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Pope: Catholics must grow in love

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Christians have "far to go" if they seek to be known primarily for their love of God and neighbor, Pope Francis said.

The first law governing the church as the "People of God" is love, he said, which means "recognizing God as the only Lord of life and, at the same

time, welcoming others as true brothers and sisters, overcoming divisions, rivalries, misunderstandings and selfishness."

At his weekly general audience June 12, Pope Francis continued his series of audience talks about the creed, looking at what Catholics be-

lieve about the church.

With more than 50,000 people gathered for the weekly audience in St. Peter's Square on a hot spring day, the pope lamented that brotherly love does not reign in the world, and often not even in Catholics' communities, neighborhoods, work-

places or even their homes, "because of jealousy and envy.

"We must ask the Lord to help us understand his law of love," he said. "

How good, how beautiful it would be if we loved one another as real brothers and sisters," Pope Francis said.

Lay ministry commissioning set for June 30



Bishop LaValley will commission 43 lay ministers who have completed the two-year Formation for Ministry program June 30 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

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NCC summer schedule

The bi-weekly summer publication schedule of the *North Country Catholic* has begun: the next issue of the paper will be dated July 3.

SPECIAL DAY IN THE YEAR OF FAITH



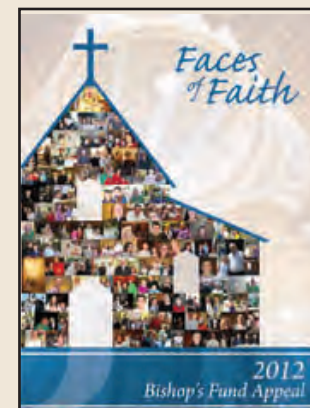
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Bishop Terry R. LaValley opened a day long celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi June 2 with a Mass at Notre Dame Church in Ogdensburg. He is shown above during the consecration with Father Joseph A. Morgan, vicar general and rector of St. Mary's Cathedral. The observance continued with Eucharistic adoration, including participation in the international Holy Hour, at Notre Dame. The participants then gathered at St. Mary's Cathedral for choral praise, adoration, a homily by Bishop LaValley, benediction and vespers. See page 4 for the bishop's homily and page 5 for more photos from the day.

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BISHOP'S FUND

Reaches its goal for 2012



With the support of more than 10,000 households, the \$1.25 million goal has been reached

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FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM



Catholics of the Diocese of Ogdensburg will participate in a second Fortnight for Freedom June 21 to July 4. Bishop LaValley will celebrate a Mass June 30 at St. Mary's Cathedral for the intentions of religious freedom.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

'Thanks be to God, what wonderful news'

This week we're publishing one of my favorite articles of the year – in any year.

The Bishop's Fund has met its goal!

Valerie Mathews, diocesan director of the Bishop's Fund, announced that, as of June 12, a total of \$1,252,682 had been collected for the 2012 appeal.

Hooray!

This includes about \$21,000 in pledges due by June 30 and we trust that all those pledges will be fulfilled.

After all, anyone who gives to the Bishop's Fund – especially those who pledge generous amounts – knows how important it is in the life of the Church in the North Country.

This week's *NCC* illustrates just how much we count on it.

On page 10, we begin a salute to the 43 people who have completed the diocesan Formation for Ministry program and will be commissioned June 30.

This is happening because of

the Bishop's Fund.

On pages four and five, we share the excitement of the diocesan celebration of Corpus Christi, an important part of the Year of Faith observance in our diocese.

All who planned and took part – priests, deacons, seminarians, the evangelization office, worship office, education department – have been supported through the years by the Bishop's Fund.

In a couple weeks, we'll see our young people head to Camp Guggenheim for weeks of faith-building fun.

In a couple months, it's back

to Catholic schools, religious education programs, seminars – and new Formation for Ministry classes.

Deacons will be ordained, married couples will be honored and we'll hold another major Year of Faith event.

The essential work respecting life and supporting family faith and helping people in need will go on.

All because of the Bishop's Fund.

"Thanks be to God, what wonderful news," Bishop LaValley said when he heard that we had reached our goal.

Thanks be to God indeed!

Mary Lou
Kilian

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

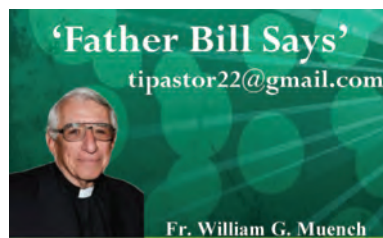
It's June: time to celebrate our graduates

June means graduations. This month I will be attending three high school graduations and the fifth-grade graduation here at our parish school – and, oh, yes, a Kindergarten graduation. I enjoy the ceremonies – even the speeches. The student speeches are always a treat. I have heard some great ones.

My great-nephew, Weston, is graduating from high school in Vermont – as well as a great-niece, Mary, in Manlius – and another great-nephew, Joseph in Rochester. I decided I should write them each a letter so that I could share a few of my ideas with them. I must admit that most of those ideas are not very original; I have heard them often at other graduations over the years but they are good ideas.

I want to congratulate them. High School graduation is an important achievement in any young person's life. It does make a difference. I have known many students who I have had in class who are better people because they persevered unto graduation. Some of them struggled a great deal – but the struggle was worth the good result. They discovered that they could achieve their goals.

I want Weston, Mary and Joseph to know that this grad-



uation is the beginning of a great new adventure.

As most of us remember, there is a great deal of change in life after high school. I suspect some of you will say – thank God. Yet, high school memories are important and good – high school friendships are valuable. They were a school in themselves: learning to make and keep friends.

Most of all, I want them to recognize the many gifts that God has blessed them with. Graduation is a time to realize just how much they have been gifted – gifts that have been formed and developed during the years of high school.

I also want them to recognize that these gifts have been blessings from God. God has always loved them and has watched over them, giving them gifts and abilities that will make them successful in the future. My prayer is that they will use their gifts well.

Recently, I discovered an interesting comparison for graduation in the writings of Father

Richard Rohr. He sees in the plots of many children's books – those fairy tales – an interesting way to refer to graduation. I know you remember the stories. They begin with a poor orphan, or a poor step sister, or maybe just some underprivileged kid. They are beaten down by life – they have to struggle – but they do keep struggling and trying and doing good things.

When they discover that they are a princess or prince – or that they have a rich godfather or a fairy godmother – or whatever – life suddenly becomes complete for them.

So, the path of education is something like this. It may start out with little confidence, with no recognition of one's gifts or abilities. The adventure of those school years – the task of all of those teachers – it to help students discover their many gifts and help them to develop those gifts.

So – graduation is the ceremony of celebrating those gifts. Graduates realize that they are someone – a blessed person – someone important – someone with a bright and great future – as they celebrate their gifts.

So – I pray today – for Weston, for Mary, for Joseph – for all those graduates wherever they are. The world needs

them. My world needs their enthusiasm, their readiness to meet life's challenges. I look forward to hearing all their accomplishments.

I pray they accept all the challenges of life. I pray that God continues to be part of their lives, that God continues to bless them and show them their gifts.



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2012 Bishop's Fund Appeal reaches goal

Through the support of more than 10,400 households, the 2012 Bishop's Fund Appeal has reached its goal of \$1,250,000.

"Thanks be to God, what wonderful news," said Bishop Terry R. LaValley. "I am so grateful to those who, even in difficult economic times, have so willingly shared their blessings with the thousands of 'Faces of Faith' across our beautiful diocese.

"On behalf of those who have received emergency grants and those who have participated in the diocesan programs and ministries: Thank you so very much!" he said. "May God continue to bless you for your remarkable generosity."

Valerie Mathews, diocesan director of the Bishop's Fund, said, "This wonderful response will assist families facing crises, offer education to our future priests, deacons and lay leaders; and build foundations for life for our young people through the essential ministries and programs offered by the Diocese of Ogdensburg."

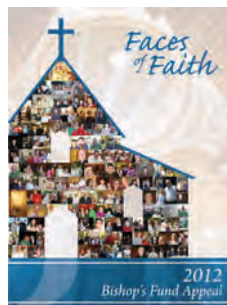
As of June 12, 2013 the total received in cash and pledges was \$1,252,682. Included in the total is \$21,122.51 in outstanding pledges.

The Bishop's Fund Office will continue to receive payments on the 2012 pledges until the close of the fiscal year on June 30, 2013.

"If you have not had the opportunity to make a gift to this year's Bishop's

Fund Appeal, please prayerfully consider supporting this worthy appeal," Mrs. Mathews said.

Donations can be sent to Bishop's Fund Appeal, PO Box 150, Ogdensburg, NY 13669 or online, at www.rcdony.org/development and click on "Donate Now" at the top of the page.



Boy Scouts

Bishop LaValley issues statement on recent decision by the Boy Scouts of America

Recently, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) modified its membership policy for youth: "No youth may be denied membership in the Boy Scouts of America on the basis of sexual orientation or preference alone." According to the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS), this policy change means:

- A youth will not be prevented from receiving a rank award or religious emblem simply for having a same-sex attraction.
- A youth will not need to hide the fact that he experiences this attraction, but a youth also will not be encouraged or pressured to disclose publically such attraction.
- A youth experiencing same-sex attraction should not be afraid that he will be expelled by the Scouting community by disclosing such attraction.

How are we as Catholics to respond? The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: Individuals who disclose a homosexual inclination or same sex attraction are to be treated with the same dignity due all human beings created by God. Christians owe all persons respect and love...regardless of their sexual orientation because all people are respected and loved by God (cf.2358 & 2359). This teaching is the guiding principle for enrollment into our Catholic Schools, sports programs and Catholic youth ministry. As it stands, the BSA policy change is consistent with this teaching and is, therefore, acceptable.

However, as we are accepting of the policy at this time, we must also be ever vigilant. Some are pushing an agenda with this decision that is not consonant with Church moral teaching. They say that this policy change of the BSA is a "good first step." Over the next couple of months, the National Catholic Committee on Scouting will establish a task force to develop guidelines to assist diocesan committees in understanding the issues associated with the change in the BSA youth membership standard and offer insights on what this means for the relationship between the Catholic Church and the Boy Scouts of America in the future.

Again, as it currently stands, the policy change appears to respect this teaching. However, if those who wish to further their agenda of "many more steps" succeed, our Catholic Church's valued partnership with the BSA will be in jeopardy. Please join me in prayer that this does not come about. Scouting has a long and proud tradition in our North Country. I pray that it will not be hijacked by those with other agendas.

Diocese to participate in 2nd Fortnight for Freedom

Catholics of the Diocese of Ogdensburg will participate in a second Fortnight for Freedom, June 21 to July 4.

As in 2102, the bishops of the United States have issued a call to 14 days of prayer, action, and study for religious freedom in the United States and abroad.

Bishop Terry R. LaValley will mark the fortnight during a Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral June 30 at 11 a.m., open to anyone who would like to pray for religious freedom.

In a letter about the Fortnight for Freedom, Bishop LaValley wrote the 2013 fortnight is particularly important because the HHS contraceptive mandate goes into effect Aug. 1.

"Religious employers, including Catholic Charities and St. Joseph's Nursing Home in our diocese, are not receiving the relief we need through the regulatory



process," the bishop said. "It is important to keep up public pressure on this issue.

"Additionally, it is important to perpetuate a movement for life, marriage and religious liberty, highlighting the full range of ongoing religious liberty issues in so many areas of law, such as immigration, adoption and disaster relief," Bishop LaValley said. "Similarly, it is important to show that our Fortnight for Freedom is not tied to any election year, but is tied to the broader principle of religious liberty."

Bishop LaValley has encouraged every parish to sponsor Eucharistic Adoration, special devotions and catechetical sessions as part

of national Fortnight for Freedom. He also requested that a special prayer for religious liberty be included at prayers of the faithful at parish daily Masses.

Resources for observing the fortnight are available on the diocesan website (<http://rcdony.org/Fortnight>) and at www.Fortnight4Freedom.org on the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"Catholics in the United States have long advocated for religious freedom, and it is our duty and right to continue those efforts today," Bishop LaValley said. "Please join me and Catholics throughout the United States as we pray for a new birth of religious freedom in our country and a greater recognition and appreciation for the contributions of religious groups to this great nation."

School Openings

Trinity Catholic School currently has openings for one Physical Education and two elementary-level teaching positions for the 2013-2014 school year.

Applicants should be Catholic and possess a NY State teaching certificate. Send letter of interest, resume and application by July 5 to Kathy Behrens, 188 Main Street, Massena, NY 13662.

Applications can be picked up at the school office or found online at www.trinitycatholicschool.net

FOLLOW ME

Corpus Christi celebration

Bishop LaValley's homily for the Corpus Christi Exposition at St. Mary's Cathedral June 2

Having just about completed the Confirmation "circuit" for this year, I am reminded today of one of the most common hymns that is sung in our parishes on the occasion of Confirmations: *Come Holy Ghost*. In one of the popular versions of that hymn, we proclaim that we are a pilgrim people. We are the Church of God, a family of believers, united and ignited by the fire of God's loving Spirit. If Mother Nature would have cooperated, and we were able to participate in the Eucharistic procession as we walked the streets of Ogdensburg, we would have given physical expression to such a people on the move, a faith family seeking to follow Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Today's Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, *Corpus Christi* is a renewal of the mystery of Holy Thursday, in obedience to Jesus' invitation to proclaim from "the housetops" what He told us in secret (*Mt. 10:27*). As Benedict XVI reminded us, it was the Apostles who received the gift of the Eucharist from the Lord in the intimacy of the Last Supper, but it was destined not just for them, but for all, for the whole world. This is why the Eucharistic Christ should be proclaimed and exposed to view: so that all those in sight might encounter "Jesus who passes" as happened on the roads of Galilee, Samaria and Judea; in order that each person, in receiving it, may be healed and renewed by the power of His love.

Eucharistic processions through city streets are celebrations of the pilgrim Church and a shining example of what the Eucharist is meant to accomplish outside these sacred walls. Yes, this is a reminder that we are a pilgrim Church, a people always on the move, never content with where we are standing in the present time. We are disciples in mission, responding to Jesus' call: *Follow Me* in the hustle and bustle of daily living. Hasn't Pope Francis given us a tremendous example of following Jesus into the streets and finding Him there in the persons encountered?

We have gathered in this holy place to be still and adore Christ's Eucharistic Presence. Eucharistic visits paid by the faithful to their churches where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved are the proof of a soul filled with gratitude and a pledge of love. (*Hidden Manna*, 266) Perhaps that's a reason why so few today participate in Eucharistic adoration: our souls are not filled with gratitude to Almighty God and the only promise to love that we make is to a fleeting feeling that avoids commitment and sacrifice. Today, too many believe that we are self-made and love shouldn't take effort.

Today, it's hard for us to sit still for a while,



PHOTO BY JESSE SOVIE

Bishop Terry R. LaValley opened a day long celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi June 2 with Mass at Notre Dame Church in Ogdensburg. He is shown above during the consecration with Deacon David J. Sandburg. The Mass was followed by a period of Eucharistic Adoration at Notre Dame before the participants moved to St. Mary's Cathedral for choral praise, adoration, a homily by Bishop LaValley, printed here; Benediction and evening prayer.

particularly if we don't sense anything is happening. But, there is in daily life a type of activity that transcends mere actions, and every Christian is aware of how often the passive approach of prayer has been instrumental in solving a problem or providing for a need that no amount of frenetic activity had been able to achieve. The very Presence of Christ is always dynamic, indeed the very font of endless, though invisible activity. "Lifted up, He draws all things to Himself." (*Jn. 12:32*) Even if it seems we are just sitting or kneeling or prostrate before the Blessed Sacrament and we don't sense that any real dialogue with God is occurring, even if we don't think that anything is happening, God draws us into His very Being, lifting us up, if we let go and let Him.

As you know, the tabernacle was first intended for the reservation of the Eucharist in a worthy place so that it could be brought to the sick and those absent, outside of Mass. As faith in the Real Presence of Christ in His Eucharist deepened, the Church became conscious of the meaning of silent adoration of the Lord present under the Eucharistic species. (*CCC #1379*) We remember that the first commandment obliges us to adore God alone. So, we acknowledge God as God, Creator and Savior, the Lord and Master of everything that exists. Through worship and prayer, the Church and individual persons adore

God. The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. As Blessed John Paul II proclaimed, "Let us not refuse the time to go to meet Him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease." (*JP II, CCC#1380*)

Precisely because this is a mysterious reality that surpasses our understanding, we must not be surprised if today too many find it hard to accept the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It cannot be otherwise. This is how it has been since the day when, in the synagogue at Capernaum, Jesus openly declared that He had come to give us His flesh and His blood as food (*Jn. 6:26-58*).

This seems a hard saying and many of His disciples withdrew when they heard it. Then, as now, the Eucharist remains a sign of absurdity and can only be so because, it would seem, a God who makes Himself flesh and sacrifices Himself for the life of the world throws common sense out the window. However, with humble trust, the Church makes the faith of Peter and the other Apostles her own and proclaims with them, and we proclaim, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (*Jn. 6:68*).

I pray and urge that adoration of the Blessed Sacrament be a habitual practice in all our parishes in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Priestly vocations, vocations to the diaconate and consecrated life will stem from this meeting with Christ in the tabernacle. Here the apostolic spirit of lay Catholics, witnesses to Christ amid the struggles of daily living, is nurtured and energized.

Like the manna for the people of Israel, for every Christian generation the Eucharist is the indispensable nourishment that sustains us as we cross the desert of this world, parched by the poverty, injustice and death-dealing ideologies that do not promote life but rather denigrate and humiliate it. It is a world where the logic of power and material possessions prevails rather than that of service and self-giving love; a world where the culture of violence and death is frequently triumphant.

Still, Jesus comes to meet us and imbues us with certainty: He Himself is the "Bread of Life" (*Jn. 6:35, 48*). Today's Gospel of the multiplication of the loaves is an invitation to each of us to add our own gift of self. The two fish and five loaves signify our contribution, poor but necessary, which He transforms into a gift of love for all. Particularly during this Year of Faith we must recall, ever anew, that the Eucharist is a call to holiness, an invitation to give of oneself to others, to be bread broken for the life of the world.

So, let us travel on the highways of the world knowing that He is beside us, fueled by the hope of being able to see Him one day face to face, in the encounter of eternity. May God be praised... forever may God be praised!

A SPECIAL DAY IN THE YEAR OF FAITH

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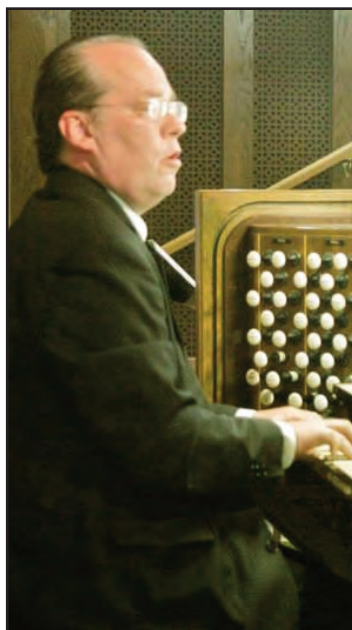
The Diocese of Ogdensburg celebrates the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ



PHOTOS BY BETTY STEELE

Bishop Terry R. LaValley led a diocesan Corpus Christi celebration June 2 that began with Mass, adoration and a holy hour at Notre Dame Church in Ogdensburg and continued with choral praise, homily, vespers and benediction at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Bishop LaValley greets one of the youngest participants of the Corpus Christi celebration, three-year-old Peter Jank of Watertown.



Ernie Hadley, cathedral music director, led the music throughout the day.



The diocesan celebration of Corpus Christi included participation in the international Holy Hour called for by Pope Francis from 11 a.m. to noon. Shown in prayer at Notre Dame Church are, from left, Father F. James Shurtleff, pastor; seminarian Matt Conger, Bishop Terry R. LaValley, Deacon David Sandburg of St. Mary's Cathedral and Deacon Mark Lalonde of Notre Dame.



Deacon James Snell of St. Mary's Parish in Canton, read from the scriptures during the cathedral prayer service.

Scenes from a Listening Session



Peter Mueller, the pastoral associate at St. Mary's in Potsdam, shared his ideas about the diocese during the June 6 Listening Session.

PHOTOS BY JESSE SOVIE
 About 130 parishioners from across St. Lawrence County gathered at Trinity School in Massena June 6 for one in the series of Listening Sessions scheduled across the diocese. The sessions have been held as part of a 13-month envisioning process led by Bishop LaValley and an Envisioning Leadership Team. The goal of the process is to discern priorities and goals for the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Above, the bishop is shown mingling with the participants before the Massena session began. He later listened to their opinions about the strengths of the diocese as well as what needs to change. The final two listening sessions will be held June 19 at Seton Academy in Plattsburgh for Catholics in the Clinton Deanery and June 25 at Holy Family School in Malone for those in the Franklin and Adirondack deaneries.



Kathy Romano of St. Mary's Cathedral, a member of the Envisioning Leadership Team, facilitated the St. Lawrence Deanery Listening Session.

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 Wed, June 19, 2013	6:30 pm, Seton Academy (across street from St. Peter's Church), Plattsburgh	Clinton
2 Tue, June 25, 2013	6:30 pm, Holy Family School in Malone	Franklin & Adirondack



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David Demers, a parishioner of Notre Dame Church in Ogdensburg, offered his opinions about the future of the North Country church.

NYS bishops oppose effort to expand abortion

ALBANY, N.Y. (CNS) -- New York's bishops, led by Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, said they would oppose a portion of New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Women's Equality Act that preserves abortion rights.

The bill, introduced June 4, "would ease restrictions in state law on late-term abortion and runs the serious risk of broadly expanding abortion access at all stages of gestation," the bishops said in a June 4 statement.

"While the bill's proponents say it will simply 'codify' federal law, it is selective in its codification," they added, "Nowhere does it address the portions of federal laws that limit abortion, such as the ban on taxpayer funding, the ban on partial-birth abortion or protections for unborn victims of violence."

The bishops said, "We fully oppose this measure, and urge all our faithful people to do the same, vigorously and unapologetically."

The Women's Equality Act is a 10-point program unveiled by Cuomo, a Democrat and a Catholic.

Those points, according to the governor's website, are: achieving pay equity; stop-

ping sexual harassment in the workplace; allowing for the recovery of attorneys' fees in employment and credit and lending cases; strengthening human trafficking laws; ending family status discrimination; stopping source-of-income discrimination; stopping housing discrimination for victims of domestic violence; stopping pregnancy discrimination; protecting victims of domestic violence by strengthening order-of-protection laws; and protecting "a woman's freedom of choice."

"We support the first nine points in the governor's agenda that enhance the true dignity of women," the bishops said. "We commit ourselves to examining those proposals and working with the legislature on any and all efforts that help guarantee real equity for all women and men. Our position on these issues will be consistent with all the efforts of the Catholic Church throughout the world to enhance the dignity of women."

But, the bishops added, "the direct taking of the life of a child in the womb in no way enhances a woman's

dignity."

The bishops said, "Instead of expanding abortion and making abortions even more prevalent, we would like to protect both the woman and the child in the womb." (See letter on this page.)

A June 4 analysis of the bill by David Masci, a senior researcher for Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion & Public Life said Americans continue to be of two minds on abortion.

A January Pew Forum poll showed that Americans, by better than a 2-to-1 margin, did not want *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion virtually on demand, to be overturned.

In the survey, 63 percent said they did not want *Roe v. Wade* struck down, while 29 percent said it should be completely overturned. In response to another question, though, 47 percent of American adults said it was morally wrong to have an abortion, compared to 27 percent who said abortion is not a moral issue, 13 who view abortion as morally acceptable, and 9 percent who said the morality of abortion depends on the situation.

Statement from New York bishops

Following is a statement of Timothy Cardinal Dolan and the Bishops of New York State opposing the expansion of abortion rights in the state, issued June 4.

We are profoundly distressed by the introduction of a bill in New York State today that would ease restrictions in state law on late-term abortion and runs the serious risk of broadly expanding abortion access at all stages of gestation.

The direct taking of the life of a child in the womb in no way enhances a woman's dignity

This legislation would add a broad and undefined "health" exception for late-term abortion and would repeal the portion of the penal law that governs abortion policy, opening the door for non-doctors to perform abortions and potentially decriminalizing even forced or coerced abortions.

In addition, we find the conscience protection in the bill to be vague and insufficient, and we are concerned about the religious liberty of our health facilities.

While the bill's proponents say it will simply "codify" federal law, it is selective in its codification. Nowhere does it address the portions of federal laws that limit abortion, such as the ban on taxpayer funding, the ban on partial birth abortion or protections for unborn victims of violence.

As the pastors of more than 7.2 million Catholic New Yorkers, we fully oppose this measure, and urge all our faithful people to do the same, vigorously and unapologetically. We invite all women and men of good will to join in this effort and defeat this serious attempt to expand abortion availability in our state and to codify the most radical abortion proposals of any state in the nation.

We support the first nine points in the Governor's agenda that enhance the true dignity of women.

We commit ourselves to examining those proposals and working with the legislature on any and all efforts that help guarantee real equity for all women and men.

Our position on these issues will be consistent with all the efforts of the Catholic Church throughout the world to enhance the dignity of women. The direct taking of the life of a child in the womb in no way enhances a woman's dignity.

Instead of expanding abortion and making abortions even more prevalent, we would like to protect both the woman and the child in the womb. In New York, where one in every three pregnancies ends in abortion (and upwards of 6 in 10 in certain communities), it is clear that we as a state have lost sight of that child's dignity. We pledge all our efforts to defeat this proposal.

We call on all pro-life New Yorkers to stand together with us and with all the leadership in Albany who share our conviction that we have no need for such a bill to become law. We need instead to enhance and promote the life and dignity of all human beings from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.

OUR READERS WRITE

Please contact your legislators

The recent trial of abortionist Kermit Gosnell has brought to light numerous other violations relative to legal abortion. Texas plans to investigate abortionist Douglas Karpen who specializes in late term abortion, after three former employees told of similar horrific circumstances in the clinic where they had worked.

On June 6, the Washington Post reported that four abortion clinics were closed after repeatedly violating the law and the licenses of three abortionists were suspended. One had been disciplined in the past for unwanted sexual contact with patients. The Ohio State Senate has withdrawn funding from Planned Parenthood and voted to fund groups offering support to pregnant women in distress.

Writing in his book "The Hand of God" the former Medical Director of the National Association for the "Repeal of Abortion Laws," Bernard Nathanson, speaks in great detail of abortion after *Roe v. Wade*. He was told by Lawrence Lader, the group's director, to rid the abortion scene of clumsy practitioners.

Nathanson writes, "However, as competition intensified and assembly-line clinics cut costs I was forced to reduce compensation for the doctors. After doing 5,000 to 10,000 they were bored and underpaid, especially as their own private practices

increased. They left to practice more sophisticated obstetrics with ultra sound, fetal heart monitoring, chemotherapy and radial surgery of gynecologic tumors or to take advantage of government grants for clinical research in the field of obstetrics and gynecology. Abortion clinics, including my own, were increasingly populated with younger, inexperienced physicians and —yet again— the medical losers."

Despite some 348 legal abortion related deaths and both physical and psychological harm to countless women since *Roe v. Wade*, Andrew Cuomo wants to expand abortion in our state removing it from the law and placing it under the Health Department.

His plan doesn't limit the practice to health care professionals and the abortion industry hasn't recruited large numbers willing to kill unborn children. There is no provision for informed consent or parental consent in his plan.

Please contact your legislators to oppose this piece of legislation which abandons women and their unborn children as they increasingly become instruments of expediency and population control. Assembly switchboard- 1-800-455-4100- Senate switchboard- 1800-518-455-2800.

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Rites held for Sr. Gertrude Lauzon

OSSINING, N.Y. – A Mass of Christian Burial for Dominican Sister Gertrude Lauzon, 93, of the Dominican Sisters of Hope was held June 4 at The Chapel at Mariandale Center.

Dominican Sister taught in Plattsburgh, Mooers Forks, West Chazy and Ellenburg

Sister Gertrude died May 30 at St. Catherine of Siena Convent in Caldwell, NJ. Burial was in the Dominican Sisters cemetery at Mariandale.

The daughter of the late Alfred J. and Arthimine Guay Lauzon, she was born April 4, 1920 in Lynn, Mass.

Sister Gertrude entered the novitiate of the Dominican Sisters of Fall River on Aug. 27, 1939; made her First Profession March 7, 1941; and Final Profession March 7, 1944. Sister Gertrude earned her BA in History/Philosophy and Theology from Regis College, Mass.

Sister Gertrude taught at the elementary level at Dominican Academy in Fall River, MA (1941-44); St. Anne School, also in Fall River (1944-49, 1961-62 and 1970-82); St. Peter School in Plattsburgh, (1949-60); and St.

Francis Xavier School in Acushnet, MA (1962-64).

Sister taught parish religious education classes at St. Ann Parish in Mooers Forks, (1960-65); St. Joseph Parish in West Chazy, (1965-69 - principal); and Holy Rosary Parish in Ellenburg, (1969-70).

From 1983-94, Sister was treasurer for the Dominican Sisters in Fall River, MA. In 1995 she retired to the Newburgh Center of Hope, Newburgh, New York and then moved to Waterford Glen Adult Care Facility in Wall, NJ and finally to St. Catherine of Siena Convent in Caldwell, NJ.

Sister Gertrude is predeceased by her parents, Alfred J. and Arthimise Guay Lauzon, three brothers: Paul, Gilbert and Alfred Jr., and five sisters: Regina Dawe, Eva Kirwin, Lillian Asselin, Claire Starkey and Eva Kirvan. She is survived by many nieces and nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews.

Donations in Sister Gertrude's memory can be made to The Dominican Sisters of Hope, Development Office, 299 North Highland Avenue, Ossining, New York 10562-2327.

Bishop's Schedule

June 19 – 6:30 p.m., Diocesan Envisioning Listening Session with Clinton Deanery at Seton Academy in Plattsburgh.

June 22 – 1p.m., Mass at Franklin Correctional Facility in Malone.
5:30 p.m., Mass and Dedication of Altar at St. Agnes Church in Lake Placid.

June 24 – 11:15 a.m., Mass for the Directed Retreat at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg.
7:15 p.m., Novena and Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

June 25 – 12:00 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral.
6:30 p.m., Diocesan Envisioning Listening Session with Franklin-Adirondack Deanery at Holy Name School in Malone.

June 27 – Primary speaker at the Catholic Schools Principals' Institute at St. John's University, Queens, N.Y.

June 29 – 7 p.m., Knight of the Year Award Dinner at the Knights of Columbus in Ogdensburg.

June 30 – 11 a.m., Mass for Fortnight for Freedom at St. Mary's Cathedral.
3 p.m., Commissioning of Lay Ministers at St. Mary's Cathedral.
6:30 p.m., Blessing of Rose Window at St. Anthony's Church in Wadertown.

July 2 – 4 p.m., Mass at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake.

Sportscamp cancelled

Deacon Brian Dwyer, diocesan director of youth ministry has announced that this year's session of Sportscamp has been cancelled.

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.

Upcoming programs:

June 19 – 6:30 p.m., Church of the Visitation, Norfolk

June 24 – 1:30 p.m., Guggenheim, Saranac Lake

Aug. 29 – 8 p.m., SUNY Potsdam

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Tip on how you can keep yourself and your earth –healthier.

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- Check out where a farmer's market or roadside food stands are located near you. Fresh food with less "food miles"!

No paper next Week

The next issue of the *North Country Catholic* Will be dated July 5

Rest in Peace

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

June 19 – Rev. Gerard Chouinard, O.M.I., 1955; Deacon David F. Moltz, 2011

June 20 – Rev. James O'Hara, 1949
June 21 – Rev. Joseph T. Moriority, O.S.A., 1905; Msgr. Joseph F. Luker, 1972

June 23 – Rev. Edward Chevalier, O.M.I., 1894; Rev. Donat Morrisette, O.M.I., 1976

June 24 – Rev. John Simard, 1943; Msgr. Timothy P. Holland, 1948; Rev. Joseph P. Ryan, 1968; Rev. W. Cyril Rapin, 2006

June 25 – Rev. J. Rodrigue Lauzon, 1944

June 26 – Rev. Charles F. Turgeon, 1888; Rev. Jean Baptiste Frigon, O.M.I., 1930; Rev. Arthur St. Cyr, O.M.I., 1957

June 27 – Rev. Auguste A. Brunet, O.M.I., 1866; Rev. Francis X. Charbonneau, 1928

June 28 – Rev. John J. Regnery, O.S.A., 1954

June 29 – Rev. Pierre Huet de la Valinriere, 1806; Rev. Adonat L. Dufresne, 1940; Rev. Gilbert J. Faucher, 1981; Deacon Francis E. LeRoux, 1996

July 1 – Rev. Norbert Callahan, M.S.C., 1909; Rev. William A. O'Connor, 1922; Rev. P. Leon Legault, 1991

July 2 – Rev. Richard A. Gleason, O.S.A., 1939; Rev. Denis F. Finnegan, 1951; Msgr. John A. Stone, 1964; Msgr. Francis J. Connors, 1977; Rev. George A. Lemieux, 1993; Rev. John M. Crable, 2012

To Report Abuse

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

Victims Assistance Coordinator, Terri- anne Yanulavich, Adult & Youth Counseling Services of Northern New York, PO Box 2446, Plattsburgh, NY, 12901; e-mail: aycsnn@yahoo.com; Phone: 518-569-0612; Fax: 518-425-0401



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Women of Grace

Reflections from the facilitator of new group in Morristown, Hammond, Rossie

By Judy Bogart
Facilitator, Morristown Women of Grace

Vatican II asked women to accept God's urgent call to "aid humanity in not falling." Based on Johnette Benkovic's book, "Full of Grace," the study for Women of Grace teaches women how to do this by revealing God's purpose and mission for them.

In a group study format with video lectures by Johnette Benkovic, host of The Abundant Life on EWTN, we delve into prayer, sacred scripture, church documents and teachings, the Catechism, the lives of women saints, and the example of our Blessed Mother.

We are nurtured and fed spiritually, mentally and emotionally.

We learn to embrace our gift of authentic femininity and our dignity as a daughter of God.

Each of us is equipped to fulfill our call and mission as a woman of grace in the world today.



Fourteen women celebrated the completion of the Women of Grace Program while receiving certificates and a blessing from Father Jay Seymour May 26, at St. John's Church in Morristown. First row, from left are Amy Schirmer, Bessie Flanders, Judy Bogart (Facilitator), Beverly Newton, Anna Wrobel, Sandra Bondellio and Nancy Williams; second row, Karen Bogart, Melanie Kring, Darlene Cummings, Norma Hall, Mary Catherine Spilman and Catherine Priest; absent: Patricia Kingsley

This study:

- provides dignity and vocation as daughters of God
- enables women to identify and accept the divine mission God has entrusted to them given their state in life
- brings us to a greater

- devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary
- provides a spiritual path for women that is in complete conformity with Sacred Scriptures and the teachings of the Catholic Church
- and much more

Just as some of us carry our children in our wombs so that they are protected, nurtured and loved while giving life to the world, so also we carry love in the wombs of our hearts, to give love to all of the world by following God's holy will

for us.

Just as religious women are all spiritual mothers, we are all spiritual mothers full of love who bear Christ's life to others and nurture that life from infancy to full maturity; full of love. Everything about women is ordered to be a nurturing influence regardless of her state in life while leading people to faith.

We are daughters of the most high God, we are called to be holy and blameless; to be full of love.

Hopefully we all believe Jesus is here at the altar within our beloved priest, spreading his arms out to all of us, calling you to a greater love for him. He is alive. We have simply to open our hearts and minds to him and let him in. Only then will he lead you into a deeper relationship with him.

It has been my great privilege to facilitate this Women of Grace Program. I have received so many blessings and I have had the great joy of watching women grow and mature in their faith.

Matthew Kelly to lead retreat day at cathedral

OGDENSBURG - Matthew Kelly, well known for his books *Rediscovering Catholicism* and *Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* and CD/DVD presentations such as *Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality* will be presenting Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose at St. Mary's Cathedral Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 1:30.

Passion and Purpose Live applies the genius of Catholicism to all aspects of life. The day will center on a practical exploration and understanding of faith, and all the ways it is meant to impact the way Catholics live from relationships to work, school and spirituality.

Marika Donders, diocesan director of evangelization, explains the purpose of the day:

Well-known speaker to present "Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose"

"Have you ever wondered if God really does have a plan for your life? Or what Catholicism has to do with "real life" and what that means for our relationships and families?"

"Have your kids ever complained to you that Mass is boring and you don't know how to answer them? Do you

want to draw closer to God and experience your faith more deeply?"

"This presentation will challenge you to live your faith more fully and to deepen your understanding of God's plan for you," Ms Donders said.

"Matthew Kelly is a fun and dynamic speaker who is sure to make you laugh while teaching and inspiring you to deepen your spiritual life," she said.

"The presentation is for everyone over the age of twelve but especially appropriate for high school students, young adults and for those who want to live their faith life with passion and

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purpose and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ," she said.

Seating at the cathedral is limited and tickets are on now on sale. Tickets are \$39 each which covers all the retreat materials and refreshments.

All the proceeds go to the development of a Confirmation program by Matthew

Kelly's Dynamic Catholic Institute which will be available to all parishes free of charge.

For information or to purchase tickets, go online to www.rcdony.org/MatthewKelly or contact Marika Donders in the Office of Evangelization at mdonders@rcdony.org or call 315-393-2920

Candidates have completed two-year Formation for Ministry program

Bishop to commission 43 lay ministers

OGDENSBURG - Bishop Terry R. LaValley will preside at the Lay Ministers Commissioning Ceremony June 30 at St. Mary's Cathedral at 3 p.m.

During the ceremony, he will commission 43 lay ministers who have completed the diocesan Formation for

Ministry program in Ogdensburg, Malone or Ticonderoga.

The Formation for Ministry program is designed to help candidates acquire the necessary skills to contribute effectively to parish ministry and assist the pastor with the work of the parish.

Over the past two years, the candidates have completed course work in scripture, Christology, spirituality, church, communications, sacraments and social justice.

Additionally, candidates are required to attend six

workshops and two retreats over the two year period of the program.

Those to be commissioned follow:

St. Mary's Church, Brushton

Jane Boyea, liturgical ministry
Patricia Brannan, youth ministry
Gayla Lepage, parish life and outreach
Ernest E. Russell, liturgical ministry and parish life and outreach

St. Mary's Church, Champlain

Steven K. Burky, liturgical ministry

St. Mary's, Church, Clayton

Charles Burns, parish life and outreach
Janet Burns, catechetical leadership
Neil Fuller, liturgical ministry

St. Patrick's Church, Colton and St. Mary's, Potsdam and

Dorothy Hobbs, parish life and outreach

St. Mary's of the Fort, Fort Covington

Cassie Pulsifer, parish life and outreach
Donna Smith, parish life and outreach
Angela Bashaw, catechetical leadership

St. Peter's Church, Lowville

Thomas Yousey, Jr., parish life and outreach

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Robert G. Main, parish life and outreach
Maureen DuMont, catechetical leadership
Jeanette Basset, catechetical leadership
Brent A. Charland, parish life and outreach
Neil Seymour, parish life and outreach

Church of the Sacred Heart, Massena

Mary LaGarry, parish life and outreach

St. Mary's & St. Joseph's, Massena

Marilyn Decelles, liturgical ministry
Barbara Gibson, parish life and outreach
Carrie Lavigne, parish life and outreach

St. Andrew's Church, Norwood

Phil Regan, catechetical leadership

Notre Dame Church, Ogdensburg

Patricia Conger, catechetical leadership
David Demers, youth ministry
Jesse M. Sovie, parish life and outreach
Mary Sovie, parish life and outreach

St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg

Clare Murdock, catechetical leadership
Celina Burns, catechetical leadership
Mary Burns, catechetical leadership
Virginia Duda, liturgical ministry
Helen T. Parish, parish life and outreach
Brenda Trivilino, catechetical leadership

St. Joseph's Church, Olmstedville

Darlene Luciano, parish life and outreach
Thomas Grace, parish life and outreach

Our Lady of Lourdes, Schroon Lake

Alisa Barror, youth ministry
Dorothy Bean, parish life and outreach
Cathryn Greube, liturgical ministry
Frances Mahler, liturgical ministry
Peter Winkler, parish life and outreach

St. Alphonsus Church, Tupper Lake

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St. Anthony's Church, Watertown

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Native of South Colton to be honored in his hometown

Franciscan Brother to celebrate 50th jubilee

SOUTH COLTON - Franciscan Brother Richard James, will celebrate his golden jubilee in his hometown of South Colton, where Bishop Terry R. LaValley will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on July 15 at 5 p.m. at St. Paul's Oratory.

After growing up in South Colton and attending the State University of New York at Potsdam, Brother Richard decided to join the Franciscans. He professed first vows in 1963 at St. Raphael Novi-

tiante, Lafayette, NJ.

He learned to make Franciscan religious habits at Holy Name College in Washington, DC and did tailoring for a few years.

Brother Richard completed his BA degree from St. Francis College in Brooklyn with a major in Education and minors in math and science. After receiving his teaching degree he lived at St. Francis Friary, 31st Street, NYC for 22 years.

He commuted by subway

to teach math, science and religion at elementary schools in the Brooklyn Diocese at St. Mary Star of the Sea, Immaculate Heart of Mary and Our Lady of Hope.

Brother Richard then moved to the Archdiocese of New York and taught at St. Anthony's; he also worked with two other teachers in the Archdiocese School Office rewriting the science curriculum and essential learning skills in science for K-9 to update them with the new science requirements in New York State.

Brother Richard gave work-

shops to teachers involved in teaching science K-9. After this, Richard studied "Administration and Supervision" at St. Bonaventure University, Allegany, NY.

Brother Richard said that one of the most rewarding parts of being a teacher was the gratitude he received from parents in seeing their children do well.

While teaching, if Brother Richard didn't go to summer school, he spent the summers working in the Pilgrimage Office in New York City traveling in the USA and Canada. He took one year off from teaching and worked in the Pilgrimage Office dealing with European trips which he found most interesting.

In 1994, Brother Richard moved to St. Anthony Friary-St. Petersburg, FL for three


years and took care of elderly friars. He was then transferred to St. Anthony in Camden, NJ where he did finances, teaching and did music for the parish and school. After a year and eight months, he was transferred back to St. Petersburg until 2008.

When a need came about, he was transferred to St. Anthony Residence to do basic nursing duties in the care of elderly friars, taking care of pills, injections and other health care, such as friars that are diabetic, recovering from kidney transplant, etc. Brother Richard found this to be very rewarding as well, as the elderly friars are so receptive and thankful for all that is done for them.

Today as a retired friar preparing to celebrate his golden jubilee, Brother Richard is director of the Money Room at St. Anthony Shrine in Boston.



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Grants from 2013 Respect Life collection announced

Bishop Terry R. LaValley has approved 20 grants from the 2013 Respect Life collection held in January. The collection total was \$71,309.85, a slight increase from last year.

Recipients of this year's grants include:

- Five Gabriel Projects (Gouverneur, Potsdam, Brasher Falls, Massena and Plattsburgh),
- Malone Catholic Charities,
- Three Youth Buses for Life and two March for Life family buses (Lewis County

and Clinton County),

- Birthright in Plattsburgh,
- Lewis County Right to Life Fair Booth,
- Liferight of Watertown,
- Lighthouse CD program, pro-life media campaign,
- Carthage Brook Haven House for single mothers,
- Natural Family Planning materials,
- USCCB Respect Life Month pastor packets and
- Theology of the Body Institute scholarships.

A Respect Life Collection grant committee reviewed the applications before submitting its recommendations to the bishop. The committee members are Father Kris Lauzon, Deacon Gary and Gayle Frank, Angelo and Suzanne Pietropaoli and John and Colleen Miner.

Further information on the grant process, is available on the diocesan respect life website: www.rcdony.org/pro-life.



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St. Mary's, Glenfield
St. Hedwig's, Houseville

Catholic officials decry drop in age restrictions for morning-after pill

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- U.S. Catholic officials expressed disappointment with the June 10 announcement that the federal government will comply with a judge's ruling to allow girls of any age to buy the morning-after pill without a prescription.

The decision reversed recent course of action by the federal government. On May 1, the Justice Department announced that it would appeal a ruling by a federal judge in early April that said the Food and Drug Administration must make emergency contraceptives available to all ages by May 6.

In a June 10 letter to U.S. District Judge Edward Korman in Brooklyn, N.Y., department officials said they will submit a plan for compliance with his ruling and will drop their appeal. The letter also said the FDA has advised the drug's manufacturer to submit an application to make Plan B One-Step available over the counter without restrictions.

News reports June 11 said the Justice Department also told the judge it will not make available over the counter the two-pill Plan B product, which it described as being significantly different from the one-pill version. Two-pill generic versions of Plan B would remain behind store counters and require a prescription and ID for those under the age of 17.

Plan B, known generically

as levonorgestrel, uses large doses of birth-control pills to prevent conception up to 72 hours after unprotected sex. According to the FDA, it will "not stop a pregnancy when a woman is already pregnant, and there is no medical evidence that the product will harm a developing fetus."

Catholic officials faulted the federal government's decision and some groups advocating women's rights called it a step forward and a public health benefit.

Deirdre McQuade, spokeswoman for the USCCB's Secretariat for Pro Life Activities, said in a June 11 email to Catholic News Service: "Many studies have shown that wider access to 'emergency contraception' among young people does not reduce pregnancy or abortion rates, but can contribute to higher rates of sexually transmitted disease.

"No public health consideration justifies the unregulated distribution of such drugs to children," she said.

John DiCamillo, an ethicist with the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia called the government's decision "a great disservice" that "brings profound moral harm to our society."

In a June 11 email to CNS, he said the wider availability of levonorgestrel in its pill form "continues to promote and entrench the contraception and abortion mentality that undermines the culture

of life."

He noted that the National Catholic Bioethics Center is "not a scientific research body and does not itself determine whether Plan B or other levonorgestrel-based 'emergency contraceptives' are abortifacients." But he said a close analysis of the scientific and pharmacological literature indicates that this drug "can and very likely does act as an abortifacient when taken after ovulation has already occurred."

A June 11 Washington Post article said a senior administration official who spoke to the newspaper on the condition of anonymity insisted President Barack Obama did not change his position about the drug and still opposes over-the-counter access to emergency contraceptives for young girls. The official said the reason the Justice Department dropped its appeal was reportedly because of multiple setbacks the department experienced in federal courts.

In early June, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit said it would immediately permit unrestricted sales of the two-pill version of the emergency contraception until the appeal was decided.

That ruling, the senior administration official said, indicated that the court did not expect the legal challenge of the appeal to succeed.

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Obama nominates retired CRS president as U.S. ambassador to Vatican

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- President Barack Obama June 14 nominated Ken Hackett, retired president of Catholic Relief Services, to be U.S. ambassador to the Holy See. Obama's announcement about Hackett came late in the day, along with his nominees for ambassador posts in Brazil, Spain, Germany, Denmark and Ethiopia. "It gives me great confidence that such dedicated and capable individuals have agreed to join this administration to serve the American people. I look forward to working with them in the months and years to come," the president said. Hackett retired in December 2011 after 18 years as president of CRS, the U.S. bishops' overseas relief and development agency. As U.S. ambassador to the Vatican, he succeeds Miguel Diaz, who left the post in late 2012. Diaz now is a professor of faith and culture at the University of Dayton, Ohio. Hackett was appointed president of CRS in 1993. During his tenure, he established a division focusing on outreach to dioceses, parishes, Catholic organizations, and colleges and universities, and laypeople were first appointed to the CRS board of directors. Catholic Relief Services now operates in more than 100 countries, with a global staff of nearly 5,000.

Wealth obscures power of God's word, free gift of salvation, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- A church that is rich and lacking in praise for the Lord is an old, lifeless church that neglects the true treasure of God's free gift of grace and salvation, Pope Francis said in a morning homily. "Proclaiming the Gospel must take the road of poverty," the pope said at Mass June 11 in the chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae. Those who preach and share the Gospel need to give witness to poverty, where the only abundant riches in their lives are the free and joyful gifts received from the Lord, he said. The pope, who concelebrated Mass with Archbishop Gerhard Muller, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, highlighted a line from the day's reading from the Gospel of Matthew: "Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." When Jesus told his apostles, "Do not take gold or silver or copper for your belts; no sack for the journey, or a second tunic, or sandals, or walking stick," he was urging them to proclaim the Gospel "with simplicity," Pope Francis said.

Pope says 'throwaway culture' harms environment and human life

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis blamed widespread degradation of the natural environment and disregard for human life on an increasingly common "throwaway culture" that places no value on the needs of others. "We are living through a moment of crisis," the pope said June 5. "We see it in the environment, but above all we see it in man. The human person is in danger." The pope made his remarks during his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square. Noting that the United Nations had designated June 5 World Environment Day, Pope Francis recalled the biblical account of creation, according to which God made man and woman to "cultivate and protect the earth. Are we truly cultivating and protecting creation?" the pope asked. "Or are we instead exploiting and neglecting it? We are often guided by the arrogance of domination, possession, manipulation, exploitation," he said. "We are losing the attitude of wonder, of contemplation, of listening to creation, and thus we are no longer able to read there what Benedict XVI calls the 'rhythm of the love story of God with man.'"



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The Church cares about you, cares about your children, cares about your family, and cares about digital safety.

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The Communications Department of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America have launched www.faithandsafety.org, a resource for adults to help children safely navigate online. The website and complementary social media channels offer advice for safe use of the Internet, mobile devices and other technology, while emphasizing the positive use of technology to support faith.

Launch online-safety website

By Mark Pattison
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Roman Catholics and Greek Orthodox in the United States have collaborated on a new website to instruct Web users, primarily parents, on how youths can navigate the on-line world, taking advantage of its promise while steering away from its pitfalls.

The site, www.faithandsafety.org, was activated in the middle of June, which is Internet Safety Month. The site's subtitle is "Technology Safety Through the Eyes of Faith."

Even in its first days, it is loaded with news about sites that teens use, eyebrow-raising details about children's first exposure to online pornography, suggestions on how to use technology safely at home, and tips on negotiating the mobile-app scene.

The site was two years in the making. Its genesis was during a brainstorming session as part of a summit meeting of the Religious Alliance Against Pornography attended by Catholic and Greek Orthodox leaders.

"We were challenged to come up with actionable

items as a result of the summit," said Theo Nicolakis, chief information officer for the Greek Orthodox Church in the United States.

"One of the items I came up with was that we were going to come up with an initiative that would give the voice of faith in regard to online and technological safety," he said.

"It's primary audience is intended to be parents and others who are concerned about children's digital safety," said Helen Osman, secretary of communications for the U.S. bishops, adding the Catholic Communication Campaign helped bring FaithAndSafety to launch with grant funding.

"It's intended to honor the idea that parents are probably the best ones to understand new areas. It focuses a lot on helping them understand this world where their kids are more comfortable that they are but they really need to be there to help their children understand the potential and also the risk: how to you deal with bullying, how to you deal with pornography."

Osman said, "We try to provide some of the technical advice but also provide it

through the understanding that Catholic teaching, the Greek Orthodox teaching is that all of creation is good."

Nicolakis said the process of launching FaithAndSafety was "a herculean effort that took almost two years from the point of conception until today: identifying what the hot-button topics are going to be, finding strategic partners with common areas of interest, being able to build out the technology on the web and allow the platform to move forward."

FaithAndSafety is also on Facebook and Twitter.

To keep the site fresh, "we're trying right now to expand our partnerships," Nicolakis said. "We don't pretend that we're going to be experts in every area. We want to be a good clearing-house of info for experts in particular areas."

The site has also engaged a slew of bloggers and commentators to weigh in on current events.

Among them are Bishop John C. Wester of Salt Lake City, chairman of the bishops' Communications Committee and Auxiliary Bishop Christopher J. Coyne of Indianapolis, another committee member.

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Paying the price of discipleship: suffering

No one likes to face bad news. During Sunday Masses, we may be tempted to “turn off” the Gospel when we hear Jesus tell us, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Yet, Jesus insists on this qualification for being his follower.

As experience of living teaches us over and over, “biting the bullet” and facing the hard things that come our way has rich rewards.

Enduring pain from illness, accident, or loss can transform us to a richer level of living.



Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore

In the first reading, Zechariah tells the people of Israel that God will give them a “spirit of grace and petition”, especially when they repent of past sin and infidelity, and turn their hearts to God.

Pope Francis is currently urging us to revise our economic and social structures for justice to the poor, the hungry, and towards our stewardship of God’s world.

Will the world listen and reform?

As parents and friends urged graduates last week to believe in themselves and to put into practice now what they have been taught, we also pray that they will listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit and follow the discipline of His law.

Now, isn’t it a good time for us to ask ourselves how well we have done that in our lives?

The Gospel shouts out this message of total acceptance of Christ’s teaching. How we all long for prosperity and peace.

The suffering involved with discipleship and repentance will lead to God

JUNE 23

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS

Zechariah 12:10-11;13:1

Galatians 3:26-29

Luke 9:18-24

restoring those blessings to individuals and nations.

How can we possibly measure up to this kind of living? We know the answer very well. It’s our decision (inspired by prayer and God’s grace) to love Him more and more.

Of course, that means we must love our neighbor more and more as well.

Seeking justice must overcome the lust for money and power.

Often, that in itself qualifies as “suffering”.

We all really want to be followers of Jesus, many refuse to pay the price of discipleship.

There is no consolation at all in being a half-hearted disciple. There is no freedom in that.

Even though we all desire a pain and trouble-free existence, we will never grow by running away from God’s purifying action.

“If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me...” Jesus tells us today.

[MAKING SENSE OUT OF BIOETHICS]

Perversions and purposes in human sexuality

Many of us have probably heard single women talking among themselves about men, where one of them ends up saying, “That guy, he’s just a pervert – he’s only interested in sex.”

Real interpersonal harms and significant possibilities for selfishness and exploitation arise whenever individuals choose to act on this instinct in a context apart from marriage.

When women detect that a man’s focus has become the pursuit of pleasure, and that unbridled sex has become an end in itself, they tend instinctively to back away. Women often intuitively understand that sex can’t be reduced to mere pleasure without hurting both individuals involved, and negating other important goods, like love, family, children, and marriage.

It becomes a “perversion” when we attempt to redirect sex into something of our

own specifications, refocusing it into a form of worldly pleasure-seeking and self-satisfaction.

Sigmund Freud, whom no one could accuse of prudery, recognized the basic features of a perversion in the sexual realm when he declared, “The common characteristic of all perversions... is that they have abandoned reproduction as their aim. We term sexual activity perverse when it has renounced the aim of reproduction and follows the pursuit of pleasure as an independent goal.”

No age has ever sought to abandon the reproductive aim of sexual activity as much as our own. This is particularly manifest as our society yields to the seductive siren call of contraception, broadly encouraging the separation of sexual intimacy from procreation.

A 2013 Gallup poll reported that 91 percent believed birth control to be morally acceptable. Professor Robert George of Princeton University has noted that marriage is increasingly

coming to be understood as “an emotional union for the sake of adult satisfaction that is served by mutually agreeable sexual play.”

Without the self-sacrificing dimension of sex (involving the acceptance of new life), individuals are left in the position of amiably using one another.

If seeking sex while blocking the possibility of reproduction is a form of sexual perversion, perhaps it is unsurprising that other forms of inherently non-procreative sex, that is to say, other sexual perversions, are rapidly expanding alongside the practice of contraception.

In recent times, we have witnessed an unparalleled countermovement of the life-giving dimension of the sexual act through the acceptance of non-complementary forms of bodily union including homosexual and lesbian sex, oral sex, and anal sex.

A very significant jump of

19 percent in approval over the past 12 years for “gay or lesbian relations” was highlighted in the same 2013 Gallup poll.



Father Tadeusz
Pacholczyk Ph.D.

Culturally, sex is subtly changing into a casual encounter subject to one’s own manipulation and determination, with pleasure serving as its central engine and rationale. Put simply, it is degenerating into a new reality before our eyes, cut out of the whole cloth of perversion, with the promotion of sexual activity in ways that are powerfully at odds with its proper context and purpose.

Sex has a unique bonding or cementing power between a man and a woman, because the sexual instinct is clearly bound up with the whole emotional, affective and interpersonal life of man and woman.

Given this fact, real interpersonal harms and significant possibilities for

selfishness and exploitation arise whenever individuals choose to act on this instinct in a context apart from marriage.

Indeed, sex is never a reasonable choice in the absence of commitment, particularly a permanent commitment, between a man and a woman. This flows in part from the fact that it brings new lives into the world, and those lives are vulnerable and dependent, necessitating a mother and a father who are committed to each other and to the children arising from their permanent union.

It is remarkable how much consternation it causes today to point out what has long been obvious, namely, that sex and marriage must be integrally connected, and that in the final analysis, marriage must remain the unique and exclusive setting for human sexual activity.

Through matrimonial consent, man and woman deliver and accept the exclusive and perpetual bond that allows them to

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AT THE MOVIES

MAN OF STEEL

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

"Man of Steel" (Warner Bros.), director Zack Snyder's take on the familiar narrative of Superman, has the makings of an engaging drama and features thematic elements that viewers of faith in particular can appreciate.

But this 3-D adventure's positive potential winds up being squandered in favor of endless scenes of high-powered brawling and the pyrotechnics of innumerable explosions.

We all know the basic outlines of the tale: Born on distant Krypton, as an infant the iconic comic book hero (Henry Cavill) is sent to Earth by his parents (Russell Crowe and Ayelet Zurer) so that he can escape his doomed home planet's imminent destruction. Landing in the American heartland, he's adopted by the Kents (Kevin Costner and Diane Lane) who instill positive values and try to protect his secret.

In the version at hand, screenwriter David S. Goyer's script weaves back and forth in time to fill us in on these facts even as investigative reporter -- and future love interest -- Lois Lane (Amy Adams) is hot on the trail of the adult Superman's true identity.

Though she's ultimately ambivalent about the consequences of unmasking the mild-mannered drifter -- his career as Lois' colleague still lies in the future -- intergalactic events overtake her.

General Zod (Michael Shannon), an old enemy of Superman's father Jor-El, arrives from space and threatens humanity with annihilation unless Superman surrenders to him.

Flashbacks have already shown us Zod's fascist tendencies and his failed coup against the lawful government of Krypton. Ironically, the sentence of exile Zod

and his confederates received as punishment following their defeat saved them from perishing in Krypton's apocalypse.

Zod's ultimatum brings the obvious parallels between Superman and Jesus to the fore, and neither Goyer nor Snyder shows any reluctance to highlight them. As he ponders whether to sacrifice himself to save the human race, Superman visits a church and seeks the advice of a clergyman.

During their conversation, he stands against the backdrop of a stained-glass window showing Jesus at prayer in the garden of Gethsemane.

Dialogue reveals in passing that Superman has reached the symbolically significant age of 33. And, as he launches himself into flight at one point, the superhero extends his arms in the manner of Christ on the cross. All of this might have been explored at some length had there not been a huge budget for special effects to expend

. Or perhaps there was the lurking fear that adolescent boys would be bored by such subtleties.

Whatever the cause, all human interest the picture initially contains yields, in the end, to pure chaotic spectacle. Superman and his adversaries hurl each other about; skyscrapers are leveled and oil trucks ignited. Then it's on to more of the same in a different locale.

Oh, well, as they say on Krypton, it was nice while it lasted.

The film contains much intense but bloodless violence, a fleeting sexual advance and occasional 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.



The band Towne Meeting presented its fourth annual benefit concert for the North Country Mission of Hope June 8 at St. Augustine's Church, Peru

Music with a message

Judy Charland
Contributing writer

PERU - According to a recent interview in the Lake Champlain Weekly, Peter Yarrow (of Peter, Paul, and Mary) related that he uses music as a vehicle to bring about justice and change. In referring to singing, Yarrow said, "It brings people together and deepens their promise to create a better world." He went on to say, "Change comes from the heart, and music has this special capacity to personify that heart."

That's exactly what was happening June 8 at St. Augustine's church in Peru at the fourth annual benefit concert put on by the band Towne Meeting for the Mission of Hope. That evening, close to 100 people gathered to hear inspiring messages of compassion, peace, and hope. In the spirit of generosity, Towne Meeting donated

their time and talent and raised money to build 28 more safe stoves for families in Nicaragua.

Because of the generous contributions of those who came to the concert from Peru, Dannemora, Chazy, Plattsburgh, Willsboro and the surrounding area, funds for 183 safe, environmentally friendly, fuel efficient stoves have been provided for families in Nicaragua during the past four years.

Band members Gary VanCour, Dennis Hulbert, Miles Moody, Justin VanCour and Rich Sutphen are to be commended for providing a wonderful evening of outstanding music, camaraderie, and entertainment for a worthy cause. It was a time for people to come together for an evening of enjoyment that will live on for a long time in the lives of families in Nicaragua who will receive stoves on behalf of the band and those who attended the concert.

Perversions

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carry out acts apt in themselves for the procreation of offspring.

The obvious corollary is that sexual relations of any kind in a non-marital context will invariably be immoral, including forms of pre- and extra-marital sex and the use of pornography and masturbation.

Indeed, it is imperative today that we work to reconnect the gratification of the sexual urge with the beautiful sharing of life be-

tween man and woman in matrimony.

The deep-seated sex instinct moves men and women to embrace great sacrifices, such as are required in marriage and procreation, for the fulfillment of this remarkable human drive.

We are challenged today, like never before, to step away courageously from sexual perversions in all their destructive and ever-expanding forms, and to return to an ordered vision of

sexuality within marriage, directed to the authentic good of individuals and society.

Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did post-doctoral work at Harvard.

He is a priest of the diocese of Fall River, MA, and serves as the Director of Education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. See www.ncb-center.org

CLINTON

ALTONA OLD HOME DAYS

Altona- Holy Angels Parish is holding Altona Old Home Days

Date: June 23

Time: Mass at 10 a.m., Parade at 11 a.m. With the theme "Music We Love"

Place: Holy Angels Church

Features: Parade (If interested in participating call Sandy at 236-5848), Chicken BBQ from noon to 4, food concessions, live entertainment of bag pipers and bands, bounce houses, game booths, dunking booth, talent show at 6 p.m. with \$500 grand prize, raffles during talent show, and fireworks at 9 p.m., sponsored by the Altona Fire Department

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

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: "I am the bread of life. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As { . . . } I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me." (Jn 6:48, 56-57)

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

FRANKLIN

FAREWELL ST. PATRICK'S

Hogansburg- St. Patrick's Church is holding special celebrations during the last week before church closes. The events follow:

July 1- Baptism reflection celebration, 6:30 p.m.

July 2- Eucharist/Reconciliation/Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

July 3- Vocations Reflection Celebration, 6:30 p.m.

July 6-Night to Remember, 3 p.m. to 8

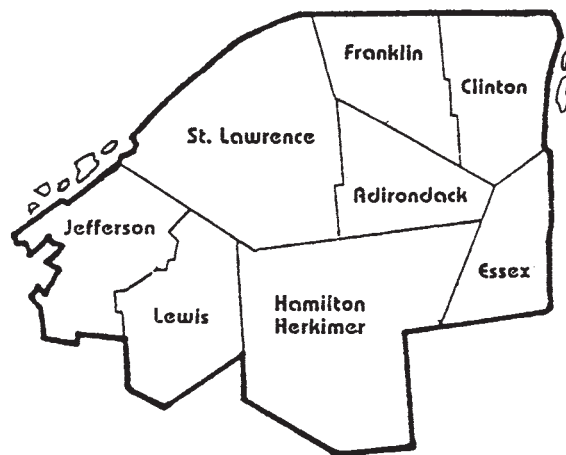
July 7 - Closing Ceremony for St. Patrick's (Reception to follow), 3 p.m.

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



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.

JEFFERSON

DAY OF PILGRIMAGE

Carthage – Pilgrimage to St. Kateri Tekakwitha Shrine in Fonda, NY, and then to the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, Mass., has been planned

Date: Aug. 10

Schedule: Bus leaves from St. James Church at 5 a.m., arrives in Fonda at 7:30; arrives in Stockbridge at 11 a.m., back at St. James, approximately 10 p.m. **Features:** In Fonda – chapel, gift shop, outdoor Stations of the Cross, Iroquois Indian Village where Kateri lived; in Stockbridge – Eucharistic adoration, Mass, confession, rosary for life, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, benediction, blessing with a relic of St. Faustina, blessing of religious articles, life size Stations of the Cross, Shrine of the Holy Innocents and Lourdes Grotto. Handicap access is available on both sites

Cost: \$55 per person, includes transportation, lunch, and donation, not dinner on way home.

Contact: RSVP & money due by July 7, to Laurie Halladay 6967 Belfort Rd, Croghan, NY 13327. For more information, call and leave a message at 315-346-6047. Notify if dietary, other needs.

MOUNT CARMEL FEAST

Watertown - St Anthony's Church is holding its 97th annual Mount Carmel Feast in honor of our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Dates: June 28-June 30 (with spaghetti dinner June 27 at 4:30 p.m. see informa-

tion below in next event listing)

Times: Grounds open June 28 at 5:30 p.m., June 29 and 30, open at 1 p.m., all days close at 10 p.m.

Place: St. Anthony's Church

Features: Bingo June 28 at 7 p.m., entertainment each night (Lester Gates on Friday, Nick Mulpagano on Saturday and Fred and the Eds on Sunday), rides by Ontario Amusement, traditional Italian foods; on Sunday: religious procession begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by Benediction and blessing of new Rose Window by Bishop LaValley at 6:30p.m. Fireworks Sunday at 10 p.m., followed by raffle drawings.

Contact: for more information call St. Anthony's parish office 315-782-1190

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

Date: June 27

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7

Place: Msgr. Sechi Hall, St. Anthony's

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

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

LIFERIGHT MEETING

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

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: 312 Sherman St.

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

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

ST. LAWRENCE

KNIGHTS ANNUAL DINNER

Ogdensburg-The Msgr. AD. Charbonneau, Council 258 Knights of Columbus, is holding its annual awards dinner.

Date: June 29

Time: cocktail hour at 6 p.m. dinner at 7 p.m.

Place: K of C Home

Cost: Dinner is free to all paid up members, their spouses, or guest and members of the Ladies Auxillary and guest.

Features: Program includes 50 year member pin presentations, scholarship awards, and naming of the Knight of Year

Contact: Phone reservations are required by June 21 at 393-7990 or sign up at the club rooms with dinner choice of steak or chicken. For more information call the Club Rooms after 4 p.m. at 393-7990 or Grand Knight Nelson Woods 393-7994 or Deputy Grand Knight Scott Boyer 854-2556.

FEAST DAY OF SS PETER & PAUL

South Colton- Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin, pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Colton and St. Mary Parish in Potsdam, will be celebrant of a vigil Mass of the Feast Day of SS Peter and Paul

Date: June 28, 2013

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: St. Paul's Oratory

Features: Msgr. Aucoin will lead a procession to the Sacred Heart Shrine after the Mass. An Ice Cream Social will follow; bring lawn chair.

JUBILEE CELEBRATION

South Colton- A Mass of Celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Profession of Vows of Brother Richard James, OFM, a native of South Colton.

Date: July 15

Time: 5 p.m.

Place: Oratory of St. Paul

Features: Bishop Terry R. LaValley will be the celebrant. Bring your lawn chairs and Ice cream will follow.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Winthrop – The Brasher Falls Knights of Columbus is hosting a golf tournament to benefit handicapped and needy children.

Date: June 29

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Meadowbrook Golf Course

Features: Shotgun start, four person scramble, men, women, seniors and mixed teams welcome. Many prizes awarded, and 50-50 raffle

Cost: \$20 per person, includes \$5 for

skins & \$5 for 50-50 raffle. Green fees and cart not included.

Contact: Galon Eldridge at (315)842-9277 or email at: gandumeld@gmail.com by June 27 if interested in playing

TRIP TO SHOW IN SYRACUSE

Ogdensburg -Notre Dame Altar & Rosary is sponsoring a bus trip to Landmark Theatre to see Daniel O'Donnell.

Date: Sept. 11 at 7 p.m.

Features: Tickets are \$125 which includes show ticket, S&W bus fare (leaves from Donut King) and dinner at the Spaghetti Warehouse restaurant.

Contact: Call Cherie @393-5050 or 393-7158 or Joyce @713-4457.

LATIN MASS

Potsdam – A Tridentine (Latin) Mass is celebrated each Sunday with Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin as the celebrant

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Time: 9 a.m. to Noon

Place: St. Mary's Family Room

DIOCESAN EVENTS

THE BEAUTY OF BELIEF

Potsdam - The Diocese of Ogdensburg is hosting "THE BEAUTY OF BELIEF--a celebration of art and music in the Year of Faith"

Date: Aug. 18, afternoon

Place: SUNY Potsdam's Hosmer Hall and Gallery

Features: Musicians sharing high quality choral, vocal, and instrumental pieces that are sacred and spiritually influenced as well as artists sharing the beauty of faith through visual art.

NEIGHBORING DIOCESES

DR. SCOTT HAHN

Troy, N.Y. - Dr. Scott Hahn, renowned theologian and apologist will be speaking in Troy

Date: June 29

Time: Doors open 9 a.m. 11 a.m.

Speaker

Place: St. Augustine's Church

Cost: \$25 with lunch or \$20 without

Features: Topics will be "First Comes Love," "Letter and Spirit" and "The Bible, the Eucharist and the New Evangelization." Books and audio materials will be available for sale the day of the event.

Contact: Call Donna Phipps at 518-326-4292 for more information.



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Another school year is ending

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

The 2012-2013 school year is drawing to an end. This means that Missionary Childhood Association year for the students in our Catholic Schools and parish religious education programs have likewise wound down.

Children are called to be missionaries through their prayers and sacrifices for the missions during the school year. Teachers and parents are called upon to instruct such children to become mission-minded through their participation in MCA programs.

MCA is about children. It's about children in the U.S. learning what is asked of us as members of God's family. It's about impoverished children in developing countries receiving the help they so desperately need.

MCA's message to children is that they are stewards of what has been given them, that they are called to share so that all will have enough to eat, a place to call home, and hope for the future. As the late Pope John Paul II said, "HCA children live their faith in the dimension of the whole Christian family; they feel open towards one another, in spite of distances or ethnic and cultural differences."

"Love one another as I have loved you," Jesus says in John's Gospel. Learning to love is the simplest yet most important lesson we teach our children. True "Christian love," moreover, does not stop with our families and friends, but extends to all our sisters and brothers around the world.

The Missionary Childhood Association helps teach this lesson to children. Young MCA members embark on a great adventure when they learn about their friends in other countries, grow in faith, and experience the joy that comes with giving. As the Gospel reminds us, it is not so difficult to share with others knowing that the kindness will be repaid. But Jesus asks us to treat others, regardless of their situation, as we ourselves would like to be treated - with compassion, understanding, and generosity.

MCA members strive to follow Jesus' command to us by loving and caring for children whom they have never even met. These young people reach out without expecting repayment - although the knowledge of the difference they are making is often their reward.

MCA is really children helping children. The results are tangible and significant. In third world nations, children receive food, medicine, shelter and education. In the countries that give assistance, children become aware of the bonds that link them with others, and they grow in the understanding and love.

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

OBITUARIES

Nora E. Kramberg

ONTARIO, N.Y. - A Mass of Christian Burial for Nora E. (Gadway) Kramberg, 93, mother of Father Donald F. Kramberg of Dannemora, was held June 3 at St. Mary's of the Lake Church.

She died May 30 at Blossom View Nursing Home, Sodus, N.Y. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

Mrs. Kramberg was born Jan. 15, 1920, in Tupper Lake. She and her husband Phil, were married Feb. 23, 1946 at St. Helen's Church in Chasm Falls. They had a small dairy farm in North Bangor and she also worked at the TruStitch Moccasin Factory in Malone. She later worked at Xerox in Webster, N.Y.

In addition to Father Kramberg, she is survived by her children, Phyllis (David) Bacon of Clifton Springs, Jean (John) Thompson of Williamson, Judy (Fotis) Boliakis of Connecticut, Barry Kramberg (Kim Sofia) of Webster, Percy Kramberg (JoAnn Mattice) of West Monroe, and Kevin Kramberg of West Virginia; eleven grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Herman Phil Kramberg; her parents, Dave and Odella (Nichols) Gadway; four brothers, Leon, Eugene, Jim, and Clarence (Dude); two sisters, Agnes Gadway and Catherine Muehl; and one granddaughter, Kelly.

Bloomington-Susan (Goff-Keith) Muzzy, 62; Funeral Service June 10, 2013 at St. Paul's church. Burial at Union Cemetery

Cadyville-Robert C. Burdo, 79; Funeral Service June 8, 2013 at St. James Church. Burial in St. Alexander's Cemetery.

Cadyville-Francis J. Parker, 67; Funeral Service June 4, 2013 at St. James Church. Burial in the Parish Cemetery.

Champlain-Gladys (Boulerice) Racine, 92; Funeral Service June 12, 2013 at St. Mary's Church.

Chateaugay-George J. Bradshaw, 84; Funeral Service June 4, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church. Burial in parish cemetery.

Churubusco-Rachel M. (Yelle-Lafave) Parent, 91; Funeral Service June 3, 2013

at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Burial in Immaculate Heart Cemetery.

Clayton-Cecile M. Secor, 89; Funeral Service June 7, 2013 at St. Mary's.

Colton-Adlina L. Norman, 87; Funeral Service June 4, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church. Burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Crown Point-William E. Mildon, 76; Funeral Service June 10, 2013 at the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Dannemora-Darlene A. (LaPier-Wood) Eggleston, 47; Funeral Service June 6, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church. Burial in the Parish Cemetery.

Hogansburg-Albert P. Lazore, 75; Funeral Service June 9, 2013 at St. Regis Catholic Church. Burial in Kateri Cemetery.

Keeseville-Carol A. (Mitchell) LaDieu, 72; Funeral Service June 7, 2013 at St. John's Church. Burial in Parish Cemetery.

Malone-Mary (Dashnaw-Riley) Dixon, 60; Funeral Service June 13, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church. Burial in Parish Cemetery.

Mineville-Sylvia (Bola) Cooney, Lashway, 98; Funeral Service June 8, 2013 at All Saints Church.

Morristown-Robert E. Long, 77; Funeral Service June 7, 2013 at St. John's Church. Burial in Morristown Cemetery.

Morristown-Janet G. Laplante, 73; Funeral Service June 3, 2013 at St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church.

Morrisonville-Rita (Furnia) Boissey, 94; Funeral Service June 8, 2013 at St. Alexander's. Burial in parish cemetery.

Ogdensburg-Wilfred Demers, 86; Funeral Service June 4, 2013 at Notre Dame Church. Burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Ogdensburg-Raymond J. Huot, 79; Funeral Service June 12, 2013 at Notre Dame Church. Burial at Foxwood Memorial

Ogdensburg-Elva (Fortin-Ashley) Schumann, 81; Funeral Service June 13, 2013 at Notre Dame Church. Burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Peru-Florence D. (Darragh) Allen, 97; Funeral Service June 7, 2013 at St. Augustine's Church. Burial in Parish Cemetery.

Peru-Ann Marie (Liberty) Caron, 61; Fu-

neral Service June 6, 2013 at St. Augustine's Church. Burial in Parish Cemetery.

Plattsburgh-Rudolph R. "Rudy" Mesec, 89; Funeral Service June 4, 2013 at St. Peter's Church. Burial parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh-Ian E. Yando, 20; Funeral Service June 8, 2013 at St. Peter's Church.

Port Henry-Sylvia (Bola) Cooney, Lashway, 98; Funeral Service June 8, 2013 at All Saints Church in Mineville.

Rouses Point-Charles Edward Duffy, 91; Funeral Service June 12, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church. Burial in Parish Cemetery.

Rouses Point-Victor Narreau, 79; Funeral Service June 12, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church. Burial in Parish Cemetery.

Saranac Lake-Thomas W. Cushman, 73; Funeral Service June 5, 2013 at St. Bernard's Church. Burial in parish Cemetery.

Sackets Harbor-John D. Gaffney, 73; Funeral Service June 7, 2013 at St. Andrew's Church.

Saranac Lake-Joseph Medwick, 64; Funeral Service June 13 at St. Bernard's Church. Burial in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Saranac Lake-Eileen Q. (Keyes-Quigley) Swain, 60; Funeral Service June 12, 2013 at St. Bernard's Church. Burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Ticonderoga-Norma Jean (Blackmer) Dreimiller, 79; Funeral Service June 7, 2013 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial in St. Mary's Parish Cemetery.

Tupper Lake-Michael P. Beaudette, 61; Funeral Service May 31, 2013 at Alphonsus Church. Burial in Parish Cemetery.

Tupper Lake-Virginia (Dawdy) Strasser, 90; Funeral Service July 11, 2013 at St. Alphonsus Church.

Watertown-Leslie H. Woolf, 87; Funeral Service June 5, 2013 at Holy Family Church. Burial with military honors in the Military Cemetery in Sackets Harbor.

Watertown-John E. "Jack" Connolly, 92; Funeral Service June 6, 2013 at Holy Family Church.

Westville-Lucille (Bigness-Jones) Wilson, 78; Funeral Service June 5, 2013 at Our Lady of Fatima Church. Burial in Pine Grove Cemetery.

FACES OF YOUNG FAITH



PHOTO BY ANN CHARLEBOIS

Bishop LaValley is shown with the young people he confirmed this spring at St. Andrew's Church, Sackets Harbor. In front are Brandon Boulton, Dominick Chiodi and Father J. Michael Gaffney, pastor; back, Drew Sneddon and Luke Townsend.



Riley Clark, a senior at Immaculate Heart Central School in Watertown, is this year's recipient of the Dick Doe Memorial Scholarship, presented to an IHC senior who has excelled in athletics and has shown great sportsmanship both on and off the playing field. The award has been given out annually since 2005 in the name of Dick Doe of Watertown, a graduate of IHA and an exemplary athlete. The money for the yearly scholarship is obtained from proceeds from the annual Dick Doe Memorial Golf Tournament which will be held this year at Highland Meadow Golf and County Club of Watertown July 13. Pictured with Riley is Kathy Doe Johnson, who was the late Dick Doe's wife and daughter Lisa Doe Bowhall.



Lauren Richter and Alyse Clark of Seton Catholic Central in Plattsburgh took second place at the Section 7 Girls Doubles Tennis Championship Tournament May 28.



Seton Academy's kindergarten class took a field trip to Shelburne Farm in Vermont. After their hike, they relaxed and enjoyed the beauty of God's wonderful world. Shown, front from left, are Maheen Moeen, Madisen Morrow, Sierra McLaughlin, Taylor Durney, Matthew Macner and Zachary Bedard; back, Nate DeBoos and Xander St. Cyr.