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The most heroic of families

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - The hidden heroes of this world are those family members who still go to work and get the job done after staying up all night tending to a sick loved one, Pope Francis said.

In fact, the family "has always been the closest 'hospital.' And still today in many parts of the world, a (real)

hospital is a privilege for a few, and it's often far away," he said at his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square June 10.

As part of a series of talks about the family and problems they face, the pope looked at illness - a sign of the human frailty that spans from infancy to old age

"when those aches and pains start coming," he said.

Often it is more difficult to see a loved one suffer than to deal with one's own ailments, he said, because "it is love that makes us feel" the suffering and anxiousness of others even more. In fact, "how many times do we see at work -- we've all seen it -- a

man or a woman whose face looks tired, they act tired" and when asked what's wrong, they explain how they got little sleep after tending to a loved one who was ill, he said, straying from his prepared text.

But despite all that, they go on with their day, the pope said

AT THE BISHOPS' MEETING

Variety of topics addressed



CNS PHOTO/LISA J. OHNSTON, ST. LOUIS REVIEW
Bishop Christopher J. Coyne of Burlington, Vt., greets St. Louis Archbishop Robert J. Carlson before a June 10 Mass at Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis during the annual spring general assembly of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The U.S. bishops heard presentations on the pope's upcoming encyclical on the environment, the U.S. church's ongoing work in promoting traditional marriage and the need to remain vigilant in protecting children from abuse. The bishops also heard a report on a draft for priorities and plans for the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops for 2017-2020. The report, which was up for a vote, started a lively discussion about what the bishops' top focus should be. Several bishops spoke up about the need to put concern for poverty at the top of the list to keep in line with the message and ministry of Pope Francis.

Uniting parishes with living stones

Three parishioners from Elizabethtown, Westport and Willsboro/Essex describe the efforts their parishes have made to prepare to be served by a single pastor.

During the past two years, decisions have been made about finances, parish organizations, Mass schedules, parish vendors, ministry schedules and more.

Their efforts will be tested in July when Father Raymond Moreau leaves Willsboro and Father Francis Flynn takes over as pastor of the three Essex Deanery parishes.

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Follow-up for census

Workshop in Watertown offered training to process data obtained from census

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READY FOR CANDIDACY



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John Fehlner of St. Brendan's Parish in Keene Valley, Neil Fuller, St. Mary's, Clayton; Ron Gingerich, St. Peter's, Lowville; and Nick Haas, St. Andre' Bessette, Malone, were among 16 men accepted as candidates as permanent deacons in a ceremony at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg June 6. Bishop LaValley is pictured with all the candidates on page 4.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

The challenge to 'be not afraid'

As of press time on Saturday, the two men who had escaped from the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora a week earlier were still at large.

That meant that a precious part of our diocesan family was still a focus of the world's attention, facing cameras and questions from reporters who don't really understand the world of corrections or the people who walk into one of the 13 state or federal prisons in the North Country every single day.

As the wife of prison chaplain, I know a little more than a typical reporter but not much.

As part of my research, I

posed a question to said chaplain early Saturday morning: "If you were going to be preaching to the people of St. Joseph's in Dannemora or St. James in Cadyville this weekend, what would you say to them?"



**Mary Lou
Kilian**

After an immediate response - giving me just the kind of information I was seeking - he thought a little more and then sat down at the computer to write.

And thus, the words of the editor are supplanted by the words of her favorite preacher, Deacon Tom Kilian:

This week, the gospel for our daily Mass, turned to the Sermon on the Mount. I could not

help but think of Jesus' words as the escape and search for two prisoners enveloped the people of Dannemora, the North Country, and indeed many in the nation.

It seems the overriding theme of much of the media coverage for this tragedy was that of "be afraid." Be afraid of the two convicted of murder, of those who aided them, of what might happen as a result. But what does our Catholic faith say to these events unfolding around us?

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus asks us as his disciples to live in such a way that those "poor in spirit," those "who seek righteousness" shine as light and be as salt for all people.

Who are the poor in spirit in

these events?

Certainly we must pray for all those public servants, many who live and work at the prisons which dot our diocese, who give of themselves in service to keep us safe and provide avenues of rehabilitation for inmates.

Correctional officers, counselors, teachers and secretaries work in our prisons in a sometimes thankless and dangerous job. At a time of crisis it is easy to blame a small group and, because we are afraid, cast a shadow on the whole. But those who work in our prisons are involved in a dangerous job - for all of us!

Remember that the gospel of Matthew begins with the Sermon on the Mount but before

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A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Thanks, Coach, for the inspiration!

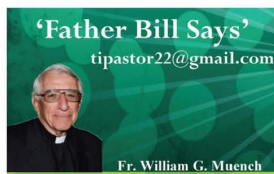
Franciscan University of Steubenville is not well known for its sports programs. The college is well recognized here in our North Country as many young people from the diocese have attended this Catholic university in Ohio.

So, I was interested when I learned that they had invited Lou Holtz, the former football coach at Notre Dame University and current sports commentator on ESPN, to deliver the commencement address.

The talk he gave was magnificent. I listened to it through a video on YouTube after a friend of mine sent me this link. It was truly a fantastic talk, sounding rather like a half time talk to one of his football teams. His enthusiasm has inspired many of his teams over the years. They picked up his challenge to play well in the second half.

In the same way, this graduation talk had to inspire these graduates in this class. It was that good. You can watch it yourself - I encourage you to find it on YouTube!

Coach Holtz has quite a good



sense of humor. I won't tell you any of his jokes here - I would rather have you hear them from the Coach on the video - I am certain that you will enjoy them. They are great!

He makes it very evident that his is a committed Catholic and makes it clear that he has a deep faith in God and that he is guided by the teachings of Jesus. The coach has a very clever way of expressing his ideas. For example, he closes his talk by saying: "If you want to be happy for one hour, eat a steak - if you want to be happy for a day, play golf - if you want to be happy for a lifetime, put your faith in Jesus."

Coach Holtz suggested that everyone needs four things in life - "something to do, someone one to love, something to

believe in (he adds that for him that he believes intensely in the Lord Jesus) and something to look forward to."

In this regard, he challenged these graduates to have good solid goals. I stopped to think about this. No matter what age I agree that it is important to continue to make goals. They may be simple or they may be rather complicated. I have always believed that on each day we can make our lives better. Actually, on each day, we can make our world a better place.

How is that accomplished?

I am well aware that you can't simply begin each day by deciding to hunt something good to do. I believe, however, in faith that if I am open and willing the Lord will give me opportunities.

These are often very unique opportunities to do something good, to help, to make the world better. The important thing is that I must be open and willing to find the Holy Spirit's lead and guidance.

Coach Holtz puts this together in his plan:

"Do what is right - not what

is wrong."

"There is no right time to do the wrong thing."

"There never is a wrong time to do the right thing."

He challenges these graduates to always act to the best of their ability.

In his talk he adds this kind of advice, urging positive attitudes. He tells them to make good decisions, to take personal responsibility, to make a commitment to excellence and to show people that you care.

As I listened to Coach Holtz's talk, I wondered what I would say if I were asked to give a graduation talk this year. I would certainly wish that I would have the opportunity to hear a talk like his beforehand. I would pray for enthusiasm like Coach Holtz since I realize that this would make a real difference.

I would hope that my faith could inject confidence in these graduates for their future, confidence in themselves that they could accomplish so much, confidence in their personal good that they can definitely make a difference in this

Uniting parishes with living stones

Parishioners in three Essex Deanery parishes prepare for life with just one pastor

Submitted by: Dan Alexander of St. Elizabeth Church, Elizabethtown; James Forcier of St. Philip Neri, Westport; and Susan Fahey of St. Philip of Jesus/St. Joseph, Willsboro/Essex.

Two heads are generally better than one when it comes to most things. When it came to linking parishes it definitely worked very well for Fathers Francis J. Flynn and Raymond J. Moreau.

Father Flynn was assigned as pastor of the parishes of St. Elizabeth's in Elizabethtown, and St. Philip Neri in Westport in September 2012. About a year later Father Moreau was assigned as temporary administrator of The Catholic Community of St. Philip of Jesus in Willsboro and St. Joseph in Essex.

The two priests immediately began making plans for the transition, not knowing how long they would have to put things in order before Father Moreau would be reassigned.

Parish finances

To start with, they addressed the fact that there were two bookkeepers and two separate finance councils.

Six months in, after careful deliberation, it was decided to centralize all the bookkeeping for all three parishes and employ only one bookkeeper.

The finance councils were organized to meet at the same time. However, all the parish financial matters would continue to be separate and fiscal decisions made solely from each individual parish.

The pastoral council also was reorganized to create a joint council.


The next step was to have one weekly bulletin serving all the parishes. This took place in July 2014.

Father Moreau trained a parishioner to prepare and format the weekly bulletin, which is printed locally and

April 12, 2015

The Catholic Community

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 Administrator: Father Raymond J. Moreau
 (St. Philip of Jesus & St. Joseph's)
 Deacon: Paul White
 Bookkeeper: Teresa Cummings

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 Sunday 6:30 a.m. St. Joseph's - Essex
 (July & August)
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. St. Philip Neri - Westport
 Sunday 10:30 a.m. St. Philip of Jesus - Willsboro
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A Community of Faith of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, New York

When Father Raymond J. Moreau was named temporary administrator in Willsboro/Essex in 2013, parishioners understood that the time before their parish was linked with Elizabethtown and Westport, led by Father Francis J. Flynn, was limited. During the past two years changes have been made to insure that the transition to a single pastor was a smooth one. Among the changes was the publication of one weekly bulletin, shown above, for all the parishes in the cluster. Here, representatives from each of the parishes explain other efforts that have been made.

features advertisers from all the communities served by the parishes.

Pastoral leaders

Father Moreau and Father Flynn then started changing places one weekend a month allowing both priests to become familiar with the people in all the parishes.

In addition, Deacon Paul White, who was ordained for the parishes of Elizabethtown and Westport, now serves all the parishes.

Deacon White has assisted the transition in a number of ways. Initially he started by alternating weekends be-

tween the churches. One weekend he served in Elizabethtown and Westport and the other weekend he would serve at Willsboro and Essex.

Catholic Daughters

Willsboro is the home of a strong Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) Chapter so it was only natural that membership was extended to parishioners in Elizabethtown and Westport.

CDA Members were invited to make a presentation during the Masses one weekend in early July 2014 and invited the women of all the parishes to join the chapter

and enhance the membership; several new members were recruited.

Mass schedule

In the summer of 2014, the parishes held a combined parish and finance council meeting. It was decided that the Mass schedule would be tightened for future weekend Masses preparing for one priest serving four churches.

St. Joseph's had services for four months during the summer but, thinking ahead, parish leaders knew that another Mass would need to be eliminated between St. Elizabeth's and St. Philip of Jesus in the summer of 2015. In preparation for that change it was decided to reduce St. Joseph's summer schedule to just July and August when the majority of the summer residents attend.

Parish vendors

Supplies and vendors were another area of consolidation. Bids were requested from ten fuel oil companies, and the low bidder was hired to provide fuel oil for all three parishes which consisted of four church buildings, three rectories, and two parish halls.

Several area Protestant churches were interested in joining the bidding process, enhancing the buying power even further. Prior to that there were three different fuel oil distributors servicing the three parishes. That has now been reduced to one vendor with savings realized in making the move.

Bids also were sent out for plowing and shoveling, with one vendor now plowing for two of the churches.

Transition begins

This year's Lenten parish mission was offered over three evenings, with each parish hosting one of the evenings.

Since it appeared the tran-

sition was going smoothly and the parishioners were assimilating into the new structure permission was requested to begin the reduced weekend Mass schedule on Divine Mercy Sunday with the expectation that Father Moreau would be reassigned this summer.

By making the change a few weeks early it allowed for a systematic scheduling of Mass requests, all made and coordinated through one office. This meant that one priest could cover all the Masses from this point forward but at the same time allowed for both priests to still be available for the transition.

It also allowed Father Flynn and Father Moreau the opportunity to provide coverage for priests in the deanery and beyond should other pastors need a weekend off. Several pastors were able to take advantage of this offer allowing Father Moreau to cover for them while Father Flynn tended to the new Mass schedule in Westport, Elizabethtown and Willsboro/Essex.

Lay ministry

At the beginning of March, parishioners serving as Eucharistic ministers, lectors, altar servers and greeters were asked to indicate which Mass they would prefer to serve once the new weekend Mass schedule took effect.

Since Willsboro will no longer have a Saturday evening Mass and Elizabethtown will no longer have a Sunday morning Mass, lay ministers were free to maintain their ministry in whichever parish or parishes they desired.

In addition, the 2015 church contribution envelopes were color coded to ease the process and to assure parishioners their contributions would be redirected to the parish of

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AT THE RITE OF CANDIDACY



PHOTO BY DEACON KEVIN MASTELLON

Bishop LaValley accepted 16 men for candidacy as permanent deacons in a ceremony at Wadhams Hall Retreat Center in Ogdensburg June 6. The new candidates have spent the last year in studies at Wadhams Hall once a month and have undertaken a regular schedule of on-line courses through Notre Dame University's STEP program for deacon formation. The candidates face two more years of formation in scripture study, canon law, social teachings, homiletics, liturgy and worship and other topics prior to consideration for ordination in 2017. Pictured, front from left are, Tim Foley, St. Bartholomew's Parish, Old Forge; Brent Charland, St. Andre Bessette, Malone; Dave Demers, Notre Dame, Ogdensburg; Bishop LaValley, Randy Smith, St. Peter's, Plattsburgh; Nick Haas, St. Andre Bessette, Malone; Ron Gingerich, St. Peter's, Lowville; Neil Fuller, St. Mary's, Clayton; and Jim Crowley, St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg; back, John Fehlner, St. Brendan's, Keene; Tom Yousey, St. Peter's, Lowville; Phil Regan, St. Andrew's, Norwood; Lawrence Morse, St. James, Gouverneur; David Clarke, St. John the Baptist, Plattsburgh, Bill O'Brien, St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg; Rich Burns, St. Mary's, Potsdam; and Mike Howley, St. Peter's, Plattsburgh.

Uniting

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which they are members regardless of which church they attended for Mass.

Outside the church walls, parishioners have supported each other's parish fund raisers within the new cluster of parishes

Communication

Father Flynn and Father Moreau communicate on a daily basis by email, or

phone, and are constantly tweaking things and sharing ideas and suggestions.

Father Moreau has been careful not to start any new program without first discussing it with Father Flynn, and deciding whether it is something Father Flynn could continue once he is alone.

This cooperation has definitely been an advantage as parishioners share ideas and

start doing things together with the future in mind.

The people of the parishes have been completely supportive and seem to appreciate seeing the two pastors working together for the well-being of the parishes and the parishioners.

And now, this two headed story has a happy ending with the recent announcement of Father Moreau's new assignment as pastor of St. Mary's Church in Brushton and St. Augustine's Church in North Bangor.

Father Flynn, in addition to his current pastoral responsibilities, also being named pastor of The Catholic Community of St. Philip of Jesus in Willsboro and St. Joseph in Essex.

Both appointments are effective July 1.

Follow-up for parish census

By Deacon Kevin Mastellon
Staff Writer

WATERTOWN - Parish secretaries, business managers, pastoral associates and some volunteers from a dozen parishes in the Diocese gathered in Watertown June 3 and 4 for day-long workshops on the use of Church Office.

Church Office is computer software from ACS Technologies. The software provides parishes with an easily accessed data file on families and the members of families individually. It also has modules for tracking contributions, sacramental history and personnel.

Beth McCabe, a trainer from Parish Data System's

Church Office in Colorado provided the training.

The workshop was organized as a next step in the Diocese-wide census project. Once cards have been returned parish staff and volunteers face the task of transferring the data collected to their computerized data base.

A majority of parishes in the Diocese now use Church Office.

The costs for the workshops were principally borne by the participating parishes. Additional funding was provided by the sponsor parishes; St. Patrick's and St. Anthony's in Watertown and St. Mary's in Clayton.

Kathleen Mastellon from St. Patrick's was the event planner.

BISHOP'S BURSE



Bishop Terry R. LaValley accepts a \$10,000 donation from the Knights of Columbus State Secretary Dr. Charles Robinson at the May 30th Annual Bishop's Burse Dinner hosted by Ellenburg Council 4441. Dr. Robinson presented the donation on behalf of the State Council and all of New York State's 90,000 Knights of Columbus members. Representatives of the Diocese of Ogdensburg's 49 councils and ten 4th Degree Assemblies also presented donations totaling almost \$5,000. The Knights of Columbus raised the money through their annual Charitable and Benevolent (C&B) raffle ticket sales. Each year the C&B program raises approximately \$500,000 for local and statewide charities including the Special Olympics, the Sisters of Life, Catholic schools and Catholic school scholarships, four major pilgrimages and disaster relief. New York's eight bishops each receive \$10,000 for their diocesan charitable needs.

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FACES OF FAITH



St. Mary's Church in Constableville celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ June 7 with a Eucharistic procession after Mass. The procession was held outside circling the church with the Knights of Columbus leading and all the parishioners following "where Jesus leads" with Father Lawrence Marullo holding the monstrance, and Deacon James Chaufy assisting. Upon the return to the church Benediction was held.



Confirmation at St. Mary's Ticonderoga was attended by all . . . bishop, pastors, parents, grandparents, candidates, sponsors, catechists and friends. Pictured, front are Father Albert Hauser, pastor of the Catholic Community of Moriah and Noah Arevalo; back, Thomas Yakalis, Bernie Mayer, Bishop LaValley, Colette Turgeon and Lorraine Turgeon.



Margaret Briggs, Diocesan Pro-Life coordinator for St Cecilia's and Queen of Heaven Parish, Adams/Henderson, accepts a check in the amount of \$1430 from Bill Stowell, Grand Knight of the Adams Council 7364 on behalf of Liferight of Watertown. The money was collected by the Knights of Columbus through the distribution of baby bottles. The parishioners and the different groups from the parish donated their spare change to fill the bottles.



Joseph Stahl from the Catholic Community of Moriah stands with Bishop Terry LaValley after being confirmed June 6 at St. Mary's in Champlain.



St. Mary's School, Canton, presented "The Pied Piper," a musical play, June 10. All students from prekindergarten through grade six were involved. The main characters are shown here. Front, from left are Jonah Longshore, Drew Harmer, Madison Hoy and Caroline Silver; back, Emma Gainey, Kennedy Fountain, Matthew Robinson, Hallee Lennon and Ethyn Morrissey.

'Be not afraid'

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Jesus enters into his passion, Jesus gives another sermon in Matthew 25. He asks us to remember those who are in prison and that in visiting them, in serving them – we minister to Jesus, himself.

The men who escaped did

despicable things. In their desperation to be free they could make more bad choices to hurt others – but the Lord demands from us as his disciples that we treat them, act towards them, be a presence to them in such a way that, evil as they might be – they also are

children of our Father in heaven.


We cannot “be afraid” and act towards them from our fear but in the end must see those in prison as those least who deserve our care and love as well.

Such is the message of Pope Francis, Pope Benedict, Saint Pope John Paul II. Such is the teaching of Jesus.

May our prayers reach heaven for all involved. May God deliver us from all evil.



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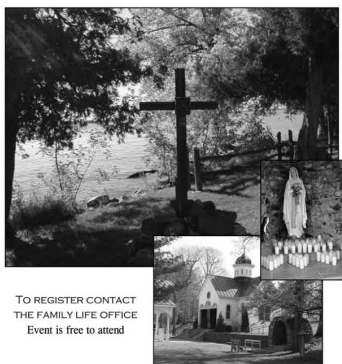
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Bishop's Schedule

June 18 – 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's
Cathedral

June 20 – 1 p.m., High School Gradu-
ation Ceremony for Seton Catholic
Central at SUNY Plattsburgh

June 22 – 7:15 p.m., Novena and
Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

June 23 – 1 p.m., Mass at Cape Vin-
cent Correctional Facility

Rest in Peace

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

June 17 – Rev. Thomas J. Thottumkal,
1992

June 19 – Rev. Gerard Chouinard,
O.M.I., 1955; Deacon David F. Moltz,
2011

June 20 – Rev. James O'Hara, 1949

June 21 – Rev. Joseph T. Moriority,
O.S.A., 1905; Msgr. Joseph F. Luker,
1972

June 23 – Rev. Edward Chevalier,
O.M.I., 1894; Rev. Donat Morrisette,
O.M.I., 1976

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God's Children for Adults. Pre-regis-
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week, we have the time to ponder, to
learn, and to pray more about con-
cerns expressed by Pope Francis.

On January 18, the Holy Father
noted "...We need to see, with the
eyes of faith, the beauty of God's sav-
ing plan, the link between the natu-
ral environment and the dignity of
the human person."

During May he reminded us "Cre-
ation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift
that God has given us, so that we
care for it and we use it for the bene-
fit of all, always with great respect
and gratitude."

Some questions to ponder sug-
gested by Education for Justice:
"Consider what actions have you
taken to express your love for God's
creatures and creation?"

How does human action fail to re-
spect nature and have an effect on
inequality and increase what Pope
Francis describes as, "globalization
of indifference" or "economics of ex-
clusion?"

Have you noticed recent changes
in the weather or unusual weather
patterns where you live?

Do you think recent changes in cli-
mate and weather are more attribut-
able to natural or human causes or
both?

Where do you stand on what the
U.S. government should be doing
about global warming and climate
change?"

Prayer for the Environmental Common Good

*As we breathe the very air which
sustains us, we remember your love,
God, which gives us life. Fill us with
your compassion for creation. Empty
us of apathy, selfishness, and fear of
all pessimism and hesitation. Breathe
into us solidarity with all who suffer
now and the future generations who
will suffer because of our environ-
mental irresponsibility. Move us into
action to build your sustainable
Kingdom. AMEN*

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Bishops: care for poor must be top concern following pope's example

ST. LOUIS (CNS) -- After a presentation about future priorities for the U.S. bishops at their spring general assembly in St. Louis, several bishops stepped up to microphone emphasizing that care for the poor has to be a top concern. "Don't forget the poor," Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, retired archbishop of Washington, urged the bishops June 11. "If we do all these wonderful things, and don't obviously remember the poor, we're losing the star moment of this extraordinary Holy Father," he said. He was not the only one to make this point and link it to the words and example of Pope Francis. Several bishops found fault with the draft document outlining the priorities and strategic plans for the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops for 2017-2020, saying it did not put enough emphasis on helping those in need. Some bishops said the draft was too similar to previous USCCB priority statements. Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin of Indianapolis said it should reflect the "newness of Francis" and include language stressing a "preference for the marginalized." Bishop George L. Thomas of Helena, Montana, also said he was disappointed with the draft and urged fellow bishops to "throw our collective weight" into helping those in need. "There needs to be much greater visibility to the plight of the poor," he added. The proposed draft of USCCB's priorities and plans was presented to the bishops for a vote, and after the animated discussion, they OK'd the draft with a 165-14 vote -- and three abstentions -- so it could be reworked to incorporate the feedback.

Quebec Archdiocese reshapes itself as Mass attendance falls

QUEBEC CITY (CNS) -- With the decision to close one of its largest and most important churches, the Archdiocese of Quebec is sending a clear message: The future of even the most majestic churches cannot be guaranteed anymore. On May 24, one last Mass was celebrated in renowned St. John the Baptist Church. Dedicated to the patron saint of French Canadians, the church stands among the high-profile churches of both the archdiocese and Quebec province. Built in the 1880s, it is recognized as a major heritage church. Its seating capacity of 2,400 compares to St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. But such a marvel comes with a steep price: It needs renovations estimated at \$10 million, a gargantuan amount for a parish that has been accumulating deficits for years. Even with the help of the archdiocese, the Catholic Church of Quebec simply doesn't have that kind of money. Not anymore. Over the past decade, the dioceses of the Quebec province had to close churches in response to the new secularized reality: less faithful, less money, yet too many churches. But still, some of the buildings were considered "untouchable." With the closing of St. John the Baptist, parishioners realize change is afoot. "It's sad, obviously," said Quebec Auxiliary Bishop Gaetan Proulx. "It's the signal that we're moving towards something else, with smaller communities. The model for our church is changing."

Pope's climate encyclical expected to send strong moral message to the world

By Barbara J. Fraser
Catholic News Service

LIMA, PERU (CNS) - Pope Francis' upcoming encyclical on ecology and climate is expected to send a strong moral message - one message that could make some readers uncomfortable, some observers say.

The encyclical is expected to be a pastoral call to change the way people use the planet's resources

"The encyclical will address the issue of inequality in the distribution of resources and topics such as the wasting of food and the irresponsible exploitation of nature and the consequences for people's life and health," Archbishop Pedro Barreto Jimeno of Huancayo, Peru, told Catholic News Service.

"Pope Francis has repeatedly stated that the environment is not only an economic or political issue, but is an anthropological and ethical matter," he said. "How can you have wealth if it comes at the expense of the suffering and death of other people and the deterioration of the environment?"

The encyclical, to be published June 18, is titled "Laudato Si': On the Care of Our Common Home," which translates "praised be," the first words of St. Francis' "Cantic of the Creatures."

Although Archbishop Barreto was not involved in the drafting of the encyclical, he worked closely with then-Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio in 2007 on a document by the Latin American bishops' council that included an unprecedented section on the environment.

The encyclical is not expected to be a theological treatise or a technical docu-

ment about environmental issues, but a pastoral call to change the way people use the planet's resources so they are sufficient not only for current needs, but for future generations, observers said.

The document "will emphasize that the option for stewardship of the environment goes hand in hand with the option for the poor," said Carmelite Father Eduardo Agosta Scarel, a climate scientist who teaches at the Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina and the National University of La Plata in Buenos Aires.

"I think the pope wants us to become aware of this," said Father Agosta, who was involved in preparatory consultations about the encyclical. "He is aiming at a change of heart. What will save us is not technology or science. What will save us is the ethical transformation of our society."

The pontiff probably foreshadowed the encyclical during his first public Mass as pope on March 19, 2013, Father Agosta said. In his homily, he said, "Let us be 'protectors' of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment."

Although the document will be published in the wake of a seminar on climate change in April at the Vatican, it will not be limited to that issue and will probably focus on the relationship between people and their environment, Archbishop Barreto said.

"What the pope brings to this debate is the moral dimension," said Anthony Annett, climate change and sustainable development adviser to the Earth Institute at Columbia University and to the nonprofit Religions for Peace. "His unique way of looking at the problem,

which is deeply rooted in Catholic social teaching, resonates with people all across the world."

Some politicians have already questioned the pope's credentials for wading into the issue of climate change, but that is only one of several environmental problems the pope is likely to address, said David Kane, a Maryknoll lay missionary in Joao Pessoa, Brazil, who works with Maryknoll's Faith-Economics-Ecology Program.

The pope has spoken out in the past on the "throwaway culture, both of material goods that we buy and use for a few months and then throw out, and also throwaway people," he said.

Kane hopes the encyclical will help people understand that overusing resources, from forests to fish to water, results in scarcity that can both increase and be exacerbated by climate change. He expects Pope Francis will remind people of the responsibility of caring for God's creation.

"Whether you think climate change is a problem or not, you cannot deny that running out of fish, oil, water and other resources is a really big problem. The solution is a radical change in our concept of what makes a person happy. We need to move away from the idea that the more things we have, the happier we'll be," Kane said.

Archbishop Barreto expects some controversy once people read the document, because resisting the "throwaway culture" by being satisfied with less means "putting money at the service of people, instead of people serving money."

"(The encyclical) will have many critics, because they want to continue setting rules of the game in which money takes first place," he said. "We have to be prepared for those kinds of attacks."

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Overcoming fear through trust

The theme of our Scripture readings this Sunday might be stated as "overcoming fear through trust."

In the first reading, Job has lost his trust in God's justice because of his terrible afflictions, and he is about to demand that God give an explanation for treating his servant so unjustly.

At that point, God speaks to Job "out of the storm", calming Job's anger, and reducing his complaining to silence.

Today's reading gives us a mere fragment of a much longer speech in which God says to Job, "Gird up your

loins like a man...will you condemn me that you may be justified?"

Job, aware of his lack of trust in the Almighty, cries out, "...I repent in dust and ashes!"

The setting of the Gospel is a violent storm on the sea of Galilee.

Even though Jesus is with them asleep in the boat, they awaken him in their great fear, and, like Job, they reproach him with the complaint, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

Jesus immediately calms the sea, and the storm ceases! Then He, in turn, re-

bukes his disciples for their lack of faith in His power.

The most reasonable human beings are afraid of storms. The people in Nepal have not yet recovered from the devastating earthquakes that hit Katmandu recently.

Even more frightening are the storms that beset us in the form of constant attacks on Christians by Isis and other Islamic terrorists.

We need to fear most of all the "storms" that are caused by those in our own society who systematically undermine the moral dignity of all life, and little by little are removing laws which were designed to protect the lives of the unborn, the helpless, the elderly, and the consciences of religious people

JUNE 21

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS

Job 38:1, 8-11

1 Corinthians 5:14-17

Mark 4:35-41

who seek to live by their faith.

God urges us this Sunday to stir up our faith in His power to bring right order and harmony to the disorderly times in which we live. There is nothing that a rock-like faith cannot overcome.

And fear not! God is not asleep!

He expects us first to calm the disorder in our souls. Then He, the Lord of the

universe, can calm the fierce storms that are out of our control..

On this Fathers' Day, we need to pray for all fathers whose role reflects the protective and nourishing role of God Himself towards their children and their spouses. We pray that they will show firm and steady love, wise and understanding care always.

We pray also for fathers who are deceased or absent, that we will always pray for them, and forgive them for any hurts we bear because of weakness or neglect on their parts.

We pray, too, that God will help them forgive us any neglect or lack of love we showed them while they were with us.



Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore

MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

Banking sperm, eggs before cancer treatments

Both chemotherapy and radiation can affect sexual organs and how they work.

The American Cancer Society addresses the potential effects on male fertility this way: "Chemo may lower the number of sperm cells, reduce their ability to move, or cause other changes.... Because permanent sterility (infertility) may occur, it's important to discuss this issue with your doctor BEFORE you start chemo. You might want to think about banking your sperm for future use."

Various moral concerns arise in the wake of the proposal to freeze reproductive cells like eggs or sperm.

Catholic teaching has always stressed the importance of the marital act in bringing about new human life. Even if sperm were procured in a morally-acceptable way — i.e. not through withdrawal or masturbation — the subsequent use of the sperm sample would involve techniques that were either directly immoral

(such as in vitro fertilization or intracytoplasmic sperm injection), or at least of a dubious moral character (such as Gamete Intrafallopian Transfer [GIFT] or intrauterine insemination [IUI]).

These latter two techniques, GIFT and IUI, have never been directly mentioned in official Church documents, so the question of whether they might be morally allowable continues to be discussed among Catholic moral theologians.

GIFT involves collecting sperm after the marital act, placing it near an egg — but separated by an air bubble — within a thin, flexible tube called a catheter. After insertion into a woman's reproductive tract, the sex cells are injected into her fallopian tube so fertilization can occur inside her body, rather than in a petri dish.

Meanwhile, IUI (also known as artificial insemination or AI) involves the placement of sperm into a

woman's uterus by a catheter or a means other than a natural act of intercourse.

An important Vatican document known as *Donum Vitae* (On the Gift of Life) emphasizes that morally acceptable interventions used in procreation cannot be a substitute for the marital act but should serve to facilitate that act to attain its natural purpose.

Even when sperm is collected in an acceptable manner, by using a silastic sheath during marital relations (i.e. a perforated condom without any spermicide), it still appears that the subsequent steps of GIFT and IUI involve a substitution/replacement of the conjugal act by injecting the sex cells into the woman's body via a cannula.

In other words, the marital act does not itself cause a future pregnancy but only

enables the collection of sperm, which is then used for another procedure that brings about the pregnancy.

For these reasons, GIFT and IUI do not appear to be morally acceptable, and I generally discourage married men undergoing cancer treatments from banking their sperm, since there do not appear to be any legitimate procreative uses once the sample has been

stored. The situation is more nuanced when it comes to the question of banking a woman's eggs or ova.

We can identify at least one technique for assisting procreation called LTOT, or Low Tubal Ovum Transfer, that would be morally acceptable and could be carried out using previously-frozen eggs.

Originally designed for women with blocked, dam-

aged, or diseased fallopian tubes, LTOT re-locates her egg, placing it into the fallopian tube below the point of damage so that her husband's sperm, introduced into her body by the marital act, can reach the egg and bring about fertilization. LTOT, however, is performed only rarely, and it can be challenging to find a reproductive specialist who routinely does the technique.

There are, moreover, safety concerns about the process of egg retrieval from a woman's body, about the high-dose hormones used, and about cryopreservation of the eggs. Strong chemicals are used in the freezing process, and no one knows how much the eggs might absorb. Moreover, there has been little systematic follow-up of children born from frozen eggs, so it remains unclear whether they face increased health risks when they arise from an egg that has been

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Father Tadeusz
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AT THE MOVIES

JURASSIC WORLD

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

Prepare to be stomped on by "Jurassic World" (Universal).

Like the \$2 billion-grossing dinosaur-themed franchise of which it represents the latest installment, director Colin Trevorrow's 3-D optional sci-fi adventure is big, gigantic, huge! And you, a mere homo sapiens, are puny. So know your place, and hand over your credit card.

If the thought springs to mind that, proportionally speaking at least, dinos did not necessarily possess nature's largest brains, the reflection is not misplaced. Like the creatures that inhabit it, "Jurassic World" is all about brawn, sheer visual and commercial heft. Sharp-wittedness and emotional subtlety are not on offer, deep characterizations even less so.

Instead, this continuation of the series that began with 1993's "Jurassic Park," Steven Spielberg's wildly popular adaptation of Michael Crichton's 1990

novel, uses its human participants as anachronistically placed Darwinian bait, mere fodder for their out-sized adversaries. So it hardly matters that they amount to nothing more than an ensemble of stick figures.

Take, for example, business-obsessed Claire (Bryce Dallas Howard). A driven career woman whose precise role in the management of the titular resort - where patently imprudent tourists come to gawk, for a price, at genetically re-created pre-historic predators - is never made clear, Claire is far too worried about getting ahead to have a family of her own.

Nor does she have time to spare for the duo of visiting nephews, 16-year-old Zach (Nick Robinson) and his pre-teen brother Gray (Ty Simpkins), who have been foisted on her by their soon-to-be divorcing parents. So Claire, in her turn, hands off the boys to an assistant.

Such adult neglect, of course, gives Zach and Gray the perfect opportunity to wander off on their own. Extricating them from the inevitably resulting danger will require all the acumen

of ex-military animal trainer Owen (Chris Pratt).

Who's this Owen and what's he doing here? As with Claire's job description, information is sketchy.

He's a consultant of some sort, it seems, and shares some unspecified offscreen history with Claire, the upshot of which is a romantic attraction thinly disguised as mutual dislike.

There's some perfunctory discussion, amid all the mayhem, about the proper limits of science: BD Wong reprises his role in the long-ago first picture by playing overly ambitious, if not quite mad, scientist Dr. Wu. And it can't hurt to have a violence-loving warmonger added to the mix, so cue Vincent D'Onofrio as a straw-man militarist named Hoskins.

But, really, such feints in the direction of seriousness are beside the point. Anyone looking for interaction more meaningful than that which transpires between the DNA disaster of an uber-dino to whose rampage Trevorrow devotes most of his attention and the anonymous extras on whom the ill-designed creature con-



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Chris Pratt and Bryce Dallas Howard star in a scene from the movie "Jurassic World."

tendedly munches have come to the wrong fictional island.

The elements listed below decidedly rule out the "Flintstones" crowd. But parents of insistent teens who find their patience in danger of extinction need not feel too guilty if resistance ultimately proves futile.

The film contains some

gory interludes, a bit of comic innuendo, at least one use of profanity and a few crude and crass terms. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

Banking

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frozen and thawed.

In principle, nevertheless, if the egg harvesting step could be carried out with low risk to women, if the egg freezing process would not cause any deleterious effects on children who might later come into being, and if the eggs were only used for morally legitimate purposes like LTOT, freezing a woman's eggs would appear to be morally allowable.

Another emerging method of preserving fertility for cancer patients relies on the removal and freezing of sections of the ovary (rather

than individual eggs).

This ovarian tissue can later be grafted back into a woman's body following chemotherapy allowing her to again ovulate naturally and, in some cases, conceive naturally.

A number of babies have been born as a result of this technique, and insofar as a woman were enabled to conceive a child through marital acts with her husband, this approach also would not seem to raise any fundamental moral concerns.

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ADIRONDACK

WONDERS OF CREATION RETREAT

Saranac Lake - Enjoy the wonders of Creation and journey into the heart of Jesus who desires to speak to your heart.

Dates: July 24-26 or Sept. 18-20

Speakers: Paul Gabaldi, Adirondack Wilderness Guide and publisher of two nature photography books (June Weekend); Paul Hetzler, Arborist; Writer; and Educator at Cornell Co-operative Extension (Sept. Weekend) Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ, Adult Faith Educator; Fr. Paul Kelly, Celebrant for Liturgy

Place: Guggenheim Lodge

Cost: \$145 (limited space)

Features: Weekends will include presentations, time for quiet prayer and reflection, communal prayer, nature hike and opportunities for sharing.

Contact: email srbethhss@gmail.com; call: 315-212-6592; See www.fourseasonsoftheheart.weebly.com

CLINTON

HEALING MISSION

Lyon Mountain - St. Bernard's Church is offering a Healing Mission with Paul Rymniak.

Date: June 22, 23 & 24

Time: 7 p.m.

Features: If you or anyone who you love is in need of physical, mental, or emotional healing, come and meet Jesus
Contact: 518-735-4357

ALTONA OLD HOME DAYS

Altona - Old Home Days to be held.

Date: June 28

Schedule: Mass at 10 a.m.; Parade at 11 a.m.; Chicken BBQ Noon until all are served; All day live entertainment; Altona's Got Talent, 6 p.m. to 9; Fireworks at 9 p.m.

Place: Holy Angels Church

Features: Game booths, dunkin booth, free raffle (BBQ Grill, Boys Bike, Girls Bike (must be present to win) (drawn during Talent Show)); Money Raffle, \$2000 in prize money. Concessions include: Michigans, Cheeseburgers, Hamburgers, Clam Chowder, Sausage with Peppers & Onions, French Fries, Fried Bread Dough, Sno Cones, Cotton Candy, Desserts.

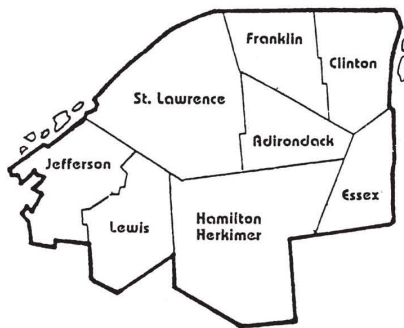
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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 Sjohnsadoration@aol.com



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.

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 olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or 518-594-3253.

FRANKLIN

BREAKFAST BUFFET

Brushton - St. Mary's will be having a breakfast buffet.

Date: June 21

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

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$8; Seniors, \$7; Children 6-12, \$4; 5 and under, free; Immediate Family of 5 or more, \$25

Features: Take-outs available. Call 518-529-6580. Sponsored by St. Mary's Catholic Church events committee.

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

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

Date: June 25

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7

Place: St. Anthony's Mt. Carmel, Church

Basement; Take-outs begin at 4 p.m., please bring your own containers
Cost: Adults, \$8; Children, \$4.50; under 3, Free; Sauce, \$5 per quart; Meatballs, \$7.5 each;

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Watertown - Ecumenical Bereavement meeting to be held.

Date: June 29

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, Hearshide Hospitality Center
Speaker: Sister Norma Bryant, SSJ
Topic: "Loving Memories" (Please bring any items, important to your memories. ex. photos, clothing, etc.)

MOUNT CARMEL FEAST

Watertown - St. Anthony's Church, to have 99th annual Mt. Carmel Feast in honor of our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

Dates: June 26-June 28

Place: St. Anthony's Church

Schedule: Bingo June 26-7p.m. in the school gym; Rides by Ontario Amusement Company. Grounds are open June 26 from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.; June 27 & 28 - 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Religious Procession begins at 5 p.m. Sunday followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Fireworks Sunday night at 10 p.m.

Features: Traditional Italian foods, entertainment each night: \$1,700 raffle after fireworks

Contact: parish office 315-782-1190

JUNE ULTREYA

Watertown - Cursillo Community celebrating June Ultreya

Date: June 18

Time: 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Place: St. Patrick's Chapel

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

LEWIS

FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Lowville - There will be a meeting for all lowville 18-35 interested in forming a young adult group.

Date: June 25

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: St. Peter's Church

Contact: If you have questions or would like more information, call or email Siobhan Fagan at 376-6662 or hisdaughtersiobhan@gmail.com

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Houseville - Divine Mercy Devotions for the month of July will be held.

Date: July 5

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Features: Vespers (Evening Prayer), Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. All are welcome.

Contact: 348-6260.

PIZZA AND PRAYER

Lowville - St. Peter's Church will be having a "Pizza and Prayer" night for high school students.

Date: July 6

Time: 6 p.m. to 7

Features: Adoration followed by pizza in the IMPACT room in the parish hall.

Contact: If you have questions or would like more information, call or email Siobhan Fagan, St. Peter's Youth Minister, at 376-6662 or hisdaughtersiobhan@gmail.com

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

Port Leyden - There will be a Strawberry Social at St. Martin's Church.

Date: June 20

Time: 5 p.m.

Features: Strawberry Shortcake and Sundaes, along with Hamburgers, Hot Sausage, Hot Dogs and drinks. A Chinese Auction this year along with a cake walk, gas card raffle and live music by the Adirondack Community Chorus.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Lowville - Eucharistic Adoration to be held.

Dates: June 18

Time: 3:30 p.m. to 5

Place: St. Peter's Church

Feature: The Exposition, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, silent adoration, the Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, and the Benediction.

ST. LAWRENCE

FEAST OF SS PETER & PAUL

South Colton - Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin, pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Colton and St. Mary Parish in Potsdam, will be celebrant of a Mass of the Feast Day of SS Peter & Paul.

Date: June 29

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: St. Paul's Oratory

Features: Msgr. Aucoin will lead a procession to the Sacred Heart Shrine after the Mass. An Ice Cream Social will follow; bring a lawn chair.

LATIN MASS

Potsdam - A Tridentine (Latin) Mass is celebrated each Sunday

Time: 11:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

DIOCESAN EVENTS

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.

Local leaders: Father Bryan Stitt, Samantha Poulin, Jocelyn Kelly

Contact: www.heartworkcamp.com

FAMILY PILGRIMAGE

A diocesan family pilgrimage has been planned.

Date: July 18

Time: 11 a.m.

Place: St. Anne's Shrine, Isle LaMotte, Vermont.

Features: A brief introduction will familiarize pilgrims with the site. Following lunch and the outdoor Stations of the Cross, there will be time for families to walk the shrine grounds, swim, and connect with one another. The sacrament of Reconciliation will be available before Mass, which will be celebrated at 4 p.m. by Father Doug Lucia, Diocesan Vicar for Family Life.

Contact: Steve Tartaglia at the diocesan Family Life Office: startaglia@rcdony.org or at (315) 393-2920 Ext. 1420.



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Missionary Childhood Association

The fun and joys of summer are a wonderful opportunity to continue to accompany children in their formation as missionary disciples. Pope Francis has reminded us that our faith is an encounter with Jesus, and we must do what Jesus does – encounter others. "...with our faith we must create a 'culture of encounter,' a culture of friendship, a culture in which we find brothers and sisters, in which we can also speak with those who think differently.... They all have something in common with us: they are images of God, they are children of God."

Another year in the books!

The 2014-2015 school year's end draws near. This means that Missionary Childhood Association year for the students in our Catholic Schools and parish religious education programs have likewise wound down. Despite that fact, the Gospel reminds us that it is not so difficult to share with others knowing that the kindness will be repaid. Jesus asks us to treat others, regardless of their situation, as we ourselves would like to be treated with compassion, understanding, and generosity. MCA teaches this. It emphasizes to its members to strive to follow Jesus' command by loving and caring for children whom they have never even met. These young people reach out without expecting repayment. Just knowing they make a difference is the reward.

The Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) offers young Catholics and their families opportunities to make those daily connections. MCA is really children helping children. For instance, in the developing lands, thanks to MCA, children receive food, medicine, shelter and education. In the countries that give assistance, children become aware of the bonds that link them with others, and they grow in understanding and love.

On behalf of the Mission Office, thank you for all you have done, contributed and prayed for this school year through your thoughts and deeds in the MCA program. Please have a happy, safe and blessed summer. We will be back to work on the MCA program and all the good it does before you know it! And one more thing. Did you know?

Throughout the world, the Catholic Church runs 71,188 kindergartens with 6,728,670 pupils; 95,246 primary schools with 32,299,669 pupils; and 43,783 secondary schools with 18,869,237 pupils. The Church also runs some 115,000 healthcare / charity centers throughout the world. (Source: Fides.org)

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

OBITUARIES

Altona – Jeannette E. (Boiselle) Barnaby, 93; Funeral Services June 10, 2015 at Holy Angels Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery, Plattsburgh.

Black River – Marion Katherine (Oberton) O'Connor, 82; Funeral Services June 11, 2015 at St. Paul's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Brushton – Linda Rose (Knights) Russell, 71; Funeral Services June 12, 2015 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Copenhagen – Betsy Jean Hamblin, 83; Funeral Services June 8, 2015 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Hogansburg – Elma June "Elmie" (Angell) Jacobs, 84; Funeral Services June 11, 2015 at St. Regis Church; burial in Kateri Cemetery.

Lowville – Patricia (Barry) Wolfe, 87; Funeral Services June 13, 2015 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Lowville Rural Cemetery.

Malone – Louise (King) Lamica, 77; Funeral Services June 10, 2015 at St. John Bosco Church; burial in St. John Bosco Cemetery.

Massena – Bernard J. "Bernie" LaClair, 82; Memorial Services June 14, 2015 at the Donaldson Funeral Home.

Massena – Paul T. Reagan, 77; Funeral

Services June 19, 2015 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Potsdam.

Peru – Frank J. Mousseau, Jr., 80; Funeral Services June 6, 2015 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Potsdam – Gerald Arthur Bray, 60; Funeral Services June 16, 2015 at the Seymour Funeral Home; burial in West Stockholm Cemetery.

St. Regis Falls – Loren A. Burnett, 91; Funeral Services June 9, 2015 at St. Ann's

Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Tupper Lake – Lois (O'Neil) Tice, 92; Funeral Services June 10, 2015 at St. Alphonsus Church; burial in St. Alphonsus Cemetery.

Watertown – Mary Constance "Connie" (Kendall) Fitzgerald, 94; Funeral Services June 12, 2015 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – Thomas Raymond Miller, 77; Funeral Services June 15, 2015 at Holy Family Church; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

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 Saturday 12 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Games of Chance
 *Black Jack *Big Six Wheel *Pull Tabs

RAFFLE - Prizes: 2 First - \$500 * Sellers of 1st Prizes: \$50 each * 10 Second Prizes - \$100 each ***\$1 per Ticket • 6 for \$5 • 12 for \$10 • 18 for \$15***
 \$\$\$ Drawing Saturday June 27th \$\$\$

Entertainment: Reptiles Forever, DJ and More!

Ontario Amusement Rides

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FOOD
 Italian ~ Lebanese ~ American ~ Polish ~ Spanish
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 Special Priced Meals for Children Saturday 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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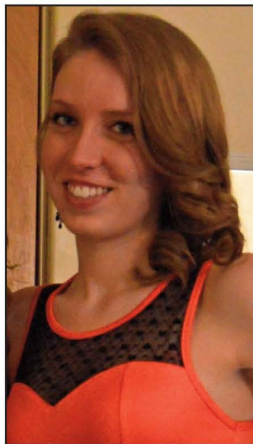


Leagon Carlin

My name is Leagon Carlin. I am 18 years old and my home parish is St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh. I am a seminarian of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, which means I am studying to be a priest, and I attend the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, OH. There I am double majoring in Humanities and Philosophy.

This will be my first summer working as a counselor at Camp Guggenheim, and I am super excited! I know how important the witness of the counselors is to the campers, and I pray that I will be able to have an impact on the faith lives of the campers this year!

I'll see you at camp!



Ashlee Fairchild

My name is Ashlee Fairchild: I am 22 years old, from Plattsburgh and I belong to the St. John's Parish. I just graduated from Le Moyne College where I received a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and will be attending SUNY Oswego in the fall for a Master's degree and Certificate of Advanced Studies in School Psychology. This is my third year on the Guggenheim staff and I am very excited for the summer session to begin.

I am looking forward to having the role of assistant director this summer and being able to work with the returning staff, as well as the new staff coming in.

I believe that bringing both the new and the returning campers closer to God will be the highlight of my entire summer.



Emma Knapik

Emma Knapik is so happy to be returning to Guggenheim for her second year on staff. She is from Grafton, WI where she and her family are parishioners at St. Joseph Parish. She is currently studying Genetics, Cell Biology, and Development with a minor in Psychology at the University of Minnesota.

She is very excited to spend another season at her second home on the water helping young people along their faith journey as she was helped in her six years as a camper.



Brian Bobak.

Hi my name is Brian Bobak. I live on Grand Island, NY and I go to St. Stephen's parish. I just graduated this year from Franciscan University of Steubenville majoring in Humanities and Catholic Culture.

This is my fourth year working for Camp Guggenheim and I am so excited to come back to hike, swim, and praise with all of our campers new and old!

It is going to be a great year filled with God's grace and even more creativity and surprises. Let's Go Waterfront!!!



MaryEllen Krahe

MaryEllen Krahe is very excited to spend her first summer on staff at Camp Guggenheim! She is from Medfield, Massachusetts, where her home parish is St. Edward, but has spent every summer of her life in Schroon Lake, where she is a parishioner at Our Lady of Lourdes.

As a sophomore at Boston College, MaryEllen is studying elementary education and math. She attended camp for six years and is so grateful to have the opportunity to spend her summer with the amazing campers and staff of Guggenheim.

Visit www.rcdony.org/youth for information & registration forms. Weekly sessions begin June 28