections

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

ROME (CNS) - Dressed in red from head to toe - well, almost - the two new U.S. cardinals met the press after the consistory Feb. 18, sharing humorous quips and serious reflections.

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York warned photographers not to take pictures of his feet because, he said, "I forgot to put on my red socks."

Meeting the media at Rome's Pontifical North American College before a reception, both Cardinal Dolan and Cardinal Edwin F. O'Brien, grand master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem, said the first thing on their minds as they walked up to Pope Benedict XVI to receive their red hats was not to trip and fall.

An Italian newspaper writer had described Cardinal Dolan as a possible candidate for pope one day.

Asked about that, Cardinal O'Brien said, "His mother thinks so."

But Cardinal O'Brien added that, given Cardinal Dolan's position as archbishop of New York and especially given the brilliance of his presentation on new evangelization Feb. 17 to the College of Cardinals, the New York prelate is bound to be given special responsibilities in the universal church.

Cardinal Dolan also was asked about being "papabile" - "pope-able" in Italian - and he laughed it off, claiming -- in Italian - that he did not understand the question.

The two U.S. cardinals had both served as rectors of the North American College, the U.S. seminary in Rome.

After the consistory, the halls and courtyard of the seminary were filled with thousands of well-wishers.

Cardinal O'Brien, who con-

tinues to administer the Baltimore Archdiocese until his successor is named, said the consistory was a reminder that every Catholic -- whether lay or ordained -- has a responsibility for the whole church and not just for one parish or diocese.

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Asked about his titular church, St. Sebastian on the Palatine Hill, Cardinal O'Brien said he tried to visit it "the other day -- but it was locked."

While "one hopes it doesn't happen too soon," the most important task of a Catholic cardinal is to elect a new pope, Cardinal O'Brien said. "It's a weighty responsibility and always in the back of one's mind."

Before the consistory, he said, he had "three quiet days" to pray and reflect, which was important because the details involved in getting red robes, planning pilgrimages and gatherings with friends "can get in the way, clouding and distorting the whole thing."

Cardinal O'Brien said the ceremony and the pope's remarks underlined that becoming a cardinal "is not a reward, it brings on greater responsibilities -- something the pope experiences every day" in his ministry to the universal church.

When the cardinal knelt before the pope, he said, "I thanked him; I said I'd serve him completely with my whole heart." Cardinal Dolan said that when he knelt before the pope, the pope thanked him again for his presentation to the College of Cardinals. "I said thank

you for this, I'm the one who is grateful," he said.

"The Gospel and the homily were very sobering," he said, because they recalled the words of Jesus that "we're not in it for the prestige, we're not in it for the honor, we're not in it for the glory. We're in it to serve."

Cardinal Dolan said he was reading the Gospel story of the devil tempting Christ and said to himself, "Dolan, you've got temptations galore. I've always had them and now I've got one more -- to let this go to my head literally. And you can't because it's all about humility, and it's all about service and love and being close to God and his people."

The cardinal said another eye-opening moment was sitting next to Cardinal John Tong Hon of Hong Kong during the consistory and listening to him at the Feb. 17 cardinals' meeting talk about the struggles of being a Christian in China. Several of the cardinals in the room have experienced oppression or persecution "and they know what this red means," he said, referring to his robes, reminders of the call to serve even to the point of giving one's life.

He also told reporters that he has no choice but to be himself.

"The Italians say you make gnocchi with the dough you've got. Lord knows I've got a lot of dough," Cardinal Dolan said, holding his stomach, "so you just keep at it."

Cardinal Dolan's titular church in Rome is Our Lady of Guadalupe, a church consecrated in 1932. Unlike Cardinal O'Brien's church, Our Lady of Guadalupe was open when he visited. And the priest told Cardinal Dolan about the leaky roof, the cracked walls and the broken heater.

"I said, 'Look, I could have stayed home for that,'" he said.

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

## Lent: starting a pilgrimage of penance, prayer

The season of Lent began this past Wednesday.

Most Christians recognize it as a day for penance and reflecting on how we stand before God.

Yes, and every year we hope to rise again from the ashes of our sins and failures "to create ourselves anew".

Every year we take a journey, a pilgrimage through penance, self-discipline, prayer, and, hopefully, an abundance of good works, to the refreshing Easter waters of renewal.



Monsignor  
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This year seems especially critical for Catholics and other Christians to do penance for the "Christophorus" sweeping Africa and the Middle East. We need especially to safeguard our freedom of conscience in the public square.

Our first reading is about God's terrible anger with the human race - all except Noah and his family.

Because of this just man and his family, God instructed him to build an ark so that he could escape the avenging flood-waters that would destroy all other liv-

ing creatures.

After forty days, that ark must have been a rather smelly place!

As Noah stepped out of the ark, he breathed new freshness from a world washed clean by water.

Lent can help wash our world clean as we go from the ashes of war, the murder of innocent children both in and out of their mothers' wombs, and the greed that has brought such economic misery to both the guilty and the innocent.

This Lent may we seek through God's grace to rid ourselves of laziness and blindness and come to a renewal of all the covenants God has made with us, be-

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## The First Sunday of Lent

## READINGS

Genesis 9:8-15

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

ginning with the one He made with Noah, leaving a rainbow of hope in the sky even to this day.

Lent brings to us a greater appreciation for the Passion and Death of Jesus as He made for all of us a New Covenant in His blood.

The Gospel gives Mark's abbreviated story of Christ's temptation in the desert by

Satan.

The other evangelists fill in more details. Jesus experienced the same temptations the devil uses on all humans—the temptations to comfort and sensual appetites, the temptations to abuse whatever power we have, the temptations to pride and possessions.

As Jesus went into the desert, so we should seek out a quiet space for reflection and renewal, for refreshing talks with Jesus, inviting our family members to do the same.

Remember the words of Jesus as he began his public ministry: "This is the time of fulfillment. Repent and believe in the Gospel".

## PURSUING JUSTICE

## NYS Catholics support: justice for incarcerated

## Fifth in a series

*The bishops of the eight dioceses of New York have released the New York State Catholic Conference 2012 Legislative Agenda. Among the legislative priorities is to "Providing Meaningful Programs for Incarcerated Individuals and Preparation for Re-Entry"*

## Summary

If New York State prisons are to be truly correctional facilities, then correctional planning for each inmate must begin at the start of incarceration. Accordingly, a pre-release plan should be developed upon reception that identifies specific therapeutic correctional programs, as well as occupational, educational and other training programs.

Repeated crime after re-

lease from prison, and repeated prison sentences are major drains on New York's finances and quality of life.

With tens of thousands of formerly incarcerated persons being released back into our communities each year, we must do more to reduce costly recidivism.

## Conference Position

Comprehensive rehabilitation and re-entry planning must begin near the first days of incarceration, and be updated as needed. Programs to allow fulfillment of that plan require funding, so as to enable provision by the Department of Correction Services during incarceration and by community services after release.

The Catholic Conference, therefore, supports the preparation of a pre-release plan for each incarcerated individual upon reception into prison, funding to increase the number of therapeutic, educational and vocational programs within state correctional facilities, and the provision of a

broader array of community reintegration programs for ex-offenders.

These reintegration programs might include the establishment of resource centers, volunteer mentoring programs, halfway houses, and the inclusion of ex-offenders in faith-based social ministry programs. Community based programs of support and accountability have proven to be beneficial to individuals as they return to their home communities from prison.

## Rationale

When returning to the community, many formerly incarcerated individuals have a difficult time finding and keeping employment. Providing these men and women with education programs, job training opportunities and meaningful skills development while incarcerated will give them the tools they need to secure employment upon their release.

In addition to employment, released prisoners are also in need of housing,

medical care and other support systems in order to make effective re-entry back into society after a period of incarceration. They often possess poor life management skills and a significant number are burdened with mental illness and chemical dependency.

The formerly incarcerated individuals who find themselves without support on the outside often resort to committing further criminal acts as a source of survival, and find themselves returned to the criminal justice system.

A problem identified at nearly every prison is the insufficient number of meaningful education, vocation and treatment programs. Waiting lists for these programs are uniformly long, materials and equipment are often outdated, and staff vacancies have caused the unnecessary suspension of courses. According to the Department of Correctional Services, approximately 52% of those incarcerated have no GED or high school diploma,

and the system does not have sufficient space in classes to enroll them.

Yet research confirms that the more education an individual receives while incarcerated, the more likely he or she is to be successful and to avoid recidivism upon release. There is clearly a need to increase the education and vocation training programs in prisons. Likewise, the number of community reintegration programs that treat addictions, assist with housing and employment needs and provide basic counseling during the initial phase of re-entry needs to be increased.

Investments along these lines will result in substantial net savings to the state through lower recidivism, increased public safety, and a reduction in families receiving social services as the formerly incarcerated individual becomes an income-producing contributor to the society in which he or she lives.

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AT THE MOVIES

# SAFE HOUSE

By John Mulderig  
Catholic News Service

Moviegoers will find "Safe House" (Universal) anything but a refuge. In fact, the titular CIA facility, located in picturesque Cape Town, South Africa, provides the setting, early on, for a mayhem-ridden confrontation that turns out to be all too characteristic of this excessively violent and unconvincing espionage thriller.

Presiding over the place - a duty that initially involves more boredom than anxiety - is low-ranking but loyal operative Matt Weston (Ryan Reynolds).

His tedious and solitary routine is suddenly interrupted, however, by the arrival of a high profile, heavily guarded prisoner:

veteran American agent-turned-traitor Tobin Frost (Denzel Washington).

In a scene ripped from yesterday's headlines, Frost is subjected to a version of waterboarding while Matt looks on with disapproving anxiety.

But the tables turn when an unidentified group of gunmen stage a massive raid, taking out all of Frost's guards with the single exception of - yes, you guessed it - untested Matt.

The pair flee, and from there on in, it's Matt's task to keep Frost alive and in custody.

Given that screenwriter David Guggenheim's script has already informed us, amid much other awkwardly handled exposition, that Frost is a master manipulator, viewers might be

justified in hoping for something twisty and intriguing to ensue. Verbal and plotline pyrotechnics, say, of the sort David Mamet used to conjure up, back in the days of "House of Games" (1987) or "The Spanish Prisoner" (1998).

Instead, perfunctory exchanges about personal and institutional corruption offer no more than a scant cover story for director Daniel Espinosa's real agenda: to showcase lengthy fistfights, bloody stabbings and fatal shootouts.

The film contains constant, sometimes gory, violence, torture, cohabitation, fleeting sensuality with partial nudity and occasional rough and crude language.

The Catholic News Service classification is L - limited



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Denzel Washington stars in a scene from the movie "Safe House."

adult audience, films whose problematic content many adults would find troubling.

The Motion Picture Associ-

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

## ALSO PLAYING



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Idris Elba stars in a scene from the movie "Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance." Nicolas Cage also stars, returning as the monosyllabic Johnny Blaze in the sequel to the 2007 comic book-based cult hit "Ghost Rider." Co-directors Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor set the story eight years after the first installment, with a French monk (Idris Elba) promising to lift Johnny's demonic curse - whereby he's periodically transformed into a skeleton that spits fire - if he'll rescue a boy (Fergus Riordan) from Satan's clutches. Constant hand-to-hand and gun violence, fleeting crass and profane language. The Catholic News Service classification is A- - adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 - parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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## ADIRONDACK

## "CATHOLICISM"

The Parishes of the Mountains and Lakes are presenting the Father Robert Barron's "Catholicism" series on Tuesdays evenings at St. Bernard's Chapel at 7 p.m. and Thursday mornings at St. John the Wilderness Church hall at 9:30 a.m. They will continue throughout Lent.

## PARISH MISSION

**Saranac Lake** – St. Bernard's Parish is holding a Lenten Mission

**Dates:** Feb. 27, 28 and 29

**Time:** 7 p.m.

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

**Program:** The Mission will be led by Father Anthony Gramlich, a priest of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception (MIC) and the rector of the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA. He will reflect on the healing power and message of the Divine Mercy. Before he became national shrine rector, Father Gramlich served as associate pastor at St. Peter's parish in Kenosha, WI, and as the Director of Vocations for his order in both Stockbridge and in Steubenville, OH

## CLINTON

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**West Chazy** – St. Joseph's Men's Club presents their Annual All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast.

**Date:** March 11

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

**Place:** Parish Center.

**Cost:** \$6; Children 5 and under, free.

## SETON OPEN HOUSE

**Plattsburgh** – Seton Catholic is holding an Open House.

**Date:** March 14

**Time:** 5 p.m. to 7

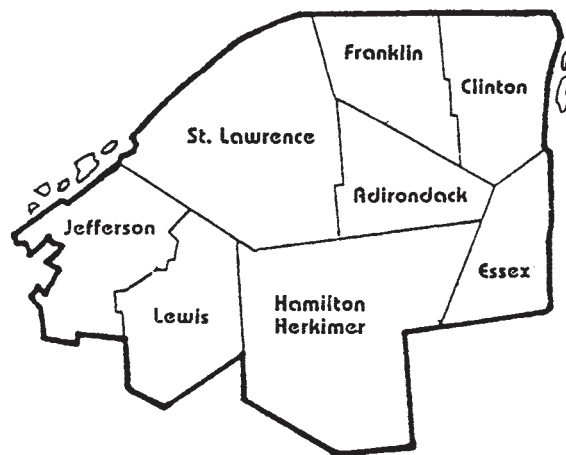
**Features:** Accepting registrations for grades 7-12. Our Catholic faith is woven into our entire program. Middle States accredited program; Conveniences for families; Extracurricular Activities.

Contact: 518-561-4031 or visit the website at [www.setoncatholic.net](http://www.setoncatholic.net)

## LENTE ADORATION

**Plattsburgh** – St. Peter's Church again will offer weekday adoration during Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday after the 7 a.m. daily Mass and will end with Benediction at 7 p.m. on Wednesday of Holy Week.

**Schedule:** Mondays only – After 7 a.m. Mass until 9 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays, after 7



The North Country Catholic welcomes contributions to "Around the Diocese".

Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:

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e-mail [news@northcountrycatholic.org](mailto:news@northcountrycatholic.org).

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

a.m. Mass until 7 p.m.

**Contact:** To sign up for one hour a week of adoration or for more information, call the rectory at 563-1692 or contact Ceil Johnson 566-0527 or email [kjeshouse@verizon.net](mailto:kjeshouse@verizon.net)

## ASH WEDNESDAY FISH FRY

**AuSable Forks** – The Knights of Columbus Council 2301 will be sponsoring their annual Ash Wednesday Fish Fry.

**Date:** Feb. 22

**Time:** 4 p.m. to 7

**Place:** Holy Name Church school gym.

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Child, \$5; \$1 off with donation to food pantry.

## LENTE REFLECTION SERIES

**Ellenburg** – Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of prayer will have Lenten Reflection Series the Fridays of Lent.

**Date:** Feb. 24-March 30

**Time:** 1 p.m. to 3

**Features:** Meditating on the Sunday Bible readings, Adoration, Rosary.

**RSVP:** By Feb. 21 to [olaprayehouse@gmail.com](mailto:olaprayehouse@gmail.com) or 518-594-3253

## CORNEBEEF AND CABBAGE

**Peru** – CDA Court St. Monica will hold a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner.

**Date:** March 10

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

**Place:** St. Augustine's Parish

**Cost:** \$8; Children ages 12 and under, \$4  
**Contact:** Helen Bisallion at 643-2638 or Christa Reyell at 566-6404

## LIVING WATERS HEALING MINISTRY

**Plattsburgh** – A weekly prayer meeting

will be held every Wednesday (except the first Wednesday).

**Time:** 7 p.m. to 8

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

## SOAKING PRAYER

**Plattsburgh** – Soaking Prayer is offered every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month under the direction of the Living Water's Healing Ministry.

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 11:30

**Place:** Upper room at St. Peters

## 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:** call 518-561-5083 or email us at [Sjohnsadoration@aol.com](mailto:Sjohnsadoration@aol.com)

## ESSEX

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

**Elizabethtown** – St. Elizabeth's Church, will hold a St. Patrick's Day Dinner, featuring corned beef and cabbage or ham

**Date:** March 11

**Time:** 2 p.m. to 6

**Place:** parish hall

**Cost:** Adults: \$9. Children under 12: \$5. Take-outs be available after 1:30 p.m

## ADULT FAITH SHARING GROUP

**Port Henry** – The Adult Faith Sharing Group will be viewing Fr. Robert Barron's video series "Conversation".

**Dates:** Feb. 23; March 8 & 22

**Time:** 7 p.m. to 8:30

## FRANKLIN

## MYSTERY/DINNER THEATER

**Brushton** – St. Mary's Church is to present "The Hilarious Hillbilly Massacre", an interactive murder mystery/dinner theater preformed by The North Franklin Theater Group.

**Date:** March 3 and March 24

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's Parish Center

**Cost:** \$25 per person

**Contact:** Eileen Miller at 518-529-7713 (leave message) to make reservations by Feb. 22 (for March 3 show) and March 14 (March 24 show).

## ANNUAL BREAKFAST

**Burke** – St. George's Church will hold their Annual Breakfast Fund Raiser.

**Date:** March 4

**Time:** 8 a.m. to noon

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

**Features:** Take-outs available. Raffle tickets available.

## TESTIMONY AND HEALING SERVICE

**Brushton** – An evening with Richard Bingold, internationally known Catholic lay evangelist, has been planned

**Date:** March 19

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

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

**Features:** Those seeking physical or spiritual healing will be prayed over with the 'Miraculous Pilgrim Rosary' ad 'Relic of the True Cross'.

**Contact:** St. Mary's at 518-529-7433

## JEFFERSON

## DOLLAR DINNER

**Watertown** – The Watertown Council of Knights of Columbus will be preparing a Dollar Dinner.

**Date:** March 14

**Time:** 5 p.m. to 6

**Place:** IHC Intermediate School

## SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

**Date:** Feb. 23

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 7; Take-out orders begin at 4 p.m.

**Place:** Msgr. Sechi Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; children \$4.50; under 3, free; sauce, \$5 per quart meatballs are \$.75; Please bring your own containers for takeouts

## GET OUT OF DEBT

**Clayton** – A 13 week program will be held to help you get out of debt.

**Date:** beginning Feb. 29

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

**Cost:** \$99.50

**Features:** Through this program you will learn how to clear up your debt, pay off your mortgage and get debt free and plan for the future. Classes run for 13 weeks and those enrolled will learn the secrets to living debt free. Classes taught by Dave Ramsey.

**Contact:** Bruce and Liz Daugherty at 315-686-4884 or e-mail [norwichrugby-mom@gmail.com](mailto:norwichrugby-mom@gmail.com). Enrollment must be made by Feb. 15.

## BEREAVEMENT MEETING

**Watertown** – An ecumenical bereavement meeting will be held.

**Date:** Feb. 27

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse

**Program:** Sister Mary Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ who is currently involved in adult spiritual formation, will speak on "Finding a Way through Grief."

## LIFERIGHT MEETING

**Watertown** – Liferight of Watertown, a pro-life educational organization will hold its monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of the month.

**Time:** 4 p.m.

**Place:** 312 Sherman St.

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

## LEWIS

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

**Harrisville** – St. Francis Solanus Church will be having a St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

**Date:** March 10

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

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Children ages 12-5, \$5; under 5, free

**Features:** Take-outs available. "Fraser Family and Friends" will be there to entertain with Irish music.

## ST. LAWRENCE

## ASH WEDNESDAY FISH FRY

**Ogdensburg** – The Knights of Columbus Council 258 will hold an Ash Wednesday all you can eat Fish Fry Buffet.

**Date:** Feb. 22

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 7

**Place:** K of C Hall

**Cost:** \$9

**Features:** The Ladies Auxiliary provides homemade desserts for \$1 and there is a cash bar. All proceeds benefit K of C Charities and the Building Fund. Open to the general public.

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## Wedding reception favors for Missions

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

A question that always confronts a bride and groom is, "What shall we have for wedding reception favors?"

Recently a friend of mine attended a wedding reception and was pleasantly surprised with the favor in front of her place setting.

Guests were exuberantly positive in their response to this gift.

The favor was a card thanking their guests for celebrating their marriage and for the honor of having them at the wedding celebration.

In lieu of a favor, a donation was made to a charity providing relief for the victims of an earthquake. The charity's logo was on the card as well as the couple's names and date of their wedding. It was a memorable keepsake for the guests and a very caring gift from the couple.

When I heard of this favor, I wondered how I could share the idea. This column for the wedding edition of the *North Country Catholic* is the perfect opportunity for couples to hear about such a favor.

Wedding planners might want a favor that would make a donation for their guests to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

While the dancing at the reception continues all those present would know that their presence at the reception is helping the poor in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America.

Another idea for guests could be a donation to the Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg which provides continued financial support of our former mission parish in Mollendo, Peru and helps other missionary projects that the Diocese of Ogdensburg deems appropriate as part of its evangelization effort.

Please let us know at the Diocesan Mission Office if we can be of any assistance should you choose wedding favors noting a donation to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith or the Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

My prayer for those about to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony is that, with God's grace, they will deepen their love for each other.

God bless all the Wedding Planners.

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

## OBITUARIES

**Altona** – Janet M. (Smart) Crowley, 85; Funeral Services Feb. 16, 2012 at Holy Angel's Church; burial in Holy Angels Cemetery.

**Brownville** – Mary J. (Taylor) McCauley, 88; Funeral Services Feb. 17, 2012 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in Brownville Cemetery.

**Cadyville** – David A. Caron, 61; Funeral Services Feb. 18, 2012 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

**Champlain** – Pauline G. (Phaneuf) LaPorte, 82; Funeral Services Feb. 14, 2012 at St. Mary's Church.

**Dannemora** – Marion B. (Beauchemin) Ryan, 86; Funeral Services Feb. 17, 2012 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Ellenburg Center** – Evelyn M. (Benjamin) Boyea, 92; Funeral Services Feb. 13, 2012 at St. Edmund's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Gouverneur** – Herbert "Vernon" Slate, 96; Funeral Services Feb. 18, 2012 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

**Keene** – Genevieve Moore Segard Bushey, 85; Funeral Services Feb. 11, 2012 at St. Brendan's Church; burial in Norton Cemetery.

**Keene** – Kathleen T. (Murray) Russell, 81; Funeral Services Feb. 10, 2012 at St. Brendan's Church.

**Lyon Mountain** – Benoit "Ben" Fortin, 88; Funeral Services May 26, 2012 at St. Bernard's Cemetery; burial in parish cemetery.

**Malone** – Bradley G. Clark, 47; Funeral Services Feb. 20, 2012 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**Massena** – Richard A. Book, 88; Funeral Services Feb. 13, 2012 at Phillips Memorial Home; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Chateaugay.

**Newcomb** – "Butch" Eugene C. Bush, 64; Funeral Services Feb. 18, 2012 at St. Therese Church; burial in St. Therese Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – Keitha L. LaLonde, 77; Funeral Services Feb. 16, 2012 at Fox & Murray Funeral Home.

**Ogdensburg** – Linda M. (LaRock) Smith, 57; Funeral Services Feb. 15, 2012 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – Helen Irene (Almasy) Vernsey, 89; Funeral Services summer 2012 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

**Peru** – Marilyn A. (St. Louis) Santor, 81; Funeral Services Feb. 16, 2012 at St. Au-

gustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

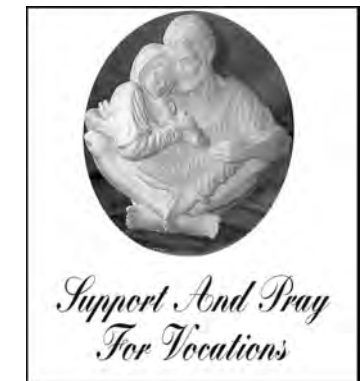
**Plattsburgh** – Angelina R. Sokoloski-Payant, 47; Funeral Services Feb. 17, 2012 at St. John's Church; burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Chazy.

**Plattsburgh** – Molly L. (O'Brian) Wells, 57; Funeral Services Feb. 15, 2012 at Brown Funeral Home; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Saranac Lake** – Helen M. Wells, 88; Funeral Services Feb. 18, 2012 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

**Tupper Lake** – Paul Becker, 46; Funeral Services Feb. 17, 2012 at St. Alphonsus Church; burial in St. Alphonsus Cemetery.

**Tupper Lake** – Robert J. Chartier, 79; Funeral Services Feb. 13, 2012 at St. Alphonsus Church.



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## YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

# With helmet in hand

By Andrew Lauria

Librarian, Seton Catholic in Plattsburgh

The music is playing loud, the heater is blowing on high, and the air-tools are running at full speed in the background.

## Living out a vocation

While it may be frigid and dim outside, there is no hibernation in here. This is a real garage. For me, winter is not a time for rest but rather a time to reassess. Winter is a time for new ideas on how to make the car go faster.

I am completely and unashamedly a car nut. Automobiles are my favorite thing that we humans have ever schemed up. The artistic, scientific, and pragmatic dimensions of the automobile have always left me both excited and amazed. That and I love to go fast. But most of all, I love automobiles because they are a part of my vocation.

God creates us for a singular and distinct purpose; to live and share in His great love forever. Every person ultimately has this



Andrew and his beloved Mazda Miata

same vocation to love. However, there are many ways to live it out. We have our "big V" vocations, which include being married or single, a parent, priest or religious. But within these vocations rest the "small v" vocations. These things include our interests and hobbies, skills and abilities that do not necessarily determine the pathway of our life, but rather enrich the journey on which God has sent us.

And one of the "small v" vocations in my life sounds exactly like a 1.8 liter, fuel injected, dual over-head cam, inline four cylinder engine revving at 7000 rpm around an auto-cross course.

I realized that cars were part of my "small v" vocation only recently, which seems sort of shocking even to myself since I have been in love with them since before I can remember. Just ask my parents. At some points in my life, I have embraced this reality and pursued all-things automotive. At other points, I have tried to ignore it thinking that it was a distraction to my real vocation in life. But no matter what I do, cars keep rolling back into my life and I have finally accepted that this is God trying to talk to me.

And this is how a vocation starts; with our desire to do something. For me it has always been the desire to be

the best driver that I could possibly be and eventually a real race driver. The fact that cars kept coming back into my life was a sign that I should do something with this desire.

Every time I get behind the wheel of my humble little Mazda at a competition, I feel like I am totally alive and so close to God. What I did not understand until recently is that this desire to drive can bring joy to other peoples' lives.

God is using me to reach other people and share with them his great love. And spreading the peace and joy that God gives me through driving is a positive, if not necessary experience.

When we follow these "small v" vocations, we live in joy and want to give this joy away. Giving sets us free. Bringing someone for a ride around the auto-cross course, teaching a newcomer the ropes, or just entertaining some friends at a car show are all ways that I can share God's love for me with other people. And they are receiving not a self-made happiness, but rather a God given joy.

Things do not give people joy, but rather God uses

things to bring people together to participate in his joy. And when we give this joy away, we are in turn set free.

Thomas Merton was right when he said "a happiness that is diminished by being shared is not big enough to make us happy."

Until now, I never understood how my desire to race could coincide with what God ultimately wanted for me but I am starting to understand. Once I started moving toward this goal, I realized that God was using me to bring about something that he intended and while I may not know what that ultimate purpose is,

I do have a deep peace in my heart from the joy that I get to share with others. I also hope that his plan eventually includes me winning a competition or two!

Just like the buried flower bulbs that are now so eagerly awaiting the arrival of warmer weather, so too I wait for the warmth to come in order to drive my car for another season.

Until the spring arrives, peace comes by knowing that the Son is shining down on me and that soon his work will begin again.

## Around the diocese

### ST. LAWRENCE

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#### LENTEN SOUP MEAL

**Heuvelton** - St. Raphael's Parish is holding a Lenten soup meal.

**Date:** March 12

**Time:** 11:45 a.m.

**Place:** St. Raphael's Parish Hall

**Features:** Fr. Jay Seymour, Pastor, will speak about his 500 mile journey across northern Spain to the tomb of St. James. Donations Accepted by not required

#### FISH & SHRIMP FRY

**Gouverneur** - St. James School will be having a Fish & Shrimp Fry every Friday during Lent.

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

**Cost:** Adults, \$10; Children 12 and under, \$5; under 5, free; Take-outs and delivery available, phone ahead for faster services at 287-0130.

#### COMMUNION BREAKFAST

**Ogdensburg** - The Knights of Columbus Council 258 is holding a Communion Breakfast for Notre Dame parishioners members of the Ladies Auxiliary and Bishop Monaghan 4th Degree

**Date:** Feb. 26

**Time:** Following 9:30 a.m. Mass at Notre Dame Church

**Cost:** Free for those attending Mass

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Massena** - St. Mary's & St. Joseph's has

Adoration every Friday.

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

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

**Features:** First Friday of each month is preceded by Benediction.

### DIOCESAN EVENTS

#### SINGING PILGRIMAGE

**Alexandria Bay** - St. Cyril's Church is sponsoring a Pilgrimage to Italy hosted by Peter's Way Tours featuring St. Cyril Church Choir in Liturgy and performance in Rome, Vatican City, and Assisi.

**Date:** Aug. 16-23

**Cost:** \$2595 + \$550 taxes/fuel surcharge (\$350 deposit due by 5-5-12)

**Features:** Experience Ancient Rome, Christian Rome, the Catacombs, Vatican Museums and a Papal Audience. Explore Assisi of St. Francis.

**Contact:** Beck Rose at becky.a.rose@gmail.com f

#### YOUNG ADULT ONLINE RETREAT

Diocese Young Adult Ministry will be sponsoring an "ONLINE" Lenten prayer group

**Schedule:** Sunday nights at 9p.m. each week during Lent.

**Features:** Busy schedule? Children? Life holding you back from adding prayer during Lent? Jump on line Sunday nights and join others as we pray our way to the Cross. Easy to join.

**Contact:** If interested please call or Email Lorraine Turgeon 315-323-4989 lturgeon@dioogdensburg.org for more information.

### NEIGHBORING DIOCESES

#### 2012 TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE

**Albany** - The annual Tekakwitha Conference has been planned

**Date:** July 18-22

**Place:** Airport Holiday Inn, 205 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12205

**Theme:** "Walking in her footsteps in Kateri Country"

**Contact:** For more information or to register for the conference, go to website [www.tekconf.org](http://www.tekconf.org)