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Marriage: 'a brave promise'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- A Christian marriage isn't just a big ceremony held in a church with nice flowers and everyone wearing fancy clothes and taking lots of pictures, Pope Francis said.

Marriage is an act of faith between a man and woman who are both fragile and limited, but courageous enough

to follow Christ and seek to love each other as he loves them, the pope said May 6 during his general audience in St. Peter's Square.

"Men and women, courageous enough to carry this treasure in the 'earthen vessels' of our humanity, are an essential resource for the church and for the whole

world," he said. "May God bless them a thousand times for this!"

The pope continued a series of talks about the family by focusing on the beauty of Christian marriage as a sacrament that builds up the church and the world.

All Christians "are called to love each other like Christ

loves them," and to be at the service of each other, Pope Francis said.

But the love between husband and wife is given greater, even "unthinkable," dignity when St. Paul says the love between a husband and wife reflects the love between Christ and his church, the pope said.

THE STORY OF ST. DISMAS

Church behind prison walls



PHOTO COURTESY OF DANNEMORA VILLAGE HISTORIAN W. PETER LIGHT
Father Ambrose Hyland was the force behind the construction of St. Dismas Church within the walls of the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora. Father Hyland came to Dannemora's Clinton prison as pastor in 1937. There he found a junk room being used for church services. He approached the warden and asked permission to build a church. The warden grudgingly gave him permission but the funding, labor, and materials would all have to be provided by Father Hyland, a feat the warden likely thought insurmountable to one man. The church was opened four years

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13th annual Rosary Crusade

CARTHAGE - The 13th annual Family Rosary Crusade at St. James Parish will be held Friday evening. Bishop Terry R. LaValley will preside at the 5:15 p.m. Mass which opens the night of prayer.

The Mass will be followed by exposition at 6 p.m., seven hours of the rosary and then Benediction at 1 a.m.

Crusade organizer Bob Renaud, an artist, has created a specific painting for each year of the crusade.

This year he was inspired by Pope Francis' devotion to Our Lady Undoer of Knots.

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Intentional disciples

There's still time to register for May 30 workshop to be held in Potsdam
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DAYS FOR DEACONS



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

Bishop LaValley joined the deacons of the diocese and their wives for their second annual convocation held May 5-6 at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid. The gathering offered an opportunity for deacons across the North Country to pray together, share ideas and renew friendships. This year, the bishop signed the constitution for a newly formed Council of Deacons. Here, he chats with Deacon Edward Mazuchowski of Dannemora, Deacon Joseph Szwed of Saranac Lake and Louise Mazuchowski. See page 5 for coverage of the convocation.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Delightful diaconal days!

Spending two glorious May days in the Adirondacks with some of the best people I know?

I could certainly get used to that!

The occasion was the second annual deacon convocation, held last week in Lake Placid.

Deacons and their wives converged at the Crowne Plaza Hotel from every part of the North Country to pray, to learn and to catch up with men and women who, despite great distances, have remained great friends.

I've been the wife of a deacon for 25 years, as of next Oct. 6, and I still have the fondest

memories of "our" time in formation. Those weekends at Wadhams Hall were filled with so much faith in God and joy in each other's company.



Mary Lou
Kilian

With these deacon convocations we now have a chance to get to know the deacon couples from every class since the first one was ordained in 1980.

And, like the good-old-days at Wadhams, there's time to talk with people who understand exactly what it means to serve the people of God as a deacon in our part of the world.

For many, including my own deacon, ministry requires a

trip to jail every day. In the Diocese of Ogdensburg - land of 14 prisons - deacon chaplains have shown the face of the Catholic Church for thousands upon thousands of inmates over the years.

Other deacons are serving in hospitals, in diocesan offices and in their parishes, in every way they possibly can.

Last year, Bishop LaValley had the particular goal of sharing the newly proclaimed diocesan vision to these important partners in ministry.

This year, he recognized their critical role in the diocese by constituting a Council of Deacons.

This group has been established to provide "prayerful, open reflection and fraternal

dialogue among the deacons in collaboration with the bishop and priests of the Diocese of Ogdensburg."

(I think it would be fun to be a little mouse at one of those meetings!)

The National Directory for the Formation, Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States, published by the American bishops, says that the Sacred Order of Deacons is to be "a driving force for the Church's service or diakonia toward the local Christian communities, and as a sign or sacrament of the Lord Christ himself, who 'came not to be served but to serve.'"

The deacons I've been blessed to know certainly fill the bill!

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Exploring the process of 'pruning'

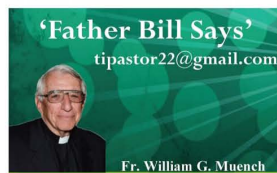
I am sure you remember that just recently, the Sunday Gospel reading was Jesus' parable of the vine and the branches.

Every time this Gospel comes up, I tell myself I should visit a vineyard and get some info from the owner. Then I forget all about it. So, today I decided to investigate this parable, especially this business of "pruning."

As with many of Jesus' parables, he noticed something in nature - in this case, the local vineyard - as a perfect image for the relationship that should exist between Jesus and his disciples.

He saw something that fit so well as he learned how the branches depended on the vine. He said, "I am the true vine and my Father is the vine grower (the farmer)." "Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me."

In this reading, Jesus understood something about vineyards. He seemed to know that the vine grower had to "take away every branch that does



not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." He then goes on to say that in the same way this is how God tends our relationship with Jesus. Jesus says, "You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you."
This business of pruning a vineyard is what I did not fully understand. So, I headed to the computer to find out something about this pruning of vines to make them "bear more fruit."

The Wikipedia article says this: "that pruning is a horticultural practice involving the selective removal of parts plants, both harvesting and increasing the yield or quantity of flowers and fruit."

So, now the question - the spiritual question - is to con-

sider how God uses this pruning, how we as disciples of Jesus are pruned so that we become healthier followers of the Lord and more fruitful in living our Christian life.

Jesus says, "we are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you." When we are awake to the message of the Lord, we are truly pruned - made more alive, more alert - so that we are truly good disciples of the Lord, ready to make this world a better place.

We find our strength by being connected to the vine, that is, Jesus. To give us even more strength of faith, we are pruned by God.

I believe that this is how God steps into our lives, challenging our love for God and for others.

So many opportunities are given us by the Lord so that we could live like followers of Jesus, reaching out to others who need us.

Many may think of these experiences as coincidences. We may say that we just happen to be in the right place at the right time - right there when someone needed me - ready

and aware that we must do something. There are no coincidences with our God. Rather this may be God preparing to prune us, to make us a stronger and more alive Christians.

So, this is what I think our pruning is - to make each of us a faith-filled Christian. God gives us unique experiences, opportunities to truly do something good, something great, our own miracles.

God's pruning may be the bringing of someone special into our lives. This happens - I know it has happened to you - God allowing someone to truly change us, making us a new person, a holier person, a more loving person. Truly, this is a pruning.

I am certain, there are many more examples of this personal "pruning" that God, our vine grower, brings to us. You can probably think of many such examples yourselves. It may be a special book, a time of prayer, even a crisis or a problem or a suffering. It may even be a mistake that we make - and we become stronger and faith filled.

13th annual Rosary Crusade

A night of prayer to be held Friday at St. James Minor Church in Carthage

By Kristina Dean
Staff Writer

CARTHAGE - During the 13th Annual Rosary Crusade at St. James Minor Church on Friday, many across the world will join their prayers together for special intentions during a seven hour Rosary after Mass celebrated by Bishop Terry R. LaValley and pastor George F. Maroun.

I figured if it was of God, it would succeed. I must say it has been very successful thus far and has been spiritually fruitful for those who have participated over the years

Father George Maroun
Pastor, St. James in Carthage

Mass begins at 5:15, followed by Eucharistic Adoration where Jesus will be present for the seven hours of praying the Rosary, based on the seven sorrows of Mary, Mother of God. Each hour, three complete Rosaries are prayed for specific intentions and are led by different families or groups.

Prayer intentions include all life, families and the sacrament of marriage, innocence and all children and grandchildren, the Holy Church, vocations, all priests and those consecrated to religious life, the Holy Father's intentions, soldiers, world peace, and all sinners and poor souls in Purgatory. The last hour is for prayers of thanksgiving. Benediction follows at 1 a.m.

Carthage resident and event organizer Robert R. Renaud plans on starting the first hour with an explanation of this year's theme, "Mary, Undoer of Knots."

Each year Mr. Renaud, an art teacher and celebrated Catholic artist, creates an



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Carthage artist Robert Renaud has organized the Rosary Crusade at St. James Church in Carthage for the past 13 years. Each year, he creates an original painting based on the annual theme. This year's theme is "Mary, Undoer of Knots"

original painting based on the theme. Those who attend the event and stay for at least three hours, in honor of Our Lord's Passion on the cross, will receive a free print of this year's piece, titled, "Undoer of Knots."

Mr. Renaud said he received the current idea after listening to a Lighthouse CD talk about this particular title of the Blessed Mother, Pope Francis' favorite Marian title.

This is the first time Bishop LaValley will attend and celebrate Mass. Mr. Renaud said he was excited to learn the Bishop's schedule allowed him to attend.

"It is not only an honor, but to me is a true testament that Bishop LaValley is a true shepherd to our diocese and that he has a great love for Our Lady, and knows of her power of intercession through the means of the Rosary," he said.

Father Maroun has participated in the Crusade with Mass and Benediction since its start, 13 years ago. He recently announced he will be retiring.

"I always remember the

number of years that Bob Renaud initiated the Rosary Crusade because it coincides with the number of years I have been pastor here at St. James in Carthage and St. Mary's of Copenhagen," he said. "This June will mark the completion of 13 years as pastor.

"It was near the end of my first year that Bob approached me with the idea of having a Rosary Crusade," he said. "At first I didn't know what to think about the idea, but was impressed with Bob's faith in God and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary."

Father Maroun said he'd learned over his years as pastor not to obstruct ways in which the Holy Spirit may be the source of inspiration. He recognized this in Mr. Renaud's efforts.

"I figured if it was of God, it would succeed," he said. "I must say it has been very successful thus far and has been spiritually fruitful for those who have participated over the years. "Anything that enhances our faith in Christ and devotion to His

Blessed Mother has got to be good," he said.

The Crusade reminds Fr. Maroun of the "popular religiosity" that he experienced serving as a missionary in Mollendo, Peru as part of the Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate from 1982 to 1988, he said.

At the beginning of the Crusade, approximately 75 to 100 people attend the Mass and stay for the first hour. The following hours contain anywhere from 30 to 40 people, and never less than 20, Mr. Renaud said.

In the past, Crusade participants have traveled from Clayton, Potsdam, Ogdensburg and in this year, Albany. People who can't be at the church physically can join in spirit by praying the Rosary. Many from across the United States and the world including Japan, New Zealand, Aus-

tralia, Korea and Great Britain join in saying the Rosary although their hours of prayer may be different.

The world needs our prayers, Mr. Renaud said. "It is through this simple string of beads that Satan will be defeated," he said.


Besides creating and painting the artwork, Mr. Renaud organizes the groups to lead the Rosary and sends out emails to many people asking for prayers. He credits two women with helping him, the Blessed Mother, and his wife, Mary Beth.

"I'm convinced I'm one of the luckiest guys in the world to have these two by my side," he said.


He lives in West Carthage with his wife, where he sells many works and prints out of his studio, located next to his house.

The schedule for the Crusade as well as all the previous artwork can be seen at the church's website:

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Fidelis Care Outreach Specialist Brittany Matice, left, and Health Benefit Representative Patricia Marks-Conger, right, present Daughter of Charity Sister Donna Franklin, Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities, with a \$71,000 grant to support Catholic Charities' Healthy Families/Healthy Communities program

Catholic Charities receives \$71,000 Fidelis Care grant

OGDENSBURG- Fidelis Care, the New York State Catholic Health Plan, has announced the distribution of \$71,000 from its Community Grant Fund to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg to support its Healthy Families/Healthy Communities program.

"We are most grateful to Fidelis Care for this substantial grant to Catholic Charities for its Healthy Families/Healthy Communities counseling program here in the Diocese of Ogdensburg," said Bishop Terry R. LaValley. "This is but one example of how Fidelis Care continues to assist the Church here in the North Country in our common mission of extending Christ's

love and care to the vulnerable among us."

Sister Donna Franklin, LCSW, Diocesan Director, added, "The support from Fidelis Care is critical in supporting Catholic Charities in its mission to shine the light of hope on the dark places of poverty, emotional stress, social marginalization, and other behavioral health issues."

The Healthy Families/Healthy Communities program provides counseling and casework for individuals and families who may not have access to other resources. The goal is to help them build bridges to healthier lives.

"As a supporter of this Catholic Charities program for a number of years, we believe in the positive impact it has on some of the most vulnerable residents in the Diocese," said Rev. Patrick J. Frawley, Fidelis Care President and CEO. "We are grateful to be able to provide assistance as they improve the lives of others."

This is the 11th consecutive year that Fidelis Care has awarded grants to non-profit

organizations that share similar missions and values of service to care for the poorest and most vulnerable populations.

The grants are made in coordination with the bishops in New York State's eight Roman Catholic Dioceses. The local grant is part of the \$2.5 million being awarded Statewide by Fidelis Care through the Fund this year.

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The Deacon Convocation



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The second annual convocation for permanent deacons and their wives took place May 5-6 at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid. The gathering offered an opportunity for deacons across the North Country to pray together, share ideas, spend time with Bishop LaValley and renew friendships. Pictured above are Deacons Richard Van Kirk of Heuvelton and Bill Johnston of Watertown.



Mary Dillenbeck of Fishers Landing, regional coordinator of Women of Grace, made a presentation on the women's ministry for the deacons and their wives. A second spiritual life workshop focused on the Cursillo movement.



Dr. Robert Rivers came from Atlanta, Georgia, to serve as keynote speaker for the convocation. He led sessions on spirituality, including a focus on Ignatian spirituality. Dr. Rivers also met with the wives of the deacons to share the results of his doctoral research on the role of wives in deacon formation programs in the United States.

Bishop creates diocesan Council of Deacons

By Deacon Kevin Mastellon
Staff writer

LAKE PLACID - Bishop Terry R. LaValley formally created the Council of Deacons of the Diocese of Ogdensburg when he met with permanent deacons and their wives in Lake Placid May 6 and 7.

The formation of a council was proposed to the deacon community by Bishop LaValley at the first Deacon Assembly held last June at the same venue.

The council is constituted to provide "prayerful, open reflection and fraternal dialogue among the deacons in collaboration with the bishop and priests of the Diocese of Ogdensburg."

The bishop already meets

regularly with an elected Council of Priests and a Council of Consecrated Life.

The by-laws of the Deacon Council provide for the election of five deacons representing defined geographic regions of the diocese and ministries not related directly to parishes. The wives and widows of deacons will elect two representatives to serve on the council. The bishop can make additional deacon appointments after the election.

The president of the St. Lawrence Society, the episcopal vicar for pastoral personnel and the director of deacon formation are all ex-officio members.

The St. Lawrence Society was formed by deacons in the 1980's for the mutual

benefit and support of the Permanent Deacons of the Diocese. The society does not have the formal recognition of the bishop the new council will enjoy. The St. Lawrence Society will continue to function as it has for the foreseeable future.

The ad-hoc committee that crafted the document signed this week included Bishop LaValley, Father James W. Seymour, episcopal vicar for pastoral personnel; and Deacons Mark Bennett, Plattsburgh; John White, Ogdensburg; Gerald Savage, Tupper Lake and Kevin Mastellon, Watertown.

The election of representatives will take place this summer with the inaugural meeting of the council scheduled for early fall.



PHOTO BY MARY LOU KILIAN

Bishop LaValley signs the constitution of the newly formed diocesan Council of Deacons as Deacon John White, director of the deacon formation program and member of the ad-hoc committee that crafted the document, looks on.

Forming Intentional Disciples Workshop

POTSDAM - Keith Strohm of the Catherine of Siena Institute will offer a one-day conference based on Sherry Weddell's book *Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus* May 30.

The program will be held from 8:30 to 4 at the Potsdam Student Union Multipurpose Room.

The workshop focuses on the need to awaken the personal faith of laity so that they will become more capable of putting their gifts and talents to use in the parish.

The workshop will be appropriate for commissioned lay ministers and Formation for Ministry candidates, parish and diocesan staff, deacons and deacon candidates, parishioners interested in deepening their own faith and becoming more active in Church ministry and parish life.

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May 14 - 7 p.m., Confirmation at Immaculate Conception Church in Brownville

May 15 - 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
 5:15 p.m., Family Rosary Crusade
 Mass at St. James Church in Carthage

May 16 - 11 a.m., Confirmation at St. Cecilia's Church in Adams
 5 p.m., Confirmation at St. Bartholomew's Church in Old Forge

May 17 - 11 a.m., Confirmation at St. Patrick's Church in Chateaugay
 4 p.m., Confirmation at St. Bernard's Church in Saranac Lake

May 18-20 - Presbyteral Assembly at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid

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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

May 13 - Rev. Ladislaus J. Stasz, 1971

May 14 - Deacon Vincent E. Irvin, 2003

May 15 - Rev. William Rossiter, 1908; Msgr. James R. McClure, 1960

May 16 - Rev. Moses Legault, 1908; Rev. John M. McIntyre, 1944

May 18 - Rev. John B. A. Legrand, 1891; Rev. Richard J. Cotter, 1928, Rev. Augustus J. Dumont, 1949

May 19 - Msgr. Arthur M. Leary, 1968; Deacon Vincent J. Frattali, 2003

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. Further information is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 1440. Upcoming programs:
May 17 - 6 p.m., St. Philip and James Church, Lisbon

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Environmental Stewardship

Treasure Hunt

Dominican Sister Janet Weyher works at their Community Eco-Justice Farm and Education Center near Racine, Wisconsin. This Center hosts over 6,000 visitors each year.

In a recent interview for Country Woman magazine, Sister Janet shared that when their campers go on a treasure hunt what usually stumps them is locating their wind-solar power clothes dryer. Sometimes the richest treasures in life are right in front of us, but we are too busy searching for something more complex to notice them...like the sun and wind around us.

Celine MacDougall, one of the members of the Faith and Ecology Group that meets in Lake Clear, shares her experience and reasons for using God's wind-solar power clothes dryer.

Her first reason for using this dryer, located just outside her door, is "I love hanging outside; it shows that someone lives here! Secondly, the clothes smell good when I bring them from the clothesline. The sun has the power of bleaching the white clothes. Most importantly, I use no electricity to dry my clothes, and don't need to purchase any dryer sheets that use even more electricity. It is an educational matter also, as it is a lesson in pro-activity and reflects my commitment to assuming responsibility for stewardship of the limited resources that are meant for all to use.

Celine and Sr. Janet have found a simple way to put into practice the words of Pope Francis in his General Audience on May 2014: "Creation is a gift; it is the marvelous gift that God has given us, so that we will take care of it and harness it for the benefit of all, always with great respect and gratitude."

On the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' web page, Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski states "any good steward endeavors to act, as closely as possible, as his or her master would act in his place, at least if the steward hopes to keep his job." What ways have you found to be a "good steward" so as to keep your job?

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FAITH BLOSSOMS



The children of St. Mary's School in Canton held their annual May Crowning on May 6. Nora O'Gorman crowned Mary and Matthew Gaaney was the attendant.



Seton Academy in Plattsburgh celebrated Earth Day by learning the song "Touch the Earth with Gentleness," a reminder that we need to take care of our earth. Kindergarten students enthusiastically went around the school yard picking up papers and trash. Touching the earth with gentleness are Aoife Lawliss and John Paul St. Marie.



On Easter Sunday the youth group and Confirmation class of the Catholic Community of Burke and Chateaugay hosted an Easter egg hunt for the younger children of the parish. Ainsley Crawford is pictured with her collection of eggs.



Statues of Mary, Queen of Heaven, were crowned by Eryn Kidder, with the assistance of Ariane Mercer and Natalie O'Neil, eighth graders at St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga May 1 after First Friday Mass in the church. The entire school body and congregation placed a flower at the foot of the statue on the altar, in honor of Mary, patron and mother of St. Mary's.



Logan O'Connell and Haile Rowsam, members of the Confirmation class of St. John's in Lyons Falls, took part in their parish May crowning ceremony. Bishop LaValley confirmed Logan and Haile May 2.

St. Dismas Church serves inmates of Clinton Correctional in Dannemora

Church of the Good Thief

By Shawn Ryan
Contributing Writer

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DANNEMORA—There are many beautiful churches sprinkled liberally around this little corner of the world. With any luck, there's one you'll never get to see.

Driving up State Route 374 into the Village of Dannemora from Plattsburgh and points beyond, a traveler is met by the looming and foreboding south wall of Clinton Prison, the largest and third oldest prison in New York State, and home to roughly 3,000 souls.

The massive steel reinforced concrete wall, which juts from the earth not 10 feet from the road, blocks from view all but the highest cell blocks in the prison, shrouding from the outside world anything that goes on inside the prison walls.

Little would a person know that a historic and beautiful building is nestled comfortably within.

The Good Thief

As Christian tradition goes, Jesus was crucified with two other men, common thieves whose punishment, like Jesus', was death on a cross. One thief, Gestas, jeered Jesus, saying he should save himself and them if he was truly all powerful. The other, Dismas, admonished Gestas, and asked that Jesus remember him in paradise.

Jesus said to Dismas that he would be with him in paradise, thus becoming the only person ever canonized by Jesus himself, and the only person canonized while still alive.

Religious practice has long been a tenant of American penal culture. In many instances, from the Puritans up



PHOTOS COURTESY OF DANNEMORA VILLAGE HISTORIAN W. PETER LIGHT.

St. Dismas Church, located within the walls of Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, opened in 1941 after Father Ambrose Hyland oversaw its construction.

through more recent times, the Bible was the only reading material inmates were allowed in their cells. Prison conversions are common enough to be considered cliché.

That fact notwithstanding, into nearly the middle of the last century, there were no free-standing, single-denominational churches in any American prison.

One man in tiny, far-flung Dannemora would change that; an unassuming Roman Catholic priest named Father Ambrose Hyland.

Father Hyland came to Dannemora's Clinton Prison as pastor in 1937. There he found a junk room being used for church services, bereft of any of the symbols

of the Catholic Church, equally as shabby and forlorn as the lost souls who prayed there.

He approached the warden one day, and asked permission to build a church.

The warden grudgingly gave him permission; but the funding, labor, and materials would all have to be provided by Father Hyland; a feat the warden likely thought insurmountable to one man.

Labor, it turns out, would be the least of the industrious clergyman's issues. He had a captive labor pool, so to speak.

No inmate was compelled to work; the days of forced labor in New York had long since ceased by that point,

but the religious faithful and non-faithful alike took to the task at hand with zeal. In the years of physically demanding labor that would follow, not a single disciplinary issue was recorded.

Many other hurdles, though, would lie in Father Hyland's path.

Materials were an issue only partly overcome by what was readily at hand. It was determined that a barn would be torn down and the materials, mostly rock and part of a foundation wall, would be utilized for the building of the church.

Most of the structures in and around early Clinton Prison, from wardens and officers' housing, to smaller buildings inside the looming



Fr. Ambrose Hyland

concrete walls, were built with stone. One can hardly plunge a spade into the earth in this part of New York State without encountering either field-stone or boulders.

The church walls were begun.

Donations flowed

While he went to work overseeing the physical construction of the church, Father Hyland also embarked on an ambitious fund-raising campaign, which stretched well beyond the sleepy confines of Clinton County.

Soon a \$25,000 organ was donated by a pair of Jewish brothers from New York City, a hand-made crucifix was donated by the Passion Players at Oberammergau, wood and cement came in from around the state, money came in dribs and drabs, and perhaps the piece-de-resistance: a wooden altar which had come to the New World aboard one of Magellan's ships was donated by a wealthy New York woman. It would find a place in the vestibule of the church, when a grand main altar was fashioned from red African and Vermont marble, donated to the church.

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Good Thief

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Other, less well-healed benefactors stepped forward to offer materials for the church.

Reputed mobster Charles "Lucky" Luciano, once a resident of the upstate prison, donated enough red oak to fashion the pews for the growing church.

Untapped talents

Men come to prison with often untapped talents and experiences from their previous lives. Father Hyland learned to tap these talents for his growing edifice.

Most famously, an incarcerated forger named Carmelo Soraci put his artistic talents to work designing and crafting the stained glass windows throughout the church.

So beautiful was his work, he was later transferred to a downstate prison to do the same.

But no good deed, as they say, goes unpunished, and soon Father Hyland found himself wrangling more with the courts in New York State than the harsh and often un-

predictable Dannemora weather.

A group calling itself The New York League for the Separation of Church and State petitioned for a stop to the work on the church. The injunction did not slow down construction, but a court battle loomed.

In early 1940, the case was settled in favor of Father Hyland's church. The publicity over the case, it turns out, only helped with donations, and construction leapt forward.

Growing by the day, the footprint of the church soon measured a massive 132 feet long by 52 feet wide, and commanded a prominent position on the highest spot of the steeply sloping prison yard. The walls climbed to over 106 feet high, topped by a steep slate covered gable roof.

Dedication

The prison was finished the following year, and was dedicated on Aug. 28, 1941. Text of the dedication reads in part:

"Four years ago, Father



Inmates are shown working within the church. Mob figure Lucky Luciano donated the wood that would become the pews of St. Dismas Church.

Ambrose R. Hyland brought to this prison the inspired dream to build an edifice devoted exclusively to the worship of God and dedicated to Saint Dismas the Good Thief,

Patron of the Condemned. At that time, his "black sheep" parishioners had faint hope in their Chaplain's visionary inspiration...That the Church will be a "little bit of Heaven" inside these walls, and make possible the moral and spiritual training which is the fundamental basis of the reclamation...of these unfortunates confined herein is our hope and prayer."

Free standing churches now dot the American penal landscape, but their start was

undoubtedly in the "God-forsaken" penal colony known to inmates and locals alike as Little Siberia.

The Church of the Good Thief was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1991. Tours of the church are closely controlled, and seldom granted by the New York State Department of Corrections.

It remains as it was originally conceived; a bastion and sanctuary for the condemned of Clinton Prison.



This outdoor altar was set up for prisoners to use during the construction of St. Dismas

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WASHINGTON LETTER

As beatification approaches

Catholics' clash over U.S.-Salvadoran policy in Romero's time recalled

By Chaz Muth
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - The upcoming beatification of Archbishop Oscar Romero has inspired many U.S. Catholics to book flights to El Salvador for the May 23 ceremony in San Salvador.

The long hoped-for event has also reminded many that Catholics and other religious groups implored the U.S. government to change its policy toward the Salvadoran government before and after Archbishop Romero was gunned down during a March 1980 Mass in a hospital chapel in San Salvador.

Throughout the 1970s, the U.S. government paid close attention to political upheavals in Central America. Among the factors driving policy decisions were fears that the Soviet Union would gain influence by propping up communist regimes, as it had in Nicaragua after the Sandinista revolution. Populist movements in Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador were sources of concern, said Tom Quigley, former foreign policy adviser on Latin America and the Caribbean to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

It was a Cold War-driven policy, Quigley told Catholic News Service. Congressional and administration analysts feared the Central American countries would go the way of Cuba as it all but became a Soviet satellite following its 1953-59 revolution, he said, and the Soviets would gain a foothold in the Americas.

The administrations of President Jimmy Carter and later President Ronald Reagan supported military aid for the Salvadoran government to fend off insurgencies under the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, an umbrella organiza-



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A man armed with a pistol runs from a burning car as another, left background, throws a Molotov cocktail during violence that erupted at Archbishop Oscar Romero's 1980 funeral in San Salvador, El Salvador. Debate over U.S.-Salvadoran policy during the time of his murder is being recalled as his May 23 beatification approaches.

tion of five guerrilla groups.

While he had previously been thought of as a supporter of El Salvador's ruling class, when then-Auxiliary Bishop Romero became archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, he emerged as a champion for the poor and an uncompromising critic of a government he said legitimized terror and assassinations.

While the new archbishop had no affection for the rebels, he strongly opposed North American military intervention or aid to a government he saw as oppressive.

"Many U.S. Catholics cited Romero in arguing for a change" in U.S. policy, said Theresa Keeley, a historian of foreign relations and religion and a visiting assistant professor at Georgetown University.

First the Carter administration and then the Reagan administration in the 1980s "characterized the Salvadoran government as centrist and in need of U.S. aid to

withstand attacks from both the right and left," Keeley told CNS.

Archbishop Romero used his pulpit to denounce actions of the government including its use of death squads and other violence and military occupation of churches, said Julian Filochowski, chairman of the Archbishop Romero Trust in London.

U.S. bishops and their policy staff listened to Archbishop Romero and began to lobby their own government to stop sending military aid to El Salvador, Keeley said.

Then-Archbishop Joseph Bernardin, who was president of the U.S. bishops' conference, issued a major statement in July 1977 on persecution of the church in Central America. That was followed by congressional testimony on behalf of the church that same month, focusing mainly on the threats against the Jesuit community in El Salvador, following the murder of Jesuit Father Ru-

tilio Grande, Quigley said.

"No one was in any doubt, least of all those in the State Department or the White House, that the official (U.S. bishops') position was highly critical of much of U.S. policy toward the region and was especially opposed to the provision of military aid to any parties in conflict there," he said.

"Despite requests from religious groups that Carter end military aid to El Salvador as Archbishop Romero implored, the Carter administration continued with its request for Congress (for) \$5.7 million for military aid to El Salvador," Keeley said. "In fact, the Foreign Operations Subcommittee approved the administration's request the day after Romero's murder."

Though the U.S. bishops were inspired by Archbishop Romero during his three-year tenure as archbishop of San Salvador, they were incensed by his assassination and it galvanized them to press

their country's leaders even harder to change course on Salvadoran policy, Quigley said.

Among U.S. critics of American policy, the bishops led the field.

"Local, national and international radio and television units interviewed (U.S. Catholic leaders) on what seemed at the time an almost routine basis," Quigley said. "In 1980 and 1981 alone, (the U.S. bishops) issued no fewer than 14 official statements or letters expressing opposition to military aid."

The Salvadoran civil war (1979-1992) brought more bloodshed to El Salvador, especially after Archbishop Romero's murder. In December 1980, four churchwomen -- Maryknoll Sisters Ita Ford and Maura Clarke, Ursuline Sister Dorothy Kazel, and lay missionary Jean Donovan -- were raped and murdered outside San Salvador.

"It was really the murders of the churchwomen... that galvanized a larger number of U.S. Catholics" to begin protesting support for the Salvadoran government, Keeley said.

The war also took a toll against non-combatants, including the Nov. 16, 1989, murder of six Jesuits and two women at Central American University in San Salvador.

"The U.S. government, in my recollection, had little to say about the several murders of religious in the region except for those who were U.S. citizens," Quigley said. "The church, however, was active in pressing the human rights and religious freedom issues throughout the region."

Despite reports of the savage murders of men, women and children in El Salvador, the U.S. continued to provide the Salvadoran government with weapons, money and political support into the early 1990s.

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Pope signs decrees in causes for Blessed Serra, married couple

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Although he already has said he will canonize Blessed Junipero Serra in Washington in September, Pope Francis formally approved a sentence by members of the Congregation for Saints' Causes recommending the move. The sentence was presented to the pope during a meeting May 5 with Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, the Vatican announced the next day. During the same meeting, the pope signed decrees relating to the sainthood causes of another 12 men and women. The decrees included recognition of the martyrdom of Oblate Father Mario Borzaga and Paul Thoj Xyooj, a lay catechist, killed by communist fighters in Laos in 1960. In addition, Pope Francis recognized the heroic virtues of Sergio and Domenica Bernardini, an Italian married couple who raised 10 children. Eight of the children became nuns or priests, including the retired 86-year-old Archbishop Giuseppe Bernardini of Izmir, Turkey. Born in central Italy near Modena in 1882, Sergio Bernardini lost his father, mother, brother, first wife and their three young children over a period of a few months in 1912.

Virginia bishops urge Catholics to shift focus of death penalty debate

RICHMOND, Va. (CNS) -- Virginia's bishops called on Catholics in the state's two dioceses to step up to change the debate about the use of the death penalty. Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo of Richmond and Bishop Paul S. Loverde of Arlington said it was time to shift the conversation from who should be executed and how to execute people to why the death penalty continues to be applied, especially when other means to protect society without taking a human life exist. Citing the words of Pope Francis in opposing capital punishment, the bishops said in a statement released May 6 that by ending the death penalty in the state, "we would take one important step ... to abandon the culture of death and embrace the culture of life." They pointed to the tenets of Catholic teaching, which hold that all human life is sacred, fueling the church's drive to advocate for the needs of poor and vulnerable people, the elderly, the unborn and immigrants and refugees. "But our faith challenges us to declare sacred even the least lovable among us, those convicted of committing brutal crimes which have brought them the ultimate penalty, the penalty of death," the bishops said.

Vatican releases details of pope's trip July 5-12 to South America

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis' July 5-12 visit to Latin America will not take him to his native Argentina, but it will put him closely in touch with his Jesuit roots and with one of the main characteristics of his ministry as archbishop of Buenos Aires: direct contact with the poor, the sick and those striving to bring the Gospel to bear on social inequalities. The pope will begin his three-nation South America tour in Ecuador before moving on to Bolivia and Paraguay, the Vatican announced May 8. Although local Jesuit communities have enjoyed Pope Francis' special attention on several of the seven foreign trips he already has made as pope, the South American trip is the first time the Vatican has listed the encounter on the official schedule. He will have lunch July 6 with the Jesuit community at Colegio Javier in Guayaquil, Ecuador. The next evening, he will pay a "private visit" to Quito's Church of the Society of Jesus, known as "La Compañia," a jewel of Spanish Baroque architecture. Pope Francis will spend less than four hours in Bolivia's capital, La Paz. Vatican sources said the city's high elevation made it advisable for him to visit only briefly.

Says Fatima 'lifts veil' on evil, Christian persecution

By Laura Leraci
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - The so-called "secrets" of Our Lady of Fatima tell of today's Christian persecution, in addition to the martyrdom of the past century, said Cardinal Angelo Amato.

The prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes opened a conference May 7 on "The Message of Fatima between Charism and Prophecy." The text of his talk was published May 8 on the website of the Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano.

Cardinal Amato said he had "the privilege" of reading the secrets of Fatima when he served as secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith from 2002 to 2008. "I meditated on them at length because they cast a light of faith and hope on the very sad events of the past century, but not only," he said.

Despite popular hopes that the 20th century would be a time of reason and brotherhood, "it was in fact a tragic period for Christianity," he said.

Besides the two world wars, he said, "most tragic" incidents of Christian persecution occurred, including "the Armenian genocide, the Mexican repression, the Spanish persecution, the Nazi massacres, the communist extermination and, in this first part of the third millennium, Islamist persecution."

"There are millions of victims of evil ideologies, which generated conflicts and continue to generate conflicts, hatred and division," he added. "As Pope Francis often repeats, the church today is a church of martyrs, of those Christians who, defenseless, are killed daily out of hatred for their unshakable faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ."

"The message of Fatima, in a visionary way, evokes this tragedy, lifting the veil on concrete historical events," where the devil "opposes God's benevolence" and "continues to tempt" the church, just as he tempted Jesus, "instilling in men's hearts feelings of enmity and death," he said.

The vision of Fatima lifts the veil on the hell that exists on earth, but it also offers the consoling prophecy of our heavenly home

Cardinal Angelo Amato,
Prefect of the Congregation
for Saints' Causes

Cardinal Amato described the Fatima message, with its concrete allusions to war, division and tragedies, as "without a doubt the most prophetic of modern apparitions."

However, he dismissed claims that there is more to the secrets of Fatima than what has been made public. Canadian Father Nicholas Gruner, who died April 29 of a sudden heart attack, founded the "The Fatima Crusader" magazine and was among the strongest voices claiming that there was more to the message of Fatima than had been revealed.

"There is no fourth secret and there are no other hidden secrets," he said.

Mary appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, in 1917, and confided in them three secrets. Years later, Carmelite Sister Lucia dos Santos, one of the visionaries, wrote them down. The first two secrets included a vision of hell, along with prophecies concerning the outbreak of World War II, the rise of communism and the ultimate triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, especially in Russia if the country was consecrated to her Immacu-

late Heart. They were made public in the 1930s.

Sister Lucia wrote down the third secret, and gave it to her local bishop in a sealed envelope. It was sent to the Vatican in 1957, where successive popes read it but decided not to reveal its contents. It was finally made public in 2000. It told of a "bishop in white" who falls dead after being shot by soldiers on a hill. Behind him are many martyred priests, bishops and faithful.

Cardinal Amato said the interpretation of the third secret was entrusted to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, who was prefect at the time, suggested in his interpretation that it referred to the 1981 assassination attempt on St. John Paul II and he "affirmed that Fatima helps us 'to understand the signs of the times and to find the correct responses for them in the faith,'" said Cardinal Amato.

"The maternal hand that diverted the bullet without killing the pope indicates that an immutable destiny does not exist and that the power of faith and prayer can influence history: prayer is more powerful than bullets," explained Cardinal Amato.

Mary "accompanies the church and humanity" through history and arouses in the hearts of the faithful "forces for good" that win against the "assaults of men and perverse ideologies," the cardinal said.

"In this resides the charisma of Fatima," he said, which he described as "a gift of the Trinity" that allows people and the church "to become increasingly aware of the struggle of good versus evil and of the inevitable victory of grace over sin."

"The vision of Fatima lifts the veil on the hell that exists on earth, but it also offers the consoling prophecy of our heavenly home," he concluded.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

In the days from Ascension to Pentecost

As we celebrated the feast of the Ascension last Thursday, we felt a sense of sadness come over the Apostles as they gazed up in the sky to see the Master gradually fading from sight.

They returned to the Upper Room to pray and prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit, along with many other men and women, about 120 in all. Mary, the Mother of Jesus was with them.



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For the first time, they are "on their own" without the physical presence of the Jesus. Since Jesus had chosen twelve Apostles, the first order of business was replacing Judas, "the son of perdition".

The short list came down to Barsabbas and Matthias, both of whom had known and listened to the teaching of Jesus.

The lot fell on Matthias.

Very soon after that, they would have to decide about including Paul of Tarsus in the chosen group. He would insist on being called an Apostle.

Only the power of divine grace managed to keep the early Church together.

The key is found in the constant advice of John.

In today's second reading, he urges Jesus' followers to love one another, since God has loved each one of us. It shouldn't be that difficult, since it is God's Spirit in us that really does the loving for us.

May 17

Seventh Sunday of Easter
READINGS

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

1 John 4:11-16

John 17:11b-19

At the end of the reading, we find the memorable words, "God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God, and God in him."

At the Last Supper, Jesus knew his Apostles would

need divine help to build and maintain His Church. He prays for them and for all of us through the ages, "Consecrate them in the truth."

St. Thomas Aquinas comments on this passage: "Make them share in my perfection and holiness...in other words, "sanctify them in me, the truth, because I, your Word, am the truth."

And so, the new baby Church awaits its birth through the power of the Holy Spirit. All that will happen just ten days later on Pentecost.

PURSUING JUSTICE

Catholic social teaching: for Catholic education

This is the fourth in a series of articles on issues of Catholic social teaching as explained by the New Theology Conference. The conference was founded to translate Catholic teachings into action in the public policy arena. These teachings, which are centered on the innate dignity of every human person made in the image and likeness of God, form the basis of the Conference's legislative agenda.

This Week's issue is support for Catholic schools

St. John Paul II wrote that a central purpose of a Catholic education is to put faith in dialogue with culture (*Ex corde Ecclesiae*). Faith, academics, and community service are not isolated endeavors. The

dialogue or integration of these three dimensions of education and formation is the measure by which any Catholic school can and should be judged.

A school's Catholic identity is not gauged merely by the number of crucifixes hanging on the walls in the classrooms, but by how well students know and are motivated to live the mission of Jesus.

The faculties, staff, parents, volunteers and parishioners of our Catholic schools work hard and sacrifice much to provide the environment where our faith is learned, celebrated and shared.

Summary

- Parents have a fundamental right and responsibility to direct their children's education.
- All parents, whether their children attend a public, charter, independent or religious school, or are home-schooled, bear additional expenses for their children's education beyond what they pay in state and local taxes.
- All schools need additional revenue to help offset rising costs.

In the words of the bishop

In our Catholic schools, everyone must work together, bonded by love of our children and sharing a common vision of faith. In this way, the Catholic schools of the North Country become prime places for vocations to flourish, family life and faith formation to be strengthened and parishes re-vitalized.

Bishop Terry R. LaValley
Catholic Schools Week, 2015

Objective

To enact education tax credits that would:

- provide tax relief to all parents, especially poor parents, for their educational expenses, including tuition; and
- encourage corporate and individual donations to schools and scholarship organizations.

Rationale for tax credits for education expenses

All parents of school-aged children incur some additional expenses for their children's education beyond what they pay in taxes. These expenses range from buying education materials for the classroom or the

home, to expenses for school projects, programs or educational trips, to fees for tutoring or advanced placement programs and yes, tuition as independent and religious schools.

Not only would a tax credit for educational expenses help all parents offset these expenses, it would save taxpayers millions of dollars by enabling more parents to enroll their children in independent and religious schools.

School choice opponents try to scare citizens and lawmakers by claiming that parental choice initiatives drain funding from public schools and represent an abandonment of public education.

When the Wisconsin Legislature established their parental choice program in 1990, opponents predicted a decline in enrollment, budget reductions, less state education aid, and lower academic performance for students remaining Milwaukee public schools. But none of those predictions came true.

In fact, more than 20 years of data from the Wisconsin Department of Education and the Milwaukee public schools show just the

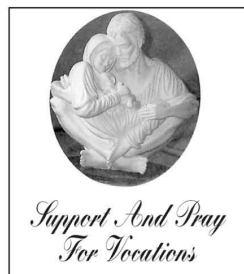
opposite trends.

- Milwaukee public school enrollment increased nearly 5 percent;
- The annual drop-out rate declined;
- Real spending per pupil increased as did state aid;
- Schools have been re-modeled; and,
- Academic performance continues to rise.

Elected and public school officials in Milwaukee and Wisconsin now proudly proclaim that a broad-based system of parental choice is revitalizing their city by turning their school system around, improving the lives of untold numbers of young people, and encouraging families and businesses to move into Milwaukee. That's 20 plus years of facts, not rhetoric.

While opponents of parental choice will try, they simply cannot negate the fact that it costs New York taxpayers more than \$18,000, on average, to educate a student in public school and that educating more children in independent and religious schools will save the state more money.

And the more the state saves, the more it has to spend on public schools.



AT THE MOVIES

THE AGE OF ADALINE

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

Glossy proceedings follow on a silly premise in the serviceable romantic drama "The Age of Adaline" (Lionsgate).

Viewers willing to swallow its whopper of an opening hypothesis will be somewhat rewarded by the movie's endorsement of long-term loyalty.

The pass it gives both to out-of-wedlock sexual behavior and to the seedy implications of its own late plot developments, on the other hand, tends to spoil the recompense.

All of which moral nuance needs to be seen within the wildly improbable context of the lengthy --and yet, in one important aspect at least, unchanging-- life of Adaline Bowman (Blake Lively).

As a 29-year-old widow in 1930s San Francisco, Adaline is involved in an auto accident that causes her temporary death. Yet, due to the unique circumstances surrounding the mishap--rare meteorological conditions, lightning-charged molecules, blah, blah, blah--she emerges from the trauma not only revived, but entirely immune to aging.

Adaline's sui generis situation would seem, at first blush, to be an enviable one. But the fear of being confined and experimented on by prying government authorities, together with the awkward imbalance her

perpetual youth would inevitably introduce into any amorous relationship, puts Adaline on the run --and leaves her more or less isolated-- for the next eight decades.

Jump forward four score years, however, and Adaline finds herself reluctantly falling for wealthy Silicon Valley tech whiz Ellis Jones (Michiel Huisman). This turn of events delights her now-elderly daughter, Flemming (Ellen Burstyn). But complications from Adaline's long past threaten her contemporary chance for commitment-based happiness.

The hurdles on her path to bliss arise because of Ellis' connection to William (Harrison Ford), an old beau of Adaline's from the Swingin' Sixties. The bond between the two men -- not to be detailed here for fear of a spoiler -- has some distinctly unpleasant undertones. Yet these the script, co-written by J. Mills Goodloe and Salvador Paskowitz, blithely ignores.

Lively's skillful portrayal

of Adaline's not-quite-resigned state of self-enforced loneliness helps to quell some of the skepticism inescapably inspired by director Lee Toland Krieger's far-fetched yarn. Yet, while the ethical ins and outs of Adaline's saga can be difficult to evaluate, given her tale's vast divergence from real life, it's a safe bet that her story is not fit fare for the naturally youthful.

The film contains bedroom scenes implying benignly viewed nonmarital and premarital relationships, graphic but bloodless crash sequences and at least one instance each of profanity and crude language.

The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.



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Michiel Huisman and Blake Lively star in a scene from the movie "The Age of Adaline."

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Time: Flea Market opens at 9 a.m.; Auction begins at noon

Place: Holy Ghost Parish Center
Features: To benefit the Guggenheim Summer Camp Scholarship Fund, the Catholic Community Youth Group, and the K of C Home Association and Community Programs. Food and Drink served; bake sale. Cash prizes awarded every hour starting at 1p.m. Raffle for a combination Gas and Charcoal Grill

CLINTON

THRIFT STORE

Peru – St. Vincent's Thrift Store will be holding its annual summer sale of gently used clothing and footwear.

Schedule: May 14 (9 a.m. to 2 p.m. & 7p.m. to 9); May 15 (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) and May 16 (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

Time: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Contact: call 518-561-5083 or email Johnsadoration@aol.com

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Ellenburg Center – Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer to begin First Saturday Devotion.

Date: through Nov. 2015
Time: 10:30 a.m.

Features: Mass, rosary
Contact: RSVP for lunch to olaplayerhouse@gmail.com or 518-594-3253.

FRANKLIN

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

St. Regis Falls – First Saturday Devotion and Holy Hour to be held the first Saturday of each month.

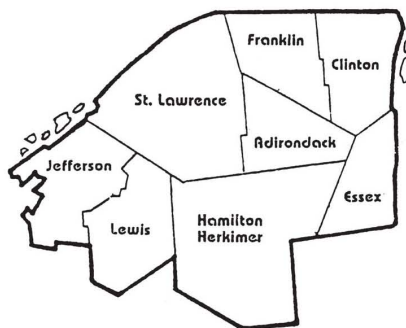
Time: immediately following the 4:30 p.m. anticipated Mass
Place: St. Ann's Church
Contact: 518-856-9656

JEFFERSON

FAMILY ROSARY CRUSADE

Carthage – The 13th Annual Family Rosary Crusade at St. James Parish has been planned

Date: May 15
Place: St. James Church



The North Country Catholic welcomes contributions to "Around the Diocese"

Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:

North Country Catholic, PO Box 326,
Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 1-866-314-7296;
e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

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

Schedule: Seven-hour crusade begins with Mass at 5:15 p.m., followed by exposition at 6 and seven hours of the rosary in honor of the Seven Sorrows of Mary. Program concludes with Benediction at 1 a.m.

Features: Crusade organizer Bob Renaud, an artist, has created a specific painting for each year of the crusade. This year he was inspired by Pope Francis' devotion to Our Lady Undoer of Knots. A print of the painting will be given to all who pray at St. James for at least three hours.

MAY ULTREYA

Watertown – Cursillo Community celebrating May Ultreya

Date: May 21
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8
Place: Chapel of St. Patrick's Church
Features: Cursillistas' reunion. Also, we welcome those interested in deepening a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and sharing it with other Catholics.

Contact: Anne at ams2962@gmail.com or Pat at pfanning5010@twcny.rr.com

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

Date: May 28
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7
Place: St. Anthony's 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.

PARISH DATA SYSTEM WORKSHOP

Watertown – Jefferson Deanery is sponsoring a two day workshop on Parish Data System (PDS).

Date: June 3 and 4
Place: Bruce Wright Conference Center
Features: This is a follow-up to the Diocesan wide census. Pastors and parish staff will benefit from learning more about the use of census fields, sacramental information and reports. A registration form can be downloaded from St. Patrick's Watertown web site, <http://www.stpatrickwatertownny.org/news-and-events/pds-training.html>.

Contact: Kathleen Mastellon at kbmastell@twcny.rr.com

CAR WASH

Watertown – The Watertown Special Religious Education will be having a car wash fundraiser.

Date: June 6
Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Place: St. Anthony's Church parking lot
Cost: Donation
Contact: Sr. Diane Marie at 782-0030/3460

HEALING MASS

Clayton – St. Mary's Church will have its Annual Healing Mass and Antoine Tetrault Memorial Service.

Date: June 13
Time: 11 a.m.
Features: The Celebrants are Father Arthur LaBaff and Father Thomas Kornmeyer. During Mass the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered. Immediately following Mass are prayer

teams to pray for individual needs. A social time, with refreshments, will take place in the Parish Center. The Tetrault family will be there to share stories about their grandfather Antoine.

Contact: For more information, call St. Mary's Parish Office at 315-686-3398 or visit the website at www.stmarysclayton.org

IHC OPEN HOUSES

Watertown – Immaculate Heart Central School to hold open houses for new and prospective families.

Primary/intermediate schools: Intermediate School; May 19 at 6 p.m., Primary School; July 15 at 6 p.m., Intermediate School Aug. 17 at 6 p.m., Intermediate School.

Jr./Sr. high school: May 20 at 6 p.m. July 15 at 6 p.m., Aug. 16 at 6 p.m.

LIFERIGHT MEETING

Watertown – Liferight of Watertown meets the first Wednesday of the Month.

Time: 1 p.m.
NEW Place: 870 Arsenal Street.
Features: Liferight is incorporated as a pro-life educational organization. The office has a wide variety of videos, books and educational materials which may be borrowed.

Contact: Phone 315-788-8480

LEWIS

K OF C BRUNCH

Lyons Falls – The South Lewis Knights of Columbus is holding a brunch featuring eggs and all-you-can-eat pancakes

Date: May 17
Time: 8 a.m. to noon
Place: St. John's Church Hall
Price: Adults, \$7; ages 5-12, \$4, children under five, free

LEWIS EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Lowville – Eucharistic adoration to be held.

Date: May 21
Time: 3:30 p.m. to 5
Place: St. Peter's Church
Features: To Thank God for & To Honor the Most Blessed Sacrament, all are invited to worship the Exposition, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Silent Adoration, the Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, and the Benediction.

ST. LAWRENCE

CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATION

Norwood – The Norwood Knights of Columbus Council #2309 together with St. Andrew's Parish of Norwood is holding a celebration of Corpus Christi.

Date: June 7

Time: 1 p.m.

Place: St. Andrew's Church
Features: Bishop Terry R. LaValley to preside. Following Mass will be a procession around St. Andrew's Church, and conclude with benediction. There will be a Light reception in the Meditation Garden.

Contact: Phil Regan 353- 9917 or Jim Murray 353 2796

DIOCESAN EVENTS

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Saranac Lake – The diocesan Respect Life Office is holding retreats for men and Women Who seek healing after abortions.

Dates: May 22 to May 24 and Oct. 9 to Oct. 11

Place: Guggenheim Center Lodge
Features: Rachel's Vineyard is a three day retreat program, open to mothers, fathers, grandparents and siblings of aborted children as well as those who have worked in the abortion industry. The weekend helps retreatants begin healing from their loss through "living scripture", group sharing, a memorial service and Mass. Colleen Miner, diocesan respect life director, says the Rachel's Vineyard retreat "is an intense weekend emotionally, mentally and spiritually but the results of God's mercy and grace are amazing."

Contact: Colleen Miner 518-891-2309 cbm510@roadrunner.com

CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP

Ogdensburg – Catholic Heart Work Camp has announced that they are putting on a week of camp in Ogdensburg

Date: June 28 to July 4
Features: Groups of high school and college students and their chaperones from across the Northeast will be converging at Wadhams Hall to take part in 5 days of service, prayer, fellowship, and fun.
Contact: www.heartworkcamp.com

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
Directors: Rev. Roger McGuinness, Rev. Douglas Lucia, Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald, SJ, Sr. Mary Elizabeth Looby, GNSH, Sr. Marlene Butler, GNSH

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



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A visiting missionary

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

Below is an excerpt from the "New Heart for a New World" quarterly publication distributed by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. In March 2015, Fr. Joseph Christy, MSC, wrote of his ongoing work in Watertown, NY.

I arrived in the United States from Bangalore, India at the end of April 2014 to take up my duties as parochial vicar at St. Anthony's Church and St. Patrick's Church in Watertown. I have been deeply touched by all the dynamic religious associations in the churches and that almost all of the people get involved in multiple activities to support their church.

I have read in the Bible only Jesus walked on water, but when it reaches freezing temperatures in Watertown, anyone could!

I also admire the lay faithful involvement in preparation for the liturgy and helping in the sacristy before Mass.

I have been involved with a variety of activities such as Mount Carmel Feast, bingo, and serving as Assistant Chaplain to the Knights of Columbus. I have also become an expert in many new skills like flipping hamburgers, serving dinners and washing large cooking vessels!

At the Mount Carmel Feast, I met many people and watched them work together as a community – serving food, playing games and having fun. What a nice team to offer their time and hard work to the community!

Other than my parish events, I very much enjoy the companionship of the MSC Watertown Community. I have learned to play golf under the mentoring and advice from Fr. Freeh, Fr. Deluca, Br. Marceau and Br. Paradis. I won't deny that some of my golf balls landed on rooftops.

I have read in the Bible only Jesus walked on water, but when it reaches freezing temperatures in Watertown, anyone could! It was also very exciting to see the snow fall for the first time in my life. The snow sticking on the branches and everything covered with a smooth white blanket – I had to send pictures back home.

The winter in Watertown has its own beauty. It has been challenging driving on the snow and have been asked many times how I am managing. I always say "one day at a time".

There are so many new experiences that have been very rewarding for me and I have met many loving people. I look forward to new adventures and learning as I grow with the MSC Watertown Community!

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OBITUARIES

Eleanor Y. Murray

OGDENSBURG—A Mass of Christian Burial for Eleanor Y. Murray, 87, mother of Father Steven Murray was held May 5 at Notre Dame Church.

She died May 2 at the Riverledge Healthcare Facility. Burial was in Notre Dame Cemetery.

In addition to Father Murray, she is survived by her husband of 66 years Donald F. Murray; two other sons, Frank and David (Patti) Murray and a daughter Ann (CJ) Johnson, all of Ogdensburg; grandchildren Stacy Johnson, Timothy Amo, Kaylan Murray, Brenden Murray, Brogan Murray, Morgan Murray and Kelli Barr; great-grandchildren Indigo Collier, Damon and Onnalise Shannon and Fenway Amo; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by a son Thomas P. Murray; her parents Leo & Yvonne LaRock and three sisters Irene Henry, Doris (Young) Trenn and Ruth Rogers and a daughter-in-law Sue Ellen (Hennigan) Murray.

Mrs. Murray was born Sept. 4, 1927 in Ogdensburg, a daughter of Leo and Yvonne (Bouchard) LaRock. She graduated from Ogdensburg Free Academy in 1944 and continued her education at the A. Barton Hospital School of Nursing where she obtained her registered nursing degree in 1947. She married Donald F. Murray on Sept. 21, 1948 at Notre Dame Church.

During her career she worked as a registered nurse at the A. Barton Hepburn Hospital for several years as a charge nurse, and later went to work for Morrison & Knudsen until starting her family. She was a member of the Daughter of Charity St. Vincent DePaul and Notre Dame Parish. She enjoyed spending summers at her camp on Pleasant Lake, volunteering at St. Vincent DePaul, gardening, sewing, reading, baking, taking long walks and spending time with her family.

Memorial contributions can be made to the St. Vincent DePaul Society or the Notre Dame Heritage Fund.

Brasher Falls - Joan N. (Mahoney) Hurley,

91; Funeral Services May 8, 2015 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Brushton - David J. Moses, 63; Funeral Services May 25, 2015 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Carthage - Bernard "Bernie" S. Boulio, 89; Funeral Services May 7, 2015 at St. James Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Carthage - Marcia (Rondinelli) Townsend, 56; Funeral Services May 8, 2015 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

Chaumont - Richard "Boody" Brodeur, 67; Funeral Services May 7, 2015 at Becker-Cleveland; burial in New Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Dannemora - Mary E. (Rhinebold) Bennett, 91; Funeral Services May 2, 2015 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Mausoleum.

Dannemora - Alice (Loveless) Johnson, 91; Funeral May 8, 2015 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Memorial Garden, Ellenburg Depot.

Lake Placid - Betty Jo (Dukes) White, 78; Funeral Services May 8, 2015 at the M.B. Clark, Inc. Funeral Home; burial in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Massena - Roderick D. Charleston, 82; Funeral Services May 8, 2015 at St. Mary's Church.

Massena - Helen T. (Bertrand) Peets, 84; Funeral Services May 6, 2015 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Moers Forks - Anna Marie "Mitzie" (Schoepl) Monty, 82; Funeral Services May 9, 2015 at St. Anne's Church.

Morrisonville - Louis E. "Louie" LaVarnway, 89; Funeral Services May 4, 2015 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Mausoleum.

Ogdensburg - Frank Ruggeri, Jr., 89; Funeral Services May 8, 2015 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Peru - Susan May Seymour Duprey, 71; Funeral Services May 1, 2015 at the Hamilton Funeral Home.

Peru - Marjorie J. (Liberty) McSweeney, 87; Funeral May 7, 2015 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh - Gladys E. "Grammy O" (Dubuque) O'Donahue, 96; Funeral Services May 2, 2015 at the Brown Funeral Home; burial in Riverside Cemetery.

Port Henry - Karen Soloski Baker, 71; Funeral Services May 9, 2015 at St. Patrick's Church.

Potsdam - Dorothy E. Richards Wilcox, 87; Funeral Services May 8, 2015 at St. Mary's Church; burial in West Stockholm Cemetery.

Redford - Samuel J. Coon Sr., 79; Funeral Services May 7, 2015 at Church of the Assumption.

St. Regis Falls - Glenn M. Smith, 48; Funeral Services May 6, 2015 at St. Ann's Church

Star Lake - Constance A. Miranda, 73; Funeral Services May 6, 2015 at the Hawley's Funeral Home; burial in St. Hubert's Cemetery.

Ticonderoga - Timothy Ronald Reap, 48; Funeral Services May 9, 2015 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Watertown - Steven J. Alteri, 62; Funeral Services May 7, 2015 at D.L. Calarco Funeral Home, Inc.; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown - Consuelo M. Deierlein, 85; Funeral May 9, 2015 at Holy Family Church; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

Watertown - Carl A. Rima, 89; Funeral Services May 2, 2015 at Holy Family Church; burial in North Watertown Cemetery.

Watertown - Mary S. (Barry) Russell, 86; Funeral Services May 8, 2015 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown - James V. Williams, 94; Funeral Services May 7, 2015 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Mausoleum.

Willsboro - Robert F. James, 81; Funeral Services May 4, 2015 at St. Philip of Jesus Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery

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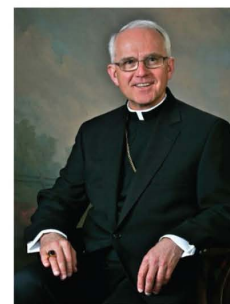
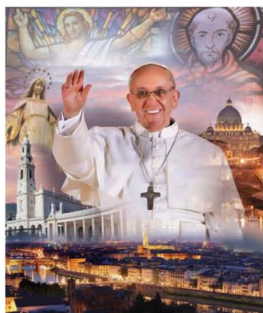
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A Holy Year offers unique opportunities for spiritual growth. This Holy Year Pilgrimage to Italy promises to be a time for prayer, an increase in faith, and a whole lot of enjoyment for all the pilgrims. The frosting on the cake: gaining the plenary indulgence associated with such a pilgrimage during a Holy Year.

I hope you'll join us for what promises to be an exciting and spiritually enriching time together.

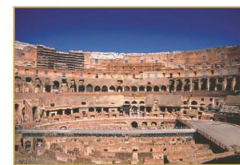
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