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## 'Families must forgive'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The secret to healing wounds among family members is to "not end the day in war" and to forgive one another, Pope Francis said.

"One cannot live without forgiving, or at least one cannot live well, especially in the family," the pope said Nov. 4 at his weekly general audience.

Recalling the recent Synod of Bishops on the family, the pope said that he wanted the final report to be published, however, he said, his general audience talk would not examine the conclusions but rather reflect on the great gift that marriage and the family are for society, especially in a world that "at times becomes barren of life and

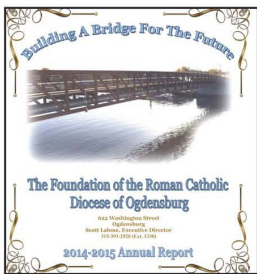
love."

The pope told the estimated 15,000 people in St. Peter's Square that families are like "a great gym where one trains in giving and in mutual forgiveness."

Using the Gospel account of Jesus teaching the 'Our Father,' the pope stressed that forgiveness heals the wounds often caused "by our

weaknesses and our selfishness. There is a simple secret in order to heal wounds and dissolve accusations: Do not end the day without asking forgiveness from one another, without making peace between husband and wife, parents and children, brothers and sisters, daughters-in-law and mothers-in-law," he said.

## Annual report of diocesan Foundation



The report of the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg includes information about the mission of the Foundation, methods of giving, its financial position and more.

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## HOPE FOR THE MISSION



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Officers of the National Junior Honor Society at Seton Catholic Central in Plattsburgh presented Dominican Sister Debbie Blow and the Mission of Hope with a check for \$343 with funds raised from a Halloween dance fundraiser for grades 5-9. The gift was designated for the area of greatest need which, Sister Debbie reports, is for children's medicine. From left are ninth graders Georgia Boulé, NJHS secretary; Ariana Ventre, treasurer; Abigail Boulé, vice-president; and Sofia DeJordy, president who is presenting the check to Sister Debbie.

## YEAR OF MERCY

Observances in diocese set



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

The Holy Door is pictured in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Dec. 8, Pope Francis will begin the *Jubilee of Mercy* with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The following Sunday, Dec. 13, the Third Sunday of Advent, this ritual will be repeated in cathedrals and in designated churches throughout the Catholic world, including the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Bishop Terry R. LaValley will launch the diocesan observance of the jubilee by the opening of the St. Mary's Cathedral Holy Door Dec. 13.

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

## To everything there is a season

My mom and dad have been on my mind more than usual this week thanks, I'm sure, to our Church's celebration of All Souls Day Nov. 2.

Answering an invitation from their beloved St. Mary's Cathedral, I joined family members of many of their friends in lighting candles in their memory.

It was a good day for all of us to remember that Jesus assured us that those who mourn are blessed; we will indeed be comforted.

Memories flooded back on the next day too – Election Day, a day so important to my civic minded parents.

My dad made sure I had an absentee ballot for my first time voting as an 18-year-old college student.



Mary Lou  
Kilian

I made sure he had an absentee ballot for his last time voting from his room at St. Joseph's Home.

And this week brought a bittersweet sight: a sign that says "sold." If all goes well, our family home will belong to another family before the new year begins.

The main reason, though, for this stream of parental musings can be traced to family members who won't remember mom and dad at all: children of

their children's children.

Oh, how my parents would have loved to watch their cherished grandchildren prepare to welcome babies into their lives as little ones are expected in January, February and April... so far!

And, what joy they would have known if they could be with us in a couple weeks as six-week old Caroline is baptized... with certain assistance from her two-year-old brother and cousin.

My parents – with their eight children, 21 grandchildren and scores of nieces and nephews – understood as much as anyone in the world that babies are the greatest of God's gifts.

I know that my brothers and sisters would agree that our

children owe much of their greatness (yes, we all have great kids!) to the unconditional love that my parents had for each other, for us and for them.

While we'd love to have them back in our lives and in their home, we must be content to have them in our hearts.

To everything there is a season – a time to be born, a time to die... a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance

We have wept and we have danced. We will weep again and we will dance again.

November is a perfect time to embrace this truth as we remember saints and souls and veterans and everyone for whom we give thanks.

## A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

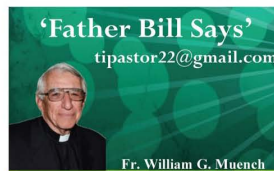
## Our lives: all about becoming saints

November is about saints. It's also the month that the Catholic Church remembers and celebrates all the faithful departed. During November, there are many services and Masses in honor of the deceased – our loved ones who have gone on before us.

The Catholic Church has a complicated process to decide that a person is definitely in Heaven with the Lord and deserves to be canonized a saint.

Each of us have many loves ones, deceased friends – who we believe deserve to be saints. In all honestly we wonder a bit. Yet, it just seems that they definitely should be considered saints – in Heaven with the Lord.

I like to call these people our personal saints. I think it is truly good that we remember among all the canonized saints in the books those special people who profoundly influenced our lives. These are our personal saints who we should continue to remember; we should pray to them – even now seeking their guidance and support.



I bring this up to remind you that our life is all about becoming a saint. I have a friend who usually begins his confession by saying to me – "Well, Father, I am no saint." My response is, "Well, you better get busy." There is nothing more about life that matters.

I always tell young people that, when someone asks them what they want to be with they grow up, they should answer "a saint."

Too many people think it is almost impossible to become a saint. I want to use this opportunity to tell you it is not that complicated. Jesus taught us as we read in the Gospels that with the Lord it is possible – it is not difficult.

So, the first step is to establish a close relationship with

Jesus. Jesus invites us to become his friend. With this friend that is our Lord, Jesus we will find the guide and support who leads us to sanctity.

We all have numerous opportunities to draw close to the Lord. In prayer, we can find a new and deeper relationship – a friendship – with Jesus. This friendship truly leads us with the Lord's help to find the path to love and peace that comes on the road to sanctity.

The Mass – the Eucharistic celebration – is a perfect way to bring Jesus into our lives, a perfect way to let Jesus become our guide. Eucharist means gratitude. Gratitude is such an important part of this friendship with Jesus. Our Lord fill our life with innumerable opportunities to make our life better, in the spirit of Our Savior, Jesus, in the spirit of the saints so we also become saints.

Many will respond to me that they are not perfect. They have sinned and remember times in their lives when they are truly unsaintly. I point out to them that we know in the lives of so

many of the great saints a time when they were definitely not very saintly. They understood with the help of the Lord that there must be conversion; changes had to be made.

So, the road to sanctity for all of us must be filled with conversion – in reality, daily conversion. The challenge that comes up over and over again in life is whether we have the courage to change, to find the Lord's help through conversion.

The way to discover this conversion comes through prayer, stopping to take some time to realize that things have change. Often, the Lord sends someone to point us in the right direction. The path to sanctity often demands that we fill our life with the right people, the great people who become good guides. The Lord places these important guides in our path to sanctity.

What are your goals in life? How do you want to be remembered?

Will someone put your name in their list of their own personal saints?



# Diocesan Year of Mercy plans are announced

On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Dec. 8, Pope Francis will begin the *Jubilee of Mercy* with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

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Bishop Terry R. LaValley will launch the diocesan observance of the jubilee by the opening of the Cathedral Holy Door Dec. 13 and conclude with the closing of the same door set for Nov. 20, 2016.

Some key moments in our diocesan celebration of the Jubilee Year will be:

- An Ecumenical Service at St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh Jan. 17
- The world-wide "24 Hours for the Lord" in all parishes on March 4 and 4 consisting of Eucharistic Adoration and the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance
- Divine Mercy Sunday celebrations in all parishes on April 3
- The Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy from April 4 to 17
- The Corpus Christi Mass and Procession at St. Mary's Church, Potsdam May 29
- Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests – Eucharistic Adoration in parishes on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart – June 3

- Diocesan Family Pilgrimage to St. Ann's Shrine in Isle la Motte, VT in July 2016
- The Vocation Summit – INSPIRED: Called to Love – at the Olympic Center in Lake Placid on Sunday, Sept. 25
- The Marian Jubilee Prayer Rally at St. Mary's Church in Canton on Oct. 16
- The Closing of the Cathedral Holy Door on the Solemnity of Christ the King, Nov. 20

## Pilgrimage sites

Diocesan sites of pilgrimage where the faithful can obtain the Jubilee Plenary Indulgence are:

- St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg
  - Divine Mercy Chapel at St. Mary's Church, Canton
  - Sacred Heart Church, Massena
  - Precious Blood Monastery Chapel, Watertown
  - St. James Church, Carthage
  - St. John the Baptist Church, Plattsburgh
  - Notre Dame Church in St. Andre Bessette Parish, Malone
  - St. Agnes Church, Lake Placid
  - St. Patrick's Church, Port Henry
  - St. Peter's Church, Lowville
  - St. Bartholomew's Church, Old Forge
- These sites have been chosen for location, as well as, the significance of their title or heritage in connection with the Jubilee theme of "Mercy."

## CULTURE OF LIFE AWARD



PHOTO BY ED SMITH

At the conclusion of a Respect Life Mass and Holy Hour held Oct. 1 at St. Mary's Church in Canton, Bishop LaValley posed with Dr. Charles Robinson, right, New York State Secretary, who presented one of the State K of C Council's seven highest program awards to Canton Sarto Council's Grand Knight Brandon Baldwin. The Culture of Life Award was awarded to the council for their work in establishing the Wounded Warriors Sled Hockey team and league.

# Bishop meets with new Council of Deacons

By Deacon Kevin Mastellon  
Staff writer

OGDENSBURG - Bishop Terry R. LaValley met Oct. 10 with representatives of the ordained permanent deacons of the diocese.

The men and women who gathered for the discussion formed the Council of Deacons established last May by Bishop LaValley at the community's Assembly in Lake Placid.

During the summer deacons voted for representatives to serve on the Council. The wives and widows of deacons elected two representatives.

The council will meet at least twice a year with the bishop to allow for a "full and free discussion of issues pertaining to the pastoral min-



Members of the newly formed diocesan Council of Deacons are shown during their Oct. 10 organizational meeting. Seated, from left, are Deacons Thomas Kilian and John Levison, Father James W. Seymour and Bishop Terry R. LaValley; standing, Gayle Frank, Deacons Henry Leader, John White and Kevin Mastellon and Kathleen Mastellon.

istry of deacons" in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Deacon Paul White of Westport was elected to represent deacons in Essex, Hamilton-Herkimer and Adirondack Deaneries. Deacon Henry

Leader of Gouverneur was elected to represent deacons in the St. Lawrence Deanery. Deacon John Levison of Ellenburg Center was elected to represent deacons in the Clinton and Franklin Deaneries.

Deacon Kevin Mastellon of Watertown was elected to represent deacons in the Jefferson and Lewis Deaneries. Deacon Thomas Kilian of Ogdensburg was chosen to represent Deacons in chaplaincy

positions (hospitals, correctional facilities), deacons employed by the Diocese in some capacity and deacons who are retired or disabled.

The wives and widows of deacons chose Gayle Frank from Clayton and Kathleen Mastellon from Watertown to be their representatives.

Serving as ex-officio members of the Council are Father James W. Seymour, Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Personnel, Deacon John White, Director of Deacon Formation and Deacon Mark Bennett, Plattsburgh, President of the St. Lawrence Society of Deacons of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Bishop LaValley serves as President of the Council. The members selected Deacon Mastellon to serve as Vice President and Deacon Leader as Secretary.



Two women whose daughters were killed at Sandy Hook speak at IHC

# Mothers find faith, grace after tragedy

By Kristina Dean  
Staff writer

**WATERTOWN** - Despite a shattering and tragic event that took the lives of their six-year-old daughters, God's grace and love strengthened the faith of two Newtown, Connecticut, mothers.

Spreading their message of trusting in the Lord, relying on Him during tough times, and being open to His graces, Sandy Previdi and Jenny Hubbard spoke to approximately 100 people at Immaculate High School during a stormy and windy evening, October 28.

They are the mothers of Caroline Previdi and Catherine Violet Hubbard, best friends who died nearly three years ago in a mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown.

Mrs. Previdi emphasized their message was not to focus on the tragic nature of the event.

"We choose not to dwell on the evil act, but to focus on the blessings we hold tight to," she said. "We will see the girls again. Until then, we make sure we are open to doing what God needs us to do."

"We allow God to use our suffering to be blessings to help others," she said.

## Best friends in heaven

Before they began, both mothers referred to a picture projected on a screen, showing a picture of their daughters at school, smiling with their arms slung around one another.

They were inseparable in life, and they are now together in heaven, Mrs. Hubbard said.

"We are joyful because the girls are in heaven together," she said. "There is no better comfort. We miss them every single day, but we hold tight every single day until we see them again."

Mrs. Previdi described praying on her knees two weeks



PHOTO BY KRISTINA DEAN  
Sandy Previdi and Jenny Hubbard spoke at Immaculate Heart Central School in Watertown Oct. 28 about the growth of their faith after the loss of their children.

after Caroline died. In the midst of her tears and prayers, God told her that Caroline was fine and with Him, and assured the grieving mom that He would be there for her as well.

"Peace came to me then. Peace that I shouldn't have had two weeks after she died," Mrs. Previdi said.

## Focus on eternity

The event, while tragic and shattering, has made their faith stronger, said both mothers. Mrs. Previdi said it gave them an eternal focus.

"We are able to be more focused on eternity, not things of this world," she said. "When the girls died, they took their love to heaven with them, not their clothes or things. When I get to heaven, I want Catherine to say, 'Mommy, I'm so proud of you.'"

Mrs. Hubbard said, "God lays someone on my heart because He needs to use me for them that day. Four years

ago, I'm not sure I would've seen God's blessings every day, but now I do."

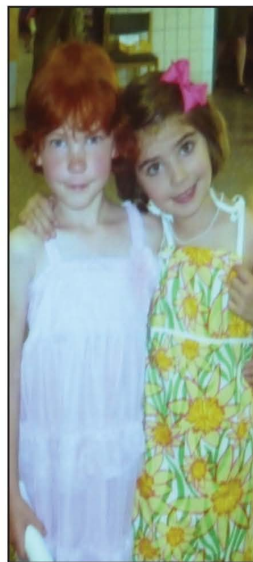
Catherine's mother described a recent "heaviness" on her heart during her birthday this year. "I woke up and said I was fine, but it hit me like a ton of bricks.

"I know she is happy, but I miss her and it hurts," Mrs. Hubbard said. "I pray, dear God, I wish she were here with me on my birthday. Every time He meets me on my knees. I give the heaviness over to Him and He gives me peace and strength."

## Strength from scripture

The women referred throughout the talk to various scripture passages, starting with Proverbs 3:5-6 which states, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways submit to him, and He will make your paths straight."

This became important to



Best friends Caroline Previdi and Catherine Violet Hubbard died nearly three years ago in a mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

them as they dealt with their daughters' deaths, and the aftermath.

God prepared their families, Mrs. Previdi said, and they chose to "lean into Him."

"We had a choice to make when the girls died," she said. "We started allowing God to comfort us, and began trusting in Him that He would provide us with everything we need. Jenny and I have been on our knees asking, 'Why? why?' but we know He knows what's best for us."

## Raising other children

Trust became important to them especially as they decided how to raise their nine-year-old sons, both of whom were in the building during the shooting.

The families went into protective mode, Mrs. Previdi said, and were vigilant in shielding their sons.

Mrs. Hubbard said that after her son, Freddy,

changed to a different school, he started calling home during the day. He didn't want to go to school or be around friends. She described her son slipping away.

"I trusted the voice that said, 'I am here for you. Lean into me. Be still and I will not forsake you.'" she said, and described praying for her son every day.

Eighteen months later, on Easter, Freddy stopped pretending and putting on a brave face. He began to tell his parents that he missed his sister and he started leaning on God as well, Mrs. Hubbard said.

"God knits our lives into part of a big tapestry," she said. "All we can see are the knots, but God is weaving the other side into a beautiful creation."

## Craving prayer

Mrs. Hubbard said she craves prayer and the scripture every day. There are so many stories in scripture where God is faithful and He has blessed his people.

"We have held tightly to these promises every day. He has not left us on this earth alone," she said.

Mrs. Previdi described going with family on vacation to the ocean, six months after Caroline died. She said that her mother was watching her son, Walker, in the ocean and was afraid to let him out of her sight in fear that she'd lose another grandchild.

She described talking to her mother:

"God is with him, walking with him," she told her mother. "God doesn't want us to live in fear. He has so much joy He wants to give us."

"Satan is the one who wants us to be frozen in fear," she said, "I don't want to live life in fear, and I don't want Walker to live in fear. Trust in Him. He is in control."

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# Mothers

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Mrs. Hubbard said she faced that choice the day she sent Freddy back to school January 5, about three weeks after the shooting.

"It was the first turning point," she said. "We (she and Mrs. Previdi) marched the boys to the bus stop and kissed them goodbye, saying 'you're going to be fine.' We are not going to live in a state where our boys live our fears."

The women spoke for approximately 45 minutes, then took questions from the audience.

Both mothers have created foundations in their daughters' names.

The Caroline Previdi Foundation provides support to children who lack financial resources for extra curricular activities.

The Catherine Violet Hubbard Foundation supports projects and programs that

reflect and honor her memory including CVH Animal Sanctuary, Cornell Veterinary Medical School's Shelter Medicine Scholarship, Catherine's Peace Team and Catherine's Cups of Kindness.

The event was organized by Terry Burgess, who originally contacted St. Rose of Lima church in Newtown in 2013 to arrange for the church to host the IHC Mystery players in Lent of 2014.

"I felt we could bring a powerful message to their community as they dealt with the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy," he said.

The Mystery Players performed at St. Rose in 2014 and 2015. During the last visit, Religious Education Director Pam Arsenault suggested that two of the mothers speak to the group of players. Eventually, arrangements were made for them to visit the home of the Mystery Players, IHC.

## Bishop's Schedule

**Nov. 11** – 9:30 a.m., Recently ordained Priests Gathering at St. Bernard's Church in Saranac Lake

**Nov. 12** – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

**Nov. 14-15** – Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People Meeting in Baltimore, MD

**Nov. 16-19** – United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Meeting in Baltimore, MD

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## Rest in Peace

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

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**Nov. 13** – Rev. S. Alphonse Vollmer, 1931; Rev. Victor Van den Hende, 1939; Most Rev. Francis J. Monaghan, 1942

**Nov. 14** – Msgr. Edward Joseph Pierce, 1980

**Nov. 15** – Rev. Medard Zywicki, M.S.C., 1980; Rev. J. Lee Snow, 2003

**Nov. 16** – Rev. Alexis Trudeau, O.M.I., 1885; Rev. Martin C. Mullen, 1904; Rev. John Henry O'Rourke, 1930; Rev. John H. McCloskey, O.S.A., 1957; Rev. George F. Sykes, 2007; Rev. Roland G. Gonyo, 2011

**Nov. 17** – Rev. Edward V. Murphy, 1907; Rev. George D. Boucher, 1954; Rev. Romuald A. Wolski, O.F.M. Conv., 1976

## Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults. Pre-registration online is required in order to participate. Participants may preregister at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) by selecting the registration button and following the directions. All employees and volunteers who participate in church sponsored activities with minor are required to participate. Further information is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 1440

Upcoming sessions;

**Nov. 21** - 9:30 a.m., Immaculate Heart Central School, Watertown

## Environmental Stewardship

### A season for everything

"There is a season for everything" Ecclesiastes tells us. What messages does God give us in the season of fall?

In her book *Fresh Bread*, Joyce Rupp, SM, reflects that autumn teaches us "there is a time for dying and rising. May we have the courage to continue the transforming process."

It is a time to enjoy the feel of crisp air, sounds of geese, the taste of the harvest;

It is a time rake the lawn and put the garden to bed;

It is a time to button up our homes to keep in the heat and keep out the cold;

It is a time to let go of what we don't need any more and to make space for whatever God desires to give us;

It is time to take action to care for our common home, as Pope Francis urges in the encyclical and in his talks to the world community.

He tells us that it is not enough to change our own personal lifestyle. We must also make our voices heard in our governments and their policy making.

One way to do this is to join the Global Catholic Climate Movement to pray for the success of the gathering of leaders in Paris next month to negotiate a treaty to tackle the climate crisis.

The U.S. Bishops have recently sent an appeal to the negotiators of the COP21 Summit to work toward the approval of a fair, legally binding and truly transformational climate agreement.

To sign a letter to the world leaders go to [www.CatholicClimateMovement.global](http://www.CatholicClimateMovement.global). No computer? Find a friend who does have one, print out the form for signatures. Then, sign it and invite them and your family and friends to sign it, too.

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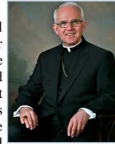
### 2014-2015 Annual Report



# Passing Our Living Faith to Future Generations

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

During Pope Francis' recent pastoral visit to our country, in addition to his ever apparent witness as humble servant to the poor and destitute, I was especially inspired by his sensitivity and attentiveness. Not only is he well aware of the people in his immediate presence, but he is so attentive to the needs of people around the world each and every day.



Our local Church has been following his lead in paying attention to the needs of the folks across the Diocese of Ogdensburg. We, as a Catholic Community are uniting our efforts during this second year of our Envisioning Process as we continue to address our established Priorities and Goals. This five year journey looks to: *Create a Culture of Vocations, Strengthen Faith Formation in Family Life and Build Parishes with Living Stones.*

Our energies are focused on these priorities and meeting the established goals, providing for the future needs of our Diocese and its Parishes, Schools, Ministries and Missionary Projects. *The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg, N.Y.* plays a key supportive role to the financial, charitable, spiritual, educational and temporal works for the future needs of our faith family here in the North Country.

In 2007, in order to **"Build a Bridge for the Future"** and continue a strong sense of commitment of attentiveness to the needs of tomorrow for the Diocese, the Foundation was established. Since that time, forty six Endowments have been created. You will find them and their beneficiaries listed on the back page of our insert. Please take a moment to review the list, our mission statement, a description of what a Catholic Foundation is and how it works, along with methods of giving.

I am very grateful of those who have had the foresight in contributing to the Foundation to benefit the future work of the Church. These gifts are a perpetual source of revenue for the Diocese, Parishes, Schools, Ministries and Missionary Projects of the Diocese.

As I am pleased to present you this 2014 Annual Report, I would like to express my gratitude to Mr. Scott Lalone, Executive Director, and to the Board of Directors for their willingness to serve, provide proper financial oversight, ensure ethical integrity and effective organizational planning for the Foundation.

Wishing God's blessing to you and your loved ones, I am

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley  
Bishop of Ogdensburg

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## THE FOUNDATION OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG

Dear Friends,

Want to make a gift that will last forever? An endowment gift is a perpetual gift where the principal remains intact and dividends are distributed to the beneficiary you chose every quarter forever.

Donors enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that their gift will give steady annual income to the causes that have been most meaningful in their lives such as their Parish, Catholic School, Programs/Ministries, and Missionary Projects of the Diocese or the Diocese itself.

Establishing an endowment in the Foundation of the Diocese of Ogdensburg is also a wonderful way to providing a lasting and meaningful gift in remembrance of a special person and at the same time support a purpose which you or that special person held dear.

With the generosity of the people in our Catholic Community, 46 Endowments (see back page) have been created since the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg, NY Foundation was incorporated in 2007 to **"Build a Bridge for the Future."**

In an endowment gift, the principle remains intact and dividends from investments are allocated to the beneficiary the donor so chooses. Your gift will last forever, ensuring the future of something that is close to your heart even after God has called you to a better place.

Please take a few minutes to review our annual report, noting the Bishop's strong words of encouragement, our mission statement, and how a foundation works and the methods of giving. Also please review the 46 current endowments and respective beneficiaries that will receive a perpetual source of income.

You can create your own endowment or add to one that already exists through a variety of giving options that our office can assist you with. As you prayerfully consider a gift, know that we will work with you to clearly define your wishes.

Thank you to those who have generously supported the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg and our mission.

Sincerely yours,

Scott M. Lalone  
Executive Director

## The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg Statements of Financial Position June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014

ASSETS	6/30/2015	6/30/2014
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 125,496	\$ 75,290
Accrued Interest	6,460	5,561
Investments at Fair Value	5,282,514	5,303,749
Charitable Gift Annuities	1,852	144,212
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 5,416,322</b>	<b>\$ 5,528,812</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -
<b>NET ASSETS:</b>		
Unrestricted (Deficit)	\$ (88,804)	\$ (86,131)
Temporarily Restricted	1,546,609	1,776,717
Permanently Restricted	3,938,517	3,838,226
Total Net Assets	\$ 5,416,322	\$ 5,528,812
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 5,416,322</b>	<b>\$ 5,528,812</b>



# Passing Our Living Faith to Future Generations

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of The Foundation is to pass our living faith to future generations by financially supporting the charitable, spiritual, educational and temporal works of the Catholic Community of the Diocese of Ogdensburg by accepting donations or endowment funds from donors and the administration of these funds.

In fulfilling its mission, The Foundation will:

- Provide estate planning and charitable giving information and assistance.
- Provide gifting vehicles in which the Church or related entities are the designated beneficiary.
- Provide responsible and financial management and distribution of earnings that further the mission of the Catholic Church.

Catholics are called by God to protect human life, to promote dignity, to defend those who are poor, to strengthen the Church and to seek the common good. The Foundation exists to help Catholics live out this sacred mission of the Church, through the wise stewardship and thoughtful sharing of their financial resources.

The Foundation will provide permanent endowments and memorial funds for donors who want to give lasting support to parishes, schools, religious and social service ministries in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

## HOW THE FOUNDATION WORKS

The Foundation solicits and receives planned gifts to benefit the people and communities of the Diocese as designated by donors. Prudent financial management of the funds is entrusted to the Board of Directors comprised of distinguished Church, business and civic leaders. A professional staff administers the day to day operation of The Foundation and oversees the distribution of annual earnings from the funds. Assets are managed by investment professionals.

## PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

We recognize and understand as a Catholic Foundation entirely separate from the Diocese but in all ways accountable to both the Diocese and our donors, we are sustained by public trust and laws that confer upon us a special responsibility to society and the Roman Catholic Church. We further acknowledge that this responsibility can be met by full, open and public disclosure of all our affairs.

## Methods of Giving

Type of Gift	Form of Gift	Benefit to Church	Benefit to You
<b>Outright Gift</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash</li> <li>• Stocks/securities</li> <li>• Real estate</li> <li>• Insurance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perpetual income</li> <li>• Interest income used by The Foundation, parishes, schools and organizations in diocese</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income tax deduction</li> <li>• No capital gains tax on Appreciated gifts</li> </ul>
<b>Wills &amp; Bequests</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash</li> <li>• Real estate</li> <li>• Personal property</li> <li>• Percentage of estate</li> <li>• Remainder of estate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bequest will be held in perpetuity and invested to fund The Foundation needs as designated by the donor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible estate tax deduction</li> <li>• Opportunity to make perpetual gifts</li> </ul>
<b>Charitable Gift Annuities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash</li> <li>• Stocks/securities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upon the death of the donor or last surviving annuitant remaining assets generate interest income for The Foundation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible estate tax deduction</li> <li>• Opportunity to make perpetual gifts</li> </ul>
<b>Insurance Policies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name The Foundation as policy owner and/or beneficiary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Foundation receives full face value of policy upon death of the donor, or may receive current surrender value prior to donor's death</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunity to make substantial future gift to The Foundation at current manageable cost</li> <li>• Income tax deduction for value of the policy when transferred</li> <li>• Premium payments may be deducted as gifts</li> </ul>
<b>Real Estate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home</li> <li>• Land</li> <li>• Vacation Home</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Foundation receives the proceeds from the sale of the property at your death or sooner if so desired by the Donor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can be given with life use</li> <li>• Can be given without incurring tax on the appreciation</li> </ul>
<b>Charitable Remainder Trusts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash</li> <li>• Stocks/securities</li> <li>• Real estate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Foundation receives substantial future gifts to support the work of The Foundation and the charities named by the donor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Variable or fixed income</li> <li>• Option to defer income</li> <li>• Income tax deduction</li> <li>• Reduction of estate taxes</li> <li>• No capital gains tax on appreciated gift (or deferred in some instances)</li> </ul>
<b>Retirement Plan/IRA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name The Foundation as beneficiary of death benefit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significant gift upon death of donor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunity to make a major gift</li> <li>• Estate and income tax savings</li> </ul>
<b>Endowment Fund</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any of the above types of gifts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The final beneficiary(ies) will have a perpetual source of revenue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making a lasting gift that is a permanent legacy of your faith</li> </ul>

# ***Endowments Established in the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg, New York, Inc.***

- Reverend Norman Poupore Endowment** – Support of Priests' Disabilities  
**Catholic Charities Endowment** – Corporate purposes  
**Society of the Sisters of St. Joseph Endowment** – Corporate purposes  
**Society of the Propagation of the Faith Endowment** – Corporate purposes  
**St. Joseph's Home Foundation Endowment** – Corporate purposes  
**Catherine Aurelia Endowment** – Bishop's Charities and Religious Works  
**Reverend Anthony A. Milia Endowment** – Support of the Diocesan Archives  
**Building For Tomorrow Endowment** – Operating expenses of the Catholic Community of Alexandria  
**Education of Seminarians Endowment** – Funding to the annual operating budget  
**Faylene LeRoux Endowment** – Support of Catholic Education  
**Formation For Ministry Endowment** – Parish financial assistance and annual operating budget  
**Guggenheim/Hughes Endowment** – Support of capital needs of Guggenheim Center  
**Leona Schlafly Endowment** – General purposes of the Diocese of Ogdensburg  
**Reverend James Meehan Endowment** – Special care of priests  
**St. Mary's Cathedral Endowment** – Support of general operations  
**Joseph & Joyce Sylvester Endowment** – General operating needs of St. Anthony's, Watertown  
**Guggenheim Maintenance Endowment** – Maintain the main camp building, boathouse and grounds  
**Spratt Memorial Endowment** – Support capital needs  
**St. Alexander's Catholic Education Endowment** – Support of Catholic education at parish  
**Alice Austin Trust Mass Endowment** – Masses at St. Andrew's Church, Sackets Harbor  
**Lawrence R. Robinson Trust Mass Endowment** – Masses at St. Andrew's Church, Sackets Harbor  
**St. Augustine's Church Endowment** – General purposes of St. Augustine's at Peru.  
**Margaret Brothers Endowment** – General purposes of St. Patrick's Church, Rouses Point  
**Victor West Endowment** – General purposes of St. Patrick's Church, Rouses Point  
**St. Mary's Champlain NY Endowment** – Support of St. Mary's Academy and St. Mary's Church  
**Reverend W. Cyril Rapin Endowment** – Support of disabled priests  
**Good Samaritan Endowment** – Christian charity to the people of the North Country  
**Holy Family Strauss Educational Endowment** – Promote Catholic education  
**Deacon Adam Crowe Scholarship Endowment** – Education of Seminarians  
**William Cornish Endowment** – St. Henry's Church, EWTN, Diocese  
**Donald J. Grant Endowment** – General purposes of RC Community of Brownville & Dexter  
**St. Lawrence Church Endowment** – General purposes of St. Lawrence Church in North Lawrence  
**St. Patrick's Church Shamrock Endowment** – General purposes of St. Patrick's Church in Brasher Falls  
**Queen of Heaven Church** – General purposes of Queen of Heaven Church  
**Church of St. Patrick/Stumpf Family** – Catholic Education  
**ME Walton Good Samaritan Endowment** – Needs of parishioners at St. Cyril's and St. Francis Xavier  
**Special Care of Priests Endowment** – Funding for annual operating budget  
**Alice Austin Mass Endowment** – Masses at Queen of Heaven Church, Henderson  
**St. Francis of Assisi Endowment** – 50% Diocese, 50% Covenant House  
**William L. Patnode Endowment** – Education of Seminarians  
**Gertrude J. Tyo Endowment** – Education of Seminarians  
**Chapin, McCarthy, LaBelle Families Endowment** – General purposes St. Augustine (North Bangor)  
**Chapin, McCarthy Families Endowment** – General purposes St. Martin de Porras, Peru (Missionary Projects)  
**St. Patrick's & Mother Cabrini's Shrine of Peru, NY Endowment** – General purposes of Shrine.  
**Thomas and Ann Fiacco Endowment** – General purposes St. Mary's Catholic School, Canton, NY  
**Thomas and Ann Fiacco Endowment** – General purposes Trinity Catholic School, Massena, NY  
**PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS AS OF JUNE 30, 2015 - \$3,958,517**





# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

**St. Teresa of Avila 'shows the way of radical love,' says Carmelite nun**  
TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (CNS) -- Western Indiana in 2015 might seem a world away from Spain in 1515. But on a recent Saturday, a group of Discalced Carmelite nuns in Terre Haute celebrated the close connection that they have to St. Teresa of Avila, their order's foundress, who was born in Spain 500 years ago. Indianapolis Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, several priests and scores of friends of the Carmelite Monastery of St. Joseph worshipped Oct. 10 with the 14 contemplative nuns of the Terre Haute community during a Mass in honor of St. Teresa. In his homily, Archbishop Tobin shared the connection that the nuns had with their foundress. He said that they, and all people of faith today, can learn what holiness means by looking to St. Teresa. "She taught that holiness begins with desire," Archbishop Tobin said. "Holiness understood as communion with God who is love, and living in a loving relationship with the people that God sends into my life begins with wanting it." He also reflected on the way in which St. Teresa understood that God was working through the many instances of suffering in her life to bring about great good.

## Christians have no right to exclude others, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Christians are called to follow Jesus' path of inclusion and "do not have the right to exclude" or drive away those who they deem unworthy of salvation, Pope Francis said at his early morning Mass. In his homily Nov. 5 during the Mass in the chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae, the pope said that like the Pharisees and scribes depicted in the Gospels, people are often tempted to be selective and form their own "little group," an attitude "that is not Christian." The pope reflected on the day's Gospel reading (Lk 15:1-10) in which the Pharisees criticize Jesus for welcoming sinners and eating with them. "The attitude of the scribes, the Pharisees is the same, they exclude: 'We are the perfect ones, we follow the law. These are the sinners, they are publicans,'" he said. "And Jesus' attitude is to include. God has included everyone in salvation, everyone! This is the beginning. With our weaknesses, with our sins, with our envy, jealousy, we always have this attitude of exclusion" that is "the root of all wars" and divides families, friends and countries from one another.

**Catholic-Lutheran document sums up agreements, maps steps to full unity**  
BALTIMORE (CNS) -- A new 120-page document marks the progress in Catholic-Lutheran relations over the past 50 years and maps the remaining steps needed to achieve full unity. The "Declaration on the Way" was prepared by a joint task force of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs and the Chicago-based Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which has more than 3.7 million members in 9,300 congregations across the United States. The document was inspired by a December 2011 speech by Cardinal Kurt Koch, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, and draws on the work of national and international Catholic-Lutheran dialogues since 1965, particularly on the topics of church, ministry and the Eucharist. It was intended to mark the 50th anniversary of Catholic-Lutheran dialogue in 2015 and the upcoming 500th anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation in 2017. "It's amazing to think that 500 years ago we were killing each other over" issues on which there is now consensus between the two communions, said ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton in a Nov. 4 telephone news conference about the declaration.

# Second Vatican Council participants hand legacy on to new generation

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - A group of young adults from North and South America, Europe, Africa and Asia received scrolls commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, dangling from the ribbon around each scroll was a flash drive containing the entire text of the document.

At the Vatican Nov. 5, the document was handed on to a new generation by: Nigerian Cardinal Francis Arinze, 83, a member of the council; Swiss Cardinal Georges Cottier, 93, an expert at the council; Alain Delaunoy, 89, an expert on financial matters at the council; and Cardinal Andrea Cordero Lanza di Montezemolo, 90.

In his "testimony" to the young people, Cardinal Montezemolo explained that he was not at the council, but half a world away. He was secretary of the Vatican nunciature in Japan in 1964. Just before the third session of the council began that fall, he opened a copy of the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, and saw a headline that Blessed Paul VI had decided to name some women as council observers.

"I remember saying to myself, 'Now women are even entering the council!'" he told the young people in a tone that did not convey complete approval. "Then I read the names and the first woman mentioned was my mother!"

The cardinal said he wrote his mother a letter congratulating her, but adding, "I don't know if I should greet you as 'dear mama' or 'your eminence' or 'most reverend excellence.'"

Amalia di Montezemolo led an Italian association, made

up mostly of widows like herself, who worked with the country's military ordinary providing spiritual and material assistance to members of the military and their families. The cardinal said his mother did not speak much about her experience at the council because she felt bound to secrecy.

The Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace gathered Cardinal Montezemolo and the others as firsthand witnesses to the council and to speak specifically about the pastoral constitution, which is widely known by its Latin title "Gaudium et Spes." Their "testimony" kicked off a two-day meeting of experts in Catholic social teaching and young Catholics to discuss the ongoing relevance of the council document.

Oblate Father Andrew Small, director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States, said the document presents the church's mission as healing the world's wounds through evangelization and its work for justice and peace. The mission requires recognizing the dignity and responsibility of laypeople, who are called to exercise their vocation in the world, and reading "the signs of the times" in order to respond to God's call and meet real needs.

Cardinal Arinze, who was ordained a bishop in 1965 only two weeks before the start of the council's last session, said his only contribution to "Gaudium et Spes" was "my signature at the end."

The document has had a huge influence on the church and "its vision of the world," he said. The church's concern for the real world and the concrete situation of human beings flows, as the document said, from the fact that Christ became human and lived in the world. While

all are called to use their earthly lives to prepare for life in heaven, the document makes clear that Christians should not be "irrelevant citizens" of this world, but active participants in making the world a better place, Cardinal Arinze said.

"Gaudium et Spes" also emphasizes how one's temporal duties and duties as a citizen are responsibilities to one's neighbors and to God, the cardinal said. The document insists that laypeople take charge of their "specific apostolate" of bringing the Gospel to bear on politics, social life and the economy.

"Laypeople must not expect from their pastors an answer to every question that arises in matters social, political, cultural," he said. "The layperson, paying attention to the doctrine of the church and with the aid of the sacraments, takes on his distinctive role or her distinctive role."

Cardinal Cottier said the document "remains as fresh as it was 50 years ago," calling Catholics to a spirituality that looks for signs of God's presence in the world and ways to bring God's love, justice and healing to situations of confusion, poverty, injustice and conflict.

Delaunoy told the young people he sees a "remarkable continuity between St. John XXIII and Pope Francis," particularly in their "openness to the world and to seeing all people as brothers and sisters."

Perhaps the most important impact of the council, he said, was the freedom and responsibility it gave laypeople. Although not all the results have been positive, the church at the Second Vatican Council encouraged all Catholics to pray, to read Scripture, to understand church teaching and to apply it in their lives.



## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# Death: the end or just the beginning?

Don't you love it when one of your friends starts off a conversation by saying quite solemnly: "There are two kinds of people...."?

We're supposed to hold our breath for a brilliant analysis!

So forgive me if I start off this column with one.

There are two kinds of people: those who believe that life ends with death, and

those who believe that death is just the beginning. It wasn't so obvious to the

Jews of the Old Testament.

The Book of Daniel from which our first reading is taken, is called an apocalyptic book.

It talks about the archangel Michael, "the great prince" directing some really dramatic events.

For the first time, a belief in the resurrection of the body is stated pretty clearly.

Not everyone will be happy about that, of course, especially if they haven't

lived a good life.

Then Mark's Gospel gives us Jesus' prophecy about the end times. Again, it's pretty scary for people who haven't prepared very well.

After some gigantic cosmic fireworks, with the sun, the moon, and the stars going crazy, we will see the Son of Man coming in all his glory.

Why is He coming? He's coming to judge every person that was ever born. Some will enter into eternal joy, others into eternal pain.

There is no question that these readings should inspire us with a certain dread

NOV. 15

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS

Daniel 12:1-3

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Mark 13:24-32

and fear. Yet, they are meant to give us great hope, especially in the second reading from Hebrews.

Here, St. Paul assures us that Jesus, the High Priest, took on Himself the burden of our sins and destroyed them through His one-time sacrifice on Calvary.

Jesus is a High Priest to-

tally different from the other High Priests, for when He comes again (on the clouds of heaven), He comes to save us and bring all people to salvation. There is the most hopeful note in this next to the last Sunday of the Church year.

How many will be saved? When will all this happen?

Mark's Gospel tells us no one knows the time or the place, except the Father. So speculation is useless!

What we need to do is live each day as though it were our last—in confident hope and constant love for God and neighbor.

## OUR READERS WRITE

### Attention prayer warriors

After some investigation the truth has been revealed. Surgical abortions are NOW occurring at the Planned Parenthood Clinic in Watertown, NY. We now have TWO surgical abortion facilities (the other Plattsburgh) in our backyard. This is very sad news for me to share with you but it cannot discourage us. This should make us want to work harder to save the lives of our littlest brothers and sisters in our area and to prevent their mommies from experiencing the damage abortion...causes.

If you can first pray. Pray for all involved:

pray for the abortionists, that they stop the killing

pray for the abortion workers, that they desire to leave their jobs

pray for the mommies and their little ones in the womb, that they be spared

pray for the sidewalk counselors, that the truth is spoken with love and their numbers increase

pray for the pro-life workers, that they step out in courage and be a presence AT

the abortion facilities, the last place to reach out to these mothers and that their numbers increase

pray for those that cannot be AT the abortion facility, that they offer up prayer to God that the killing ends in our neighborhood

Second, please share this news with every person you know. The word must get out. The trumpet must be blown to call an assembly, gather prayer warriors to pray and be a peaceful witness to LIFE.

Third, Thank God for all the life affirming opportunities given to us and how God has blessed our North Country with so many good things for LIFE

Come Holy Spirit, Jesus I trust in You!

NANCY BELZILE

SILENT NO MORE NEW YORK

WILLSBORO

### Religious exemptions to vaccination

Anybody who has been paying attention the last 5 years is aware of the assault against religious liberty, especially

towards Catholic or other faith groups being forced to pay for contraceptives or abortion, and to support same-sex marriage. The attacks on faith continue in many other areas as well.

One area of attack, and somewhat more difficult for some to support is in the area of religious exemptions to vaccinations. Although this attack may seem sudden (spurred on by the 100+ cases of measles in California earlier this year), the truth is that it has been years in the making. Even though you may be a believer in vaccinations, it behooves you to support the religious exemption.

In 1986 the American Medical Association and in 1998 the American Academy of Pediatrics voted in their assemblies to work to do away with the religious and philosophical exemptions to vaccination, leaving only the medical exemption (which doctors will rarely give because of fear of losing their licenses to practice).

Why should YOU care about vaccination as an aspect of religious liberty? Because health issues are being used as a back door to do away with religious freedom and to make people of faith appear to be enemies of society and the common good. Thus, if one religious liberty is lost, then so will go all others and there will be no religious liberty for anyone in any area.

To add insult to injury, we are being manipulated by the lack of research, as

well as dishonest research regarding vaccines, their safety and effectiveness. A recent whistleblower, Dr. William Thompson, Senior CDC (Centers for Disease Control) scientist, said evidence of MMR vaccines causing autism (for all children, but especially African American males) was kept from the public. Thus, children are being sacrificed for the pharmaceutical companies and for government control over our lives.

Sadly, this is allowed because the cry of vaccine advocates is "for the health of the children." That pulls at our heartstrings. Apparently, this is a very successful tactic, but it is a lie. What is happening is a sneaky way to get complete medical tyranny over our lives.

Recently, our New York State lawmakers voted to mandate the meningitis vaccine for all children in 7th and 12th grades, and boosters will be needed. All children will be sacrificed for a rare, but serious, disease. When you start giving drugs of any kind for one rare disease, it opens the door for more drugs and vaccines to be added. It will never stop for there are always diseases around. As it is, our children now have to get at least 21 doses representing 12 diseases, including sexually transmitted diseases.

Bills submitted to the New York State Legislature regarding repealing the religious exemption to vaccination:

Assembly 08329

Senate 06017

The justification for repealing the religious exemption is that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) wants a high vaccination rate of 95% to "maintain herd immunity." New York State school district rates vary from below 70% to 95%. (And that doesn't always work- even if everyone is vaccinated for rubella- given an epidemic, up to 80% will be re-infected. "Reinfection is more common in those vaccinated than in those who had natural rubella." Principles and Practice of Infectious Diseases, 1985).

Please join me in visiting, calling, writing or emailing your State Assembly person or Senator before it is too late. Tell them to vote No to the repeal of religious exemption to vaccination.

BONNIE PLUMERI FRANZ  
OGDENSBURG

## Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters from readers of the *North Country Catholic*.

•Due to space limitations, we ask that the number of words be limited to 300.

•We cannot accept letters which support ideas which are contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

•Send letters to North Country Catholic, PO Box 326, Ogdensburg, NY, 13669 or e-mail to [news@northcountrycatholic.org](mailto:news@northcountrycatholic.org)



Monsignor  
Paul E.  
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**Attention  
Snowbirds**  
going south for the winter!

Notify our office so you don't miss a single issue of the *North Country Catholic*! Call (315) 608-7556 with your winter address.



## AT THE MOVIES

# BURNT

John Mulderig  
Catholic News Service

Can't get enough of TV cooking star Gordon Ramsay's trademark rages and rants? Their fictional equivalent is as close as your nearest multiplex, courtesy of the ego-driven culinary drama "Burnt" (Weinstein).

There's a pleasant enough dessert awaiting audiences toward the end of director John Wells' predictable conversion story. But its bad-boy protagonist's tantrums make for an entree that many will find over-spiced -- while some of the film's thematic side dishes will not agree with palates attuned to traditional values.

Who's that guy with the motorcycle, the leather jacket and the mad kitchen skills? It's suave but volatile -- make that volcanic -- chef Adam Jones (Bradley Cooper).

Although he well deserves a novelty apron declaring him the World's Greatest Cook, perfection-hungry

Adam is a troubled soul. In fact, as "Burnt" opens, Adam's alcohol and drug addictions have caused the Paris-trained toque's once promising career to crash.

After completing a self-imposed penance -- the shucking of 1 million oysters, only the last of which he eats in celebration -- clean, sober and temporarily celibate, Adam is ready to return from exile via a well-choreographed comeback.

The first step in his plan is to take over the faltering kitchen of the prestigious London restaurant run by his old colleague from the City of Lights, gifted maitre d' Tony (Daniel Bruhl).

But Adam's ultimate goal, once this upscale foothold has been secured, is to use it to ascend to the summit, the pinnacle, the "ne plus ultra" of culinary achievement, a three-star rating from the folks behind France's Michelin Guide.

Unfortunately for those who have to earn their liv-

ing at Adam's side, and under his direction - "Yes, Chef!" - his obsessive pursuit of those coveted astronomical, gastronomical symbols is marked by obscenity-laden lectures berating all and sundry.

Prominent among the victims of Adam's ill-tempered outbursts is another old pal from his days in the French capital, Michel (Omar Sy). Although Adam betrayed Michel in spectacular fashion during the course of his booze- and narcotics-fueled downward spiral, the two have since reconciled.

Abundantly talented but entirely lacking in tranquility or any semblance of consideration for others, Adam will register with religiously grounded viewers as the embodiment of a familiar type of secular pathology.

Absent any consciousness of the real deity, he elevates his craft into an idol before which all must kneel -- and to the fuming demands of which all must be sacrificed.

As Adam undergoes his



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Bradley Cooper stars in a scene from the movie "Burnt."

inevitable enlightenment, simultaneously opening up and calming down, we're subjected to yet another instance of the big-screen maneuver whereby any group of people -- in this case, the kitchen staff -- can form a "family" based on shared interests and mutual support.

While all natural clans encountered at the movies these days appear to be dysfunctional, these ersatz fam-

ilies always seem to get along swimmingly.

The film contains cohabitation, mature themes, including homosexuality, crude language.

The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults.

The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R - restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

## SAINTS AND SUPERHEROES



PHOTO BY STEFANIE WILSON

The Catholic Community of Chateaugay and Burke Youth Group hosted a Halloween Costume Party and Carnival Oct. 30 to raise money for their community service projects. More than 40 children attend the event, raising about \$100. Pictured, from left are, Anna Dalton, Luke Dalton, Valerie Dalton, youth group leader; Drew Crawford and Ainsley Crawford



The multi-age 2nd/3rd grade class at St. Mary's School in Canton presented their favorite saints to the student body during Monday Morning Prayer Service Nov. 2. Pictured are Ross (St. Charles), Marissa (St. Lucy), Matthew (St. Peter Carisius), Alexa (St. Elizabeth of Hungary), Emma (Blessed Virgin Mary), Tyler (St. Patrick), Tate (St. Michael the Arch Angel), Sophia (St. Dymphna), Gavin (St. Lawrence), and Alex (St. Paul the Apostle).



## ADIRONDACK

## SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Lake Placid – St. Agnes Elementary School to have a Christmas Bazaar.

Date: Dec. 2

Time: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Features: Toys, trees, wreaths, baked goods, poinsettias, gifts, crafts, raffles, silent auction. Vendor Space Available.

Contact: Kathleen Murphy at info@stagnesp.org or at 518-523-3771

## CLINTON

## IGNATIUS PROGRAM

Ellenburg Depot – There will be an Ignatius Program via DVD by Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV.

Date: Nov. 14 and 21

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer

Program: "14 Rules for Discerning of Spirits" by St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Contact: Reservations are needed each day for lunch. Please register by Nov. 12 by calling 518-594-3253.

## TURKEY NIGHT

Mooers – Msgr. A. M. Gilbert Council K of C is holding a turkey night.

Date: Nov. 14

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Mooers Fire Station

Features: Cash prizes, baskets, hams, turkeys, lottery board, more. Shopping spree (capped at a specific dollar amount). Snacks, door prizes,

Contact: Michael J. Willette, michaeljwillette@hotmail.com, 518-236-5531

## LAY ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

Plattsburgh – The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to an informational meeting about our Lay Associate Program.

Date: Nov. 15

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: Sisters of St. Joseph Convent

Features: Associates meet once a month to learn about the spirituality of the Sisters of St. Joseph, pray together, and discuss ways to deepen one's spiritual life; open to men and women.

Contact: Call Sr. Helen Herman at 518-561-8252 or Sister Bethany Fitzgerald 315-212-6592.

## PAINT AND SIP

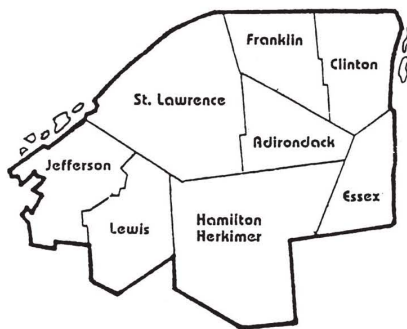
Chazy – The Sacred Heart Ladies will be sponsoring a Paint and Sip Party.

Date: Nov. 18

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Sacred Heart Parish Center

Cost: \$30 per person



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Features: Includes all supplies, snacks and "sipping". Reserve your spot now.  
Contact: 846-7650 or 570-7747

## CRAFT FESTIVAL

Chazy – Sacred Heart Church will be sponsoring a Fabulous Fall Craft Festival.  
Date: Nov. 21

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

Place: Sacred Heart Parish Center

Features: Over 25 vendors from NY and VT. Hot lunches, raffle, baked goods.

Contact: Sharon Nephew at 493-2914 or Noreen Barcomb at 570-7747

## HEALING MINISTRY

Morrisonville – The Catholic Community of St. Alexander's and St. will have Living Waters Healing Ministry.

Date: Dec. 3

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: St. Alexander's Church

Features: Anointing of the Sick, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and an opportunity to receive individual prayer.

## ESSEX

## PARISH HOLIDAY FAIR

Willsboro – St. Philip of Jesus will have the annual parish Holiday Fair.

Date: Nov. 14

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: St. Philip of Jesus Parish hall

Features: St. Philip of Jesus and St. Joseph's parish invite you to join in the Holiday Fair. There will be crafts, baked goods, raffles of themed baskets, sale of gently used goods and luncheon served.

Contact: Rev Francis Flynn catarindo@charter.net 518-873-6760

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Wells – A "Giving Thanks Pancake Breakfast" sponsored by St. Ann's Altar & Rosary Society to be held.

Date: Nov. 14

Time: 8 a.m. to 11

Place: Wells Meal Site, Buttermilk Hill Rd

Cost: Adults, \$6; Children 12 and under, \$4.50; under 3, Free

Features: This fundraiser will help the Altar & Rosary Society continue their community outreach to needy families and the purchase of church supplies.

## JEFFERSON

## BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Watertown – An Ecumenical Bereavement Meeting to be held.

Date: Nov. 23

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Sisters of St. Joseph Hearthside Hospitality Center

Speaker: Sister Norma Bryant, SSJ

Topic: "The Holidays: How Can I Get Through Them?"

## MUSICAL MISSION

Watertown – An interfaith musical celebration of God's love.

Date: Nov. 13

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Church of the Holy Family

Features: Musicians, singers, worship bands. Refreshments, Free-will offering to benefit Watertown Urban Mission.

Contact: Rectory, 315-782-2468

## SPAGHETTI &amp; MEATBALL DINNER

Evans Mills – Spaghetti & Meatball din-

ner to be held to benefit Indian River Knights of Columbus Council 7471.

Date: Nov. 14

Time: 4 p.m. to 7

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Contact: 629-4678

## PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINE

Clayton – A bus trip sponsored by St. Mary's, with pilgrims from St. Cyril and Cape Vincent parishes will be taken to St. Marianne Cope Shrine and Museum in Syracuse.

Date: Nov. 18

Cost: \$40

Features: Guided tour of the museum, have some time in the gift shop, visit the Church of the Assumption, and attend a Mass. A stop for lunch, not covered in the cost, will be made in Syracuse.

Contact: Call 686-3398 or stop in the rectory for further information or to sign up for this trip.

## SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Watertown – The Altar Rosary Society will be having a spaghetti supper.

Date: Nov. 19

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, \$.75 each

Features: Take-outs begin at 4 p.m., please bring your own containers.

## LESSONS AND CAROLS

Watertown – Advent in Scripture and Song to be held

Date: Dec. 13

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: St. Patrick's Church

Features: Lessons and Carols, scripture and music to celebrate this Advent season. Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 2:00 pm in St. Pat's Church in Watertown, NY.

Contact: For more information contact: Dc. Kevin Mastellon: 315-782-5045 or kmastellon@spwatn.org

## LEWIS

## LEWIS HOLY HOUR

Lowville – All are invited to a holy hour.

Date: Nov. 19

Time: 4 p.m. to 5

Place: St. Peter's Chapel

Features: Adoration prayers, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Lowville – Middle School Youth Group to meet.

Date: Nov. 18 and third Wednesday of each month

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: St. Peter's Church

## ST. LAWRENCE

## FAREWELL TO GREY NUNS

Ogdensburg – A farewell celebration for the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart will be held

Date: Nov. 29

Time: 11 a.m. Mass

Place: St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: A reception will follow in the Brzana Hall

## ST. MARY'S ANNUAL AUCTION

Canton – St. Mary's School to have their 12th Annual Auction.

Date: Nov. 20

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 10

Place: St. Mary's School Gym

Cost: Pre-sale, \$15; At the door, \$20

Features: Night entertainment, delicious food, and socializing. Over 200 people bid on 400 items and a live and silent auction. Please consider donating an item to our auction. We are looking for genuine antiques, artwork, jewelry, a service you may be able to provide, new sports equipment or new home décor items just to name a few. Please drop off donations at the school during the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m..

Contact: For ticket information call St. Mary's School at 315-386-3572.

## CRAFT SHOW

Brasher Falls – The Altar Rosary Society of St. Patrick's Church will hold its annual craft show.

Date: Nov. 14

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: K of C Hall

Cost: Adults, \$1; Students, \$.50; under 5, Free

Features: All kinds of crafts. Luncheon and refreshments will be available.

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

## DAYS OF DISCERNMENT

Potsdam – Discerning men are invited to come together & consider the call the Roman Catholic Priesthood.

Dates: Nov. 22; Dec. 6 & 13; Jan. 17 & 31; Feb. 14 & 28; March 13; April 3 & 17

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Rectory

Features: Reflection and vespers. No reservation necessary, just come along.

Contact: Your Catholic Campus Minister or Father Howard Venette, pastor

@stmmaryspatrick.net, 315-265-9680;

Father Douglas Lucia,

frdoug@twcny.rr.com or Father Bryan

Stitt, bstitt@rcdony.org





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# A time of thanks

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

Thanks to all of you throughout our North Country who have so generously given to our brothers and sisters in the developing countries. I give thanks to Almighty God when I reflect upon your generosity in prayer and sacrifice for the missions. Reaching out to offer material and prayerful support evokes a feeling of unity and solidarity within our entire human family.

Traditionally in the Catholic Church, November has been dedicated as a time of special prayer for our deceased and remembering fondly the joy they brought into our lives. It is indeed an opportune time for the Mission Office to give thanks for our benefactors who were witnesses to the Gospel by their prayers and sacrificial offerings to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

We remember in prayer especially the faithful departed who remembered the Missions in their will. This remembrance of the mission church is a lasting testament of their good will so others may hear the good news about Jesus Christ's love for them.

The Diocesan Mission Office wishes to acknowledge in thanksgiving the following bequests made to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, whose legal process has been completed this year. It is worth noting that we have several other generous bequests still completing their legal process and will be fully acknowledged next year.

**2015 Bequests**  
 As of November 10, 2015

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**Adams** - Mary E. (LaComb) Petrie, 87; Funeral Services Nov. 2, 2015 at St. Cecilia's Church; burial in St. Cecilia's Cemetery.

**Champlain** - Donald R. Demers, 84; Funeral Services Nov. 3, 2015 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Memorial Gardens, Ellenburgh Depot.

**Champlain** - Marian Grace (Smith) Lapan, 85; Funeral services Nov. 4, 2015 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Clayton** - Catherine L. "Kitti" (Bogenschutz) Emm, 72; Funeral Services Nov. 4, 2015 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Louisville** - Lawrence G. Boyce, 58; Funeral Services Nov. 6, 2015 at St. Lawrence Church.

**Lowville** - Robert R. Archer, 83; Funeral Services Nov. 6, 2015 at St. Peter's Church; burial in West Lowville Rural Cemetery.

**Morrisonville** - Gerald J. Gonyea, 72; Funeral Services Nov. 2, 2015 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in St. Alexander's Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** - Walter Johnson, 91; Funeral Nov. 3, 2015 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

**Peru** - Gertrude Ida LaMar, 86; Funeral

Services Nov. 3, 2015 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Peru** - Kenneth E. "Ken" Perry, 82; Funeral Services Nov. 3, 2015 at the Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in Church of the Assumption Cemetery.

**Peru** - John P. "Johnny" Sarbou, 53; Funeral Services Nov. 7, 2015 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** - Aurele "Joe" Bray, 87; Funeral Services Nov. 7, 2015 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Rouses Point** - Patricia J. (Dea) Dion, 76; Funeral Services Nov. 7, 2015 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**Rouses Point** - Robert Raymond LeBlanc, 87; Funeral Services Nov. 2 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**Tupper Lake** - Donna Amell Thomas, 60; Funeral Services Nov. 3, 2015 at St. Alphonsus Church

**Watertown** - Margaret M. (Sterlacci) Lof-tus, 87; Funeral Services Nov. 2, 2015 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Willsboro** - Eugene Philip Robare, 80 Funeral services Nov. 5, 2015 at St. Philip of Jesus Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

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The Staff at Sacred Heart & St. Lawrence rectory is proud to have worked for Father Don Manfred. His caring, patience and generosity have been the backbone of our workforce. We pray for his continued good health & service.

*Third in a series of autobiographies of 2015 religious jubilarians*

## Sr. Catherine Mary... Mercy Sister for 60 years

By Sister Catherine Mary Cummings, RSM  
60 year jubilarian

"Thousands of thanks and praise to God's holy name!"

It is with humble gratitude that I tell you about my journey in mercy.

My faith was first nourished at home by my parents, Myron and Kay Cummings, my brothers Bob and Tom, and my sister Gert.

It was further developed by the priests of St. Mary's Cathedral Parish in Ogdensburg and the grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart who were my teachers for 12 years at Bishop Conroy Memorial School and St. Mary's Academy.

Thank you Fathers Brown, White, Denesha and all of the priests of our parish. Thank you Sisters Raymond, William, Paul, Peter and all the Grey Nuns who guided me in the early years.



Sr. Catherine Mary Cummings, RSM

I remember fondly my First Holy Communion in the old Cathedral that later burned, Confirmation in the "temporary" cathedral at St. Mary's High School gym and my graduation from high school held at the "new" St. Mary's Cathedral on Hamilton Street.

On September 8, 1955, my

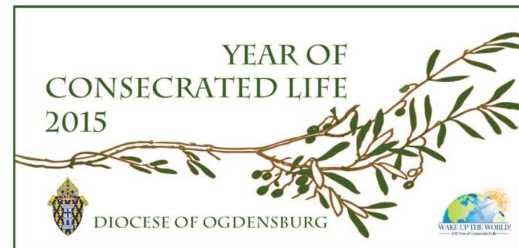
parents took me to Tarrytown, NY to enter the Sisters of Mercy. I think vocation is one of God's great mysteries. I felt called to give my life completely to God, but it wasn't until I met the Sisters of Mercy at Mercy Hospital Watertown, that I knew the direction that call would take.

I am grateful to God and to all whose patience and support enabled me to take those first steps to the novitiate of the Sisters of Mercy.

After the novitiate, I studied nursing. My ministry, which began at Mercy Hospital in Watertown and Port Jervis, NY nursing education in New York City, Syracuse and Hartford, CT, and community in Worcester, MA and Hartsdale, NY.

Along the way I received a Masters in Nursing and a Doctorate in Nursing Education.

In 2006, I came full circle, called back to diocese of Ogdensburg with the start of a new ministry - Mercy Care



for the Adirondacks where I now serve as Director of Friendship Volunteer and Faith Community Nursing Programs.

As part of Mercy Care I have the privilege of training and supporting volunteers who serve the elder members of the community.

I have learned so much from these elders, volunteers, parish nurses and all at Mercy Care about caring, compassion and generosity. As the Sisters of Mercy Constitution states, "

By collaborating with others in the works of mercy,

we continually learn from them how to be more merciful."

Through all these years, my family, my friends and my Mercy Sisters have loved and supported me and for all of them I am so grateful. In all these years I have been held close to the Heart of Jesus whose love and forgiveness is limitless and Who constantly reminds me that He has called me by name and I am His.

So, full of love and gratitude at this 60th year as a Sister of Mercy, I embrace a future full of hope.



**Fr. Timothy G. Canaan,**  
Thank you for your unfailing love,  
commitment, and service to your parish  
family. What a wonderful shepherd you are  
for all of us.

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