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God is real, not 'god-spray'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - The Christian faith teaches that God is a real, concrete person, not some intangible essence or esoteric mist like "god-spray," Pope Francis said.

In his homily April 18 at an early morning Mass in the chapel of his residence, the

Domus Sanctae Marthae, Pope Francis said many people say they believe in God, but what kind of God do they believe in exactly? God is a real person - a father - and faith springs forth from a tangible experience of an encounter with him, the pope

told his listeners.

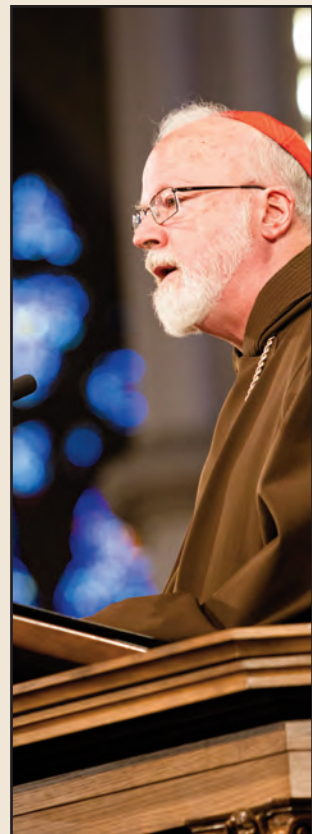
"We believe in God who is Father, who is Son, who is Holy Spirit," Pope Francis said. "We believe in persons and when we talk to God we speak with persons" who are concrete and tangible, not some misty, diffused god-

like "god-spray," that's a little bit everywhere but who knows what it is."

This faith in the real presence of Jesus is a gift from God himself, the pope said, and when he gives this gift of faith "we must continue on this path," rejoicing.

HEALING OUR CITY

Boston gathers in prayer



CNS PHOTO/GREGORY L. TRACY, THE PILOT Boston Cardinal Sean P.O'Malley speaks during the "Healing Our City" interfaith memorial service April 18 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross for the victims of the Boston Marathon bombing. The April 15 bombing claimed the lives of at least three people and injured more than 170.

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COME TO OUR SCHOOL!



Catholic schools across the Diocese of Ogdensburg are preparing to welcome children for the next school year with registrations and screenings. St. Marguerite D'Youville Academy in Ogdensburg will hold its annual kindergarten screening May 1 and 2. Above, SMDA junior kindergarten students are ready to welcome new students to join them for kindergarten next year. Pictured above are Maddie Gardner, Jace Havens, Maddie Green, Lauren Lopez, Mylie Belile, and Madelyn Varney.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Pope Francis: what will he say next?

Our new pope certainly has a way with words.

Who else would be concerned that we would think of God as a kind of "god-spray"?

On most mornings since his election in March, Pope Francis has celebrated Mass for different groups of Vatican employees in the chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae, the Vatican guesthouse where he has been living.

I've found that I can't wait to hear what he says next!

On April 18, a group of Vatican security officers, heard the pope reflect on the fact the God was a real person.

"We believe in God who is Father, who is Son, who is Holy Spirit," Pope Francis said. "We

believe in persons and when we talk to God we speak with persons" who are concrete and

tangible, not some misty, diffused god-like "god-spray," that's a little bit everywhere but who knows what it is."

A day earlier, he told Vatican bank employees that failure to evangelize makes 'mother church' a 'baby sitter.'

All of the baptized must "announce Jesus with our life, with our witness and with our words," the pope said.

"When we do this, the church becomes a mother church that bears children," he said. "But when we don't do it, the church becomes not a mother but a baby sitter church, which takes care of the child to put him to sleep."

Mary Lou
Kilian

In other homilies, he said:
• We can't try to tame the Holy Spirit:

Christians must struggle with the temptation to tame the Holy Spirit, he said. "To speak plainly: The Holy Spirit annoys us." The Spirit "moves us, makes us walk, pushes the church to move forward".... People think it's better to be comfortable, but that is not what the fire of the Holy Spirit brings, Pope Francis said.

• We can't be hypocrites:

The credibility of Christianity is undermined by pastors and faithful who preach one thing and do another, Pope Francis said. "One cannot proclaim the Gospel of Jesus without the tangible witness of one's life.

• We can't be gossips:

Christians need to recover the value of meekness, particu-

larly when they are tempted to speak ill of one another or gossip about each other, Pope Francis said. Complaining behind each other's backs is a temptation that comes "from the Evil One who does not want the Spirit to dwell among us and give peace,

Last week, as we all watched in horror the events in Boston, it would be easy to take comfort in our own goodness. We aren't creating bombs to throw at innocent strangers, after all.

But are we hypocrites? Do we gossip? Do we try to stymie the Holy Spirit? Do we evangelize as we are called to do?

Do we actually think of God as a kind of "god-spray"?

These are very hard questions to consider.

Maybe I don't want to hear what Pope Francis says next after all!

Responding with a campaign of hope

I had just completed a First Communion interview with an eight-year-old and her mother. As they were leaving, the mother asked me if I had heard the news about the bombing at the Boston Marathon that afternoon. I hadn't. After they left, I hustled upstairs to investigate. It was rather shocking.

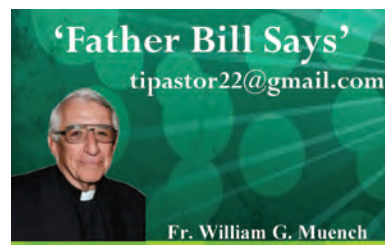
The news showed everything. I watched the news from Boston for the rest of the evening. Too many innocent people injured – too many killed.

So senseless! So senseless!

Another tragedy to write about – again, too many families senselessly disrupted – innocent families disrupted. What can be said?

Seems like only yesterday that I wrote my thoughts about a dreadful calamity in Connecticut.

I do not know anyone involved – directly or indirectly – at the Boston Marathon this year. Yet, I know them all. I have seen their pictures over and over again on the television news. It feels like I know them all. It feels like I know



them all personally. I am getting the whole story.

So, what can I say? You must forgive me – because I have said all of this before to you.

First, I want to weep for all those involved. How do I feel? I want to do something. I am not personally involved with any of those or the families that were harmed by this bombing. Yet, I must do something – I must say something.

Each of us must do something good right now – today. We must put some goodness into this world for what has been taken away by this dreadful action.

Our response to this broken world will be our efforts to live better lives and make our world a better place – today. We must do something good to

fill up for the good that has been lost.

I pray – I do pray for the victims and for their families. I also pray for those who caused this violence.

I do pray that God will guide us all to some sort of repentance. I pray that this will never happen again. I ask you to join me in praying for any disturbed individuals out there. I know I am a bit naïve to believe that this will never happen again – however, if I lose this hope than I will have lost everything.

I have been preserved – my life has never been threatened – my loved ones have not been caught in some violent calamity. I live a rather peaceful life. I don't have a care in the world. When I go out for a walk or a drive, I don't have to be preoccupied with all sorts of precautions.

For this, I am thankful to God – for putting me in this peaceful place and watching over me. Yet, I know that there are too many people in this world who cannot say this. I pray for them. I pray that one day peace

may be theirs. May we soon give peace a chance.

I have not mentioned anger. I would like to tell you that I am able to resist anger and any angry reactions. However, I must admit that, if senseless violence would harm the life of one of my loved ones, I can't guarantee anything.

Yet, I do know that anger is so destructive and hurtful in itself – to me and to those in my life.

I pray that the Lord will give me the grace of being a peace-filled person, that I can overcome my own anger and help others to work through their anger.

Lord, may I be a force for peace and good sense – even in the worst of times.

I continue to be frightened each time such terrible acts of violence happen. I worry – could this happen here? So, I continue to pray. I will continue to bring goodness and love into my life and encourage others to do so also.

This must be my campaign of hope: that only good things happen here.

Sr. Debbie Blow to be honored by NY State Senate

ALBANY - Dominican Sister Debbie Blow, a co-founder of the North Country Mission of Hope, will be recognized in Albany early next month as a New York State Senate Woman of Distinction.

Senator Betty Little has nominated Sister Debbie for the recognition, citing her leadership in organizing a sustained humanitarian mission to Nicaragua that, since 1998, has provided healthcare to more than 60,000 people, educated hundreds of students, constructed more than 500 homes, as well as classrooms, a library and community development center, and fed thousands of children through the Children Feeding Children Program.

"Plans for the North Country Mission of Hope's 50th mission trip are underway, so this is certainly a fitting time to recognize Sister Debbie for her extraordinary work," said Little.

"Tens of thousands of lives have been transformed for the better due to her vision and dedication and the more than 1,300 volunteers who

have made numerous trips to Nicaragua," Little said.

"This mission not only has provided Nicaraguans living in poverty critically important tangibles like housing, healthcare and food, but a sense of hope, a remarkable gift," she said.

Sister Debbie, a Dominican Sister of Hope, co-founded the mission in response to Hurricane Mitch, which killed more than 22,000 people in Central America in 1998. A Nicaraguan student whom Sister Debbie helped rescue when the family escaped civil war in the 1980s informed her of the storm's impact on the poverty stricken country.

The New York State Senate Women of Distinction event will be held in the Legislative Office Building in Albany May 7. The annual event honors outstanding women from across New York State for their professional and volunteer work to enrich the lives of others.

Further information about the North Country Mission of Hope is available at www.ncmissionofhope.org.



Sr. Debbie Blow, OP



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Members of the Year of Faith committee who attended the April 11 meeting at St. Patrick's Parish Center in Colton are shown front, from left, John Fehlner, Lake Placid; St. Joseph Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, Watertown; St. Joseph Sister Mary Annunciata Collins, Carthage; Father Garry Giroux, pastor in Brasher Falls and chair of the committee; Dr. William Amoriell, member of the Diocesan Pastoral Council; and Sister Maria Flavia D'Costa, Watertown; back, Donna Smith, Hogsburg, Father Bryan Stitt, diocesan vocation director; John Miner, Saranac Lake; St. Joseph Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, diocesan superintendent of schools; Gayle Frank, diocesan family life director; Carol Gonthier, Norfolk; and Father Thomas Higman, Malone

Year of Faith: looking ahead

Members of the diocesan Year of Faith committee have been meeting regularly to plan local events to mark the international observance.

Pope Benedict XVI declared a Year of Faith, from Oct. 11, 2012 to Nov. 24, 2013, in honor of the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Ecumenical Vatican Council in Rome and the 20th anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Catholics from throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg will be invited to three major events planned for the coming months:

- Corpus Christi celebration June 2 in Ogdensburg. A 9:30 a.m. Mass at Notre Dame Church will be followed by a period of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 2 p.m. At that time, participants will process with the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of Ogdensburg to St. Mary's Cathedral. The program at the cathedral will feature adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, preaching, choral praise, vespers at 4pm, Benediction, and reception outside.

- "The Beauty of Belief- a celebration of art and music in the Year of Faith" Aug. 18 at SUNY Potsdam's Hosmer Hall. Musicians will share high quality choral, vocal, or instrumental pieces that are

sacred and spiritually influenced while artists will the beauty of faith through visual art.

- Celebration of the Year of Faith at Lake Placid Sept. 29. All the parishes of the Diocese of Ogdensburg will converge on Lake Placid for Mass with Bishop LaValley, pastors and fellow Catholics at the

Olympic Center.

Complete information on the Year of Faith, including Bishop LaValley's Pastoral Letter for the year, appears on the diocesan Year of Faith webpage. The page can be accessed by clicking on the Year of Faith logo on the diocesan website, www.rcdony.org.

Youth Rally: at Seton on Saturday

PLATTSBURGH - The 2013 Diocesan Youth Rally will be held at Seton Catholic Central April 27. The theme will be "Jesus - The Way, the Truth, and the Life," featuring Chris Stefanick as keynote speaker for the day.

"Chris is one of the most engaging young defenders of the Christian faith on the scene today," said Deacon Brian Dwyer, diocesan director of youth ministry. "Grades 6-12 are encouraged to sign up for this exciting event for our young Church."

The day will also include workshops, an interactive park, and Mass with Bishop LaValley.

Registration may be made through parishes or the diocesan website www.rcdony.org.

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YEAR OF FAITH...STORY OF FAITH

Faith has changed me and I know it

By Andrew Lauria
Parishioner, St. Ann's Church, Wells

I was standing on the roof of an old brick apartment building on the first moments of 2013 with an acquaintance I had met at the party we were attending below. A good cigar is what prompted us to the spectacular view overlooking the Albany skyline.

As the crowd found their way back to the warmth of the building below, we talked about very many important things. It was refreshing to share with a stranger who had a similar old soul. We talked about our lives and about the obstacles facing us in our world today. It was a humbling but sincere exchange and we laughed and talked into the dimly lit sky for quite some time.

The conversation that struck me the most was the one we had about how the older we get, the more we realize that the only thing that we do know is that we are imperfect. I thought about this further and realized how true and upsetting this is. But amidst all my imperfections, somehow I know that perfection does exist. I know that God exists, the Catholic Church is His creation, and that His Mother, Mary Most Holy, is also my mother.

In spite of my fallen self, I have something to claim in the spiritual journey of life. I have been given the gift of faith that I can do better, that I can move toward the Good, the confidence that I am not standing still by myself on an empty



Andrew Lauria

planet.

In the deep recesses of my soul, faith has changed me and I now know it.

I am not the person I was ten years ago, I am not even the person I was ten weeks ago. And this is a good thing! It is a good thing because I realize that God is slowly perfecting me according to His image, according to the person He created me to be. And with that unfolding reality has come a profound, other-worldly peace, that peace that I can relate to in the writings from the saints.

Only God can console us and the only consolation we need is to know that He is with us in our life, on our path towards Him. If we allow Him to lead, then we can follow and become like Him and this is very encouraging.



Real faith creates stillness in the soul that is simply more incredible than anything I could ever try to create or even imagine.

In that moment on the roof, I sensed a glimpse of the infinity that we speak of in our Church, what the famous thinker Rudolf Otto calls the experience of the Holy, an "other-worldly terror" in which we realize how tiny and insignificant we are in relationship to God.

I realize now that I am so tiny and that that is the best size to be so as to easily fit in the hand of my Father, the God who created me, the Father who sent His son to redeem me, the guide of the Mother who fosters my love for her Son, and the Wisdom who will keep me close to Him forever.

I believe that the greatest journey of my life is inward, toward faith, in a constant and real "yes" that my soul must exclaim at every second, in every situation, and to all people,

including myself. I must continually tell the Lord "yes" for that is in fact the only thing that I can do.

I have been given the gift of faith that I can do better, that I can move toward the Good, the confidence that I am not standing still by myself on an empty planet

I can usher in eternity only by resigning myself to this very moment, and the next, and the next, until one day I will begin my final journey home to join The Communion of Saints. And I will know that I have arrived when finally I am fully one with that great love and joy that I experienced in just a singular spectacular moment on New Year's Eve. Faith will bring me home.

Until then, I have to continue to pray and follow the Lord and embrace my fallen nature and realize that I cannot be perfect in this world. God never calls me to be more than I can be at every moment. I just have to say "yes" because that is all I can do, but more importantly, because that is what I choose to do.

In this year of 2013, in celebration of The Year of Faith, I pray that God hears our cry to be more like Him and to continue to open our hearts to receive the courage to follow the simple way of Mary by saying "yes".

And maybe, just maybe, we will be so fortunate to see a little spiritual progress in a peaceful moment with a stranger.



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FACES OF FAITH



The Knights of Columbus held its annual Upstate Freethrow Contest at Bishop Ludden High School in Syracuse March 23. The winners – including two from the Diocese of Ogdensburg – will compete in the NY State Final Freethrow Contest April 27 at West Point Military Academy. Pictured, front from left, are Audrey Mack, winner of girls, age 11; Sabella Panepinto, girls, age 12; Taylor Perry of Ogdensburg, girls, age 13; and Jolene Krom, girls, age 14; back, Max Odum, boys age 10; Carl Craziadei, boys, age 11; Decdan Porter of Canton, boys, age 12; Craig Eichas boys, age 13; and Corey Reppert, boys, age 14.



Divine Mercy Sunday was celebrated April 7 at St. Hedwig's Catholic Church in Houseville, with guest celebrant Father Lukasz Kozlowski, pastor from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Utica. Deacon Jim Chaufy assisted and led the chaplet in song.



Junior high students of St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga participated in the Living Stations of the Cross during Holy Week. Pictured are Caleb Pike, as Jesus, and Courtney Wranosky, as Mary, His mother.



St. Elizabeth's Church in Elizabethtown held a special ceremony on Holy Thursday to receive the oils which Bishop LaValley had blessed at the Chrism Mass. Above, Anthony and Thomas Celotti of the parish confirmation class present the chrism and oil of catechumens to Father Francis Flynn, pastor.



Seton Catholic Central in Plattsburgh hosted a potluck for the school's international students and their host families March 24. The program featured games and an evening of shared food from China, Vietnam, Japan, Spain, Pakistan, and the United States.

Listening Sessions for *Mutually Shared Vision*

Catholics from across the diocese are encouraged to participate in one of these listening sessions as part of the diocesan envisioning process to discern priorities and goals for the Church in the North Country

DATE	LOCATION	AUDIENCE (DEANERY)
1 Tue, May 14, 2013	2 pm at Wadhams Hall, Ogdensburg	Chancery Staff
2 Tue, May 21, 2013	7 pm Presbyteral Assembly, Alexandria Bay	Presbyterate
3 Wed, May 29, 2013	6:30 pm, St. Bernard's School, Saranac Lake	Permanent Deacons/ Deacon Candidates & Wives from Eastern side of the Diocese
4 Thu, May 30, 2013	6:30 pm, Immaculate Heart Central, Watertown	Jefferson
5 Mon, June 3, 2013	6:30 pm, Wadhams Hall, Ogdensburg	Permanent Deacons/ Deacon Candidates & wives from Western side of Diocese
6 Wed, June 5, 2013	6:30 pm, St. Peter's Church Hall, Lowville	Lewis
7 Thu, June 6, 2013	6:30 pm, Trinity Catholic School, Massena	St. Lawrence
8 Tue, June 18, 2013	6:30 pm, St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga	Essex & Hamilton/Herkimer
9 Wed, June 19, 2013	6:30 pm, Seton Academy (across street from St. Peter's Church), Plattsburgh	Clinton
10 Tue, June 25, 2013	6:30 pm, Holy Family School in Malone	Franklin & Adirondack

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April 22-23 –Pontifical College Josephinum board meeting in Columbus, Ohio

April 25 – 11 a.m., Opening Mass at the 53rd Biennial New York State Convention for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas at St. Pius X Church in Albany

April 26 – 7 p.m., Confirmation at St. Mary's Church in Fort Covington

April 27 – 8:45 a.m., Year of Faith Workshop at Seton Academy in Plattsburgh

1:30 p.m., Diocesan Youth Rally at Seton Catholic Central in Plattsburgh

4:30 p.m., Mass at the Diocesan Youth Rally at Seton Catholic Central in Plattsburgh

April 28 – 8:30 a.m., Mass at Queen of Heaven Church in Henderson

11 a.m., Confirmation at St. Cecilia's Church in Adams

April 29 – 8:45 a.m., Prayer service and visit to Trinity Catholic School in Massena

4 p.m., Mass and blessing of convent at Sisters of the Cross in Watertown

April 30 – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

7 p.m., Confirmation at St. Patrick's Church in Watertown

Rest in Peace

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

April 24 – V. Rev. Alfred L. Pelletier, O.M.I., 1978; Rev. Thomas Egan, S.J., 1994

April 26 – Msgr. David Stinebrickner, 1998

April 27 – Rev. John J. Fedigan, O.S.A., 1908; Rev. Michael F. Ambrose, 1934

April 28 – Rev. J. A. Larose, 1967

April 29 – Rev. Peter Mullen, M.M., 1999

April 30 – Rev. Michael W. Holland, 1906; Rev. Louis Grenier, M.S.C., 1958

Environmental Stewardship

Homily given by Pope Francis at his Installation

"Authentic power is service... Please, I would like to ask all those who have positions of responsibility in economic, political and social life, and all men and women of goodwill: let us be 'protectors' of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment,"

Tips for Living Lightly...

April 22nd is Earth Day and April 26th is National Arbor Day. "I think that I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree... Joyce Kilmer
•Take a moment to notice the changes and budding forth of the trees..a sign of "resurrection" all around us.

•Dig up and transplant tree seedlings for summer shaded, and a place for birds and animals. Be sure to water frequently.

• Consider planting oak trees, as these trees are long lived and can sequester carbon longer than most other plants. Oaks are also ideally suited for the warmer climate that is gradually developing on the planet.

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults. Pre-registration online is required in order to participate. Participants may pre-register at www.virtus.org by selecting the registration button and following the directions. All employees and volunteers who participate in church sponsored activities with minor are required to participate in this training. Further information is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 403.

April 28 - 11 a.m., Kateri Hall, Akwesasne

Aug. 29 - 8 p.m., SUNY Potsdam

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Pope names international panel of cardinals to advise on reform

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Amid rising concerns about corruption and mismanagement in the central administration of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis named an international panel of cardinals to advise him on the latest reform of the Vatican bureaucracy. The Vatican Secretariat of State announced April 13 that the pope had established the group -- which includes Boston Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley and Sydney Cardinal George Pell -- to "advise him in the government of the universal church and to study a plan for revising the apostolic constitution on the Roman Curia, 'Pastor Bonus.'" "Pastor Bonus," published in 1988, was the last major set of changes in the Roman Curia, the church's central administration at the Vatican. It was largely an effort at streamlining by reassigning responsibilities among various offices, rather than an extensive reform. Complaints about the shortcomings of Vatican governance increased markedly during 2012 following the "VatiLeaks" of confidential correspondence providing evidence of corruption and mismanagement in various offices of the Holy See and Vatican City State. That affair prompted a detailed internal report, which Pope Benedict XVI designated exclusively for the eyes of his successor. The College of Cardinals extensively discussed the problems in meetings preceding the conclave that elected Pope Francis last month. According to the April 13 Vatican statement, the suggestion for an advisory panel on reform arose during those meetings.

Catholic Charities leaders plead for needs of poor with Congress

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The picture on Ted Bergh's cellphone showed a long line of people winding around Springfield Central Catholic School in western Ohio. They were there April 13 to get food, he said; 733 families, 2,378 people in all. Bergh, CEO of Catholic Charities of Southwest Ohio based in Cincinnati, was astonished by the numbers. The agency worked with the Second Harvest Food Pantry and Catholic parishes in Springfield, northeast of Dayton, to distribute the food in an area continuing to experience high unemployment. The photo was the cornerstone to a series of meetings Bergh had April 17 with congressional staffers during Catholic Charities USA's annual Hill Day. Bergh came to Washington to convince members of southwest Ohio's congressional delegation to preserve funding for important food and nutrition programs. "Hunger is alive and well in the middle of Ohio." Bergh told Catholic News Service prior to his first appointment in the office of Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio. At the meeting Bergh talked about the crowd in Springfield as well as the need for immigration reform and sensible gun control. The senator's assistant, Tyler Brace, listened to Bergh's stories about agency clients and accepted handouts detailing the work of Catholic Charities across Ohio, much of it through federal grants. Brace remained noncommittal on Portman's stances.

Grand jury report likens Gosnell's clinic to a 'baby charnel house'

By Joseph Austin
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - When a team of health officials and investigators looking into illegal drug use raided Dr. Kermit Barron Gosnell's Women's Medical Society Feb. 18, 2010, they happened upon what many are calling a "house of horrors."

"There was blood on the floor. A stench of urine filled the air. A flea-infested cat was wandering through the facility, and there were cat feces on the stairs," said a grand jury report about the conditions found in the clinic Gosnell ran in West Philadelphia.

The two surgical rooms resembled a "bad gas station restroom," according to Agent Stephen Dougherty of the federal Drug Enforcement Agency.

The team went on to recover the remains of 45 fetuses "in bags, milk jugs, orange juice cartons, and even in cat-food containers," the report explained.

Three days later, the Pennsylvania Department of Health suspended Gosnell's license. He was arrested in January 2011 and charged with seven counts of infanticide and one count of murder in the case of a Nepalese woman who died during an abortion.

Gosnell's trial on those charges began March 18 of this year. By the fifth week, beginning April 15, prosecutors were continuing to call witnesses, including several patients and several former employees, who testified about the squalid conditions they saw at the clinic. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty against Gosnell.

Several pro-life leaders in interviews with Catholic News Service or in state-

ments emailed to CNS discussed the Gosnell case and the attention it brings to what they said are deplorable conditions all too common at abortion clinics.

It was a "meat-market-style of assembly lines of abortions," Mallory Quigley, a spokeswoman for the Susan B. Anthony List, said April 15, referencing the words of two nurses who recently left a Delaware clinic for similar reasons. "The Gosnell case is a lot more common than people realize," Quigley said.

Jeanne Monahan, president of the March for Life Education & Defense Fund, said that "Americans as a whole think that abortion clinics are sanitary decent clinics," but the "majority of abortion clinics in our country are held to very minimal standards: legally the same standards as beauty parlors and vet clinics."

According to Pennsylvania Department of Health spokeswoman Kait Gillis, because of "tougher regulation and new leadership, today, abortion facilities are being held accountable to higher standards to better protect the health and safety of women."

"We have a far deeper understanding of these facilities now than we did then (when Gosnell's abuses were uncovered) and conduct regular annual and unannounced inspections, not only because the law tells us to, but because we are committed to doing what is right," she said.

While Pennsylvania's Abortion Control Act prohibits some forms of abortion, not all clinics performing ambulatory surgical procedures at the time of Gosnell's arrest in 2011 were subject to the same standards of care for women.

The state's Abortion Facili-

ties Control Act that came into effect late that year now holds abortion clinics to the same standards of health and safety as other outpatient clinics, such as eye care or urgent care facilities.

"Prior to the passage of this legislation, it was clear that the law favored the abortion industry -- not women's health, as is so often claimed," the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference said in a statement on the law.

State law requires that abortions be done under 24 weeks of pregnancy because of the risks to the mother, but the grand jury report showed Gosnell routinely flouted that law. "The bigger the baby, the more he charged," it said.

He is accused of sticking a pair of medical scissors into the back of the necks of prematurely born babies and cutting the spinal cord, a procedure he called "snipping." Court records show he destroyed most of the documentation on his use of "snipping," but pictures taken by employees and other evidence are being used by prosecutors.

"Over the years, many people came to know that something was going on here. But no one put a stop to it," the report explained. "The clinic went unchecked by the Department of Health for 16 years until its horrors were accidentally uncovered by the drug raid.

Several employees face similar charges. The grand jury report said Gosnell hired untrained, uncertified nurses, and taught them to view ultrasound pictures at an angle so that unborn babies to be aborted looked smaller than they actually were. It also said Gosnell and his wife performed late-term abortions on Sundays when no other staff was present.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Apostles become more confident of the future

Each of the seven Sundays after Easter describe for us the reactions of the apostles to the news that Jesus was even more alive after Good Friday than He was before his death on the cross.

They gradually began to understand how necessary it was for Him to die in order to accomplish His mission from the Father—freeing mankind from the ancient curse.

On this Fifth Sunday, each of the readings show us how the apostles became

more and more confident about the future.



Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore

In the first reading, Paul and Barnabas have just completed their first missionary journey.

In village after village, as only a few of the Jews accept their message, they turn to a more receptive gentile audience.

Now they know this is God's plan – a truly "catholic" Church in which God

welcomes both Jews and non-Jews to the Good News of salvation.

In the second reading from the "dream vision" of

John –the Book of Revelation, God describes through mysterious, symbolic language, what the future will bring for the Church.

It will bring much suffering, rejection, and martyrdom, but it will also bring final victory and eternal joy to the vast multitude of those "washed in the Blood of the Lamb".

The old order has passed away. From the throne, God promises: "Behold, I make all things new".

His Church, therefore, is to be dynamic and flexible with eyes always fixed on its purpose of bringing all to salvation.

In the Gospel, taken from

APRIL 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter
READINGS

Acts 14:21-27

Revelation 21: 1-5a

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Jesus' farewell discourse just hours before His betrayal by Judas, their Master and Lord solemnly reveals to them a new commandment.

Love –"agape"- self-sacrificing love for one another, is to be the sign by which all will know they are His followers.

That love is to flow through their faith and

works into the structure and authority of His Church. Love is to form the basis for all of its ministry as well. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another"

Our new Pope Francis, in the short time since his election, has made real efforts to bring the outward face of the Church more in line with the humble, loving, and caring face of Jesus as it carries out the everyday work of its worldwide mission.

May the example of Pope Francis give new life to the spirit of love, truth, and service in every local Church.



Support And Pray
For Vocations

By Kathleen M. Gallagher
Director of Pro-Life Activities, New York State
Catholic Conference

I hate to say "I told you so," but...

For many years, the Catholic Church in New York State warned of the dangers of so-called "no-fault" divorce.

While it may sound enlightened and progressive – just who in Hollywood doesn't break up over "irreconcilable differences?" - in practice, such a policy allows one spouse to literally walk out of a marriage, even if the other spouse resists, even if the reasons are frivolous, or even if there are no reasons at all.

So we lobbied lawmakers one-on-one, arguing that making it simpler, easier, and quicker for marriages to

dissolve would result in a greater number of broken families. I even walked the halls of the legislature together with the National Organization for Women and made the case that no-fault

divorce would hurt greater numbers of women and children.

Unfortunately, our arguments did not carry the day, and we lost the battle in July of 2010 when the state legislature passed the bill and then-Governor David Paterson signed it into law.

Well, the numbers are in, and, uh, told you so.

According to the State Office of Court Administration, the number of uncontested divorce filings in New York in 2009 was 43,729.

That number rose to 45,618 in 2010, and in 2011, the first full year of no-fault divorce, the number was 49,785.

That's a 14% increase in divorce since 2009, and more than 9% over the past



Kathleen
Gallagher

RESPECT LIFE

Breaking up is (not so) hard to do

year. In some counties, like Schenectady where I live, the percentage increase is much greater, at 25%.

A local law firm here recently reported that divorces in the Capital District of New York State in 2011 climbed to their highest level in more than a decade.

How can this possibly be good for our culture?

The social science research is clear: marital dissolution brings with it significant negative impacts on children, adults, families, and society as a whole.

Children raised outside of intact marriages are at greater risk for experiencing higher rates of poverty, welfare dependency, crime, school failure, substance abuse, juvenile delinquency and adult criminality, mental illness and emotional distress, domestic violence, unwed teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, poor quality family relationships, and child abuse.

Conversely, children raised in a home with a married mother and father are more likely to avoid such negative consequences, more likely to attend college

and more likely to enter into a stable married relationship themselves.

Adults, too, benefit from marriage. Married people live longer, healthier lives with higher levels of emotional well-being and lower rates of mental illness and emotional distress, and they make more money than otherwise similar singles.

Many social, economic and psychological benefits of strong marriages flow to government and society as well.

Public policy changes have consequences. The law is a great teacher; it moves people in a certain direction.

As Catholics, it is our duty to be involved in the political process to help shape laws that move people in the right direction.

I wonder what the divorce numbers would look like today if, back in 2010, rather than making marriage more easily disposable, New York State policy makers had supported initiatives to strengthen marriage and reduce unnecessary divorce. Just asking.

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AT THE MOVIES

OBLIVION

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

Large-scale landscapes and shiny gadgets make for arresting visuals in the science fiction epic "Oblivion" (Universal). But director Joseph Kosinski's emotionally shallow adaptation of his own graphic novel is further undermined by logical lapses and some dubious philosophizing.

While mature moviegoers may shrug off the amateur metaphysics of Karl Gajdusek's script easily enough, taken together with its ethical complexities -- difficult to probe for fear of spoilers -- they make this convoluted dystopian drama wholly unsuitable for young or impressionable viewers.

Protagonist Jack Harper (Tom Cruise) does his best to fill us in: It's 2077; 60 years ago invading aliens known as Scavengers shattered the moon and almost conquered Earth.

Though they failed, the consequences of lunar frag-

mentation and worldwide combat made global warming seem like meteorological chump change. Fortunately, humanity managed to find itself a new home on Saturn's moon Titan.

So what's Jack, a trained technician, doing back on the home planet? Along with a navigator named Victoria (Andrea Riseborough), Jack has been dispatched to tend machinery that allows the folks on Titan to continue harvesting Earth's natural resources, especially water. A romantic as well as professional pair, Jack and Victoria lead a cozy, placid life under the watchful guidance of mission control.

All of that begins to change with the unexpected arrival of Julia (Olga Kurylenko), an astronaut from the days before the intergalactic war. Her crash landing draws an unexpected and troubling response from Jack's superiors.

Jack's peace of mind is further disturbed by his encounter with a group of

guerilla freedom fighters. Beech (Morgan Freeman), their chief, challenges the inquisitive repairman to test the version of history mission control has long been feeding him.

The far end of Jack's journey of discovery offers audiences some self-sacrificing heroics and a resolution that sees pride-based blasphemy receive its comeuppance. Yet potentially troubling questions about the relationship of physical and spiritual identity also are thrown into the mix. And the revelation of Julia's true role makes Jack's initial domestic situation retrospectively problematic.

Well-grounded audience members may succeed in winnowing through all these elements. But they may also wind up asking themselves whether the material at hand justifies so much prudential effort.

The film contains an objectively immoral living arrangement, a scene of sensuality with shadowy rear and partial nudity, a couple of uses of profanity,



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Olga Kurylenko and Tom Cruise star in a scene from the movie "Oblivion."

at least one rough term and a smattering of crude and crass language. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.



Birthday wishes for Pope Benedict

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Francis offered his early morning Mass as a prayer for Pope Benedict XVI on the retired pontiff's birthday, then phoned his predecessor later to personally convey his best wishes for his 86th birthday.

According to the Vatican, Pope Francis began his Mass April 16 by reminding Vatican employees: "Today is the birthday of Benedict XVI. Let us offer Mass for him, that the Lord might be with him, comfort him, and give him much consolation."

Later in the day, Pope Francis telephoned Pope Benedict at the papal summer villa in Castel Gandolfo, where the retired pope has been staying since stepping down Feb. 28. The Vatican said Pope Francis also conveyed his greetings and best wishes to Pope Benedict's brother, Msgr. Georg Ratzinger, who traveled from Germany to be with his brother on his birthday.

Pope Francis offered Msgr. Ratzinger best wishes in advance for the name day they share - the feast of St. George April 23. The pope's given name was born Jorge (George).

The Beauty of Belief

*A celebration of art and music
in the Year of Faith*

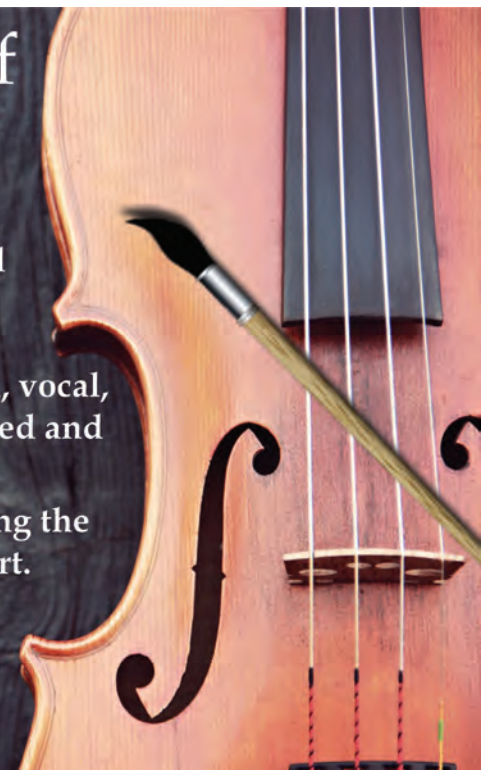
Sunday afternoon, Aug. 18 at
SUNY Potsdam's Hosmer Hall

Wanted:

*Musicians to share high quality choral, vocal, or instrumental pieces that are sacred and spiritually influenced.

*Artists who are interested in sharing the beauty of faith through visual art.

To submit musical demos, photos of art pieces or for more information, contact beautyofbelief@rcdony.org
Entry deadline for musicians May 16



CLINTON

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY

Plattsburgh – A Little Rock Scripture Study “Good News in New Places” has been planned

Date: Tuesdays through June 18

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: St. Peter’s Church

Cost: \$15 donation

Features: Good News in New Places studies the earliest stage of the journey of the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Registration: Call the Parish Office or fill out a registration form in the Atrium.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Treadwell Mills – St. Alexander & St. Joseph’s Church will hold an all you can eat Pancake Breakfast.

Date: April 28

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

Place: St. Joseph’s Church Parish Hall

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Place: St. John’s chapel

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

Theme: “We all have in him [St. Joseph] a model and a protector. As adorers of the Sacramental Jesus, we continue near the Blessed Sacrament his service, his adoration and his love.” (St. Peter Julian Eymard)

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

ESSEX

REDISCOVERING VATICAN II

Schroon Lake – The Second in a series of DVD presentations during the Year of Faith has been planned.

Schedule: Sun. at 4:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes & Fri. at 4:30 p.m. at St. Joseph’s.

Features: A study of the documents of the Second Vatican Council.

Contact: 518-532-7100 for information

FRANKLIN

BREAKFAST BUFFET

Brushton – St. Mary’s Church events committee will be sponsoring a breakfast buffet.

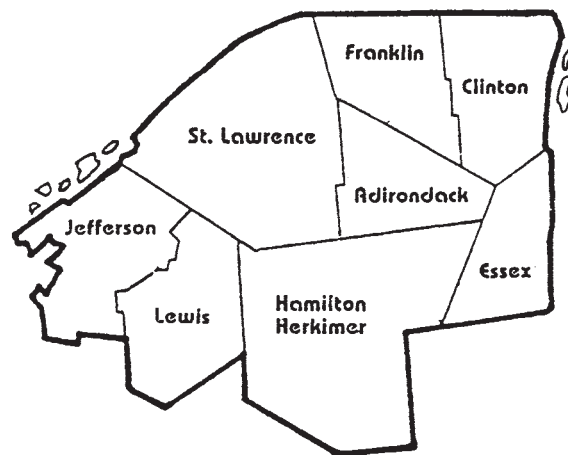
Date: April 28

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

Place: St. Mary’s Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$7; Seniors, \$6; Children 6-12, \$4; under 5, Free; Immediate Family of 5 or more, \$20 (mother, father, and children)

Features: Take-outs available by calling 518-529-6580



The North Country Catholic welcomes contributions to “Around the Diocese.” Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:

North Country Catholic, PO Box 326,
Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 1-866-314-7296;
e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

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

PILGRIMAGE

Fort Covington – A pilgrimage from Fort Covington to St. Joseph’s Oratory & St. Francis Xavier Mission has been planned

Date: May 24

Time: Leaving at 7:30 a.m.

Cost: \$125 pp all inclusive

Features: Trip includes motor coach, travel agent, Mass with Father Martin Cline at the Oratory (this Mass is being said in memory of Phil Leroux), a one hour guided tour of the Oratory, lunch at the Oratory (soup, menu of the day, dessert and coffee or soda) free time at the Oratory, visit to the St. Francis Xavier Mission to see Lily of the Mohawks Shrine, which includes: the church, museum and gift shop, & dinner at an old monastery located along the St. Lawrence River. The Dinner will be: soup & salad, choice of prime beef or cheese & ravioli in a rose sauce, dessert of raspberry chocolate mousse. This includes your tax and tip.

Contact: Tamara Chatland at 518-358-2862 by April 25. Trip is nonrefundable.

ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Malone – Join members of the Malone Catholic Parishes each Thursday evening for Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Time: 7 p.m. to 8

Place: Notre Dame Church

JEFFERSON

ROSARY CRUSADE

Carthage – The 12th annual seven-hour Rosary Crusade will be held

Date: May 17

Time: Mass at 5:15 p.m., followed by seven hours of the rosary.

Place: St. James Minor Church,

Features: Praying three complete Rosaries each hour. Specific intentions are scheduled for each hour. Artist Bob Renaud, organizer of the Crusade, creates a painting each year which sets an overall theme for the evening. Those who take part in at least three hours of prayer at St. James will receive a free print of the painting.

Information: Photos of the previous paintings, the specific intentions for each hour, and other information can be found on website: <http://catholicsof-carthagecopenhagen.org>.

LENT 4.5 PROGRAM

Watertown – “Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus, embracing Christian Simplicity,” this six week program explores ways of living in harmony with Creation, God and the whole human family.

Date: April 25

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11 OR 6:30 p.m. to 8.

Place: Hearthside Hospitality Center at Sisters of St. Joseph motherhouse

Cost: \$5 for materials, refreshments

Presenter: Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ

Contact: 324-5718 or 782-3460;

www.lent45.org for more information

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

Date: April 25

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7

Place: Msgr. Sechi Hall

Cost: Adults, \$8; children \$4.50; under 3,

free; sauce, \$5 per quart meatballs are \$.75 (Bring containers)

Features: Take-outs begin at 4 p.m.

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 materials on infanticide, assisted suicide, euthanasia and chastity.

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

LEWIS

SUNDAY BRUNCH

Copenhagen – Sunday Brunch to be held.

Date: April 28

Time: After 8 a.m. Mass

Place: St. Mary’s Church

Cost: \$7 per plate; \$24 for family of 4 plus \$4 for each additional person; Children under 5, free

Features: Altar & Rosary Raffles: Lottery Ticket Wreath and Children’s Basket.

MAY DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Houseville – Divine Mercy Devotions for the month of May to be held.

Date: May 5

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Hedwig’s Church

Features: The program includes: Vespers (Evening Prayer), Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, The Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction.

Contact: 348-6260.

ST. LAWRENCE

LASAGNA DINNER

Lisbon – St. Philip & James Church will be having their annual Lasagna Dinner.

Date: April 25

Time: 4 p.m. to 7

Place: American Legion Hall

Cost: Adults, \$8; Seniors, \$6; Children under 12, \$6

UNTOLD BLESSING SERIES

Ogdensburg – St. Mary’s Cathedral will be presenting a seven-week series by Father Robert Barron called “Untold Blessings.”

Date: Thursdays

Time: From 10 a.m. to 11:30 and 6:30 p.m. to 8”

Place: Brzana Hall

Cost: Workbooks are \$11

Contact: Bill O’Brien, by email at wili315@aol.com.

LIFE CHAIN PLANNED

Potsdam – Life Chain is to be held as a prayerful witness for the unborn babies.

Date: May 11

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

Place: The participants will stand along Market and Main Street. Gather and get signs at 12:45 p.m. in parking lot across from Roxy Theater.

Features: Life Chain will happen rain or shine. We encourage all ages to participate. Don’t forget chairs, hats and water.

Contact: Chris LaRose at 315-403-8123

CATHOLICISM SERIES

Norfolk – The Church of the Visitation’s Catholicism program has begun for the Lent and Easter season.

Schedule: Tuesday mornings – 9 a.m.

Mass followed by a light social; 9:45 a.m. DVD presentation by discussion. Thursday evenings – 5:30 p.m. Mass followed by a light social; 6:30 p.m. DVD presentation followed by discussion.

Contact: 315-384-4242

CATHOLICISM SERIES

Massena – The Catholic Community of Massena/Louisville will be using Fr. Robert Barron’s video series “Catholicism” during this Year of faith.

Dates: April 24; May 1, 8

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8

Place: St. Mary’s Social Hall

DIOCESAN EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL ROSARY

There will be a continuous praying of the Rosary throughout the world.

Date: May 5

Time: 2 p.m.

Features: We encourage you to participate by praying twenty decades of the Rosary. The intention is for “World Peace, Life, and Family.” Our Blessed Mother is a force for Faith. Who better to lead and guide us than she who is the Mother of Faith. Pray alone, with family, or with friends. There are no other requirements. We encourage you to take part in this wonderful opportunity to join in prayer with our brothers and sisters, all over the world, who will be praying for these intentions.

DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY

Plattsburgh – The annual diocesan Youth Rally is set

Date: April 27

Place: Seton Catholic Central

Features: Chris Stefanick is keynote speakers; registration through parishes or through the diocesan web site, www.rcdony.org.



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Time for children

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

Yes, Religious Education time is short but the fourth graders at St. Mary's Copenhagen have a moment each class for remembering their counterparts in the developing countries. Following their snack, each student locates one place on the globe in Africa, Europe, Asia, Oceania or the Americas.

Mission Childhood Association Time & Religious Education Time

With the World Mission Rosary in hand they find the color beads of their friends for whom they want to pray: Green for the families of Africa; Red for the families of the Americas; White for the families of Europe; Blue for the families of Oceania; and yellow for the families of Asia.

Allison picked Africa so a Hail Mary was said on a green bead. Madison chose to pray for the families in Europe so the class prayed a Hail Mary on a white bead.

With smiles on their faces for remembering someone far away in hopes their life will be a little better, class continues with the planned session.

To pray the World Mission Rosary, reflect on each area of the world according to the particular color bead described above at the time you announce each Mystery.

When you have completed the World Mission Rosary, you have given the World a big hug!

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will.
www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice



OBITUARIES

Cape Vincent — Marion D. (Radley) Docteur, 99; Funeral Services April 18, 2013 at St. Vincent of Paul's Church.

Cape Vincent — Vickie B. (Bourquin) Wiley, 60; Funeral Services April 17, 2013 at St. Vincent of Paul Church.

Carthage — Mary Lou (Futia) Barker, 84; Funeral April 22, 2013 at St. James Church; burial in Hillside Cemetery.

Carthage — Christopher J. Kamide, 48; Funeral Services April 19, 2013 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

Carthage — Marjorie Jean (Mosher) Sylver, 83; Funeral Services April 18, 2013 at St. James Church; burial in Black River Cemetery.

Clayton — Sabina V. (Thunnell) Gonzales, 100; Funeral Services April 20, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Clayton — Joseph G. Marshall, 59; Funeral Services April 20, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Clayton — Colleen E. McCarthy, 36; Funeral Services April 16, 2013 at St. Mary's Church.

Clayton — Capt. John R. Tritten Jr., 62; Memorial Services April 22, 2013 at St. Mary's Church.

Colton — Avis J. Bonno, 72; Funeral Services April 17, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church.

Dannemora — Gertrude (Bauer) Hartmann, 82; Funeral Services April 11, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Hogansburg — Emily (Herne) Allen, 86; Funeral Services April 18, 2013 at St. Regis Church.

Lake Placid — Horace John Bigelow, 85; Funeral services April 18, 2013 at Uihlein

Living Center; burial in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Lake Placid — Aimee C. (Call) Liberty, 32; Funeral Services April 18, 2013 at M.B. Clark Inc. Funeral Home.

Lowville — Renee J. (Rhubart) Beyer, 39; Funeral Services; burial in Martinsburg Cemetery.

Lowville — Marcella "Sally" Brucker Company, 83; Funeral Services April 19, 2013 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Lowville Rural Cemetery.

Lyon Mountain — Steven M. Lawrence, 53; Funeral Services April 16, 2013 at St. Bernard's Church.

Massena — Robert M. Perry, 72; Funeral Services April 17, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Mineville — John S. Mischenko, 87; Funeral Services April 16, 2013 at St. Peter and Paul's Church.

Morrisonville — Bernard J. Whalen, 84; Funeral Services April 15, 2013 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Chateaugay.

North Lawrence — Gilberte "Bet" (Quesnel) Piché, 81; Funeral Services April 20, 2013 at St. Lawrence Church.

Ogdensburg — Cherraetta (Montroy) Recore, 78; Funeral Services April 15, 2013 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Plattsburgh — Dawn M. (Vassar) Brown, 74; Funeral Services April 17, 2013 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh — Cheryl Darlene Dame, 63; Funeral Services April 14, 2013 at the Heald Funeral Home.

Plattsburgh — Minerva E. (Bushey) Mousseau, 83; Funeral Services April 20, 2013 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh — Brian A. Provost, 54; Funeral Services April 19, 2013 at R.W. Walker Funeral Home.

Redford — Norma (Swinyer) Longo, 83; Funeral Services April 20, 2013 at Church of the Assumption; burial in Union Cemetery, Vermontville.

Watertown — Evelyn M. (Weed) Augustus, 78; Funeral Services April 19, 2013 at Cleveland Funeral Home, Inc.; burial in North Watertown.

Watertown — Sally P. (O'Brien) Bocciolatt, 88; Funeral Services April 17, 2013 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown — Ruby M. (Coston) Hirschev, 94; Funeral Services April 19, 2013 at the Reed & Benoit Funeral Home; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

Watertown — Virginia "Ginger" Pepe Steinaker, 90; Funeral Services April 18, 2013 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

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Monica Cote prays before the start of the "Healing Our City" interfaith memorial service April 18 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross for the victims of the Boston Marathon bombing. Cote is the aunt of Jeffery Bauman, who was injured in the April 15 bombings that killed at least three people and injured more than 170.



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A young woman prays during a candlelight vigil April 18 at the Church of the Assumption in West, Texas, in remembrance of those who lost their lives or were injured in the massive explosion at the area's fertilizer plant. The explosion near Waco, Texas, killed 12 people and injured more than 160 others.

Boston college students gather to pray, talk

By Carol Zimmermann
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Students at Boston colleges in particular felt the impact of the April 15 Boston Marathon explosions and after the tragedy just down the street from many of these campuses, they gathered to pray for victims, raise funds to support their recovery, and simply to talk and share their grief and disbelief.

Msgr. John McLaughlin, a Catholic chaplain at Boston University, told Catholic News Service that he celebrated Mass on campus just hours after the explosions. He got the idea for Mass on his way back from ministering to those at the marathon site and word spread just by text messages that it would take place.

"By the time I got there, it was full," he said April 17.

Since then the students also have taken part in an interfaith vigil, but as he pointed out they primarily just wanted to talk about what they had gone through.

"There is a flood of students just wanting to talk to someone," he said, emphasizing that they are overwhelmed by the whole situation. One student who volunteered in the medical tent to help runners was particularly shaken up.

One of the three people killed by the explosions was Boston University graduate student Lu Lingzi. The school has set up a memorial scholarship in her name. A second victim of the bombing, Krystle Campbell, 29, was a former student at the University of Massachusetts Boston. The third victim was

a child, 8-year-old Martin Richard of the Dorchester area of Boston.

Many area college students ran in the marathon. Even more watched it from the sidelines. Some students received minor injuries and others were more seriously wounded by the blasts. A Boston College graduate and his wife were both seriously injured and the college is conducting a fundraising drive to help pay their recovery expenses.

Immediately after the bombings, some campuses were locked down. Four days later when one of the suspects was at large, all Boston colleges were closed and students were told to stay in their dorms.

Sean Collier, a patrol officer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was killed April 18 allegedly by

one of the suspected marathon bombers, identified as two brothers originally from the Russian republic of Chechnya. One of them, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, was later killed in a shootout with police.

The second suspect, Dzhokhar A. Tsarnaev, was listed as a registered student at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. He was captured April 19 after a day long search.

While campuses were closed April 19, Emmanuel College, founded the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, was making landlines available to students since cell-phone service in the area was sporadic.

Msgr. John McLaughlin, a Boston archdiocesan priest who is in his second year as chaplain at Boston University, told CNS he has been

telling students "over and over that good overcomes evil."

When they ask where God was when the bombings occurred, he tells them God is "in all those who have helped and cared for others" and reminds them that without the fast response of so many people, many more would have died.

Msgr. McLaughlin stressed that the tragic event was "not on the scope of 9/11" but it cut to the heart of Boston's major celebration where so many people gather on the sidelines to cheer on the runners and have p.

Immediately after the explosions, so many people checked on one another through texts and social media, he said, which "shows the resiliency of Boston and the strength of people in this."