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## Pope: church must embody mercy

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Mercy is a word Pope Francis uses often, and an attitude he believes the Catholic Church must embody and all Catholics must mirror.

"This is the time for mercy," Pope Francis told reporters July 28 during his flight back to Rome from Brazil.

"The church is mother and must follow the path of mercy, and find mercy for everyone. This age is a 'kairos' of mercy," he said, using the Greek word for a special or particularly opportune moment.

The church has a special obligation particularly to the many who are suffering be-

cause "of the not-so-beautiful witness of some priests, also the problem of corruption in the church, and the problem of clericalism, for example, which have left so many wounds, so many wounded," he said. "The church, which is mother, must go and heal those wounds."

Jesuit Father Federico Lom-

bardi, Vatican spokesman, told Vatican Radio July 30 that one of the things that strikes people most about Pope Francis is his "great effectiveness in helping people understand the theme of God's love and mercy, which reaches out to soothe and to heal the wounds of humanity."

### YEAR OF FAITH

Important events are coming soon



Special Year of Faith events will be held in the coming weeks:  
**BEAUTY OF BELIEF**  
"The Beauty of Belief - a celebration of art and music in the Year of Faith" is set for Sunday Aug. 18. at SUNY Potsdam's Hosmer Hall and Gallery. Doors to the gallery entrance for the art show will open at 3pm; concert of choral, vocal and instrumental music starts at 4pm. 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.

**SOLEMN MASS**  
Bishop LaValley has announced that Archbishop Carlos Maria Vignaro, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, will be the principal celebrant at the diocesan Solemn Mass for the Year of Faith set for Sept. 29 at the Olympic Center in Lake Placid.

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## Rest in Peace, Fr. J. Everett Denesha, 87



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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 Aug. 28

## YOUNG CATHOLIC LEADERS



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK  
Camp Guggenheim staff members lead the music during a July 9 Mass celebrated by Bishop LaValley. From left are Michael Knapik, Grafton, WI.; Zack Leader, Gouverneur; and Joey Izzo, Lake Placid. The 2013 camp season ended Aug. 9 after six weeks of fun and faith-building experiences in Adirondacks. More photos are on page 20.

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## EDITOR'S NOTES

# Celebrating a life of beauty and belief

## *Rest in peace, Father J. Everett Denesha (1926-2013)*

On Sunday, the Church of the Ogdensburg will gather in Potsdam for the *Beauty of Belief*, a celebration of art and music in honor of the Year of Faith. The event will feature musicians sharing high quality choral, vocal and instrumental pieces that are sacred and spiritually influenced as well as artists sharing the beauty of faith through visual art.

This past Tuesday, we said goodbye to a priest whose very life illustrated such a beauty in his belief.

Father J. Everett Denesha, who died Aug. 1 at the age of 87, was an accomplished musician. He founded the St. Mary's Cathedral men's choir back in the 1950's and taught music at Wadhams Hall Seminary.

When the Department of

Worship formed a music committee in the 1970's he was named its chair.

In 1955, Father Denesha sat down for an interview with the *North Country Catholic*, showing how devoted he was to this ministry.

He talked about his success in teaching the Gregorian Chant to the 25 men ("because whenever possible the Church wants male voices for the liturgy," he said) in his cathedral choir.

"Anyone who can carry a tune can sing in a choir," he said. "Every parish can have a good mixed choir with some training.

"Within a month after our choir was formed we sang a Pontifical High Mass with all the proper parts," he said.

It's not hard to imagine that the home in which Father Denesha was raised was filled

with music and with faith.

He became a priest and three of his sisters - Sister Mary Therese, Sister Christine, Sister Marie Paul - became Ursuline Sisters.

Yet, Father Denesha's life was not without hardship.

In this homily at the funeral Mass, Msgr. John R. Murphy (current pastor in Raymondville where Father Denesha served for more than 30 years) reflected on some of those challenges:

"Father Everett underwent many great challenges in his own life: the accident in which his hand was mangled, causing such trauma in the life of a talented and devoted musician. The episode in Raymondville when he fell from the ladder while trimming his trees and spent such a long period strapped in bed as his body recovered. The challenges of answering the hopes and demands and expectations of

the people he was assigned by his Bishop to serve (which can sometimes challenge any priest).

And, "sadly, in his later years so much was stripped away from him by illness."

But there was also much joy as Msgr. Murphy continued: "God was also so good in giving this son the strong supportive community of faith around him that is again manifested in our gathering today.... My brother priests, Everett loved you, his brother priests, very much. He was thoroughly devoted to his priesthood and to his ministry, and certainly to this parish family at St. Raymond's.

Now, "Father Denesha's earthly journey is over," Msgr. Murphy said. "His ministry is complete."

Those of us left behind thank God for this man of music, this man of faith.

Rest in peace, Father Everett.



Mary Lou  
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## A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

## Spending a week in prayer and gratitude

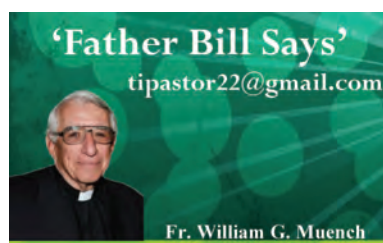
This week, I am visiting the Sacred Heart Villa, this is the retirement home for the priests and brothers of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

This is the religious congregation that has administered Sacred Heart Parish in Watertown from 1876.

The priests and brothers of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart have been part of the Diocese of Ogdensburg since the very beginning of the diocese.

I was invited by my friend, Father Dick Kennedy, to present a retreat for the priests and brothers who are in residence here at the Villa.

I must admit that this retreat is a real challenge. The priests and brothers who are now in retirement have had very impressive careers - they have served parishes in the foreign missions, as well as here in



this country.

They are truly outstanding. Now they live in this great facility in well-deserved retirement.

I have been praying hard each day that I can present something of value to them.

I chose the theme of gratitude for the retreat. I want this to be a week of gratitude to them for their dedication and faith filled devotion to the Church.

I want this to be a week of gratitude to all the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in grati-

tude for all they have meant to the Catholic Church - and also the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Then I want to join personally with these priests and brothers in expressing our gratitude to God for the gift of our vocation.

I want to join with them in thanking God for the gifts each one of us has received to be effective in bringing the message of Jesus - in bringing the Spirit of God - to others.

I want to join with them in gratitude to God for his direction, guidance and protection. I am certain that these missionaries are especially grateful to God for protecting them in those foreign countries.

In this Spirit of gratitude we will also prayerfully remember those many, many wonderful people who have supported us over the years.

We remember and pray for

our parents, teachers, dedicated pastors, counselors who have made us who we are. I know, personally, many names have come to mind this week - names of very special people in my life who have made me who I am.

I am eternally grateful to God for placing them in my life.

Finally, I thank God for those who I considered difficult - for those I thought make my life difficult - for those who were sort of enemies - for in many ways, they were good for me. The challenges they presented were moments of formation for me. I am saddened that I may well have failed in such relationships but I know they were good for me.

So - as I prepare this day's presentations - I turn to the Lord to guide me - and thank God who always walks with me - each day.

## FOLLOW ME

# The exciting days of summer

These summer days have been particularly exciting for me (After living up here all these years, I came upon my first moose and black bear in the wild!) But that's not the kind of excitement about which I want to write. I'm speaking about the excitement that comes from meeting people who are passionate and enthusiastic about their Catholic faith.

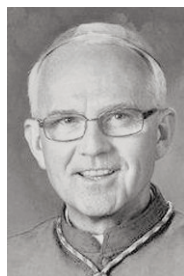
I have celebrated the Eucharist in several parishes these summer days, visiting our priests and parishioners from one end of the Diocese to the other. I've also had the opportunity to join in the annual Knights of Columbus pilgrimage to St. Ann's Shrine, and celebrate Mass and enjoy a luncheon with another very faith-filled group, the Catholic Daughters.

I am so pleased to have met so many of the faithful in the Envisioning Listening Sessions that have been held in all of our deaneries. My weekly celebrations of the Eucharist and meals with the youth at Camp Guggenheim are especially wonderful opportunities for me to greet young familiar faces and welcome new campers.

These days have also brought sadness—the death of two beloved priests, Fathers James Delbel and Everett Denesha, and the closing of St.

Patrick's Church in Hogansburg.

These have all been inspiring occasions for me because of the passionate faith of the people present. This *Year of Faith* we have been especially aware of the faces of faith in our midst. We began this Holy Year celebrating the faith witness of St. Brother Andre, St. Marianne Cope and St. Kateri Tekakwitha. We have been reading the faith stories of our sisters and brothers in the *North Country Catholic*.



Bishop  
Terry R.  
LaValley

I see their faces in my travels. We join the holy women and men who have, down through the generations, walked these lands in the common bond of faith in Jesus Christ.

In his first Encyclical, *The Light of Faith (Lumen Fidei)*, Pope Francis reminds us that "faith is passed on by contact, one person to another..." generation to generation. We rely on one another to strengthen our faith. As the Holy Father wrote, "It is impossible to believe on our own." I experience, first hand, this reality as I see our parishioners passionately sharing their faith and love of the Church. We open ourselves to the transforming power of God's Spirit in our lives. We seek to be continually renewed and re-energized in our efforts to follow Jesus. We assist one another on our common journey.

This *Year of Faith*, the Diocese continues to provide special opportunities to strengthen our relationship with Jesus Christ. We know that the Eucharist is, as we read in *The Light of Faith*, the "precious nourishment for faith."

I hope that you will journey with me and our diocesan sisters and brothers in faith to the Olympic Arena in beautiful Lake Placid on Sunday, September 29th at 2:30pm for a very special diocesan event: a Solemn Mass in celebration of the Year of Faith.

We are privileged to welcome His Excellency Archbishop Carlos Maria Viano, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, as the Principal Celebrant.

Archbishop Viano's presence will be a powerful reminder of the significant bond of communion that exists between His Holiness, Pope Francis, and all the members of the Church of Ogdensburg.

We are truly honored that he has accepted our invitation to preside at this special Eucharist. Please mark your calendar today and plan on joining us on what promises to be a perfect autumn Sunday afternoon in our beautiful Adirondacks.

Let us fill the Arena with joy-filled faces of faith, all eager to be nourished by so precious a gift as Eucharist.

## Funeral held Aug. 6 for Fr. J. Everett Denesha

RAYMONDVILLE- Bishop Terry R. LaValley presided at a Mass of Christian Burial for Father J. Everett Denesha, 87, Aug. 6 at St. Raymond's Church.

Father Denesha died Aug. 1 at Samaritan Keep Nursing Home, Watertown, after a long illness.

Priests of the diocese joined Bishop LaValley in concelebrating the funeral Mass. The homilist was Msgr. John Murphy, pastor of the Church of the Visitation, Norfolk, St. Andrew's, Norwood and St. Raymond's, Raymondville.

Burial was in Constable.

Father Denesha was born in Constable, March 20, 1926, son of the late Floyd and Adelina Martin Denesha. After graduating from St. Joseph's Ursuline Academy in Malone, he entered Wad-

hams Hall Seminary in 1943, concluding his studies for the priesthood at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Md.

He was ordained June 3, 1950, at St. Patrick's Church, Chateaugay (the current cathedral was under construction) by Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart.

Father Denesha's first assignment was a seven year term as assistant pastor at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. He also served as an assistant at St. John's in Plattsburgh and administrator in West Chazy.

In 1958, he was named pastor in St. Matthew's, Black Brook and ten years later as pastor of St. Raymond's in Raymondville.

That same year Father Denesha was named diocesan Vicar for Religious, a position he held until 1978.

In 1972, he became pastor in St. James, Gouverneur. He was then appointed administrator of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Crown Point, later of St. John the Baptist, Madrid and finally, in St. Raymond's, Raymondville.

In 1975, Father Denesha was named pastor in Raymondville, a position he held until his retirement in 2007.

An accomplished musician, Father Denesha directed the choir at St. Mary's Cathedral and taught music

at Wadhams Hall. He was also chair of the Diocesan Music

Committee. He served as a member of the Board of Consultants in 1983 and a member of the Council of Priests.

After his retirement, Father moved to the Sisters of St. Joseph's Infirmary in Watertown.

He was predeceased by three sisters who were Ursuline Sisters: Sister Marie Therese Denesha, Marie Paul Denesha and Sister Christine Denesha.

Another sister Madeline Denesha and two brothers, Martin and Stanley Denesha also died before him.

A reflection on the life and ministry of Father Denesha appears on page 2.



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# Fond farewell to Sportscamp

*After 18 seasons, diocesan camp combining sports and spirituality comes to an end*

By Father Chris Carrara  
‘Father’ of Sportscamp, pastor in Lowville

When I was in the major seminary I called Gayle Frank, director of youth ministry for the diocese, and asked if I could get together with her to float an idea for a new camp.

Gayle was very receptive and so Sportscamp began to take flesh.

**Sports was the vehicle for reaching out to young people and help provide a positive experience of Church and God’s love**

I came up with the idea for a Catholic sports camp after my very positive experience of being on staff one summer at Guggenheim. I wanted to add a program that would attract the young person who might not go to a traditional “church” camp but would go to a sports camp.

Sports would be the vehicle for reaching out to young people and providing a positive experience of Church and God’s love.

Following Gayle’s suggestion, I reached out to Father Mickey Demo who had a background in sports and solicited his opinion on the camp idea. He too was very optimistic about the idea. After a set of surveys was sent out, the decision was made to move ahead.

We organized “The Sports-camp Committee” which was a very loose term at that point, and during the first six months of 1995 we put together our first camp season.

The camp started out as a basketball camp with soccer added in the second year. Our first head coach was Terry Burgess, then of IHC in Watertown, and the first director was Jim Crowley of

Ogdensburg. I was the chaplain from year one. Original committee members included Gayle, Jim Crowley, Shelley Rosteck, Mary Lou Kilian and myself.

If I had to highlight any persons or groups, perhaps it would be the members of the camp committee who served over the years. In addition to the above, members included Sister Donna Franklin, Msgr. Robert Aucoin, Doug George, Father Kevin McEwan, Ron and Michele Gingerich, all the youth directors, the former Wadhams secretary Debbie and others.

Over the years Sports-camp grew from the original one sport to add the second and from 40 campers to 80 each week with a waiting list. That was very rewarding. I was involved almost every year and served mostly as committee member and chaplain, but did serve as camp director one season. Being director was interesting but being the camp morale officer (clown) was a lot more fun!

I was also responsible for fundraising, establishing the scholarship fund that has helped many, many young people go to camp who could not necessarily afford the camp fee.

With the completion of Sportscamp, that fund remains and will be used primarily to provide scholarships for young people in need attending other diocesan sponsored youth programs. It can also be used secondarily to help subsidize youth ministry in the diocese. I am very grateful to the many, many generous supporters who made those funds available!

People have asked how I feel about camp coming to an end. While it would have been great to see camp continue, I am okay with having it come into existence and completing its mission.

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Staff members from the 2012 season of Sportscamp, which turned out to be the final season, are shown with Bishop LaValley who celebrated Mass with the campers. Front, from left are Shannon Tooley, Beth Crowley, Mary Burns, Allison Crowley, Conor Hannan and Aaron Peo; middle, Ron Gingerich, Michele Gingerich, Eric Yancy, Megan McNamara, Peter Cincotta, Mary Rische and Al Rische Jr; back, Bishop LaValley, Shelley Rosteck Sportscamp director; Zach Dodge, Tom Luckie Jr., Owen Luckie, Brenton LaRose, Cavan LaRose, Joshua Rische, Shannon LaFave, Jacob Rische and Chaplain Father Christopher Carrara.

## *We have run the good race*

By Shelley Rosteck  
Long time Sportscamp director

I was invited by Father Chris Carrara and Gayle Frank to serve on the original Sports-camp Committee and they never let me off! I am so grateful to have been a part of such a unique and valuable program.

When we started it was one-of-a-kind with a fantastic mix of “sports and spirituality”. We focused on teamwork, respect, acceptance, determination and life outside of sports.

Those were some of our goals and “yes” we did not only meet them but picked up others along the way. You see while the campers were working on their goals we too were always striving to improve Sportscamp to make it the best experience we could.

I served in several capacities including staff, assistant director and Sportscamp director. I was involved in 16 of the 18 years of the camp’s existence.

Every year was a blessing to me and the other staff members. I don’t like to mention individuals by name because I wouldn’t want to leave anyone out but will mention some of the incredible coaches we have had with us: Gary Seymour, Kelly Geary, Al Rische, Dickie Marcellus, Tom Luckie and Tom Brady just to name a few.

We were also able to invite and have with us some professional athletes including

Jim “Ace” Deshaies and Lisbon’s own Rick Carlisle. They offered valuable advice to the youth of our diocese and those who came from other states and countries including Canada and Ireland.

God knows no boundaries and has certainly been present to us these 18 years.

A couple of comments from campers that have stuck with me include one little girl on the phone to her mother all excited because “the people here really like us” and another decided that “church stuff can be fun”.

So many things come to mind as I write this. I remember watching a staff member show a camper how to look things up in the bible. Mentoring was a part of everyday life at camp.

I need to thank all those people who came through the doors of Wadhams Hall to serve as staff to our young church. It would not have happened without your generosity of time and talent.

As a staff we kept God at the center and surrounded ourselves with prayer! We had to succeed!

I want to send a big thank you to the parents who brought their children to camp each year. Many of our staff started as campers.

Thank you to Msgr. Robert Aucoin, Jeff Ward and the staff at Wadhams who housed and fed us for 18 years!

We have “run the good race” and our young church is alive and well! AMEN!

# Papal nuncio to preside at diocesan Mass

Bishop LaValley has announced that Archbishop Carlos Maria Vigano, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, will be the principal celebrant at the diocesan Solemn Mass for the Year of Faith set for Sept. 29 at the Olympic Center in Lake Placid.

As nuncio, the archbishop is Pope Francis' personal representative in the United States.

"Archbishop Vigano's presence will be a powerful reminder of the significant bond of communion that exists between His Holiness, Pope Francis, and all the members of the Church of Ogdensburg," Bishop LaValley said.

"We are truly honored that he has accepted our invitation to preside at this special

Eucharist," he said

Bishop LaValley and priests of the diocese will join the papal nuncio in concelebrating the Mass which begins at 2:30 p.m.

All Catholics of the diocese are invited to attend.

"This is a solemn Mass marking the Year of Faith and the New Evangelization," Bishop LaValley said. "This celebration will be a significant event in the life and history of our diocese.

A diocesan choir with an expected 250 voices will lead the music for the Mass. Information about participation is available from parish music ministry directors.

Bus transportation to Lake Placid will be available from communities across the diocese. Registration may be made through parishes.

## Plans set for annual Sacred Heart Foundation dinner

**WATERTOWN** - The Sacred Heart Foundation's 40th Annual Benefit Dinner will be held Sept. 18 at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Missionary of the Sacred Heart Father E. Michael Camilli will speak on "Renewed Missionary Energy in the Year of Faith." Father Camilli is Professor Emeritus of Church History at St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, MD and currently serves as senior priest at Holy Guardian Angel's Church in Reading, PA.

Proceeds from the dinner help to support the Foundation's mission to provide fi-

nancial assistance for the education of those studying to be priests and brothers of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in provinces all across the globe.

In 2013, the Foundation awarded \$72,000 in scholarships. These dollars help to educate 44 students in seven countries.

Over the past 40 years, the Sacred Heart Foundation has distributed well over one million dollars.

Purchase tickets (\$30) for the dinner from any Foundation Board or Honorary Council Member or by calling the Foundation office at (315) 782-3344.



Rev. Michael Camilli, MSC

## NEW PRIEST IS HONORED



PHOTO BY VALERIE MATHEWS

Newly ordained Father John Pietropaoli, a native of Malone, and his family were guests of Bishop LaValley July 26. Father Pietropaoli entered the Legionaries of Christ Sept. 14, 2000, and was ordained to the priesthood on Dec. 15, 2012, at the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome. He has just completed the first of two years studying for an S.T.L. degree at the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum in Rome, where he also serves as assistant to the rector. Father John recently spent two weeks with his family in Malone, where he celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving at his home parish of Notre Dame July 28. Also pictured with Father John and Bishop LaValley are Father John's brother, Matthew, and his parents, Diocesan NFP Directors Angelo and Suzanne Pietropaoli.

## Fond farewell

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From the beginning, people like Gayle, Shelley and Doug George would remind me it was "God's Camp", not ours and they were and are correct. Sports camp was a niche camp filled well while the niche was available, and I am grateful to have been a part of it.

That niche lasted until there was a change in the rules for school coaches allowing them to run their own summer sports camps for the kids they would coach during the year. Prior to that rule change, coaches could not coach a child they had in camp so Sports camp thrived.

Was camp a success? Well it served approximately 1500 young people

from our diocese and beyond, giving them a positive experience of God, Church and sports.

For those of us who worked camp - coaches, counselors, chaplains, volunteers - we were given the opportunity over 18 years to serve great kids and meet other youth ministry minded adults. I am grateful for the friendships I have with these adults to this day.

The real success of camp cannot be measured in numbers served or in profit made, as the diocese remained committed to camp even when it ran in the red as it did for the last few years, but by the kids it served well.

The best answer to "was

it worth all the time, energy and effort" is in the response of one of my young parishioners who attended camp last year and when told camp would not happen this year, he shed a tear.

How can camp have been anything but a blessing and success?

Thank you to so many wonderful people who helped make camp an 18 year success story. I look forward to see what new youth ministry will come along for the next 18 years!

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IN CELEBRATION OF THE YEAR OF FAITH

# Do you have time for beauty?

By Father Bryan Stitt

Diocesan Vocation Director, Year of Faith Committee member

On January 12, 2007 concert violinist Joshua Bell gave a free 45 minute concert in Washington, D.C. where he masterfully played some of the most intricate music ever written on an exquisite instrument.

Why is this noteworthy? Because no one cared about the concert.

It wasn't for a lack of skill. Joshua Bell is a virtuoso who sells out concert halls.

It wasn't for lack of prospective concert goers. One thousand people were within earshot as he played.

It was not because he was playing an inadequate instrument. His violin was appraised at \$3.5 million.

The reason that no one cared about the concert was because people were too busy for beauty that day.

You see, Mr. Bell gave that concert in the entrance of a D.C. subway station. As a result, all but seven of the approximately 1000 people

in earshot walked right by. (Interestingly one of the seven was a three year old child who only left because he was dragged away by his mother.

Is there another lesson here that we can learn from small children?)

As the parishioners of the Catholic Churches in Malone heard last month, July 19 marked the 10th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. If there is any one thing I have learned over this past decade of ministerial service, it is to seek the Beautiful.

We learned in seminary that God is the personification of Truth, Goodness, and Beauty. So whenever we come across that which is true or good or beautiful in this life, we are pointed to God.

But there is just something special about beauty, isn't there?

Father Robert Barron tries to explain why in a recent YouTube video called *Evangelizing Through the Beautiful*.

"The best way to evangel-

## The Beauty of Belief

The diocesan Year of Faith concert and art show, Aug. 18 at SUNY Potsdam's Hosmer Hall and Gallery, will feature performances by ten musicians and artwork from 15 North Country artists. Doors open at 3 p.m.

ize [to share the Gospel] is to go from the Beautiful, then to the Good, and then to the True," Father Barron said. "If you begin with the True, hackles go up. 'Who are you to tell me what is True?!?' [people seem to respond]. Or maybe worse, you begin with the good. 'What you are doing is wrong. Here is what you should be doing.' No one likes to hear this; no one likes to be told that they are doing the wrong. However, there is something non-threatening about beginning with the beautiful. You say, 'Look at the Parthenon, the Sistine Chapel ceiling, the Mona Lisa. I'm not telling you what to believe or how to behave. Just look at that.' It's hard to resist the power

of the beautiful to draw you in and change you."

Father Barron goes on to explain that "the Beautiful begins to work on you and changes you from the inside. Once you experience it, you want to share more in the world that made that possible."

But sadly so many of us are just too busy to take time to stop for such an experience.

I'm taking a leap of faith this summer. In order to help people appreciate the Beautiful, I've joined up with a great team to coordinate a concert and art show on the Campus of SUNY Potsdam.

On Sunday afternoon of August 18 the Diocese of

Ogdensburg is hosting "The Beauty of Belief" - a celebration of art and music.

The event is open to all people of all faith backgrounds. I know many of you are busy - much like the people in the D.C. subway station - but you owe it to yourselves to experience beauty each day. Please mark your calendar for this one.

Sometimes people wonder why more people don't go to church today. I think the explanation is the same as why people walked by Joshua Bell. They are too busy to appreciate true beauty.

May we never be too busy to be enamored with the Beautiful.

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# Funeral held for mother of Msgr. Harry K. Snow

NORFOLK - A Mass of Christian Burial for Lucy E. Snow, 92, mother of Msgr. Harry K. Snow, was held Aug. 5 at the Church of the Visitation.

She died Aug. 1 at Canton-Potsdam Hospital. Burial was in the Visitation Cemetery.

In addition to Msgr. Snow, pastor of St. Mary's Church in Waddington and St. John's Church in Madrid, she is survived by another son, James F. Snow, Norfolk; a daughter, Jean M. Gang, Norfolk; five grandchildren, three great-

grandchildren and a twin sister, Elizabeth Williamson, Massena.

Mrs. Snow was pre-deceased by her husband, Harry K. Snow, Sr.; a brother, Dennis Small; a half-brother, Giles Small and two half-sisters, Rachael LaMar and Marion Huddleson.

Born on December 25, 1920 in Brasher Flats to the late Clarence and Julia Cary Small, Lucy attended a one room schoolhouse in Brasher Flats. She married Harry K.

Snow Sr. in November of 1949. He died Sept. 18, 1998.

She was a homemaker and during WWII, she worked at the Mica Plant in Massena. She also worked at the Rome State School as a nurse's aide.

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## Bishop's Schedule

**Aug. 14** - 9:30 a.m., Diocesan Envisioning Team Meeting with the Catholic Leadership Institute at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

**Aug. 15** - 12 p.m., Mass at St.

Mary's Cathedral

6 p.m., Operation Andrew Mass and Dinner at the Newman Center in Plattsburgh

**Aug. 16** - 11:30 a.m., Mass at Family Guggenheim in Saranac Lake

**Aug. 17** - 4 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

**Aug. 18** - Beauty of Belief program at Hosmer Hall, SUNY Potsdam - art show at 3 p.m. and concert at 4

**Aug. 19** - 5 p.m., Jefferson Deanery Bishop's Fund Reception at Sboro's Restaurant in Watertown

**Aug. 20** - 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

5 p.m., Franklin Deanery Bishop's Fund Reception at the Malone Golf Club in Malone

**Aug. 21** - 5 p.m., Adirondack Deanery Bishop's Fund Reception at McKenzie's Grille in Saranac Lake

**Aug. 22** - 5 p.m., Essex Deanery Bishop's Fund Reception at St. Patrick's Parish Center in Port Henry

**Aug. 23** - 4:30 p.m., Mass at Family Guggenheim in Saranac Lake

**Aug. 24** - 11:30 a.m., Mass at Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer in Ellenburg Center

**Aug. 25** - 8:30 a.m., Mass at St. Philip Neri Church in Westport  
10:30 a.m., Mass at St. Elizabeth Church in Elizabethtown

**Aug. 26** - 5 p.m., Lewis Deanery Bishop's Fund Reception at St. Peter's Parish Center in Lowville

**Aug. 27** - 5 p.m., St. Lawrence Deanery Bishop's Fund Reception at the Bishop's Residence, Ogdensburg

## Rest in Peace

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

**Aug. 14** - Rev. Patrick Foley, 1839;

Rev. George Dermody, O.S.A., 1956

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

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

**Aug. 17** - Rev. Joseph W. Vinet, 1907

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

**Aug. 19** - Rev. Richard A. Maher, O.S.A., 1959

**Aug. 20** - Rev. J. McCarthy, O.S.A.,

1931; Msgr. Griffith J. Billmeyer, 1988

**Aug. 21** - Rev. John J. Waters, 1921;

Rev. Albert G. Salmon, 1997

**Aug. 22** - Rev. James W. M. Rensing, 1936

**Aug. 24** - Rev. Louis Lewis, O.M.I.,

1938; Msgr. Paul George Brunet, 1991

**Aug. 25** - Rev. Damas Guilbault, 1919;

Msgr. Hugh P.R. O'Reilly, 1948; Rev.

George W. Tobin, 2010

**Aug. 27** - Rev. John F. Byrne, 1919;

Rev. Ubalde LaRose, 1919; Rev. Edward Henry Bernier, 1962

## NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

The next issue of the *North Country Catholic* will be dated Aug. 28

## 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 preregister at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) by selecting the registration button and following the directions. All employees and volunteers who participate in church sponsored activities with minor are required to participate in this training. Further information is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 403.

Upcoming programs:

Aug. 28 - 2 p.m., Seton Catholic, Plattsburgh

Aug. 29 - 8 p.m., SUNY Potsdam  
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*St. Martin de Porras Parish in Mollendo celebrates 50th anniversary*

# A Garden of Faith

By Kristina Dean  
Staff writer

Fifty years ago, the Diocese of Ogdensburg sent two missionaries to minister to people in Mollendo and Matarani, Peru. Fathers Paul Hagan and Roger Martin planted seeds of faith and co-founded an Apostolate which grew into St. Martin de Porras Parish.

In early June, seven diocesan priests and St. Joseph Sister Mary Ellen Brett, director of the diocesan Mission Office, traveled to celebrate the parish's 50th anniversary and witnessed how those seeds had grown into blossoms in a garden of faith.

From 1963 to 2003, the diocese sent missionary priests to staff the Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate. Ten years ago, on its 40th anniversary, the diocese turned the mission over to local priests.

The mission is currently run by parish administrator Andres Marquez.

During the June visit, Sr. Mary Ellen saw the spiritual growth in the parish.

"I could see the spirit that was begun by our priests had certainly continued," she said. "People are still being faithful, the catechists and music ministry has grown, especially with the youth. There was a lot of sharing, giving and caring."

Sister Mary Ellen said the parish has grown causing another room to be built. They have wisely used the donations sent by the diocese, she said.

Among the priests who joined Sister Mary Ellen for the trip to Mollendo was Father Daniel L. Chapin, pastor of St. Stephen's Parish in Croghan.

He served at the Peru mission from 1976 to 1986, and travels back every two years to visit. When he left, Father Chapin told the local people



**The Diocese of Ogdensburg offered a \$5000 donation to St. Martin de Porras Parish in Mollendo, Peru, in honor of its 50th anniversary. For the first 40 years, the parish was served by priests of the diocese, part of the Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate. St. Joseph Sister Mary Ellen Brett, diocesan mission director, and several priests of the diocese who served as missionaries traveled to Peru in June for the anniversary celebration. Above, Father Jay Seymour, Father George Maroun and Sister Mary Ellen present a replica of the check to Padre Andres Marques, current parish administrator.**

that he wouldn't call or write, but that he would be back to visit.

"I've kept my promise to stay in touch every since," Father Chapin said. "I can see the changes over the decades. There is a tremendously growing middle class.

"In the early years there was a lot of poverty," he said, "but the biggest changes are the growing middle class and the stable government. The country is becoming integrated into the modern world."

As a young man, Father Chapin's call to be a priest was centered on missionary work.

One passage of scripture that especially inspired him was Matthew 28: 18-20, which says "And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been

given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

As a 16-year-old, he thought about joining an order of brothers until he read an article in the *North Country Catholic* about Father Hagan and Father Martin traveling to Peru as missionaries.

This made him decide to wait and graduate school, join the seminary at Wadhams Hall, and eventually the Peruvian Mission.

He was ordained in 1972, and after four years, as a "rookie" priest, he said, he went to Peru at 29 years of



**Father Pat Mundy leads the Corpus Christi Procession held in Mollendo while the Ogdensburg priests were visiting.**

age. "That's kind of how I kept responding to God's call," he said. "I consider wherever I am, I am a missionary priest."

Father George F. Maroun, pastor at St. James Catholic Church in Carthage, also attended the anniversary celebration. He was a missionary in Mollendo from 1982-1988 and was pastor when the parish celebrated its 25th anniversary.

He called the 50th anniversary "an emotional experience" and said parishioners showed him photos of baptisms, weddings and first communions where he was the celebrant.

"It brought home the realization that 25 years have passed since I left Mollendo," he said. "I just was very impressed with how both the spiritual and material aspects of the parish and community have developed in a positive way over the years.

"As a former missionary there, and former director of our diocesan mission office, I thank the people of our diocese for their financial support of the Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Og-

densburg." Father Maroun said.

"This collection continues to provide the financial support that has helped the parish to grow and respond to the needs of their community over the past 50 years," he said.

Father Maroun said he was impressed with how the local Peruvian pastors have improved the parish with a new parish hall on the second floor, and enhanced the medical clinic to serve the poor and needy who come to them.

During their time in Peru, the missionary priests and Sister Mary Ellen attended a celebration June 9, in which Sister Mary Ellen presented a check from the diocese.

In a reflection during the event, Father Maroun described that to be a missionary is to become one with the community, to identify with the culture, the joys and sorrows of the people.

Other diocesan priests who traveled to Peru for the anniversary were Fathers Andrew Amyot, Jay Seymour, Pat Mundy, and Doug and Bob Decker.

BACK IN MOLLENDO

# CELEBRATING ST. MARTIN'S

Former Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate missionaries celebrate 50th anniversary of the Peruvian church where they served



Fathers Robert Decker, Doug Decker, Jay Seymour, Pat Mundy, George Maroun, Andrew Amyot and Dan Chapin are ready to concelebrate the June 9 anniversary Mass with Padres Andres Marques, the current pastor of St. Martin de Porras Church in Mollendo. Also pictured is Father Edwin, S.J. Father Edwin and his family were parishioners of the St. Martin de Porras Parish when the Ogdensburg priests served there.



Father Dan Chapin greets members of the parish youth group. Father Chapin has made many return trips to Mollendo after serving as an OPA missionary from 1976 to 1986.



Father Andrew Amyot accepts a gift of a statue of St. Martin de Porras from one of the parishioners.



Father Jay Seymour and St Joseph Sister Mary Ellen Brett are pictured holding a plaque presented by the St. Martin de Porras parishioners. The plaque reads "In gratitude for your Evangelization mission work with the most needy in our province involving the construction of 6 chapels."



Many familiar faces greet Father George Maroun who served as a missionary in Mollendo from 1982 to 1988 and later served the diocese as mission director.

*Catholic young people live the advice of St. Augustine and St. Francis*

# Joyful Youth Choir plans Year of Faith concerts

By Brenda Smith  
Contributing Writer

KEESEVILLE - St. Augustine once said, "Singing is praying twice"

St. Francis once said: "Go out and preach the Gospel and if necessary, use words."

In November of 2012, (then) Pope Benedict XVI announced The Year of Faith. For some of us, it was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our faith in a unique way.

So in early spring, two friends from the Keeseville and Peru area wanted to try something special to observe the special year by involving our local youth.

What better way was there to pique the interest of teenagers than with music?

The vision was to find a way to involve students in sharing our Catholic and Christian faith with more than just their own parish-



Young people from four Clinton County parishes have come together to form the Joyful Youth Choir. They will present a Year of Faith concert Aug. 17 at St. Augustine's in Peru and Aug. 18 at St. John the Baptist in Keeseville. The choir members, front from left, are Olivia Hetfield, Brianna Kinner, Kassie LaHart, Mason Barber, Charlie Harn, Amanda Laporte and Conductor, Mr. Dennis Frisbie; back, Hunter Wyckoff, Ryan Bashaw, Alex Bashaw, Michael Rafferty, Roseanne Trevail, Lauren Lawliss and Jamie Roberts. (Missing are Allison St. Louis, Abigail St. Louis and Carlee Carrier).

ioners. Since we are truly joyful people of God, the music should reflect that joy... and that's how The Joyful Youth Choir got started in early May.

There were some challenges in accomplishing that goal. The first step was to network with experienced people who could make an event like this happen. The first person who came to mind was Ron Goddeau from St. Augustine's Parish in Peru.

Ron has extensive experience, not only in singing groups but also in chairing

similar choral groups and organizing performances. He searched for a conductor and pianist to work with our young people and luckily, he found both in one person: Mr. Dennis Frisbie.

Dennis is also from Peru and is a highly respected and talented pianist and conductor. He has worked with young people for many years and has a special gift for teaching so his experience with the members of the Joyful Youth Choir was a perfect match!

The second challenge was to finance the event. There were many church organizations and individuals who generously donated funds to help us purchase the concert

music.

Dennis and Ron have worked for 12 weeks with these 16 talented teenagers who range in age from grades 7-12 and are parishioners from four local parishes: St. Alexander's in Morrisonville, St. Augustine's in Peru, The Roman Catholic Community of Keeseville and Holy Name Church in Ausable Forks.

When you watch these two men mentoring the students during the rehearsals, you can see how much they love music and enjoy sharing one of their gifts: that of music. In fact, there are two young men who joined the choir but neither one had any singing experience before this May.

Consequently, they too have learned the "joy" of faith and music.

The choir will be singing different styles of music during their performance. One song called "Glory Bound" is a round that intertwines three traditional spirituals, "This Train", "When The Saints Go Marching In" and "Swing Low Sweet Chariot".

Other favorites include a beautiful version of "Let There Be Peace On Earth". Another familiar song is "Lord of The Dance" but with its unique arrangement, it leads the listener on a roller coaster of emotions from the joy of The Birth of Christ to the dark sorrow of His Death and back again to the joy and hope of His Resurrection.

The first concert will be held at St. Augustine's Church in Peru on Aug. 17 at 7 p.m.

The second concert will be held the following evening, Aug. 18 at St. John the Baptist Church in Keeseville at 7 p.m.

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## WORLD YOUTH DAY... NEWS ANALYSIS

# Pope's simple actions resonate powerfully

By Francis X. Rocca  
Catholic News Service

**RIO DE JANEIRO (CNS)** - If Blessed John Paul II had an actor's mastery of the dramatic gesture and Pope Benedict XVI engaged the faithful most effectively through his learned and lucid writing, Pope Francis showed the world on his first international trip that his forte as a communicator is the simple, seemingly artless action that resonates powerfully in context.

During his visit to Brazil July 22-28 Pope Francis said little that he had not already said more than once during his still-young pontificate.

He repeated forceful calls for social justice, a more humble and empathetic church leadership and a more active and engaged laity.

But given the historic nature of the occasion -- the first Latin American pope returning to his native continent - he must have known that everything he said and did here would take on special significance, and he made extensive use of the setting.

The display began even before he left Rome, when the pope was photographed carrying his own briefcase onto the plane, sending a characteristic message of humility: the menial work of carrying the bag was a task he reserved for himself.

Pope Francis' entrance into the city of Rio in a modest compact van instead of the usual large sedan - an image that instantly turned the Fiat Idea into a world-famous model - was an exhortation to simplicity for clergy and laypeople alike, consistent with his previous complaints about spending on luxuries in a world where children starve.

It was during that ride that Pope Francis used his already famous gift for spontaneity to salvage what could have been a dispirit-



CNS PHOTO/L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO

**Pope Francis speaks to a young man as he hears confessions during World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro July 26. The pope showed the world on his first international trip that his forte as a communicator is the simple, seemingly artless action that resonates powerfully in context.**

ing mishap. The swarming of his car by pedestrians and the driver's decision to enter rush-hour traffic, where the papal motorcade promptly got stuck, briefly seemed to augur only more chaos.

Instead, the incident became a chance for the pope to display his almost magical rapport with crowds, when he was seen opening his window and greeting the very people that members of his security detail were frantically pushing away.

Images of Pope Francis' visit to a Rio "favela" - his

walk down the streets of shanties, and the tears in his eyes behind the altar of the slum's little chapel - will surely leave more lasting impressions than anything he said there.

Similarly, his speech to what the Vatican called the "ruling class of Brazil" - a gentle call to dialogue and

"social humility" in a country shaken by massive anti-government protests -- was clear and thoughtful, yet less eloquent than his em-

brace of a recovered drug abuser and former favela resident on the stage before the dignitaries.

Pope Francis said nothing during the trip about moves to liberalize Brazil's abortion laws because, as he told reporters on his plane back to Rome, "young people understand perfectly what the church's point of view is." But he symbolically espoused the defense of unborn human life during the culminating Mass of World Youth Day, when he welcomed a married couple and their baby born with only part of her brain; they had chosen not to abort even though current Brazilian law would have permitted them to do so.

The surprise inflight press conference was the pope's final symbolic act of the trip, remarkable above all for the sheer fact that he did it and for the way that he carried it out. Known during his days as a cardinal for refusing interviews, he proved with a no-holds-barred exchange that, though he may usually be too busy for journalists, he certainly is not afraid of them.

Having already charmed them on the flight from Rome by greeting each one personally, he then spent 80 minutes gamely answering their questions, following seven days of activity that had left all the reporters exhausted.

In that way, the 76-year old pope also showed that, in the game of dealing with the press, he is well prepared to stay ahead.

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# Pope's compassion, love touches hearts all over world, says cardinal

By Jordan McMorrough  
Catholic News Service

**SAN ANTONIO (CNS)** - Boston Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley highlighted the new evangelization in the pontificate of Pope Francis in an Aug. 6 keynote address to the Knights of Columbus supreme convention in San Antonio.

"Following Pope John Paul and Pope Benedict, Pope Francis is challenging us to embrace the new evangelization with new ardor, with new boldness and with great love for all those who God places in our path. He is calling on all of us to be missionaries in our own communities," he said.

"In this new millennium, business as usual is not enough. We must be a team of missionaries, moving from a maintenance mode to a missionary one," he added.

He told his listeners they must ask themselves, "What does it mean to live in a culture of unbelief; a culture which does not even know it does not believe because it still lives on the residue of Christian civilization?"

Cardinal O'Malley replied, "Pope Francis is ever warning against a self-referential church turned in on itself. He tells us to open the doors, to invite other in and so that we can go out and invite."

The cardinal emphasized that being a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church "is much more than a head trip." It is a way of life together; and the whole person is engaged in the process.

Education for the journey must therefore be experiential, personal, engaging and life-giving, he added. "We learn discipleship the way we learn a language, by being part of a community that

speaks that language. The Boston archbishop stressed that young Catholics must be mentored in the faith by others, either peers or older Catholics who are walking the walk.

"In today's world, we must promote the Catholic way of life, which is increasingly alien in the secular world, where our concern about unborn children or the sacredness of marriage makes us appear quaint and even nettlesome," he explained. "We need mentors: parents, grandparents, godparents, teachers, youth ministers, neighbors, who are ready to pass on the faith."

According to the cardinal, Pope Francis is calling on Catholics to embrace the vision of reality that is the church's faith and that values each and every human being, and stresses responsibility to love and serve each other, especially the most vulnerable.

The word that Pope Francis repeats over and over, he said, is "tenerezza," or tenderness.

In his inaugural Mass on the feast of St. Joseph, Cardinal O'Malley recalled, the pontiff spoke about protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need. The pope said, "We must not be afraid of goodness or tenderness."

"He points to the heart of Joseph, his tenderness which is not the virtue of the weak but a sign of strength of spirit and a capacity for concern and compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love," said the cardinal.

Noting that "some people think that the Holy Father should talk more about abortion," Cardinal O'Malley said he thinks Pope Francis "speaks of love and mercy to give people the context for

the church's teaching on abortion. We oppose abortion, not because we are mean or old-fashioned, but because we love people. And that is what we must show the world."

He continued, "We must be better people; we must love all people, even those who advocate abortion. It is only if we love them that we will be able to help them discover the sacredness of the life of an unborn child. Only love and mercy will open hearts that have been hardened by the individualism of our age."

In reference to the United States as being an immigrant church, Cardinal O'Malley spoke of the significance of the Holy Father's first trip as pope to the Italian island of Lampedusa to underscore his concern for the plight of immigrants.

"When the Holy Father went to the island of Lampedusa, he threw a wreath of flowers into the sea where thousands of refugees have perished in the modern day coffin ships that bring refugees from North Africa," said the cardinal, noting that Pope Francis talked about the globalization of indifference -- indifference to the suffering of others, to the fate of the unborn, the elderly, the handicapped, the mentally ill and the immigrants.

We must overcome this indifference and help people to see that the church's teaching is about loving and caring for everyone, he explained, quoting the pope who told the Brazilian bishops at World Youth Day:

"We need a church capable of rediscovering the maternal womb of mercy. Without mercy we have little chance nowadays of entering the world of wounded persons in need of understanding, forgiveness and love," Cardinal O'Malley said.

## CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

### Krakow, Poland, to host World Youth 2016

**RIO DE JANEIRO (CNS)** -- Krakow, Poland, will be the site of the next World Youth Day, in 2016. Pope Francis announced the venue shortly after celebrating the final Mass of this year's World Youth Day before a crowd of more than 3 million people on Copacabana beach. Upon hearing the pope's words, young pilgrims from Poland shouted joyfully, waving red and white Polish flags. "It is a joy, an honor and a great responsibility for us," Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz of Krakow said in a statement, noting that 2016 will mark the 1,050th anniversary of the establishment of Christianity in Poland. Krakow is the former episcopal see of Blessed John Paul II, who founded the tradition of World Youth Day in 1986. The 2016 event will be the second World Youth Day to take place in Poland, after the 1991 celebration in Czestochowa.

### Hackett, retired CRS leader, confirmed as ambassador to Vatican

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** -- Ken Hackett, retired president of Catholic Relief Services, received Senate confirmation Aug. 1 as U.S. ambassador to the Vatican. "We are overjoyed that the country will be represented by a man who through his decades of service has demonstrated his commitment to the dignity and sanctity of life and fighting global poverty," said Carolyn Woo, current CRS president and chief executive officer, in an Aug. 2 statement. "We look forward to working with the new ambassador as he engages the Vatican and Pope Francis towards the common goal of advancing peace and justice in the world." President Barack Obama nominated Hackett June 14 for the position on the same day he announced nominees for ambassador posts in Brazil, Spain, Germany, Denmark and Ethiopia. "It gives me great confidence that such dedicated and capable individuals have agreed to join this administration to serve the American people. I look forward to working with them in the months and years to come," the president said. Hackett retired in December 2011 after 18 years as president of CRS, the U.S. bishops' overseas relief and development agency. As U.S. ambassador to the Vatican, he succeeds Miguel Diaz, who left the post in late 2012. Diaz now is a professor of faith and culture at the University of Dayton, Ohio.

### Bishop says joblessness, exploitation denying millions 'honor, respect'

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** -- Millions of workers are being denied the honor and respect they deserve because of a lack of jobs, underemployment, low wages and exploitation, according to the bishop who heads the U.S. bishops' Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development. "Earlier this year, Pope Francis pointed out, 'Work is fundamental to the dignity of a person. ... It gives one the ability to maintain oneself, one's family, to contribute to the growth of one's own nation,'" said Bishop Stephen E. Blaire of Stockton, Calif., in the U.S. bishops' annual Labor Day statement. "Unfortunately, millions of workers today are denied this honor and respect as a result of unemployment, underemployment, unjust wages, wage theft, abuse and exploitation," Bishop Blaire said. The 1,200-word statement, dated Labor Day, Sept. 2, was available Aug. 6 on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website, [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org). "The economy is not creating an adequate number of jobs that allow workers to provide for themselves and their families," Bishop Blaire said.

# Pope's remarks do not change church teaching

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - When Pope Francis told reporters July 28, "Who am I to judge" a homosexual person, he was emphasizing a part of Catholic teaching often overlooked by the media and misunderstood by many people.

## 'Who am I to judge?'

In the words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the church teaches that homosexual people "must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity" and that "every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided."

But the catechism also describes a "homosexual inclination" as "objectively disordered" and homosexual acts as "intrinsically disordered," because sexuality is "an integral part of the love by which a man and a woman commit themselves totally to one another until death."

The church teaches that any sexual activity outside the bond of marriage between a man and a woman is sinful. Pope Francis did not change or challenge that teaching.

Pope Francis made his comments about homosexuality during a news confer-

ence with reporters flying with him from Brazil to Rome.

The pope was asked about what has been described as a "gay lobby" in the Vatican, allegedly a group of priests and bishops who work at the Vatican and protect each other. Pope Francis said it was important to "distinguish between a person who is gay and someone who makes a gay lobby."

"A gay person who is seeking God, who is of good will - well, who am I to judge him?" the pope said. "The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains this very well. It says one must not marginalize these persons, they must be integrated into society. The problem isn't this (homosexual) orientation -- we must be like brothers and sisters. The problem is something else, the problem is lobbying either for this orientation or a political lobby or a Masonic lobby."

Although the question to the pope was about gay Vatican employees, the pope's response was not specifically about priests who are homosexual, a question addressed in 2005 by the Congregation for Catholic Education, which was in charge of seminaries at the time.

The document was titled, "Instruction Concerning the Criteria for the Discernment of Vocations With Regard to Persons With Homosexual Tendencies in View of Their

Admission to the Seminary and to Holy Orders."

The church distinguishes between homosexual acts and homosexual tendencies or orientation, it said. The church, unlike much of the public, does not assume all those with a homosexual orientation are sexually active, just as it does not assume all heterosexuals are sexually active.

Men "who practice homosexuality, present deep-seated homosexual tendencies or support the so-called 'gay culture'" are not to be admitted to Catholic seminaries or to be ordained, it

said, although it did not give a detailed explanation of what exactly constitutes a "deep-seated" homosexual tendency.

While excluding their suitability for ordination, it said, "such persons must be accepted with respect and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. They are called to fulfill God's will in their lives and to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord's cross the difficulties they may encounter."

New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of

Catholic Bishops, speaking on "CBS This Morning" July 30, said Pope Francis' remarks on the plane reflect "a gentle, merciful, understanding, compassionate" approach to church teaching which emphasizes "that while certain acts may be wrong, we would always love and respect the person and treat the person with dignity."

Pope Francis' words "may be something people find new and refreshing," Cardinal Dolan said, but "I for one don't think it is and I hate to see previous popes caricatured as not having that."



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## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# The challenge of staying 'loyal to the truth'

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The hearts of Prophets were on fire with the truth. Only the fire of love for the Father kept them courageous in their mission.

Those who resist God, usually resist His messengers.

In today's first reading, the prophet Jeremiah is ridiculed, hated, thrown first into prison, then let

down a deep cistern by those who wouldn't listen to his message.

They said it was "too demoralizing."

King Zedekiah admires Jeremiah, but he is too weak to act on his advice.

Poor Jeremiah! He is battered and beaten just for telling the truth!

As a result, God threatened complete destruction of the city by fire, and eventually it happened!

In the Gospel, Jesus declares that His teachings will bring division and conflict, even within his followers' own households.

The fire of God's love is meant to bring justice, but

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Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Hebrews 12:1-4

Luke 12:49-53

lence which will never bring peace.

In the meantime, His prophets continue to face rejection and even martyrdom.

The second reading from Hebrews, urges the early Christians - and us - to look at the "cloud of witnesses", the saints and heroes who have gone before us, for courage to remain loyal in the face of opposition.

In other words, God urges us to "hang in there" till the hour of final judgment and reward for those who are loyal to the truth.

at what a price!

Hearts hardened by greed and hate, or just indifference, are always intolerant of those who preach the power of God's truth.

They turn the fire of God's love into the fire of a vio-

## RESPECT LIFE

## Basking in the wonderful gift of summer

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

This summer our family was blessed with a vacation on the coast of New Jersey. It was wonderful to all be together; who would have thought our twenty-something boys would actually want to be with their Mom and Dad for a full week?

OK, I think the ocean was the real draw, but no matter. It was a week of relaxation and fun. We played mini-golf and skee-ball on the boardwalk. We rode bikes and ate funnel cakes and ice cream cones. We celebrated Joey's birthday and our wedding anniversary.

Some evenings Joe and I

strolled along the surf together, while the boys went off to do their own thing. Other nights the four of us ate dinner together outside with the seagulls. Joe read books on his e-reader, I set up my easel and painted watercolors, and the boys went to the beach, the shops, and the marina.

I am amazed at how young people live life to the fullest, wringing every single drop of enjoyment out of each and every day.

It was heavenly, just as the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer should be. We all need a break from the hectic pace of the world today and the virtual connections that keep us plugged in to work-place and worries.

On one particularly hot

and humid day during our trip, the men in my life convinced me to go on a whale watch with them. Knowing my tendency for sea-sickness, I was reluctant, but the lure of our family together on such an adventure pulled me in.

Sure enough, sickness struck. And struck, and struck again. I was white as a ghost and sick as a dog. I don't remember much of that Atlantic cruise, but what I do recall is the love and concern of my children.

Perhaps it was because they aren't used to mom being ill, but their anxiety was etched in their eyes as they ignored the sights and

focused on me: they rubbed my back, brought me water and offered reassuring words. It was a striking role reversal, as I am the one who always reduced their fevers and bandaged their wounds on the summer outings of their youth.

They couldn't do much to stop my nausea, of course, but they sure did make me proud.

I relayed this story to a colleague who shared his own summertime tale of a slip on a mountain during a hiking expedition with his family. When he fractured his arm high atop a peak in the Adirondacks, his kids sprang into action, creating

a splint and a sling out of t-shirts and sticks, dousing him with creek water and helping him down from the rocky terrain.

I realize that the kids' reaction in both of these situations is somewhat instinctive to humanity, but I also believe it has much to do with the values that have been instilled in them from an early age.

Their actions helped make Christ manifest and confirm that no matter what their ultimate path in life, they are already pursuing what Pope Francis calls "a magnificent calling, the vocation of love."

Our children are maturing into responsible and faithful adults right before our eyes. What a blessing!

My heart is full as I recollect the words of the Holy Father in "The Light of Faith": "Anyone who sets off on the path of doing good to others is already drawing near to God, is already sustained by his help, for it is characteristic of the divine light to brighten our eyes whenever we walk towards the fullness of love." (35)

Be sure to soak up the joy of the remaining summer days.



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## AT THE MOVIES

# WE'RE THE MILLERS

By John Mulderig  
Catholic News Service

"We're the Millers" (Warner Bros.) would like to be taken as both a conversion story and a comedy celebrating family togetherness - albeit through the exploits of an improvised clan of quirky misfits. In reality, however, director Rawson Marshall Thurber's tawdry project falls short on both scores.

Instead, it comes across as a smirking satire aimed at self-perceived hipsters who presumably share its script's dripping disdain for squares, religion and respectability.

Still, moviegoers may imagine that things are headed in a more conventional direction when first presented with a central character as ripe for a change of heart as Denver drug dealer David Clark (Jason Sudeikis). A college chum he crosses paths with may express envy of David's unburdened lifestyle -- single, childless, still making money peddling pot, just as he did back at their alma mater -- but we know different. Or so, at least, it seems.

Two of David's neighbors, down-on-her-luck stripper Rose (Jennifer Aniston) and naive latchkey kid Kenny

(Will Poulter), also appear to be in need of some improved circumstances. So, too, does another of David's acquaintances, streetwise teen runaway Casey (Emma Roberts).

Their shared opportunity arrives disguised as misfortune: When well-meaning Kenny inadvertently gets David robbed of both his stock-in-trade and his cash, David's ruthless supplier Brad (Ed Helms) demands that David turn mule and transport a cargo of marijuana from Mexico to the Mile High City to clear the debt.

Fearful that his lone-wolf persona will incur suspicion, David decides that he and Rose will pretend to be husband and wife on the trip. Together with supposed siblings Kenny and Casey, they'll pose as the Millers -- a family of clueless tourists who've climbed aboard their mobile home in search of some good old gosh-darn fun south of the border.

And, in fact, as they struggle to overcome various complications -- including their run-in with DEA agent Don Fitzgerald (Nick Offerman) who's vacationing with his wife, Edie (Kathryn Harris), and daughter Melissa (Molly Quinn) -- the quartet

do begin to take on the characteristics, both positive and negative, of a real clan.

Sparks fly, of course, both between the forever bickering David and Rose and between conveniently same-aged Kenny and Melissa. And David begins to show some mentoring skills toward Kenny as well as appropriate concern over Casey's poor taste in men.

Yet, even when they culminate in a moment of genuine altruism on David's part, such half-hearted motions in the direction of moral advancement seem all too unconvincing. That's primarily because they go unmatched by any recognition that narcotics are not the basis for a career.

Other rankling indications of this picture's real stance include a scene where Rose tries to maintain the bourgeois facade by gathering everyone together for a hand-holding session of saccharine prayer. Everyone knows only self-righteous



CNS PHOTO/WARNER BROS.

Will Poulter, Emma Roberts, Jason Sudeikis and Jennifer Aniston star in a scene from the movie "We're the Millers."

hypocrites do that kind of thing.

In sum, this smug offering, which portrays ordinary people as a pack of saps, might better be called "We're the Millers -- And You're Not."

The film contains skewed moral values, strong sexual content -- including a same-sex encounter, voyeurism and full nudity -- a benign

view of drug use, much tasteless humor, including a scene mocking prayer, about a dozen uses of profanity and pervasive rough and crude language. The Catholic News Service classification is O -- morally offensive. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.



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## HARVEST DINNER

**Altona** – Harvest Dinner to be held to benefit St. Louis of France Parish, Sciota.

**Date:** Sept. 8

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Place:** Holy Angels Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Children, \$4; Under 5, Free

**Features:** Roast Pork, Roast Top Round of Beef, Raffle, Country Store, Take-outs available; Craft tables available by calling 236-5848 to reserve.

## CHARISMATIC RETREAT

**Saranac Lake** – The annual Charismatic retreat has been planned.

**Date:** Aug. 16-18

**Place:** Guggenheim Lodge

**Features:** Father Douglas Decker will preside. Prayer meeting will take place Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. A Mass of healing will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

**Contact:** Phone, 518-891-1182

## REDFORD PICNIC

**Redford** – The 158th Annual Redford Picnic is to be held.

**Date:** Aug. 18

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

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

**Features:** Ham and Roast Beef dinners will be served in the gym. Games, rides on one of the oldest merry-go-rounds in North America. Rummage sale starting at noon and numerous other events.

## 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.

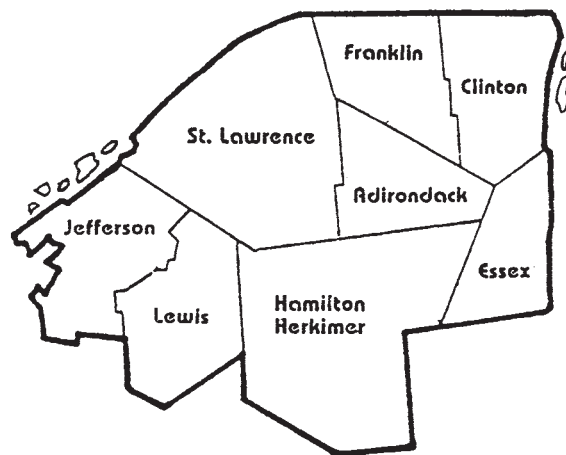
**Features:** Bishop Terry LaValley will preside at Mass and Fr. Jack Downs will present a talk treating Mary as an example of discipleship. Adoration and Mass will follow the talk. Lunch provided. Donations appreciated and necessary

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

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



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

## FRANKLIN

## ST. MARY'S BREAKFAST BUFFET

**Brushton** – St. Mary's Church will be having a Breakfast Buffet.

**Date:** Aug. 18

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

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

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

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

## BLOOD DRIVE

**Brushton** – St. Mary's Church will be having a Blood Drive.

**Date:** Aug. 22

**Time:** 1 p.m. to 6

**Place:** Parish Hall

**Features:** Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment. All presenting donors can enter for a chance to win 1 of 12 Fire e-readers, courtesy of Best Buy.

## JEFFERSON

## SH FOUNDATION DINNER

**Watertown** – The Sacred Heart Foundation will be having their 40th Annual Benefit Dinner.

**Date:** Sept. 18

**Place:** Hilton Garden Inn

**Speaker:** Fr. E. Michael Camilli, MSC

**Topic:** "Renewed Missionary Energy in the Year of Faith"

**Features:** Proceeds from the dinner help to support the Foundation's mission to provide financial assistance for the education of those studying to be priests and brothers of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart all across the globe.

**Cost:** Purchase tickets (\$30) for the dinner from any Foundation Board or Honorary Council Member or by calling the Foundation office at (315) 782-3344.

## CHICKEN BARBECUE

**Watertown** – The Watertown K of C is sponsoring a chicken barbecue.

**Date:** Aug. 24

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

**Place:** St. Anthony's Church parking lot; take-outs available.

**Cost:** Full Meal, \$8; ½ Chicken Only, \$5

**Time:** 3 p.m. to 6

**Place:** St. Peter's Church

## LIFERIGHT MEETING

**Watertown** – Liferight of Watertown meets third Wednesday of the Month.

**Time:** 4 p.m.

**Place:** 312 Sherman St.

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

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

## LEWIS

## K of C BRUNCH

**Lyons Falls** – The South Lewis Knights of

Columbus will be having a brunch.

**Date:** Aug. 18

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

**Place:** St. John's Church

**Cost:** Adults, \$6; Children 5-12, \$3; under 5, Free

**Features:** All you can eat pancakes with real maple syrup, sausage, bacon, eggs, and much more.

## ST. LAWRENCE

## WOMEN OF GRACE

**Massena** – Women of Grace Foundational Study Series informational meeting has been planned

**Date:** Aug. 26

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** Sacred Heart Convent Meeting room.

**Features:** This is an opportunity for women to explore their dignity as daughters of God and their gift of authentic femininity. The Study is based on Johnnette Benkovic's book, "Full of Grace".

**Contact:** Kathy Hart at 315-764-0865 or at: ahart002@twcny.rr.com for more information.

## HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

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

**Date:** Thursday before the First Friday

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

**Place:** Deacon Winter Chapel

## NOVENA FOR MILITARY

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

**Date:** Tuesday evenings

**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

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

**Place:** St. Mary's Family Room

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

## PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN

Fr. Donald Robinson will be leading a pilgrimage "Best of Spain and Portugal".

**Dates:** Feb. 18-28, 2014

**Cost:** \$2899 per person from NYC

**Included:** Roundtrip Air from NY, First Class/Select Hotels, Most Meals, Comprehensive Sightseeing and much more. Features: Madrid, Salamanca, Lisbon, Seville, Granada & Toledo

**Contact:** Fr Robinson at 315-782-1190 or e-mail donrob4@twcny.rr.com

## 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 for the art show will open at 3pm; concert of choral, vocal and instrumental music starts 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.

## DOVS VOCATION PILGRIMAGE

Join Bishop LaValley, Father Bryan Stitt, and the members of the Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocations Society for a pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Montreal to promote and support Vocations.

**Date:** Oct. 9

**Cost:** \$89 (covers lunch and bus travel from Schroon Lake/Plattsburgh or Ogdensburg/Potsdam/Malone)

**Features:** Mass at the Shrine, Rosary for Vocations at the Cathedral of Montreal. (Any proceeds will be used for the promotion of vocations in diocese.) Non-refundable payment due by Sept. 21.

Passports or enhanced licenses needed

**Contact:** Connie Randall at 315-265-2762 or Lois McCasland at 35-265-9469 for more information.

## 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:** See: rcdony.org/matthew-kelly.html or contact Marika Donders in the Office of Evangelization at 315-393-2920, ext 1380



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# Back to school with Missionary Childhood program

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

As we approach the middle of August, we are reminded often of the school supplies and clothes needed to be purchased for the school year that is right around the corner.

As we acquire these items that every student needs, let us also take a moment to remember those far away and their very basic needs as well.

The Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) offers young Catholics an opportunity to grow in faith through mission education, sacrifice and service for others.

A Pontifical Mission Society, MCA focuses entirely on "children helping children" throughout the world. MCA's young members have participated in our apostolic mission for almost 170 years!

At Baptism, God places into the hearts of all a special missionary calling, asking a generous response. Children have received this calling, as has each religious educator / catechist.

In a special way, religious educators / catechists have been called not only to be disciples of Christ, but also to make disciples for Him.

The task of ministering to children is vital indeed. Through their love, their witness, their prayers and sacrifices, young Catholics open new pathways to evangelization among those who have yet to encounter the love and hope of Jesus Christ. Young people are generous and enthusiastic, eager to use their talents to bring the Good News.

The MCA program for 2013- 2014 school year theme is Open the Door of Faith (Acts 14:27) Do Good on Earth.. Young people are invited to pray and to offer financial help so that children in the Missions today may know Christ and experience His love and care.

Children may also visit this site by visiting [www.hcakids.org](http://www.hcakids.org) to learn more about the Holy Childhood Association and read stories about the children they help. Let us pray for each other in our missionary efforts. The missionary work of the church depends on each one of us. The Mission office hopes that you enjoy the rest of the summer and have a wonderful start to the new school year. God Bless!

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will  
[www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice](http://www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice)

## OBITUARIES

**Alexandria Bay** – Florence L. (Gibson) Gascon, 89; Funeral Services Aug. 10, 2013 at the Costello Funeral Home; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Rossie.

**Cadyville** – Earl A. "Maxie" Winch, 82; Funeral Services Aug. 3, 2013 at St. James Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Canton** – Madeline P. (Pouliot) Murray, 98; Funeral Services Aug. 7, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial parish cemetery.

**Chazy** – Marie J. (Patry) Dionne, 92; Funeral Services Aug. 9, 2013 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Clayton** – Robert D. "Bob" Hurley, 66; Funeral Services Aug. 5, 2013 at St. Mary's Church.

**Colton** – Berton N. "Peanut" Robert, 86; Funeral Services Aug. 9, 2013 at the Buck Funeral Home; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**Deferiet** – Helen K. (Sarama) Kepler, 85; Funeral Services July 31, 2013 at St. Rita's Church; burial in Black River Cemetery.

**Ellenburg** – G. Marie (Trombley) Cayea, 79; Funeral Services Aug. 9, 2013 at St. Edmund's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Mausoleum.

**Hogansburg** – Minnie Mae Peters, 101; Funeral Services July 27, 2013 at Donaldson Funeral Home; burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery, Akwesasne, QC.

**Hogansburg** – Christine "June" David-Vedder, 53; Funeral Aug. 6, 2013 at St. Regis Church; burial in Kateri Cemetery.

**Hogansburg** – Danielle N. Terrance, 40; Funeral Aug. 11, 2013 at St. Regis Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**Lake Placid** – Luke Anthony Kempa, 61; Funeral Services Aug. 7, 2013 at St. Agnes Church; burial in St. Agnes Cemetery.

**Lake Placid** – Joan M. (Grant) LaHart, 86; Funeral July 30, 2013 at St. Agnes Church; burial in St. Agnes Cemetery.

**Lowville** – Helen P. (Paragi) Valasky, 92; Funeral Services July 29, 2013 at Iseneker Funeral Home, Inc.; burial in Brantingham Cemetery.

**Lyon Mountain** – Laurie L. (Bushey) Dashnaw, 52; Funeral Services Aug. 8, 2013 at St. Bernard's Church.

**Malone** – John P. Coultry, 92; Funeral Services July 29, 2013 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Malone** – Donald P. Fountain, 84; Funeral Services Aug. 9, 2013 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Malone** – Diane L. (Brixius) Warner, 61; Funeral Services July 30, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**Massena** – Edward Earl Bobbie, 48; Funeral Services July 28, 2013 at Donaldson Funeral Home; burial in St. Ann's Cemetery, St. Regis Falls.

**Massena** – Loretta P. (Perry) Lozipone, 84; Funeral Aug. 5, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** – Guy E. Martin, 88; Funeral Services July 30, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** – Anthony R. Rusaw, 68; Funeral Services July 29, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** – Elizabeth "Buzzy" (Gabri) Silmser, 78; Funeral Services Aug. 7, 2013 at the Philips Memorial Home; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Mooers Forks** – Joseph D. Snide, 82; Funeral Services Aug. 5, 2013 at St. Ann's Church.

**North Lawrence** – Sara E. Trim, 28; Funeral Services Aug. 5, 2013 at St. Lawrence Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Brushton.

**Ogdensburg** – Julia M. (Donaleski) Cosentino, 85; Funeral Services Aug. 5, 2013 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

**Ogdensburg** – Earl D. Gebo, 69; Funeral July 30, 2013 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

**Ogdensburg** – Jeffery J. Mills, 61; Funeral Services Aug. 6, 2013 at Fox & Murray Funeral Home; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – Wayne L. Moquin, 69; Funeral Services Aug. 2, 2013 at Fox & Murray Funeral Home; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

**Olmstedville** – Thomas Sullivan, 89; Funeral Services July 24, 2013 at St.

Joseph's Church.

**Plattsburgh** – Irene (Bouyea) Brown, 87; Funeral Services Aug. 3, 2013 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Michael E. Conway, 59; Funeral Services Aug. 5, 2013 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Chateaugay.

**Plattsburgh** – Jonathan A. Hidook, 51; Funeral Services Aug. 5, 2013 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Francis J. "Frank" Miller, 81; Funeral Services Aug. 3, 2013 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Marc R. Roussy, 47; Funeral Services Aug. 8, 2013 at St. John's Church.

**Plattsburgh** – Dorothy "Dee" R. (Ginty) Wood, 65; Funeral Services Aug. 9, 2013 at St. Peter's Church.

**Sackets Harbor** – Robert Edward Xavier Brennan, 92; Funeral Services July 27, 2013 at St. Andrew's Church; burial in Lakeside Cemetery.

**Star Lake** – Clarence William Lawrence Rice, 89; Funeral Services July 31, 2013 at St. Hubert's Church; burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

**St. Regis Falls** – Clarence H. Russell Jr., 84; Funeral Services July 29, 2013 at the Hammill Funeral Home; burial in Fairview Cemetery.

**Tupper Lake** – James Person, 26; Funeral Services July 29, 2013 at St. Alphonsus Church.

**Watertown** – Catherine D. (Deline) Adler, 88; Funeral Aug. 1, 2013 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** – Sandra L. (Rivers) Donato, 62; Funeral Services July 27, 2013 at Reed & Benoit Funeral Home; burial in North Watertown Cemetery.

**Watertown** – Doris A. (Rupert) Green, 72; Funeral Aug. 3, 2013 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** – Peter W. Hayes, 59; Funeral Services Aug. 1, 2013 at Holy Family Church.

**Wilmington** – Emil Frederick Miskovsky, M.D., M.B.A., 82; Memorial Services Aug. 10, 2013 at St. Margaret's Church.

AT CAMP GUGGENHEIM IN SARANAC LAKE

# DAYS OF FAITH & FUN

'First you hike, then you swim, then you give your praise to Him'



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

Bishop LaValley celebrated Mass for the campers at Guggenheim, the diocesan summer camp July 9. He was joined by Fathers Bryan Stitt, Scott Belina and Douglas Lucia for the liturgy. Guggenheim completed its 41st season on Aug. 9. Each week-long session provides campers with a mix of faith, fun, and adventure. Camp activities include swimming, kayaking, canoeing, hiking, rappelling, arts & crafts, campfires, dances and more. Faith formation and growth is at the heart of the Guggenheim experience and is an important part of every day with Mass, prayer services and a weekly penance service. Campers are actively involved in living out and sharing their faith.



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Teres Jacobs and KC Herne of Hogansburg enjoyed kayaking during beach time.



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The bishop makes an important point during his homily



During the camp Olympics, Ellen Miller from Ogdensburg; James Miller, teen vision member, from Waddington; Zack Leader, staff member from Gouverneur; Tess Andrade, Elizabethtown; Rote Jacobs, Hogansburg; Marc Michel, Lyons Falls; Anna Dumas, Burke; and Jackson Carliso, Saranac Lake; aim to jump through the rolling giant hula hoop as often as possible.



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The weekly camp schedule features a mountain climb. Shown on the top of Mount Baker in Saranac Lake are, from left, Katherine Cordell of Kingston, ON; Kelsey Oliverio, Lewiston; Jerry Seneca, staff member from Plattsburgh; Maeve McCullouch, teen vision member from Black River; Brian Bobak, staff member from Grand Isle, NY; Elizabeth Hogan, Silver Springs, MD; Katy Sherman, teen vision from West Melbourne, FL; Justin Briggs, Wilmington; Aiden Hennessey, Black River; and Skyler Stewart, Cape Vincent.