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# NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC

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## The Year of Faith

The diocesan observance of the Year of Faith will climax this weekend when an expected 2000 Catholics from throughout the North Country gather for a 2:30 p.m. Mass at the Olympic Arena in Lake Placid.

Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Carlo Viganò, will be the principal celebrant and Bishop Terry R. LaValley will

deliver the homily.

Bishop LaValley reflects on the significance of the event in his Follow Me column this week.

The NCC also marks the Year of Faith With another in the series "Year of Faith... Story of Faith" as well as information about the diocesan pilgrimage program called "Passport."

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### MATTHEW KELLY

Matthew Kelly, well-known as a dynamic speaker and best-selling author, will present "Living Every Day With Passion and Purpose" Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg

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### An interview with the pope

Pope Francis has captured headlines around the world following the Sept. 19 release of a wide-ranging interview printed in a number of Jesuit publications, including the U.S. magazine America.

Pope Francis spoke with characteristic frankness about the perils of overemphasizing Catholic teaching on sexual and medical ethics; the reasons for his deliberate and consultative governing style; and his highest priority for the church today.

According to the editor of America, Jesuit Father Matt Malone, Pope Francis personally reviewed the article and approved its publication.

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### Young Catholic Voice

Kelly Donnelly, an English teacher at Seton Catholic in Plattsburgh, reflects on a 'defining moment' of her faith

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## BISHOP LAVALLEY - 25 YEARS A PRIEST



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE

This week's *North Country Catholic* is filled with tributes to Bishop Terry R. LaValley as he celebrates his 25th anniversary as a priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. He was ordained Sept. 24, 1988, along with Father John M. Demo and Father Steven M. Murray. Bishop LaValley is picture above delivering the homily at the annual diocesan Marriage Jubilee held Sept. 15 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

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## EDITOR'S NOTES

## Our bishop in this Year of Faith

It's certainly a happy coincidence that we celebrate Bishop LaValley's 25th anniversary of ordination just days before we gather for the most significant Year of Faith event on the diocesan calendar.

On Sunday, Catholics from all across the North Country will converge at the Olympic Arena in Lake Placid for a "Solemn Mass for the Year of Faith."

The pope's personal representative, Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, will be the principal celebrant with Bishop LaValley preaching and nearly all the priests of the diocese

concelebrating.

While this gathering wasn't planned as an anniversary party for the bishop, it's not much of a stretch to claim that it's an appropriate way to honor him, his classmates, and all our Year of Faith jubilarians.

Pope Benedict XVI established this special year as an opportunity to renew the faith-lives of Catholics around the world so that they might be more credible and joy-filled witnesses to Christ.

Over the past 11 months, we have participated in a variety of special programs and initia-

Mary Lou  
Kilian

tives to help us all to increase our faith and share it.

This Year of Faith goal has been Bishop LaValley's goal since the day he was ordained, hasn't it?

In parishes for 22 years and as bishop for three, Father/Bishop has been a model for all who strive to evangelize.

In fact, I'd say he's a model for bishops!

On Sept. 19, Pope Francis met with 120 newly appointed bishops in the world and told them how to approach their new responsibilities. "Be simple, loving and always close by, just like a spouse would be for his wife," he said.

"Bishops are pastors, not

princes," the pope said, so always return people's calls, listen to parishioners, recognize one's limitations and sharpen that sense of humor.

"Your presence (among the people) isn't secondary, it's indispensable," he said. "People want their bishop to be near, sharing their hopes, joys, pains and sorrows."

Our humble bishop probably thinks he has a long way to go to meet these expectations, but we all know better.

Pope Francis' template for bishops fits ours to a tee.

Happy, happy anniversary, Bishop LaValley.

Here's to 25 - maybe 50 - more years of sharing your indispensable presence with us!

## A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

## Congratulations to Bishop LaValley

Listening Sessions for the Bishop were part of this year's Envisioning program for our diocese. These Listening Sessions were unique opportunities for the people and the priests of our diocese to speak to the bishop concerning their cares and concerns, their suggestions and criticisms.

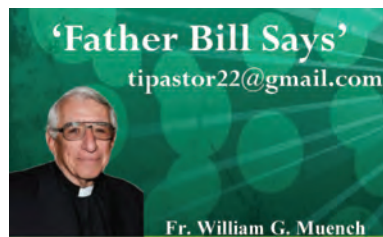
I am certain that this was a rather unexpected experience for our bishop, Bishop Terry LaValley - in his early years as the Bishop of Ogdensburg.

The ground rules for the program asked the bishop to simply listen, to sit quietly at the front and listen. He was asked not to answer any questions or to reply to any criticisms.

I am certain that he thought of many things that he would like to answer to those who spoke at these Listening Sessions - but he had to save his replies for later.

This business of being a bishop was going to put him in many unique situations.

Today, I join with all the priests and people of the diocese to congratulate Bishop LaValley on his 25th Anniversary of his ordination as a priest. When he became a



bishop he was again ordained. Yet, his ministry to the Lord Jesus began with his ordination to the priesthood.

So his anniversary of that day is very important and memorable for him.

Each of us has many days in life that are unforgettable. For a priest, one of those unforgettable days is the day of our ordination as a priest.

That was the day our whole life changed.

I remember well the day of my ordination - it seems like yesterday. I can tell you all the details, the whole service and most of the feelings. If you ever see me at St. Mary's Cathedral, I can show you exactly where I prostrated during the singing of the Litany of the Saints on that day - so long ago. Each year that anniversary of my ordination is very

special to me.

Bishop LaValley's priesthood changed radically when he was chosen to the Bishop of Ogdensburg.

**I want to thank God for blessing him with the gifts and qualities that make him the perfect choice as our Bishop**

I remember when I was ordained a priest that many friends, many relatives were wondering what my future would be like - what I would become as a priest. I know only too well that my response to that continues to be the same - "I don't know." However, I discovered quickly that the Holy Spirit had many surprises in store for me - and the Holy Spirit will continue to fill my life with surprises. I suspect my brother priests could say the same.

So, the Holy Spirit had many surprises for Bishop LaValley. God gifted him with many gifts - personal gifts - that have made him invaluable to the Diocese of Ogdensburg as a priest. These gifts made him

the perfect choice as the bishop of this diocese - chosen from the presbyterate of our diocese.

He has displayed a wonderful spirit of openness that makes him so wonderfully approachable as he travels through the diocese meeting people in all parishes. His visits are enjoyed by all - people find him so comfortable to talk to and be with.

The choice of Bishop LaValley for our present bishop was well received by the priests of the diocese. We know him well as one of our own. It has been quite a while since we have had a priest of this diocese chosen as bishop. Bishop Conroy, way back in the 20's was the only other one.

So, I congratulate Bishop LaValley on his anniversary - his 25th anniversary of ordination as a priest. I want to thank God for blessing him with the gifts and qualities that make him the perfect choice as our bishop.

I join with all those who continue to offer their prayers for him that he be happy as our bishop and blessed in all that he does as our bishop.

FOLLOW ME

# 'Do you believe in miracles?'

By Bishop Terry R. LaValley

Last week I celebrated the Mass for the Opening of the School Year at Seton Catholic in Plattsburgh. After Mass I had the wonderful opportunity of visiting some of the students in the classrooms at Seton Academy.

The students always have plenty of questions to ask the bishop. One sixth grader raised his hand: "If you didn't become a priest, what would you have liked to become?" I thought long and hard and then replied: "a goalie in the National Hockey League." Mind you, even if I were six inches taller and fifty pounds lighter, my athletic abilities are pretty pathetic.

But, I guess I must have had Lake Placid (not Georgia) on my mind when the young lad asked the question.

I was sitting in my room at a Navy base in Pensacola watching the 1980 Winter Olympics televised from Lake Placid. There were less than ten seconds left in the hockey game when TV sports commentator, Al Michaels asked the question heard around the world: "Do you believe in miracles?" Yup!

On September 29th, faith-filled people from throughout the towns and villages of northern New York and beyond will gather at the Olympic

Arena in Lake Placid to celebrate THE miracle of all miracles, the source and summit of our Catholic faith, the Holy Eucharist.

What an honor and privilege it is for us to welcome the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Carlo Viganò, to be the principal celebrant of the Mass. Archbishop Viganò's presence among us will be an inspiring statement of Pope Francis' solicitude for the Catholics of our Diocese, indeed of the Holy Father's concern for all those who call the North Country "home."

Back on October 11, 2012, Pope Benedict XVI inaugurated the Year of Faith. This has been a graced opportunity for Catholics throughout the world to renew our faith so that we might be more credible and joy-filled witnesses to Christ and more actively engaged in service of the poor.

Our diocesan Year of Faith Committee continues to provide us with a rich fare of events to deepen our knowledge of the Catholic faith, celebrate it as family, and share it with others, all the while strengthening our personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

A hockey goal-tender is often pummeled in the net with shots from all over the ice. His success is determined by: his *disciplined* skill, his ability to stay focused on the puck, his *knowledge* of the game and on the *high level of trust* that he places in his teammates.

Catholic Christians in today's society are often similarly pummeled with shots that test our faith. But infinitely more is at stake than winning a hockey game.

Similar to the successful athlete, we must: keep our eyes and hearts *focused on Christ* developed through a *disciplined prayer life*; never tire of gaining more and more *knowledge of our faith*; and maintain *persevering trust in our God and His Body, the Church*, even when there appears to be no relief from the shots headed our way.

This Year of Faith energizes you and me to not just sit quietly and absorb the barrage of the many societal challenges to our faith, but to move out of our defensive zone to joyfully, humbly, and confidently share this divine treasure with others.

As Pope Francis told the bishops in Rio at World Youth Day, "it is not enough simply to open the door in welcome, we must go out through that door to seek and meet the people!"

An idle Christian is a contradiction in terms. Through the Sacraments, particularly the Eucharist, we are nourished by Word and Christ's Body and Blood to live and proclaim our faith. That's how holiness happens.

I'm looking forward to being with you in Lake Placid as we come together as a diocesan family for this joyful celebration.



Congratulations  
*Bishop LaValley*  
 on your  
 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination.

Diocesan Staff  
 and  
 Rector and Staff of  
 St. Mary's Cathedral

YEAR OF FAITH...STORY OF FAITH

# From the sea to the sanctuary

By Shawn Ryan  
Staff Writer

**DANNEMORA** - With a ramrod-straight posture that matches both his demeanor and his devotion to the Church, Roger Miner steps to the lectern at 8:30 Mass at St. Joseph's Church to read.

When he's not reading, or distributing communion, or participating as a Knights of Columbus Color Guard at an official function, the retired Marine Corps Lieutenant Colonel can be found holding down the front and center pew; a fixture at morning Mass.

But that faith, which is now so unflappable, was not always so sound.

The Redford native was born into a large Catholic family. The son of Wilmer and Victoria Miner, he grew up with five brothers and three sisters. His parents were very devout, and instilled that devotion in all the Miner children.

The Miner family was then, and the extended family is today, a cornerstone of the Catholic community in the



greater Saranac area and beyond.

After high school, Miner attended Siena College. He joined the Marines, and found what would be his home for the next 24 years. His service time was split primarily between the South Pacific and Washington, D.C., with much of his South Pacific time spent at sea.

"I've got bragging rights over most sailors I meet in that I have more time at sea than they do...including the Bishop," he says with a laugh.

But that time at sea, and away from family, came with a price.

"It became inconvenient to be practicing my faith as much as I should have be-



Roger Martin, a retired Marine Corps Lieutenant Colonel, is now an active parishioner of St. Joseph's Church in Dannemora.

cause I was gone a lot," said Miner. "I spent over three years of my life at sea. There was never a Catholic chaplain on any of the ships that I was on, they were spread so thin."

But more than the inconvenience of actually practicing his faith, Miner struggled what he calls some of the misconceptions that came out of Vatican II.

"I had always considered being a Catholic something special, and suddenly we had some forces in the church who in my estimation were trying to make us a bunch of Methodists," Miner said.

He was brought up as an altar boy in the Latin Mass, and to this day can recite Mass prayers in that language.

"There was nothing wrong with Vatican II, but there were a lot of people who wanted a nice, easy religion,

and as a result a lot of people were led horribly astray," he said. "It's too bad. I pray for them."

That led to a time when Miner practiced his faith, but not diligently.

But along the way, there were positive forces, whose influence he credits with getting him to where he is today.

"I was very fortunate in having a wife who certainly kept my kids on the straight and narrow as they were very young, and did her best to keep me there too," said Miner. "It was a monumental task."

After his first wife, Mary Ellen, died, that job was taken up by his second wife, Cookie, who he met in church.

"I'll quickly add that I've been blessed to have married two phenomenal women in terms of being just very

good, Catholic, loving individuals," Miner said. "From what I gather, most people don't even find one."

Now retired, and with his children grown, Miner credits the tireless work of Pope John Paul II, and later Pope Emeritus Benedict with bringing about a positive transformation in the church.

Bringing the Church, he says, back to their old beliefs and practices...beliefs that have been the cornerstone of his faith for his entire life.

"The big thing is my belief in the real presence of God in the Eucharist, which again, we as Catholics are unique in that respect," he said.

"Perhaps one of the things that motivated me has been over the centuries, and more recently, are a number of miracles that scientifically are almost impossible to discount in terms of the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist," he said.

Another profound influence in Miner's life has been his involvement in the Knights of Columbus. He is deeply involved in the ceremonies, holding virtually every role in the conferring rites, for over 25 years. Through the four degrees, Miner estimates that he has memorized roughly 15,000 words over the years.

He is also a long standing officer in both Council number 2166 and Assembly number 706. While he doesn't "run" meetings per say, he can often be counted on to guide the discussion with equal parts a commanding sense of certitude, and a meandering colloquial style of speech.

Miner is active with the color guard, and can be seen at parades and functions in cape, white gloves, and highly polished sword in hand, marching with the razor-sharp precision and commanding air of a former Marine, whose faith in the Catholic Church is a certitude.

Thank you Bishop LaValley for your  
25 years of service to our diocese.

St. Mary's Church, Indian Lake  
St. Paul's Church, Blue Mountain Lake



*Behold a great priest, who in his days pleased God;  
therefore, in accordance with his promise,  
the Lord gave him growth for the good of his people.*

*(cf. Sirach 50: 1; 44: 16, 22)*

**With heartfelt congratulations  
& a promise of prayer, Bishop LaValley,  
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Bishop Robert J. Cunningham  
and the priests and people of the  
Diocese of Syracuse extend heartfelt  
congratulations and prayerful best wishes to  
Bishop Terry R. LaValley  
on his 25th anniversary of priestly ordination.

*Matthew Kelly, acclaimed speaker and author, is coming to Ogdensburg Oct. 26*

# Living with passion and purpose

By Marika Donders  
Diocesan Director of Evangelization

OGDENSBURG - Matthew Kelly, a dynamic speaker and a best-selling author of 15 books, including *Rediscovering Catholicism* and *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*, will be offering a spirit-filled event at St. Mary's Cathedral Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 1:30. Kelly's presentation "Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose" will present the message of becoming the-best-version-of-yourself as inspired by Vatican II's call to universal holiness. The event will consist of

high impact sessions that inspire attendees to apply the genius of Catholicism to every aspect of their lives.

Topics will include prayer and spirituality, work, dating and marriage, parenting and community involvement.

Have you ever wondered how you can bring your faith into your daily life?

Have you looked for something that can enrich your prayer life?

Have you been trying to find ways to invite others to the faith (or invite them back?)

Pope Francis has been asking us to bring the faith

outside of our parish walls. Matthew Kelly's exciting and humorous talks are filled with practical and simple steps that will help you do this.

He will ignite your spirit and spark ideas that you can take back to your parish community, your family and your ministry, or just to reenergize your personal faith and the joy and peace that only Christ can give.

If you are not familiar with Matthew Kelly, you may want to read *Rediscovering Catholicism* or listening to one of his many CD's such as "The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality," both

of which are available through the Lighthouse Catholic Media which you may have at your parish or for free (just pay shipping) from DynamicCatholic.com.

You can also go to the diocesan webpage <http://rcdony.org/matthewkelly> which includes a video clip of one of his talks. This will give you a flavor of what you can expect at the Passion and Purpose event in Ogdensburg.

Who should attend?

Everyone (!), but especially those who are looking to find ways to integrate the faith into their everyday lives. The event will prove

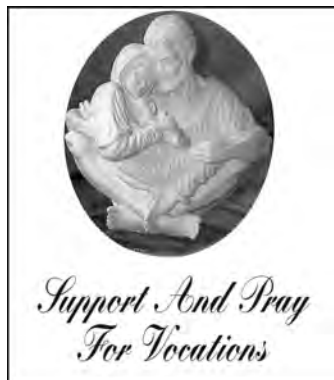
powerful for regular parishioners, engaging to those who are searching for a faith home and captivating for young people.

We have had calls from Vermont, Canada and Syracuse of people wanting to attend and buy tickets. Several parishes are considering incorporating the talk into their Confirmation program. We hope you will not miss this opportunity.

To buy tickets and for more information see <http://rcdony.org/matthewkelly> or call 315-393-2920. Tickets (\$39 per person) are available both locally and online.



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Our Annual Car Raffle is underway. Tickets will be sold after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. They are also available at the rectory Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The drawing will be held after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday October 13, 2013 and the winner may choose the car or \$15,000 in cash.

The price for the ticket is \$20 or six (6) tickets for \$100 with all proceeds going to St. Agnes School.

The car this year is a 2013 Subaru Outback fully equipped from Jerry Strack of Central Garage, Lake Placid.

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# Diocese offers Charitable Gift Annuities program

By Scott Lalone  
Diocesan Development Director

A Charitable Gift Annuity is described generally as a transaction in which an individual transfers cash or securities to a charitable organization in exchange for the charity's promise to make fixed annuity payments of one or two life annuitants.

So in essence, if you transfer cash or securities to the Diocese of Ogdensburg, you receive an income tax deduction and may save a capital gains tax and the diocese pays a fixed amount each year to you or to anyone you

name for life. Typically a portion of these payments are tax free.

When the Charitable Gift Annuity ends, its remaining principal passes to your parish, Catholic school, favorite ministry, the Diocese (whom you list as your beneficiary).

The rates are suggested by the American Council on Gift Annuities, a qualified 501 © (3) organization formed in 1927 as a committee on Gift Annuities for the purpose of providing educational and other services to charities regarding gift annuities. The rates are based on the age and number of annuitants.

Each year the ACGA Coun-

cil meets to determine if the rates in effect are correct, which means that your beneficiary will have a remainder of at least 50% of the principal gift donated. The rates currently used by the Diocese of Ogdensburg Annuity Program range from 4.4 % (age 60) to 9.0% (age 90+). The rates are fixed based on the age of the annuitant at the start time of the annuity.

Advantages of CGA's are plentiful. If you are leaving something to your parish, Catholic school, favorite ministry or the Diocese in your estate, why not do it through a CGA and receive income during your life (payments can be quarterly, semiannual or annual) and know your beneficiary will receive your gift?

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The Diocese offers 1-life, 2-life and deferred payment annuities. For a free gift plan "estimate" or any questions regarding CGA's and rates, contact Diocese of Ogdensburg Development Office Executive Director Scott Lalone at 315-393-2920 or slalone@rcdony.org.

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## Bishop's Schedule

**Sept. 25** – New York State Catholic Conference Board Meeting in Douglaston, NY

**Sept. 27** – 8:30 a.m., Opening School Mass and Visit to St. Mary's School in Canton

**Sept. 29** – 2:30 p.m., Year of Faith Mass at The Olympic Arena in Lake Placid

**Sept. 30** – 10:30 a.m., Investment Advisory Committee Meeting at the Brzana Conference Center in Ogdensburg

**Oct. 1** – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

**Oct. 2** – 10:30 a.m., Foundation Board of Director's Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

## 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. Further information is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 403.

Upcoming programs:

**Oct. 3** – 6 p.m., Trinity Catholic School, Massena

**Oct. 3** – 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's School, Canton

**Oct. 8** – 6:30 p.m., St. James School, Gouverneur

**Oct. 15** – 6 p.m., Holy Family School, Malone

## Rest in Peace

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

**Sept. 25** – Rev. Frederick P. Shue, 1989

**Sept. 26** – Rev. Francis Van Compenhandt, 1880; Rev. Stephen Royet, M.S.C., 1933; Rev. Michael F. Gallivan, 1939; Rev. Joseph Ludger Desjardins, 1941; Rev. Earl Mayo, 1994; Msgr. Francis A. White, 2007

**Sept. 29** – Rev. Patrick O. Thompson, 1955

**Sept. 30** – Most Rev. Bryan J. McEntegart, 1968

**Oct. 1** – Rev. Hermenegilde Brisson, 1954

## To Report Abuse

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact **Victims Assistance Coordinator**, Terrianne Yanulavich, Adult & Youth Counseling Services of Northern New York, PO Box 2446, Plattsburgh, NY, 12901; e-mail: [ayc-snn@yahoo.com](mailto:ayc-snn@yahoo.com); Phone: 518-569-0612; Fax: 518-425-0401 or Father James Seymour, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy at 315-393-2920, ext. 1340

## Environmental Stewardship

### St. Francis Pledge - Part II:

LEARN about and help educate others in the causes and moral dimensions of climate change.

According to Pope Benedict, "The protection of the environment, and the safeguarding of resources and of the climate, oblige all... to act jointly... promoting solidarity with the weakest regions of the world."

This week learn about the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and how they relate to climate change at [www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/catholic-teachings/](http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/catholic-teachings/).

Also, read the U.S. Bishops' Statement: Global Climate Change: A Plea for Dialogue, Prudence, and the Common Good at [www.usccb.org/sdmp/ejp/climate/](http://www.usccb.org/sdmp/ejp/climate/).

"O Lord, help us to recognize the sacredness of all your creatures, as signs of your wondrous love."

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# Classmates share stories of bishop, friend

By Dave Shampine  
Staff Writer

Who could blame a couple priests if they chided their bishop, "Didn't we tell you so?"

**Seminarian LaValley:  
focused, inquisitive,  
tenacious, aggressive -  
and hide the ice cream!**

And perhaps Father Steven M. Murray and Father Douglas J. Lucia did just that following the Feb. 23, 2010 announcement that the next Bishop of Ogdensburg was about to be Father Terry R. LaValley.

"I would have never thought that he would be a bishop in those days," Father Murray told the *North Country Catholic* as he looked back to when he, Father John M. Demo and today's bishop were fellow seminarians, "because we didn't have bishops from the diocese."

But when a vacancy was created by the transfer of Bishop Robert J. Cunningham, "it seemed we might have a 'native' bishop," Father Murray continued. "Both Father Lucia and I teased the Bishop unmercifully that he was going to get the job. And we were right, at least that one time."

Father Demo and Father Murray share on Sept. 24 with their "classmate," Bishop LaValley, this 25th anniversary of their ordinations to the priesthood.

"Yes, there were just the three of us and we were all pre-theologians, meaning we all were graduates of other colleges," Father Murray said.

The future bishop, who was born in Plattsburgh and grew up in Mooers Forks, attended SUNY Plattsburgh for five semesters, then committed himself to six years in the Navy before beginning religious studies.

The two young men he met in the seminary were graduates of LeMoyne College, Syracuse.



NCC FILE PHOTO  
Bishop LaValley is flanked by the two other members of his ordination class in this Sept. 24, 1988, photo. In this article, Father John M. Demo, left, and Father Steven M. Murray share fond memories of their friend who became their bishop.

Father Demo is a native of Brasher Falls, while Father Murray can call Ogdensburg his former hometown.

Father Demo, who is parish administrator in Willsboro and Essex, recalls the seminarian LaValley as "focused and inquisitive in the classroom, and he was tenacious and aggressive on the soccer field. When it came to pick-up games at Wadhams, you wanted him on your side."

His classmate who became Bishop "has always been a person of prayer, and his ability to listen to others is one of his greatest

strengths," Father Demo said. "People often comment on his joyous demeanor while celebrating the Mass."

"This joy is evident because he truly walks with the Lord and is empowered by God's grace," he said.

Father Murray said the future bishop was "a very serious student," but "he enjoyed a good time as well."

"Someone asked if we were drinking buddies," Father Murray said. "My reply was that although I might have enjoyed in those days a Manhattan, the bishop and Father Doug would more than likely

be found at Antoinette's getting ice cream.

"And he still likes ice cream," he said. "That's why you can often find him jogging in Ogdensburg to this

day, trying to run off last night's ice cream."

Father Murray has been pastor at Holy Family Church, Watertown, since May 2002. The seed for his vocation was planted by his great grandmother while she was a nursing home patient, he said.

"When she introduced me to people, she told them I was going to be a priest, and then she'd ask me, 'Aren't you, Steve?'"

"I tried to avoid God's call and went into retailing in New York City, but I didn't find that very rewarding," he said.

Father Demo said that at his baptism, the anointing priest predicted to his parents "that I was going to grow up and become a priest, not the shortstop for the Yankees."

And it was because of his acquaintance with four priests - Fathers Louis Gardner, Harry Snow, Michael Gaffney and Donald Manfred - "that I considered being ordained to the priesthood as a possibility for my future," he said.

"My love of God and the Church has guided my personal and spiritual journey," Father Demo said.

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## A good and faithful bishop

By Deacon John White  
Parishioner, St. Mary's Cathedral

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about our good and faith-filled Bishop, Terry R. LaValley, that hasn't been said repeatedly and more eloquently already? At least that was my first thought when someone suggested that I submit this.

Certainly over the ten plus years that I have had the pleasure of knowing him as a priest, as a bishop, and as a friend, I have been privileged to introduce him on more than one occasion when he was the featured speaker for some program or other. Surely I have enjoyed watching his ears; then his cheeks; then his entire face turn a brilliant red, as I listed his numerous titles and accomplishments.

And I have to admit, that I also enjoyed his well-timed, and well-aimed responses at those times and others.

I cherished the look on his face when, a few days prior to the announcement that he would become our next Bishop, as he prepared for Mass I remarked that he

only needed a mitre to complete his preparations.

And still when the phone call came on that historic morning, I was stunned and overjoyed to hear of his, and our, good fortune.

He has been, for me and many others, a support in time of crisis; a teacher, leader and mentor in matters of faith and life.

He has presented me with challenges and opportunities to grow, both in my own faith, and as a person.

His taste in football teams is impeccable; baseball and hockey, not so much!

In short, he is someone that I look up to in all respects, except physically! (Bishop, you really didn't think I could be serious through this entire article, did you?)

Bishop with sincere respect, admiration and appreciation on the occasion of your 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood, Congratulations *et multos annos!*

Bishop LaValley,  
As you have followed Jesus for twenty-five special years, we are proud to follow you as our Diocesan Shepherd.

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# Bp. LaValley: true servant leader for the diocese

By William Amoriell  
Parishioner, St. Patrick's, Colton

In honor of Bishop LaValley's 25th anniversary as a priest, it is a pleasure to share a few personal thoughts. Bishop LaValley exemplifies what it means to be a servant leader. He is genuinely concerned with learning about our needs

and how he might best carry out his responsibilities as the spiritual leader for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

He is also eager to share his thoughts in meaningful dialogue whenever appropriate. Bishop LaValley is an effective leader who listens and responds with an open heart.

As a true servant leader, Bishop LaValley focuses pri-

marily on the care and spiritual well being of everyone in the diocese.

Such a leader never puts his interests first. We are continually impressed with how readily he makes himself available throughout the diocese and how he strives to make this a more just and caring world.

Bishop LaValley truly dedicates his time and talents

in service to others.

**He is genuinely concerned with learning about our needs and how he might best carry out his responsibilities as the spiritual leader for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.**

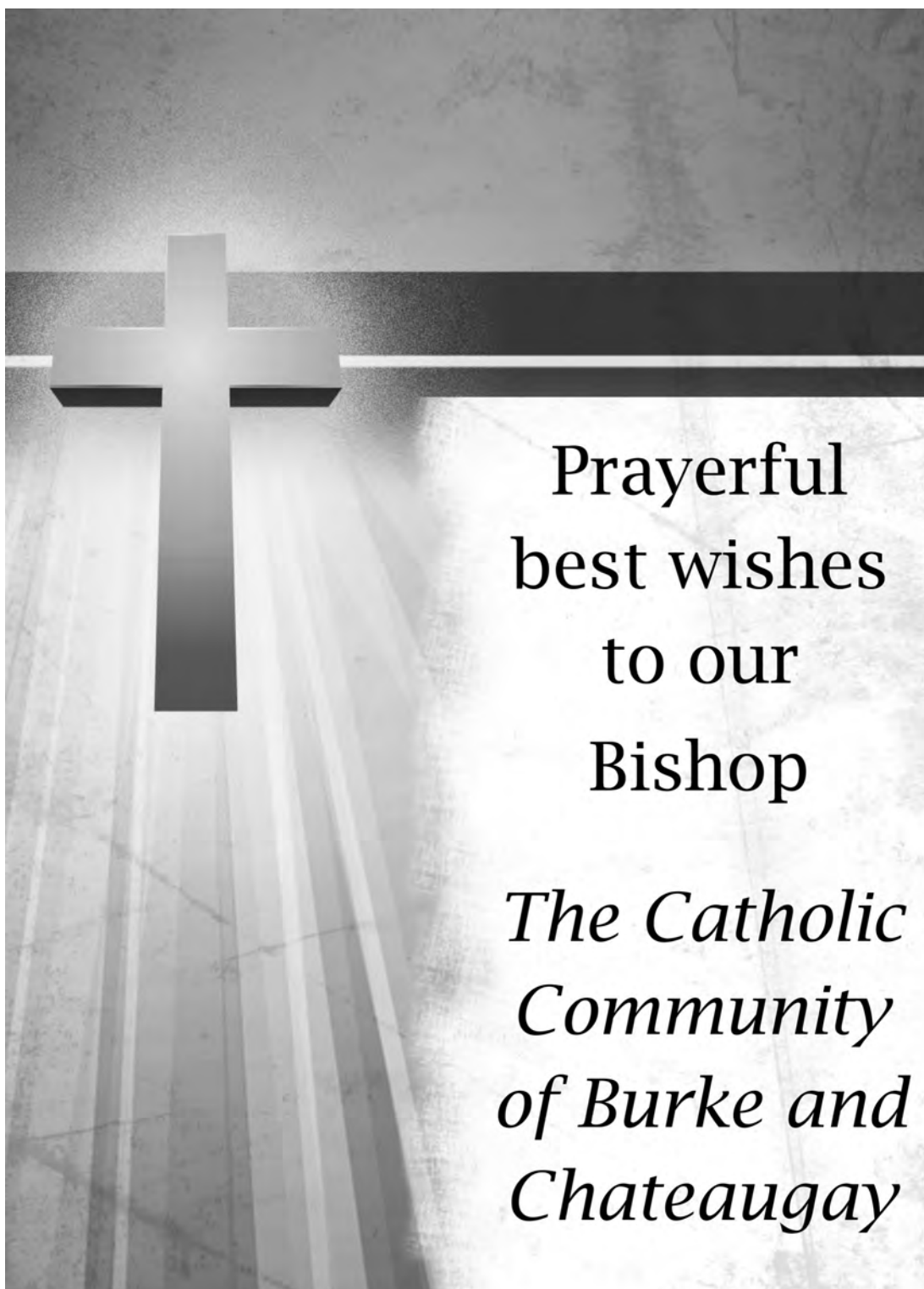
It's interesting to note that The Second Council of the Vatican issued a Decree on the Pastoral Office of Bishops in the Church (Vatican II, Christus Dominus, 28 October, 1965) in which the Council Fathers cite how the ideal bishop should '...make it their special care to approach individuals throughout the community and to

initiate and promote dialogue with them.' (Flannery, 2004, p. 570) and "...be with his people as one who serves, as a good shepherd who knows his sheep and whose sheep know him..." (Flannery, 2004, p. 572)

Bishop LaValley has been the model shepherd of his flock in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

We are truly blessed to have such a compassionate, astute, humble, and dedicated individual serving as the spiritual leader for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Flannery, Austin, O.P. (Ed.), In Vatican Council II Volume I The Conciliar and Post Conciliar Documents. Northport, NY: Costello Publishing Company.



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# 'He exemplifies what it means to be a shepherd'

By Barbara J. Boyle  
Queen of Heaven Parish, Henderson

It doesn't take long to share what Bishop LaValley means to me and the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

First off, congratulations Bishop on the 25th anniversary of your ordination as a priest, your service to our Lord, your service to the people of your past parishes and now as Bishop, your service to our wonderful diocese here in the North Country.

Not knowing Bishop LaValley before, it was a grace filled privilege for my husband Mark and I to attend Bishop's installation and ordination. Continuing to serve on the Bishop's Pastoral Council was my first experience to witness how Bishop LaValley was able to weave the members of the

council into a strong mesh of fabric, meeting the needs of the diocese.

Presently, as a member of Bishop's Leadership Envisioning Team, I again witness his absolute love of our diocese and its people. He exemplifies what it is to be a shepherd of the people. He is filled with the spirit, is a true professional, thorough in his work, adds fun loving moments to each meeting, shows sensitivity to the needs of those around him and is passionate in his roll as Bishop.

Bishop LaValley leads this diocese with such a desire to bring all Catholics to share in the Eucharist. I am so blessed when I attend a mass he is celebrating, one can feel his connection to our Lord Jesus Christ.

This Diocese is so blessed to have Bishop LaValley as their shepherd in that he ra-

diates God's love in all he does.

God bless you Bishop LaValley as you continue your work serving our Lord and the people of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

## Congratulations & Best Wishes



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# Passport - Year of Faith pilgrimage program

By Brenda Smith and John Lucero  
Roman Catholic Community of Keeseville

**KEESEVILLE**-After Pope Benedict Emeritus proclaimed The Year of Faith last fall, the Diocese of Ogdensburg planned many events to celebrate the year.

One such program is called Passport.

Perhaps some people in the diocese were not aware of the program or in the busyness of life, many have forgotten about it.

As Pope Benedict stated: "To go on pilgrimage really means to step out of ourselves in order to encounter God where He has revealed Himself, where His grace has shone with particular splendor and produced rich fruits of conversion and holiness among those who believe."

The program is designed

to encourage people, especially families, to visit one or more of the specific sites throughout the Diocese which have been designated as a church of interest.

Before the pilgrims return home, they are invited to have their passport stamped by that church's official stamp. (For more information on this program visit the diocesan website).

One such site is The Immaculate Conception Church in Keeseville.

This parish has a rich and wonderful history. It's one of the oldest original churches still in use and it's a church that Saint Brother Andre Bessette visited at least once (if not more often).

Since he would often travel to Clintonville to see his priestly friend, Father Frank Cornish, he would attend Mass at The Immaculate Conception church. There is an

account of one of those visits described in the archives of St. Joseph's Oratory.

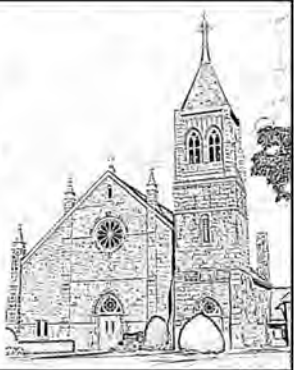
Recently, two women from Colton, Mary and Marilyn Fayette visited Immaculate Conception church. The mother and daughter pilgrims are from St. Patrick's parish in Colton and they visited The Immaculate Conception Church a couple of weeks ago.

When they arrived in Keeseville, they met their host, diaconate candidate John Lucero Jr. who gave them a tour not only of the church but also of Keeseville and its surrounding areas as well as Mother Cabrina Shrine in nearby Peru.

They enjoyed their trip very much because they were able to see other parts of our beautiful diocese but to also meet fellow believers as we all journey together in faith each and every day.

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# Family - it's about time

By Deacon Gary and Gayle Frank  
Diocesan directors, Family Life Office

In today's world, families struggle to take time to just be together and celebrate, even if for just a few minutes. But in today's world if a couple or a family is going to not just survive, but thrive, it is essential that they take time for each other.

Through the generous donations from the Bishops Fund, the Family Life Office has been able to provide opportunities for couples, and for families to do just that.

As we reflect back over the past few years of ministry we look at the hundreds of couples we have met at "Dinners for Two." At

these dinners couples take time to be together, to celebrate their love and their vocation of marriage. We all laugh, sometimes cry, and simply share the joy of being together.

For the past three years on Valentine's Day's we have had the privilege of presenting at "Dinner for Twos" with Bishop Terry. We laugh about it with friends when they ask, "What are you doing special for Valentine's day?" My husband will say he is so lucky to be spending this wonderful day with both his boss and his wife. Sounds a little funny doesn't it? Well it is true.

Thank you Bishop Terry for being with us for taking the time from your busy schedule to be at as many of

these dinners as possible.

**Bishop LaValley takes his role as our Shepherd very seriously. He continually is leading our families closer to Christ.**

You have learned a lot about marriage from these dinners, the joys and the struggles of married life. You have also learned, probably too much, about your family life directors marriage. We joke and poke fun at ourselves at these dinners, don't worry Bishop I think we will stay together, Thank you for being a special part of our love story.

Bishop you inspire us and

others to be more for each other. Your inspiring words your kind and compassionate ways, touch everyone deeply.

Over the past few years your Bishops Fund dollars have helped to sponsor parish Family Forums. These are great events designed to bring families together and listen to their needs, and witness their efforts to build and strengthen their family. Bishop Terry has been there as well, sharing his wisdom and sharing some stories from his own family with all present.

This year marks the 30th year for Deacon Gary and me at Family Guggenheim. This program is near and dear to our hearts. We have

seen the blessings and the fruit of this program in so many ways; we have been blessed with many priests who have spent time with us as chaplains.

One priest came to Family Guggenheim with his family as a young boy. We are proud to say that this program has nurtured many vocations.

Our Guggenheim family has included many seminaries who have gone on to become priests. Young women who have spent time at Family Guggenheim have gone on to become Sisters. Young fathers have gone on to become deacons.

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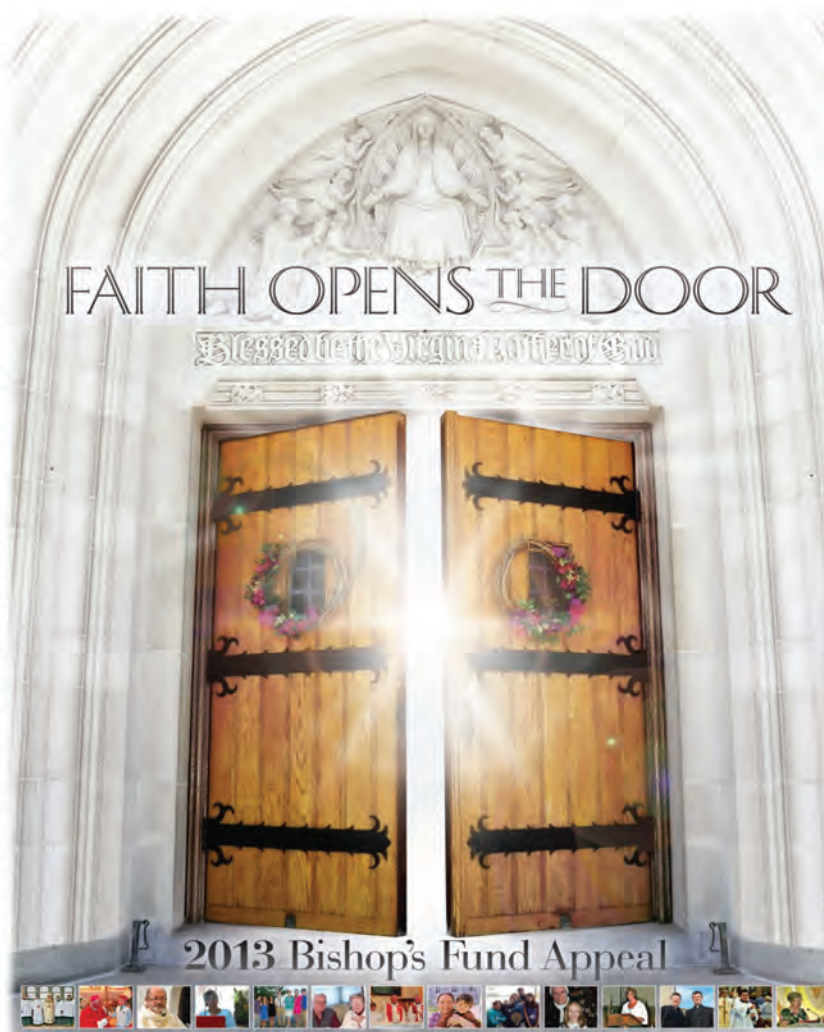
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# Family

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This program welcomes families of all ages, single parents, grandparents, newlyweds all are welcome. Everyone can benefit from the experience.

One of the highlights of Family Guggenheim is when our Bishop comes to visit us. He has come to each session to celebrate liturgy with our families and to

take time to eat a hot dog or two, with the campers.

You see Bishop takes his role as our Shepherd very seriously. He continually is leading our families closer to Christ.

He walks with us and talks to us and listens to our stories.

He takes the time to build relationships with families.

We do not know anyone who is as busy as our Bishop, and yet he takes the time.

This is such an important lesson for all of us. You see your Bishops Fund dollars at work every moment of Family Guggenheim.

Family Life is a priority for our Bishop, it is so important to him that couples be

well prepared for marriage.

Your Bishop's Fund dollars help to provide parishes with loyal couples who work in our marriage preparation programs. We are grateful for the support to provide these programs.

Your Bishop's Fund dollars have provided us the opportunity to hire new leadership in our office, Henry and Dayna Leader, our marriage preparation coordinators bring new life and vitality into marriage preparation programming.

Our diocese is very blessed to have their leadership. If we are to have strong Catholic families we need to begin with our young people long before they are married. We need to teach and mentor them to help build a strong foundation for their family.

Thank you for your support of the Bishops Fund.

Each year the diocese hosts a Marriage Jubilee. This event is co-sponsored by the St. Lawrence Society, (deacons and their wives). This event is truly marriage enrichment, for when you witness the love that is present in so many couples married 50 and 60 plus years you can't help but be inspired to work harder on your marriage.

Thank you Bishop for making this event a priority for you; You always spend time with our couples posing for pictures and renewing friendships, listening to the stories of our couples, making memories with all of us, thank you.

Family it's about time... our Bishop takes TIME for



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE

At the conclusion of the 2013 Marriage Jubilee held Sept. 15 at St. Mary's Cathedral, Bishop LaValley greets one of the couples who came to celebrate their marriage. In this article, Gayle Frank, diocesan director of family life, writes about the bishop's commitment to initiatives that support marriage and families in the North Country.

all of us, young and not so young. If we are to be all we can be, it is wise for all of us to follow his good example.

*Our Bishop, Our Shepherd, our friend. We are so very blessed! Happy Anniversary, 25 years, thank you for your leadership, thank you for your prayers, thank you for your yes to service for us all.*

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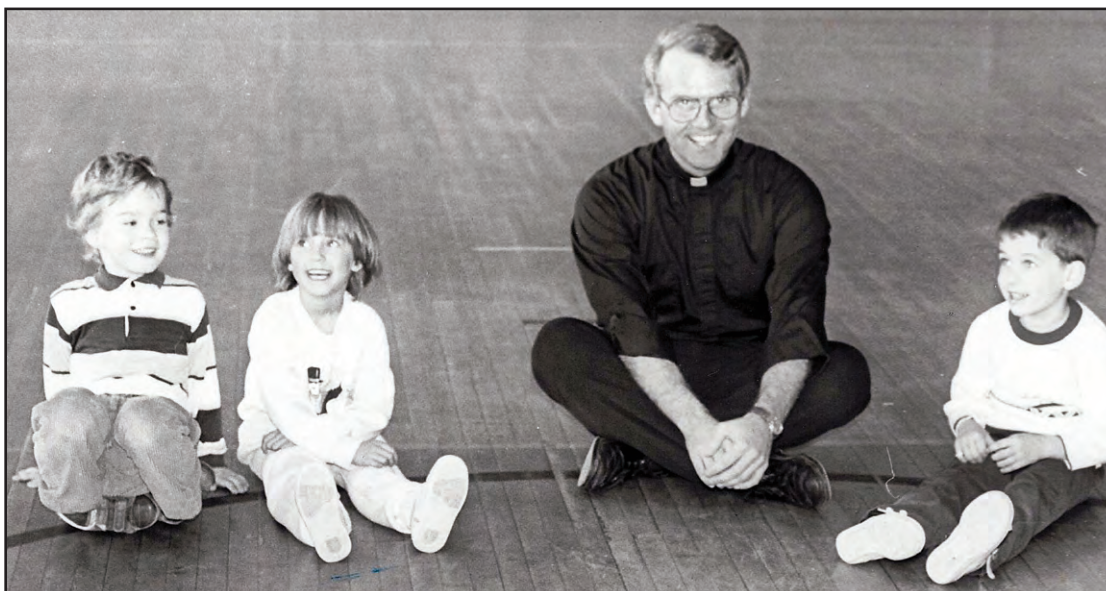


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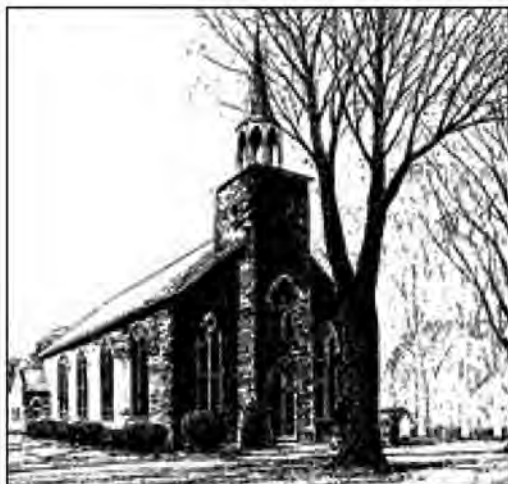
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Father LaValley's first priestly assignment in 1988 was as parochial vicar at Sacred Heart Church in Massena. Here he enjoys some circle time with children from Trinity Catholic School who are now old enough to have children of their own.



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## A WELCOME VISITOR

Bishop Terry R. LaValley visited the parishes of St. Peter's in Lowville and St. Mary's in Glenfield Aug. 31.

Deacon James Chaufty writes about the visit: "It was a pleasure to have the bishop celebrate Mass with our parishioners. Some people asked what was the occasion?

A parishioner had asked the bishop what it would take to visit our small parishes here in the north country. He responded, 'an invitation and some chocolate chip cookies!' So an invitation went out to him and he accepted!!!! What a joy it was to have him here with us! He celebrated the 4 p.m. Mass at St. Peter's in Lowville and the 5:30 p.m. Mass in Glenfield where it was his first visit. When Mass was ended in Glenfield, Father Chris Carrera presented him with a basket full of cookies made by one of the parishioners.

He is such a blessing!"

At right, Bishop Terry LaValley is pictured with Deacon Chaufty and his wife Christine's great niece, Bethany Wright of Watertown.



## CONGRATULATIONS Bishop LaValley on the occasion of your 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

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# Bp. Terry, thank you for answering God's call

Dear Bishop Terry,

Congratulations on your anniversary as a priest. I really feel honored to be asked to say what you mean to my wife Linda and me and our diocese.

We have known Father Terry, now Bishop Terry, for at least 22 years, when he was here at Sacred Heart Church in Massena. He witnessed the marriage of our

daughter Anne at that time; he did an excellent job because my daughter and her husband Joe are still happily married 23 years later.

While he was in Massena, I remember playing racket ball at Potsdam State Maxy Hall with him and Father Everett Denesha, may he rest in peace, I do remember Father Terry taking his game very seriously, but I think

Father Denesha put us both in our place.

Father Terry has a very good memory for people he meets and has always asked how they were. He always has taken the time to speak with us any time we see him.

While I was attending diocese class at Wadhams Hall, Father Terry taught us canon law. He was a very good teacher, and really knew his stuff. I can't exactly say he had the best student in me.

I had Father Terry as my spiritual advisor and he was excellent. He made me stop and think and meditate on the things I was doing and that I was doing them for the right reasons, to serve God's people.

My personal loss was when Father Terry, became Bishop Terry. He could not be my spiritual advisor any more. But at that time he became a big asset for the Diocese.

The one thing that has always impressed me is how Father, now Bishop Terry has always been so busy, he never stops, he is on the go all the time. And being Bishop has not slowed him down a bit. If anything I



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Deacon Tom Proulx and his wife, Linda, shown above at the Sept. 15 diocesan Marriage Jubilee, have fond memories of Bishop Terry LaValley from his service as parochial vicar at Sacred Heart Church in Massena.

think he does more now than he did before.

Another thing that impresses me is when he greets the people at the beginning of Mass. If his greeting isn't personal and sincere, no one's is. I find Bishop Terry to be there for all his flock.

Bishop Terry, I thank you so very, very much for accepting God's call to be, first

a priest, and now Bishop for the people of Ogdensburg.

It is an honor to serve you and to have you as our friend. Thank You. My whole family loves you very much and may God watch over you always.

God Bless you,  
Deacon Tom and Linda Proulx  
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Altar servers from St. Hubert's Church in Star Lake enjoyed their recent visit with Bishop LaValley. From left are Diamond Marshall, Corey Trembley, Austin Milone - who tried on the bishop's mitre for size - Bishop LaValley and Jonah Trembley.

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# Bishop continually says yes to God

By Father Scott Belina  
Parochial Vicar, St. Mary's Cathedral

When a man hears God's voice, the call to the Priesthood, only God knows the full consequences of that call. The man simply responds with his entire self. Only God knows at that moment the full effect of His Word in that man's life, and as a result, in the world around him. Only God knows the complete ramifications of that man's yes - indeed, each and every time he says yes, as did Our Lady, to His will.

Bishop LaValley is such a man who has continually said yes to God's will: as a lay man, allowing God to

make him a priest, and as a priest, to make him a bishop, a successor to Christ's Apostles.

As a result of these continual responses to God's will, we have a Shepherd, one who guides us on our pilgrimage of faith.

To say these things is not to glorify our bishop, or to canonize him, but to glorify God - to magnify Him (cf. Lk 1:46ff). We acknowledge the Giver of the grace we have through Bishop LaValley.

The Apostles were ones who knew Christ - His mind and His heart - and so they were able to lead others according to His mind and heart. God has sent Bishop LaValley to us as one who, through many years of

prayer, study and service to His people, knows His mind and heart.

We give thanks and praise to God, who in His great love has blessed Bishop LaValley with the gift of the Priesthood, and through him has blessed the Church

in the North Country with his many years of faithful and humble service. May God grant Bishop LaValley the strength, courage and grace he needs to continue his faithful ministry in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Ad multos annos!

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St. Mary's,  
Potsdam,  
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wishes to  
Bishop LaValley



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE  
Bishop LaValley ordains Father Scott Belina May 25 at St. Mary's Cathedral

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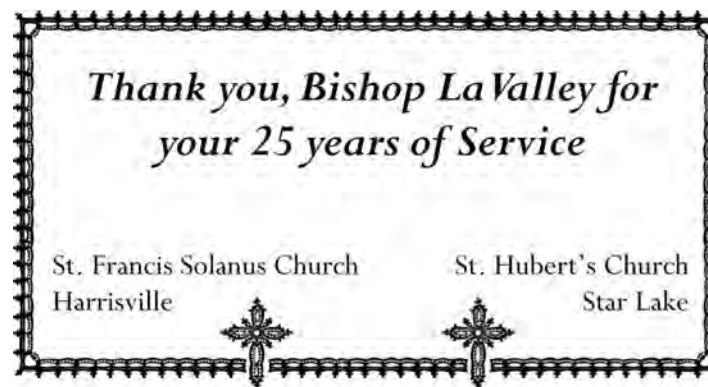
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# The bishop 'put Mooers Forks on the map'

By Shawn Ryan  
Staff writer

**MOOERS FORKS** - To call Mooers Forks a close-knit community is an understatement.

Here, if you're not related by either blood or marriage, you at least know who your neighbor is.

It's from these small-town roots that Bishop LaValley comes, and the people of Mooers Forks couldn't be prouder that one of their own made it to the position of Bishop.

"Oh, I was happy," said Ed Polasik of the day he learned that then Father LaValley was being elevated to position of Bishop. "The thing about Bishop Terry, he knows the people here. He knows the people of the whole North Country. He knows the needs.

"The Pope did well (in naming him Bishop)," Polasik said.

You don't have to go far

here to find someone who claims Bishop LaValley as a relative. Polasik is a first cousin.

"He put Mooers Forks on the map. We feel a lot of pride," said Alton Sample, another relative of Bishop LaValley.

Father Bernard Menard, pastor at St. Josephs in Danemora and the Church of the Assumption in Redford is from Mooers Forks as well, and says that there is something about the area that inspires vocations.

It's a part of the area's identity, and Bishop LaValley is a big part of that.

"When I was a kid, Father Terry was held up as a role model," he said. "When he was named Bishop it was bigger than life. It was awesome to think about that he had made it that far."

When Father Menard was made a priest, his first assignment was in Massena, where then Father LaValley had served earlier as a priest,

a fact Father Menard points out with pride.

But there's more to the Bishop's Mooers Forks legacy than just the pride of having one of their own "make it." There is a definite sense of the appreciation for the job he is doing as Bishop.

There is a feeling that he has brought his North Coun-

try roots to his role of Bishop, and hasn't forgotten where he came from.

"He just inspires everyone. He's such a people person," said Sandy Sample.

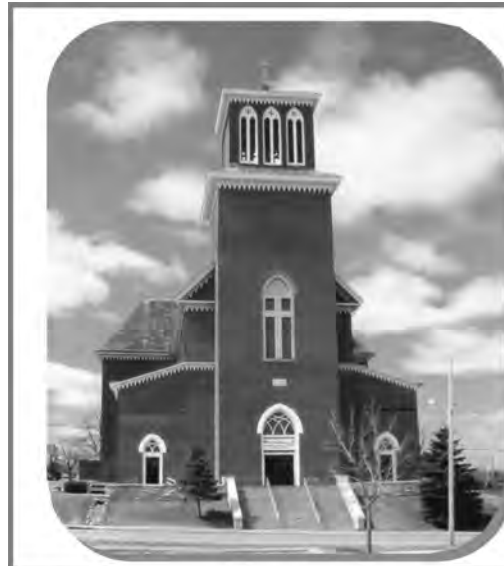
Even his itinerary can be seen as a source of pride for these St. Ann's parishioners.

"He goes more places than any Bishop we've ever had,"

said George Sample.

In small towns in the North Country, people wear their local identity on their sleeve. To parishioners at St. Ann's in Mooers Forks, much of that identity has to do with supplying the Diocese with its much loved Bishop.

They wear that fact with pride.



Bishop LaValley  
Priest, Shepherd and Friend  
The people of Notre Dame Parish in  
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The Most Reverend  
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BISHOP TERRY R. LAVALLEY  
as he celebrates 25 years of Priesthood*

*CONGRATULATIONS!*

# Pope Francis shares a message for bishops

By Carol Glatz  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Don't be on the road all the time, aloof or deaf to people's needs; be simple, loving and always close by, just like a spouse would be for his wife, Pope Francis told new bishops.

Bishops are pastors, not princes, so always return people's calls, listen to parishioners, recognize one's limitations and sharpen that sense of humor, he said Sept. 19 to some 120 recently appointed bishops from around the world.

"Your presence (among the people) isn't secondary, it's indispensable," Pope Francis said. People want their bishop to be near, sharing their hopes, joys, pains and sorrows.

The pope based his talk on what St. Peter meant with his words: "Tend the flock of God in your midst."

Tending one's flock, he said, is all about welcoming people with joy, and then walking and staying with them through thick and thin.

It's clearly wrong for a husband to be searching or pinning for women who seemed

better or richer than his wife, he said. A bishop, likewise, should remain appreciative and faithful to his diocese.

**Bishops are pastors,  
not princes; be humble,  
loving, return calls**

Dioceses need stability, he said.

Staying put and not becoming "airport bishops," who are constantly out of town, is good not only for pastoral governance, it also has theological importance. "You are spouses of your community, deeply bonded with them," he said.

"Please, we pastors are not men with a princely mentality, ambitious men, who are married to this church, waiting for another that's more beautiful or wealthier."

Such careerism is scandalous and "a cancer," he said. And bishops must serve in a way that is humble, austere and back to basics.

The pope emphasized how important it is for bishops to spend time with his priests and return their calls.

If time is tight, call the same day or the next to set

up an appointment to talk or meet up later, but never give the impression there is never any time for them, he said. Otherwise, the priest may end up thinking, "Well, he doesn't care. He is not a father, he's an office manager."

"Time spent with priests is never a waste of time," he said.

Bishops must be "welcoming, walking with your people, with affection, mercy, a gentle manner and paternal firmness, with humility and discretion, also able to recognize your limitations and have a measure of good humor," he said.

Being able to laugh at oneself and other things "is a grace we have to ask for."

Make the church a welcoming place by being available and generous, he said. That way when people come knocking they will experience "the paternity of God and will understand how the church is a good mother"

with open, loving arms, ready to listen, help and guide people.

A bishop needs to lead his flock in order to show people the way; he needs to be in the middle of his flock "in order to strengthen it in unity;" and he needs to bring

up the rear so no one is left behind, the pope said.

He must also keep his ears open: listening to the Holy Spirit, his people and diocesan boards and consultants who are there to advise their bishop, "promoting a loyal and constructive dialogue."

*Ad Multos Annos  
to a great Bishop*

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Dear Bishop LaValley,

Congratulations on the 25th anniversary of your ordination to the priesthood. As our pastor for many years you have been a great inspiration. As our bishop you are a most caring and loving shepherd. May God continue to bless you and the work you do for Our Savior, Jesus Christ.

✠ Deacon Dave and  
Linda Sandburg

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May God continue to bless your ministry!



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## YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

# A defining moment of faith

By Kelly Donnelly  
Teacher, Seton Catholic, Plattsburgh

One defining moment of faith.

In thinking about what to write, it was honestly difficult for me to know where to begin.

Should I describe my family - - the ones who first introduced me to and fostered my faith and served as my first models of Christian love?

What about my experiences at Guggenheim where I have seen the joy and profundity of the Church so alive?

How about college where I fell in love with Franciscan spirituality and clearly made living out my faith my choice?

Perhaps I could discuss my experiences in Franciscan Volunteer Ministry where I saw Christ in the marginalized?

Maybe describing the incredible faith community I found World Youth Day?

Through my pondering, I kept being drawn to a memory of Holy Thursday when I was a Franciscan Volunteer Minister in Wilmington, Delaware.

I joined one of my housemates in going to Mass with the Poor Clares. She played piano for the sisters, and while I usually went to Mass at one of the parishes we served for, that day I decided to join her.

As I arrived, one of the sisters asked me if I would mind having my feet washed, to which I agreed. When it came time for the foot washing, which I always find to be an incredibly profound moment, I was particularly struck.

I sat in the front pew with eleven other people anticipating that someone would pour water over my feet. What I did not anticipate was that the person washing



Kelly Donnelly

my feet would be a very elderly sister with severe arthritis kneeling on the hardwood floor of the chapel, with not only a pitcher of water, but a bar of soap.

I was completely unprepared for this small, frail woman to tenderly scrub both of my feet before kissing them.

Seeing her hunched-over body kneeling on that uncomfortable floor, I felt very much like Peter initially not wanting Jesus to wash his feet. Her model spoke vol-

umes.

Tears came to my eyes, and I felt incredibly humbled as I saw this tremendous example of Christ's love and sacrifice.

When I initially thought about that day, I dismissed writing about it. It almost seemed too trivial. It wasn't a "big" moment. Yes, I was inspired and felt God's presence, but there were so many other moments that have defined faith in ways that were more objectively profound.

Yet, the more I thought about it, the more I realized that in many ways, that moment epitomizes my faith journey. I didn't anticipate the model of Christ that was placed in my life that night. I couldn't begin to anticipate how powerful her simple action would strike me. Yet, it did.

And similar grace-filled moments weave throughout my life, encouraging me at times that I might not even know I need encouragement.

It's a reminder that God knows me better than I

know myself, and that as much as I try to plan every detail of my life, God is in control.

Most of all, it's a reminder that this precious gift of faith is truly dynamically alive. It is something that grows, transforms, and sur-

prises us throughout our lives with the help of prayer, the people in our lives, the Sacraments, major events, and little moments.

With this in mind, I'm filled with a sense of gratitude and anticipation for this joyous journey of faith.



*Bishop Terry LaValley*

Our prayers and blessing upon you as you celebrate  
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*From your followers at  
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*Pope sits down for a wide-ranging interview for Jesuit publications*

# A frank conversation with Pope Francis

By Francis X. Rocca  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - In a lengthy and wide-ranging interview with one of his Jesuit confreres, Pope Francis spoke with characteristic frankness about the perils of overemphasizing Catholic teaching on sexual and medical ethics; the reasons for his deliberate and consultative governing style; and his highest priority for the church today.

**The pope reaffirmed one of his major themes: the need for mercy rather than judgment when approaching sin**

The pope's remarks appeared in an interview with Jesuit Father Antonio Spadaro, editor of the Italian journal *La Civiltà Cattolica*. The interview, conducted in August, was the basis for a 12,000-word article published Sept. 19 in the U.S. magazine *America*, and simultaneously in other Jesuit publications in other languages.

According to the editor of *America*, Jesuit Father Matt Malone, Pope Francis personally reviewed the article and approved its publication.

"We cannot insist only on issues related to abortion, gay marriage and the use of contraceptive methods," the pope said, noting that he had been "reprimanded" for failing to speak often about those topics. "It is not necessary to talk about these issues all the time.

"The dogmatic and moral teachings of the church are not all equivalent," the pope added. "The church's pastoral ministry cannot be obsessed with the transmission of a disjointed multitude of doctrines to be imposed insistently.

"Proclamation in a missionary style focuses on the es-

entials, on the necessary things," he said. "We have to find a new balance; otherwise even the moral edifice of the church is likely to fall like a house of cards, losing the freshness and fragrance of the Gospel.

"The proposal of the Gospel must be more simple, profound, radiant. It is from this proposition that the moral consequences then flow."

The pope reaffirmed one of his major themes: the need for mercy rather than judgment when approaching sin.

"The thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful. It needs nearness, proximity," he said.

"The church sometimes has locked itself up in small things, in small-minded rules. The most important thing is the first proclamation: Jesus Christ has saved you," the pope said.

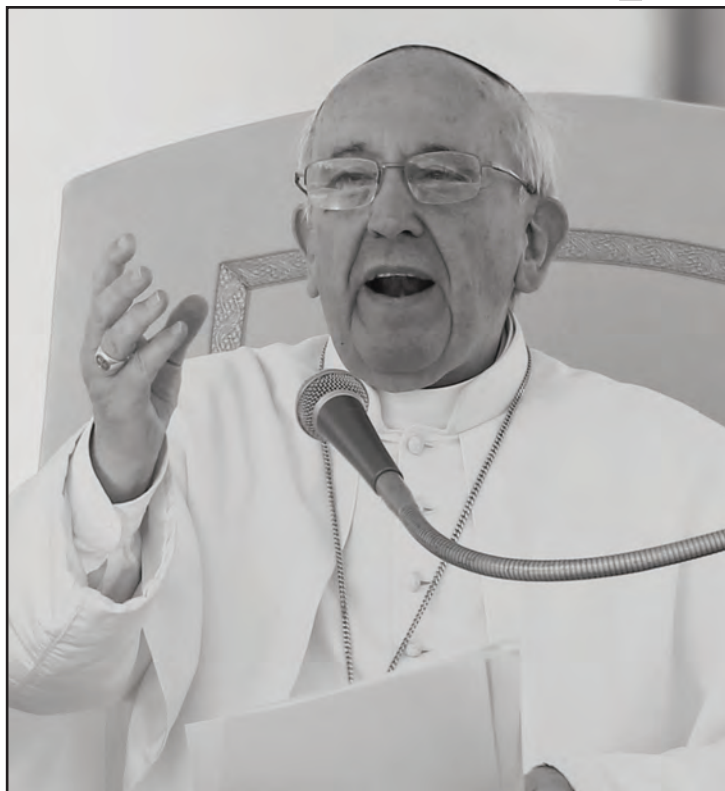
"The confessional is not a torture chamber," he said, "but the place in which the Lord's mercy motivates us to do better.

"Those who today always look for disciplinarian solutions, those who long for an exaggerated doctrinal 'security,' those who stubbornly try to recover a past that no longer exists -- they have a static and inward-directed view of things," Pope Francis said. "In this way, faith becomes an ideology among other ideologies."

Pope Francis also spoke extensively about his approach to church governance.

"Many think that changes and reforms can take place in a short time," the pope said. "I believe that we always need time to lay the foundations for real, effective change. And this is the time of discernment.

"Sometimes discernment instead urges us to do precisely what you had at first thought you would do later. And that is what happened to



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**Pope Francis speaks during his general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Sept. 18. The pope renewed appeals for peace, saying the "human tragedy" in Syria can only be solved by dialogue and negotiations. On the next day, several Jesuit publications, including the U.S. magazine *America*, published a lengthy interview with the pope which brought international attention to the pontiff.**

me in recent months," he added, though without specifying the action in question.

The pope described the evolution of his governing style, starting with his appointment at age 36 as superior of the Argentine province of the Jesuits.

"My authoritarian and quick manner of making decisions led me to have serious problems and to be accused of being ultraconservative," Pope Francis said, adding, "I have never been a right-winger. It was my authoritarian way of making decisions that created problems."

Later, as archbishop of Buenos Aires, he adopted another approach, meeting often with his auxiliary bishops.

"I believe that consultation is very important," the pope said, noting his establishment as pope of the so-called Group of Eight advisory

panel of cardinals. "I want to see that this is a real, not ceremonial consultation."

With respect to the Vatican bureaucracy, whose reform he has made a clear priority of his six-month old pontificate, Pope Francis pointed to the need to devolve more authority to local churches.

Some Vatican offices "run the risk of becoming institutions of censorship," he said. "It is amazing to see the denunciations for lack of orthodoxy that come to Rome. I think the cases should be investigated by the local bishops' conferences, which can get valuable assistance from Rome. These cases, in fact, are much better dealt with locally. The Roman congregations are mediators; they are not middlemen or managers."

In matters of belief rather than governance, Pope Francis said that the pope and bishops share authority with

the laity.

"The church is the people of God on the journey through history," he said. "Thinking with the church, therefore, is my way of being a part of this people. And all the faithful, considered as a whole, are infallible in matters of belief."

The pope quickly added that "we must be very careful not to think that this 'infallibility' of all the faithful I am talking about in the light of Vatican II is a form of populism. No; it is the experience of 'holy mother the hierarchical church,' as St. Ignatius called it, the church as the people of God, pastors and people together."

Among the other topics the pope addressed in the interview was the challenge of finding a more visible role for women in a church with an all-male priesthood.

"I am wary of a solution that can be reduced to a kind of 'female machismo,' because a woman has a different makeup than a man," he said. "The church cannot be herself without the woman and her role. The woman is essential for the church. Mary, a woman, is more important than the bishops. I say this because we must not confuse the function with the dignity."

Pope Francis, whose simple way of celebrating Mass has attracted criticism from traditionalist Catholics, also took up the controversial subject of liturgy.

Pope Benedict XVI's 2007 decision to lift most restrictions on celebrating the Tridentine Mass was "was prudent and motivated by the desire to help people who have this sensitivity," Pope Francis said. "What is worrying, though, is the risk of the ideologization of the (old Mass), its exploitation."

The pope also said that the liturgical reform that followed in the wake of the 1962-65 Second Vatican Council is "absolutely irreversible."

# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Meeting seen as way to give pope more input from 'entire church'

NEW ORLEANS (CNS) -- Boston Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley, one of eight cardinals appointed by Pope Francis to advise him on possible reforms of the Roman Curia, said Sept. 18 he has received extensive feedback from cardinals and archbishops in the U.S. and Canada in preparation for an Oct. 1-3 meeting with the pope. In New Orleans to celebrate Mass and preach at the Louisiana Priests' Convention, Cardinal O'Malley said he did not know what to expect as a result of the gathering in Rome. Cardinal O'Malley said the group of eight cardinals will meet first among themselves at the end of September and then with Pope Francis, before accompanying the pontiff to Assisi Oct. 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Asked what his expectations were for the cardinals' deliberations, Cardinal O'Malley smiled and said: "I don't know. Obviously, there's been many surprises in the last few months, and I think there'll be more of the same."

## Cardinal says USCCB continues legal, moral analysis of HHS mandate

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- In a Sept. 17 letter to U.S. bishops, New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan said the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops continues to study the legal and moral implications of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' contraceptive mandate in the Affordable Care Act. The USCCB also continues to "develop avenues of response that would both preserve our strong unity and protect our consciences," he said. The letter from Cardinal Dolan, president of the USCCB, was a follow-up from the bishops' Sept. 10-11 Administrative Committee meeting where they discussed the HHS mandate, among other topics. The HHS contraceptive mandate, part of the Affordable Care Act, will require most employers, including religious employers, to provide coverage of contraceptives, sterilization and some abortion-inducing drugs free of charge, even if the employer is morally opposed to such services. It includes an exemption for some religious employers that fit its criteria.

## 'Terrible loss of life' at Navy Yard shocking and sad, says archbishop

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- As military, police and federal investigators searched for answers as to why a lone gunman opened fired Sept. 16 at the Washington Navy Yard, killing 12 people and wounding at least eight more, religious leaders and public officials offered prayers for the victims and their families. Washington Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl and Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, who heads the Washington-based Archdiocese for the Military Services, both issued brief statements offering prayers for the victims and their families. The shooter was identified as Aaron Alexis, 34, who became the 13th victim when he died in a gun battle with police at the naval office building in the nation's capital. At first, law enforcement authorities thought there was a second shooter, but by the end of the day confirmed Alexis was the only gunman. According to news reports, Alexis was a former Navy reservist who received a "general discharge" from the service and had moved to the Washington area from Texas about a year ago. He worked for a military contractor and had security clearance at the Navy Yard. Archbishop Broglio said the "terrible loss of life" shocked and saddened him, particularly as it occurred at a familiar place where he has often visited and celebrated the Eucharist.

# Pope condemns abortion as part of 'throwaway culture'

By Francis X. Rocca  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - In his strongest public words to date on the subject of abortion, Pope Francis affirmed the sacredness of unborn human life and linked its defense to the pursuit of social justice.

"In all its phases and at every age, human life is always sacred and always of quality. And not as a matter of faith, but of reason and science!" the pope said Sept. 20 to a gathering of Catholic gynecologists.

Pope Francis characterized abortion as a product of a "widespread mentality of profit, the 'throwaway culture,' which has today enslaved the hearts and minds of so many."

That mentality, he said, "calls for the elimination of human beings, above all if they are physically or socially weaker. Our response to that mentality is a decisive and unhesitating 'yes' to life."

The pope grouped together unborn children, the aged and the poor as among the most vulnerable people whom Christians are called especially to love.

"In the fragile human being each one of us is invited to recognize the face of the Lord, who in his human flesh experienced the indifference and solitude to which we often condemn the poorest, whether in developing countries or in wealthy societies," he said.

"Every unborn child, though unjustly condemned to be aborted, has the face of the Lord, who even before his birth, and then as soon as he was born, experienced the rejection of the world," he said.

"And every old person, even if infirm and at the end of his days, carries with him the face of Christ. They must not be thrown away!"

Quoting "Caritas in Veritate" the social encyclical by Pope Benedict XVI, Pope Francis connected the protection of unborn life with the promotion of social justice.

**In all its phases and at every age, human life is always sacred and always of quality**

"Openness to life is at the center of true development," he said. "If personal and social sensitivity in welcoming a new life is lost, other forms of welcome useful to social life will dry up. Welcoming life tempers moral energies and makes people capable of helping each other."

Pope Francis told the physicians that they faced a "paradoxical situation" in their professional lives, because even as medical science discovers new cures for disease, the "health care professions are sometimes induced not to respect life itself."

The pope characterized this paradox as part of a more widespread "cultural disorientation" in which rising individualism parallels a growing disrespect for life.

"Even as persons are accorded new rights, at times only presumed rights, life as the primary value and primordial right of every man is not always protected," he said.

The pope told the gynecologists that they had a responsibility to make known the "transcendent dimension, the imprint of God's creative work, in human life from the first instant of conception. And this is a commitment of new evangelization that often requires going against the tide, paying a personal price. The Lord counts on you, too, to spread the Gospel of life."

Pope Francis' remarks came one day after the publication of an interview in

which he warned that focusing on certain moral teachings, including abortion, could undermine the church's efforts to preach the Gospel.

"We cannot insist only on issues related to abortion, gay marriage and the use of contraceptive methods," the pope said in the interview, noting that he had been "reprimanded" for failing to speak often about those topics. "It is not necessary to talk about these issues all the time."

"The dogmatic and moral teachings of the church are not all equivalent," the pope added. "The church's pastoral ministry cannot be obsessed with the transmission of a disjointed multitude of doctrines to be imposed insistently."

"Proclamation in a missionary style focuses on the essentials, on the necessary things," he said. "We have to find a new balance; otherwise even the moral edifice of the church is likely to fall like a house of cards, losing the freshness and fragrance of the Gospel."

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## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# We must develop a new boldness in sharing

*(At the beginning of my column, I would like to congratulate Bishop Terry LaValley on his 25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination. Our whole diocese has been immensely enriched through his ministry.*

*As Bishop since 2010, his frequent dynamic presence in every part of this vast diocese has strengthened our unity,*

*Together with Pope Francis, he brings great hope for renewal in the Catholic Church.*

*Ad multos annos!*

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**Monsignor  
Paul E.  
Whitmore**

There are two characters who dominate the Gospel this week - a very selfish rich man named Dives, and a very humble poor man named Lazarus.

The scene opens on the street in front of Dives' front door. There lies the beggar, Lazarus, in tattered clothes that scarcely cover his open sores.

The door opens, and the well-fed guests of Dives

emerge, laughing loudly as they depart from their daily banquet.

Then Dives comes out. Having bid good-bye to the last guest, he decides to

take an evening walk. Like his guests, Dives steps over the beggar, not even looking at him. He doesn't kick or abuse him. He just doesn't pay any attention.

The next scene is some years later. In the upper right, we see Lazarus in heavenly glory, courted by the angels, reclining at table with the patriarch, Father Abraham. In the lower left, we see Dives, in the torments of hell, looking longingly at the heavenly feast in the distance.

Why is Dives in hell? Not because he is rich, for Jesus, in telling the story, never condemns him for that.

Why, then?

Because he never thought to share his riches with this

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Amos 6:1a, 4-7

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Luke 16:19-31

poor beggar who lay outside his door day after day.

He never offered him some of the leftovers, never inquired about his health, never offered him employment.

What a difference he could have made in the life of Lazarus. He might have gotten to know him better, and given help to Lazarus' wife and children.

Who knows? They might even have become friends!

In the first reading, the prophet Amos paints a similar picture of the wealthy rulers of Israel, lying on their beds of ivory, and drinking wine from bowls, completely oblivious to the near-collapse of the kingdom.

Again, God is condemning their indifference, their selfishness, their lack of discipline, and their disobedience to His commandments.

As Pope Francis has repeatedly urged us, our world is in crisis. We all must develop a new boldness in sharing in love both our material goods and the spiritual riches of our precious Catholic faith.

## BISHOP LAVALLEY, CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES ON YOUR SILVER JUBILEE

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*The Parishes of St. Patrick's of Brasher Falls and  
St. Lawrence of North Lawrence*

*Bishop LaValley*



*We are very blessed and  
thankful for your 25 years of  
service in the priesthood.*

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## MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

# The darkened eye of pornography

The world was shocked when the tragic and twisted case of Ariel Castro burst recently into the lime-light. Before he took his own life in prison earlier this month, he had kidnapped and repeatedly raped, humiliated, and beaten three young women held captive inside his Cleveland house for more than 10 years.

At his sentencing in August, he blamed his longstanding habit of watching two to three hours a day of pornography for his crimes: "I believe I am addicted to pornography to a point that it really makes me impulsive and I don't realize what I'm doing is wrong."

To what extent pornography is directly related to violence remains up for debate (explaining any complex human behavior in simple cause and effect terms can be exceedingly difficult). What is beyond dispute is that pornography sets the stage for viewing women in an exploitative way, as sexual fodder for the gratification of men.

In fact, the widespread availability and consumption of pornography has arguably become the most pervasive objectifying force in society today.

In a recent newspaper discussion about pornography, one male participant remarked that most men do not end up marrying supermodels, so he thought pornography wasn't a bad thing, since it enabled "the goods" that a few women possessed to be spread around and shared.

He seemed to have no compunction about using women as pawns in the endgame of sat-

isfying male lust.

The gaze we direct towards each other can easily go astray, demeaning not only ourselves, but others around us as well.

When one's gaze is directed askance, as Bishop Paul Loverde of Arlington, Virginia, noted in a 2006 letter on pornography, "one becomes the kind of person who is willing to use others as mere objects of pleasure."

The impure gaze of pornography, focused on "body parts," or "performances," takes on its own momentum and quickly draws us away from the relational commitments and responsibilities implied in our human sexual nature.

One of the key objections to pornography is that it

sets up a fantasy world without the risks and challenges that exist in real relationships.

It warps and distorts the beautiful gift of human sexuality, so it no longer serves as an interpersonal force for bonding and building families, but instead devolves into an exploitative and isolating force in the lives of those who fall prey to it, changing its clients, in the words of one commentator, into "basement dwellers" and "bottom feeders."

On the other hand, the glance of authentic sexual love, flowing from a pure gaze, avoids denigrating others as a means for self gratification, and draws man and woman into an abiding, life-giving union.

The need for that pure inner gaze has never been more succinctly expressed than in that timeless pronouncement uttered two millennia ago: "Your eye is the lamp of your body; when your eye is sound, your whole body is full of light; but when it is not sound, your body is full of darkness. Therefore be careful lest the light in you be darkness" (Luke 11:34).

We see just how dark the darkness was in the life of Ariel Castro. Through pornography addiction, a skyrocketing phenomenon today, our eye easily becomes darkened and shut-

tered. This darkness affects not just the men who view it, but also women who may not themselves be regular consumers of pornography.

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Women may be drawn into the subtle and demeaning trap of objectification when they are pressured to serve as compliant proxies for the acting out of their spouse's hard core pornographic fantasies.

Instead of relating to the actual person they are with, they may instead feel obligated to play a role in satisfying various desires and fetishes. I

n this way, pornography may impact the way consensual relationships develop between men and women, weaving a warped and exploitative element into the early stages of the relationship.

The average woman may also struggle with a sense of inadequacy when it comes to competing with or meas-

uring up to the naked women of the internet, particularly in the face of pervasive airbrushing, silicone implants and photoshopping of porn models.

These concerns about undue pressure on women apply not just to the pornography industry but even to the modern fashion industry with its frequently provocative designs, and to the numerous soft porn initiatives such as the Sports Illustrated swimsuit edition.

It should come as no surprise when ordinary women and girls manifest loathing and abusive tendencies towards their own bodies, when they feel threatened by impossible comparisons and expectations.

The enduring glance, sparked by the sexual attractiveness of the other, is never meant to be directed askance by the vicious snare of pornography, but instead to point towards a personal and committed marital love, purified of exploitative and objectifying tendencies.

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Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk Ph.D.

## OUR READERS WRITE

### Special retreats at Our Lady of the Adirondacks

Greetings to friends and benefactors of the House of Prayer. Our Lady of the Adirondacks is bustling with activities during the Year of Faith like so many parts of the Diocese and the worldwide church. Among the activities in the Diocese this year is the pilgrimage program to various Churches and Shrines here in the North Country, the States, and Canada.

In October, there will be two weekends of retreat, back-to-back, starting Friday through Sunday, October 18-20, and October 25-27. The retreat will be a time of prayer and learning. I will present a program of Spirituality. The topic of learning will be "Discernment of Spirits" based on Saint Ignatius of Loyola's 14 Rules for Discernment. (The plan is to cover 7 Rules each weekend.)

The basic message of St. Ignatius's Rules is freedom from captivity to discouragement and deception in the spiritual life. The words Jesus

proclaimed in the Synagogue at Nazareth are a summary of His mission and also express the theme of the Rules for Discernment: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives." (Luke 4:18)

Saint Ignatius was a master of brevity but not of clarity. So, Father Timothy Gallagher, OMV, in his careful reading of the Rules, has an explanation, helpful examples and illustrations, and provides us with the ability to understand the different movements with sound judgment of the Rules of Discernment and apply them skillfully for those interested in deepening their Spiritual life.

And then on Saturday, November 2, All Souls Day, I will present a program from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Ignatian Meditation and Contemplation.

Meditation is a quest. Our mind seeks to understand the WHY and HOW of Christian life in order to adhere and respond to what the Lord

is asking. We are helped by books: we have them in the Sacred Scriptures, Holy Icons, Liturgical texts of the day and season, writings of the Spiritual Fathers, and the great book of creation. To meditate on what we read, helps us to make it our own by confronting it ourselves.

There are many ways of meditation, but "Ignatian Method" by St. Ignatius of Loyola, engages our thought, imagination, emotions, and desires. The purpose is, of course, to gain knowledge, the love of Jesus, and to unite with Him. Looking forward to seeing you at the House of Prayer.

Please register for any event by emailing [olaplayerhouse@gmail.com](mailto:olaplayerhouse@gmail.com) or calling 518-594-3253.

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OUR LADY OF THE ADIRONDACKS HOUSE OF PRAYER  
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## ADIRONDACK

## LIFECCHAIN IN SARANAC LAKE

**Saranac Lake** – Lifechain to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 6

**Time:** 2:30 p.m. to 3:30

**Place:** Bandshell Park at River St.

**Features:** A peaceful, prayerful, public, pro-life presence. Open to all faiths. Rain or shine. Signs are provided.

**Contact:** John & Colleen Miner 518-891-2309

## CLINTON

## HARVEST DINNER

**Ellenburg** – CDA Annual Harvest Dinner to be held.

**Date:** Sept. 29

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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

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

**Features:** Roast Beef, Roast Port, Bake Sale, Country Store, Big Ticket Raffle. Take-outs available by calling 594-3121.

## ROAST BEEF HARVEST DINNER

**Champlain** – St. Mary's will be having a Roast Beef Harvest Dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 6

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Place:** K of C Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$10; Children 6-12, \$4; under 5, free

**Features:** Take-outs call 298-4291. Harvest Delights Store and Raffle Prizes

## LIFECCHAIN IN PLATTSBURGH

**Plattsburgh** – Lifechain to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 6

**Time:** 2:30 p.m. to 3:30

**Place:** Smithfield Blvd at Cornelia St

**Features:** A peaceful, prayerful, public, pro-life presence. Open to all faiths. Rain or shine. Signs are provided.

**Contact:** Rev. Martin Mischenko 518-354-2140

## CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

**Moers** – The Ladies of St. Ann will be sponsoring the 26th Annual Craft Plus Bake Sale.

**Date:** Oct. 19

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

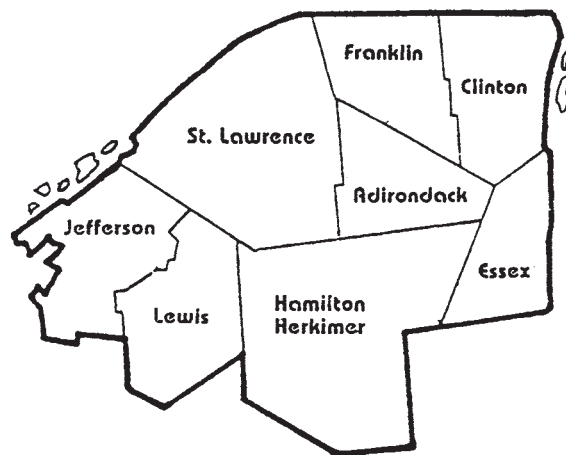
**Place:** St. Joseph's Center

**Contact:** 518-236-7733 for table information.

## HEALING MINISTRY MOVES

**Morrisonville** – The Catholic Community of St. Alexander's and St. Joseph's announces the addition of Living Waters Healing Ministry to the Parish.

**Date:** First Thursday each month beginning in October



The **North Country Catholic** welcomes contributions to "Around the Diocese." Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:  
**North Country Catholic**, PO Box 326,  
 Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 1-866-314-7296;  
 e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

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

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

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

**Features:** The ministry was established in 2008 under the leadership of Eve McGill and affiliated with St. Peter's Parish in Plattsburgh. A monthly Healing Mass, along with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and an opportunity to receive individual prayer.

## WALK OF FAITH, PORK DINNER

**Peru** – The Catholic Community of St. Augustine's and St. Patrick's, The Peru Community Church, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Monica 2598 and Knights of Columbus Council 7273 will hold the 7th Annual Walk of Faith.

**Date:** Oct. 13

**Time:** Early registration at 11:45 a.m. Opening ceremony begins at 12:30 p.m.

**Place:** Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine (behind St. Augustine's Church)

**Features:** Immediately following opening ceremonies, the Walk of Faith will begin, rain or shine. Walk is 2.7 mile route in the Town of Peru. Proceeds will go to The North Country Mission of Hope and The Jamaica Project.

**Dinner:** A pulled pork dinner, also benefiting the Mission of Hope and Jamaica Project will follow the walk, from noon to 4 p.m. at St. Augustine's Parish Center. non-walkers, \$8; walkers, \$6; children 12 and under, non-walkers, \$4, walkers, \$3.

**Contact:** Christa Reyell at 566-6404.

## HARVEST DINNER

**West Chazy** – St. Joseph's Church will hold its 40th Annual Harvest Dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 13

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

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

**Cost:** Adults, \$10; Children 5-12, \$5; Children under 5, Free

**Features:** Turkey with all the trimmings, a Country Store and much more.

**Contact:** St. Joseph's Parish Office at 518-493-4521 for more information

## HARVEST DINNER

**Dannemora** – St. Joseph's Parish will be hosting its Annual Roast Turkey and Trimmings Harvest Dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 13

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Children 5-10, \$5; under 5, Free

**Features:** Take outs are available. Cash Raffles, Chinese Raffle, Crafts and Country Store, 50/50 and live music

**Contact:** Vern & Sorelle Bouyeta @ 293-7768 or Deacon Ed & Louise Mazuchowski @ 563-0828

## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

**Plattsburgh** – A series of Natural Family Planning classes to be sponsored by the Diocesan NFP Office.

**Date:** Oct. 6

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Place:** St. John's Church [Parish Center, lower level]

**Program:** Three-part learner-centered format educates couples to observe and interpret the physical signs of fertility. This knowledge can be used to achieve, as well as to postpone, conception.

**Cost:** Fee of \$50 includes all materials; scholarships available.

**Contact:** To register, or to learn more, contact instructors Matthew and Sarah Bosley at 518-962-8966 (email: mbosley@westelcom.com) or the Diocesan NFP Office at 518-483-0459 (email: apietrooali@dioogdensburg.org.)

## HEALING MASS

**Ellenburg Center** – Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer is holding a healing Mass.

**Date:** Sept. 28

**Time:** 10 a.m.

**Features:** Father Doug Decker will preside, opportunity for individual prayer by OLA prayer ministry teams follows

**Contact:** If you plan on staying for a light lunch, RSVP by Sept. 26 to olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or 518-594-3253. Donations appreciated

## IGNATIAN RETREAT

**Ellenburg Center** – OLA will be having an Ignatian Retreat - Discernment of Spirits.

**Date:** Oct. 18-20 or Oct. 25-27

**Time:** Begin at 7 p.m. and ends at Noon on Sunday

**Presenter:** Fr. Jack Downs.

**Cost:** \$60 per weekend covers all food. Rooms available for overnight guests on a first come basis (+\$50 weekend).

**Features:** This time of prayer and learning will be based on St. Ignatius of Loyola's Rules for Discernment, covering 7 rules each weekend.

**Contact:** Register by Oct. 7 with a \$15 non-refundable deposit. Email olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or call 518-594-3253 to register.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

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

Theme: "Divine Jesus, here is the ultimate extent of your love; having made visible to poor weak creatures that adorable Face of which even the seraphim cannot sustain the brilliance, You want to hide it behind a veil even thicker than human nature. . . . But, Jesus in the host I see the splendor of Your face shine forth." (St. Therese

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

## ESSEX

## HARVEST DINNER

**Elizabethtown** – St. Elizabeth's will be having a Harvest Dinner with Roast Beef

and all the trimmings.

**Date:** Oct. 6

**Time:** 2 p.m. to 6

**Place:** Parish Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Children 5-12, \$5; under 5, Free

**Features:** Take-outs available, 1:30 p.m. Cash raffle tickets and other items will be available.

## LIFECCHAIN IN WILLSBORO

**Willsboro** – Lifechain to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 6

**Time:** 2 p.m. to 3

**Place:** Route 22 at Main street

**Features:** A peaceful, prayerful, public, pro-life presence. Open to all faiths. Rain or shine. Signs are provided.

**Contact:** Margaret & Richard Smith 518-963-7814

## FRANKLIN

## ROSARY CRUSADE

**Brushton** – Join the 2013 Public Square Rosary Crusade.

**Date:** Oct. 12

**Time:** 11:45 a.m.

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

**Features:** America is at a historic crossroad. Secularists are trying to push God from the public square. They reject His beneficial action upon society. But without God, where will our leaders get the wisdom to solve the great problems we face? We must stop the secularist advance and pray to God for help.

## FALL FESTIVAL DINNER

**Bombay** – St. Joseph's Parish will be having its 22nd Annual Fall Festival Dinner featuring baked ham.

**Date:** Sept. 29

**Time:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Place:** Parish Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$9; under 12, \$4; under 5, Free

**Features:** Baked goods, canned goods, fresh produce & flea market items, 50/50 Raffle, Multi-prize Raffle and more!

## FALL FESTIVAL

**Constable** – The Catholic Community of Constable, Westville & Trout River, Altar & Rosary and K of C Council 9991 are having the Annual Fall Festival and Ham Dinner.

**Date:** Sept. 21

**Time:** 4 p.m. to 7

**Place:** St. Francis Church Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$9; 12 and under, \$5  
**Features:** Lots of great raffles. In appreciation of our Priest and Religious they will eat for free.

**Contact:** 483-3772

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AT THE MOVIES

# PLANES

By Joseph McAleer  
Catholic News Service

Having conquered the world of "Cars," Disney waves its anthropomorphic wand skyward in "Planes," a delightful 3-D animated adventure.

Directed by Klay Hall ("Tinkerbell and the Lost Treasure") from a clever, pun-filled script by Jeffrey M. Howard, "Planes" excels on two ... well, planes.

The animation dazzles with exhilarating air races over beautiful scenery, while the entertaining plot offers good lessons for kids about friendship and overcoming obstacles.

Dusty (voice of Dane Cook) is a spirited crop-duster who dreams of something better: a dazzling career as a high-flying racer. It's a classic underdog story, with naysayers at every turn in the small town of Propwash Junction.

"I just hope to be better than what I was built for," Dusty dreams.

He's fast, despite being a single-prop plane, but Dusty has a potentially fatal flaw: He's afraid of heights. That's not normally a problem, as crop dusters fly low and slow.

But Dusty is determined to succeed. He persuades Skipper Riley (voice of Stacy Keach), a crusty veteran of wartime air battles, to train him to enter the "Wings Around the Globe" race.

His non-aircraft support team includes Chug (voice of Brad Garrett), an advice-dispensing fuel truck, and Dottie (voice of Teri Hatcher), a sassy forklift and whiz mechanic.

Dusty qualifies, and is pitted against the best planes in the world. The international cast includes Bulldog (voice of John Cleese), a stuffy British job; Rochelle (voice of Julia Louis-Dreyfus), a comely French-Canadian racer; El Chupacabra (voice of Carlos Alazraqui), a Mexican lover boy who only has eyes for Rochelle; and Ishani (voice of Priyanka Chopra), an exotic Indian flyer.

The racer to beat is fellow Yankee Ripslinger (voice of Roger Craig Smith), a deviant Mustang who would rather crash and burn than be beaten by an upstart "farm boy."

"Planes" zooms across the globe, from America to Europe, across the Himalayas, past China and over the Pacific to Mexico, rendering familiar sights along the way.

Adults will enjoy the many sight gags and puns. Fans follow the race on "FlewTube" using their "sky-Pads."

The much-maligned, cow-like tractors who were always being tipped over in "Cars" are elevated to sacred status in India and roam freely.

The aircraft carrier that comes to Dusty's rescue is the U.S.S. Dwight D. Flysenhower.

Aside from some action sequences -- including stormy weather and a wartime flashback -- which might cause turbulence for the youngest aviators in the audience, "Planes" is just the ticket for the entire family.

The film contains a few perilous situations. The Catholic News Service classification is A-I -- general patronage.

The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.



CNS PHOTO/DISNEY  
Animated character Dusty, voiced by Dane Cook, appears in the movie "Planes."

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Dear Bishop Lavalley,

We thank you for your twenty-five years of priestly service. We ask God to bless you abundantly as you continue to minister among the people of the Ogdensburg Diocese that together we may FOLLOW JESUS.

*Ursuline Sisters and Associates of the Eastern Province*

# 'I knew I would like to work for this man'

By Marika Donders  
Director for Evangelization

Reflecting on my first year in the diocese, looking back, Bishop LaValley is the reason I am here in the North Country at all.

When I interviewed for the position of Director of Evangelization, I interviewed via

Skype. I thought the interview went well and was anticipating a call back for an interview in person. So imagine my surprise when the call back came with a job offer.

It took a few seconds for my brain to switch gears from "sure, I would love to come up for a second interview" to "wait, I can't accept

a position without visiting the area."

I had never been to the North Country. I had googled Ogdensburg but that doesn't really give you the feel of the place. So I juggled my schedule and drove up for a Friday visit.

The geography along the St. Lawrence reminded me of home in the Netherlands,

open sky and hay fields, and it even the scent of cow was familiar.

On the other hand it was very rural. I was used to living in a relatively small college town in New Hampshire, but I was within driving distance of some big cities where I could get my "urban fix" if I needed it. Also, moving to the North Country meant that I would no longer be within driving distance of my sister – the only family on this side of the ocean.

Then on the other hand

again, the people I met were very nice, but then again, there are nice people everywhere... I was on the proverbial fence.

And then I met the Bishop.

He was personable, approachable, pastoral, welcoming and warm.

He spoke of the diocesan family and I could tell this was not just a mere slogan for a fund drive.

From that initial handshake, I knew I would like to work for this man.

And so, here I am.

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*and the faithful of  
the Diocese of Buffalo*

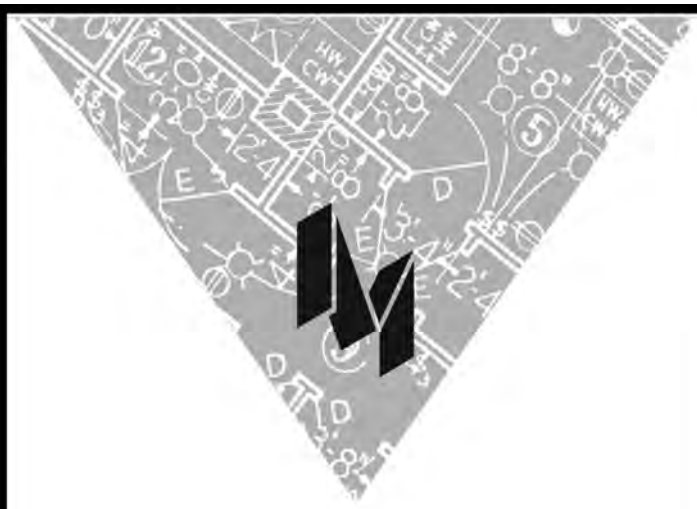
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# Gratitude to Bishop LaValley

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

*Muchos Gracias* to Bishop LaValley for his faithfulness to his priestly calling on the occasion of his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.

I thank him especially for his commitment to "World Mission." As a previous pastor of parishes and especially as Rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, he strongly promoted the Society for the Propagation of the Faith appeals and the Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

I regret that due to his busy schedule, Bishop LaValley was unable to go on the pilgrimage to St. Martin de Porras Parish, Mollendo for the 50th Anniversary of its founding by our Diocesan Priests. At the Mollendo Celebration Archbishop.....expressed his gratitude for Bishop LaValley's continued support from the people of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Bishop LaValley was encouraging in the formation of a Board of Directors. I'm grateful that we have a fine board and that Bishop LaValley is the President of the board for The Pontifical Mission Societies of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Inc.

Molly and I offer our prayers and support for many more healthy and joy-filled years.



Bishop LaValley has shown strong support for the Missions throughout his priesthood. Above, he presents a check for St. Martin de Porras Parish in Mollendo, Peru in honor of the parish's 50th anniversary to Father George Maroun, former diocesan mission director; and St. Joseph Sister Mary Ellen Brett, current director.

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

**Brownville** — Victoria Marie Zaremba Cecil, 86; Funeral Services Sept. 17, 2013 at Immaculate Conception Church.

**Cadyville** — Alfred L. "Al" "Grampie" Bousquet, 78; Funeral Services Sept. 20, 2013 at St. James Church.

**Carthage** — John F. Lorence Jr., 86; Funeral Services Sept. 18, 2013 at the Bezanilla-McGraw Funeral Home.

**Carthage** — Lori Lynn Moseley, 49; Funeral Services Sept. 17, 2013 at St. James Church; burial in Brookside Cemetery, Watertown

**Carthage** — Ronald Spencer, 66; Funeral Services Sept. 16, 2013 at Lundy Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Inc.; burial in Sunnyside Cemetery, Great Bend.

**Carthage** — Elizabeth M. (Clark) Trombley, 90; Funeral Services Sept. 14, 2013 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

**Croghan** — Nancy J. (Lallier) Zehr, 72; Funeral Services Sept. 20, 2013 at St. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery.

**Harrisville** — Marie C. (Cocard) LaDuc, 81; Funeral Services Sept. 21, 2013 at St. Francis Solanus Church; burial in St. Francis Cemetery.

**Hogansburg** — Linda T. (Herne) Merryweather, 69; Funeral Services Sept. 21, 2013 at St. Regis Church.

**Lake Placid** — W. John Friedlander, 82; Funeral Services Sept. 20, 2013 at St. Agnes Church.

**Lowville** — Donald J. Brown 70; Funeral Services Sept. 23, 2013 at St. Peter's Church; burial St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Lowville** — Doris A. (Virkler) Walsman, 87; Funeral Services Sept. 20, 2013 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery.

**Massena** — Mary Ellen Colby, 62; Funeral Services Sept. 23, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** — Sandra A. (Chase) Danboise, 72; Funeral Services Sept. 16, 2013 at the Philips Memorial Home; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** — Ronald J. McDonald, 86; Funeral Services Sept. 21, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** — Glendon J. "Glenn" Wagstaff, 83; Funeral Services Sept. 18, 2013 at the Philips Memorial Home; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**New Bremen** — Helen W. (Wagner) Glenn, 97; Funeral Services Sept. 16, 2013 at St. Peter's Oratory; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** — Lorna M. (Beach) Ewart, 70; Funeral Services Sept. 16, 2013 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

**Ogdensburg** — Harriet G. (Moody) Hyde, 91; Funeral Services Sept. 20, 2013 at Allen-Nichols Funeral Home; burial in White Church Cemetery, Lisbon.

**Ogdensburg** — Lawrence W. West, 67; Fu-

neral Services Sept. 19, 2013 at the Fox & Murray Funeral Home; burial in Hillcrest Cemetery, Heuvelton.

**Peru** — Janice Marie (Kasai) Brazilla, 68; Funeral Services at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** — Dale Roger Hamel, 60; Funeral Services Sept. 21, 2013 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Church of the Assumption Cemetery, Redford.

**Plattsburgh** — John Zelent, 85; Funeral Services Sept. 19, 2013 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Potsdam** — John Howard Short, 82; Funeral Services Sept. 19, 2013 at St. Mary's Cemetery; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Saranac Lake** — Preston Burl, 80; Funeral Services Sept. 16, 2013 at the Fortune-Keough Funeral Home; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

**Ticonderoga** — Paul Michael "PJ" Joubert, 54; Funeral services Sept. 19, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Parish Cemetery.

**Ticonderoga** — Genevieve Agnes Catlin Yaw, 83; Funeral Services Sept. 21, 2013 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Parish Cemetery.

**Watertown** — Theresa S. (Spaziani) Galluccio, 93; Funeral Services Sept. 16 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** — Mandy L. (Judware) LaPorte, 49; Funeral Services Sept. 19, 2013 at Cummings Funeral Service, Inc.

The parishioners of  
St. John the Baptist Parish in Madrid  
extend prayerful congratulations to  
Bishop Terry R. LaValley

# Around the diocese

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## FRANKLIN

### ROSARY RALLY

**Malone** – Annual Rosary Rally to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 12

**Time:** 1 p.m.

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

**Contact:** Elaine McGivney at 518-529-6133 or pmcgiven@twcny.rr.com

### HARVEST TURKEY DINNER

**Brushton** – St. Mary's will be having a Harvest Turkey Dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 6

**Time:** Noon to 4 p.m.

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

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Seniors, \$7; Children 6-12, \$6; under 5, Free

**Features:** Take-outs available from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Contact:** 518-529-6580

## JEFFERSON

### BEREAVEMENT MEETING

**Watertown** – An Ecumenical Bereavement Meeting will be held.

**Date:** Sept. 23

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** Hearthside Hospitality Center at the SSJ Motherhouse

**Speaker:** Rev. Cheryl Gmitter

**Theme:** "Finding Peace through the Storm"

### LIFERIGHT AUCTION

**Watertown** – Liferight will be having a silent/live auction and luncheon.

**Date:** Sept. 28

**Time:** Viewing starts at 11 a.m.; Auction at noon; Luncheon follows

**Place:** Italian American Club

**Features:** Mel Busler will be the auctioneer. A variety of quilted items, crafts and paintings stay's at local hotels, security alarm system and , home furnishing items, autographed books by local artists, themed baskets, gift certificates.

**Contact:** Lunch reservations can be obtained by mailing a \$10 check payable to Liferight to Francine Hanlon, 139 Coleman Ave, Watertown, NY 13601

### SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

**Date:** Sept. 26

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 7

**Place:** Msgr. Sechi Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; children \$4.50; under 3, free; sauce, \$5 per quart meatballs are \$.75. Take-out orders begin at 4 p.m. Please bring your own containers

### REVELATION COURSE BEGINS

**Evans Mills** – An 11 week course on the Book of Revelations to be presented by Indian River Knights of Columbus.

**Date:** Oct. 2 (Wednesdays) to Dec. 18

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

**Cost:** \$25

**Features:** "Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come" will consist of DVD lectures by Jeff Cavins, home study, and discussion. Participants will consider the questions - What is the message of St. John's Revelation? How does it fit with the plan of Scripture? Can its disturbing images be a source of inspiration. Students from outside the parish welcome.

**Contact:** For registration and inquiries is 767-1065.

### 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

### DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

**Houseville** - Divine Mercy Devotions for the month of October will be observed.

**Date:** Oct. 6

**Time:** 3 p.m.

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

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

**Contact:** 315-348-6260.

### ST. HEDWIG'S POLISH FEST

**Houseville** - St. Hedwig's Annual Polish Fest will be held.

**Date:** Oct. 13

**Time:** Noon after the celebration of the 11a.m. Mass.

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

**Features:** A delicious Polish Platter \$8, Theme Basket Raffles, Baked Goods, Ice Cream Sundaes, and a 50/50 Raffle. Take Outs Available. All are welcome. Proceeds to benefit church restoration and repairs

**Contact:** 348-8836 or 348-6260.

## ST. LAWRENCE

### LIFECCHAIN IN POTSDAM

**Potsdam** – Lifecchain to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 6

**Time:** 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Place:** Market Street at Main Street

**Features:** A peaceful, prayerful, public, pro-life presence. Open to all faiths. Rain or shine. Signs are provided.

**Contact:** Chris LaRose 315-403-8123

### BRUNCH SET

**Norfolk** – The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a brunch.

**Date:** Oct. 13

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to Noon

**Place:** Visitation Parish Center

**Cost:** Adults, \$7; Children under 12, \$4; Under 5, Free; Family, \$18; Take-outs available

### GUN AND KNIFE SHOW

**Brasher Falls** – The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Gun and Knife Show.

**Date:** Oct. 5, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Oct. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Place:** K of C Hall

**Cost:** \$3; under 12 free must be accompanied by an adult.

**Features:** Many dealers will be present with hunting, fishing, archery and sporting items. Dealers wishing to reserve tables can contact Phil Davis at 315-389-4627. Concessions stand open all day, breakfast served until 11 a.m.

### HARVEST DINNER

**Ogdensburg** – Notre Dame will be having a harvest dinner.

**Date:** Oct. 20

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

**Place:** Knights of Columbus Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Children 5-12, \$5;

Under 5, free (eat in only)

**Features:** Roast Turkey with the trimmings, dessert included, craft-tables, 50/50 raffle and take-outs available.

### COMMUNITY FREE LUNCH

**Ogdensburg** – The Knights of Columbus Council 258 is starting its community free lunch program again.

**Date:** Every Wednesday

**Time:** Noon

**Features:** Free hot lunch

### HEALING MASS

**Raymondville** – St. Raymond's Church will be having a Healing Mass.

**Date:** Oct. 16

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

**Features:** Fathers Jack Downs and Andrew Amyot and Msgr. John Murphy will celebrate Mass followed by the opportunity to be prayed for individually by a prayer team. We will begin with an introduction by Fr. Jack Downs about Understanding the Healing Ministry, followed by brief testimony, Mass, and Sacramental Anointing. All are welcome

### RUMMAGE SALE

**Norfolk** – A rummage sale is to be held to benefit the Altar Rosary Society.

**Date:** Sept 26, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and

Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to noon

**Place:** Church of the Visitation

### LATIN MASS

**Potsdam** – A Tridentine (Latin) Mass is celebrated each Sunday with Msgr.

Robert H. Aucoin as the celebrant

**Time:** 12:30 a.m.

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

### 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

### 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

### DIOCESAN YEAR OF FAITH MASS

**Lake Placid** - A solemn Mass marking the Year of Faith and the New Evangelization will be held

**Date:** Sept. 29

**Time:** 2:30 p.m

**Place:** Olympic Center

**Features:** Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, will preside with Bishop LaValley and priests of the diocese concelebrating. Bishop LaValley will be the homilist. Nearly 2000 Catholics from across the Diocese of Ogdensburg are expected.

**Contact:** Bus transportation throughout diocese available; contact parishes

### 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

### BEST OF IRELAND

The Best of Ireland Tour lead by Fr. Andrew Amyot is scheduled for Oct. 30-Nov. 9th 2013 has a few openings.

**Contact:** Fr. Amyot at (315) 384-2064 or email: fraamyot2@twcny.rr.com

### 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 315-265-9469

### 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:** See article on page 7

**Contact:** See: rcdony.org/matthew-kelly.html or contact Marika Donders in at 315-393-2920, ext 1380



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