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The wisdom of seniors

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Don't pack it in or shift into cruise control, Pope Francis told his fellow seniors.

Today's frenetic world, especially young people and families, needs the older generation's prayers, wisdom and gifts to give them the encouragement, hope and faith they often lack, he

said at his weekly general audience March 11.

"We, older people, can remind ambitious young people that a life without love is barren. We can tell fearful young people that worrying about the future can be overcome. We can teach young people who are in love with themselves too much that

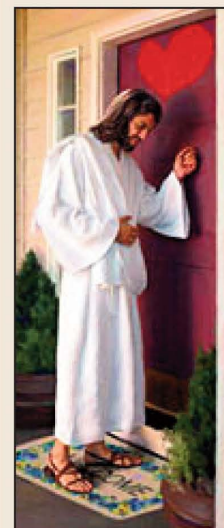
there is more joy in giving than receiving," he said to those gathered in St. Peter's Square.

The pope continued a series of audience talks about the family with the second part of two talks dedicated to the elderly, looking at the important role they play in modern society and the fam-

ily. The 78-year-old pope said he would use the pronouns "we" and "us" when talking about the elderly since "I, too, belong to this age group," recalling with a smile how during his visit to the Philippines in January, the people there called him "Lolo Kiko -- that is, Grandpa Francis."

PREPARING FOR CENSUS

A major goal of diocesan vision



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Report of special funds in the diocese

Michael J. Tooley, diocesan fiscal officer, presents the annual Special Funds Report in this week's *North Country Catholic*.

Special funds are monies that the diocese holds for particular purposes such as disability insurance, mission projects, priests' retirement, lay employees' retirement and unemployment insurance.

The report also includes an accounting of the Diocesan Trust Fund and Loan Account and messages about the report from Mr. Tooley and Bishop LaValey.

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Diocese plans bus to see pope

Preparations are now underway to send representatives to family meeting, papal Mass in Philadelphia

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, POPE FRANCIS



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Pope Francis gestures as he preaches during a Lenten penance service in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican March 13, the second anniversary of his election as pope. During the service the pope announced an extraordinary jubilee, a Holy Year of Mercy, to be celebrated from Dec. 8, 2015, until Nov. 20, 2016. A full story of the jubilee is on page 13 and an anniversary interview is on page 14.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Special funds deserve special attention

Every year needs an "accountant," someone who keeps track of the finances and makes sure all the bills get paid on time.

The Catholic family of the Diocese of Ogdensburg is no exception.

Here we are blessed to have Michael Tooley and his talented team in the diocesan fiscal office watching over the checkbook.

And, while eyes like mine glaze at the sight of pages of charts and numbers, we are blessed that our diocese has a tradition of

transparency and accountability with its finances.

Twice a year, Mr. Tooley opens the books for readers of the *North Country Catholic* and, thank goodness, takes the time to give us an explanation of what we're seeing.

You will be encouraged to read in his report on page 7, that so many of the special funds saw "an increase in net assets" during the past fiscal year.

As Bishop LaValley points out, this reflects the generous support of Catholics

across the diocese as well as the work of the excellent staff of the diocesan fiscal office and members of the Diocesan Finance Council and Investment Advisory Committee "who offer their expert counsel in service to the diocese."

Of course the diocese isn't committed to a healthy financial picture for its own sake. Every dime received through gifts, endowments and smart investments will find its way to support the ministries of our church, to "proclaim the Good News."

It's not hard to see why this money is necessary. As we embrace our new pastoral vision

with all its priorities and goals we know that every effort requires financial support.

Over the next couple of months, hundreds of us will be joining the "Find Your Home in Christ" census initiative. Nametags, pamphlets, even pens all come at a cost. And, when diocesan representatives participate in national gatherings, the rewards – and the bills – can be enormous.

Fortunately, as Bishop LaValley said in his message for this week's financial report, "all members of our diocesan family are to be congratulated," because we can make this happen!



Mary Lou
Kilian

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

God's gift to us: the Ten Commandments

One of the more important purposes of Lent is to be a time of final preparation of the catechumens, who will be entering the Catholic Church at this year's Easter Vigil. So, during Lent, as part of the RCIA rituals, the catechumens are given certain gifts. I have mentioned before to you the gift of the Lord's Prayer.

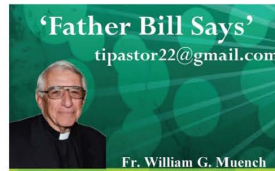
This week, the gift given to the catechumens is the Ten Commandments.

The Church remembers the giving of the Ten Commandments by God to Moses as recorded in the Book of Exodus. The Hebrew people have escaped Egypt and are on their way through the desert. At Mount Sinai, they stay for several days while Moses goes up the mountain to meet God.

We all memorized the Ten Commandments as children. However, I must admit that there were words I didn't recognize, back then. As a rule, the living of the commandments was a very negative thing – don't do this, don't do that.

But what were we supposed to do?

Jesus tells us in the Gospels that he has come to fulfill the Law. In the Gospels, Jesus



teaches us that there is a positive way to keep the commandments; the commandments give us all a plan of life – more than what not to do but also what to do.

Briefly, let us consider some of the commandments:

"Do not take the name of the Lord in vain." However, we are also called to use the many opportunities we have to show honor and respect for God's name. Jesus tells us to call God, Father for God loves us like a father. So we should honor the name of our God in prayer and in teaching.

"Do not profane the Sabbath." However, we are called to make the Sabbath a day to remember. On each Sunday, we are to commemorate the resurrection of the Lord. As we pray each Sunday may our prayers bring peace and love of the Lord into our hearts.

"Do not dishonor your father and mother." However, this

commandment calls us to demonstrate our love and pay honor to our parents. Jesus lived in a family. Jesus blessed family life. We are confident that Jesus brought joy and love to his family. In this year, as our Church prepares for the Bishop's Synod on the Family, may we all renew our love and honor for our parents.

"Do not kill." In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus makes it very clear that this command asks much more of us. We are to remove anger and hate from our lives. In addition, all are urged to preserve and defend life. In the Spirit of Our Lord, Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and forgiving. Jesus even calls us to love our enemies.

"Do not be unfaithful to your spouse." However, even more, Jesus asks married couples, "when was the last time you told your wife/husband that you loved her/him?" Here

again there is a call to make marriage sacred – even more meaningful. A marriage remains strong only when a couple renews their marriage vows each and every day of their lives, to remarry each other over and over again.

"Don't steal." However, Jesus also urges us to use well the things of this earth well. Our possessions can take over our lives but Jesus calls upon us to share with the poor and to help those in need.

"Don't bear false witness against anyone." However, have you ever defended the good name of anyone? May your words build up, support and comfort your neighbor?

Someone recently asked me if we, Catholics, still believe in the Ten Commandments. Of course, we do but we must understand more than what the commandment tell what not to do. There is much the commandments tell us to do.

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Preparations for census underway

By Mary Lou Killian
Editor

The hundreds of census takers preparing to take to the streets and roads of northern New York over the next couple of months are "the church in action," said Bishop Terry R. LaValley in a video he recorded for the volunteers.

"The census will tell your local community that your local parish is vibrant," he said, "that we are their neighbors and we are here to help with prayers and tangible support."

"You will be the face of the church as you take the door-to-door census," he said.

The diocesan census initiative, "Finding Your Home in Christ," is one of the goals of the pastoral vision of the Ogdensburg.

Included within the priority "Building Parishes With Living Stones," the census is to be completed by Aug. 1.

Its purposes include updating parish records, reconnecting with inactive Catholics, inviting people to the parish and conducting pastoral visits.

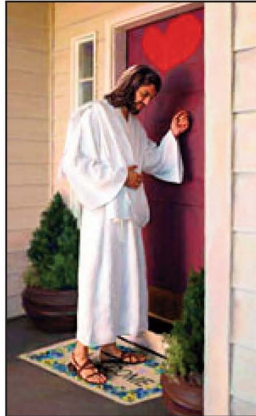
St. Joseph Sister Shirley Anne Brown, pastoral associate for the Roman Catholic Community of Morristown, Hammond and Rossie, is serving as point person for the initiative.

Sister Shirley Anne and her committee have provided parishes with suggestions on how to create parish leadership teams, invite volunteers and publicize the program in the community.

Necessary materials – the diocesan census form, name tags, "sorry we missed you" door hangers and prayer cards – have also been made available.

Sister Shirley Anne has been leading a series of deanery meetings required for pastors and two leaders in each parish.

Here they are learning



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about the expected time line for preparing and conducting the census as well as action steps after the visitation is completed.

Parish leaders are also given advice about how to choose their census takers, encouraging them to choose parishioners who will be "great ambassadors of Christ."

Bishop LaValley points out that these volunteers will "be my representatives as they learn the needs of our active parishioners, reach out, listen to and invite back our inactive parishioners and welcome new faces to walk with your parish family in the journey of faith."

He has asked the census takers to be "honest, speaking the truth with love and maintaining utmost confidentiality."

They must also be "patient, unhurried, respectful, joyful and attentive," the bishop said.

And, Bishop LaValley, said, they must be "hope-filled, knowing this is God's work and His Spirit is our constant companion."

FOR COMMISSIONED LAY MINISTERS



PHOTOS BY JESSE SOVIE

The Commissioned Lay Ministers Association of the Adirondack, Franklin and St. Lawrence Deaneries held Lenten prayer and reflection events in Ogdensburg and Tupper Lake in February and Massena in March. Further information about the C.L.M. Association is available from Jeannie Grizzuto at 315-393-2920 Ext. 1413 or email jgrizzuto@rcdony.org. Pictured, above, St. Joseph Sister Bethany Fitzgerald was the guest speaker at the Ogdensburg event and, below, Carol Jones served as the guest speaker at the Tupper Lake event. Father Mark Reilly led the Massena event.



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To send representatives to World Meeting of Families and busloads to papal Mass

Diocese readies for Philadelphia gatherings

OGDENSBURG - Bishop Terry R. LaValley has selected ten representatives from the Diocese of Ogdensburg to participate in the World Meeting of Families to be held Sept. 22-25 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Reservations for bus trip to Sept. 27 papal Mass are now being accepted

The delegates are Father Douglas Lucia, episcopal vicar for worship and family life and pastor of St. Mary's in Canton; Stephen Tartaglia, diocesan family life director; Pamela Ballantine, Plattsburgh regional director of faith formation; Jamie Burns, teacher and DRE at St. Mary's Parish in Canton; Marika Donders, director of the

diocesan Office of the New Evangelization; Father Thomas Higman, parochial vicar of St. Bernard's in Saranac Lake; Deacon Henry and Dayna Leader, diocesan Pre-Cana coordinators; and John and Colleen Miner, diocesan directors of respect life ministry.

The congress will welcome top speakers and participants, Catholic and non-Catholic, from across the United States and the world to discuss ways of strengthening and supporting families and the challenges they face.

The theme for the meeting is "Love is our Mission: The Family Fully Alive."

Others interested in attending the World Meeting of Families will find details and registration information at



CNS/ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
This is the logo for the eighth World Meeting of Families. The international gathering, inaugurated by St. John Paul II in 1994, will be held in Sept. 22-25 in Philadelphia. The Diocese of Ogdensburg will be representative by two priests, a deacon and seven lay people.

www.worldmeeting2015.org

Pope's arrival

Pope Francis is expected to arrive in Philadelphia Sept. 26 and will take part in a Festival of Families that day. On Sept. 27, he will celebrate a Mass in the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

The papal Mass is free and open to the public; more than a million worshippers are expected.

The Diocese of Ogdensburg will provide bus transportation to and from the Papal Mass. At this time, three buses have been reserved with pick-ups in Plattsburgh, Massena and Watertown. The cost for a seat on the bus is \$100.

"There are 52 seats per bus, and so far we've had about 135 people reserve seats," Tartaglia said. "If we fill the buses and have a waiting list we will try to get an additional bus. At this point it seems likely that this will happen."

The tentative itinerary for the bus trip begins with an 8 p.m. departure Sept. 26. The buses have a restroom, but

rest stops will be made along the way. In addition, there will be a stop at a restaurant on the turnpike for breakfast.

The expected arrival in Philadelphia is about 5:30 a.m. The trip will require a significant amount of walking to get to/from the bus drop-off and pick-up location. Immediately following the papal Mass, travelers will meet at the pick-up location for departure around 4 p.m.

On the return trip, the buses will stop at a restaurant for dinner, make a few rest stops along the way and arrive back in the diocese at around midnight.

Information about traveling by bus to the papal Mass, is available from Mr. Tartaglia, at startaglia@rcdony.org, or 315-393-2920 Ext. 1420.

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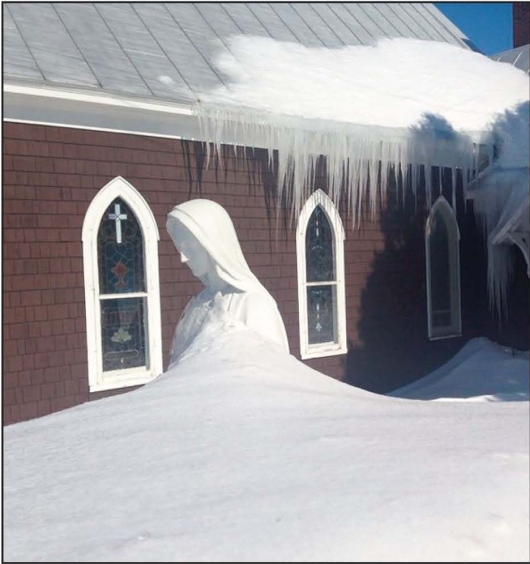
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THE SNOW QUEEN



The nearly buried statue of the Blessed Virgin at St. Mary's Church in Copenhagen adds to the evidence that, as of March 6, the Lewis County community was the "snowiest place in America," according to data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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Youth Rally set April 24-25

The 2015 diocesan Youth Rally opens April 24 at 7 p.m. with a concert at St. Alexander's Church in Morrisonville and continues April 25, from 9 a.m. to 5, at Seton Academy in Plattsburgh.

Jackie Francois Angel will be the featured musician and speaker.

She is a full-time traveling

speaker, singer/songwriter, and worship leader from Orange County, CA. In 2006, she became an artist with OCP/SpiritandSong.com with whom she has released two albums.

Mrs. Angel has been involved in youth ministry since she graduated high school, and she now travels

the globe speaking to young people about God's love and leading worship for various events and ministries.

The cost for the Youth Rally is \$30 which includes lunch, snack and a t-shirt. The cost for the concert is \$10. Registration forms are available at www.rcdoy.org/youth.

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Protecting God's Children

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

Upcoming programs:
March 20 - 6:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Church, Rouses Point

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12901; e-mail: terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com Phone: 518-
483-3261; or Father James Seymour,
the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy at 315-
393-2920, ext. 1340

Bishop's Schedule

March 18 – 11 a.m., Priest Personnel Board Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

March 19 – 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

March 20 – 6 p.m., Fort Drum Listening Session at Jefferson Community College in Watertown

March 21 – 11 a.m., Mass for St. Joseph's Day at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Watertown

March 22 – 11:15 a.m., Mass at St. James Church in Gouverneur

March 23 – 4:30 p.m., Mass at the Spiritual Direction Retreat at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

March 24 – 9 a.m., St. Joseph's Home Board of Managers Meeting in Ogdensburg

12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

1 p.m., DARE Graduation at Kennedy School in Ogdensburg

7 p.m., Lenten Penance Service at Notre Dame Church in Ogdensburg

Rest in Peace

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

March 18 – Rev. Joseph Murtagh, 1928

March 19 – Rev. Andronique Blaignier, 1958; Msgr. Thomas J. Robillard, 2009

March 20 – Most Rev. Joseph H. Conroy, 1939

March 23 – Msgr. Paul T. Joly, 1987

March 24 – Rev. George Roskwitalski, O.F.M. Conv., 1980

Environmental Stewardship

Going Green

By Faye Martin, Watertown
Diocesan Faith and Ecology Group

As I age, I see the world so much differently. My choices are much more mature. I believe that it is important to look at how we live our lives, both as individuals, and as a society.

I visited my fraternal grandparents often as a young person. They were very frugal people, who grew up on farms, and as adults were farmers themselves. They were never wasteful and always reusing items, before we became aware of the need to conserve and protect the resources we have today.

Why I do What I do

At an early age, I became aware of composting for the garden, saving water, sorting bottles, cans, and paper, as well as many of the practices that are necessary today.

It makes so much sense not to be wasteful, as I am understanding in my adult years. The ideas practiced in yesteryear, are sometimes thought to be old fashioned, not keeping up with the times, or as being cheap. We are now learning that the old ways were tried and true, thus less harmful to us and to God's creation.

Our earth needs attention, if we are going to have resources for our future generations.

Some of the things that I do, in order to be conscientious regarding the earth are as follows: I make my own laundry detergent, use natural skin and hair products, reuse bottles, and use glass plates and real silverware, instead of paper and plastic products.


Every little bit we can do to stop filling our earth with toxins, and non-recyclable materials is of extreme importance.

It is necessary as well, to be personally free from the pesticides and chemicals used on or in our food and cleaning products, because there are side effects to all of these unnatural toxic materials.

Think about what you might do this Lent, to improve your care for God's good earth.

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Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg Report of Special Funds

A Letter From The Diocesan Fiscal Officer

A Message from Bishop Terry LaValley

Dear Friends in Christ:

I am pleased to provide this introduction to the *Report of Special Funds* for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014. As this report is presented to you, we complete our accounting of all the funds entrusted to the Diocese of Ogdensburg for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year. The monies highlighted in this report are those set aside for special purposes and investments.



This report reflects your generous support that provides the needed resources for the Diocese of Ogdensburg to proclaim the Good News and minister faithfully to our sisters and brothers in Christ. Through uncertain economic times and the financial stress that follows, the faithful of the North Country continue to support generously our Church's various ministries and outreach.

I wish to thank Michael J. Tooley, our Diocesan Fiscal Officer, and his excellent staff for the competent manner in which they safeguard all the financial resources that have been entrusted to our Diocese, ensuring that they are used for the purposes intended. I am also grateful to the members of the Diocesan Finance Council and Investment Advisory Committee who meet regularly and offer their expert counsel in service to the Diocese.

All the members of our Diocesan family are to be congratulated. The Diocese of Ogdensburg is blessed with so many faith-filled persons whose generous hearts make ours a vibrant Church. May the Blessed Virgin Mary bring your cares and that of your loved ones to the bosom of her Son, Jesus. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers, I am

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

The Diocesan Fiscal Office is pleased to present in the *North Country Catholic* the Report of Special Funds for the year ended June 30, 2014, along with comparisons to prior years. Special Funds are funds that the diocese holds for special purposes, such as Disability Insurance, Property and Liability Insurance, Missionary Projects, Priests Retirement, Lay Employees Retirement and Unemployment Insurance. Also included in Special Funds are funds that belong to diocesan institutions which have been forwarded to the diocese for investment, such as the Diocesan Trust Fund and the Deposit & Loan Fund. All of the Special Funds statements for 2013-14 presented herein have been extracted from the audited financial report that was published in the December 3, 2014 issue of the *North Country Catholic*. The Report of Special Funds is presented here to provide the reader with the status of each of the special funds as of June 30, 2014, compared to other recent years.

DIOCESAN TRUST FUND

As of June 30, 2014, the Diocesan Trust Fund had principal assets with a cost of \$26,600,564 and a market value of \$30,985,639. The investment's portfolio had a rate of return of 13.4% in 2013-14. In the first six months of the 2014-15 fiscal year the Diocesan Trust Fund had a rate of return of -.6%, and its market value is \$30,304,780 as of December 31, 2014. The diocese paid dividend distributions from the Fund in the amount of \$600,000 during the fiscal year, a rate of return of just under 2% on investments in the Fund, as the diocese maintained a conservative approach by issuing dividends only from cash received in investment income.

DEPOSIT & LOAN FUND

The Deposit & Loan Fund increased its net assets by \$1,811,933 in 2013-14, to \$6,100,823. The interest rate to depositors is 3%, and the interest rate on loans is 4%. In the first six months of 2014-15 the Deposit & Loan Fund net assets decreased by \$475,060. As of June 30, 2014, total deposits in the Fund, including diocesan central office monies, totaled \$23,478,621, and the balance of loan principal due the Fund amounted to \$2,559,039.

PROTECTED SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM

Expenses exceeded revenue in the Protected Self Insurance Program by \$316,148 in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, with the primary factor being an adjustment increasing reserves by \$555,331. Still, this program remains financially sound with net assets as of June 30, 2014 of \$1,979,172. However, the program will be significantly impacted in 2014-15 as a result of two fires in the diocese, as the diocese will incur a loss of \$250,000 for each of the two fires (expenses above \$250,000, the program's self-insured retention, are covered by excess insurance).

LAY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND

The Lay Employees' Retirement Fund had a net increase in net assets of \$3,533,541 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, bringing its total net assets to \$29,221,012. The investment's portfolio had a rate of return of 15% in 2013-14. During the first six months of fiscal year 2014-15 fund investments saw a rate of return of -1.8%, bringing its market value to \$28,392,871. The Fund's July 1, 2014 actuarial valuation determined the Fund remains underfunded, but improved from 81% funded one year earlier to 92% funded. The Plan is well overfunded as it relates to covering obligations to current retirees.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND

The Unemployment Insurance Fund had an increase in net assets of \$92,072 for the year ended June 30, 2014, with the increase driven by an increase in the market value of the investment dedicated to the program's support in the Diocesan Trust Fund (+\$55,994). Claims paid went up slightly, from \$63,904 in 2012-13 to \$69,984 in 2013-14. A change in the program's funding formula generated an increase of \$34,380, and is expected to remain near that level in 2014-15. As a result, the diocese expects in 2015-16 to slightly reduce the rates charged for diocesan employers in the two-tier system.



MISSIONARY PROJECTS FUND

The Missionary Projects Fund had an increase in net assets in the amount of \$16,758 for the year ended June 30, 2014, bringing its net assets as of that date to \$114,202. The Diocese of Ogdensburg continues to provide financial support to its former mission in Mollendo, Peru, as well as other missions in the world as deemed appropriate. Moneys are also given to support the U.S. Bishops' annual appeal for Latin America.

DISABILITY INSURANCE FUND

The Disability Insurance Fund had a gain for the year ended June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$36,939. The Diocese of Ogdensburg funded 5% of the cost of health insurance premiums for retired priests of the diocese in this fund in 2013-14, but beginning July 1, 2015 100% of the funding for these premiums will be provided by the Retirement Plan for Priests... The fund balance of this fund as of June 30, 2014 is \$189,374.

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND

The net assets of the Priests Retirement Fund increased by \$1,249,004 in the year ended June 30, 2014. The Fund had gains on investments in the amount of \$1,626,399 in the fiscal year, and support from Christmas collections slightly increased by \$5,180 compared to the prior year. An ad hoc pension increase was approved for retired priests in 2013-14, and again in 2014-15. An actuarial analysis of the Plan showed it healthy enough to allow the diocese to adjust its funding formula, reducing the contribution by parishes to the Plan from 100% of the Christmas collection to 75% of the Christmas collection.

The Diocesan Fiscal Office is available to answer any questions that may arise as a result of a review of the Report of Special Funds. Please feel free to call the Diocesan Fiscal Office at (315) 393-2920, ext. 1210, email at mtooley@rcodony.org or visit the Fiscal Office at 604 Washington Street in Ogdensburg during normal office hours.

Michael J. Tooley
Diocesan Fiscal Officer

Diocesan Trust Fund Principal
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG
January 1, 1977 - June 30, 2014
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PRINCIPAL

	January 1, 1977 - June 30, 2012	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013	July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014	January 1, 1977 - June 30, 2014
Opening Balance	\$0.00	\$22,940,591.68	\$24,235,237.55	\$0.00
Net Deposits	14,914,577.30	11,104.68	230,342.75	15,156,024.73
Net Realized Gain on Sales	14,456,731.63	1,212,661.47	2,145,592.08	17,814,985.18
Fees [Custody/Management]	(1,611,273.53)	(82,431.46)	(93,539.00)	(1,787,243.99)
Transfers to Pay Dividends	(8,155,494.45)	(501,232.98)	(601,845.88)	(9,258,573.31)
Net Adjustments*	3,336,050.73	654,544.16	684,776.81	4,675,371.70
Closing Balance [Book]	<u>\$22,940,591.68</u>	<u>\$24,235,237.55</u>	<u>\$26,600,564.31</u>	<u>\$26,600,564.31</u>
Market Value	<u>\$24,251,605.84</u>	<u>\$26,765,724.99</u>	<u>\$30,985,638.56</u>	<u>\$30,985,638.56</u>

* includes income reinvested for fund, funds in transit, etc.

** Assets June 30, 2009 at NBT Bank, Commonfund Realty, Inc., Dimensional Fund Advisors & The Investment Fund for Foundations.

	Book Value	Market Value	% Yield (Book)	% Yield (Market)
NBT BANK INVESTMENTS				
Bonds & U.S. Government Agencies	\$2,388,275.06	\$2,406,350.74	3.56%	3.41%
Equities & Equity Funds	19,120,849.27	22,826,634.44	1.20%	1.00%
Money Market	873,259.48	873,259.48	0.37%	0.40%
TOTAL NBT BANK INVESTMENTS	<u>\$22,382,383.81</u>	<u>\$26,106,244.66</u>	<u>1.61%</u>	<u>1.70%</u>
COMMONFUND REALTY INVESTMENT	<u>\$2,181.50</u>	<u>\$2,181.50</u>		
DIMENSIONAL FUND ADVISORS	<u>\$626,000.00</u>	<u>\$538,008.50</u>		
THE INVESTMENT FUND FOR FOUNDATIONS	<u>\$3,589,999.00</u>	<u>\$4,339,203.90</u>		
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	<u>\$26,600,564.31</u>	<u>\$30,985,638.56</u>		

Deposit & Loan Fund
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG
July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2014

BALANCE SHEET**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE**

	June 30, 2014	June 30, 2013
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$1,235,818.37	\$533,505.17
Interest Receivable	144,892.81	128,427.68
Notes Receivable - Borrowers	2,559,039.07	3,515,937.48
Reserve	(466,938.00)	(620,799.00)
Investments	24,333,647.43	20,716,568.91
Investment - Diocesan Trust Fund	660,127.27	575,144.57
Due From Retirement Plan for Priests	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
Due From Operating Fund	112,857.48	2,723,286.69
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$29,579,444.43</u>	<u>\$28,572,071.50</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Notes Payable - Depositors	\$23,478,621.06	\$24,283,180.63
Accrued Interest Payable	0.00	0.00
Fund Balance	6,100,823.37	4,288,890.87
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$29,579,444.43</u>	<u>\$28,572,071.50</u>

	July 1, 2013 June 30, 2014	July 1, 2012 June 30, 2013
INCOME		
Interest on Notes Receivable	\$105,821.38	\$117,321.88
Investment Income	765,708.89	650,183.39
Unrealized Gain (Loss) On Investments	887,385.97	165,085.85
Realized Gain (Loss) On Investments	846,500.33	607,972.02
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$2,605,414.57</u>	<u>\$1,540,563.14</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Interest on Notes Payable	\$729,223.57	\$703,388.23
Investment Management Fees	111,634.72	98,216.58
Fiscal Office Administration	106,182.00	81,838.00
Office Supplies and Bank Fees	302.78	393.31
Office Equipment	0.00	0.00
Increase in Reserves	(153,861.00)	42,141.00
Loans Forgiven	0.00	4,278.22
Contributions	0.00	250,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$793,482.07</u>	<u>\$1,180,255.34</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIT) - INCOME MINUS EXPENDITURES	<u>\$1,811,932.50</u>	<u>\$360,307.80</u>

Diocesan Protected Self-Insurance Program
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG
July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2014

<u>BALANCE SHEET</u>					<u>STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE</u>				
	<u>June 30, 2011</u>	<u>June 30, 2012</u>	<u>June 30, 2013</u>	<u>June 30, 2014</u>		<u>July 1, 2010</u>	<u>July 1, 2011</u>	<u>July 1, 2012</u>	<u>July 1, 2013</u>
						<u>June 30, 2011</u>	<u>June 30, 2012</u>	<u>June 30, 2013</u>	<u>June 30, 2014</u>
ASSETS					INCOME				
Investments	\$775,151.02	\$763,781.40	\$836,563.82	\$960,173.53	Earned Premiums	\$1,462,086.88	\$1,539,402.53	\$1,607,191.88	\$1,680,823.46
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4,400.04	\$4,000.04	4,735.28	4,742.56	Contributions	\$0.00	0.00	17,000.00	0.00
Notes Receivable	1,300,000.00	\$800,000.00	800,000.00	0.00	Gain (Loss) On Investments (Net)	156,131.97	(8,709.62)	88,915.42	159,473.71
Accounts Receivable	132,841.20	\$151,267.64	150,105.69	132,476.18	Investment Income	73,850.56	\$1,429.10	39,626.46	30,823.92
Prepaid Insurance	0.00	\$14,131.01	0.00	0.00	TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$1,692,069.41</u>	<u>\$1,582,122.01</u>	<u>\$1,752,733.76</u>	<u>\$1,871,121.09</u>
Due From Operating Fund	1,008,339.41	\$1,524,263.27	1,794,757.02	2,692,989.03					
BPIC Member Share	152,507.00	\$155,167.00	171,300.00	207,164.00	EXPENDITURES				
Stock in NCRRG	132,247.84	\$132,247.84	132,247.84	132,247.84	Reinsurance Premiums and Bonds	\$732,682.72	\$740,652.17	\$818,064.57	\$877,727.44
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$3,505,486.51</u>	<u>\$3,545,278.20</u>	<u>\$3,889,709.65</u>	<u>\$4,129,793.14</u>	Professional Services	30,597.63	19,085.49	52,227.12	10,297.70
					Gallagher Bassett Service Fee	21,151.00	22,304.00	22,876.00	23,475.00
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE					Adjustment in Reserves	154,256.59	(163,840.33)	869,280.86	555,331.36
Note Payable - BPIC	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Self Insured Claims	371,579.09	423,908.56	189,468.03	424,351.81
Unearned Insurance Premium	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00	NYS Compensation Board Assessments	0.00	130,574.65	61,588.29	22,574.86
Reserves For Claims	904,819.55	\$740,979.22	1,594,389.94	2,149,721.30	Department Grants	211,696.86	39,802.13	49,108.52	92,824.86
Fund Balance	2,583,666.96	\$2,787,298.98	2,295,319.71	1,979,171.84	Diocesan Administration	172,484.59	166,003.32	182,119.64	160,685.93
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$3,505,486.51</u>	<u>\$3,545,278.20</u>	<u>\$3,889,709.65</u>	<u>\$4,129,793.14</u>	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$1,694,428.48</u>	<u>\$1,378,489.99</u>	<u>\$2,244,713.03</u>	<u>\$2,187,268.96</u>
					EXCESS (DEFICIT) - INCOME MINUS EXPENDITURES	<u>(\$2,359.07)</u>	<u>\$203,632.02</u>	<u>(\$491,979.27)</u>	<u>(\$316,147.87)</u>

Diocesan Protected Self-Insurance Program - Claim Payment and Reserve Experience
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG
As of June 30, 2014

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>RESERVES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Losses In Excess of Specific Retention</u>	<u>Losses In Excess of Aggregate Retention</u>	<u>Net Claims</u>	<u>Maximum Amount Single Claim</u>	<u>Maximum Amount Aggregate Claims</u>
XXXIX - 2013-14	\$115,614.29	\$268,557.66	\$384,171.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$384,171.95	\$250,000.00	\$0.00
XXXVIII - 2012-13	\$144,940.00	\$144,148.17	\$289,088.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$289,088.17	\$250,000.00	\$0.00
XXXVII - 2011-12	361,518.61	27,398.06	388,916.67	0.00	0.00	388,916.67	250,000.00	0.00
XXXVI - 2010-11	310,677.41	42,790.21	353,467.62	0.00	0.00	353,467.62	250,000.00	0.00
XXXV - 2009-10	144,198.71	10,519.34	154,718.05	0.00	0.00	154,718.05	250,000.00	850,000.00
XXXIV - 2008-09	605,596.94	0.00	605,596.94	0.00	0.00	605,596.94	250,000.00	850,000.00
XXXIII - 2007-08	317,432.34	12,083.98	329,516.32	0.00	0.00	329,516.32	250,000.00	815,000.00
XXXII - 2006-07	191,369.45	0.00	191,369.45	0.00	0.00	191,369.45	250,000.00	815,000.00
XXXI - 2005-2006	548,781.21	53,531.91	602,313.12	140,000.00	0.00	462,313.12	250,000.00	815,000.00
XXX - 2004-2005	725,118.41	134,537.87	859,656.28	207,770.80	0.00	651,885.48	250,000.00	815,000.00
XXIX - 2003-2004	669,859.52	165,499.03	835,358.55	276,847.00	0.00	558,511.55	250,000.00	780,000.00
XXVIII - 2002-2003	705,754.88	224,026.07	929,780.95	435,187.37	0.00	494,593.58	250,000.00	750,000.00
XXVII - 2001-2002	253,267.51	0.00	253,267.51	22,192.32	0.00	231,074.59	125,000.00	525,000.00
XXVI - 2000-2001	299,143.47	0.00	299,143.47	0.00	0.00	299,143.47	125,000.00	500,000.00
XXV - 1999-2000	302,681.02	0.00	302,681.02	0.00	0.00	302,681.02	125,000.00	500,000.00
XXIV - 1998-1999	329,653.96	0.00	329,653.96	0.00	0.00	329,653.96	125,000.00	500,000.00
XXIII - 1997-1998	551,727.55	0.00	551,727.55	105,084.53	0.00	446,643.02	125,000.00	500,500.00
XXII - 1996-1997	478,202.02	0.00	478,202.02	98,570.05	0.00	379,631.97	125,000.00	583,500.00
XXI - 1995-1996	301,341.20	0.00	301,341.20	0.00	0.00	301,341.20	125,000.00	550,000.00
XX - 1994-1995	752,250.55	40,619.00	792,869.55	293,901.70	0.00	498,967.85	125,000.00	475,000.00
XIX - 1993-1994	936,082.84	330,988.06	1,267,070.90	676,697.89	128,453.91	461,919.10	125,000.00	450,000.00
XVIII - 1992-1993	326,552.77	0.00	326,552.77	0.00	0.00	326,552.77	75,000.00	355,000.00
XVII - 1991-1992	243,259.28	4,137.61	247,396.89	0.00	0.00	247,396.89	75,000.00	355,000.00
XVI - 1990-1991	92,322.17	0.00	92,322.17	0.00	0.00	92,322.17	75,000.00	355,000.00
XV - 1989-1990	190,455.56	0.00	190,455.56	0.00	0.00	190,455.56	75,000.00	330,000.00
XIV - 1988-1989	175,616.44	0.00	175,616.44	0.00	0.00	175,616.44	75,000.00	330,000.00
XIII - 1987-1988	217,603.90	0.00	217,603.90	38,761.50	0.00	178,842.40	75,000.00	300,000.00
XII - 1986-1987	189,446.09	0.00	189,446.09	0.00	0.00	189,446.09	75,000.00	300,000.00
XI - 1985-1986	56,964.54	0.00	56,964.54	0.00	0.00	56,964.54	75,000.00	260,000.00
X - 1984-1985	160,033.76	0.00	160,033.76	0.00	0.00	160,033.76	75,000.00	260,000.00
IX - 1983-1984	109,583.65	0.00	109,583.65	0.00	0.00	109,583.65	75,000.00	260,000.00
VIII - 1982-1983	184,851.55	0.00	184,851.55	18,990.00	0.00	165,861.55	75,000.00	260,000.00
VII - 1981-1982	103,135.97	0.00	103,135.97	0.00	0.00	103,135.97	75,000.00	260,000.00
VI - 1980-1981	323,071.44	0.00	323,071.44	112,199.00	0.00	210,872.44	75,000.00	225,000.00
V - 1979-1980	991,458.36	473,369.25	1,464,827.61	1,110,967.94	141,859.67	212,000.00	75,000.00	212,000.00
IV - 1978-1979	40,498.05	0.00	40,498.05	0.00	0.00	40,498.05	75,000.00	212,000.00
III - 1977-1978	153,929.85	0.00	153,929.85	36,878.52	0.00	117,051.33	50,000.00	150,000.00
II - 1976-1977	61,216.79	0.00	61,216.79	0.00	0.00	61,216.79	50,000.00	150,000.00
I - 1975-1976	63,402.99	0.00	63,402.99	0.00	0.00	63,402.99	50,000.00	150,000.00
	<u>\$12,106,542.15</u>	<u>\$1,492,102.33</u>	<u>\$13,598,644.48</u>	<u>\$3,574,049.22</u>	<u>\$270,313.58</u>	<u>\$9,754,281.68</u>		

Diocesan Lay Employee's Retirement Fund
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG
July 1, 2010-June 30, 2014

ASSETS	June 30, 2014	June 30, 2013	June 30, 2012	June 30, 2011
Accrued Income	\$9,063.36	\$41,501.48	\$23,392.00	\$28,836.48
Accounts Receivable	\$17,765.98	\$27,721.89	\$56,781.98	91,994.76
Investments	<u>\$29,928,554.01</u>	<u>\$26,396,266.72</u>	<u>\$24,490,220.69</u>	<u>25,259,932.71</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$29,955,383.35</u>	<u>\$26,465,490.09</u>	<u>\$24,570,394.66</u>	<u>\$25,380,763.95</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS				
Due for Office Expense	\$418,149.30	\$364,646.26	\$98,986.28	\$269,926.85
Deferred Revenue	\$316,222.00	\$413,372.78	\$375,490.16	177,104.34
Fund Balance	<u>\$29,221,012.05</u>	<u>\$25,687,471.05</u>	<u>\$24,095,918.22</u>	<u>24,933,732.76</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$29,955,383.35</u>	<u>\$26,465,490.09</u>	<u>\$24,570,394.66</u>	<u>\$25,380,763.95</u>

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013	Sept. 1, 1967 - June 30, 2013	Sept. 1, 1967 - June 30, 2014
ADDITIONS				
Employer Contributions	\$1,224,807.11	\$1,076,679.02	\$19,923,321.21	\$21,148,128.32
Gain (Loss) on Investments (net)	4,319,667.68	2,311,618.27	15,328,296.69	\$19,647,964.37
Investment Income	<u>543,547.26</u>	<u>563,678.59</u>	<u>16,350,800.26</u>	<u>\$16,894,347.52</u>
TOTAL ADDITIONS	<u>\$6,088,022.05</u>	<u>\$3,951,975.88</u>	<u>\$51,602,418.16</u>	<u>\$57,690,440.21</u>
DEDUCTIONS				
Benefit Payments	\$2,285,828.69	\$2,145,591.07	\$21,447,511.00	\$23,733,339.69
Administration Expense	268,652.36	214,831.98	4,467,025.49	\$4,735,677.85
Loss on Security Deposit	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>410.62</u>	<u>\$410.62</u>
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	<u>\$2,554,481.05</u>	<u>\$2,360,423.05</u>	<u>\$25,914,947.11</u>	<u>\$28,469,428.16</u>
NET (ADDITIONS MINUS DEDUCTIONS)	<u>\$3,533,541.00</u>	<u>\$1,591,552.83</u>	<u>\$25,687,471.05</u>	<u>\$29,221,012.05</u>
INVESTMENTS	Book Value	Market Value		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$404,044.35	\$404,044.35		
U.S. Government & Agency Obligations	\$1,772,307.70	\$1,783,004.59		
Corporate Obligations	0.00	0.00		
Equities	8,615,248.92	11,366,336.92		
Manning & Napier Advisors Investment Funds	9,346,181.56	10,175,037.42		
Dimensional Fund Advisors - Emerging Markets	1,034,250.00	915,391.32		
The Investment Fund for Foundations - Multi-Asset Fund	3,795,925.00	4,753,376.07		
The Investment Fund for Foundations - Real Opportunities Fund	412,316.00	448,943.00		
Commonfund Realty	<u>2,420.34</u>	<u>2,420.34</u>		
TOTALS	<u>\$25,462,693.87</u>	<u>\$29,928,554.01</u>		

Diocesan Lay Employees' Retirement Fund
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG
Annual Amounts (Book and Market Value) of Investments

	Book Value	Market
August 31, 1968	\$32,855.00	\$33,344.00
August 31, 1969	\$105,040.00	\$97,828.00
August 31, 1970	\$167,236.00	\$144,704.00
August 31, 1971	\$244,322.00	\$248,784.00
August 31, 1972	\$328,375.00	\$341,430.00
August 31, 1973	\$397,979.00	\$357,121.00
August 31, 1974	\$442,091.00	\$374,519.00
August 31, 1975	\$485,652.00	\$502,393.00
August 31, 1976	\$651,402.00	\$661,536.00
August 31, 1977	\$746,759.00	\$758,276.00
June 30, 1978	\$907,676.00	\$873,290.00
June 30, 1979	\$1,091,077.00	\$1,066,747.00
June 30, 1980	\$1,333,304.00	\$1,240,533.00
June 30, 1981	\$1,637,330.00	\$1,468,851.00
June 30, 1982	\$1,966,375.00	\$1,685,948.00
June 30, 1983	\$2,332,800.00	\$2,766,951.00
June 30, 1984	\$2,866,861.00	\$2,832,430.00
June 30, 1985	\$3,314,597.00	\$3,748,256.00
June 30, 1986	\$4,200,610.00	\$5,189,275.00
June 30, 1987	\$5,686,447.00	\$6,363,937.00
June 30, 1988	\$6,280,104.00	\$6,713,049.00
June 30, 1989	\$6,849,652.00	\$7,569,606.00
June 30, 1990	\$7,716,476.00	\$8,434,613.00
June 30, 1991	\$8,285,622.00	\$8,951,313.00
June 30, 1992	\$9,025,501.00	\$10,401,337.00
June 30, 1993	\$11,107,406.00	\$11,674,275.00
June 30, 1994	\$11,653,168.00	\$12,127,575.00
June 30, 1995	\$12,338,738.00	\$13,734,082.00
June 30, 1996	\$13,031,227.00	\$15,645,877.00
June 30, 1997	\$14,013,278.75	\$18,380,013.00
June 30, 1998	\$15,646,840.00	\$21,676,585.00
June 30, 1999	\$16,243,414.85	\$24,534,082.00
June 30, 2000	\$18,392,037.89	\$27,831,968.70
June 30, 2001	\$21,013,619.31	\$23,928,040.75
June 30, 2002	\$21,362,600.49	\$20,539,548.82
June 30, 2003	\$19,524,487.79	\$20,622,312.68
June 30, 2004	\$22,017,665.13	\$22,691,213.55
June 30, 2005	\$22,914,541.47	\$24,896,701.34
June 30, 2006	\$24,356,734.29	\$27,020,394.56
June 30, 2007	\$25,561,684.80	\$30,676,999.67
June 30, 2008	\$27,564,499.16	\$28,332,067.06
June 30, 2009	\$23,030,415.60	\$20,674,613.27
June 30, 2010	\$21,625,470.32	\$21,322,358.36
June 30, 2011	\$22,640,200.15	\$25,259,932.71
June 30, 2012	\$23,074,757.16	\$24,490,220.68
June 30, 2013	\$23,845,778.35	\$26,396,266.72
June 30, 2014	<u>\$25,462,693.87</u>	<u>\$29,928,554.01</u>

Diocesan Unemployment Insurance Fund
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG
July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2014

BALANCE SHEET

	June 30, 2014	June 30, 2013
ASSETS		
Money Market	\$0.00	\$0.00
Investments (DTF)	434,948.56	378,365.56
Due From Operating Fund	(208,904.31)	(244,484.19)
Prepaid Expenses	3,135.00	3,135.00
Accrued Interest Receivable	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$229,179.25</u>	<u>\$137,016.37</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Claims Payable	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reserve For Claims*	0.00	0.00
Fund Balance	<u>229,179.25</u>	<u>137,016.97</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$229,179.25</u>	<u>\$137,016.97</u>

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

	July 1, 2013 June 30, 2014	July 1, 2012 June 30, 2013
INCOME		
Unemployment Premiums	\$116,279.92	\$81,899.74
Gain (Loss) on Investments (Net)	55,993.90	32,969.68
Investment Income	10,537.34	9,993.54
Transfer from Other Funds	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$182,811.16</u>	<u>\$124,862.96</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Claims Paid	\$69,984.14	\$63,903.55
Consultant	6,270.00	6,270.00
Diocesan Administration	14,484.74	14,265.09
Transfer to Other Funds	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$90,738.88</u>	<u>\$84,438.64</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIT) - INCOME MINUS EXPENDITURES	<u>\$92,072.28</u>	<u>\$40,424.32</u>

Missionary Projects/Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG

July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2014

	<u>July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014</u>	<u>July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013</u>
<u>FUND BALANCE - JULY 1</u>	\$97,444.57	\$99,077.41
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Diocesan OPA Collection	\$43,589.65	\$45,323.12
Missionary Coop Collection	0.00	1,971.78
Parish OPA Donations	0.00	0.00
Interest	2,967.61	3,002.33
Special Gifts	0.00	0.00
General Donations	368.61	0.00
Bequests	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>46,925.87</u>	<u>50,297.23</u>
TOTAL JULY 1 FUND BALANCE AND RECEIPTS	\$144,370.44	\$149,374.64
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
Office Supplies	\$375.88	\$109.43
Advertising	791.75	1,017.75
Budget Grants and Donations	29,000.35	50,802.89
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>30,167.98</u>	<u>51,930.07</u>
FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30-	<u>\$114,202.46</u>	<u>\$97,444.57</u>

Diocesan Health/Disability Benefits Program*

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG

July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2014

	<u>BALANCE SHEET</u>		<u>STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES</u>	
	June 30, 2014	June 30, 2013	July 1, 2013 June 30, 2014	July 1, 2012 June 30, 2013
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Accounts Receivable	\$1,272.00	\$2,068.00		
Cash & Money Market Funds	5,405.06	5,235.06		
Investment in Deposit & Loan Fund	152,435.43	152,435.43		
Accrued Interest Receivable	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>		
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>\$159,112.49</u>	<u>\$159,738.49</u>		
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</u>				
Reserve for Claims**	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Deferred Revenue	2,252.00	2,259.56		
Due To Operating Funds	(32,513.82)	5,043.50		
Fund Balance	<u>189,374.31</u>	<u>152,435.43</u>		
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</u>	<u>\$159,112.49</u>	<u>\$159,738.49</u>		
			<u>INCOME</u>	
			Premiums	\$116,544.00
			Retiree Drug Subsidy	0.00
			Gain (Loss) on Investments (Net)	0.00
			Investment Income	<u>2,317.85</u>
			<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>\$118,861.85</u>
			<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
			Claims Paid	\$41,551.57
			Administrative Fees	0.00
			Health Insurance - Retired Priests	13,629.29
			Fiscal Office Administration	26,742.11
			Transfers to Other Programs	<u>0.00</u>
			<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>\$81,922.97</u>
			<u>EXCESS (DEFICIT) - INCOME MINUS EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>\$36,938.88</u>
				<u>\$50,321.43</u>

*Self insured health insurance program was terminated August 31, 1997

Priests' Retirement Fund

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG

July 1, 2012-June 30, 2014

	<u>July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014</u>	<u>July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013</u>
FUND BALANCE - JULY 1	\$9,819,997.75	\$9,187,039.47
ADDITIONS		
Share of Christmas Collection	\$373,564.41	\$368,384.58
Diocesan Assessment	77,484.00	75,993.00
Donations in Lieu of Christmas Collection	13,366.00	11,356.00
Bequests and Donations	20.04	8,454.48
Investment Income	240,460.92	222,367.45
Gain (Loss) on Investments (Net)	<u>1,626,399.18</u>	<u>953,723.24</u>
TOTAL ADDITIONS	<u>2,331,284.55</u>	<u>1,640,278.75</u>
TOTAL JULY 1 FUND BALANCE AND ADDITIONS	\$12,151,282.30	\$10,827,318.22
DEDUCTIONS		
Payments to Retired Priests	\$743,144.08	\$726,635.00
Retired Priests' Health Insurance	193,000.60	173,678.46
Diocesan Administration	<u>146,135.65</u>	<u>107,007.01</u>
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	<u>1,082,280.33</u>	<u>1,007,320.47</u>
FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30	<u>\$11,069,001.97</u>	<u>\$9,819,997.75</u>

FORTY-SIX YEAR SUMMARY

	<u>1968-2014</u>
ADDITIONS	
Share of Christmas Collection	\$7,274,250.84
Assessment Per Priest	1,487,279.70
Diocesan Assessment	228,230.44
Donations in Lieu of Christmas Collection	373,002.37
Bequests and Donations	2,405,613.42
Investment Income	6,262,449.36
Net Realized & Unrealized Gains on Investments	10,818,208.52
Self-Insurance Fund Grant	90,000.00
Loan Account Interest	119,838.70
Loan Account Grant	<u>30,000.00</u>
TOTAL ADDITIONS	\$29,088,873.35
DEDUCTIONS	
Payments to Retired Priests	\$14,463,815.42
Retired Priests Health Insurance	2,106,858.29
Diocesan Administration	<u>1,449,197.67</u>
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	<u>18,019,871.38</u>
FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2014	<u>\$11,069,001.97</u>

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND ASSETS

	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents - NBT Bank	\$365,512.49	\$365,512.49
Accounts Receivable	\$3,464.45	\$3,464.45
Due to Operating Fund	(1,457,057.01)	(1,457,057.01)
Interest Receivable	4,363.24	4,363.24
Stocks	3,823,223.30	4,785,277.34
Bonds and U.S. Government Obligations	664,913.34	668,784.35
Manning & Napier Funds	4,028,164.24	4,471,774.15
The Investment Fund for Foundations: Multi-Asset Fund	1,417,875.00	1,734,128.29
The Investment Fund for Foundations: Real Opportunities Fund	160,874.00	175,165.00
Dimensional Fund Advisors - Emerging Markets Social Core Equities	364,750.00	316,729.67
Commonfund Realty	<u>860.00</u>	<u>860.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS - JUNE 30, 2014	<u>\$ 9,376,943.05</u>	<u>\$11,069,001.97</u>

Priests' Retirement Fund

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG

The Fund Balance has Accumulated as Follows:

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1968	\$17,500.80
1969	10,330.23
1970	20,579.08
1971	19,265.60
1972	27,914.97
1972-1973	5,070.97
1973-1974	18,329.14
1974-1975	55,740.80
1975-1976	44,465.90
1976-1977	36,976.48
1977-1978	54,045.99
1978-1979	66,581.55
1979-1980	133,679.84
1980-1981	113,242.58
1981-1982	22,235.30
1982-1983	99,793.90
1983-1984	173,959.28
1984-1985	30,889.45
1985-1986	153,452.78
1986-1987	111,359.14
1987-1988	204,214.85
1988-1989	188,566.80
1989-1990	226,548.99
1990-1991	143,441.06
1991-1992	445,497.41
1992-1993	272,881.17
1993-1994	463,490.02
1994-1995	491,107.10
1995-1996	960,060.25
1996-1997	1,021,061.17
1997-1998	408,417.16
1998-1999	829,004.36
1999-2000	719,110.30
2000-2001	660,809.56
2001-2002	(1,184,839.10)
2002-2003	330,280.74
2003-2004	1,009,257.04
2004-2005	693,492.98
2005-2006	722,134.05
2006-2007	1,178,509.12
2007-2008	(1,037,244.76)
2008-2009	(1,814,310.57)
2009-2010	92,956.71
2010-2011	1,351,134.50
2011-2012	(403,955.22)
2012-2013	632,958.28
2013-2014	<u>1,249,004.22</u>

FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2014\$11,069,001.97

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Hearing confession is source of grace, conversion for priest, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Hearing a Catholic's confession should be awe-inspiring for a priest, an experience that makes him look at his own life and willingness to convert, Pope Francis told a group of seminarians, new priests and priests who hear confessions in the major basilicas of Rome. "Let yourselves be educated by the sacrament of reconciliation," he told them March 12. Hearing someone's confession, he said, should lead the priest to make an examination of his conscience, asking, for example, "Do I, the priest, love the Lord like this old lady does?" Or, "Am I, as a confessor, willing to change and convert like this penitent, who I am here to serve? These people edify us. They edify us," the pope said.

Cardinal Egan's 'pearl of great price' described as his faith in Jesus

NEW YORK (CNS) -- At his funeral Mass March 10 in New York's splendid St. Patrick's Cathedral, Cardinal Edward M. Egan was remembered as a churchman whose faith in Jesus Christ outshone even his considerable temporal qualities. Cardinal Egan died March 5 at age 82. He was the archbishop of New York from 2000 to 2009 and was the first to retire from the position. "His 'pearl of great price' was not his erudition, his love of music and art, his renown in canon law, his administrative acumen or distinctive preaching, his bishop's ring or cardinal's hat, but his faith in Jesus Christ," New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan told the 2,500 people gathered to mourn his predecessor. Cardinal Egan loved the church, the place where he met, learned, served and was united to Jesus, Cardinal Dolan said. "I call him a churchman, a term that cannot be reduced to describing a man who prefers brick-and-mortar, ledgers, and an aloof institution, but a man who sees in the church Jesus Christ, his lord and savior, alive in teaching, serving and sanctifying," the cardinal said. The immense bronze doors of St. Patrick's swung open to begin a processional that included Cardinal Dolan, seven other cardinals and more than 30 bishops, 250 priests, 24 deacons and 100 seminarians.

Sister Mary Ann Walsh awarded 'Frannie' for work for Catholic press

ALBANY, N.Y. (CNS) -- Mercy Sister Mary Ann Walsh was surprised at her home at the Sisters of Mercy motherhouse in Albany March 12 when visitors presented her with the Catholic Press Association's St. Francis de Sales Award. "Her life of service to the Catholic press, the USCCB and the church is outstanding and a model for all," said Rob DeFrancesco, president of the CPA and associate publisher of the Catholic Sun in the Diocese of Phoenix, in explaining the decision to bestow the award. Sister Walsh, the U.S. church correspondent for America magazine, stepped down last summer as director of media relations for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "What a great honor," Sister Walsh said in a note to Catholic News Service. "Once I moved from journalism to media relations, I thought such an honor was out of reach. I love the Catholic Press Association and the writing world. I am a writer at heart." She previously had been media editor and a Vatican correspondent for Catholic News Service and a reporter for The Evangelist, newspaper of the Diocese of Albany, her hometown. She also has edited several books, produced two videos, written commentaries or op-eds for numerous publications and appeared many times on radio and television programs

At Lenten penance service, pope announces a Holy Year of Mercy

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Francis announced an extraordinary jubilee, a Holy Year of Mercy, to highlight the Catholic Church's "mission to be a witness of mercy."

"No one can be excluded from God's mercy," the pope said March 13, marking the second anniversary of his pontificate by leading a Lenten penance service in St. Peter's Basilica.

"I frequently have thought about how the church can make more evident its mission to be a witness of mercy," he said during his homily; that is why he decided to call a special Holy Year, which will be celebrated from Dec. 8, 2015, until Nov. 20, 2016.

The biblical theme of the year, he said, will be "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful," an admonition that applies "especially to confessors," the pope said with a smile.

Traditionally, every 25 years the popes proclaim a holy year, which features special celebrations and pilgrimages, strong calls for conversion and repentance, and the offer of special opportunities to experience God's grace through the sacraments, especially confession. Extraordinary holy years, like the Holy Year of Mercy, are less frequent, but offer the same opportunities for spiritual growth.

The doors of the church "are wide open so that all those who are touched by grace can find the certainty of forgiveness," Pope Francis said at the penance service, which featured individual confessions. It was part of a worldwide celebration of "24 Hours for the Lord," in which Catholic churches were stay-

ing open for prayer, eucharistic adoration and confession.

Special Holy Year will be celebrated from Dec. 8, 2015, until Nov. 20, 2016.

At each of the dozens of confessionals in St. Peter's Basilica, as well as in simple chairs scattered along the walls, priests welcomed people to the sacrament. The pope removed his liturgical vestments and went to confession before putting on a purple stole and hearing the confessions of others.

"God never ceases to demonstrate the richness of his mercy over the course of centuries," the pope said in his homily, which preceded the confessions. God touches people's hearts with his grace, filling them with repentance and a desire to "experience his love."

"Being touched by the tenderness of his hand," people should not be afraid to approach a priest and confess their sins, he said. In the confessional, one has "the certainty of being welcomed in the name of God and understood, despite our misery."

"The greater the sin, the greater the love, which the church must express toward those who convert," Pope Francis said.

The Gospel reading at the penance service was the story of the sinful woman who washed Jesus' feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. Every time one goes to confession, the pope said, "we feel the same compassionate gaze of Jesus" that she did.

Jesus' love, he said, allowed her to draw near, to demonstrate her repentance and to show her love for him. "Every gesture of this woman

speaks of love and expresses her desire to have an unshakable certainty in her life, that of having been forgiven."

"Love and forgiveness are simultaneous" in the story of each person, just as in the story of the sinful woman, he said. "God forgave her for much - for everything - because he loved her much."

Through Jesus, the pope said, God took the woman's sins and "threw them over his shoulder, he no longer remembers them."

Jesus' encounter with the woman took place in the home of a Pharisee named Simon. Unlike the woman, the pope said, Simon "isn't able to find the path of love. He remains stopped at the threshold of formality. He is not able to take the next step to encounter Jesus, who brings salvation."

The Pharisee is concerned only with following God's law, with justice, which is a mistake, the pope said. "His judgment of the woman distances him from the truth and prevents him from understanding who his guest is."

Jesus scolds Simon, pointing out how the "sinful woman" has shown nothing but love and repentance, the pope said. "Jesus' rebuke pushes each of us to never stop at the surface of things, especially when dealing with a person. We are called to look deeper, to focus on the heart in order to see how much generosity the personal is capable of."

Pope Francis said he asked the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization to coordinate preparations for the Holy Year so that it would be "a new stage in the church's journey in fulfilling its mission of bringing the Gospel of mercy to each person."

Anniversary interview: Pope talks about his election, papacy, future

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- When Pope Francis went out onto the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica for the first time, he said he did not prepare what he was going to say, but "I felt deeply that a minister needs the blessing of God, but also of his people."

He did not know if it was right to explicitly ask the thousands of people in St. Peter's Square to bless him, so instead he asked them to pray that God would bless him, he said. And he bowed for their prayers.

Marking the second anniversary of his election March 13, Pope Francis spoke about the conclave that elected him in 2013, about his life the last two years and about the future in an interview with Valentina Alazraki of Mexico's Televisa.

The pope even joked about the reputation Argentines have for being proud or haughty. "You know how an Argentine commits suicide?" he asked Alazraki. "He climbs to the top of his ego and jumps!"

And, he said, while he doesn't hate being pope, he is not a fan of the travel involved and he really would like to go out of the Vatican unrecognized, perhaps "to a pizzeria to eat a pizza."

"I have the feeling that my pontificate will be brief," he said. "Four or five years. I do not know, or maybe two, three. Well, two have already passed. It's just a vague feeling."

Perhaps, the pope said, it is like the kind of trick a gambler plays on his mind by convincing himself -- when he places a bet -- that he will lose; when he does, he is not disappointed. "I do not know what it is, but I

have the feeling that the Lord put me here for a brief time.... But it is just a feeling. So I keep the possibility open."

While he doesn't hate being pope, Pope Francis is not a fan of the travel involved and would like to go out of the Vatican unrecognized, perhaps 'to a pizzeria to eat a pizza'

Pope Benedict XVI's disengagement that he no longer had the energy to carry out the papal office and his decision to resign to a life of prayer was courageous, Pope Francis said, and it opened the door for popes in the future to do so with greater ease.

But, the pope said, he is opposed to setting an age limit, for example, 80, for a pope's ministry. While for some theologians "the papacy is a sacrament," he said he would not go that far, but "it is something special."

Asked about reports that he received about 40 votes during the 2005 conclave that elected Pope Benedict, Pope Francis refused to answer, "although I could tell because now I have the authority to speak."

As for the 2013 conclave, he said he had no inkling until the lunch break March 13 "when something happened," cardinals started coming up to him and asking about his health.

"When we returned in the evening, the cake was cooked," Pope Francis said. "Everything happened with just two ballots. It was a surprise for me as well."

During the voting, he said, he was praying the rosary, which was his nor-

mal practice and brings him a great sense of peace.

"The same thing occurred then, which for me was a sign that it was God's will. Peace," he said. "And even today I have not lost that sense."

The cardinals at the conclave interrupted his rosary when he had reached the two-thirds vote necessary to be elected. "They asked me if I accepted. I said yes. I don't know if they made me take an oath, I don't remember."

Questioned about the 2014 extraordinary synod and the upcoming Synod of Bishops on the family, particularly regarding the acceptance of homosexual persons and Communion for divorced and civilly remarried couples, Pope Francis said some people have "unrealistic expectations," but, he said, he is convinced God wants the church to focus on better serving families.

"The family is in crisis," he said, and it is not the age-old crisis of infidelity, but the future of marriage itself.

"I think the Lord wants us to face this," Pope Francis said, including through improved "marriage preparation; accompanying cohabitating couples; accompanying those who do marry and are raising a family; supporting those whose marriages have failed and are in a new union; preparing them for the sacrament of marriage, (because) not everyone is ready."

As for the reform of the Roman Curia, which Pope Francis said really was the "last (royal) court" existing in Europe, he said, "the appearance of a court can be maintained," but the Curia must be a group of people and structures "at the service of the church, at the service of the bishops."

Holy years proclaimed to encourage spiritual renewal in the church

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- A holy year as a time of spiritual renewal has its biblical roots in the jubilees observed by the Jewish people at 50-year intervals, when debts were pardoned and slaves were freed.

The term "jubilee" itself comes from the Hebrew word "yobel," meaning a ram's horn, which was used to make the trumpet that signaled the beginning of this time of forgiveness.

For the Catholic Church, a holy year remains a time of great spiritual significance, and emphasis is placed on the examination of conscience and conversion, the forgiveness of sins, reconciliation, concrete acts of solidarity and initiatives to restore justice.

The jubilee is called a holy year because it aims to encourage holiness, strengthen faith in Christ and inspire greater communion within the church and society.

The first Holy Year was proclaimed by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300, when thousands of Christians from throughout Europe came on pilgrimage to Rome. In the 15th century, Pope Paul II set a 25-year timetable for holy years, which has been the norm since, in order to allow each generation the possibility of experiencing at least one holy year.

As a way to stress the importance of forgiveness and renewing one's relationship with God, plenary indulgences are offered during holy years. An indulgence -- that is, the remission of temporal punishment for sins -- is customarily granted to those who make a pilgrimage to Rome and fulfill certain other conditions: reception of the sacraments of penance and the Eucharist, visits and prayers for the intention of the pope and performing simple acts such as visiting the sick.

Those who do not make a pilgrimage to Rome can gain the same indulgence by receiving penance and the Eucharist and praying for the pope during a visit or a community celebration in a church designated by the local bishop.

The Holy Door, symbolizing the doorway of salvation, marks the "extraordinary" spiritual passage offered the faithful during a jubilee year. There are only seven Holy Doors: four at the major basilicas in Rome and one each in France, Spain and Quebec City, Canada.

On Christmas Eve 1999, St. John Paul II changed the traditional Holy Door ritual at St. Peter's Basilica when he did not strike the wall sealing the door. Instead, he pushed open the Holy Door -- the wall had been dismantled beforehand.

When Pope Alexander VI opened the Holy Door on Christmas 1499, "he used a mason's hammer, and the blows were not completely symbolic; the pope tried to break through part of the wall," Bishop Marini said. For centuries, the ceremony included a long pause to allow masons to finish taking the wall down before the pope crossed the threshold.

In addition to an "ordinary" holy year set at 25-year intervals, occasionally a special jubilee is proclaimed to mark some outstanding event. The custom of these so-called "extraordinary" jubilees began in the 16th century, and they can vary in length from a few days to a year.

There have been two extraordinary jubilees in the last century: 1933, proclaimed by Pope Pius XI to mark the 1,900th anniversary of Christ's redemption, and 1983, proclaimed by St. John Paul II to mark 1,950 years since the redemption.

YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

Campus ministry: 'the answer to my prayers'

By Mike Lynskey
Contributing Writer

In high school I never even considered joining a Campus Ministry organization in college. Since joining Newman Club at St. Lawrence University in the Fall of 2014, I have only regretted not joining the group sooner.

As a member of the academic community and a confirmed Catholic, I saw Newman Club as a mediator between my textbooks and my faith. Is it wrong to believe in evolution? What qualifies as a sin? Is there a prayer I can say to help me with my studies?

Here is where I could finally ask any question that had been bothering me, without judgment.

Here is where I could not only be around a supportive group of people that consistently strives to uphold a moral standard, but also be a supportive member and help inspire others.

Just the feeling after attending the meetings and seeing the smiling faces of fellow Catholics creates an



Mike Lynskey of Hinckley, N.Y., writes about his experiences of campus ministry as a student at St. Lawrence University in Canton.

atmosphere that fosters internal peace and at the same time a renewed spark of faith.

The meetings open up topics for discussions that are sometimes controversial, unify students in the name of Christ, and apply our faith to related world events. Campus ministry was the answer to my prayers; it was a place that allowed me to separate myself from the college atmosphere, reflect, and find



Mike is pictured in the middle of a group of friends who took part in last year's end of the year barbecue and bonfire at St. Mary's Church in Canton for campus ministry students from St. Lawrence University and SUNY Canton.

Christ.

Going into the first meeting, I had forgotten some of the more basic prayers and felt out of place. However, by the end of the first meeting, I felt at home. The ministry greets newcomers with open arms. Within the first couple of weeks, I found myself carving pumpkins with newly made friends. Before I knew it, I was becoming considerably more comfortable. I partici-

pated in a Christmas trivia night, went on a Campus Ministry Retreat, started going to confession again, attended a taco dinner, and felt more at home in church every Sunday. I am looking forward to the upcoming St. Patrick's Day trivia night so I can redeem myself after losing on Christmas trivia night. The end of the semester spring barbecue is always something to look forward to as well.

As a student desiring to go into the field of medicine, some meetings are of particular interest. Just last week, the discussion on medical moral theology enlightened me about where Catholicism stands on controversial topics such as assisted suicide and euthanasia. While attending a secular university, I sometimes am oblivious to the truths that the Catholic Church has to offer. Campus ministry is a way to be reminded of those truths. In pursuit of being a moral and faithful physician, going to the Newman Club meetings assists in my desire to have an unwavering conscience and be a well-rounded individual. In our current society being a doctor is difficult, but being a member of Newman Club has given me the tools to go into the medical field and still be the Catholic that I aspire to be.

In today's world, following the Lord is not easy, especially during college years. Campus Ministry is leading the way toward Christ, one prayer, one bible verse, and one member at a time.

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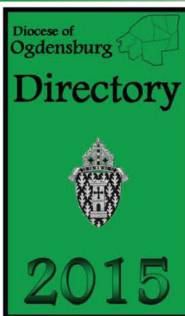
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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Looking ahead to the climax of Lent

These last two weeks of Lent were formerly referred to as Passiontide. All crosses and statues in churches were covered with purple cloth.

It is time for us to commiserate with the oft-broken heart of a God whose love has been spurned by the indifference and infidelity of us all.

In the readings today, we realize how much God is at times almost desperate for our love.

In the Old Testament times, God often tried to bind the people to Himself in a covenant of fidelity.

When His beloved Is-

raelites tried to break that bond and pull away from his love, God is angry for a time, but then, He mercifully forgives them, and tries once more to draw them to Himself.

In today's reading from Jeremiah, he promises that, this time, he will write the Law in their hearts. He promises to "remember their sin no longer".

The words of Jesus in today's Gospel from John come

after the Transfiguration has failed to impress them.

They're not listening as he tries in vain to prepare them for His Passion and Death.

He uses the familiar experi-

ence of seed falling to the ground and dying. By that very action, the seed is transformed from its tiny ugliness into a magnificent grain of wheat.

As we hear that story today, we are well aware of loss through friends who die, our own loss of vitality as we grow older, relationships that are broken through betrayal, or just moving far away.

Losses are painful, yet many times losses are necessary if we are to grow and mature. Today's Gospel is a great source of consolation and hope for all of us.

What Jesus was trying to tell his disciples, He says to us today. "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a

March 22

Fifth Sunday of Lent

READINGS

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-33

climax of Lent—Jesus' triumphant ride into Jerusalem, the Last Supper with His apostles when he consummates His love in the institution of Eucharist, Good Friday when we are invited to unite intimately in His death through the reading of the Passion, and the veneration of the Cross, and then the great Easter Vigil.

Here the seed that was buried in the ground breaks through into new life through the blessing of the Easter candle and baptismal water.

May it bring to all of us new determination to commit ourselves in faith to the process of dying and rising over and over again-- until Jesus calls us to joy everlasting.

grain of wheat. But if it dies, it produces much fruit."

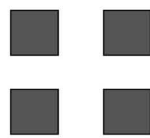
The way out of death and into life for both our loved ones and ourselves is the same that Jesus experienced for us long ago by His patient endurance of being lifted up on a Cross and dying.

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AT THE MOVIES

CINDERELLA

By Joseph McAleer
Catholic News Service

"Cinderella" (Disney) injects vibrant new life into a venerable fairy tale. The result is an exuberant live-action retelling of the oft-filmed fable, the most famous screen version of which is Disney's classic 1950 animated feature.

Opting for fidelity and sincerity rather than a revisionist approach, director Kenneth Branagh sticks to the basic story, displaying genuine affection for its iconic characters. Familiar yet fresh, his delightful take, suitable for the entire family, nicely brings to the forefront dual lessons about compassion and forgiveness.

There's a lot of death in the Cinderella story, but here that aspect of the tale is treated gently. Ella (Lily James) tends to her dying mother (Hayley Atwell), whose final request to her is, "Always have courage and be kind." This becomes Ella's life motto -- and not a bad one at that. Her sunny

nature and good will inspire all creatures, great (fellow humans) and small (white mice).

When her beloved father (Ben Chaplin) remarries, Ella's patience is put to the test, but she never gives in to the dark side. The same, alas, cannot be said for Ella's new stepmother, Lady Tremaine (Cate Blanchett), or her shrieking stepsisters, Drizella (Sophie McShera) and Anastasia (Holliday Grainger).

The ladies are ghastly in every respect, from their poor manners to their garish outfits. And anyone who calls her cat Lucifer, as Lady Tremaine does, is just about bound to be wicked.

The standard narrative unfolds: Father dies, and Ella is reduced to waiting on her obnoxious relations in the manner of a servant. Covered in ashes from cleaning the fireplace, she's derisively dubbed "Cinderella."

Riding her horse through the forest one day, Cinderella encounters Kit (Richard Madden), aka Prince Charming. They meet

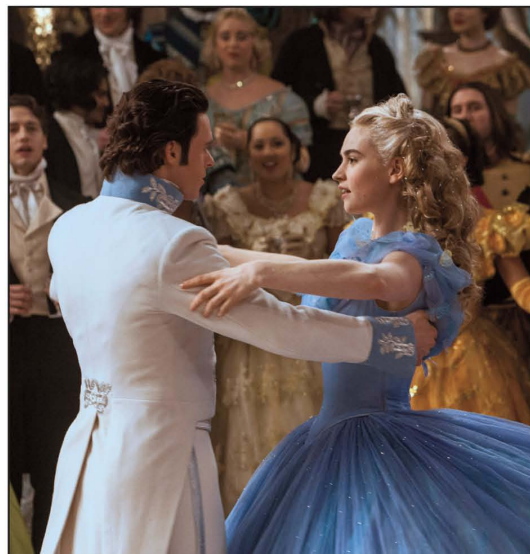
but confused, she unaware of his royal status, he not catching her name. Cinderella retreats, and the prince, his heart aflame, vows to find the enchanting maiden.

A royal ball is arranged, with an invitation to all eligible ladies in the kingdom, titled or not. Lady Tremaine forbids Cinderella to attend, tearing her dress to pieces.

Cinderella's Fairy Godmother (Helena Bonham Carter), naturally, has other ideas. The transformation of pumpkin, mice, lizards and a goose into a golden coach, white horses, footmen and driver, respectively, is one of the highlights of the film.

The other standout is Cinderella's shimmering blue dress. Not since Scarlett O'Hara made an outfit from old curtains in "Gone with the Wind" has a skirt stolen the show to such an extent, swishing and swirling across the dance floor as though possessing a mind of its own.

While there are a few twists in store, a happy ending is assured, and the final message won't leave a dry



CNS PHOTO/DISNEY ENTERPRISES

Lily James and Richard Madden star in a scene from the movie "Cinderella."

eye in the house.

Preceding "Cinderella" is a short animated film, "Frozen Fever," featuring characters from the blockbuster 2013 movie "Frozen." It's Princess Anna's (voice of Kristen Bell) birthday, and her sister, Queen Elsa (voice of Idina Menzel), is planning a party -- despite feeling unwell. Given Elsa's frost-pro-

ducing proclivities, as highlighted in the original, however, her sneezes bring predictably chilly consequences.

The Catholic News Service classification is A-1 -- general patronage.

The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested.

ALSO PLAYING



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Liam Neeson and Joel Kinnaman star in a scene from the movie "Run All Night." The movie is a crime drama in which the estranged, law-abiding son (Kinnaman) of a burned-out hit man (Neeson) is targeted for death by his father's underworld patron (Ed Harris) after accidentally witnessing a multiple murder carried out by the kingpin's heir (Boyd Holbrook). The Catholic News Service classification is L -- limited adult audience, films whose problematic content many adults would find troubling. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.



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Response to the ebola crisis

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

In response to a request made by Father Kevin O'Brien, Moderator of the Curia, the Mission Office is pleased to be able to respond to the call for assistance in the ongoing Ebola crisis in Africa.

On behalf of Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, a generous donation was made in January to the office of Catholic Charities for the support of the work of the Church in combating Ebola in Africa.

From the Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg

The Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg collection will be taken up in parishes every other year depending on your side of the Diocese (East vs. West). The East side of the Diocese will participate in the MPDO collection this summer. The MPDO exists to:

- 1) to provide continued financial support of our former mission parish in Mollendo, Peru;
- 2) to support the U.S. Bishop's annual appeal for Latin America; and
- 3) to help any other missionary project throughout the world that the Diocese of Ogdensburg might deem appropriate ad part of its evangelization effort.

It is our intention that these funds from the Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg be designated to assist efforts of the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) as they fight the Ebola virus in West Africa. We are hopeful that these much needed funds will help to make a difference.

Catholic Relief Services is working around the clock to stem the deadly outbreak of the virus by educating people about how it is spread so they can avoid becoming infected. CRS is committed to raising \$1.5 million.

CRS is trying to reach even more communities, going door to door, handing out hygiene kits and information about how the virus is spread and what precautions can be taken to prevent infection.

Thank you to the people of the Diocese of Ogdensburg who so generously donate to the MPDO collection.

Know that your gifts are doing the work of our Lord through projects like fighting Ebola in Africa and making the lives of those impacted better each day.

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will.
www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice

OBITUARIES

Carthage - Marie Ann (Kamide) Astafan, 91; Funeral Services March 10, 2015 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

Carthage - Albert "Al" Pike, 86; Funeral Services March 12, 2015 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

Chazy - Loyal J. Baker, 90; Funeral Services March 14, 2015 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Whispering Maples Memorial Gardens.

Churubusco - Margaret Mary (Stevens) Nichols, 82; Funeral Services March 12, 2015 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church; burial in Sheldon Hill Cemetery, Ellenburg Depot.

Croghan - Lawrence "Larry" Henry Turk, 85; Funeral Services March 12, 2015 at St. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery.

Lowville - Gertrude (Leviker) Boshart, 71; Funeral Services March 14, 2015 at Isenker Funeral Home, Inc.; burial in Lowville Rural Cemetery.

Malone - Alice M. (Debyah) Prue, 98; Funeral Services at the Bruso-Desnoyers Funeral Home; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Malone - Alexander "Alex" Savage, 17; Funeral Services March 11, 2015 at Notre Dame Church.

Massena - David H. Leary, 74; Funeral Services March 14, 2015 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Norfolk - Florence M. "Poppy" Monroe, 78; Funeral Services March 14, 2015 at the Church of the Visitation.

Ogdensburg - Shirley M. (Glover) Kelley, 82; Funeral Services at Foxwood Memorial Park.

Ogdensburg - Addison N. Reynolds, infant; Funeral Services March 12, 2015 at Frary Funeral Home.

Ogdensburg - Hannah (Johnson) Winter, 87; Funeral Services March 10, 2015 at Notre Dame Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh - Patricia J. Roach Whalen Maley, 88; Funeral Services March 14, 2015 at St. John's Church; burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Saranac Lake - Gerald V. Macey, 86; Funeral Services March 11, 2015 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Tupper Lake - Mary Theresa Dukett, 65; Funeral Services March 13, 2015 at St. Alphonsus Church; burial in St. John's Cemetery, Lake Clear.

Watertown - Kay E. (Reed) Bast, 76; Funeral Services March 12, 2015 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Watertown - Ruth (More) Gardner, 78; Funeral Services March 14, 2015 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Westville - Bertha Mae (Savoir) White, 88; Funeral Services March 9, 2015 at Our Lady of Fatima Church; burial in Brigg Street Cemetery.

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Candidates, sponsors, and RCIA team members from Holy Family Church in Watertown are shown with Bishop Terry R. LaValley at the conclusion of the diocesan Rite of Election March 1 at St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg. In front are Emily Rivera, Bishop LaValley, David Rivera, Cheryl Van Ness, Tasha Richards, Kathy Allen, Arthur Edmiston and Sue Amo; second row, Melinda Rivera; third row, Joan Nesnadny, Veronica Lambert, Anne Seegbarth, Midge Fraser, Katie Carrol and Jeff Lambert; and back, Angelica Edmiston, Rachel Rivera and Lindsey Lalonde.

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LEWIS

K OF C BRUNCH

Lyons Falls – The South Lewis Knights of Columbus will be having an all you can eat pancake brunch.

Date: March 22

Time: 8 a.m. to Noon

Place: St. John's Church Hall

Cost: Adults, \$7; Children 5-12, \$4; under 5, Free

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Houseville - The Feast of The Divine Mercy will be celebrated.

Date: April 12

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Schedule: The film *Pope of Mercy*, will be shown in the church hall at 2 p.m. Reconciliation will begin at 2:30. At 3 p.m. The Divine Mercy Celebration will include: The Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image, Exposition, The Divine Mercy Chaplet, homily and Benediction.

Features: Rev. John Mikalajunas, Pastor of Holy Trinity Church of Utica, will be the Guest Celebrant. A cover dish reception will follow in the church hall.

Contact: 348-6260.

ST. LAWRENCE

ACIES CEREMONY

Ogdensburg - The Annual Acies Ceremony for Legion of Mary members, aux-

iliary members and interested parishioners, will be held.

Date: March 22

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: Deacon Winter Chapel of St. Mary's Cathedral.

Features: Father Scott Belina will lead the Exposition and Benediction, deliver the homily. The ceremony consists of an individual Consecration and a Collective Consecration to Mary. Active members will renew their Consecration to Mary.

TRINITY SCHOOL GALA

Massena - The first annual Trinity Catholic School Gala, April in Paris, has been planned

Date: April 18

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

Cost: \$60 per person

Features: Imagine a night on the town, in an elegant Parisian atmosphere, with fine wine, full bar, a five-course dinner, dancing and comedic entertainment. Tickets for this event are on sale now after Masses and in the school office.

Contact: For more information about the Gala, as well as pictures and updates of all school events, like us on Facebook, or visit our website at www.Trinity-CatholicSchool.net.

DINNER AND THEATER SHOW

Brasher Falls – A dinner and theater show will be held.

Date: April 25

Time: 5 p.m.

Place: Knights of Columbus

Cost: \$30; Seniors (55), \$27. Must be paid by April 15

Features: "A Tomb with a View". There will be a cash bar. This will benefit the heating equipment fund.

Contact: Terry Grant 389-4116

PARISH CENSUS

The Ogdensburg parishes of St. Mary's Cathedral and Notre Dame Church along with St. Raphael's, Heuvelton and Ss. Philip & James, Lisbon will be conducting a door-to-door census as part of the diocesan "Find Your Home in Christ" census initiative.

Dates: starting the week of April 13th and concluding the week of May 4th.

Features: Parish volunteers will be wearing identification tags. When they come to your door, please welcome them. Your kindness is appreciated.

RUMMAGE SALE

Canton – St. Mary's School will be having a rummage sale.

Schedule: March 20 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and March 21 from 8 a.m. to 11

FISH & SHRIMP FRY

Gouverneur – Fish and shrimp fry to be held every Friday during lent.

Date: Feb. 20 – April 3

Place: St. James School

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6:15

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

Contact: Take-outs and deliver available, phone 287-0130 for faster service

FRIDAY FISH DINNER

Star Lake – St. Hubert's will hold fish dinners every Friday during lent.

Date: Starting Feb. 20

Time: 5 p.m.

Cost: Dinners, \$10' kids under 10, \$5

Features: Deep fried or Oven baked fish. Take-outs available

DIOCESAN EVENTS

CHRISM MASS

Ogdensburg – All the faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg are cordially invited to the Chrism Mass

Date: March 26

Time: 11 a.m.

Place: St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: Bishop Terry R. LaValley Will led Renewal of Priestly Commitment, the Blessing of the Holy Oils and the consecration of the Sacred Chrism for use in all the churches of the Diocese.

SUMMER DIRECTED RETREAT

Ogdensburg – Save the date to spend some time with the Lord at the 2015 Summer Directed Retreat.

Date: June 21-26

Place: Wadhams Hall

Cost: \$450 which includes retreat, lodging, food and linens

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Contact: For more information please email inquiry@wadham.edu

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LENTE RENEWAL

Syracuse – Lenten retreat set

Date: March 24

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Christ the King Retreat House & Conference Center

Cost: \$20 or what you can afford

Features: Sister Laura Bufano, who serves in pastoral planning for the Diocese of Syracuse, will lead this presentation. Lenten evening of renewal will use poetry, scripture, song and stories as companions and guides through our own spiritual geography.

Contact: spiritualrenewalcenter.com, phone: 315-472-6546 Email: mail@spiritualrenewalcenter.com