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## Faith gives meaning to life

CASTEL GANDOLFO, ITALY (CNS) – While people obviously need to provide for their families and even make sure they get some rest and relaxation, the Gospel teaches that it's even more crucial to strengthen one's relationship with God, Pope Benedict XVI said.

"Jesus wants to help people go beyond the immediate satisfaction of their material

needs, important as they are," he said Aug. 5 at his summer residence.

Jesus' mission is to open people's eyes to the possibility of an "existence that is not simply that of the daily worries" about what to eat, what to wear and how to advance in their careers, he said.

"The center of existence, that which gives full mean-

ing and solid hope to the often difficult journey (of life) is faith in Christ, an encounter with Christ," the pope told a crowd gathered in the courtyard of his summer villa for the recitation of the Marian prayer.

"On days filled with activities and problems, but even on days of rest and relaxation, the Lord asks us not to

forget that while it's necessary to provide for material bread and restore our energy, even more fundamental is the need to deepen our relationship with him, reinforce our faith in the one who is the 'bread of life,' who fulfills our desire for truth and love," the pope said to the crowd gathered for his Angelus address.

## Vatican Letter: why we need saints

The official calendar of saints' feast days will grow in October when the pope canonizes seven men and women, including Mother Marianne Cope of Molokai and Kateri Tekakwitha.

According to Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, the appeal of the saints and their concrete examples of holiness give them "an undeniably positive role to play in this time of new evangelization," since they are living proof that the church is holy.

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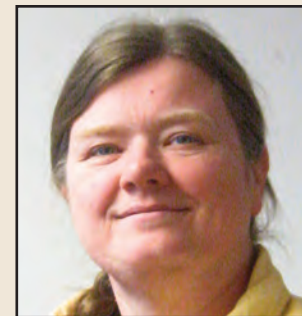
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Deacon Brian Dwyer, diocesan director of youth ministry, speaks to the Guggenheim campers Aug. 3 during the closing Mass of the sixth and final week of the 2012 summer camp season. At left is Father Thomas Higman, chaplain for the week, and Deacon Scott Belina. In this week's NCC, a long-time camper writes about her experiences at Guggenheim (page 16) and Deacon Dwyer writes about the importance of support from the Bishop's Fund Appeal for the work of youth ministry (page 6).

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

A summertime  
(sad) farewell

A question for the ages: Why do the days of July and August pass so much more quickly than those "shorter" days of January and February?

How in the world did it get to be Aug. 15?

- The NCC summer publication schedule has concluded.

- The last week of Guggenheim is behind us.

- Most of our visiting family and friends have gone back home again.

- The 2012 Summer Olympics are over and our local athletes are testing their fall sport skills on the fields and in

school pools across the North Country.

August is on the calendar but autumn is in the air!

The changes in the seasons will bring some significant changes in our diocesan church as well.

On Friday, the staff of the diocesan offices will honor our colleague and friend, Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, as she leaves the Evangelization Office and prepares to move to a new position as superior for the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Watertown.

A spiritual powerhouse, Sister Mary Eamon has worked tirelessly to spread the faith to the

unchurched of our region and increase the faith of the most devout.

Through her hard work, parishes in the diocese have seen the fruits of Why Catholic? and Disciples in Mission.

To reach as many people as possible, she planned evangelization workshops in six different places in a week. Then she traveled to each gathering to offer personal support to Catholics in every part of the diocese.

She reached out further with a weekly column in the *North Country*

*Catholic*, reflecting on the Sunday scriptures in light of her directive to invite every Catholic to recognize evangelization as "the essential mission of the Church," and to support our efforts to share the Gospel.

Sister Eamon will continue to share the Gospel in her new position in the motherhouse.

But those of us who have worked so closely with her in the Ogdensburg offices will miss her dearly, as will the thousands who have been touched by her work in the Evangelization Office.

A woman small in stature, Sister Mary Eamon Lyng leaves behind some very big shoes to fill!

Mary Lou  
Kilian

## CHURCH: A FAMILY OF FAITH

Jesus, Our Nourishment  
20th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Aug. 18-19By Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSJ  
Director of Evangelization

"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord" (Ps. 34). It is God's wisdom in His self-giving that we are invited to "come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared" (Proverbs 9:5).

In the reading from Proverbs, it is Lady Wisdom who, surrounded by elegance, is anxious to bring the hungry to share in a banquet that she has prepared. This elaborate meal includes wine mixed with spices. She has sent out messengers to announce her hospitality to those who could benefit from it. She is offering the food and drink of divine teaching and virtue not so much to those who deserve it as to those who need it, to those without understanding, to those who have up to now known only foolishness.

What Wisdom offers is life for all those who will accept it. She encourages her potential guests to forsake foolishness that they might have life.

Today's Gospel is the very heart of the Catholic understanding of the Eucharist: Jesus is the Bread of Life.

To feed on the Bread of Life is to begin to live eternal life, here and now. Jesus means exactly what He says. If we feed on Him and drink His Blood, Jesus will raise us up on the last day.

Taking part in the life of Christ through the Eucharist constitutes life, even as wisdom constitutes life. Eucharist, wisdom, the life of Jesus, and eternal life is for each of us. It is experiencing the joy with gratitude the Eucharistic presence of Jesus in our midst.

However, some Jesus' disciples did not believe His words.

Are we not stretched sometimes from our own comfort zone when we are faced with a new situation or we do not want to hear things that present a challenge to us?

We may not like what we hear from a friend, or a family member, or from the Church's teaching on a moral or ethical issue, but there is a "gut" feeling, that there is truth in what we hear, but it is not what we wanted to hear.

The mystery of the Eucharist is the nourishment we need when we are being stretched beyond our "comfort zone."

The celebration of the Mass in Word and in Sacrament keeps us centered as a family of faith, especially during difficult times.

When we receive Communion, the Spirit of the Lord present in Christ's Body passes into our hearts and into our bodies, making us one new ecclesial body, the mystical body of the Lord.

This ecclesial body is our deepest identity. How are you being stretched in your faith? What role does the Eucharist play in your life, especially when you are experiencing growth that feels uncomfortable?

Both readings speak of a banquet, the acquisition of wisdom and the celebration of a solemn meal.

A banquet involves community, the togetherness of the host with His guests. God's word teaches us about God's love and care for us. As witnesses of faith, the aim of celebrating the Eucharist together as a community of believers is meant to quietly yet confidently rebuild and deepen that sense of communion which is the mark of the followers of Jesus.

As wisdom and as Eucharist the Lord leads us away from foolishness and superficiality to an ongoing participation in His life, a participation that will culminate in the eternal banquet of life.

How have you grown in the wisdom of God through participation in the Eucharist?



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Marika Donders of Keene, N.H. to succeed Sr. Mary Eamon Lyng

# Bishop names new director of evangelization

By Father Kevin J. O'Brien  
Moderator of the Curia

**OGDENSBURG** - Bishop Terry R. LaValley announced the appointment of Marika Donders as the new diocesan director of evangelization, succeeding St. Joseph Sister Mary Eamon Lyng who has held the position since 2006.

Ms. Donders of Keene, N.H., comes to the Diocese of Ogdensburg from her position as director of the Newman Center at Keene State College in the Diocese of Manchester, N.H.

Her experience in evangelization and catechesis has also included work with the Daughters of St. Paul and in parish ministry programs such as RCIA, Welcoming Catholics Home, adult religious education, young adult ministry, and parish outreach.

At the Newman Center, Ms. Donders has been responsible for catechesis, faith sharing, Women in God's Spirit group, ministry to the homebound, bereavement ministry, and for designing and maintaining the parish website and social media pages.

"Marika brings a rich experience of evangelization on the parish level and has the skills, knowledge, and energy to lead our diocesan evangelization efforts," Bishop LaValley said.

"Her experience of evangelization at the grass roots level makes her keenly aware of the challenges of evangelization and gives her a unique perspective on what is needed and what works in evangelization," he said. "I believe that she will be of great assistance to our parishes and other institutions in their evangelization efforts."

"Marika has the faith, technical skills and experience to help our people deepen their faith and to share it," he said.

**Sister Mary Eamon Lyng**

For the past six years, Sis-



Marika Donders

ter Mary Eamon has led the diocese through Why Catholic? and Disciples in Mission, and has worked to provide resources for evangelization to parishes, institutions, and ministries.

She will leave her responsibilities as head of the Evangelization Office to assume duties as superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Watertown Sept. 1.

Previously she had served the diocese as assistant superintendent of schools for faith formation and as principal of Trinity Catholic School in Watertown after many years of teaching in Catholic schools across the diocese.

"Sister Eamon has done a wonderful job working with our parishes, schools, and other ministries in the Diocese to raise our awareness of our need and ability to share our faith with others," said Bishop LaValley. "She has helped us to re-energize our parishioners and to



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reach out to our missing brothers and sisters. I am most thankful for her dedication and hard work."

## New Evangelization

The diocesan Evangelization Office has the mission of inviting every parish, institution, and diocesan ministry to recognize evangelization as "the essential mission of the Church," and to support their efforts to share the Gospel.

Pope Benedict XVI renewed the Church's call for the "re-proposing" of the Gospel for regions "still awaiting a first evangelization" and for regions where the fruits of Christianity are deep but have experienced "a serious crisis" of faith due to secularization.

Pope Benedict stated that the "New Evangelization" is not new in content but is new in its thrust, new in its methods, and new because it is necessary to proclaim the Gospel to those who have already heard it. The goal of the New Evangelization is to lead us all to conversion, renewal, and a more profound experience of God.



Sr. Mary Eamon Lyng, SSJ

Bishop LaValley considers this New Evangelization an essential element of his sacred duty to provide for the spiritual needs of those in his care, especially those who are distant from the Church.

Ms. Donders is expected to provide assistance to Bishop LaValley as he seeks the active participation of the entire diocese in reaching out to missing brothers and sisters.

She will be a key figure in helping pastors and others in ministry in the diocese instill a sense of confidence in all

parishioners so that they can share their faith and create an atmosphere of hospitality and trust in their own parishes.

"The entire parish community must foster a sense of hospitality and welcome," Bishop LaValley said. "Marika will help us as we seek to build up the confidence in our people by fostering inviting liturgies, offering opportunities to learn our faith and share it, encouraging prayer and piety;

"In short, she will remind us that we must undergo constant conversion and support one another as we seek to grow closer to God," Bishop LaValley said.

"Sister Eamon has done an outstanding job in her work as Director of Evangelization, and I think that we have a director equal to the challenge of continuing and expanding the work that Sister Eamon has done to this point," Bishop LaValley said.

"Sister Eamon has built a solid foundation for our evangelization efforts," he said. "I look forward to working with Marika in maintaining and building upon that solid foundation."

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"A time to gather and celebrate marriage"

# The Tucker Twins - five months old

By Kevin Mastellon  
Staff Writer

**ADAMS** - Shellie Tucker describes the average day with five month old twin daughters and a two year old son as "constantly busy".

The days "seem to fly by," she says. "We get up in the morning for breakfast with the girls and the next thing we know it is time to put Owen to bed."

Greg Tucker finds life has leveled off temporarily. Now he is able to focus on Owen when he is with his son and not feel the preoccupation of worry about his girls, Amelia and Allison.

"It was hard," he says, "but we always knew we had people with us, people behind us to keep us going."

The Tucker Twins, as most of those who have followed the story of Allison and Amelia call them, were born March 1, 2012 conjoined. Since birth they have been at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania.

Shellie and Greg have been in Philadelphia with them but they live in a Ronald McDonald house with 22 other families.

Their son Owen turned two in June and joined them in late May. He had been living with his grandparents.

The big news for the Tucker family as they mark the girl's fifth month birthday is what is just ahead. For over a month now the girls have received a silicone injection each Tuesday to expand their skin. The procedure is preliminary to the real banner day, the day the girls are surgically separated from each other.



This Tucker family portrait shows Owen, age 2; Greg, Shellie, Allison on the left and Amelia on the right. The girls were born conjoined March 1 and are being readied for separation surgery at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The Tuckers are parishioners of St. Cecilia's Parish in Adams.

Shellie and Greg are confident it will be this fall but hesitate to venture a guess on a specific date. The attending physicians will make that call but

all indications are the girls are responding well to the therapy and are moving rapidly to the separation day.

Shellie, on her blog, is already teasing her friends with news of a "celebration" soon to welcome the girls to their home parish of St. Cecilia's in Adams.

Allison is a little bit smaller than her sister but she is the feisty one according to her mother. "Allison smiles a lot too, almost to the point of distracting me when I am trying to pay attention to a doctor or someone."

Amelia is very serious but quite easy going. "Amelia likes to follow all the voices she hears." That can cause problems when she tries to roll over to find someone talking behind her. Allison doesn't always want to roll with her sister.

Parents know all too well how difficult those little skirmishes children have can be. When the children are physically joined together the challenges are multiplied.

"I think we have been blessed," Shellie said during an interview recently while home for a visit with family in Adams. "Things could have been so different. The girls are healthy; all their organs are separate and functioning normally.

"The surgery they face is delicate but far less complicated than it could have been," she said. "And we have so many people praying for the girls and for us."

"We never felt alone," Greg continued. "We always knew there were people behind us cheering us on."

"I can't wait to get my girls home," Shellie says. Her prayer is that the day is soon.

## Plans set for annual MSC Foundation dinner

**WATERTOWN** - Missionary of the Sacred Heart Father Raymond Diesbourg, provincial superior for Missionaries of the Sacred Heart USA and Columbia, will be the featured speaker at the 39th Annual Dinner of the Sacred Heart Foundation set for Sept. 19.

The dinner will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, beginning at 6 p.m.

Bishop Terry R. LaValley, is

scheduled to give the invocation.

The annual dinner is the most important fundraiser for the Foundation whose only mission is to provide financial assistance to students studying to be Missionaries of the Sacred Heart priests and brothers.

This year, 70 students in eight countries received scholarships.

The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart have served the Diocese of Ogdensburg for more than 100 years.

Father Diesbourg is a native of Windsor, Ont., and attended school in Woodslee, Emeryville, and Tillsonburg, Ontario before entering Sacred Heart Mission Seminary in Geneva, IL. He entered the novitiate at Youngstown, Ohio, in 1966.

Father Diesbourg studied at De Paul University, Chicago, IL, Sacred Heart Seminary, Shelby, OH, De

Sales University, Center Valley, PA, and Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, IL.

In 1972 while at CTU, he was one of the founders and elected first president of the National Federation of Catholic Seminarians (NFCS).

He received a M. Div. from CTU and was ordained a priest by Cardinal (then Bishop) G. Emmet Carter in St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada on June 8, 1974.

For the MSC community, Father Diesbourg has served as pre-novitiate formation director in Center Valley, PA; as moral theology professor, theologate formation director, registrar and director of admissions at CTU; as director of communications and

as Director of Development at the Aurora headquarters for the MSC USA Province.

He also served as local superior of the Aurora MSC community, was provincial treasurer, a member of the provincial council and twice as vice-provincial.

Father Diesbourg became Provincial Superior in 2009.

Dinner tickets are still available at \$30 each. Complete details are available on the Foundation's website: [www.sacredheart-foundation.com](http://www.sacredheart-foundation.com) under the Special Events tab.

Tickets for the dinner are also available from any board or honorary council member or by calling the Sacred Heart Foundation Office at 782-3344.



Fr. Raymond Diesbourg, MSC

### The Miraculous Prayer

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked for many favors. This time I ask you this very special one. Take it Dear Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in our merciful eyes it will become your favor, not mine. Amen KM



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*Patrick Donahue has been hired as Ogdensburg regional director of Christian Formation*

## New face in the diocesan education office

By Mary Lou Kilian  
Editor

OGDENSBURG – More than 40 years ago, Patrick Donahue arrived in Ogdensburg to begin his studies at Wadhams Hall Seminary College.

After three years, he left the North Country, continued his education in Rochester and Syracuse, pursued a career in social work, married and became a father.

Now he's back again, this time serving as Ogdensburg Regional Director of the Department of Christian Formation with particular responsibility for the diocesan Formation for Ministry program.

Donahue succeeds Heidi Macko who held the position for eight years before her retirement this spring.

After three years at Wadhams Hall, Donahue completed his bachelor's degree at St. John Fisher in Rochester and then earned a master in social work degree from Syracuse University.

In 2005, he retired from a decades-long career in social work and went back to

school to, once again, study about his faith.

Donahue earned a master of divinity degree from St. Bernard's in Rochester and is currently pursuing a doctorate in ministry, with a focus in the spirituality of lay ministry, at Catholic University in Washington, D.C..

Donahue also completed the lay ministry formation program of the Diocese of Syracuse and served at his home parish in Camden, NY.

In 2009, Donahue and his wife, Karen, moved to Chaumont where Mrs. Donahue works as superintendent of schools for the Lyme Central School District.

Donahue continued in parish ministry, this time as director of religious education for St. Mary's Parish in Evans Mills.

He was also accepted into the diocesan Deacon Formation Program and was one of 13 men who completed the steps towards candidacy this year and are on track to be ordained in 2013.

Donahue applied for the position in the Christian Formation Office "because the job fit my preparation."

"The more I heard about the position, the more I thought it was right for me," he said.

He will be overseeing the Formation for Ministry Program as well as CORE, the diocese's professional staff development program for catechists.

He will also serve as regional director of Christian Formation for parishes in the central part of the diocese.

His first impressions since starting the new job June 1 are positive. "I like the environment and like the challenges," he said.

During his first year, he'll reach out to the parishes in his region, making sure parish leaders are aware of the resources the diocese can offer. He also hopes to expand the reach of the office and the Formation for Ministry program through technology.

"We need to reach more parishes with the resources we have here," he said.

"You know, our Christian mandate to evangelize and share the Good News has not changed in 2000 years even though society, culture and

technology have," Donahue said. "These changes encourage us, as disciples and particularly as catechists to address these changes with

greater imagination and creativity.

"In my case it is a terrific opportunity to have a job that calls for that," he said.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE WARD

Patrick Donahue, new Ogdensburg regional director for the Department of Christian Formation, is shown in his office in the Loverde Building of the diocesan offices.



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## BISHOP'S FUND 2012.... FACES OF FAITH

# Annual appeal supports youth ministry programs

The 2012 Bishop's Fund opens Sept. 15-16 in parishes of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. The theme for his year is "Faces of Faith" and the goal is \$1.25 million.

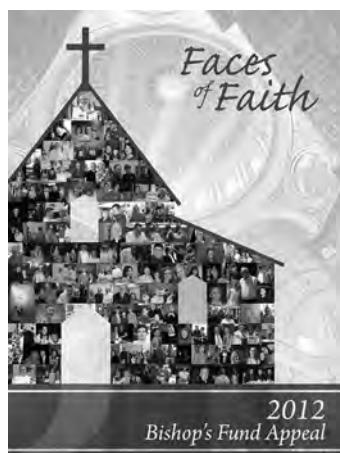
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Among more than 20 ministries supported by donations to the Bishop's Fund is youth ministry.

Here, Deacon Brian Dwyer, youth ministry director, reflects on the work of his department:

*The office of youth ministry is committed to being the "traveling companions of our young people."*

*Youth ministry is being fueled by so many caring and faith-filled adults who are walking the journey with our young people by showing*



*concern, compassion, love, and faith.*

*The guiding principles of youth ministry are discipleship, connection, and giftedness. Our Diocesan and parish programs always aim to make sure we are bringing more young people into relationship with Christ.*

*We aim to make sure their gifts and talents are being*

*used to build up parish life and the kingdom of God.*

*We aim to make sure they feel a connection with their parish and Diocesan family by knowing that we are all one by our faith and Baptism.*

*The office has seen many new adults step up to the plate and get involved in their parishes which has in turn led to many more young people finding Christ.*

*Our Diocesan programs so generously supported by the donors of the Bishops Fund continue to grow.*

*Our youth rally has steadily grown for the past two years and our Altar server mass and picnic has once again been well received.*

*Sportscamp is committed to deepening ones relationship with God and to work on their sports skills on and off the field and court.*

*Our summer camp at Guggenheim which is celebrating forty years is once again providing a place where our young people come and share faith, to build relationships with God and one another.*

*This year the office was responsible for a youth bus for life which traveled to Washington on the Roe vs. Wade anniversary. This experience gives our young people opportunities to stand for their faith and the dignity of the human person.*

*All of these programs and many more would not be possible without your generous support of the annual Bishop Fund Appeal. We are indebted for the many sacrifices you make. Please be assured of our continued prayers.*

## Bishop's Schedule

**August 15** – 12:00 p.m., Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Mary's Cathedral

**Aug. 16** – 5 p.m., Hamilton-Herkimer Deanery Bishop's Fund Reception at St. Mary's Parish Center in Indian Lake.

**Aug. 17** – 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg.

**Aug. 19** – 8:30 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Church in Massena; 10:30 a.m., Installation Mass for Reverend Scott D. Fobare as Pastor of St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Church in Massena.

**Aug. 20** – 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg; 5 p.m., Jefferson Deanery Bishop's Fund Reception at Sboro's Restaurant in Watertown.

**Aug. 21** – 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg; 5 p.m., Essex Deanery Bishop's Fund Reception at St. Patrick's Parish Center in Port Henry.

**Aug. 22** – 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg; 5 p.m., St. Lawrence Deanery Bishop's Fund Reception at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg.

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## Rest in Peace

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

**Aug. 15** – Rev. Alfred Onesime Boyer, 1959; Msgr. Cornelius A. Collins, 1967

**Aug. 16** – Rev. Peter Paladini, S.A.C.

**Aug. 17** – Rev. Joseph Winfrid Vinet, 1907

**Aug. 18** – Rev. Leoneo Proulx, O.M.I., 1979

**Aug. 19** – Rev. J. N. Emery, O.M.I., 1933; Rev. Richard A. Maher, O.S.A., 1959

**Aug. 20** – Rev. J. McCarthy, O.S.A., 1931; Msgr. Griffith J. Billmeyer, 1988

**Aug. 21** – Rev. John J. Waters, 1921; Rev. Albert G. Salmon

## 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. 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. Upcoming programs:

**Aug. 20** – Diocesan offices, Ogdensburg, 9 a.m.

**Aug. 30** – St. Mary's School, Canton, 7:30 p.m.

**Sept. 8** – Seton Academy, Plattsburgh, 10 a.m.

**Sept. 11** – Seton Academy, Plattsburgh, 2 p.m.

**Sept. 22** – St. Mary's Church, Evans Mills, 9 a.m.

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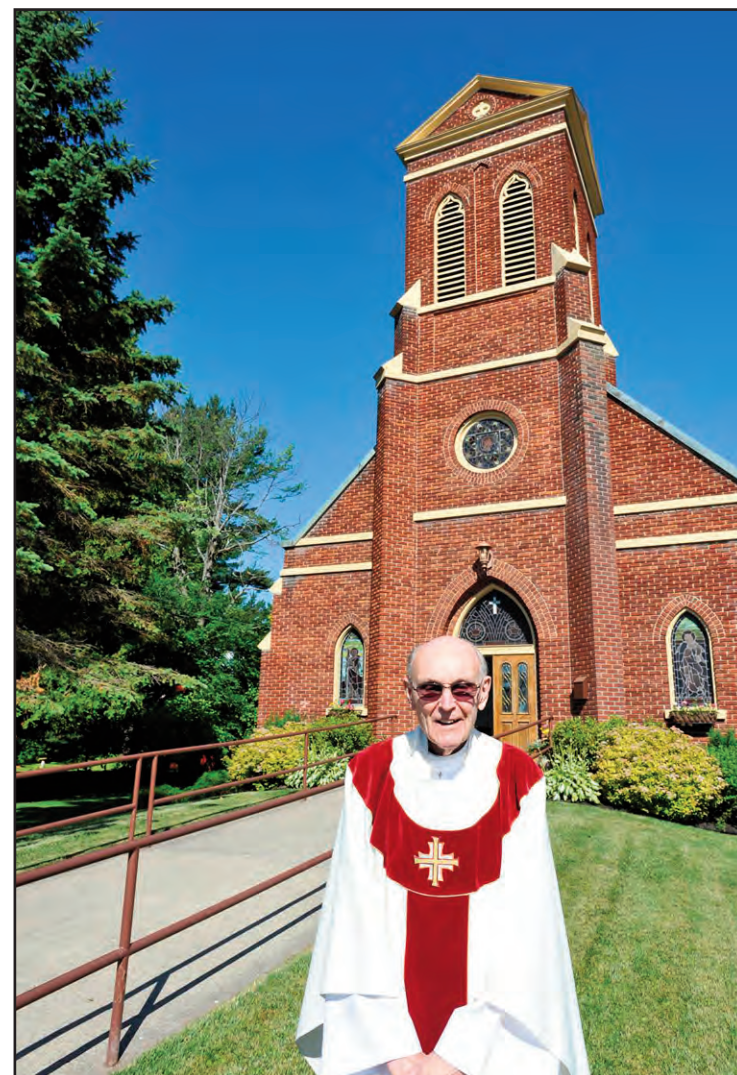
# SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S

Msgr. Robert L. Lawler celebrates Mass at St. John the Baptist Church in Madrid just before his retirement



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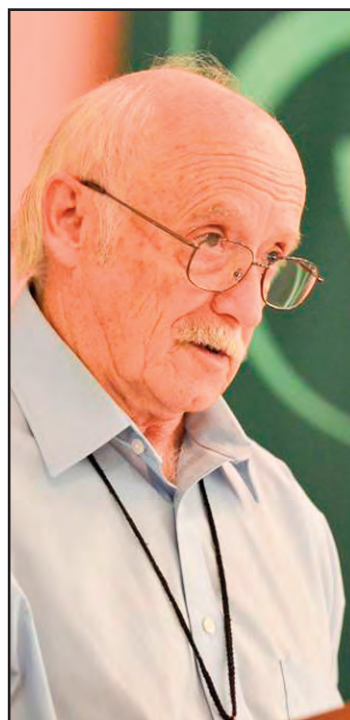
Brandon O'Neil and his brother, Cameron bring the Offertory gifts to Msgr. Robert L. Lawler during the 8:30 Mass at St. John the Baptist Church in Madrid on the feast of St. John the Baptist June 24. Msgr. Lawler retired from parish ministry July 4 and moved to Ogdensburg where he continues to serve the diocese as vicar general.



Msgr. Lawler stands in front of St. John the Baptist Church which has dedicated in 1929. The parish was incorporated in 1869 after the Baptist Evangelical Society sold the original church building to Bishop Joseph Conroy. In the early years, priests from St. Mary's in Waddington cared for the spiritual needs of the Madrid parishioners. Msgr. Lawler renewed this tradition in 2002 when he became pastor in Madrid in addition to his responsibilities as pastor in Waddington.



Currently, 150 families belong to the Madrid parish



Donald Normanread from the scriptures during the Mass.



Altar servers Tyler Fitzgerald, cross bearer, and Jesse LaMere lead the opening procession.

## DEACON IS ORDAINED

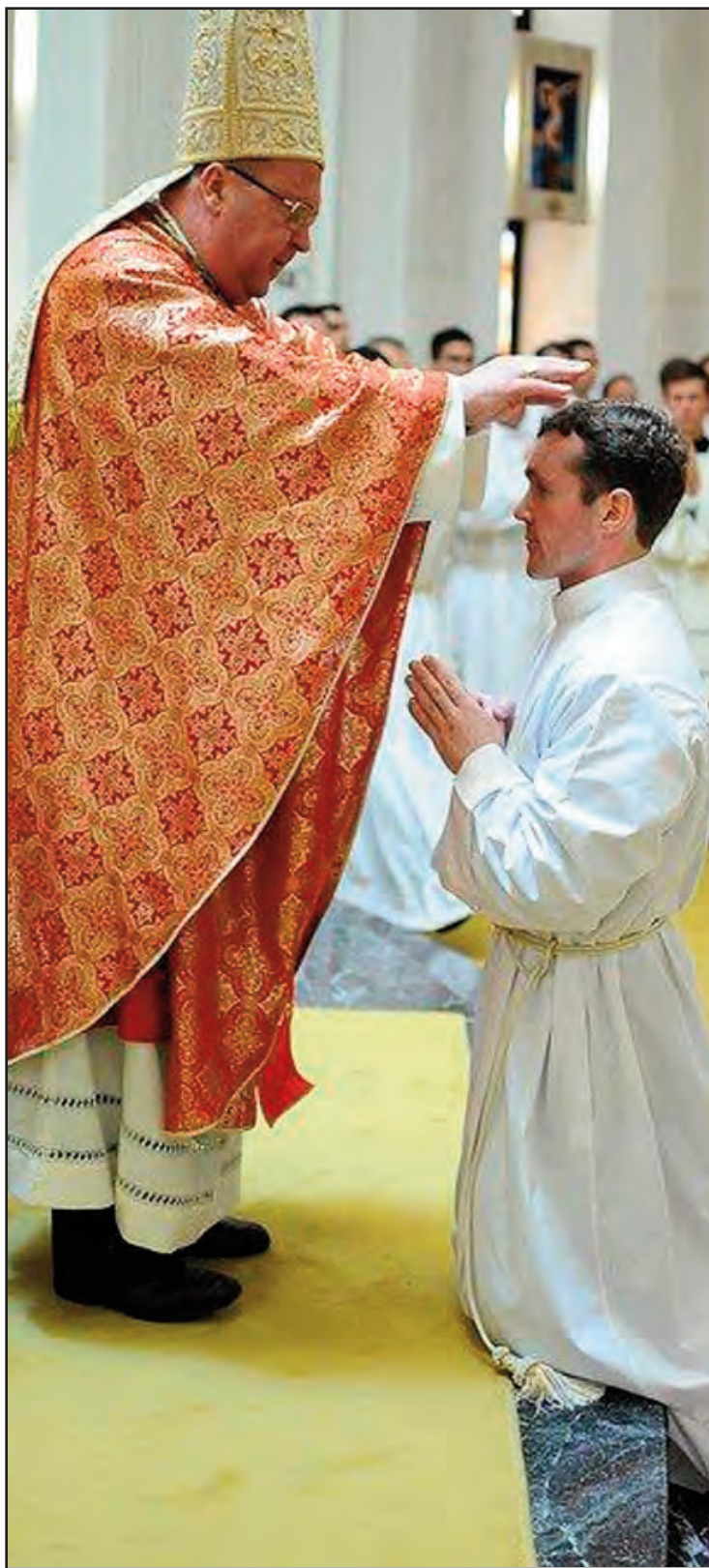


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Malone native John Pietropaoli was ordained a deacon June 30 at the chapel of Regina Apostolorum in Rome, Italy. He is pictured here with Bishop Lorenzo Leuzzi, Auxiliary Bishop of Rome, who ordained him and 33 other religious of the Legionaries of Christ at the ceremony. Son of diocesan NFP directors Angelo and Suzanne Pietropaoli, the new deacon grew up in Notre Dame parish. Educated at home, he then attended St. Anselm College, Manchester N.H., before entering the Legion of Christ in August 2000. After completing his philosophical and theological studies at the Regina Apostolorum, the new deacon is currently assigned there as assistant to the rector. He will be ordained to the priesthood Dec. 15 at the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome, where his parents and siblings Elizabeth, Thomas, Matthew, and Mary Catherine expect to join him.

# Diocesan Gabriel Project coordinator is appointed

Kathleen Olsen, a parishioner of St. Mary's Church in Potsdam, has accepted the new position of diocesan Gabriel Project coordinator.

Colleen Miner, diocesan respect life director, said, "while Gabriel Project is a parish apostolate helping women with spiritual, emotional and material needs during pregnancy, a coordinator serving as a liaison between the parish programs will be helpful"

For example, Mrs. Olsen will assist if materials need to be shared between Gabriel Projects and will provide opportunities for training and spiritual enrichment for the Gabriel Angels.

Mrs. Olsen attended Catholic schools throughout her early years including Trocaire College in Buffalo for nursing.

She also attended the University of California, River-

side, for a B.A. in Music and Crane School of Music for a graduate degree in Music.

After 17 years at SUNY Potsdam and the Community Performance Series, serving as executive director for the last ten years, Mrs. Olsen took advantage of an early retirement incentive and retired in Sept 2010.

"A special blessing as a result of that decision," Mrs. Olsen said, "was that I was able to make an amazing pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Father Scott Fobare and Father Scott Seymour.

"I enjoyed a year off work and a time of transition and have resumed work as an RN," she said.

She is currently the health director for Cornell Cooperative Extension's summer camp program for children. She also tutors nursing students and humanities courses at SUNY Canton and

is a writing coach.

Mrs. Olsen is married and has two grown children and ten grandchildren.

A Gabriel Angel since 2007, Mrs. Olsen has also served as the parish Respect Life Representative since January 2011.

She has completed one year of the Formation for Ministry program and plans to complete the program this coming spring.

Mrs. Olsen is preparing for a gathering of the Gabriel Angels to introduce herself and provide training from experienced Gabriel Project angels. The day, expected to be held in the Potsdam area, will include an afternoon of reflection and conclude with Mass.

The theme of the Day of Reflection will be "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." Proverbs 3:5.

Further information and a listing of Gabriel Projects in the diocese is available at [www.dioogdensburg.org/pro-life](http://www.dioogdensburg.org/pro-life).



Kathleen Olsen

## FUN AT THE FAIR



Of the 41 county and state fairs in New York State, the Jefferson County Fair in Watertown, is the only one that provides a day for the physically and mentally handicapped of all ages. Shown here are members of the Board of Directors of Jefferson County Fair, members of the Reithoffer Family who provided free rides and a gift to all guests, members of the Santillo Family who provide a free meal for all the guests, and members of the City of Watertown Fire Department who donated their time to the safety of the guests. Msgr. Robert J. McCarthy, the "Carny Priest" and member of the board of directors for the Jefferson County Fair, started the program about 12 years ago.



# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Pro-life directors prepare for challenges, celebrate achievements

ORANGE, Calif. (CNS) -- Pro-lifers must be joyful in the work they do, said Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities. "This is a beautiful time for us to gather and get energized for a difficult year ahead," he said as he began his homily at Mass Aug. 6 during the Diocesan Pro-Life Directors' Meeting held in the Diocese of Orange. Sixty directors attended the meeting organized by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities. Throughout the conference -- which was not open to reporters -- presentation topics dealt with the challenges facing pro-life ministers and activists in the United States today. Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, who chairs the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty, gave the opening keynote. But on the evening of Aug. 6, the focus was less on the challenges facing pro-life workers than on the joy of pro-life work. "We in the pro-life movement -- because the days can be long -- there are moments ... that we may think the work is just a burden on us," Cardinal DiNardo, of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, said in his homily. "But Jesus carried the burden first," he continued, reminding Massgoers that he did so with "joyful obedience." Cardinal DiNardo was the principal celebrant at the Mass at La Purisima Church in Orange. Orange Bishop Tod D. Brown and more than half a dozen priests attending the conference concelebrated the Eucharist with the cardinal. The Mass preceded the celebratory high point of the meeting, the People of Life dinner banquet, which honored Dr. Vincent Rue, a psychotherapist who provided the first clinical evidence of post-abortion trauma, and Sister Paula Vandegaer, a Sister of Social Service who has worked in various pro-life ministries in the greater Los Angeles area.

## Cardinal urges Congress to act on HHS mandate before year's end

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Since the courts will not act quickly enough to protect the religious liberty concerns prompted by the Obama administration's contraceptive mandate, Congress must "address this urgent and fundamental issue before it completes its business this year," Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo told members of the House and Senate. "Timely and uniform protection of these rights cannot be expected from the current lengthy judicial process," said the cardinal in an Aug. 3 letter to members of Congress. He is archbishop of Galveston-Houston and chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities. Cardinal DiNardo described the contraceptive mandate as an "unprecedented and misguided federal policy. The Catholic bishops of the United States continue to advocate for life-affirming health care for all, especially for poor and vulnerable people," he wrote. "We do not see this policy as a step in that direction." Cardinal DiNardo said that despite "widespread opposition to this coercive policy by religious organizations, lawmakers and the general public, Congress has still taken no action to counter it. The time for such action is, to say the least, overdue," he added. "The fundamental importance of the religious freedom issue at stake demands a timely congressional response." The cardinal said the requirement to provide contraceptives to their employees free of charge will likely affect for-profit business owners first. He noted that four of the lawsuits against the mandate have been filed by Catholic business owners.

# Challenges to marriage, religious liberty among Knights' top concerns

By Elisabeth Deffner  
Catholic News Service

ANAHEIM, CALIF. (CNS) - Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson called the number of attendees at the Knights of Columbus 130th supreme convention in Anaheim "a testament to the growth and development" of the international fraternal organization.

More than 2,000 Knights from around the world -- many of them with their wives and children -- along with 12 cardinals and more than 70 bishops attended the Aug. 6-8 convention.

Anderson made the comments at the States Dinner, a high point of the convention that brings Knights together in a celebration of patriotism.

The bishops, archbishops and cardinals attending the dinner processed through a massive exhibit hall in the Anaheim Convention Center, each waving a flag and smiling at the Knights cheering from either side of the aisle. After the clergy reached their seats on the dais, the assembly joined in the national anthems of countries in which the Knights are represented.

Later, as dinner was served, an orchestra performed the anthems of each U.S. state, as well as Canadian provinces.

The celebratory tone carried through the keynote speech of Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York - a member of the Knights of Columbus for more than 30 years -- who got a big laugh after thanking Anderson for booking him into the honeymoon suite of the hotel where the convention took place.

He went on to say he wanted to turn his audience's

attention away from "the crimson tide" of bishops and cardinals seated before them and focus instead on the Knights and their wives, and the sacrament of marriage.

**More than 2,000 Knights from around the world, along with 12 cardinals and more than 70 bishops attended 130th supreme convention**

"We Catholics are hopeless romantics, you know, when it comes to married love," he said, recalling something a staff member had said to him when he was the archbishop of Milwaukee. In striving to increase vocations to the priesthood and religious life, Jan Ruidl told him, he was not thinking along the right lines.

"The greatest vocation crisis today is to lifelong, loving, faithful, life-giving marriage," she said. "You take care of that one, and you'll have all the priests and sisters you need."

"For an increase in vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life and the sacrament of marriage' should perhaps become the new phrasing for a prayer of the faithful at every Mass," Cardinal Dolan went on, referring not to high divorce rates - but to low sacramental marriage rates.

Other speakers focused on the issue of religious liberty - a hot topic at a convention with "Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land" as its theme.

Pointing out that the clergy and the faithful of the United States had launched a robust defense of the fundamental right of religious freedom, Archbishop Richard W. Smith of Edmonton, Alberta, - the newly elected president of

the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops - noted that their neighbors to the north are also facing many challenges to their religious freedom.

"Freedom of religion is not merely the right to freedom of worship - it's the right to live out our beliefs in the public square," he said. "On an issue of such fundamental importance, we must be vocal."

In his homily during the opening Mass, celebrated earlier that day, Orange Bishop Tod D. Brown also touched on the issue of religious liberty.

"We face a growing secularism, attacks on the value and gift of human life, attempts to redefine traditional marriage, and serious curtailment of our religious rights," said Bishop Brown, a Knight of Columbus for 40 years. "Certainly, there is a clear and demanding need today for the new evangelization called for by Blessed John Paul II and, now, Pope Benedict XVI."

These are difficult times - just as St. Juan Diego lived in difficult times, he said. "In those tumultuous times in Mexico, Our Lady (of Guadalupe) brought a message of love and peace. Millions of native peoples embraced Christianity in the years that followed," Bishop Brown said.

As the patroness of the Americas, and of the Knights of Columbus, Mary provides a model of how to respond to the Lord's call, a model that will be all the more important as clergy and laypeople around the world begin to respond to the call to the new evangelization.

"I'm confident," Bishop Brown said, that the Knights "will be in the front ranks of the evangelizers."

## VATICAN LETTER

# Saints show church is holy despite failings

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)— Catholic devotion to the saints appears to be alive and well, and Pope Benedict XVI continues to proclaim new saints at a regular pace.

The official calendar of saints' feast days will grow in October when the pope canonizes seven men and women, including Mother Marianne Cope of Molokai and three laypeople: the Native American Kateri Tekakwitha, the Filipino Peter

Calungsod and the German Anna Schaffer.

The canonization Mass Oct. 21 will be one of the first big events of Pope Benedict's Year of Faith, which is designed to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and to launch a strengthened commitment to the new evangelization.

According to Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, the appeal of the saints and their concrete examples of holiness give

them "an undeniably positive role to play in this time of new evangelization," since they are living proof that the church is holy.

In a new book, currently available only in Italian, Cardinal Amato writes that it's easy to understand how people can question the church's holiness when they see the sinful behavior of some of its members. But the good, loving and charitable activities of other members are the best evidence that the church truly is the holy body of Christ, he says.

"The holiness of the church is not the sum of the holiness of its children, but is a spiritual gift received from the spirit of the Risen Christ," he writes.

"Throughout history, the church carries the treasure of its holiness in earthen vessels. Being aware of that, the historic church can do nothing other than continually convert to the cross of Christ," the cardinal said.

The saints and martyrs officially recognized by the church are the "demonstration that the church, even if it is not already perfect,



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Everette Alden from Crowe Agency, Mont., collects water at the spring where it is believed Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha was baptized in Fonda, N.Y. Blessed Kateri, a young Mohawk-Algonquin woman, will become the first member of a North American tribe to become a saint when she is canonized Oct. 21 at the Vatican.

given the misery of many of its sons and daughters, is not less holy, but continues to produce the fruits of holiness and always will."

Individual Christians and Christian communities thus have an obligation to pursue holiness "to counterbalance the humiliations" Christ's body suffers because of the sins of its members, he writes.

For Jesuit Father Paolo Molinari, who served as an expert at Vatican II and shepherded Blessed Kateri's sainthood cause for 55 years, saints are not mythic heroes but real men and women who show all Christians that it's possible to live holy lives no matter where they were born or what their state of life.

It's not a matter of demonstrating extraordinary courage in a dangerous situation, but "living an ordinary life in an extraordinary way," a way that "comes from the spirit of Jesus poured into our hearts," Father Molinari said in an interview with Catholic News Service.

Another great thing about

the saints, Father Molinari said, is that they are ready, willing and able today to help the church's members along the path of holiness.

The Second Vatican Council "purified" exaggerated practices related to the veneration of the saints, for example, where the faithful would "enter into a church and go to the statue of St. Anthony or St. Rita and touch it, but not even think that the Lord is present in the tabernacle," he said.

But the council still emphasized the fact that those friends of God are part of the church and will intervene on behalf of those still living on earth, he said.

Veneration of the saints, the Jesuit said, is a sign of "the link between the pilgrim church (on earth) and the ones who have gone to God."

Blessed Kateri is, like all the saints, still part of the Catholic family, concerned about the needs of her kin, Father Molinari said; and so, "being with God, she will probably whisper into the ear of God something of what we say to her."

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## RESPECT LIFE

# What I did on my summer vacation

By Kathleen M. Gallagher  
NCC columnist

I am just back from a relaxing few days on the coast of Southern Maine. It was my summer "get-away"...no cooking, no chores, no work, no deadlines, no stress. Everyone needs one. I highly recommend it.

This year, my get-away was extra special because my husband Joe and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary on this trip. There was no itinerary, and no particular plans. We drove to Kennebunkport and rented a room at the Franciscan Guest House, an affordable and comfortable hotel on the grounds of St. Anthony's Monastery, run by the Franciscan Friars.

The best part about the place is its location. It's right on the Kennebunk River, with great views of the harbor and all the boating activity in and out. It's acres and acres of walking paths, woodlands, shrines, chapels, gardens, a pool, a Catholic gift shop and daily Mass. It is literally a vacation for body and soul.

The monastery and grounds were purchased in 1947 by Lithuanian Franciscans, and the Lithuanian influence is everywhere. It's in the architecture of the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes and the graceful art of the Chapel of the Stations of the Cross. It's in the massive sculpture of the Militant, Suffering and Triumphant Church, the same one that adorned the Vatican Pavilion at the 1964 World's Fair (I bet I saw it there, when I was a mere toddler.) It's even in the food – the traditional Lithuanian potato pudding was a delicious staple at breakfast each morning. (Did I mention the Guest House serves an expansive free continental breakfast, and a hot breakfast for a mere \$3 donation? Yum!)

The Franciscan Guest



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Kathy and Joe Gallagher celebrate their 25th anniversary with a trip to the southern coast of Maine where they rented a room at the Franciscan Guest House in Kennebunkport.

House is a ten minute walk to Kennebunk Beach. We went there early in the morning to comb the sand for sea shells and driftwood. We went there at dusk to revere the majesty of the Atlantic Ocean.

The weather was picture perfect, and the beach was never crowded.

In the opposite direction, the Guest House is a ten minute walk to the tourist shops in Kennebunkport. We indulged at our favorite homemade ice cream stand and bought each other gifts that we would never have purchased at home. For our anniversary dinner we ate at a fine restaurant right on the river; everything from the salad to dessert was exquisite.

Joe and I rented bicycles and rode them out to Cape Porpoise where we watched the lobstermen haul in their traps. We enjoyed a cocktail cruise out of Perkins Cove -- Joe appreciated the roller-coaster-like thrills of the bumpy water while I simply appreciated the cocktails.

We drove out to Walker's Point to see former President George H. W. Bush's family estate. (The views are fabulous!) We shopped, dined, strolled and relaxed.

Now that the kids are grown and we no longer

pack the beach balls and boogie boards, vacation is, more than anything else, a time to pause. It felt refreshing – cleansing – to stop, breathe deeply, pray, and appreciate God's wonders all around me. It was an op-

portunity to listen, really listen, and let the Holy Spirit in. I'm usually so busy yakking that I fail to take the time to hear God's voice. It's an opportunity no one should miss.

We are back to reality now. The mortgage payment is due, the car needs a tune-up, and my e-mail box is overloaded. Our youngest son needs assistance in his college transfer process while our oldest needs help moving into his very first apartment. Meanwhile, the kitchen, the garden and the laundry are all competing for my attention.

But all is well. My body and soul are rested. I feel strengthened and better able to take care of others because I have taken care of myself.

If you are interested in a relaxing and relatively inexpensive trip to the coast of Maine, I highly recommend the Franciscan Guest House. I suspect they are full up for this summer, but maybe not...and autumn is a lovely time of year. They can be reached at 207-967-4865 or on-line at [www.franciscanguesthouse.com](http://www.franciscanguesthouse.com)

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## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

## It takes real wisdom to believe in God's gift

Suppose some new people have moved into your neighborhood. They seem to be friendly and very attractive. How can you get to know them better?

Why, by inviting them to dinner.

Most people love an invitation to a meal, and love of good food is built into human nature.

Certainly, Jesus accepted many such invitations. He knew that eating with people satisfies more than just physical appetite.

It can form bonds of friendship and strengthen

love. We tend to eat often with friends, for such meals gradually deepen affection.

Jesus knew that, even deeper than physical appetite, is the hunger for spiritual fulfillment.

This also is built into human nature by our Creator.

For several Sundays, the Gospel has told us about Jesus' attempts to convince

a large crowd that He Himself is the living Bread come down from heaven, bread that will satisfy their hungry spirits.

Instead of responding

with enthusiasm, the people argue among themselves as to how "this man" could possibly do what he says he will do. Already some of them turn away and leave for their homes.

Their problem can only be solved by seeing more than just "this man", and seeing more deeply into Jesus as the "God-man."

In every age, it takes real wisdom for people to believe in the incredible gift that the divine Jesus offers us.

What is wisdom?

Wisdom involves seeing deep down below the surface of words and events, making a judgment as to the truth of that insight, and

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Proverbs 9:1-6

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giving an assent which we call "understanding".

Wisdom is a gift. It's one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Wisdom can be lost through carelessness.

Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, lost his precious gift through sinful living.

In the first reading today from the Book of Proverbs, God offers the gift of wis-

dom at a banquet prepared for all "who are simple" and "lack understanding."

All we have to do is forsake the path of foolishness and sin, and we will then grow in "understanding".

In the second reading from the Letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul urges us to live not as foolish persons, but as wise ones.

Why?

Because wisdom leads to understanding, and understanding leads us to faith in the words of Jesus.

*Holy Spirit, grant us more wisdom each day, that we may not only understand the Living Bread of Life, but that we may receive this Bread more fruitfully.*



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## MAKING SENSE OUT OF BIOETHICS

## Loving those with disabilities

Many of us have hidden fears and hesitations when it comes to dealing with persons with severe disabilities. Their unfamiliar gestures, behaviors, and limitations can challenge us and infringe on our comfort zones.

We may be tempted to apply a different standard when we deal with them. Even very young children with disabilities may suffer discrimination through denial of care as newborns, or through abortion in utero.

During his presidential campaign, former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum and his wife Karen were often asked by people on the campaign trail about their daughter Bella, who was born with Trisomy 18, a severe genetic defect caused by an extra chromosome.

Such children tend to have shorter lifespans, with 90% dying during the first year of life. Nevertheless, with proper care, some can live well into their teens, and even into their 20's or 30's.

Bella became known to

the public during her father's candidacy in part because of several memorable moments during the TV debates where Rick powerfully described how Bella's birth and struggles had impacted their family.

**The Santorums realized they had to immerse themselves in the world of special needs, which Rick described as 'a different world,' and one where children like Bella 'do not get the care they need unless the parents fight for it.'**

Early on, Rick and Karen struggled with the Trisomy 18 diagnosis, and with the way physicians labeled it a "lethal diagnosis" and "incompatible with life."

Because they had already lost another child at birth, Rick, almost unconsciously, remained emotionally distant from Bella during the first few months of her life. He focused on being the pil-

lar of strength for the family through the storm.

He later described it during one of the public presidential debates this way: "I decided that the best thing I could do was to treat her differently and not love her... because it wouldn't hurt as much if I lost her."

Several years prior to Bella's birth, Rick had sponsored the partial-birth abortion ban in Congress. He had spent long hours on the Senate floor lobbying to protect children who were discovered to have "problems" before birth, rather than allowing them to be targeted for late-term abortions.

When Bella was 5 months old, she became critically ill and was rushed to the emergency room. Rick grasped her little finger on the gurney where she was lying.

"I remember holding that finger," he said, "and looking at her, and realizing what I

had done. I had been exactly what I had said that I had fought against at the partial

birth abortion [hearings]: I had seen her as less of a person because of her disability."

His candor is a reminder of the challenges we all face in caring for and loving those with disabilities and physical limitations.

Having learned many valuable lessons from their daughter, Rick and

Karen now serve as even more vigorous advocates for children with disabilities.

They realized they had to immerse themselves in the world of special needs, which Rick described as "a different world," and one where children like Bella "do not get the care they need unless the parents fight for it."

I recently had the opportunity to meet Rick and Karen. Karen described how Bella's situation was exacer-

bated by health care professionals who would not treat her with the same dignity and respect as normal children.

Surprisingly, some doctors did not even address Bella by her name.

Rick and Karen soon found an exceptional team of physicians who not only called Bella by her name, but were hopeful and positive about her life and possibilities.

Karen also mentioned another couple with a child affected by Trisomy 18.

They had been told after delivery that little could be done for their newborn, and the child was placed off to the side, until one of the parents noticed her struggling and sought assistance for her.

Other parents spoke to Karen about the subtle but noticeable resistance among medical staff whenever they brought their child with Trisomy 18 to the hospital for medical attention.

The Santorums had experienced similar challenges

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## AT THE MOVIES

## HOPE SPRINGS

By John Mulderig  
Catholic News Service

Although fundamentally moral, "Hope Springs" (Columbia) - a skillful mix of comedy and drama that focuses on the problems of one long-married couple - is also significantly flawed.

Primarily, that's because the frankness with which director David Frankel's film approaches marital intimacy veers, at times, into intrusiveness.

Additionally, in keeping with the under-refined values of contemporary society, his picture implies that virtually all methods of obtaining sexual gratification - at least between married partners - are acceptable.

Still, a resounding pro-marriage message undergirds the proceedings as aging Omaha, Neb., suburbanites Kay (Meryl Streep) and Arnold Soames (Tommy Lee Jones) work to rekindle their spark.

Worn down by routine

after three decades together, they've gradually grown physically and emotionally distant, occupying separate rooms at night and hardly exchanging a word during the day.

While grumpy Arnold seems resigned to this fate, feisty Kay is unwilling to give up so easily. So, at her insistence, the pair sets off to Maine for a week of intensive therapy with marriage counselor and self-help author Dr. Bernard Feld (Steve Carell).

Even discussing their personal problems - much less solving them -- proves a challenge for the buttoned-up duo. Much of the humor plays off the contrast between their verbal and behavioral inhibitions and Feld's unflappable straightforwardness on any and all subjects.

Yet, as he peers into every aspect of their history, as well as their unfulfilled desires and fantasies, viewers need not be puritans to share in Kay and Arnold's

discomfiture.

And things go from bad to worse when we're subjected to a brief but unseemly scene in which Kay resorts to a sinful alternative to the physical union she and Arnold no longer share. While her act is portrayed as a pathetic symptom of desperation, this interlude marks the movie's low point of unnecessary immodesty.

Thus, while "Hope Springs" celebrates determined fidelity, and finds its leads in top form, the proportion of screenwriter Vanessa Taylor's script devoted to talk about, or activity in, the bedroom narrows the appropriate audience for this keenly observed study. Only mature moviegoers well formed in faith and morals will be up to the task of gleaning its virtues from its failings.

The film contains considerable sexual content, including semigraphic scenes of marital lovemaking and



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Meryl Streep and Tommy Lee Jones star in a scene from the movie "Hope Springs."

masturbation; pervasive references to sexuality; a benign view of aberrant sex acts; about a half-dozen uses of profanity; and at least one crude and a few crass terms.

The Catholic News Service classification is L - limited adult audience, films whose problematic content many adults would find troubling. The Motion Picture Associa-

tion of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.



## Loving

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with caregivers and medical staff.

They had to fight to get the prescription for oxygen, and basic medical supplies, that Bella needed after she left the hospital; in addition, a hospice physician prescribed what would have likely been, if administered, a lethal dose of morphine.

Discrimination against those with disabilities should never be allowed to gain a foothold in the medical profession, nor be allowed to guide public policy.

The true measure of the greatness of a society will always be in terms of how it treats its weakest members, and the authenticity of our own love will be measured

by our compassion and acceptance of the disabled and the powerless.

God seems to send us children with disabilities to help us grow, to remind us that every soul is of greater importance than its frail body, and to teach us how man's highest calling is found in his God-like possibility of sharing unconditional love.

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The price for the ticket is \$20 or six (6) tickets for \$100 with all proceeds going to St. Agnes School.

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## CLINTON

## CONSECRATION TO MARY

**Ellenburg Center** - Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer will be having Consecration to Mary.

**Date:** Aug. 15

**Time:** 11 a.m.

**Features:** Mass, Rosary, Confession. Fr. Bill Edwards presiding. For those newly consecrating or wishing to renew.

**Contact:** please call 518-594-3253 or email olaprayrhouse@gmail.com - Donations appreciated.

## REDFORD PICNIC

**Redford** - The 157 Annual Redford Picnic to be held.

**Date:** Aug. 19

**Place:** Grounds of the Church of the Assumption Parish Center

**Schedule:** Events start at 11:30 a.m. beginning with "The Fiddlers" until 1:30; "Roy Hurd" from 2 p.m. to 4 followed by "Too Big For the Corner Band" from 4:15 p.m. to 6:15. Drawing for the \$5000 cash prize will be at 6:15 p.m.

**Features:** Ham and Roast Beef dinners will be served in the gym. Games, including Skilo, Pie Wheel, Fancy Booth and rides on one of the oldest merry-go-rounds in North America. There will also be a rummage sale starting at noon and numerous other events. Free admission

## FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATION

**Ellenburg Center** - Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer will be having a Foundation Day Celebration.

**Date:** Aug. 25

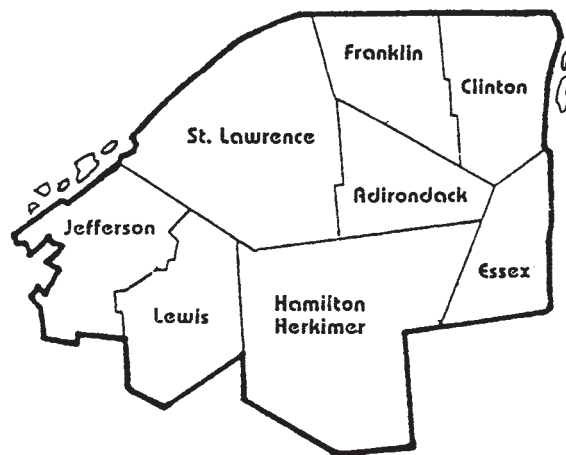
**Time:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Features:** Bishop Terry LaValley presiding at Mass and Fr. Jack Downs giving a conference on Meditation and Contemplation. RSVP by Aug. 15.

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## SOAKING PRAYER

**Plattsburgh** - Soaking Prayer is offered every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the



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month under the direction of the Living Water's Healing Ministry.

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

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

**Features:** A quiet prayerful environment, allows participants to be immersed/soaked in God's love

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

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

**Theme:** "O God-Man present in this sacrament for me—what a comfort, what a privilege to know I kneel before God! (St. Alphonsus Liguori)

**Contact:** call 518-561-5083 or email us at sjohnsadoration@aol.com.

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Keeseville** - The Keeseville Altar Rosary Society will sponsor a Sunday weekly Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament.

**Time:** 1 p.m. to 4

**Place:** Immaculate Conception Church

## ESSEX

## CHICKEN BBQ

**Crown Point** - Sacred Heart Church will be having a Chicken BBQ.

**Date:** Aug. 26

**Time:** 12 p.m. to 5

**Cost:** \$9

**Features:** Take-outs available and there will be a cash raffle.

## JEFFERSON

## CHICKEN BARBECUE

**Watertown** - Knights of Columbus will be having their 7th Annual Chicken Barbecue Fundraiser.

**Date:** Aug. 25

**Time:** 11 a.m. until gone

**Place:** St. Anthony's Church Parking Lot

**Cost:** \$8 Full Meal; \$5 Half Chicken only, take-outs available

## LIFERIGHT MEETING

**Watertown** - Liferight of Watertown will hold its monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of the Month.

**Time:** 4 p.m.

**Place:** 312 Sherman St.

**Features:** The office has videos, books and educational materials which may be borrowed. Topics covered: infanticide, assisted suicide, euthanasia and chastity.

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

## ST. LAWRENCE

## 'ETTY'

**Morristown** - A special presentation of "Etty," a one-woman play based on the

journal writings and letters of Etty Hillesum, a young Dutch Jewish woman who died at Auschwitz, in 1943 will be held

**Date:** Aug. 22

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

**Place:** St. John the Evangelist Church

**Cost:** Suggested donation of \$10

**Features:** Susan Stein, a NYC actor, portrays Etty, who movingly describes her life and her deepening desire to be an instrument of God's compassion, even amidst the horrors of the Holocaust, and her own impending death. Susan's performance, under the direction of Austin Pendleton, has been described as "impeccable." A TalkBack follows.

## LAWN MOWER RACES

**Brasher Falls** - Lawn Mower Races will be held.

**Date:** Aug. 19

**Time:** 1 p.m.

**Place:** K of C Field

**Admission:** \$3

**Features:** Concession stand will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages.

## SURVIVOR SUPPORT GROUP

**Canton** - The Surviving Spouse Friendship and Support Group meets the first Thursday of the month.

**Time:** 9 a.m.

**Place:** Best Western University Inn

**Contact:** Lita Maroney at 379-1650 for more information and for restaurant planning purposes.

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

## HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

**Ogdensburg** - St. Mary's Cathedral holds a monthly Holy Hour to pray for Vocations.

**Date:** Thursday before the First Friday

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

**Place:** Deacon Winter Chapel

**Features:** Nocturnal Adoration continues through the night

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

## ALTAR SERVER MASS AND PICNIC

**Ogdensburg** - Altar servers from parishes across the diocese will be recognized

**Date:** Sept. 9

**Time:** beginning at 2:30 p.m.

**Place:** Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral; picnic at Knights of Columbus hall

**Features:** Altar servers and families will gather for Mass with Bishop LaValley at St. Mary's Cathedral beginning at 2:30.

Following liturgy there will be a picnic at the KofC hall as well as fun and games for the entire family.

**Registration:** interested servers and families should contact their pastor to sign up. Registration deadline is Sept. 2.

## CHARISMATIC RETREAT

**Saranac Lake** - Annual Retreat for Charismatics to be held.

**Date:** Aug. 24 to Aug. 26

**Place:** Guggenheim Lodge

**Speaker:** Fr. Anthony Gramlich from the Divine Mercy Center in Stockbridge, Mass.

**Contact:** For more information contact the Resurrection House at 518-891-1182

## NEIGHBORING DIOCESES

## KATERI PEACE CONFERENCE

**Fonda, NY** - Bishop Thomas Gumbleton will conduct a day of reflection leading into our 14th annual Kateri Tekakwitha Peace Conference.

**Date:** Aug. 17 and 18

**Theme:** Crossing the Line: A Call to Revolutionary Love.

**Speaker:** Bishop Gumbleton's mini retreat is called Non Violence and Active Love: the Only Moral Response to War.

**Information:** www.kateripeaceconference.org ; You can reach the conference directors at: Maureen Aumand 518-869-6674 and John Amidon 518-312-6442

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

**Syracuse** - The third annual Syracuse Catholic Women's Conference will be held

**Date:** Oct. 27

**Place:** Convention Center at the Oncenter

**Schedule:** Registration 8 a.m., Conference begins at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Contact:** Registration now open www.syracusecwc.com

## AT ST. ANNE'S SHRINE

**Isle La Motte, Vt.** - Events at Saint Anne's Shrine in the coming Weeks:

**Feast of the Assumption:** Saint Anne's Shrine will observe the Feast of the Assumption on Aug. 15. Mass will be celebrated at 11:15 a.m. by Rev. Michael Cronogue, S.S.E., Superior General of the Edmundite Fathers.

**Roast Pork Dinner:** Aug. 18 in the Shrine Café from 4 p.m. to 6:30

**Madrigal Choir from Canada:** will provide music at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Aug. 26

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# You can make a difference

Sean Mejia grew up in the northern Philippines. It was there that he heard the call — the Lord's call to follow Him as a priest. Ordained ten years ago this October, after completing studies at the major seminary in Vigan, Father Mejia serves today in Lubuagan, the oldest mission in the area. The people are poor and have suffered too from divisions in the community.

## St. Peter Apostle Appeal

On the roads of Lubuagan, Father Mejia will be found visiting the barrios, listening to the people and sharing their concerns. He holds meetings with lay people and Religious who are working to build a unified community. Above all, Father Mejia celebrates Mass for the men, women and children of Lubuagan, nourishing them with the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

On one particular Sunday, not that long ago, Father Mejia spoke specifically about peace, the peace that Christ Himself offers us. After that Mass, while counting the collection plate, Father Mejia found, among the few coins and bills, a very different offering — a bullet. "What can this mean?" he wondered.

The very next Sunday Father Mejia had his answer when a young man approached him. "I was touched by your homily," he told Father Mejia, "and I decided that the time had come to change. I have used my guns many times to terrorize people; now I realize that it is wrong and I wanted to give you a sign of my surrender to the Lord's way."

Father Mejia, who had surrendered his life to Christ when he heard Him calling him to be a priest, had delivered a message that made a difference.

Throughout the Missions today, there are many young men who are hearing our Lord call them to the priesthood. Over the past several years, some 1,700 mission seminarians have been ordained each year — beginning a lifetime of making a difference. There are also men and women hearing Jesus asking for their service as Sisters or Brothers.

But in order to become priests, and Sisters or Brothers, they need YOU. Above all, they need your prayers. And too they need your financial assistance. Typical help for a mission seminarian is \$700 for each year of study. Religious novices need \$300 annual help.

Throughout the Missions, many young men are responding to our Lord's call to the priesthood, and young men and women are in formation to become Sisters or Brothers. Your support enables them to prepare for a lifetime of service among the poor and the suffering, as they bring to those in need the hope-filled "Good News" of Jesus.

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## OBITUARIES

**Adams** — Deloris A. (Babcock) Bice, 76; Funeral Services Aug. 1, 2012 at St. Cecilia's Church; burial in Rural Cemetery.

**AuSable Forks** — Blance M. (Bombard) Plumadore, 75; Funeral Services Aug. 1, 2012 at Holy Name Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Brushton** — Cody D. O'Connor, 21; Funeral Services Aug. 9, 2012 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Canton** — Dean A. Layhee, 46; Funeral Services Aug. 6, 2012 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Fairview Cemetery.

**Cape Vincent** — Marlene A. (Wilcox) Schmeer, 78; Funeral Services Aug. 8, 2012 at St. Vincent of Paul Church; burial in St. Vincent of Paul Cemetery.

**Champlain** — Paul Andre Cloutier, Sr., 74; Funeral Services Aug. 6, 2012 at Sr. Mary's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Rouses Point.

**Clayton** — Antoinette A. (Coppola) Casler, 86; Funeral Aug. 3, 2012 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Clayton Cemetery.

**Ellenburg** — Lynn Prevo Lafountain, 45; Funeral Services Aug. 7, 2012 at St. Edmund's Church.

**Ellenburg** — Catherine M. (Hart) Nephew, 87; Funeral Services July 30, 2012 at St. Edmund's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Memorial Gardens

**Glenfield** — (Ledwin) Therese Salmon, 83; Funeral Services Aug. 3, 2012 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, Greig.

**Harrisville** — Jonathan P. Grindal, 65; Funeral Services July 31, 2012 at St. Francis Solanus Church; burial in St. Francis Cemetery.

**Hogansburg** — Percy George Francis, 74; Funeral Services Aug. 2, 2012 at St. Regis Church; burial Kateri Cemetery.

**Hogansburg** — Mary Chubb Leaf, 89; Funeral Services Aug. 6, 2012 at St. Regis Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Hogansburg.

**Keeseville** — Velma Winifred (Peryea) King, 96; Funeral Services July 27, 2012 at the St. John's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Massena** — John "Jack" P. Flynn, 89; Fu-

neral Aug. 3, 2012 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** — Beulah Adelaide Lazore, 95; Funeral Services Aug. 1, 2012 at Donaldson Funeral Home; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** — Greg A. MacKinnon, 60; Funeral Services July 31, 2012 at St. Mary's Church.

**Massena** — Helen (Gabri) Marcil, 91; Funeral Services Aug. 1, 2012 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** — Sara (Ciampa) Terminelli, 90; Funeral Services Aug. 6, 2012 at St. Mary's Church.

**Mineville** — Dominick M. Ida, 89; Funeral Services Aug. 6, 2012 at All Saints Church; burial in St. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Mohr.

**Ogdensburg** — George Steve Joannette, Sr., 54; Funeral Services Aug. 2, 2012 at Fox & Murray Funeral Home; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** — John P. Moulton, 95; Funeral Services Aug. 4, 2012 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in Holy Infancy Cemetery, Lake Luzerne.

**Ogdensburg** — Richard E. Smith, 76; Funeral Services July 30, 2012 at Frary Funeral Home; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** — Barbara Abernethy, 53; Funeral Services Aug. 4, 2012 at St. John's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** — Adrian H. "Adie" Carter, 84; Funeral Services Aug. 3, 2012 at the Brown Funeral Home; burial in St. Alexander's Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** — Mildred LaMare Dandrow, 90; Funeral Services Aug. 1, 2012 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** — Henry McComb, 77; Funeral Services July 28, 2012 at St. John's Church; burial in St. Charles Cemetery, Farmingdale, Long Island.

**Plattsburgh** — John Owen Neveu, 63; Funeral July 28, 2012 at St. John's Church; burial in Bush Cemetery, Alburgh, VT.

**Plattsburgh** — Rena M. (Meschinelli) St. Louis, 85; Funeral Services Aug. 6, 2012 at St. John's Church; burial in Mt. Carmel

Cemetery, Plattsburgh

**Port Henry** — William "Pete" Tromblee, 79; Funeral Services Aug. 7, 2012 at St. Patrick's Church.

**Potsdam** — Margaret A. Hughes, 77; Funeral Services Aug. 1, 2012 at St. Mary's Church; burial at St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Rouses Point** — Shawn Christopher Gladd, 40; Funeral Services July 28, 2012 at St. Patrick's Church.

**Saranac Lake** — Frances E. (Yelle) Connors, 91; Funeral Services July 31, 2012 at the Fortune-Keough Funeral Home; burial in St. James Cemetery, Lake Clear.

**Ticonderoga** — Stephanie Sarah Pell Dechame, 88; Funeral Services Aug. 4, 2012 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

**Watertown** — Wilma G. (Gregory) Baker, 83; Funeral Services July 31, 2012 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** — Diane M. Fernandes, 50; Funeral Services Aug. 3, 2012 at the Reed & Benoit Funeral Home; burial in St. Cecilia's Cemetery, Henderson.

**Watertown** — Ferne E. Kobel, 92; Funeral July 30, 2012 at Holy Family Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Clayton.

**Watertown** — Louis Lucidi, 100; Funeral Services July 30, 2012 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery

**Watertown** — Robby Lee Morgia, 31; Funeral Services Aug. 4, 2012 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** — Thelma A. (Eddy) Pepe, 86; Funeral Services Aug. 7, 2012 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** — William A. Trimm Jr., 82; Funeral Services July 31, 2012 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Mausoleum.

**West Chazy** — Wayne L. Bousquet, 77; Funeral Services Aug. 1, 2012 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Wilmington** — Theresa M. "Wroblewski" Ott; Funeral Services Aug. 6, 2012 at St. Margaret's Church; burial in Holy Name Cemetery, AuSable Forks

## YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE



PHOTO BY DAYNA LEADER

Newly ordained Father Thomas Higman served as chaplain for the sixth and final week of the 2012 season of Camp Guggenheim. Here, he blesses the campers during the closing liturgy. One of those campers, Gabriella Haycock of Clayton, shares reflections on her Guggenheim experiences in the column below.



The final week of Camp Guggenheim was filled with 16-18 year olds from across the diocese. The campers are shown in front of the "In" before the week's formal dance.

# Six years of faith-filled summers

By Gabriella Haycock  
Parishioner, St. Mary's, Clayton

When most people think of summer camp they probably think of spending time outdoors, going swimming and meeting new people.

For me, summer camp has become this and so much more.

I began going to Camp Guggenheim when I was twelve years old. I knew no one going there and I really did not know what to expect as I had only gone to the family camp there before.

When I got there, a little before check-in which was at 3 p.m., there was a line almost

all the way up the camp road. I could not believe it and this made me a little bit nervous for the week ahead.

That was six years ago and that first year at Camp Guggenheim changed my life just as much as each of the years to follow.

My last three years at camp I got to go to the 16-18 year old week.

This week was so much different than what I had experienced my first three years going to camp.

In this week most of the campers were a lot more developed in their faith and believed just as much as I did.

There were longer periods of adoration, more in-depth

conversations and thought-provoking activities. The skit done at reconciliation always made you cry, and service day was probably one of the best parts of the week.

This year was my last year going to camp, but I will be applying for staff next year and I hope to be able to share the faith that I have learned with those that come to camp looking to grow in their faith or find their faith.

As I look back on my time at Camp Guggenheim, I just want to say thank you.

Thank you, of course, to all the counselors who were at camp, listened, and helped to guide everyone there on a path to grow in their faith.

Another thank you goes to the priests. I know this year we had the honor of having the newly ordained Father Tom Higman at sixth week, but over the years I have met many priests who are willing to sit down and talk and answer any questions you have.

A final thank you to my parents, for paying for me to go to camp and for driving me the three hours up, being there for every final Mass, and just sitting there in the silence of the car while I cried on the way home because I did not want to leave.

For anyone out there reading this with children and teens between the ages of 12-

18, I highly recommend that you send them to Camp Guggenheim.

The time that I spent there changed my life.

I am so much stronger in my faith than I ever thought possible and I know it's okay to be this way.

Staff member Zack Leader probably said it best at the final Mass this year when he said, "Everyone says that you are the future of the church, but I think that is wrong. You are the church right now."

We are the church right now, we are living God's message in our communities, and I thank Camp Guggenheim for helping me to live that message.