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# NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC

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## First encyclical celebrates faith

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Francis' first encyclical, "Lumen Fidei" ("The Light of Faith"), is a celebration of Christian faith as the guiding light of a "successful and fruitful life," inspiring social action as well as devotion to God, and illu-

minating "every aspect of human existence," including philosophy and the natural sciences.

The document, released July 5, completes a papal trilogy on the three "theological virtues," following Pope

Benedict XVI's encyclicals "Deus Caritas Est" (2005) on charity and "Spe Salvi" (2007) on hope. Publication of the encyclical was one of the most awaited events of the Year of Faith which began in October 2012. Pope Benedict

"had almost completed a first draft of an encyclical on faith" before his retirement in February 2013, Pope Francis writes, adding that "I have taken up his fine work and added a few contributions of my own."

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## Bishop commissions lay ministers

"Thank you for learning more about your faith and committing to sharing it," Bishop LaValley told the 43 newest commissioned lay ministers during the June 30 commissioning service at St. Mary's Cathedral.

"The grace you received on the day of your baptism is being embraced and will multiply a hundredfold," he said.

Bishop LaValley's full homily is printed on page 3 and photos from the day appear on the back page of this Week's NCC.

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## NCC summer schedule

The bi-weekly summer publication schedule of the *North Country Catholic* continues; the next issue of the paper will be dated July 31

## A SPECIAL DAY AT ST. ANTHONY'S

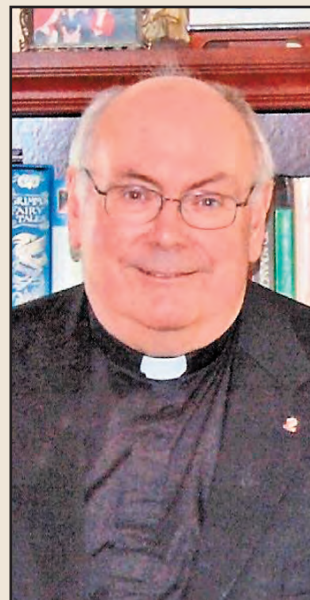


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Bishop Terry R. LaValley greets Cosmo and Donna Amedeo at St. Anthony's Church in Watertown. Bishop LaValley celebrated Mass at St. Anthony's June 30 and blessed a new Rose Window at the Church which was installed as part of the Centennial celebration of the parish. Full story, page 4

## REST IN PEACE

Father James A. Delbel, 69



Father James A. Delbel, pastor in Champlain since 2005, died at St. Mary's Rectory July 10. Bishop Terry R. LaValley celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial Monday at St. Mary's Church with priests of the diocese concelebrating. Father Clyde Lewis, pastor in Rouses Point, was the homilist. Father Delbel completed a bachelor's degree at St. Lawrence University and master's at Pennsylvania State University before beginning studies for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall. Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana ordained him a priest Sept. 5, 1981.

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## EDITOR'S NOTES

# Well done, good and faithful servant

Father James Delbel, who died July 10 after a long struggle with cancer, wasn't much of a newsmaker during his 31 years as a priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

I got to know him – and appreciate his many talents – when he served at St. Mary's Cathedral in the early 1990's but have hardly seen him since.

Now I know what he's been doing all these years.

Shortly after the news of his death came into the Chancery Office, we posted a photo of Father Delbel on the *North Country Catholic* Face-

book page.

Almost immediately, the comments poured in.

The words from people in Willsboro, St. Regis Falls and Champlain – personal messages to their beloved friend – tell the story of the life and ministry of this good and holy priest far better than I ever could:

- Father Delbel, you were a wonderful person who touched my soul in a very special way. Your reward in heaven awaits you.

- What a sweet man, he invited me into his parish and allowed us to start a youth group in Willsboro. I haven't been able to see him in years,

sadly, but I will continue to miss him.

- Our family loved and adored Father Delbel....my kids and I will miss him greatly. Heaven just got a little brighter.

- I didn't know Father Delbel well but I felt like I knew him forever. I went back to St. Mary's whenever I was in Champlain visiting my mom and father in law. Father Delbel did both of their services. He was a kind loving and compassionate man. I will miss him in my future trips to Champlain. I'm sure he will be reunited with many friends and parishioners.

- So sorry to hear that you have passed. I loved you. You made everyone feel welcome in

church. God bless you.

- Wonderful does not even begin to describe him. There are no words that can describe his personality and how much he meant to everyone.

- An excellent example of what Jesus wanted in priests. So kind, gentle ... RIP, I will miss you!

- You were extremely helpful and caring when I needed it. Thank you

- Wonderful priest and person, heaven will be brighter with you there."

- His friends at St. Anne's Church in St. Regis Falls and St. Peter's Oratory in Santa Clara will miss him and pray for him and his family. Well done good and faithful servant and friend. Amen.



Mary Lou  
Kilian

## A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

## New saints for our time.. for the ages

I was so pleased to learn that Pope Francis has opened the way to move the cause for Pope John XXII – already beatified – to canonization as a saint.

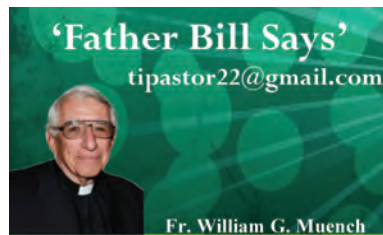
Since the Second Vatican Council, Pope John XXIII has been my favorite saint. I considered him a saint long before his beatification. I thank God that Pope John will now be officially recognized as the saint that he is.

Most of you know his story. He was elected pope at the time of the death of Pope Pius XII. At 77, Pope John was considered by many to be too old to be elected – yet he was.

At the time of his election, many thought of him as an interim pope so they expected little to happen during his papacy. Instead, a great deal happened. Pope John XXIII called the Second Vatican Council that profoundly changed the face of the Catholic Church.

I remember so well the opening of the council. Pope John called upon the Holy Spirit to bring about a new Pentecost, to throw open the windows of the Church.

Indeed, the council was a



new and wonderful Pentecost.

Pope John did not seem like a radical person yet, he made it possible for the Church to open up to the world in many ways.

His vision led to a whole new openness in the Church's relationship to its own people (the Council called them the People of God) – and the world.

There were new liturgical changes, a new spirit of ecumenism and a challenge for the Church to deal with many important concerns in the life of the Church.

I was privileged to attend the beatification of Pope John XXIII in September of 2000. Father Tim Soucy and I were beginning our stay in Rome at the sabbatical Program at the North American College and arrived in the city the day before the ceremony honoring Pope John.

For me, it continues to be a great memory. It was the first time I attended a papal Mass in St. Peter's Square and I was totally impressed. People were everywhere; the square was filled and the crowds flowed down the Avenue Conciliazione. It was a beautiful day, that I remember – in fact, I remember that it was very hot.

I have also learned that in the upcoming canonization ceremony that Pope John Paul II will also be declared a saint. So this ceremony will be very unique.

Pope John XXIII, Cardinal Angelo Roncalli was elected Pope when he was 77 years old. His papacy extended from October, 1958 until June, 1963 – five years. Pope John never traveled outside of the Vatican as Pope yet, the whole world was to know about him and his council. They quickly discovered his gentle, humble spirit, his smiling face, his deep concern for all peoples, of all faiths and cultures.

Pope John Paul II, Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, was elected pope when he was 58 years old and his papacy lasted for 27 years, from October, 1978 until

April, 2005. He traveled throughout most of the world and he was well known in every land for his strong, even dynamic spirit. His challenging message touched people throughout the world – he did so much to make the world a better place.

Both of these popes had a profound influence on the Catholic Church in recent times. Our present, Holy Father, Pope Francis has made a magnificent decision to honor them both with canonization – a well-deserved honor.

At the same time, Francis gives us a glimpse into his own ideals as Pope. He shows us a deep concern for the people of this world – a readiness to reach out to them all in the spirit of Pope John Paul II. He demonstrates to us his dedication to the Second Vatican Council in the spirit of Pope John XXIII.

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## FOLLOW ME

# 'I send you out for active discipleship'

Bishop Terry R. LaValley's homily for the Solemn Vespers for the Blessing and Commissioning of Lay Pastoral Ministers held June 30 at St. Mary's Cathedral

In the jungles of Thailand, when a wild elephant is captured, hunters tie one end of a thick chain around the elephant's foot. The other end is tied to a large Banyan tree. The huge beast pulls with all its strength, but it can't budge the Banyan tree. Finally, after struggling for days and weeks, the elephant surrenders to the chain.

At this point, they take the elephant and chain it to a small iron stake by a circus tent. The elephant doesn't attempt to pull away because it still thinks it's chained to the tree. It never realizes how easily it could achieve freedom. It has become a slave to habit.

For generations, my sisters and brothers, many of us had become slaves to habits, chained to a certain mindset of what it means to be a Catholic Christian. This has contributed to a shackling of our evangelization efforts today. We had become tethered, tied, if you will, to a certain lay consumer mentality. Then came Vatican Council II with its emphasis on the liberating universal call to holiness of the entire People of God.

As you know, two primary aims of this *Year of Faith* are that we learn more about the teachings of Vatican II by actually reading the documents and that we develop a closer personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

As Pope Francis stated in a recent audience: "Being Christian is not just obeying orders but means being in Christ, thinking like Him, acting like Him, loving like Him; it means letting Him take possession of our life and change it."

Whatever acts, whatever ministry in which we are engaged, are empty, they lose their profound soul and are reduced to being mere activism if we are not grounded in disciplined prayer. Without a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, the so-called "Church work" that we do risks becoming a mere façade of faith, much less the motivating reason for our ministry. Human relationships lead us toward a relationship with God and our relationship with God leads us back to our neighbor.

The Holy Father went on: "In this period of crisis today, it is important not to turn in on ourselves, burying our own talent, our spiritual, intellectual, and material riches, everything that the Lord has given us, but, rather to open ourselves, to be supportive, to be attentive to others...Life is not given to us to be jealously guarded for ourselves, but is given to us so that



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE

Bishop LaValley congratulates Brenda Trivilino of St. Mary's Cathedral, one of 43 lay ministers he commissioned during the June 30 ceremony. See back page for more photos.

we may give it in turn."

Your presence here today, indeed your participation in our Formation for Ministry Program tells me that you have taken seriously these words of the Holy Father.

You refuse to be chained to a death-dealing vision of Church that says just pray, pay, and obey, thank you very much!

You have allowed your God, through His Body, the Church to help equip you for discipleship.

Today, the Church of Ogdensburg and I send you out for active discipleship in Jesus' Name.

Blessed John Paul II, in the *Decree on the Laity*, wrote that "It is not permissible for anyone to remain idle." Dear friends, you have taken to heart these words, as I suspect you have not been idle participants in the Formation for Ministry Program these last couple of years. As you continue to cultivate your relationship with Jesus through prayer, personal and communal, you have come to learn that spending time with God is never wasted time, but enabling time. We win people over to Christ by our genuine witness, not by our arguments.

I am confident that these years of education and formation have provided you with the occasion to reflect on what has kept you tethered and

prevented you from authentic discipleship. Perhaps, it was fear of the unknown. Maybe you were shackled by ignorance and a lack of self-confidence. Maybe you were hesitant to step forward because you always thought it was Father, Sister or the Deacon's job.

**There's plenty to do. We do it with deep faith, profound joy and unwavering hope in the Lord who beckons each of us: *Follow Me.***

Each of us has a role to play as we live out our vocations in following Jesus. First and foremost, it is in the workplace, in our homes, in our places of relaxation and recreation, in our schools and malls, where the lay faithful live out their call to holiness. Additionally, you who are about to be commissioned as lay ministers, will bear the responsibility to help build up the local Church through a focused ministry in your parish in close collaboration with your pastor.

It's no secret our Church here in the North Country will rely more and more on your active discipleship in the local parish. Pat Donahue's informative doctrinal research on lay ministry indicates that, according to a survey he took last year, 65% of our commissioned lay ministers, for a variety of reasons, are inactive in our parishes. He concludes, in light of his extensive study, that our commissioned lay ministers suffer from an identity crisis. I hope that this percentage will decrease significantly as you join the ranks of the commissioned lay ministers. May your own authentic discipleship be an encouragement for those not currently active.

The Diocese of Ogdensburg and your home parish are so very proud of your commitment and strong faith. This is not a graduation ceremony, far from it, but a formal, public commitment of your continual discipleship. Never forget, that you are co-missioned—that is, missioned with your sisters and brothers, members of the one Body of Christ. We never serve alone.

Thank you for learning more about your faith and committing to sharing it. The grace you received on the day of your baptism is being embraced and will multiply a hundredfold. This is truly an inspiring and exciting time for the Church of Ogdensburg. We are grateful to your many instructors, to Pat Donahue for his leadership and our Christian Formation staff; we are grateful to your pastors who support your efforts and your family and friends who gather this day to celebrate this milestone in your faith journey. There's plenty to do. We do it with deep faith, profound joy and unwavering hope in the Lord who beckons each of us: *Follow Me.*





*Bishop blesses Rose Window as part of centennial observance*

# St. Anthony's Parish celebrates its heritage

By Dave Shampine  
Staff Writer

**WATERTOWN** - As St. Anthony's Parish in Watertown closes in on its 100th anniversary day in October, Father Donald A. Robinson, pastor, reflects on the people who have kept his church strong over the years.

"On such an occasion as this, we cannot but pause in remembrance and prayer, as we recall from the past the faithful priests who served St. Anthony's, the religious sisters who guided the destinies of the children in our Catholic school and the hundreds and hundreds of faithful who were filled with faith and love of God," Father Robinson said.

"As St. Anthony's begins the second century of its history, I pray that God will continue to bless us," he said.

Bishop Terry R. LaValley is supporting in the celebration, initially by presiding on June 30 at the unveiling and blessing of a new Rose Window at the front of the church.

He will return Oct. 6 for the major Eucharistic Celebration for the centennial. A dinner will follow the Mass in the gymnasium of the former parish school.

Father Robinson in 2001 became the seventh pastor to carry on the work started in October 1913 by a 33-year-



PHOTO BY JUSTIN SORENSEN

To mark the 100th anniversary of St. Anthony's Church in Watertown, parishioners have installed a new Rose Window at the front of the church. Bishop Terry R. LaValley blessed the window June 30 at the Mass closing the parish's annual Mount Carmel Festival.

old priest who had arrived from Italy, Father Claude Sechi.

There were about 100 Italian families in Watertown's Arsenal Street sector, "the flats," and Bishop Henry Gabriels assigned the new-

comer from Italy to build their church.

The next 17 years had to have been frustrating and a challenge to patience for the pastor and his people as they celebrated their faith in an old house, and then, for nine of those years, the newly-set basement for their church.

After funding for church construction dried up in 1921, that basement served as the congregation's place of worship.

In the meantime, a Mount Carmel Society was organized to raise the needed funds for completion of the long awaited structure.

Finally, on Dec. 14, 1930, the Italian community could delight under the roof of their new church as Bishop Joseph H. Conroy presided at its dedication.

Cosimo Renzi, among leaders in the parish, took the opportunity that day to praise his pastor, who he said "has been here for years and has been criticized many times by people who thought he could not build a church."

Father Sechi in turn acknowledged all the people, both in his parish and those outside the parish, who worked "hand in hand" to make that day a reality.

Among parishioners who early on took up the challenge of getting a church built were two independent

grocers, Antonnio Galluccio and Cruciano Digatti. Both lived long lives, hence were able to realize their accomplishment.

The line of succession following Father Sechi's retirement in 1954 has brought to the Arsenal Street parish Msgr. Dennis E. Lynch, Msgr. Paul G. Brunet, Father Aloysius R. Isele, Father Henry W. McFadden, Msgr. Anthony A. Milia and Father Robinson.

The sisters about whom the present-day pastor referred were the Filippini nuns, who arrived in 1958 to operate the parish's parochial school.

Their order remained in Watertown until 1995, and the school closed nine years later.

"This century which has passed into history was truly a century of God's grace," Father Robinson said. "We mark with gratitude and joy this milestone.

"We thank God for the blessing bestowed on our parish over these 100 years," he said.

"Each month of this year we have had a special celebration to mark this milestone." Father Robinson continued. "It all began with a New Year's Eve gala to bring in the new year and this special time period. It will end in December with the North Country Festival of Trees with the parishioners creating a special anniversary Christmas tree."

Some other activities included publication of a parish pictorial family album, a St. Joseph's Table celebration offering a variety in Italian-American cuisine, and, of course, the annual Mount Carmel Feast weekend.

Yet to come are a parish picnic and an apple festival.

Father Robinson said the Rose Window, which replaced a window believed to have been an original fixture, comes at a cost of about \$65,000.

He said fund-raising thus far has covered all but about \$15,000 of that investment.

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# Funeral held Monday for Fr. James A. Delbel, 69

CHAMPLAIN— A Mass of Christian Burial for Father James A. Delbel, 69, was held July 15 at St. Mary's Church. Bishop Terry R. LaValley presided, with priests of the diocese concelebrating. Father Clyde Lewis, pastor of St. Patrick's in Rouses Point, served as homilist.



Father Delbel

Father Delbel died July 10 at St. Mary's Rectory after a valiant battle with cancer. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery, Plattsburgh.

Father Delbel was born in Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 8, 1943, son of the late Nello V. and Evelyn M. Eagleson Delbel.

After graduation from Plattsburgh High School, he completed a bachelor's degree at St. Lawrence University in Canton and a master's

degree at Pennsylvania State University.

Father Delbel began studies for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall Seminary-College in Ogdensburg in 1977. He continued theological studies at the American College in Louvain, Belgium, and was ordained Sept. 5, 1981 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana.

His first assignment was as associate pastor at Notre Dame, Malone, and then as associate pastor at St. John's, Plattsburgh.

In 1984 he was named principal at St. John's Academy in Plattsburgh.

In 1987, Father Delbel became associate pastor at St.

Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg and served as temporary administrator of the cathedral parish from 1990 to 1991.

In June of 1991, Father Delbel was named pastor in St. Regis Falls and Hopkinton. In 1998, he became pastor in Willsboro and Essex, and, since 2005, has served as pastor in Champlain in 2005.

While in Willsboro, Father Delbel was chaplain at Moriah Shock Correctional Facility and was active in High Peaks Hospice.

Father Delbel is survived by his sister, Linda Ivanits and her husband Deacon Laszlo Ivanits who serves as deacon at Penn State University, a sister Moreen Austin and a brother Jeffery Delbel.

Condolences may be extended through Father Delbel's online obituary at [mbclarkfuneralhome.com](http://mbclarkfuneralhome.com).

# Bishop to lead pilgrimage to St. Anne's Shrine Sunday

Bishop Terry R. LaValley will lead the 65th annual Knights of Columbus pilgrimage to St. Anne's Shrine in Isle LaMotte, Vt., July 21.

Knights of Columbus, their families and friends from throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg will participate in the pilgrimage.

Bishop LaValley will celebrate Mass at the shrine at 12:15 p.m. and then join the pilgrims for a picnic lunch on the grounds.

The program Will also include Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at about 2:30 p.m.

Those attending are asked to bring a dish to share if

practical. The Knights of Columbus will provide hot dogs, michigans, hamburgers and beverages.

Located on the shores of Lake Champlain, the St. Anne's Shrine religious his-

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Further information is available from pilgrimage coordinator Peter Keenan at 518-643-9241.



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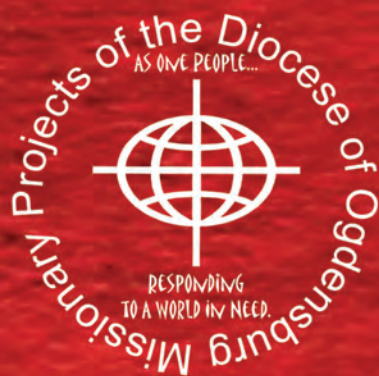
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YEAR OF FAITH...STORY OF FAITH

# 'Now I crave church'

By Suzanne Pietropaoli  
Staff writer

Looking at him today, it is easy to believe that Jacque Leduc's favorite childhood bedtime story involved Samson, the Old Testament hero renowned for his extraordinary strength.

What is harder to imagine are the difficulties Jacque faced in early childhood, the deep roots of his faith in God, and the experiences that led him full-circle to the Catholic Church.

Removed from their parents as toddlers, Jacque and his brother were entrusted to the care of the aunt and uncle who would later adopt them; three years later the children were returned to Florida by court order.

"We were first put in a boys' home," Jacque remembers, "but then we were taken in by a Baptist deacon and his wife. They were good to us, but there was a lot of religious pressure. The big question was, 'Where will you be when you die?' So, at age five, because I wanted to go to heaven, I agreed that I wanted to be baptized, that I wanted to be saved."

Later that year, the court returned the boys and their younger sister to their aunt and uncle in northern New York. Jacque brought along his fervent Baptist beliefs—and knowledge of the Bible well beyond his years.

"Our new parents were Catholics, and they were surprised by all the Bible stories they had never heard before," says Jacque. "Then, at a family funeral, they heard the local Baptist preacher and got hooked.

"When we were growing up, my mom was secretary at the Baptist church, so we were totally immersed in it," he said. "We were in church every Sunday morning and every Sunday and Wednes-



Jacque Leduc is shown with his wife Pam and children Garrick and Naomi. He became a Catholic three years ago and is now a parishioner of Malone Catholic Parishes. "The relationship I have with God is something no one can take away," he said. "Now I have a responsibility to pass it on to my children because it is the most important thing in my life."

day evening. In those years I made my profession of faith, dedicated my life to Christ, and went to revivals."

Then, in 2004, Jacque's life was threatened.

"I was three days from death with an infection in my brain and spinal column," he relates. "I lost a lot of work, and there were financial issues because workman's compensation did not pay.

"Though a church member reminded me that such things happen for a reason, I was still angry at God," he said. "Later that summer, I interviewed at Alcoa - after unscrewing my I.V. and leaving it in the truck - but got a rejection letter. A few months later, I was hired and am currently a journeyman electrician/crane inspector there.

"Yet after starting that job, and working a lot of overtime, I found myself drifting

from the Baptist church," he said. "I had been engaged, and was hurt when that ended.

"I guess 'drifting' describes my life at that point," he said.

Then everything changed. "A friend at the gym introduced me to Pam," Jacque said. "We hit it off immediately and a year later, we were engaged.

"But Pam was Catholic and I was Baptist: whose church would we be married in? I assumed that it would be mine - until we talked to the Baptist pastor, who said he would not marry us unless Pam converted," he said. "This changed my mind pretty fast, and we went to talk with [then-pastor] Msgr. Duprey at Malone Catholic Parishes. His approach was very different: we could be married after the usual marriage preparation.

"Pam and I were married in 2007, and it was the hap-

piest day of my life," Jacque said.

About a month later, Jacque found himself wanting to go to church on Sundays.

"We started going to St. John Bosco because that had been my wife's church. I liked it, but also felt left out; I was part of the Mass, but could not receive communion.

"We had been going for about a year," he said. "I talked to Pam and was wrestling with some things in myself.

"One day Msgr. Duprey told me, 'If you would like to join our Church, we would love to have you. Make an appointment and let's talk,'" Jacque said.

"I asked him lots of questions to clear up my misconceptions," he said. "The biggest one: why do Catholics pray to Mary? Monsignor explained that we don't pray to her; we ask

her to use her influence by praying for us to God.

"So I started RCIA class and loved every minute of it, partly because I know how important it is to keep on learning," he said. "When I was welcomed in to the Church at the Easter Vigil and received communion for the first time, I felt totally different—so enriched!

"Since then I have been asked to speak at RCIA, and really enjoy doing it," he said.

Telling his parents about his new-found faith was another matter entirely:

"My dad took it pretty quietly. Since I was happy and going to church, he figured he couldn't complain.

"Mom was angry: 'How dare you turn your back on the Baptists?' My dad died two years ago, and had a Baptist funeral - but was buried in the Catholic cemetery.

"Two months later, Mom called to tell me she had been thinking about returning to the Church.

"The healing took a while, but we are much closer now," he said.

Jacque notes other positive changes in the three years he has been a Catholic.

"I catch myself a lot," he says. "My 30-minute ride to and from work has become my daily communion with God - something I did not do before, but do now.

"Now I crave Church—I WANT to go," he said. "I want my children, Naomi and Garrick, to be immersed in the faith. I want Church to be their favorite place. I pray each night with Naomi, who is three; she is learning the Lords' Prayer.

"The relationship I have with God is something no one can take away," he said. "Now I have a responsibility to pass it on to my children because it is the most important thing in my life."



# 'Beauty of Belief' organizers are still accepting artwork

POTSDAM – Entries of art work are still being accepted for Beauty of Belief, a celebration of spiritually influenced art and music

The concert/art show, planned as part of the diocesan observance of the Year of Faith, will be held Aug. 18 at SUNY Potsdam's Hosmer Hall and Gallery.

The event will feature musicians sharing high quality choral, vocal, or instrumental pieces that are sacred and spiritually influenced as well as artists sharing the beauty of faith through visual art.

Doors to the gallery entrance will open at 3 p.m. to view the visual art.

The concert of choral,

vocal and instrumental music will begin at 4.

Pictures of art work entries should be e-mailed to beautyofbelief@rcdony.org, before Aug. 1.

Further information is available from Carol Gonthier (315-212-5004), or Donna Smith (518-521-7256).

## Diocesan Year of Faith Mass Sept. 29

LAKE PLACID - The Catholic faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg are invited to a diocesan Mass marking the Year of Faith and New Evangelization.

Bishop Terry R. LaValley will preside at the Mass to be held at the Olympic Arena in

Lake Placid Sept. 29 at 2:30pm.

Choir members are needed to form a diocesan choir for the Celebration. Those interested in being part of the choir, should check with parish music ministry directors for details.

### 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

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### St. Jude Novena

O Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition. In return, I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. St. Jude, pray for us and all who invoke your aid. Amen.

B.T.L.

### Bishop's Schedule

July 17 - 12:00 p.m., Teacher of the Year Award Luncheon at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

July 18 - 4:30 p.m., Picnic with the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart at Dablon's Point in Cape Vincent

July 19 - 12:00 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

July 20 - 10:30 a.m., Catholic Daughters Memorial Mass at St. Bernard's Church in Saranac Lake  
7:00 p.m., Dinner at the Champlain Knights of Columbus

July 21 - 12:15 p.m., Annual Knights of Columbus Pilgrimage to St. Ann's Shrine in Isle LaMotte, Vermont

July 28 - 9:00 a.m., Mass at St. Henry's Church in Long Lake  
11:00 a.m., Mass at St. Therese Church in Newcomb

July 30 - 4:00 p.m., Mass at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake

### Rest in Peace

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

- July 18 - Msgr. Joseph Domina Brault, 1966
- July 19 - Rev. Francis E. Gilbert, 1939; Rev. James Karlton Dewey, 1963; Rev. Arthur J. Trudel, 1967; Msgr. Donald M. Kelly, 1969; Rev. Thomas A. Moody, 2010
- July 20 - Rev. Francis Leo Desrosiers, 1956; Rev. J. Carlton Dewey, 1963
- July 21 - Msgr. John H. O'Neill, 1938
- July 23 - Rev. Francis J. Casey, O.S.A., 1958
- July 24 - Rev. George Burke, 1897; Rev. James Joseph Gainor, 1946; Rev. Bartholemew Aloysius O'Connell, 1963; Rev. Henry Wilcott, 1965; Rev. Francis Edic, O.F.M.Conv., 1975
- July 25 - Rev. Simon Wallace, M.S.C., 1941
- July 26 - Rev. J. Owen Barry, O.S.A., 1978
- July 27 - Rev. Matthew J. Sweeney, 1935; Rev. Daniel A. Harron, O.S.A., 1942; Rev. Harold J. P. McCabe, 1976; Rev. Daniel F. Lyddy, 2002
- July 30 - Rev. Francis Smyth, 1902; Rev. Patrick Majock, O.S.A., 1922; Rev. Jeremiah P. Murphy, 1925; Rev. Moses Minnie, 1935

### Environmental Stewardship

"Our Father who art in heaven, the whole earth is yours and all that inhabit it. May we never forget in our pride that we are not your only creations. Never cease to remind us that we are bound to love and care for all of your creation even as you love and care for us."

PEACE OF HEART

Based on life and teachings of St.

Francis of Assisi p.86

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

•Tired of spending so much time, energy, gas money mowing lawn, consider creating wildflower border along your edge of your lawn. Reduce mowing and have more time to enjoy the beauty of God's Creation. For seeds for local region and info on creating wildflower gardens, contact: VT wildflowers-American Meadows.com.

•Choosing to eat seasonal local produce helps the environment, your local economy and your health.

### NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

The next issue of the North Country Catholic will be dated July 31

### 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.

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- Pray a Rosary for Vocations
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within the Diocese of Ogdensburg*



# Natural Family Planning Week

*Bishop: NFP is about fidelity to God*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Pope Benedict XVI, in inaugurating this Year of Faith, desired that every person experience an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord. The Pope Emeritus wrote that "Reflection on the faith will have to be intensified, so as to help all believers in Christ to acquire a more conscious and vigorous adherence to the Gospel, especially at a time of profound change such as humanity is currently experiencing" (*Porta fidei*, 8). He went on to remind us that "Knowledge of the content of faith is essential for giving one's own assent" (10). Not only must we understand Church teaching more profoundly, but we must choose to entrust ourselves fully to it, in complete freedom. This calls for a deep, ongoing transformation from within.

Most Catholics today lack knowledge of Church teaching on the immorality of contraception and sterilization. Misconceptions and misinformation abound. Therefore, it is a real blessing to avail ourselves of the opportunity to begin to learn more about Natural Family Planning during this upcoming National NFP Awareness Week (July 21-27). Without fully understanding the Church's vision of human sexuality, we fail to comprehend how NFP is truly *Pro-woman, Pro-man and Pro-child*, as this year's theme proclaims.

The Church teaching on marriage is "old," but it's certainly not out of date. Many have never heard the fullness of Church teaching concerning the sanctity of human sexuality and the dignity of marriage. Married love in God's plan means giving oneself freely, totally, faithfully, and fruitfully to another person. It also means being open to the fruit of that mutual self-gift—the conception of a child. Fundamentally, sexual intimacy is about the giving of ourselves, body and soul, to one another without reservation. NFP is a way of discipleship that strengthens marriage and family and so enriches the entire Church. In a culture that increasingly contributes to the languishing and collapse of family life, such discipleship is crucial.

The practice of Natural Family Planning leaves God's sovereignty over marital life intact. The married couple cooperates with God in planning to have or not have children, rather than leaving God out of the picture by using artificial barriers in their becoming one flesh. NFP is about fidelity to God and making Him the center rather than making our plans the center of married life.

As we continue to celebrate this Year of Faith, I encourage you to set aside time to learn our Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love and responsible parenthood. As Catholics, we owe it to ourselves to understand Church teachings. To help you in your faith journey, I encourage you to learn more about what the Church teaches about marital love by visiting our Natural Family Planning office at our diocesan webpage: [www.rcdony.org](http://www.rcdony.org). We are so fortunate to have Angelo and Suzanne Pietropaoli as our diocesan directors as well as all those who help with its instruction in our marriage preparation classes.

We pray for the grace to follow Jesus.

**Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley**  
Bishop of Ogdensburg

*Celebrating the richness of the teaching of the Catholic Church*

Dr. Janet E. Smith

The Church's teaching on contraception is not just a doctrine that states what not to do. Many people would benefit from knowing that it is a doctrine that explains how extraordinarily important is the act of having children. One reason that modern culture has trouble understanding the truth of *Humanae Vitae* is that it fails to appreciate what a profound good children are. It is true that most parents love their children beyond belief and frequently even acknowledge that they are great gifts from God. Many parents will testify that when they held their baby for the first time, they experience a rush of love matched by little else.

But they do not always realize that in having children they are "co-creators" with God. This is not a term used by *Humanae Vitae*; it is a term used by John Paul II in his writing. *Humanae Vitae* does speak of the "extremely important mission of transmitting human life" that God has entrusted to spouses. A human life is of inestimable value; a human soul is destined to share a blissful eternity with God, the angels and saints. Only God can create a new human soul but he needs the help of human beings to bring forth a new person. When engaging in sexual intercourse spouses are inviting God to perform his creative act of bringing a new human soul into existence: they supply the sperm and egg; God provides the soul. He then entrusts that soul to the parents to guide and educate and ultimately to help get them to heaven.

Our culture does not really focus on helping people to realize that some day they will likely be parents and how tremendously important a task that is. We do not often think that we should be spending much of our youth preparing for the responsibilities of being parents. Contraception enables us to think of sexual intercourse as a casual and to some extent as an insignificant act rather than an act that can change the universe – for the coming to be of a new human being truly changes the universe. Someone who did not exist before comes into existence and will remain in existence forever.

If people were conscious of the extreme significance of the sexual act, they could not possibly be as cavalier about it as they now are. They would choose their spouses very very carefully – and use as a foremost criterion the suitability of that person to be a parent. Those who succeed in marrying someone who will be a good parent – some-

one who is patient, generous, responsible, kind, other directed, and reliable also are nearly guaranteed to get a terrific spouse – for who wouldn't want a spouse with those virtues? Our sexually out of control culture and divorce culture has led 68% of children born in the U.S. to being born out of wedlock or born into households that will fragment through divorce. One out of four pregnancies is aborted.

Those who understand the Church's teaching on sexuality know that to a great extent it is shaped by a concern for the well-being of any children who may result from acts of sexual intercourse. Children born into families where their parents are sexually self controlled, where they are faithful, stable, and desirous of children are predictably much better off than those born to single parents, to the unfaithful, to those open to divorce or divorced. The Church's teaching is also shaped by a knowledge that those who become parents generally become much better people; they need to develop quite a set of virtues in order to be good parents. Those virtues also help them be good spouses, good co-workers, good citizens. Those who use natural family planning to plan their family size develop the virtues needed to be good parents; they develop sexual self-control and patience and generosity – and they almost never divorce.

Catholics who have not heard a defense of the Church's teaching on contraception might be surprised how rich and full of common sense it is.

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## Humanae Vitae

Copies of *Humanae Vitae* are available through the diocesan Natural Planning Office. Contact Angelo or Suzanne Pietropaoli at [apietropaoli@rcdony.org](mailto:apietropaoli@rcdony.org) or by phone, 518-483-0459



# Redeemed sexuality

By Theresa Notare, Ph.D

Assistant Director of the Natural Family Planning Program of the USCCB

As Christians we should be grateful beyond words for the gift of our redemption. We believe that Christ's action on the cross has changed all things, for all time. We should seek to relate every aspect of our lives to how Christ has redeemed us and our world.

When we consider the mystery - and contemporary confusion - of human sexuality, it is even more urgent for Christians to ask, "How has Christ redeemed human sexuality?"

Today our media features topics that not long ago would have been labeled science fiction, or pornography. Cloning, "casual" sex, getting pregnant by means of reproductive technologies, frozen embryos, adultery - the list goes on.

Does anyone in the public square relate these issues to the spiritual? When those of us try to bring God into the equation, we are often told that "individual morality" must not be "imposed" on the public. But that should not deter the Christian.

Christ's work on the cross has restored all of human life, even human sexuality. That means that human sexuality is not "tinged" with sin, nor is it morally neutral.

Although we can misuse even the best of God's gifts, that does not change the fact that sex is God's gift of life and love to us. Specifically, sexual intercourse was never meant to be directed to the individual. It's not a sport or game to be enjoyed on its own. Sexual intercourse is a powerful event of interpersonal communion - it is a sacramental event.

This makes more sense when we realize that Christian marriage is a sign of Christ's presence in the

world. As Christians we accept on faith that human sexuality is caught up in Christ, uniting a man and woman in a union which reflects God's love in the world and is directed to others. With that starting point, it makes excellent sense to keep sex in marriage.

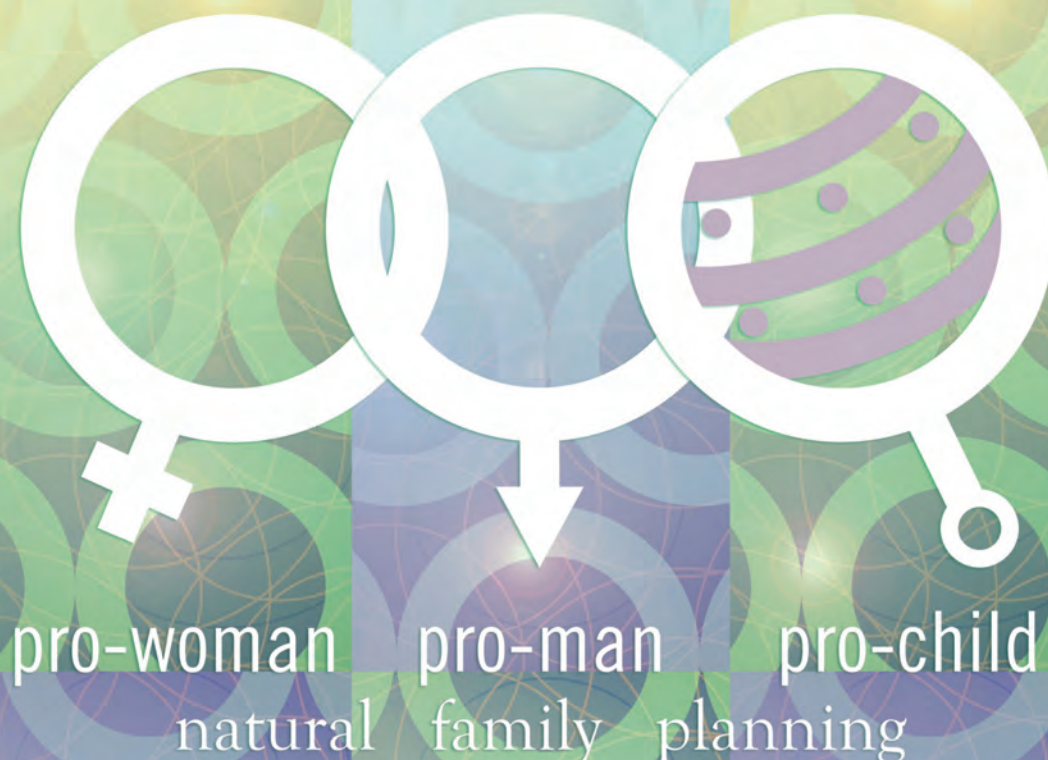
The redeemed nature of marriage was understood by the Church from our earliest history. Following up on Jesus' own words on the indissolubility of marriage, St. Paul likened Christian marriage to Christ's relationship with His Church. "As Christ loved the Church . . . so the husband should love and cherish his wife as he cherishes his own body; for husband and wife are one body, as Christ and the Church are one body. This is a great mystery" (Ephesians 5:21-33). St. John Chrysostom (347-407) taught that the "one flesh" of the spouses is "not an empty symbol." "They have not become the image of anything on earth, but of God Himself" (Homily 12).

"The love of spouses," says the Catechism, "requires of its very nature, the unity and indissolubility of the spouses' community of persons, which embraces their entire life" (#1644). The root of this indissolubility is found in God Himself, who taught us of His fidelity through His covenant with Abraham. It is found finally in Christ, who united Himself with His Church.

In this age of continuous assaults on God's design for life and love, it would do the world good if Christians reclaimed our rich heritage. Before we can do this we need to return to the mystery of our faith and meditate on who Jesus is, what He did for us.

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## *Celebrate and Reverence God's Vision of Human Sexuality*



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WOMEN OF GRACE..CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS...GREY NUNS

# WOMEN OF FAITH

*'I wanted to learn more, be more of a Catholic woman'*

By Nancy Williams  
Member, Morristown Women of Grace

I've often thought of myself as an "average Catholic." I deeply believe in God and my Catholic faith, I am grateful and thankful, I attend Mass regularly, I receive the Sacraments, I pray often, I offer financial support of my parish and my community, I serve as a Lector and a Eucharistic minister. I fulfill my obligations and I believe I was fulfilled as well. I think you might agree I am a pretty average Catholic.

## So I signed on for Women of Grace

And then, just a year ago, I learned of the Women of Grace program. Armed with a small paragraph of information from the bulletin, I persistently called Judy Bogart's number until we could talk together. (Mrs. Bogart is the facilitator of the newly established Women of Grace group in Morristown.) I wanted to learn more, do more, be more of a Catholic woman. I signed on for Women of Grace that very day. I was READY!!

In reality, I wasn't at all ready! I was simply being guided to the three interior dispositions - being receptive to God's actions, trusting in His providence and willing to surrender to God's Holy Will for a new and important spiritual path.

Over the past months, I've come to know Our Lord and Our Blessed Mother in many new ways, including preparing for and completing a Total Consecration to Jesus Christ Through Mary. In both Women of Grace and the Total Consecration programs, I have developed a relationship with Mary. She truly is our most powerful and direct channel of being filled with the life of her son, Jesus Christ.

Because of the Women of Grace class, Mary has brought me so much closer to her Son. I believe that, through Mary, Jesus Christ has had a palpable presence during this program, helping me truly understand the power of prayer in both praise and petition, the lessons of forgiveness, of obedience and docility, of God's will of good pleasure - and a true sign of discipleship and a living faith truly understanding the Eucharistic Presence.

I recall being in awe when we read in Ephesians that, even before He created the world, God chose us in Him to be holy and blameless in His sight, to be full of love.

I choose now to believe that, just as Mary was chosen specifically by God the Father to be Theotokos - God-Bearer for all mankind - I, too, was chosen in a sense to participate, along with 14 amazing women in the Women of Grace program, to learn, understand, question, discuss, inquire, empathize, sympathize, laugh, cry, and befriend each other so that we can all rightly claim to be "better than average" - to truly be a woman of grace.



Bishop Terry R. LaValley celebrated the opening Mass for the 53rd biennial New York State convention for the Catholic Daughters April 25 at St. Pius X Church in Albany. He is shown above with the Ogdensburg delegation at the convention. From left are Father Scott Seymour, pastor in Morrisonville and CDA state chaplain; Linda Manchester, Vice Regent Court 2598 St Monica; Aelene Reilly, mother of Father Mark Reilly of Saranac Lake; Bishop LaValley, Jane Woods, Susan Fahey, Penny Martin of Willsboro, immediate past New York State Regent; Mary Cay Doolittle and Helene Shepard, National 1st Vice Regent.



Five Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart were recently installed as members of the congregation's Leadership Board, for a five year term. The Grey Nuns are headquartered in Yardley, Pennsylvania, outside of Philadelphia. From left are Sisters Mary Elizabeth Looby, Diane Bardol, Julia Lanigan (President), Cecelia Cosgrove and Dawn Gear. Two of the Sisters have connections to the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Sister Julia, who will serve a second term as the congregation's president, ministered as a nurse at the former A. Barton Hepburn Hospital from 1973 to 1974 and as a nursing educator at St. Lawrence Psychiatric Hospital from 1974 to 1976. Sister Mary Elizabeth Looby, a native of Ogdensburg, has served as pastoral associate for the Malone Catholic Parishes for the past nine years. She previously served on the Grey Nuns Leadership Board for ten years.



# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Catholics urged to speak truth 'with love' in religious freedom fight

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- As people of faith and as Americans, the nation's Catholics should kneel in prayer and also stand in defense of religious freedom, Washington Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl said July 4 during the closing Mass for the Fortnight for Freedom at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. "There is a time to be on one's knees. There is also a time to stand up.... Today, there are things that should mean enough to all of us, including our religious liberty, that we simply need to stand -- to stand up for what is right, to stand up for what is ours, to stand up for freedom of religion," the cardinal said. The cardinal said that American Catholics, through their faith and love, can change the world and make it a better place. "It begins with all of us having the courage to stand for what we believe ... (to stand up) for our faith and freedom." The Mass marked the close of the second annual Fortnight for Freedom, a two-week period in which the nation's bishops called on Catholics across the country to pray and act in defense of religious freedom.

## Vatican announces indulgences for World Youth Day

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- To help encourage prayers for a spiritually fruitful World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, the Vatican announced July 9 that Pope Francis authorized a special indulgence for those who attend the event's liturgies and prayer services or follow along online in the proper spirit of prayer and contribution. Pope Francis decreed that World Youth Day participants can receive one plenary, or full, indulgence a day if they meet the usual conditions. World Youth Day runs July 23-28; the pope arrives July 22. An indulgence is a remission of the temporal punishment a person is due for sins that have been forgiven. The conditions necessary for receiving a plenary indulgence include having recently gone to confession, receiving the Eucharist and offering prayers for the intentions of the pope. The faithful must also carry the proper spirit of being "truly repentant and contrite" and participate in the gathering's sacred events and "pious exercises" with prayerful devotion.

## Pope calls for repentance over treatment of migrants

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Before saying a word publicly, Pope Francis made the sign of the cross and tossed a wreath of white and yellow flowers into the Mediterranean Sea in memory of the estimated 20,000 African immigrants who have died in the past 25 years trying to reach a new life in Europe. Just a few hours before Pope Francis arrived on the Italian island of Lampedusa July 8, the Italian coast guard accompanied another boat carrying immigrants to the island's port. The 165 immigrants, one of whom said they were originally from Mali, had spent two days at sea making the crossing from North Africa; the immigrants were accompanied to a government reception center, a locked facility where 112 people -- half under the age of 18 -- already were being housed. Most will be repatriated, although a few may receive refugee status. In his homily at an outdoor Mass, Pope Francis said he decided to visit Lampedusa, a small island with a population of 6,000 and just 70 miles from Tunisia, after seeing newspaper headlines in June describing the drowning of immigrants at sea. "Those boats, instead of being a means of hope, were a means of death," he said.

# In first encyclical, Pope Francis celebrates faith

By Francis X. Rocca  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Francis' first encyclical, "Lumen Fidei" ("The Light of Faith"), is a celebration of Christian faith as the guiding light of a "successful and fruitful life," inspiring social action as well as devotion to God, and illuminating "every aspect of human existence," including philosophy and the natural sciences.

The document, released July 5, completes a papal trilogy on the three "theological virtues," following Pope Benedict XVI's encyclicals "Deus Caritas Est" (2005) on charity and "Spe Salvi" (2007) on hope. Publication of the encyclical was one of the most awaited events of the Year of Faith which began in October 2012.

Pope Benedict "had almost completed a first draft of an encyclical on faith" before his retirement in February 2013, Pope Francis writes,

adding that "I have taken up his fine work and added a few contributions of my own."

Commentators will likely differ in attributing specific passages, but the document clearly recalls the writings of Pope Benedict in its extensive treatment of the dialogue between faith and reason and its many citations of St. Augustine, not to mention references to Friedrich Nietzsche and Fyodor Dostoyevsky.

On other hand, warnings of the dangers of idolatry, Gnosticism and Pharisaism, a closing prayer to Mary as the "perfect icon of faith," and an entire section on the relevance of faith to earthly justice and peace echo themes that Pope Francis has already made signatures of his young pontificate.

"Lumen Fidei" begins with a brief survey of the biblical history of faith, starting with God's call to Abraham to leave his land -- "the beginning of an exodus which points him to an uncertain

future" -- and God's promise that Abraham will be "father of a great nation."

The Bible also illustrates how men and women break faith with God by worshipping substitutes for him.

"Idols exist, we begin to see, as a pretext for setting ourselves at the center of reality and worshipping the work of our own hands," the pope writes. "Once man has lost the fundamental orientation which unifies his existence, he breaks down into the multiplicity of his desires ... Idolatry, then, is always polytheism, an aimless passing from one lord to another."

Pope Francis sees another way of turning from God in the Pharisees' belief that salvation is possible through good works alone.

"Those who live this way, who want to be the source of their own righteousness, find that the latter is soon depleted and that they are unable even to keep the law," the pope writes. "Salvation

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## 'Lumen Fidei' at a glance

By Francis X. Rocca  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Here at a glance are the main points of Pope Francis' encyclical "Lumen Fidei" ("The Light of Faith"), released July 5.

- Christian faith is the guiding light of a "successful and fruitful life," illuminating "every aspect of human existence."

- The opposite of faith is idolatry, according to which man worships the "multiplicity of his desires."

- Salvation is impossible through our own good works but requires faith, as acknowledgement of the "primacy of God's gift."

- By virtue of his humanity, Jesus Christ is not only the object of faith but the ultimate model and mediator for all believers, and faith is a "participation in (Jesus') way of seeing."

- Faith is not individualistic but by its very nature takes place within the communion of the church.

- The unity and continuity of the faith are ensured by the apostolic succession, hence the pope and the bishops in communion with him stand as its authoritative teachers.

- The fullness of faith is transmitted above all through the sacraments, which "communicate an incarnate memory, linked to the times and places of our lives, linked to all our senses; in them the whole person is engaged as a member of a living subject and part of a network of communitarian relationships."

- Faith offers access to truth through love, since love is a "form of shared knowledge, vision through the eyes of another and a shared vision of all that exists."

- Faith dispels philosophical relativism and encourages scientific research by affirming the "inherent order" and harmony of the material world, and "stimulating wonder before the profound mystery of creation."

- Faith is essential to the promotion of "justice, law and peace" because it reveals the true basis of men's brotherhood as children of God.



*Pope clears the way to sainthood for two popes*

## Cardinal Dolan: news has 'gladdened hearts'

WASHINGTON (CNS) - The two popes whose canonizations received final clearance July 5 "each had a profound impact on the church and the world," as New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan put it.

Pope Francis signed a decree clearing the way for Blessed John Paul II and Blessed John XXIII to be canonized, possibly later this year.

In a July 5 statement, Cardinal Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said: "I know that today's news has gladdened the hearts of the faithful throughout the world, just as it did for me."

Blessed John, known most widely for having convened the Second Vatican Council, will be canonized without having met the normal requirement of having a second miracle attributed to his intercession.

The cardinals and archbishops who are members of the saints' congregation met at the Vatican July 2 and voted in favor of the pope recognizing as a miracle the healing of Floribeth Mora Diaz, a Costa Rican who was suffering from a brain aneurysm and recovered after prayers through the intercession of Blessed John Paul.

The congregation members, according to news reports, also evaluated the cause of Blessed John and voted to ask Pope Francis to canonize him without requiring a miracle. According to church rules - established by the pope and subject to changes by him - a miracle is needed after beatification to make a candidate eligible for canonization.

Cardinal Dolan said that by convening Vatican II, "Pope John XXIII helped present the

timeless teaching of Jesus and his church in the modern age. And, Pope John Paul II helped to bring that teaching to every corner of the globe, as a tireless missionary for the faith."

Cincinnati Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr, noted that as director of the 1993 World Youth Day in Denver, he met with Pope John Paul II many times.

"When Pope John Paul II died on April 2, 2005, the cry immediately went up from the crowd in St. Peter's Square of 'Santo Subito' -- 'Saint Immediately!'" Archbishop Schnurr said in a statement.

"In addition to resolve, kindness, a sense of humor and many other fine qualities, I observed in him that sanctity which the crowd proclaimed. I am grateful that the church's careful process of canonization has

confirmed what we all felt in our hearts."

Miami Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski said the news of the canonizations while not unexpected "is nevertheless received with great joy."

Linking the announcement to the other major news of the day, the publication of "Lumen Fidei" ("The Light of Faith"), the first encyclical published under Pope Francis, which was begun by Pope Benedict, Archbishop Wenski said the two future saints "were shining witnesses to the 'lumen fidei,' the light of faith, in the second half of the 20th century."

He said both popes "spoke frequently and urgently about the need for a new evangelization directed towards those who once had received the faith but now seem to be 'tired' of it. They will certainly be the patron saints of the new evangeliza-

tion that we -- disciples in faith and missionaries of hope -- are called to announce to our contemporaries in this 21st Century."

The Knights of Columbus in a statement said the Blessed John Paul II Shrine in Washington would be offering a series of programs and events to mark Blessed John Paul's canonization.

The shrine was established by the Knights at the former Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, which the fraternal organization purchased in August 2011.

"John Paul II was a champion of the rights and dignity of every human person, and his witness and legacy continue to speak important messages to our world today. Similarly, his life of holiness and devotion to God continue to be an example to us all," said Patrick Kelly, the shrine's executive director.

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by faith means recognizing the primacy of God's gift."

Faith finds its fulfillment in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the pope writes. By virtue of his humanity, Jesus is both the object of faith and the ultimate model and mediator for all believers.

"Christ is not simply the one in whom we believe, the supreme manifestation of God's love," Pope Francis writes. "He is also the one with whom we are united precisely in order to believe. Faith does not merely gaze at Jesus, but sees things as Jesus himself sees them, with his own eyes: it is a participation in his way of seeing."

This participation means that faith inevitably makes a Christian part of Christ's mystical body, the church.

"It is impossible to believe on our own," the pope writes.

"By its very nature, faith is open to the 'we' of the church; it always takes place within her communion."

The church transmits the faith across time "through an unbroken chain of witnesses," allowing us to "see the face of Jesus," Pope Francis writes. "As a service to the unity of faith and its integral transmission, the Lord gave his church the gift of apostolic succession. Through this means, the continuity of the church's memory is ensured and certain access can be had to the wellspring from which faith flows."

Accordingly, members of the hierarchy stand as the authoritative teachers of the contents of Christian faith.

The "magisterium of the pope and the bishops in communion with him," the pope writes, "ensures our contact with the primordial source and thus provides the certainty of attaining to the

word of Christ in all its integrity."

Yet faith in its fullness is more than doctrine, Pope Francis writes; it is "the new light born of an encounter with the true God, a light which touches us at the core of our being and engages our minds, wills and emotions, opening us to relationships lived in communion."

Thus the primary means of transmitting faith is not a book or a homily, but the sacraments, especially baptism and the Eucharist, which "communicate an incarnate memory, linked to the times and places of our lives, linked to all our senses; in them the whole person is engaged as a member of a living subject and part of a network of communitarian relationships."

The belief that the "Son of God took on our flesh" and "entered our human history" also leads Christians "to live

our lives in this world with ever greater commitment and intensity," the pope writes, arguing that faith inspires both the use of human reason and pursuit of the common good.

For faith, Pope Francis writes, truth is not attainable through autonomous reason alone but requires love, a "relational way of viewing the world, which then becomes a form of shared knowledge, vision through the eyes of another and a shared vision of all that exists."

By affirming the "inherent order" and harmony of the material world, and "by stimulating wonder before the profound mystery of creation," Christian faith encourages scientific research, while dispelling the philosophical relativism that has produced a "crisis of truth in our age."

Faith also inspires respect for the natural environment,

by allowing believers to "discern in it a grammar written by the hand of God and a dwelling place entrusted to our protection and care."

According to Pope Francis, faith has proven itself essential to the promotion of "justice, law and peace," by contrast with failed modern ideologies that also claimed those goals.

"Modernity sought to build a universal brotherhood based on equality," he writes, "yet we gradually came to realize that this brotherhood, lacking a common reference to a common father as its ultimate foundation, cannot endure."

"We need to return to the true basis of brotherhood," the pope writes. "Faith teaches us to see that every man and woman represents a blessing for me, that the light of God's face shines on me through the faces of my brothers and sisters."



## VATICAN LETTER

# Popes put personal stamp on World Youth Days

By **Cindy Wooden**  
Catholic News Service

**VATICAN CITY**— Blessed John Paul II rallied young Catholics, Pope Benedict XVI instructed them and Pope Francis is preparing to send them out on mission.

**Blessed John Paul II rallied young Catholics, Pope Benedict XVI instructed them and Pope Francis is preparing to send them out on mission.**

When he travels to Rio de Janeiro for World Youth Day, Pope Francis - the former archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina - will be continuing a tradition begun by Blessed John Paul in Buenos Aires in 1987, gathering Catholic youths from around the world together for several intense days of faith-building and celebration.

In cities from South America to Europe, Asia to North America and back again, each World Youth Day with the pope has been different in size and in the culture the youths experienced and shared.

But the contributions of each pope - because of both personality and personal emphasis - also have left striking marks on the 11 international gatherings held since 1987.

With Pope Francis, that tradition of the evolving World Youth Day is bound to continue in Rio July 23-28.

World Youth Day gatherings are so much a part of Catholic life now that it is hard to imagine just how innovative Blessed John Paul's idea first seemed.

The Polish pope invited young people to his Palm Sunday celebration at the Vatican during the 1985 U.N.-proclaimed Year of Youth and Vatican officials were shocked when some

250,000 young people showed up; they had planned for 60,000 pilgrims.

Blessed John Paul brought Catholic teens and young adults out of the parish religious education and youth ministry programs that parents often had to force their children to attend. For him, the youths were not just the future of the church, but the embodiment of its energy and enthusiasm.

At his last World Youth Day, the 2002 celebration in Toronto, a frail 82-year-old Pope John Paul described himself as "old," but looked and sounded better than he had in months, demonstrating once again his special chemistry with young people. He even read his speeches in their entirety, rather than having an aide read most of the text.

The German Pope Benedict inherited from Blessed John Paul the 2005 celebration of World Youth Day in Cologne and brought to the encounters a sense of the seriousness of the Christian call. His love for the young Catholics translated into trust that they not only could understand the core teachings and traditions of the church, but that they wanted to learn more about them.

Under Pope Benedict, the evening vigil was transformed from a rally into a mass moment of eucharistic adoration, surprisingly silent and devout, given the fact that it involved tens of thousands of young people on their knees in the dirt on a wide open field.

At World Youth Day in Sydney in 2008, Pope Benedict emphasized the importance -- and real possibility -- of living a holy life by following the faith taught by the church and being open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

World Youth Day in Madrid in 2011 ended up being dramatic when sweltering heat gave way to a storm -- complete with thunder, wind and rain -- that knocked out the power at the traditional Saturday night vigil. Pope Benedict refused to leave.

"The Lord loves you and calls you his friends," he told the young people at Mass the next morning.

Their response, he said, must be to accept that love and share it with their peers who know, deep down, that "authentic values do exist" and will lead to a life of joy.

Pope Francis inherited WYD Rio from Pope Benedict, who chose the theme: "Go and make disciples of all nations." It's a theme that's right up Pope Francis' alley.

With the young people, he's likely to use the word he's repeated most in his morning homilies and his



CNS PHOTO/RICARDO MORAES, REUTERS

Young people carry the World Youth Day cross during a visit to the Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro July 12. Young people from around the globe will join Pope Francis for the celebration in Rio July 23-28.

meetings with Catholic groups; his Italian "Avanti!" is likely to resound in Spanish ("Adelante!"), Portuguese ("Adiante!") and English ("Go forth!").

For Pope Francis, going forth literally requires mo-

tion. It's about leaving the comfort of one's group or parish and sharing the Gospel both through serving the poor and wounded and through proclaiming faith in Jesus with words, smiles and embraces.

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## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

## Do we have too much of Martha in us?

Few words have a warmer sound than "Welcome!"

To welcome a person, is to give them permission to cross the distance between "stranger" and "friend." When we say "welcome, it means actions as well as words. '

In today's first reading, Both Abraham and Sarah respond quickly to provide shelter as well as food and drink for the three strangers. In that fierce desert country, the laws of hospitality were carefully observed.

Notice that Abraham showed no hesitation; he

ran to involve Sarah and his servants and his whole household to make the strangers feel at home. He was totally gracious.

Abraham's generosity is rewarded by the promise that Sarah, his wife, will bear a child in her old age. Because of their advanced age, they must both have been incredulous at the news. Inside the house, Sarah even laughed at the news.

In the Gospel, Mary and Martha warmly welcome Jesus to their home for a meal, Martha immediately goes to the kitchen to prepare the food.

The laws of hospitality would demand that a male member of the household should entertain a male guest. Instead, Mary fulfills that role.

Luke is quick to note that Jesus approves this apparent departure from custom.. When Martha asks the Master to rebuke Mary and send her back to the kitchen, Jesus rebukes Martha instead for being more concerned about the dinner than about the spiritual message He has to impart.

For all time, He establishes the superior role of contemplation to action.

Even more, he approves the involvement of women in discipleship!

The theme of hospitality



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READINGS

Genesis 18:1-10a

Colossians 1:24-28

Luke 10:38-42

is even found in the second reading. St. Paul suffered much for his extending God's hospitality even to the Gentiles. We remember how Paul quarreled even with Peter over the question of extending full courtesy of eating with those who were uncircumcised.

Just recently, Pope Francis travelled to the Italian island of Lampedusa where

many immigrants had perished at sea in their attempts to cross the Mediterranean. He greeted those in a shelter on the island, many of whom were Muslims. Then he celebrated a Mass of reparation for the lack of hospitality shown the stranger.

This was a modern application of St. Paul's words that God had extended "the riches of the glory of the mystery (of salvation and hope) among the Gentiles".

Do we really take to heart the words of Jesus?

If our prayer time fails to provide us with inspiration for our daily living, then is there too much of Martha in our lives, and not enough of Mary.

## MAKING SENSE OUT OF BIOETHICS

## Is it wrong for me now to buy health insurance?

Many individuals and business owners are struggling in conscience about whether to purchase health insurance coverage, either for themselves or for their employees, on account of the Health and Human Services (HHS) Mandate.

A provision of PPACA (ObamaCare), the Mandate requires "preventive health services" to be covered by all health insurance issuers and all group health plans.

Those insurance plans must provide coverage (with no co-pay) for the full range of Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved contraceptive methods for women.

These include not only surgical sterilizations, but also potential abortion-causing agents such as Plan B (the morning-after pill), intrauterine devices (IUDs) and another form of "emergency contraception" known as Ella. This drug, which the FDA acknowledges may also work against the life of the embryo "by preventing attachment (implantation) to the uterus," can be taken up

to five days after sex.

The chief moral concern, of course, is that by purchasing such mandated coverage, an individual would be subsidizing pharmaceutical abortions, contraceptives and sterilizations for others, and business owners would similarly be subsidizing these procedures for their employees through their health plans.

Employers, in other words, would provide coverage for (and thereby potentially facilitate) various acts of vice on the part of their employees, and all who pay for health insurance coverage would potentially fund and thereby support the vice of their neighbors. This raises the serious moral concern of "cooperation in evil."

In general terms, any cooperation in evil should be avoided, or at least minimized to the extent prudently possible. By purchasing a policy with problematic inclusions, one would likely cooperate "materially" in the commission of various evils by others,

but the debate on this matter hinges on whether that material cooperation should be considered "immediate" or "mediate."

Immediate material cooperation - when your assistance is essential to the evil action - is never morally permissible, but mediate material cooperation - when your assistance is incidental or remote from the bad activity itself - may be allowable under temporary extenuating circumstances.

It could be allowable as long as the cooperator manifests resolute opposition to the evil and takes reasonable steps to limit and ultimately eliminate that cooperation.

This is a key difference between allowable toleration and tacit approval.

In evaluating the specifics of the HHS mandate, the National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC) has reached

the provisional conclusion that paying premiums for a policy that also includes coverage for the above-mentioned procedures, devices and drugs (while opposing the mandate) does not appear to involve an individual in immediate material cooperation in evil, because a number of intervening causes are likely to exist between the paying of the premiums by a subscriber, and the action of another en-

rollee who chooses to engage in one of the immoral activities.

The key difference between acceptable and unacceptable forms of material cooperation involves the "causal distance" between what we do by our act of cooperation, and the act of the other person using the abortifacient substance or the contraceptive that is covered by the health plan into which we have paid.

The paying of the premi-

ums does not appear to be causally immediate to the chosen action of direct sterilization, abortion or contraception.

To put it another way, payment into a healthcare plan that includes coverage for immoral procedures would only "make possible," but would not "bring about" the evil action of the principal agent, and hence would represent mediate material cooperation on the part of the person paying into the plan.

Such a payment could be made, albeit under protest.

Thus, the position of the NCBC is that individuals purchasing insurance under the HHS mandate could choose to do so licitly as mediate material cooperation assuming a proportionately serious reason, and a lack of suitable alternatives, and an ongoing effort to resist/oppose this unjust mandate through case-appropriate means.

A proportionately serious reason is often likely to exist, because of the seriousness of our obligation to

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Father Tadeusz  
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## MUSICAL NOTES

# Benedictines' fifth sacred music CD is produced with the help of angels

By Joseph Austin  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Some would say that the sisters of the Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles sound like angels when they sing.

**Mother Cecilia, the order's prioress, is a native of Potsdam, born Martina Snell**

If so, one of the singing sisters said in a video about the new album, "then the angels helped us ... they come in and sing with us."

The sisters' sacred music has proven popular. Their fifth album, "Angels and Saints at Ephesus," was scheduled to be released May 7.

The music is a way for the monastic sisters to reach audiences far beyond their priory in Gower, Mo., in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

"We are happy to be able to be able to share with the outside world a small taste of the peace and tranquility we experience here at the priory," Mother Cecilia, the

order's prioress, told Catholic News Service in an email. "Oh, that all might discover with St. Augustine that our hearts are restless until they rest in God."

The 17-track album features ancient hymns dedicated to a carefully chosen collection of saints and angels. It was produced by nine-time Grammy Award-winning producer Christopher Alder, who has produced albums for the likes of violinist Augustin Dumay, pianist Lang Lang, tenor Placido Domingo, and conductor Gustavo Dudamel.

"He (Alder) made them almost sound like an orchestra," said Monica Fitzgibbons, co-founder of DeMontfort Music, which produced the compilation. Fitzgibbons and her husband started the label to help religious orders record music without having to leave their everyday routines and environments.

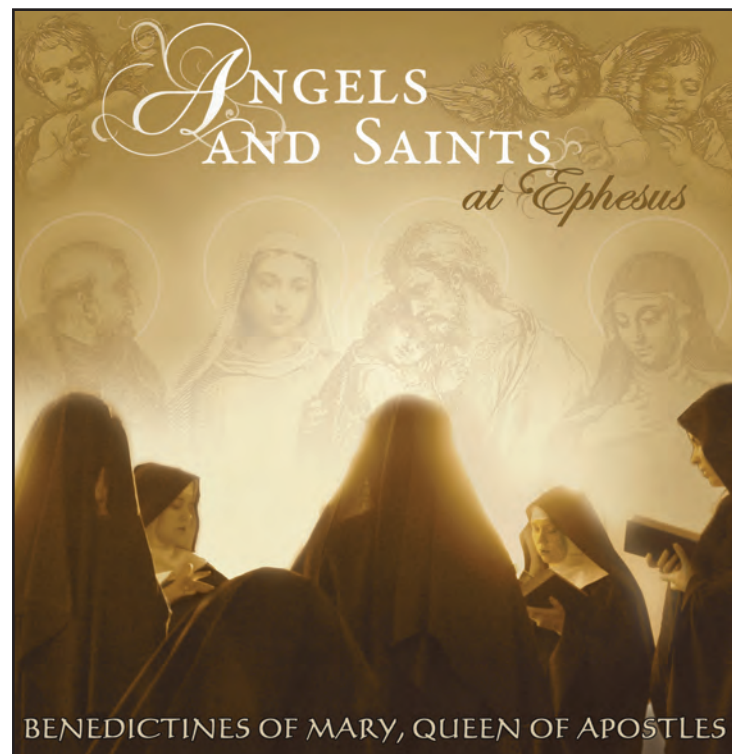
"The sisters don't have to leave to go somewhere not natural," Fitzgibbons said. "We only ask them for three days of recording ... we get a producer and engineer, (and) ... build a recording studio right there (in the chapel)," she said.

In the video, Mother Cecilia explains that music is an integral part of priory life. Although the sisters chant seven times a day, much of their time is spent in silence. Their daily routine includes manual labor: sewing the vestments, albs, surplices and altar linens used at Mass by priests. As part of the process, the sisters quietly pray for each of the men who will use the items they craft day.

Unlike most professional singers, the sisters do not engage in stringent practice sessions; rather, their ability to sing well together comes from the many hours they spend glorifying God in song with each other in the priory's chapel.

"It comes naturally because we're so close in the heart of our work," Mother Cecilia said in the video. With an extensive music background Mother Cecilia arranges most of the pieces the sisters sing. The art for the cover of the album was created by Sister Scholastica, a community member.

"All these sisters are incredibly talented," said Fitzgibbons, noting that she and her husband will help



This is the CD cover of "Angels and Saints at Ephesus," the fifth album of sacred music released by the Benedictine Sisters of Mary, Queen of Apostles May 7.

develop a theme for a CD. But it's the sisters who drive the repertoire.

"We chose the theme angels and saints mainly in order to draw attention to the need we all have of helpers and intercessors on our journey towards heaven," Mother Cecilia said in explaining the development of the new album.

"This is something people can listen to year round. Can you imagine what heaven would be like? I think (God) wants us to contemplate heaven a little more in our day," Fitzgibbons said.

In the days after the Boston

Marathon bombings, people reached out to the Benedictines for inspiration, asking them to make a piece available from the new CD. The sisters agreed and Fitzgibbons uploaded to YouTube a track by St. Francis Xavier.

"I think our society can get bogged down by the materialism and atheism that inundates our culture, (that) what you perceive with your senses is the only reality," Mother Cecilia said. "Sacred music is an extremely powerful means to awaken souls to the truth of spiritual realities."

## Is it wrong?

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care for our health.

For business owners, meanwhile, it is a particularly difficult question, and they may find it best to discontinue providing health insurance to their employees (even though they may have to pay associated fines).

The NCBC discusses this option, and some of the morally relevant factors surrounding such a decision, in

its analysis available at: <http://www.ncbcenter.org/document.doc?id=450&erid=0>

The HHS Mandate represents bureaucratically-coerced personal and institutional involvement in the commission of a intrinsic evils.

No person should ever be coerced by the state to be directly complicit in such acts.

The HHS Mandate is an af-

front to every American. It is immoral and offensive. If the government's current attempt to coerce Americans into violating their most deeply held convictions doesn't breach their religious freedom, then nothing does.

No individual or institution should have to be concerned about violating their conscience when they merely seek to safeguard the well-being of them-

selves, their families, or their employees by purchasing health insurance.

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## CLINTON

## RETREAT AND CELEBRATION DAY

**Ellenburg** – Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer will be having Retreat and Celebration Day.

**Date:** Aug. 24

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

**Features:** Bishop Terry LaValley will preside at Mass and Fr. Jack Downs will present a talk treating Mary as an example of discipleship within the reach of us all. Adoration and Mass will follow the talk. Lunch provided. Donations appreciated and necessary

**Contact:** RSVP to

olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or call 518-594-3253 before Aug. 15.

## 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:** "He instituted the most sacred sacrifice of the Eucharist, to be the greatest mark of His love." (St. Ignatius of Loyola)

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

## FRANKLIN

## DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE

**Constable** - The Catholic Community of Constable, Westville, & Trout River is planning a pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, Mass. Pilgrims will receive a plenary indulgence for a visit during the Year of Faith.

**Dates:** Sept. 10-11

**Features:** Trip includes certified travel agent, bus trip, two lunches, schedules, maps, sightseeing suggestions, one evening dinner, fees to the shrine, guided tour of the shrine and additional activities, two Masses, stop at the gift shop, snacks on the bus going to Stockbridge, lodging at the Red Lion Inn (based on double occupancy).

**Cost:** \$265 per person. Reservations due immediately. All reservations are final. All payments due by July 30.

**Contact:** Phone: 315-358-2862 or email: ariat74@hotmail.com

## UNDERSTANDING ANNULMENTS

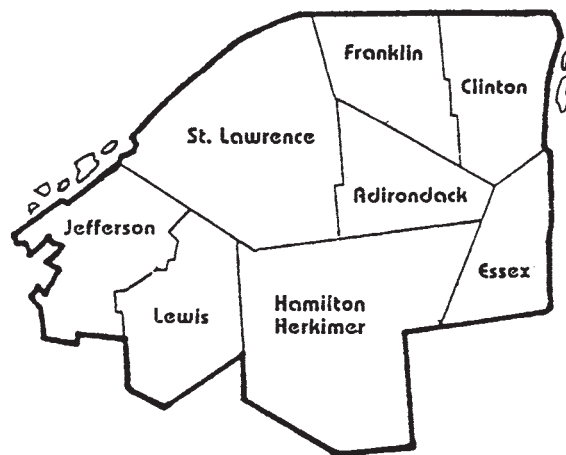
**Brushton** - St. Mary's Parish is sponsoring a workshop "Understanding Annulments"

**Date:** Aug. 7

**Time:** 6 p.m.

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

**Features:** Msgr. Harry Snow, judicial vicar for the Diocese of Ogdensburg will



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open with a presentation on the purpose of annulments, the steps, the process and the language used. The second part of the workshop is dedicated to questions and answers. There is no charge; refreshments will be served

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## 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

## HAMILTON/HERKIMER

## ST. ANN/ST. JAMES PARISH PICNIC

**Speculator** - Second Annual St. Ann/ St. James Parish Picnic to be held.

**Date:** July 28

**Time:** 2 p.m. to 5

**Place:** Speculator Pavilion.

**Feature:** Games, fun, and food.

**Contact:** Linda Slack (518) 548-3485 or Fr. Sony (518) 548-6275

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Lake Pleasant** – The Second Annual St. Ann's & James "Summer Heat" Golf Tournament to be held.

**Date:** July 27

**Time:** Tee off at 8 a.m.

**Place:** Lake Pleasant Golf Course

**Cost:** \$65 with Cart

**Features:** Foursome/Scramble. Lunch and prizes provided. Proceeds to support our neighbors in Wells, Lake Pleasant,

Piseco, and Speculator needing heating assistance in winter. Donations accepted. Checks can be written to St. Ann/ St. James Church. In Memo, write Golf.

**Contact:** For information and sign-up: Roger Snyder (518) 548-3635 Email: rsnyder304@hotmail.com Or Sue Williamsen (518) 924-5557 Email: sp-sail@citlink.net

## 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, Stations of the Cross, Shrine of the Holy Innocents and Lourdes Grotto. Handicap access 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.

## 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

## SUMMER FAITH FUN

**Potsdam** – Join St. Mary's Church for Summer Faith Fun celebrating Mary, Our Mother.

**Date:** Aug. 5-9

**Features:** For children 4-12. Bible lesson, music, snack, games and more. Learn about Mary's life and her example for us as Christians.

**Contact:** For more information or to register call St. Mary's Office at 265-9680 or e-mail patmoos@northnet.org

## 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.

## 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 Benedic-

tion 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

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

## 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

## 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

## 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,

**Time:** Doors to the gallery entrance will open at 3pm to view the visual art and the concert of choral, vocal and instrumental music will commence at 4pm

**Place:** SUNY Potsdam's Hosmer Hall and Gallery

**Features:** The event will feature musicians sharing high quality choral, vocal, or instrumental pieces that are sacred and spiritually influenced as well as artists sharing the beauty of faith through visual art.

**For art Work:** Entries for art work are being still being accepted through Aug. 1. Pictures can be e-mailed to beautyof-belief@rcdony.org. Further information is available from Carol Gonthier (315-212-5004), or Donna Smith (518-521-7256)

## MATTHEW KELLY EVENT

**Ogdensburg** - Matthew Kelly will lead a PASSION AND PURPOSE LIVE! event at St. Mary's Cathedral.

**Date:** Oct. 26

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 1:30

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

**Features:** The day will center on a practical exploration and understanding of our Faith, and all the ways it's meant to impact our lives – including: spirituality, relationships, work and money, personal health, and parenting.

**Contact:** For more information or tickets see: <http://rcdony.org/matthew-kelly.html> or contact Marika Donders in the Office of Evangelization at 315-393-2920

## K OF C PILGRIMAGE

**Isle LaMotte, VT** – Knights of Columbus, their families and friends from throughout the diocese will participate in the 65th annual pilgrimage to St. Anne's Shrine.

**Date:** July 21

**Schedule:** The pilgrimage begins with the celebration of a 12:15 p.m. Mass by Bishop Terry A. LaValley. Following Mass, Bishop LaValley will join the pilgrims for a picnic lunch on the shrine's beautiful grounds. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at about 2:30 PM.

**Contact:** Pilgrimage Coordinator Peter Keenan at 518-643-9241





## The Pontifical Mission Societies of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Inc.

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# This summer, please give back

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

As we look ahead to the summer months, we plan and anticipate such wonderful gatherings as graduations, weddings, festivals and reunions. We often take for granted how easy it is to make such plans and know that they will be enjoyable for all.

### The Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg Appeal will be taken up in the St. Lawrence, Jefferson and Lewis Deaneries on the weekend of July 28 and 29.

However, it's not always that easy for those in the Missions. The children in places like Peru, Nicaragua and Ecuador do not have the luxury of knowing that tomorrow will even include a meal or necessary medications.

Every summer the Missionary Cooperation Campaign introduces parishioners to a real – life missionary who represents a mission cause from a faraway place.

The missionary makes the needs of the missions more real and more personal, as the faithful become personally involved in learning about the missions and in responding to their needs.

It has been an appeal that has been worth cultivating and nourishing in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. This summer, the Missionary Cooperation Appeal is planned for the East Side of our Diocese at the end of July.

The Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg Appeal will be taken up in the St. Lawrence, Jefferson and Lewis Deaneries on the weekend of July 28 and 29.

This appeal will be used: to provide continued financial support of our former mission in Mollendo, Peru; to support the U.S. Bishop's annual appeal for Latin America; and to help any other missionary projects throughout the world that the Diocese of Ogdensburg might deem appropriate as part of its evangelization effort.

Please consider contributing with your prayers and sacrifices.

So, as you can see, the Society For the Propagation of the Faith too has summer plans.

Please consider giving this summer to our appeals that will be held in your parish, but will help those far away and in need.

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

## OBITUARIES

**Antwerp** – Barbara G. "Bonnie" (Dobson) Call, 72; Funeral Services July 3, 2013 at St. Michael's Church; burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

**Brasher Falls** – David E. Wilson, 57; Funeral Service June 27, 2013 at St. Patrick Church.

**Brasher Falls** – Suzanne A. (Anderson) Stevens, 74; Funeral Service June 30, 2013 at St. Patrick Church; burial in Winthrop Cemetery.

**Brownville** – Patricia H. (Henry) Reff, 78; Funeral Service July 1, 2013 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial at Glenwood Cemetery, Watertown.

**Brushton** – Shirley I. Rabideau, 81; Funeral Service June 26, 2013 at St. Mary's Church. Burial in parish cemetery.

**Brushton** – Mary S. (Stamatiades) Byrnes, 84; Funeral Services July 8, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Cape Vincent** – Helen Amo Favret, 88; Funeral Services July 10, 2013 at St. Vincent of Paul Church.

**Chateaugay** – Rose Marie (Dupree) Douglas, 76; Funeral Services July 6, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Eastside Cemetery.

**Chateaugay** – Mathew D. Johnston, 26; Funeral Services July 10, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Burke Center Cemetery.

**Chateaugay** – William "Bill" J. Jones, 76; Funeral July 2, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Chazy** – Rita J. (West) Benson, 97; Funeral Service June 29, 2013 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Parish Cemetery.

**Chazy** – Leo Joseph "Archie" Cote, 86; Funeral Services July 6, 2013 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Chazy** – Donald Trombly, 76; Funeral Services July 5, 2013 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Clayton** – John C. LaChance, Sr., 74; Funeral Service July 1, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial St. Vincent of Paul Cemetery, Cape Vincent.

**Constable** – Eleanor L. (LaPrad) Fleury, 83; Funeral Services July 3, 2013 at St.

Francis of Assisi Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Constable** – Raymond F. Heining, 77; Funeral July 5, 2013 at St. Francis of Assisi Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Copenhagen** – Ruth M. (Terrillion-Archer) McLane, 95; Funeral Service July 1, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in West Lowville Cemetery.

**Dannemora** – Harold L. "Red" Bowman Jr., 87; Funeral Services July 3, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Dannemora** – Richard A. "Dick" Cusprinie, 80; Funeral July 3, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Dannemora** – Francis M. Drollette, 95; Funeral Services July 3, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**Dannemora** – Theresa H. (Hicks) Rible, 82; Funeral Services July 8, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery, Lyon Mountain.

**Ft. Covington** – Carol M. (Bashaw) St. Ann, 59; Funeral Services July 9, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in the new St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Hogansburg** – Shayne Abraham King, 40; Funeral Services July 8, 2013 at St. Regis Catholic Church; burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery.

**Malone** – Lucille A. (Leroux) McCann, 95; Funeral Services July 9, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Chateaugay.

**Massena** – Marvin A. Beaudette, 86; Funeral Service June 29, 2013 at the Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** – Georgette M. (Rivers) Marion, 71; Funeral July 1, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** – Eunice Daniel Simons, 85; Funeral July 12, 2013 at the Philips Memorial Home; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Newcomb** – David Charles Vroman, 81; Funeral July 13, 2013 at St. Therese Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – Paul D. Amo, 84; Funeral Services July 8, 2013 at Notre Dame Church.

**Ogdensburg** – Beverly A. (Burns) des Rosiers, 76; Memorial Services July 8, 2013 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

**Ogdensburg** – James S. Jerome, 59; Funeral Services July 8, 2013 at Notre Dame Church.

**Ogdensburg** – Martha B. Legault, 73; Funeral Services July 9, 2013 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Patricia A. Perry, 53; Funeral Services July 2, 2013 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Vermont.

**Potsdam** – Anita A. (Campney) Bouchard, 83; Funeral Services July 10, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Potsdam** – Katherine Margaret (Taylor) Planty, 95; Funeral Services July 5, 2013 at Garner Funeral Service; burial in Hillcrest Cemetery, Parishville.

**Raymondville** – Beulah V. (Sharlow) Hanson, 101; Funeral Services July 3, 2013 at St. Raymond's Church; burial in Visitation Cemetery, Norfolk.

**Raymondville** – Joanne E. Parent, 72; Funeral Services July 6, 2013 at St. Raymond's Church; burial in Visitation Cemetery, Norfolk.

**Rouses Point** – Frederick L. "Fred" Barcomb, 85; Funeral Services July 13, 2013 at M.B. Clark Funeral Home; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**Rouses Point** – Ricky P. Hyde, 52; Funeral Services July 2, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church.

**Sackets Harbor** – Charles C. Cote, 73; Funeral Services July 5, 2013 at St. Andrew's Church; burial in Dexter Cemetery.

**Tupper Lake** – Rene (Reandean) Arnold, 50; Funeral Services July 3, 2013 at Holy Name Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Tupper Lake** – Paul F. Dattola, 77; Funeral Services July 8, 2013 at St. Alphonsus Church; burial in Holy Name Cemetery.

**Watertown** – Peter J. Messina Jr., 86; Funeral Services July 10, 2013 at St. Anthony's Church; burial Glenwood Mausoleum.

**Watertown** – Donald W. Sheridan; Funeral Services July 5, 2013 at Sacred Heart Church.



AFTER COMPLETION OF FORMATION FOR MINISTRY PROGRAM

# LAY MINISTERS COMMISSIONED

Bishop LaValley presides at Solemn Vespers for the Blessing and Commissioning of Lay Pastoral Ministers June 30 at St. Mary's Cathedral

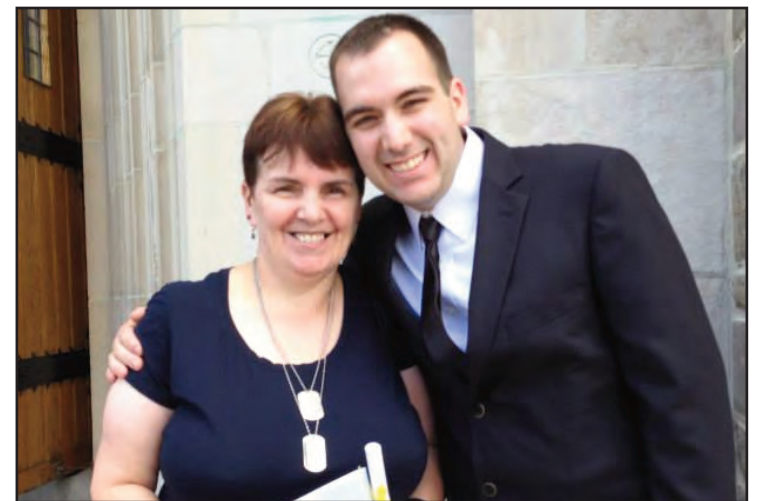


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Father Richard Sturtz is shown with his parishioners from Our Lady of Lourdes in Schroon Lake and Saint Joseph's in Olmstedville who were commissioned to serve in their parishes. Front, from left are Peter Winkler of Our Lady of Lourdes; Lorraine Turgeon, the Ticonderoga site coordinator; Alisa Barror of Our Lady of Lourdes; Father Sturtz, and Frances Mahler of Our Lady of Lourdes; back, Thomas Grace and Darlene Luciano of St. Joseph's and Dorothy Bean and Cathryn Greubel of Our Lady of Lourdes.



Janet and Charles (Cab) Burns were commissioned for service at St. Mary's Parish in Clayton.



Mother and son, Mary and Jesse Sovie are among four new lay ministers commissioned service at Notre Dame Parish in Ogdensburg.



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE

Bishop LaValley is shown in front of the cathedral at the conclusion of the June 30 commissioning service with the 43 three lay ministers who have begun service in their parishes. The lay ministers completed the two

year diocesan Formation for Ministry Program in sites in Ogdensburg, Ticonderoga and Malone. They attended weekly classes and took part in retreats and ministry workshops. Also shown with the group is Dr. Patrick Donahue, coordinator of the Formation for Ministry program.