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Pope: what have you done?

VATICAN CITY (CNS)-- All Catholics must ask themselves what they personally have done lately to build up the holiness of the church and ensure people feel welcomed and loved in it, Pope Francis said.

"Some people today say, 'Christ, yes; the church, no,' like they say, 'I believe in God, but not in priests,'" the

pope said. Such a position does not make sense because "it is the church that brings us Christ and brings us to God. The church is the great family of God's children."

During his weekly general audience May 29, Pope Francis announced he would begin a series of audience talks about the church.

"The church is the great family of children of God," he said. "Certainly it has human aspects from the members who comprise it, pastors and faithful. They have defects, imperfections, sins. Even the pope has them - and he has many - but what is beautiful is that when we become aware that we are sinners, we find the mercy of God. God

always forgives. Don't forget this. God always forgives.

"Sin is an offense against God, but it's also an opportunity," he told the estimated 90,000 people gathered in the square and the avenue beyond. "Humiliation can lead one to see there is something beautiful awaiting you: the mercy of God. Think about this."

REST IN PEACE, FATHER MULVANEY

Funeral held May 30 in Black River

Combined appeal set for June 8-9

Parishes of the diocese will conduct a combined collection this weekend for the Catholic Communication Campaign as well as The Catholic University of America.

The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) helps Catholics accept the Holy Father's invitation for each of us "confidently and with an informed and responsible creativity, to join the network of relationships which the digital era has made possible" (Message for the 45th World Communications Day, January 5, 2011).

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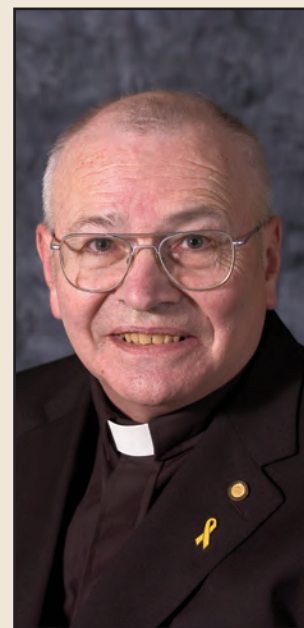
The bi-weekly summer publication schedule of the *North Country Catholic* is beginning; the next issue of the paper will be dated June 19

A NEW PRIEST IS ORDAINED



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE

Father Thomas Higman, parochial vicar of Malone Catholic Parishes, lays hands on the head of his friend Father Scott Belina, the newest priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Bishop LaValley ordained Father Belina May 25 at St. Mary's Cathedral; Father Higman celebrated his first anniversary of priesthood May 26. See page 3 for Bishop LaValley's ordination homily and pages 8-9 for more photos.



Bishop Terry R. LaValley presided at a Mass of Christian Burial for Father Andrew R. Mulvaney, 70, who died May 27. A priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg for 45 years, Father Mulvaney spent 20 years of his priesthood as a chaplain in the U.S. Army. Upon his retirement from the Army in 2003, he served as pastor in Black River and Deferiet until retiring in 2012 because of ill health.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Rest in peace, good and faithful servant

Father Scott Belina had been a priest for little more than a day when he was called upon to carry out a profound – and sorrowful – priestly ministry.

He anointed his friend, Father Andrew R. Mulvaney, in the last moments of Father Mulvaney's life.

Bishop LaValley and the priests of the diocese who had gathered in such joy May 25 for Father Belina's ordination, gathered again May 30 to say goodbye to Father Mulvaney.

In his homily at the funeral

Mass, Father Patrick Ratigan, pastor in Adams and Henderson, told the mourners that Father Mulvaney's life "was defined by his 45-year priesthood."

Excerpts from the homily follow:

We can read Father Mulvaney's obituary and make a comment that there is not much of a surviving family. Such an observation is an error. We would be mistaken to observe that there is no progeny and so there will be no descendants.

There are thousands of fam-

ily members surviving.

Over the past 45 years of priesthood Father left many brothers and sisters of faith. Maybe the obituary would be better worded "Father is survived by many thousands of brothers and sisters who were nourished and fed during his 45 years of tireless and faithful priestly ministry."

The spiritual thought I want to make today is summarized by looking at the last three days of his earthly life - May 25, May 26, and May 27.

Everyone who was with Father this past weekend mentioned how he seemed so good and was so happy. His health

had improved and he was able to participate in Father Scott Belina's weekend festivities. You see, Father Belina was ordained on May 25th and was celebrating his First Mass the next day, May 26th. The two became good friends the past few years and Father Mulvaney was looking so forward to this past weekend.

There is one more good reason why Father Mulvaney was so happy on the last weekend of his earthly life. You see, exactly 45 years ago...45 years ago to the very day...May 25, 1968 a 25 year-old Andrew Mulvaney was ordained to the

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A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

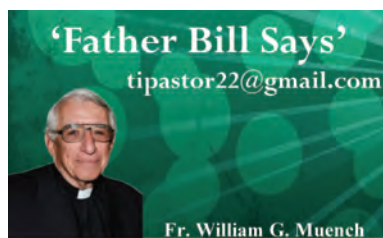
We are all called, gifted by the Holy Spirit

Not long ago, I was visited by a man who was inquiring about entering the Catholic Church. As we talked more about his interest in becoming Catholic, he mentioned a man who worked near him at the plant. This man is a Catholic – and my visitor was very impressed with him. He realized that much of the way he lived was the result of his faith in God. He said to me, "I wanted what he had."

A person living out his Catholic faith in the Lord as best he could each day, had touched another in a special way. I knew who my visitor was talking about and I must agree he is a very impressive and faith filled person. Yet, I know that he would be very surprised if I were to tell him that he was so considered to be such a great Catholic. I know he would be surprised that his life style had convinced another to convert.

My hope is that many will realize that they can be such a profound influence on others. I believe that many do not realize how a faith filled life can and does change others. People notice. People need to see a model they can imitate.

The Church has always faced this challenge of bringing the Gospel of Christ to the people of the world, getting the word out about the message of Jesus



and the teachings of the Church.

We, the people of God, know that when people hear the Gospel and experience a relationship with Jesus, they will become dedicated and follow the Lord. They will be anxious to learn more and more. However, the challenge will always be getting others to hear the message and to understand the power of that message.

Many Catholics believe that this is the task of the priests – or maybe the deacons – or the religious Sisters. And, of course, it is an important part of the dedication of priests and Sisters. However, the Second Vatican Council reminded all that the laity – the lay men and women of the Church – must be involved in this challenge to bring the message of Christ to this world.

We call this evangelization. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to bring Jesus to the world, to bring the message of Christ to all people of this world – to use every opportu-

nity to be evangelizers.

Many think of this as an impossible task for them, often, because they are not ordained and haven't made religious vows. Yet, Jesus has promised that the Holy Spirit will give everyone the gifts needed to accomplish this task of evangelization, the challenge of bringing the Gospel to the World.

The gifts of the Spirit are many, though different, yet by working together all can bring Christ to this world. Catholics, working together, can reach so many.

There is a temptation for people to believe that they are incapable of evangelization. I have heard many say that they are not holy enough or smart enough – so they would never be successful in bringing Christ to this world. Many believe that they don't really matter – there are many others who are more talented.

Yet, I believe very firmly that each and every person has a part in this task. I have often thought that the tempter's strategy is to convince a person that they shouldn't try because they will never be successful. Don't bother – you don't matter.

I have sadly seen some parents who are so convinced that their guidance to their teenagers will not change any-

thing, that it doesn't matter what they say, that they will never be successful – so they don't even try.

I have seen too many Catholics who are truly convinced that they are not needed by the Church. They believe they are not important to the Church, so they do not bother. How sad! All are important.

This kind of temptation can even touch priests who may become convinced that their homilies are not important. They don't believe that the will be listened to so they do not use their opportunities as well as they should.

The challenge is that we are all called and all gifted - gifted by the Holy Spirit – with gifts that can change the world. I believe that God calls us to use our gifts well. Even if a person has only one gift, it may be the gift needed at this time.

Each of us can and must work together – sharing our gifts – working with our pastors to transform each parish into a faith filled, alive place. Pray often to the God who loves you, to Jesus who lived and died and rose again for us, to the Holy Spirit whose inspiration gives us power – that each one of us may discover our gifts and put them to work in making our world a better.

FOLLOW ME

'What a gift you are to the Church'

Bishop Terry R. LaValley's homily for the ordination of Father Scott A. Belina to the priesthood May 25 at St. Mary's Cathedral

Deacon Scott Anthony Belina, soon you shall be consecrated priest, handed over to God forever as a bridegroom to His bride, the Church. You have prayed and prepared yourself, as well as any bridegroom could, to enter into your marriage. Years ago, Cardinal O'Connor offered some wonderful insights about this bride whom you take this day.

This bride you marry today is the Church in this world, the family of God's people. God's people who are strong and holy, God's people who are weak and sinful. God's people who are good and generous. God's people who are selfish and demanding. God's people who will love you beyond any love you ever imagined, but God's people who, at times, will seem to you to hate you and to be resentful of you and to be spiteful toward you and take advantage of your goodness. God's people, your bride, will give you indescribable pleasure and immense pain, unutterable joy and profound sorrow. These are God's people, not yet a fully risen people, not yet a perfect people. And today these are the people that you take unto your own as their bridegroom, as their priest, as their shepherd.

As your bishop, I give you but one mandate: love our Church, love God's people. Love them for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health. Love them until death, after which both you and they will be transfigured in glory. Yes, as St. Peter wrote: you must be a witness of the sufferings of Christ as well as a partaker in the glory to be revealed.

Deacon Scott, know your parish family, as Christ knows His sheep and they know Him. Be with them, rejoice and mourn as one of their own. Love your families. Make "Father" Scott more than a title of respect but, also, a term of endearment. Wear the name as a badge of proof of your Christ-like bonded-ness with your people. To be conformed to Christ is to go out of oneself. The priest who seldom goes out of himself misses out on the best of our people, on what can stir the depths of his priestly heart. Going out of ourselves is where our priestly hearts find joy, where the word "Father" truly describes who we are and becomes more than a courteous greeting.

Be kind to them and gentle. Urge them to be what God wants them to be but forgive them when they fail to become what God wants them to become, as they, your bride, will forgive you for your sins, for your weaknesses. Preach to them courageously the truth always. Be a credible witness.

Let your holiness of life be a delightful fragrance to Christ's faithful. God's people deserve nothing less from their priests. As Pope Francis recently exhorted some men he was to ordain: Do not be a mere functionary who does priestly



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE

Bishop LaValley presents Father Scott Belina the gifts of bread and wine to offered in sacrifice at the new priest's ordination Mass May 25 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. Also shown are Deacons Ronald Pominville and Bruce Widrick and server Jared Zambelli from Allentown, Penn.

things, be a true pastor of souls. God's people know instinctively that we priests are called to be holy for them. We strive to be holy not in lieu of their holiness, but we strive to be holy for them, as part of our priestly sacrifice. Everything about the priest is to be for them.

Look at these—your soon-to-be brother priests—men who have joyfully laid down their lives for God's holy people. Learn from them, be inspired by them, as I am, as they and I, in turn, will learn from and be inspired by you. You are about to enter a very special fraternity. Give your love to this priestly body that claims such a beautiful legacy of pastoral charity for all of God's people.

The fervor of a priest's life depends entirely upon the Mass, where the priest offers his own life in sacrifice. Each time you kiss the altar as you begin the celebration of the Eucharist, consciously make it an intimate gesture which expresses the joining of your own self-sacrifice with that of the High Priest, Jesus Christ. Every time we bow to perform this simple act we remind ourselves that a priest never belongs to himself. Daily celebration of the Eucharist helps transform the busy priest's life from a shallow activism into a focused and unified life of service.

Because there is but one flock, one bride, I rely on you as a co-worker in my ministry as bishop of the flock entrusted to us. Ordination to the priesthood is not a license for private practice. Under my leadership, as your bishop, you must invest time, energy, heart and soul collaborating earnestly with others equal in dignity: consecrated religious, the deacon community, parish council members and staff personnel. Our baptismal responsibility, Christian dignity and pastoral planning demand that priests invite, equip and entrust our lay sisters and brothers in fulfill-

ing their rightful duty in parish life, building up the Body of Christ. Always strive to bring the faithful together in one family.

Following Christ in the priestly ministry with a clear awareness of whose you are brings a transparent joy and evangelizing zeal. A faithful priest shines out and attracts people to Jesus if his life and his ministry is a joyful manifestation of his adherence to Jesus' ministry. It's all about Jesus. The priest's life is a continuation of the life and action of Christ Himself. Therein lies your joy, your peace, your sense of fulfillment.

In the continuation of Christ's life you will administer to your Bride, the Holy Sacraments of the Divine Bridegroom. You will baptize. You will heal and reconcile. You will extend the tender mercy of God in the Sacrament of Penance and experience it personally through your own confession of sins. Deacon Scott, you will gently anoint and console the suffering and dying.

Dear Deacon Scott, with your ordination, Jesus does not suppress the beautiful qualities of who you are as a unique child of God. No, He uplifts them, He ennobles them, He makes them His own, calling them to serve His mystery and His work. You, who are so beautifully unique and gifted, will become, as a priest of God, a true instrument, mediator of Jesus' merciful love and compassion. What a gift you are to the Church. You are a sign of hope and cause of great joy for the Diocese of Ogdensburg. The world needs God and will therefore always need people like you who live for Him totally and proclaim Him to others. A necessary ingredient for authentic evangelization is priestly passion and pastoral charity. Live your priestly life to its fullest!

Finally, Deacon Scott, know that you are never, never alone in living out your priestly vocation. Know and rely upon the prayers and loving support of me, your bishop, of your brother priests, indeed of all your family of faith, so many of whom have joined us for this festive occasion. Let Mary, the Mother of Priests, be your cherished companion on the journey before you. Soon to be priest of God, may St. John Vianney, patron of diocesan priests, inspire your ministry.

I extend my deep gratitude to your family, particularly your mother and father, your sister and brothers—all your loved ones who are rightly very proud individuals this day. Randy and Patricia, your own faith, love and guidance are the reasons why we are all here today. Thank you for your son. We are grateful, also, to all those who have been important facilitators of Deacon Scott's intellectual, human and spiritual formation. We extend words of appreciation and welcome to the faculty, staff and community of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary where Scott has called home these last six years. We, particularly welcome Fr. Joseph Bongard, vice rector of St. Charles who is present with us this day representing the Seminary community.

And now, my brother, Scott, please rise to declare publicly your desire to become a priest and to serve the Church of God in our Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Rites held for Fr. Andrew Robert Mulvaney, 70

BLACK RIVER – Bishop Terry R. LaValley presided at the Mass of Christian Burial for Father Andrew R. Mulvaney, 70, May 30 at St. Paul's Church.

Father Mulvaney died May 27 at Samaritan Medical Center Emergency Room from a massive stroke. He had retired with failing health and resided at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, Watertown.

The priests of the diocese concelebrated the funeral Mass with Father Patrick Rattigan, pastor of St. Cecilia's, Adams, serving as homilist.

A private burial was in Castorland Union Cemetery in Castorland.

Father Mulvaney was born Dec. 17, 1942, in West Carthage, son of Ernest and Ruth Schantz Mulvaney. He attended Beaver River Central School and Fr. Leo Memorial School, Croghan, graduating in 1960.

He attended Wadhams Hall Seminary from 1960-62 and continued his studies at Christ the King Seminary at St. Bonaventure University at



Fr. Mulvaney

St. Bonaventure before his ordination May 25, 1968 at St. Mary's Cathedral by Bishop Thomas J. Donnellan.

Father Mulvaney's first assignment was as assistant at St. Joseph's Church in Malone, followed by assignments at St. Alphonsus, Tupper Lake; St. Mary's, Champlain; Holy Family, Watertown; St. Joseph's, Malone; St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg; and returning to St.

Joseph's, Malone.

Father Mulvaney served as pastor of St. Martin's Church, Port Leyden from 1977 until 1983.

In January of 1983, Father Mulvaney began his time with the U. S. Army as chaplain, at Fort Monmouth, N.J. From there, he traveled to many sites including Germany, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Croatia, Macedonia, and Zagreb. After he returned to the States, he served in Fort Jackson, SC, Fort Bliss, TX and finally Fort Drum, where he retired in January of 2003.

Following retirement from the Army, Father Mulvaney was assigned as pastor of St. Paul's Church, Black River and St. Rita's in Deferiet, NY. until his retirement in 2012.

During his time of military service, Father received a number of medals and/or awards of which he was justly proud: the Armed Forces Service Medal, Bronze Star, five Meritorious Service medals, three Army Commendation Medals, Army Achievement medal, Joint

Meritorious Unit Award, two National Defense Service medals, Southwest Asia Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, Army Service ribbon overseas (4), United Nations Medal/Kuwait Liberation Medal(K), Kuwait Liberation Medal(SA) and Cold War Certificate.

Father Mulvaney is survived by a brother, Michael

and his wife Maureen Keefe Mulvaney, a nephew Matthew K. Mulvaney, Rochester and a niece, Kate K. Mulvaney and husband Ashhok Ragawanarquo, Quincy, MA.

In lieu of flowers, Father Mulvaney requested that donations be given to the Sisters of St. Joseph, 1425 Washington St., Watertown, N.Y., 13601.

Rest in peace

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priesthood in the exact same place as the 2013 ceremony - St. Mary's Cathedral. Then, the next day May 26th - 45 years to the exact day - the newly-ordained 25 year old Father Andrew Mulvaney also celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the first time at St. Stephen's in Croghan.

Do you think the 70 year old Father Mulvaney - in failing health, and probably seeing the sunset of his life approaching - do you think he might have been sitting at St. Anthony's on Sunday afternoon and looking back a couple of generations to his own First Mass and his own priesthood?

Do you think Father Mulvaney might have been looking at the 45 years of his priestly life and do you think that might have made him seem so happy, content, and fulfilled. Such a reflection, certainly should have made him happy, content, and proud.

Father's priesthood defined him. That is what he was all about. His entire life revolved around that central event of May 25th.

Father Mulvaney wrote a reflection on the priesthood for the Year of the Priest series in the *North Country Catholic*.

He answered the question on what his favorite part of being a priest is with "That's easy. This is my Body, This is My blood. There is nothing greater that a priest can do."

Father Mulvaney lived that out with his life. How

many times did he pray those words and how many thousands of his surviving brothers and sisters were nourished as a result of his priestly "yes" and the gift of himself to Almighty God.

Father's earthly life ended on Memorial Day, May 27th. Memorial Day is that day we set aside to remember all those who gave their lives to preserve our freedoms. Father of course did not die on the battlefield of war and I do not mean to weaken the honors appropriate to Memorial Day.

Father Mulvaney had the honor of serving both God and Country as a Chaplain with the Army. He tirelessly brought God to soldiers and soldiers to God for twenty years. How many soldiers benefitted from his presence as they received the sacraments?

"...We heard in the Gospel "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies it produces much fruit."

How many times over the last 70 years do you think Father Mulvaney died to self? How often during the past 45 years of ordained priesthood did he die to self. We now pray that just as the grain of wheat dies so that it can live, so too our brother will now enjoy eternal happiness in heaven...

"Father is survived by many thousands of brothers and sisters that were nourished and fed during his 45 years of tireless and faithful priestly ministry."

May he rest in peace.

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'BISHOP LISTENS TO HIS FLOCK' AT LISTENING SESSIONS ACROSS DIOCESE



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The cafeteria of Immaculate Heart Central School in Watertown was filled to capacity May 30 for the Jefferson Deanery Listening Session, part of the diocesan "Envisioning Process for a Mutually Shared Vision" currently underway. The participants shared their opinions about the state of the church in the diocese and had the opportunity to ask Bishop LaValley questions. A list of upcoming Listening Sessions is printed below.

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 5, 2013	6:30 pm, St. Peter's Church Hall, Lowville	Lewis
2 Thu, June 6, 2013	6:30 pm, Trinity Catholic School, Massena	St. Lawrence
3 Tue, June 18, 2013	6:30 pm, St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga	Essex & Hamilton/Herkimer
4 Wed, June 19, 2013	6:30 pm, Seton Academy (across street from St. Peter's Church), Plattsburgh	Clinton
5 Tue, June 25, 2013	6:30 pm, Holy Family School in Malone	Franklin & Adirondack

Diocese to offer assistance to storm victims

Because of the devastating storms that have caused destruction, injury and death in Oklahoma, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, president of the USCCB, has asked Bishop LaValley to encourage parishes of the Diocese of Ogdensburg to take up a special collection during June or the early part of July to assist recovery efforts in Oklahoma.

Accordingly, Bishop LaValley is asking every parish to contribute to these recovery efforts by contributing parish funds or taking up a special collection at weekend Masses on a weekend selected by the pastor.

Once the collection has taken place, pastors will send the donations sent directly to Catholic Charities, 6866 State Hwy 37, Ogdensburg, New York 13669.

Catholic Charities will distribute the funds through appropriate channels to the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City to assist in the relief efforts.

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Rites held for two Sisters of Mercy who served in diocese

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has received word of the deaths of two Sisters of St. Mercy who served the diocesan church in health-care, education and board work.

Sister Agnes O'Grady, RSM

A Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Agnes O'Grady, formerly Sister M. Joel O'Grady, was held May 30 at Marian Woods in Hartsdale, NY. Burial followed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne, NY.

Sister Agnes was born in New York City April 24, 1927, daughter of Vincent O'Grady and Agnes Byrne O'Grady. Most of her young life was spent in the Bronx, where she attended St. Catherine of Genoa School and St. Catharine Academy, both staffed at the time by the Sisters of Mercy.

Sister Agnes received a BA in Education and Accounting from Hunter College, NY, in 1948, and an MBA from Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Indiana in 1963. Additional course work was completed at Fordham University, MIT in MA, the University of Chicago, IL, and the University of Omaha, NE.

Sister Agnes entered the Sisters of Mercy in Tarrytown, NY, Feb. 13, 1950, made temporary vows on Aug. 16, 1952 and final vows on Aug. 16, 1955.

She served as a teacher in Tarrytown, at St. Catharine Academy, Mercy College and Rockland Community College, all in the downstate area.

She also taught at St. John's Academy, Plattsburgh, and at St. Pius X High School in Saranac Lake. Former students will remember as a kind, big-hearted person, with a ready smile. She was an excellent teacher and well respected by fellow educators.

Her varied career included eight years of service on the Executive Teams of the Sis-

ters of Mercy, New York, and membership on various governing boards of institutions such as the Board of Trustees of Mercy College, the Archdiocesan Council of Women Religious in New York. Sister Agnes was a member of the Synod of the Archdiocese of New York, a special church committee which recommended roles for lay women and men, held in 1987.

Sister Agnes is survived by nieces and nephews, members of her religious community, cousins and friends.

Sister Ruth Seguin, RSM

A Mass of Christian Burial for Mercy Sister Ruth Seguin, formerly known as Sr. M. Pierre Seguin, was held May 22 in Marian Woods Chapel with burial following at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne.

She died at McAuley Hall Nursing Facility, Watchung, NJ, May 18.

Sister Ruth was born on March 8, 1927 in Plattsburgh, the daughter of Arthur Seguin and Bertha Laventure Seguin. She lived most of her young life in Rouses Point, attending St. Patrick's School, Rouses Point and graduating from Rouses Point High School in 1944.

She graduated from Mildred Elley Secretarial School, Albany, NY, in 1945 and then began working for the FBI in Washington, DC. She received a BS from Fordham University, NY, in 1965 and in 1968 she received an MBA from St. Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH. She became a fellow of the American College of Hospital Administrators in 1974.

Sister Ruth entered the Sisters of Mercy on Aug. 15, 1947. She was received into the community on Feb. 29, 1948 and took final vows on Aug. 16, 1953.

She taught business subjects at the Loretta Business School in Plattsburgh. However, most of her ministry was in various capacities at

Mercy Hospital, Watertown, where she was controller, business manager, assistant administrator and administrator.

Sister Ruth was one of the founding members of the Council of Women Religious of the Diocese of Ogdensburg and served as vice president and secretary of the group. She also completed a history of the formation of the Council for the diocese.

Sister Ruth served on the Jefferson County Council of Social Agencies and the Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County.

In her retirement she was a teacher for Literacy Volunteers both in Saranac Lake and Plattsburgh. She particularly enjoyed meeting and conversing with young people from different countries.

In 2010, Sister Ruth relocated to Marian Woods Residence in Hartsdale. Just three weeks ago she moved to McAuley Hall in Watchung, NJ.

She Ruth is survived by her brother Raymond and a sister, Betty Main, both of whom live in Florida; nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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

Bishop's Schedule

June 5 - 10:30 a.m., Diocesan Finance Council Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg.

6:30 p.m., Diocesan Envisioning Listening Session with Lewis Deanery at St. Peter's Church Hall in Lowville.

June 6 - 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg.

6:30 p.m., Diocesan Envisioning Listening Session with St. Lawrence Deanery at Trinity Catholic School in Massena.

June 7 - 7:00 p.m., Confirmation at St. Mary's Church in Champlain.

June 8 - 10:30 p.m., Pastoral Council Meeting at St. Patrick's Church in Colton.

June 9 - 10:30 a.m., Mass at Holy Angels Church in Altona.

June 10-14 - Spring Meeting of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in San Diego.

June 15 - 4:00 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral.

June 17 - 9:30 a.m., Diocesan Envisioning Team Meeting with the Catholic Leadership Institute at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg.

June 18 - 10:30 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home

6:30 p.m., Diocesan Envisioning Listening Session with Essex Hamilton-Herkimer Deaneries at St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga

CORRECTION

In the list of priest jubilarians, printed May 29, Father Michael Gaffney's current assignment as pastor of St. Andrew's in Sackets Harbor, in addition to his responsibilities as pastor of the Roman Catholic Community of Brownville and Dexter, was omitted. The *North Country Catholic* apologizes for the error.

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 5 - Rev. Charles Donaher, O.S.A., 1984

June 6 - Msgr. Euclid Elie, 1962

June 8 - Rev. James J. McGowan, 1961; Deacon Ronald Corryea, 1995

June 9 - Rev. James Bolton, O.S.A., 1925; Rev. John W. Ryan, 1982

June 10 - Rev. Augustus Gaudet, O.M.I., 1895; Rev. Alfred J. Boulterice, 1952; Rev. Rupert P. Hajna, O.F.M.Conv., 1979

June 11 - Rev. Lawrence K. Brady, 1993

June 12 - Rev. Eugene A. Kelly, 2001; Rev. Francis J. Coryer, 2012

June 14 - Rev. Hermisdas Mayer, 1927; Rev. Thomas A. Kiley, O.S.A., 1954; Rev. William J. Deacy, O.S.A., 1960; Rev. Arthur Desrosiers, 1963; Msgr. Walter T. Cleary, 1968

June 15 - Rev. Francis C. A. Cornish, 1960

June 16 - Rev. James L. Meehan, 2004; Deacon John Dwyer, 2007

June 17 - Rev. Thomas J. Thottumkal, 1992

Environmental Stewardship

"The technically advance societies can and must lower their domestic energy consumption, either through an evolution in manufacturing methods or through greater ecological sensitivity among their citizens."

Pope Benedict XVI
Caritas in Veritate.

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

- Next time you grocery shop, become conscious of "food miles" i.e. the distance that food travels from where it is grown to where it is ultimately purchased and consumed. How your food is grown, stored, transported, processed and cooked can all influence how it impacts the climate and the environment.
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Fr. Scott Belina

From the parishioners of
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Lord Jesus, give him faith
and trust that never waver,
even though
his feelings, his moods, fluctuate,
even though
circumstances change,
pain intrudes,
distraction allures,
weakness presents itself,
and noise and clamor
threaten to overwhelm
the stillness,
the silence
of You.

Be his peace, Lord Jesus.
Be his love, Lord Jesus.
Be his distraction, Lord Jesus.

Be his strength,
his faith,
his rest,
his passion,
his all.

Lord Jesus, be his very self,
that they too
may see You
In him.

(Carol Siemon)

A new priest is ordained



PHOTOS BY BETTY STEELE

At the moment of ordination, Bishop Terry R. LaValley lays hands on the head of Father Scott A. Belina and prays for God to send his Holy Spirit to confer the dignity of the priesthood on the new priest. All the priests at the ordination, followed the bishop in the laying on of hands. The ceremony continued as Father Belina was vested by Father Garry Giroux. Bishop LaValley then anointed the hands of the newly ordained priest and presented him with the people's gifts of bread and wine. Finally, the bishop and priests welcomed Father Belina into the order of presbyters with a kiss of peace. Father Belina will begin his priesthood as a parochial vicar at St. Mary's Cathedral with additional responsibilities in the Chancery Office.

SCENES FROM THE ORDINATION

FATHER BELINA

May 25 - a day of great joy for the Diocese of Ogdensburg



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The rite of ordination begins with the calling and presentation of the candidate, the election by the bishop and consent of the people. After Bishop LaValley delivered his homily (see page 3), Father Belina was questioned about his willingness to take on the duties of the priesthood and then promised to carry out his ministry in obedience to the bishop. At that point the ceremony moved into a period of prayer as Father Belina prostrated himself before the altar. The assembly joined the soon-to-be-priest in the prayers of the Litany of Supplication, asking for God's saving mercy and the intercession of all the saints to send down the Holy Spirit upon him.



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Among the priests to lay hands on the head of the new priest was Father Donald Robinson, pastor of St. Anthony's Parish in Watertown, Father Belina's home parish and site of his first Mass May 26.



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Father Belina offers a blessing for his parents, Randy and Patricia Belina of Watertown.



PHOTO BY COLLEEN MINER

At the conclusion of the ordination, Father Belina blessed his friends who had worked with him on the Camp Guggenheim staff.

VATICAN LETTER

Keeping up with Pope Francis

By Francis X. Rocca
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)-- Of the various innovations that Pope Francis has already introduced into the way a pontiff lives and works, one of the most significant is his celebration of weekday morning Masses with invited guests.

Pope Francis' morning homilies have been the occasion of some of the pope's most quotable remarks

The practice is revealing of the new pope's character and of how he understands his role as leader of the universal church, and it exemplifies the challenge he presents to the Vatican apparatus surrounding him.

Pope Francis is not the first pope to include outsiders at his morning Masses. The gregarious Blessed John Paul II was regularly joined by as many as two dozen people, including visiting bishops and laypeople, in his private chapel in the Apostolic Palace.

But Pope Francis, who has chosen to live in the Vatican guesthouse, has been celebrating Mass there with more than 50 people each morning, systematically working through the ranks of personnel of the Roman Curia and Vatican City State, high officials and maintenance workers alike.

And while Blessed John Paul typically followed the reading of the Gospel in his private Masses with a period of silent reflection, not a homily, Pope Francis has been delivering short sermons in the folksy style that has become his trademark.

These morning homilies, excerpts from which usually appear the same day in the Vatican newspaper and on



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Pope Francis celebrates Mass in the chapel of Domus Sanctae Marthae at the Vatican April 13. The pope, who has chosen to live in the Vatican guesthouse, has been celebrating Mass there with more than 50 people each morning, systematically working through the ranks of personnel of the Roman Curia and Vatican City State, high officials and maintenance workers alike. His short sermons, delivered in a folksy style, have become his trademark.

Vatican radio, have been the occasion of some of the pope's most quotable remarks.

In recent weeks, he has told his congregation that "Satan always rips us off" and that a Christian should reflect joy rather than showing the "face of a pickled pepper."

At times, the identity of those attending a given Mass has seemed to lend a special significance to the pope's words. When he told a group of staff members from the Vatican bank that "offices are necessary, but they are necessary only up to a certain point," many observers took it as a sign of imminent change at the controversial financial institution.

While some may be reading unwarranted meaning into the pope's words, he clearly intends his sermons to affect how his collaborators see their roles and obligations.

"When a bishop, a priest goes on the road to vanity,

he enters into the spirit of careerism and ... ends up being ridiculous," the pope said May 15.

Such frankness, so uncustomary for the office, has naturally piqued the public's (or at least the press') desire for more, in the form of complete transcripts.

But the Vatican spokesman has announced that this desire will remain unsatisfied.

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi explained May 29 that, because the pope gives his off-the-cuff morning homilies in Italian, not his native Spanish, the Vatican would never release a full transcript without "rewriting of the text on several points, given that the written form is different from the oral."

Such treatment would be inappropriate in this case, Father Lombardi added, because the more formal character of the resulting document would not be true to the "familiar" atmosphere that Pope Francis desires for his morning Masses.

press. Such review is obviously not possible when the pope ad-libs.

That the Vatican has declined to publish full transcripts of the morning homilies is less significant than the decision to relegate publication of excerpts and summaries to its in-house journalists, rather than the pope's official spokesman.

Using less prestigious vehicles to transmit some of the pope's words is evidently meant to convey a lower "level of commitment" on the part of the pope himself.

Such distinctions are likely to be lost on most readers and listeners, if the experience of Pope Francis' predecessor is any guide.

Pope Benedict XVI published his bestselling trilogy of "Jesus of Nazareth" books under the name Joseph Ratzinger, to make clear that they did not form part of his papal magisterium. Yet when the second volume of the series reiterated and elaborated on the Second Vatican Council's teaching that the Jewish people have no collective responsibility for the death of Jesus, Jewish leaders directed their thanks and praise not to an elderly German theologian but to the leader of the Catholic Church.

Likewise, after Pope Benedict speculated in an interview on the ethical nuances of condom use for disease prevention, the ensuing controversy could hardly have been greater had he done so in an encyclical or other papal document.

In the age of smartphones and social media, the border between public and private has practically vanished, even for a pope, especially one as outgoing and spontaneous as Pope Francis.

Communications is thus one area - almost certainly not the only one - in which the Vatican bureaucracy will be struggling to keep up with its new boss.

The statement was puzzling, since the extensive textual excerpts and audio clips of the homilies already available do nothing to disguise the unpolished nature of the pope's words. Why would such imperfections become unacceptable only when quoted at full length?

"In the whole of the pope's activity," the spokesman continued, "the difference is carefully preserved between the various situations and celebrations, as well as the different levels of commitment of his pronouncements."

Public "homilies or addresses are transcribed and published in full," Father Lombardi said, but not the pope's words on "more familiar and private" occasions.

The Jesuit might have added that officials in the Secretariat of State ordinarily read the pope's public statements ahead of time and approve the texts and translations that the Vatican officially releases to the

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

U.S. bishops' 2nd annual Fortnight for Freedom to be June 21-July 4

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The U.S. bishops' second annual Fortnight for Freedom -- a period of prayer and fasting to raise awareness of challenges to religious liberty, both nationally and internationally -- is planned for June 21 to July 4. The observance kicks off with Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore celebrating an evening Mass June 21 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary in Baltimore. It will conclude with a noon Mass July 4 to be celebrated by Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in the nation's capital. The website www.Fortnight4Freedom.org has details of fortnight events and suggested activities for parishes and families, as well as fact sheets, educational resources and suggested prayers for the observance. The site includes a study guide on the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on Religious Freedom, "Dignitatis Humanae," and quotes about religious freedom from the nation's Founding Fathers and the writings of Blessed John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI. Archbishop Lori, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, noted the fortnight occurs just weeks before Aug. 1, the date final rules take effect for implementing the federal contraceptive mandate, requiring most employers to provide contraceptive coverage for employees. The Catholic Church and other faith groups object to the requirement "coercing us to violate our deeply held beliefs," the archbishop said in a statement.

Father Greeley, sociologist and best-selling author, dies at 85

CHICAGO (CNS) -- Father Andrew Greeley, a Chicago archdiocesan priest and well-known novelist, journalist and sociologist, died late May 29 at his home in Chicago's John Hancock Center. He was 85 years old. Father Greeley was perhaps most widely recognized for the more than 60 novels he wrote, some considered scandalous with their portraits of hypocritical and sinful clerics. But he also wrote more than 70 works of nonfiction, often on the sociology of religion, including 2004's "Priests: A Calling in Crisis." The title notwithstanding, the research he presented in that book found that priests are among the happiest men in the United States -- a conclusion that mirrored his own experience. "Andy loved being a priest, and he spoke very positively about the priesthood," said Father Greg Sakowicz, who was pastor of St. Mary of the Woods Parish in Chicago for many of the years Father Greeley filled in at weekend Masses there. "His Masses were very personal. He would name the altar servers and have the people applaud for them," the priest told the Catholic New World, Chicago's archdiocesan newspaper. "Families with young children loved his Masses, because they almost had a backyard picnic flavor to them, it was so personal and warm." On the other hand, Father Sakowicz said, people who prefer their liturgy to have more structure did not enjoy them so much, but that was all right with Father Greeley. "You either loved him, or you just shook your head," Father Sakowicz said, repeating a line often said -- and acknowledged by Father Greeley -- that he never had a thought that went unpublished.

Vatican's U.N. observer: eradicate world hunger

UNITED NATIONS (CNS) - Finding a solution to the "ongoing scandal" of worldwide hunger should be a top priority, said the Vatican's representative to the United Nations.

Addressing a U.N. General Assembly meeting on sustainable development goals May 23, Archbishop Francis A. Chullikatt, permanent observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, called it "a shame that so many of the poor people in the world continue to find themselves helpless victims of chronic hunger."

He urged the U.N. to find "sustainable models of food security and nutrition" to end hunger for nearly 1 billion people worldwide particularly when the international community can "produce sufficient food for every human being."

He also described world hunger and malnutrition as "all the more egregious when we grasp the reality that malnutrition remains the world's biggest health risk -- claiming more victims each year than HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined."

The archbishop called the lack of access to adequate food and nutrition "a moral and humanitarian crisis exacerbated by manmade policies and practices" such as failing to provide access to markets for producers in developing countries, diverting food resources from consumption to energy production, waste of food resources and armed conflicts.

"In face of the world's hungry, the grotesque spectacle of foodstuffs being forcibly destroyed in order to preserve higher market prices for producers, primarily in developed countries, constitutes a reprehensible practice which prioritizes economic profit over the needs of those starving," Archbishop Chullikatt said.

He said ending hunger -- which can be addressed today -- is not the same as providing better health care, which often depends on "looking toward technologies or cures yet to come or not currently available."

"Hunger is one of the world's most solvable problems," he added, pointing out

that "per capita food production has steadily risen and total world food production now exceeds what is needed to give every person sufficient food and nutrition."

The problem, he said, is not a lack of food production but the shortage of social resources. To solve that problem, he said, adequate funding and technological resources need to be given to farmers and developing countries to help them address "environmental and man-made challenges to food production, transit and distribution."

He also suggested that governments "introduce effective programs and policies that ensure food and nutritional security for their people" that would particularly provide assistance to children, pregnant women, the disabled, the elderly and those affected by natural disasters.

"A sustainable development goal for the elimination of hunger is not only a clear necessity but it is also a moral imperative," he stressed.

Pope: Eucharist nourishes, sustains, transforms people

ROME (CNS) - In the Eucharist, Jesus makes himself the food that nourishes and sustains Catholics, even when the road gets rough, Pope Francis said before leading a Corpus Christi procession through the streets of Rome.

For the feast of Corpus Christi

Mass and participation in Corpus Christi processions are times for Catholics to reflect on how they follow Jesus and, particularly, what the Eucharist means to them, the pope said at Mass May 30 to celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

The pope encouraged Catholics to ask themselves: Is the Eucharist a "moment of true communion with the Lord, but also with my many brothers and sisters who share at this same altar?" and "Adoring Christ truly

present in the Eucharist, do I allow myself to be transformed by him?"

The pope celebrated the Mass outside the Basilica of St. John Lateran, then - on foot - joined a candlelight Corpus Christi procession from St. John's to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, just over a mile away.

The monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament was carried on the truck that Blessed John Paul II began using in 1994 when he could no longer walk the full mile.

Pope Benedict XVI participated in the procession each year, riding in the truck, kneeling before the Eucharist. "Jesus speaks in the silence of the mystery of the Eucharist and reminds us each time that following him means going out of ourselves and making our lives not something we 'possess,' but a gift to him and to others," Pope Francis said in his homily at Mass.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

God shows mercy to those in desperate need

As we return to "Sundays in Ordinary Time," the liturgy begins with the tenth week! Why?

By beginning here, the numbering will come out right to the 34th and last week at the end of the church year. Then, on Dec. 1st this year, we'll begin another church year with the First Sunday of Advent!

(Now you know why this Sunday is the "Tenth Sunday"!

The theme for this Sunday is God's mercy to those in

desperate need. Widows were particularly vulnerable. They could easily starve to death without a son to support them.

Both Elijah the prophet and Jesus know this, and show how merciful God is to widows.

In the first reading from the first Book of Kings, God directs a widow of Zarephath to take care of Elijah.

Even though Elijah miraculously provides her with all the food she needs, she accuses Elijah of causing the death of her only son "Have you come to call attention to my guilt

and to kill my son?"

She was so sure that her sins were the cause of his death.

Elijah takes pity on her, and, in turn, complains to God about this.

Now the main lesson of this reading comes in. God doesn't like people thinking that he is a vengeful God, but rather, a God of mercy. He hears Elijah's plea, and breathes life back into the boy.

The widow now acknowledges that the word of God is powerful, and Elijah is a true prophet of this Word!

We have a similar theme in the Gospel. This takes place in the city of Nain where a large crowd is gath-

JUNE 9

Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

READINGS!

1 Kings 17:17-24

Galatians 1:11-19

Luke 7:11-17

ered to hear the preaching of Jesus.

At the city gates, a funeral procession is passing by. Jesus immediately sizes up the situation: a poor widow has lost her only son, and will be totally destitute. Jesus takes pity on this poor widow, and immediately shows the power of His merciful Father in restoring life. The crowd is ecstatic, crying

out that "God has visited His people!"

Just a word about the second reading of Paul to the Galatians.

It's a rare example of Paul telling the story of his life—from being a Pharisee, zealous for the traditions and a persecutor of Christians, he has been transformed into an apostle of Jesus, sent to preach the Word to both Jew and Gentiles.

On this tenth Sunday, we marvel at the way God shows such tender concern for poor and vulnerable people.

He wants all us baptized to be channels of His mercy to the helpless ones of our cities and villages.



Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore

SPIRITUALITY FOR TODAY

Are you a doubting Thomas? I doubt it

By Father John Catoir
Catholic News Service

Don't be too quick to label yourself a true doubter until all the facts are in.

There is a distinction to be made between real doubting, and the discomfort we feel when pondering theological mysteries. All in-

tellectual mysteries baffle us, but we accept them because Jesus revealed them and we trust him.

For instance, I feel intellectual discomfort when I study the doctrine of the incarnation: Jesus Christ is true God and true man.

Despite my discomfort, the Lord's miracles and both reason and grace have persuaded me to trust his

word. We do not accept supernatural mysteries because we comprehend them. We accept them because that's precisely what faith is: the acceptance of mystery.

Back to the original question, Are you a "doubting Thomas"? I doubt it.

When Thomas said he would not accept the idea that Jesus rose from the dead, I think he was more in shock than anything else. It was something like Peter trying to walk on the water.

My friend, Jesuit Father Bill O'Malley put it this way, "Remember that while the greathearted Peter stoutly tried to dissuade Jesus from facing the dangers in

Jerusalem, it was doubting Thomas who said, 'All right! Let's go up to the city and die with him.'"

Father O'Malley rightly concludes that Thomas' all-in attitude is evidence enough to show that a critical mind doesn't preclude a stout heart.

Perhaps your occasional hesitancy in faith may be more a sign of your natural sales resistance than any loss of faith. Be patient with yourself. If someone should say they doubt that there is an afterlife, and then goes on to explain the reason is that they can't imagine what it would be like, maybe it's time to consider that this may be more an imagina-

tion problem than a doubting problem.

A thing is true whether you can imagine it or not. Can you imagine a subatomic particle?

Doubt is a refusal to assent to a proposition unless hard evidence can verify it to be true. Our hard evidence is this: Jesus told us it is true.

Catholics believe in the mystery of the incarnation, not because they have scientific evidence to prove it but because they have made a decision to trust the words of Jesus. They accept all of his teachings because they know through faith that he is telling the truth.

Faith will pull you through and enable you to trust the Lord. You believe in order to understand the truth: You don't refuse to believe until you understand the mystery.



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AT THE MOVIES

FAST & FURIOUS 6

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

The title-shifting franchise that now gives us "Fast & Furious 6" (Universal) may be unreliable where the use of definite articles and the representation of conjunctions are concerned. But its underlying recipe is far more predictable.

So it's unlikely that potential audience members really need a review to tell them that director Justin Lin has turned out yet another barroom brawl of a movie.

Or that screenwriter Chris Morgan's script conjures up a teenage boy's vision of the good life, an adolescent "la dolce vita" unencumbered by such killjoy detritus as stop signs and speed limits.

Those tiresome markers of conventionality have never bothered the crew of law-flouting underground car racers who make up the recurring characters of this series.

And yes, their endless run-ins with the authorities may have left them on the lam from justice.

But at least, as our current adventure begins, they're living out their respective exiles in glamorous places (whence the heavy-duty product placement, in early scenes, for the tourism board of the Canary Islands).

The funds keeping them high on the hog, devotees will remember, were liberated from the coffers of bad guys during their last collective caper, staged down in colorful but corrupt Rio de

Janeiro. Rio, Gran Canaria. ... Oh, it's a giddy whirl!

Still, America being home and all, it would be nice to be rehabilitated.

Well, gather round boys and girls because Federal Agent Luke Hobbs (Dwayne Johnson) has just the proposition you've been waiting for: Help him thwart the civilization-threatening schemes of criminal mastermind Owen Shaw (Luke Evans) -- who uses hotrods to speed his heists of top-secret military equipment -- and Uncle Sam will dole out pardons to everyone.

Just in case team leaders Dom Toretto (Vin Diesel) and Brian O'Conner (Paul Walker) should require further inducement, Agent Hobbs has come armed with photos -- recent photos! -- of Dom's presumed-dead love interest, Letty Ortiz (Michelle Rodriguez).

Far from taking the Long Nap, it turns out, Letty is alive and well - a case of amnesia perhaps excepted - and serving as Shaw's No. 2.

Time to cut to the chase or, in this case, the well-orchestrated series of chases that constitute the very essence of the exercise.

Sit back and thrill to the sight of muscle cars flashing and zooming their way through the streets of London, leaving those stodgy double-decker buses far behind.

GO GREEN!

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Lin softens the prevailing tone of grunting machismo with the occasional flourish of vague religiosity. Thus the cross Dom wears around his neck becomes a symbol of his bond with Letty, and the wrap-up includes a grace over backyard barbecue.

Yet the self-determined code which these ostensible heroes substitute for civil obedience - it seems to center on loyalty to their self-created "family" - is morally dubious and certainly not for the impressionable.

The film contains murky moral values, considerable stylized violence including a scene of torture, cohabitation, partial nudity, a few uses of profanity, at least one rough term, much crude and crass language and an obscene gesture.

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

The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned.

Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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Paul Walker, Dwayne Johnson and Vin Diesel star in a scene from the movie "Fast & Furious 6."

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MOH BENEFIT CONCERT

Peru - Towne Meeting, a five member folk and country band will perform their fourth benefit concert for the North Country Mission of Hope.

Date: June 8

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: St. Augustine's Church.

Features: Proceeds from donations for the concert will be used to support the Mission's efforts to build safe, environmentally friendly, fuel efficient stoves for families in Nicaragua.

About the band: Towne Meeting, formed in 2006 is known for great vocal harmonies. Their musical roots are in folk but their concerts include many other genres. They have performed throughout the North Country as well as in Vermont. Songs from their three CD's will be sung including familiar favorites as well as original works highlighting peace and justice themes, the environment, and the beauty of the North Country. More information about the band can be found on www.townemeeting.com.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Peru - St. Augustine's Knights of Columbus Council 7273 will host its 27th annual golf tournament.

Date: June 14

Time: Shotgun start 10 a.m.

Place: Adirondack Golf and Country Club

Features: The four-person scramble will feature a "New Car Hole in One" prize sponsored by Bill McBride Chevrolet and other prizes. An awards dinner will follow in the clubhouse. Spouses are invited to attend the dinner at \$15 each.

Contact: Obtain entry forms and information by contacting Bill McBride Jr. at 643-6678 or by email at scar6064@charter.net.

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

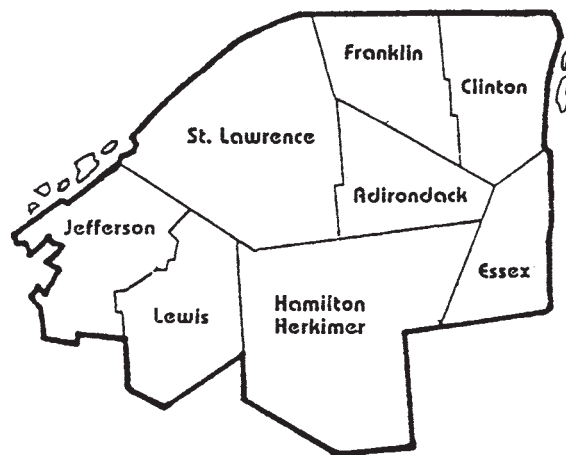
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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: "What need is there for me to see, to hear, to touch in order to believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the



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.

Sacred Host? Is not His Divine Word guarantee enough?"

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

ESSEX

CHICKEN BBQ, RAFFLE

Port Henry - The Catholic Community of Moriah is holding its annual Chicken BBQ & Raffle

Date: Father's Day - June 16

Time: beginning at 12 noon

Place: Port Henry K of C Hall, take-outs available

Price: \$10

Menu: Half BBQ Chicken, baked potato, baked beans, coleslaw, roll, dessert,

FRANKLIN

ADORATION AND CONFESSION

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

Time: 7 p.m. to 8

Place: Notre Dame Church

JEFFERSON

CAR WASH

Watertown - A car wash to benefit the Watertown Special Religious Education Program will be held.

Date: June 15

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

Place: St. Anthony's Church Parking Lot

Cost: Donation

DAY OF PILGRIMAGE

Carthage - A day 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.

HEALING MASS

Clayton - St. Mary's Church will be celebrating its annual Healing Mass and Antoine Tetrault Service.

Date: June 8

Time: 11 a.m.

Features: The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered during Mass. After Mass, prayer teams to pray for individual needs. Light refreshments

Contact: Call the Parish Office at 686-

3398 or visit www.stmarysclayton.org and click on Healing Mass.

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: Mt. Carmel

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.

LEWIS

SPRING BANQUET

Lowville - St. Peter's Rosary-Altar Society

Date: June 12, 2013

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Place: Ridgeview Inn

Features: Call Cindy (315-376-6665) or Jannet (315-376-6016) for more information or Reservations. RSVP by June 8,

ST. LAWRENCE

K OF C BRUNCH

Norfolk - The Knights of Columbus are holding a brunch

Date: June 9

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

Place: Visitation Parish Center

Cost: Adults \$7, Under 12 \$4; Free under 6,

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

WOMEN OF GRACE

Ogdensburg - Women of Grace Foundational Study Series to be held.

Schedule: Weekly meetings beginning June 4 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 and June 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30.

Place: Bishop Brzana Hall of St. Mary's Cathedral.

Features: Registration will be closed after the first class. Books will need to be ordered by each participant at

www.womenofgrace.com or by calling 1-800-558-5452. Scholarships available
Contact: Amy Schirmer 344-7202 or amyrobschirmer@gmail.com

UNTOLD BLESSING SERIES

Ogdensburg - St. Mary's Cathedral will be presenting a seven-week series by Father Robert Barron called "Untold Blessings."

Date: Thursdays

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

Place: Brzana Hall

Cost: Workbooks are \$11

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

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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Ogdensburg - St. Mary's is holding a monthly Holy Hour for Vocations.

Date: Thursday before the First Friday

Time: 7 p.m. concluding with Benediction at 8 p.m.

Place: Deacon Winter Chapel

NOVENA FOR MILITARY

Ogdensburg - Notre Dame Church is holding a Weekly novena for the safety of U.S. military personnel

Date: Tuesday evenings

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.



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Congratulations to Father Belina

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

It seems like only yesterday when Scott Belina was visiting the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse as he began his seminary studies. His visits to the Belina home always included a visit to the motherhouse. Many times he was able to join us for Mass.

We enjoyed his updates on classes and latest seminary sports events. We always prayed that any sports injury he would receive would not be too serious to prevent him from fulfilling his call to become a priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

It was always inspiring to hear about Scott's ministry. It seemed he was always eager to reach out to people whether it was visiting the sick, working with youth or being assigned to speak in a parish. I received a phone call from one of my friends, formerly from Watertown, who heard Scott speak in her Pennsylvania Parish. She wanted to say how blessed our diocese would be when Scott becomes a priest.

Deacon Belina was ordained a Priest on Saturday, May 25th at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg by Bishop Terry R. LaValley. It was a wonderful way to spend a holiday weekend, filled with joy and hope for Vocations in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

My thoughts and prayers are with Father Belina, his parents, Randy and Pat, his sister Stephanie and his brothers, Alex and Daniel, as they experience these joyous days.

Through the sacrament of ordination, Father Scott will draw strength from the Holy Spirit. He, too, will draw strength from the prayers of all of us in the diocese and beyond who are grateful for his response to priesthood. May Father Scott, also be a "missionary" who will promote prayers and sacrifices for the people in developing countries.

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Pope Francis

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OBITUARIES

Brushton - LeRoy H. Villnave, 72; Funeral Service May 25, 2013 at St. Mary's Parish Center. Burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Chateaugay- Theresa (Jarvis-Morgan) Marie Prevo, 81; Funeral Service May 29, 2013 at Chateaugay Funeral Home. Burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Copenhagen- Louis V. Chambers, 81; Funeral Service May 29, 2013 at St. Mary's Church. Burial in Lowville Rural Cemetery, West Lowville.

Copenhagen - Anna E. Dicob, 63; Funeral May 30, 2013 at Copenhagen Funeral Home. Burial, in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Gouverneur - Michael Wranesh, 94; Funeral Service May 31, 2013 at St. James Catholic Church.

Malone - Sylvia A. (Lamitie-Mulverhill) Hosler, 68; Funeral Service May 24, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church. Burial at St. John Bosco Cemetery.

Malone - Silas E. LaMay, 84; Funeral Service May 28, 2013 at St. John Bosco Church in Malone. Burial in the parish cemetery.

Malone - George K. Pond, 95; Funeral Service May 31, 2013 at Notre Dame Church. Burial at Notre Dame Church.

Massena - Judy A. (Clark-Golda Krywanczyk) Caza, 63; Funeral Service June 1, 2013 at Phillips Memorial Home. Burial at the convenience of the family.

Ogdensburg- Dorothy (Cubby-Cadeiux) Skelly, 92; Funeral Service May 29, 2013 at Notre Dame Church. Burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh- Herbert Kenneth Fountain, 95; Funeral Service May 30 at St. Joseph's Church in West Chazy. Burial at St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh - Virginia "Jennie" (Golden) Miller, 101; Funeral Service June 1, 2013 at St. Peter's Church. Burial in the parish

cemetery.

Saranac Lake - Timothy L. Jock, 63; Funeral May 31, 2013 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

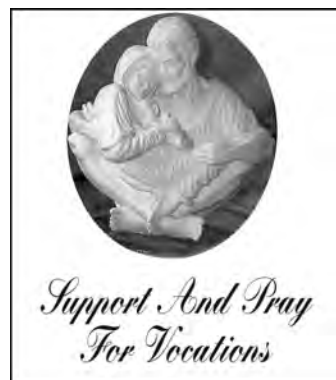
Saranac Lake- John Coyle, 85; Funeral Service May 28, 2013 at St Bernard's Church. Burial St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Tupper Lake - Michael P. Beaudette, 61; Funeral Service May 30, 2013 at Stuart-Fortune-Keough Funeral Home. Burial at St. Alphonsus Church.

Tupper Lake- Ina M. Rule; Funeral Service June 1, 2013 at Holy Name Church.

Watertown - Kathleen L. (Laughren) Esposito, 92; Funeral Service June 1, 2013 at St. Anthony's Church.

Watertown- Ann B. (Storino-Tubolino) Rima, 86; Funeral Service May 27, 2013 at Holy Family Church. Burial at North Watertown Cemetery.



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PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE
 In his last minutes as a seminarian, Father Scott Belina posed with Bishop LaValley and the other seminarians of the diocese, Matt Conger of Ogdensburg, Alex Pacelli of Lake Placid and Mike Jablonski of Dolgeville, NY.



Father George Maroun, pastor of St. Mary's in Copenhagen gives First Communion to Connor and Abbigail Carroll May 26.



PHOTO BY LINDA ROSS
 Bishop LaValley congratulates Dr. Patrick J. Donahue, assistant director of Christian Faith Formation and director of Formation for Ministry program, upon the completion of his doctoral degree. Dr. Donahue received a doctorate in ministry from Washington Theological Union, Washington D.C., during commencement exercises May 3. His thesis title was "Lay Ministry: An Expression of Catholic Spirituality." Previously, he had earned a master's in divinity degree from St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry in Rochester, NY



Fourteen Seton Catholic students pledged to maintain and encourage high standards of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character, as they were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society May 23. The new members of the Saint Elizabeth Seton Chapter are Cailene Allen, Reilly Boule, Cassie Bullis, Mattieu Cote, Scott Deremiah, Caleb Moore, Julia Mulligan, Rachel Racette, Thomas Racette, Matthew Snell, Carolyn Spittler, Tristin Turner, Philip Yang and Gretchen Zalis.