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The traits of good pastors

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—A good pastor always sees what people are going through, feels compassion and then nourishes them with God's Word, Pope Francis said.

Seeing and being moved to pity "have always been as-

sociated with Jesus," the Good Shepherd, he said July 19 before reciting the Angelus with visitors gathered in St. Peter's Square in Vatican City.

"In fact, his gaze isn't the gaze of a sociologist or a

photojournalist because he always looks with 'the eyes of the heart,'" he said.

With the Sunday recitations of the Angelus prayer scheduled to be Pope Francis' only public events in late July, visitors flocked to St.

Peter's Square.

The pope congratulated those who stood on the black cobblestones and under the hot midday sun, saying, "I see you are courageous with this heat in the square -- good job!"

Bishop reflects on encyclical

In this week's Follow Me column, Bishop LaValley writes about Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si'*.

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"As we study the document, we will see a theme that weaves its way throughout: our relationship with creation is an expression of the praise we give (or don't give) to God," he said.

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NCC summer schedule

The bi-weekly summer publication schedule of the *North Country Catholic* continues; the next issue will

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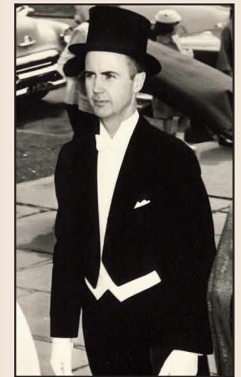


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Jocelyn Kelly, DRE at St. Mary's in Fort Covington, left, and Samantha Poulin, DRE at St. Andre Bessette in Malone, shared the stage on the final evening of the Catholic HEART Workcamp held June 28-July 4 at Wadhams Hall. Site managers for the event, the two applauded the efforts of the 100 young people who spent the week serving individuals and institutions in the Ogdensburg area. See pages 8-9 for full coverage.

LIVING STONES

Foundations of parishes



James A. FitzPatrick of St. John's Church in Plattsburgh is the focus of the third in the NCC series of outstanding parishioners of the diocese from past generations. FitzPatrick was installed as a Knight in the Order of St. Gregory the Great by Bishop James J. Navagh in 1958. FitzPatrick and his wife, Joan, raised five children in Plattsburgh including a son, Daniel M. FitzPatrick, who was honored as a Knight of Malta. The series was inspired by Bishop LaValley's Call for "Living Stones" in North Country parishes, people whose service outside their church reflects "what happens inside the sacred walls. The subjects are men and women who were, in effect, foundational "stones" of

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Faith: alive and well in our diocese

If there was ever a question about the vitality of faith in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, a quick look at this week's NCC would quash any doubt.

We have news about Catholics leaders from our past and those who will lead us in the future. The list of lay ministers who have pledged their lives in service to our faith takes up nearly a full page. How we respond to moments of crisis in the face of a prison escape and times of challenge in response to an encyclical and the financial need of the diocese are highlighted too.

There's also a page focusing on one of the scores of parish summer celebrations that have been perking up the North Country.

And, we can take great pride that one of our own has been chosen to share her voice on the national level.



Mary Lou
Kilian

Janice Shoen, known to everyone in the diocese for her many years as director of the development, has just been named to National Advisory Council of the United States Catholic

Conference.

Janice will represent lay women of Region II which covers all of New York State. She

will be part of a group of bishops, priests, religious, deacons and other lay people from across the country assisting the American bishops in their service to our church.

As Bishop LaValley said, it's a real honor and privilege for our diocese to have Jan represent all of New York State on the advisory council.

It is indeed!

We can also take pride in the young people in our midst who share Janice's commitment to serve the people of God.

For a week in June, the halls of Wadhams Hall were alive with teenagers from our diocese and across the country taking part in Catholic HEART Workcamp. There's lots of in-

formation about CHWC in the centerfold of this week's paper but the most powerful sentences come from some of those who spent a week in work and play and prayer.

"It was awesome, and I loved it," said Ben Kelly of Fort Covington. "I made a lot of new friends, and the experience really amplified my faith."

And, from Siobhan Fagan, new youth minister in Lowville: "CHWC is fantastic! It was amazing to see the kids grow more comfortable with each other, with their faith and with sharing and being their authentic selves. These kids connected, prayed, played and served with their whole hearts!" Hooray!

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

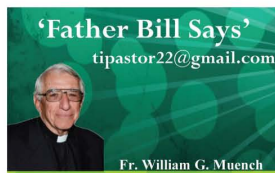
A papal call to create a better world

I often add to my homilies what I hope is a real challenge to the people to live out their faith by "making the world a better place." I know only too well that the real challenge that has to be faced is what exactly we should do to make the world a better place.

Recently, my friends, the O'Reillys, sent me a newspaper article written by Leonard Pitts, Jr., a columnist whose words appear in many newspapers. This particular column was entitled, "Pope should stick to religion."

Pitts reminds us in this article that many American politicians have criticized Pope Francis for his recent encyclical and other writings. Pope Francis makes it very clear in his talks and in this encyclical his concern for the poor and needy of the world.

For the cause of the poor, Pope Francis often challenges the excesses of capitalism. Pitts sums up his understanding of the Pope's message as he writes, "While conceding the need for economic growth, the pontiff excoriated a model that concentrates wealth at the top and leaves the poor to scramble for the remains."



Fr. William G. Muench

Pitts makes it clear that his message is based on the foundation of the message of Jesus and the message of Pope Francis. He has discovered that nearly two billion people are Christians, followers of Jesus Christ – followers of Jesus' message; that message is – "love one another."

Pitts comments on the Pope's message. He writes, "Love is not talk. Love is compassion in action. It is intolerance of suffering. It is urgent empathy. And it is something two billion of us are told to give. Candidly, most of us don't seem to take the command all that seriously. But the pope inspires you to wonder what the world would be like if we did."

Wow! I wish I had said that. Certainly it is quite a message. I wish more readers had the opportunity to read this article.

Too many people will only hear those who wish the pope

would simply tell us all to be good.

Pope Francis is not afraid to be much bolder. He is ready to challenge us and the world's leaders to do something, to put Christ's challenges into action. We – each one of us – is asked by our Holy Father to make this world a better place by doing something.

I have also been sent another column that concerns the Pope's encyclical and his teachings. This one column was written by Father George Coyne, a well-known Jesuit astronomer and scientist, who is now at LeMoyne College in Syracuse.

Father Coyne writes this: "The pope invites all who dwell on the Earth to enter into dialogue about the environment with the urgency that we together must take action. He makes clear that care for the environment is closely linked with care for one another and that our poorest brothers and sisters are those who suffer most from damage to the environment."

The pope's care for creation arises from the care for the poor, which he has manifested continuously.

Father Coyne realizes that Pope Francis' boldness will bring challenges. So, he writes this: "Critics say the pope should not get involved in these issues but stay put in his Church. Such a criticism belies the basic understanding of the need for informed moral leadership in all sectors of human life. And, frankly, I suspect that the pope's command of the complex issues surpasses that of many of his critics."

I am so excited that we have a Pope who speaks boldly. I can't wait to see what he will say when he addresses the Congress of our country in September. All sorts of questions will certainly come up, including the involvement of Church and State. Too many will watch this event carefully to discover something to challenge. Pope Francis is not afraid to bring up the truth – especially about how we can make our world better by our care for the poor. I worried that some of you would not see these columns that I mentioned. I also want to encourage you to read the Holy Father's encyclical "Laudato si". It is written in language that you will certainly understand.

FOLLOW ME

'Praise be' for the new encyclical

On May 24, 2015, Pentecost Sunday, Pope Francis issued his encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si'*.

As we begin to reflect on this important document, it is important to understand what an 'encyclical' is and what it isn't.

An encyclical is not intended to make dogmatic definitions nor pronounce scientific claims that rightfully belong to experts in the related technical field.

Rather, through this document the Holy Father gives counsel and sheds greater light on certain points of

Church teaching.

A papal encyclical is, also, intended to help the bishops as they guide their faithful.

An encyclical is not a legislative text seeking to create new Church teaching.

In this encyclical, the Pope calls us to continuing conversion and action, particularly regarding our concern for the environment.

He humbly admits that "on many concrete questions, the church has no reason to offer a definitive opinion; she knows that honest debate must be encouraged among experts." (#61)

Nevertheless, our decisions to act in certain ways

must be well informed by what our faith teaches. This document is a welcome means of informing our consciences and challenging us to apply Church teaching in our everyday lives.

One of the first things we notice about an encyclical is its title. Traditionally, the titles of important papal documents, such as encyclicals, are derived from the first few Latin words of the document, called the incipit. Pope Francis begins his document with words from St. Francis of Assisi's *Canticle of the Creatures*—"Praise be to you, my Lord."

As we study the document, we will see a theme that weaves its way throughout: our relationship with creation is an expression of the praise we

give (or don't give) to God.

Another important aspect of this document to acknowledge at the start is the foundation upon which it rests. Pope Francis builds upon the extensive teachings of his predecessors and cites the work of Bishops' Conferences from Canada, Australia, the United States, Bolivia, Japan, the Philippines, and southern Africa.

The Holy Father relies on the teachings of Vatican II, and cites the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* as well as great theologians such as Saints Thomas Aquinas and Justin.

The entire document is informed by Pope Francis' own lived experience and pastoral ministry in South America. This document was not crafted from within

an ivory tower far removed from the toils and joys of daily living.

The Holy Father has provided us all with rich, thought-provoking, Spirit-stirring material.

Some have suggested that *Laudato Si'* has caused the Holy Father's popularity to nose-dive in the United States. (Although I sometimes wonder how, if He were walking among us today, even Jesus Himself would rank in such national polls.) Although many experts have already offered their extensive analyses and critiques, as time and space permits in the weeks ahead,

I hope to review with you the rich fare that this important document offers. There is certainly much to digest and bring to prayer.



Bishop
Terry R.
LaValley

Final report for 2014-15 Bishop's Fund released

OGDENSBURG - As of June 30, the Bishop's Fund collected \$1,303,961.90 in contributions from more than 10,000 households, reported Valerie Mathews, diocesan director of the Bishop's Fund.

All funds received over the goal will be used to supplement the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund.

This fund, a ministry of the Bishop's Fund Appeal, assists families and individuals facing emergency situations such as loss of work, high medical expenses, flooding, house fires and exorbitant heating costs.

In responding to this news, Bishop LaValley commented: "Once again, the folks of the North Country illustrate why this is such a beautiful place in which to live and raise a family.

"The response to this year's appeal reflects their tremendous generosity and concern

for others," Bishop LaValley said.

"In a culture often focused on self, contributors to the annual Bishop's Fund help to build a society that cares for the well-being of neighbor," he said.

Appeal has surpassed its goal of \$1,275,000

"On behalf of all who receive assistance through the Bishop's Fund, I want to thank those who gave to this year's Appeal for whatever gift they were able to offer," the bishop said.

Through the support of households across the diocese, the following ministries are able to continue:

- Education of seminarians
- Family Life Office
- Natural Family Planning Office
- Respect Life ministry

• Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund

• Formation for Ministry program

• Office of the New Evangelization

• Continuing education and formation of priests

• Priests' graduate studies

• Vocation Office

• Permanent deacons

• Deacon formation

• Tuition assistance program

• Campus ministry program

• Matching gifts to Catholic schools

• Department of Faith Formation

• Diocesan Center of Youth Ministry

• Young adult ministry

• Guggenheim Center

• Department of Worship

"Thank you for opening your heart and supporting the 2014-2015 Bishop's Fund Appeal," Mrs. Mathews said.

Shoen named to national council

OGDENSBURG - Janice A. Shoen, former development director for the Diocese of Ogdensburg, has been selected to serve as a member of the National Advisory Council of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Bishop Terry R. LaValley nominated Mrs. Shoen as the lay woman representative for Region II which covers all of New York State.

She will serve a four-year term beginning in September and attend two meetings per year in Baltimore.

Bishop LaValley called Mrs. Shoen "a woman of strong faith and keen intellect who continues to share her gifts most generously in service on many parish,

diocesan and community boards and committees.

"It's a real honor and privilege for the Diocese to

have Jan represent our region on the National Advisory Council," the bishop said. "As a wife, mother, grandmother, and professional woman, Jan will bring important insights and a wealth of faith-filled experience to the table.

"The Church of Ogdensburg congratulates Jan and promises her our prayers as she begins her term on the NAC," he said.

The National Advisory Council was formed in 1968, three years after the close of Vatican II to "serve as a continuing instrument



Janice Shoen

LIVING STONES... FOUNDATIONS OF OUR PARISHES

James FitzPatrick: man of faith, family

By Dave Shampine
Staff Writer

PLATTSBURGH – With the passing of James A. FitzPatrick on Feb. 13, 1988, Clinton and Franklin counties, Plattsburgh, Malone and St. John's Church of Plattsburgh lost one of the most prominent and involved citizens in their histories.

Two words were used to describe him: "sedate" and "proper."

Richard M. Flynn, a successor to Mr. FitzPatrick's 14 years as chairman of the New York Power Authority, elaborated.

"Jim FitzPatrick's career as a lawyer and public servant was an example for his contemporaries and a model for the future," Flynn said. "He was dedicated to his family and to high standards of personal and professional conduct.

"He was wise and persuasive," Flynn said. "He was thoughtful and kind. He guided the power authority through its period of greatest growth and helped establish the foundation on which rests its current stature."

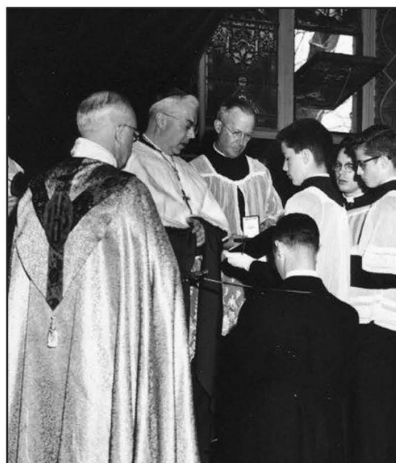
Faith and family first

About the family man, one of his five children, Susan F. Pellerin, said, "My father held many different positions,

About the series

The *North Country Catholic* continues a series of stories about outstanding parishioners in the diocese from years gone by. The series is inspired by Bishop LaValley's call for "Living Stones" in our parishes, people whose service outside their church reflects "what happens inside the sacred walls." The subjects are men and women who in effect were "stones" within their parishes.

Submissions and suggestions may be emailed to mkilian@rcdony.org, or mailed to The North Country Catholic, Post Office Box 326, Ogdensburg, NY 13669.



PHOTOS SUPPLIED

James A. FitzPatrick, a parishioner of St. John's Church in Plattsburgh, was invested as a Knight in the Order of St. Gregory the Great by Bishop James J. Navagh in 1958. He is shown, at right, with his wife, Joan, and children, Tony, Joan and Cynthia. Another son, Daniel, an infant at the time, is now an attorney who was honored as a Knight of Malta; the youngest child, Susan Pellerin, serves as director of the international program at Seton Catholic Central in Plattsburgh.



and rose to great acclaim in all of them. But I know that his family and his faith always came first.

"He made extraordinary efforts to keep the family and his life rooted in Plattsburgh," she said. "He never put his ambitions above his need to be present with his family and his church. It was important to him to be home for dinner."

A 71-year old at the time of death, he was the son of Frank P. FitzPatrick, a construction worker, and Mary Traynor FitzPatrick, natives of Plattsburgh and Wilmington, Del., respectively.

He was educated in Plattsburgh, attended Villanova University, and in 1938 he received a Bachelor of Arts degree cum laude in arts from Catholic University.

He was said to have paid his college tuition by digging ditches.

Following his graduation from Columbia Law School in 1941, Mr. FitzPatrick enlisted in the Navy, which brought him to the Pacific front of World War II.

When he returned home, he carried the rank of lieu-

tenant commander.

Moral politician

Establishing a law practice here, he rapidly emerged in the political arena. He won election as a Republican in November 1946 to a seat in the state assembly.

The young assemblyman quickly took a morality stand in Albany, being among the first in his chamber to open a drive against pornographic literature. He was chairman of a special committee in that fight, and he became counsel to the committee.

The challenge engulfed him in constitutional questions as comic book publishers who at the time were the focus of the suspected pornography raised freedom of the press issues. Some issues became so serious that some large newspapers became involved when actions aimed at pornography inadvertently affected their domain.

For his work in that fight, the state council of the Knights of Columbus presented him a citation in October 1957. He became that

organization's vice chairman on a committee on decent literature.

Also during his tenure in the Assembly, he sponsored legislation that brought the North Country the construction of Interstate 87.

At home

Mr. FitzPatrick was married in 1948 to Joan F. Manning of Plattsburgh, and on July 1, 1949, the couple began building a family with their son, James A. "Tony" Fitzpatrick Jr. He was followed by Joan Maureen in 1950, Cynthia Manning Fitzpatrick in 1952, Daniel Manning FitzPatrick in 1958, and Susan in 1959.

Daniel was only a few months old when his father became recognized as one of the elite worshippers in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Following a recommendation by St. John's pastor Msgr. Louis D. Berube, Pope Pius XII in 1958 named Mr. FitzPatrick a Knight in the Order of St. Gregory the Great.

Invested by Bishop James J. Navagh, he became the second St. John's parishioner

to be so honored; Lt. Gov. Thomas F. Conway was the first. FitzPatrick was a trustee of St. John's Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Community leader

A couple other plaudits came his way a few years later. There was recognition "for his leadership and untiring efforts in raising over one and a half million dollars in 1968 for the construction of the Champlain Valley Physician's Hospital."

And in June 1981, the New York State Bar Association selected him to receive its annual Root-Stimson Award for community volunteer service.

Said Plattsburgh Mayor John Ianelli, who nominated him for the award: "He's done so much for the community ... and he never really got recognition from his peers."

A letter notifying him of award said "You have brought distinction to the profession, through your dedicated service to your fellow man and to the community in many areas of concern."

His list of participations might leave one to ask, "Where did he find the time to be home for dinner?"

The resume included the Plattsburgh Advisory Board, Children's Home of Northern New York, Uihlein Mercy Center of Lake Placid and Plattsburgh, Clinton County Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, American Legion, VFW, Elks, American Red Cross, Associated Hospital Services in Albany, William H. Miner Foundation in Chicago, William H. Miner Agricultural and Research Institute at Chazy, Empire State Electric Energy Research Corp., New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, and the Northeast Power Coordinating Council.

Mr. FitzPatrick's wife Joan turned 90 on May 30, which was cause for a large party and family reunion.

North country communities return to normal after manhunt

Responses shaped by faith

By Suzanne Pietropaoli
Staff writer

Malone is quiet once more. The television crews and helicopters have gone, the sirens are silent, and the endless convoys of law enforcement officers have returned to their home stations. Most of the blue ribbons and the "Thank you, Law Enforcement!" signs have disappeared, though a few linger here and there.

For seven days in June, all eyes were focused on this small rural area as it became ground zero in the massive manhunt for two Clinton Prison escapees.

The story was news across the country and around the world, covered by outlets like ABC, Reuters, and the BBC. Then and since, though, there emerge other stories: of a community coming together; of countless meals, constant coffee, and other expressions of concern for the searchers; of great gratitude for the security afforded by the diligence of more than 1,000 law enforcement officers.

But in the background is another story, of the ways in which faith shaped responses to this unusual and unnerving situation.

Father Joe Giroux, pastor of St. Andre Bessette parish in Malone, was on pilgrimage to Rome when the escape took place on June 6; he only became aware of it after landing in Montreal on June 11. Having missed several days of the news, he first sensed the scope of the search on June 14 as he drove back to Malone from a family visit for Father's Day.

"There was an unusually high level of traffic for 10:00 on Sunday night on the back roads shortcut I was taking, which made me wonder if something was up."

Within days, the epicenter



PHOTO BY GABRIEL DICKENS

Law enforcement officials check out a car trunk during the manhunt for two escaped prisoners from Clinton Correctional Facility that took place through most of the month of June. The focus of the search turned to the Malone area during its final week. Area pastors and parishioners shared their reactions for this article.

of the search had shifted to Owl's Head, 10 miles south of Malone.

Even then, Father Giroux recalls, "Most parishioners went about their daily business and kept life as 'normal' as possible.

That was easier here in the village of Malone, away from the checkpoints, helicopters, and house-to-house searches. It was certainly 'the' topic of conversation and kept us a bit on edge.

The police presence was constant and very visible, making it impossible to forget about the search but also providing comfort in knowing so many were looking out for our safety."

But there was a deeper meaning to these events.

"I certainly brought the whole thing to prayer—personally and in the parish," Father Giroux relates. "We remembered the law enforcement officers in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass. We prayed, too, for Richard Matt at Mass the Sunday after he was killed.

"Once we knew the escapees were around Malone it occurred to me that, as

the local pastor, I had a certain responsibility for their spiritual welfare as long as they were within our parish boundaries," Father Giroux said. "I don't know if either of the men were Catholic, and we were not called to provide the sacraments, but hope for their repentance and salvation were on my heart—not just hope for their capture."

Father Giroux's was not the only parish affected by the search. Shortly after Matt's death on June 26, the hunt for his accomplice shifted north to the village of Constable, already of interest because it is less than two and a half miles from Canada.

There, St. Francis of Assisi pastor Father Howard Venette explains, the community was likewise on the alert.

"Several local troopers and corrections officers involved in the search were either parishioners or relatives of parishioners," he said. "We prayed for them, and for the escapees, at our Sunday Masses; we prayed for Richard Matt when we

learned of his death. While people exhibited concern, I was not aware of anyone expressing fear. We were all quite thankful for the regular patrols and ongoing presence of the State Police."

Still, the priest remembers, the situation was hard to ignore: "Going over to the church each morning, especially the week before the capture, I wondered if I might find myself surprised by the missing men," Father Venette said. "But as I prepared my homily that week, it was consoling to read and take to heart the words of that Sunday's Gospel—'Don't be afraid; just have faith.'"

While the escaped prisoners did not stop by St. Francis Church, the building sits on the same road where David Sweat was apprehended June 28.

"On the day of the capture," Father Venette explains, "I had just come home from a Communion call in Trout River. I had been in the rectory no more than a couple of minutes when the church parking lot suddenly filled with trooper

vehicles and was abuzz with activity. While I concluded that an area sighting had occurred, two ambulances proceeded down Poplar Street.

"The Press Republican website confirmed the sighting and presumed capture," he said. "The escapee was caught perhaps three-quarters of a mile—as the crow flies—from the rectory. News cameras set up directly across from the church; reporters were doing interviews on my front lawn since many local people and many travelers had stopped, all congregating on the rectory lawn for an hour or so."

Thus the search finished without drama, and without greater loss of life—the end for which so many area residents had prayed.

Among them was Kathleen Marceau of Malone, who leads a Catholic Education Group in a local prison.

"Our whole family was actively praying for everyone," she said. "We prayed that the searchers would be safe, but that the convicts would be too—and that they would be apprehended without further violence."

Stopping at roadblocks, and having their barn searched by State Troopers, were serious reminders of what was happening, adds 12-year-old Maggie Marceau, whose friend's dad was among the Border Patrol agents who captured Richard Matt.

"It was a scary time," she says, "but we still felt safe. It helped to be praying for everybody."

Another Catholic, himself no stranger to life behind bars, speaks for all those who see with the eyes of faith: "When I heard that Richard Matt had been killed, I prayed for him. I begged God, if there was anything good in this man, please have mercy on him."

Stock gifts are a way to support parish, diocese

By Scott Lalone

Diocesan development director

Gifts of stocks/securities are just one way to make a gift to your parish, Catholic school, the diocese, and your favorite ministry of the diocese or to Missionary Projects of the Diocese. There are advantages to go this route of giving:

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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

- Aug. 5** — Rev. M. Calixte Mourier, O.M.I., 1912; Rev. Gerald A. Sharland, 1973
Aug. 7 — Msgr. Edmund H. Dumas, 2000
Aug. 8 — Rev. David N. Burke, 1913; Rev. Donald E. Seguin, 1976
Aug. 9 — Rev. Edward B. May, O.S.A., 1953; Rev. James N. Flattery, 1997
Aug. 10 — Rev. Walter J. LaRocque, 1936; Rev. Joseph Bolduc, O.M.I., 1956; Rev. Cornelius Vullings, M.S.C., 1971; Msgr. Anthony A. Milia, 2010; Deacon Bruce C. Wadsworth, 2013
Aug. 11 — Rev. John M. Kennedy, 1979
Aug. 12 — Rev. Pierre Gagnon, O.M.I., 1901; Rev. John M. Varrilly, 1913
Aug. 13 — Msgr. Bernard F. Kellogg, 1993
Aug. 14 — Rev. Patrick Foley, 1839; Rev. George Dermody, O.S.A., 1956
Aug. 15 — Rev. Alfred Onesime Boyer, 1959; Msgr. Cornelius A. Collins, 1967
Aug. 16 — Rev. Peter Paladini, S.A.C., 1990
Aug. 17 — Rev. Joseph Winfrid Vinet, 1907
Aug. 18 — Rev. Leoneo Proulx, O.M.I., 1979

Bishop's Schedule

- Aug. 4** — 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
Aug. 5 — 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence
Aug. 6 — 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
Aug. 7 — 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg
Aug. 9 — 9 a.m., Mass at St. Peter's Church in Lowville
 11 a.m., Mass at St. Hedwig's Church in Houseville
Aug. 10 — 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg
 4:30 p.m., Feast of St. Lawrence Clergy Gathering at Sacred Heart Church in Massena
Aug. 11 — 11 a.m., Living Stones Committee Gathering at Guggenheim in Saranac Lake
 5 p.m., Essex Deanery Bishop's Fund Reception at St. Patrick's Parish Center in Port Henry
Aug. 12 — 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg
 5 p.m., Adirondack Deanery Bishop's Fund Reception at McKenzie's Grille in Saranac Lake
Aug. 13 — 5 p.m., Clinton Deanery Bishop's Fund Reception at St. Augustine's Parish Center in Peru
Aug. 14 — 6 p.m., Vespers Service and Installation of Father Howard J. Venette at Pastor of St. Mary's Church in Potsdam and St. Patrick's Church in Colton at St. Mary's Church
Aug. 15 — 4 p.m., Mass and Installation of Father Donald A. Robinson at Pastor of St. James Minor Church in Carthage and St. Mary's Church in Copenhagen at St. James Minor Church
Aug. 16 — 10:30 a.m., Mass and Picnic at Church of the Assumption in Redford
Aug. 17 — 5 p.m., Lewis Deanery Bishop's Fund Reception at St. Peter's Parish Center in Lowville
Aug. 18 — 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
 5 p.m., Franklin Deanery Bishop's Fund Reception at the Malone Golf Club in Malone
Aug. 19 — 5 p.m., Hamilton-Herkimer Deanery Bishop's Fund Reception at St. Anthony's Parish Center in Inlet

Environmental Stewardship

What Happening to Our Common Home?

In Chapter 1 of the Encyclical "Laudato Si'"; before considering how faith brings new incentives and requirements with regard to the world of which we are a part, Pope Francis turns our attention to what happening to our common home. (#16) He considers three threats: namely, climate change and pollution waste and the throwaway culture, depletion of fresh drinking water, and the loss of biodiversity.

Drawing on the very solid scientific consensus that indicates that we are witnessing a disturbing warming of the climatic system, he notes that even if a scientifically determinable cause cannot be assigned to each particular phenomenon, humanity is called recognize the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption in order to combat this warming or at least the human causes which produce or aggravate it.

It is true that there are other factors (such as volcanic activity, variations in the earth's orbit and axis, the solar cycle), yet a number of scientific studies indicate that most global warming in recent decades is due to the great concentration of greenhouse gases (carbon dioxide, methane, nitrogen oxides and others) released mainly as a result of human activity.

The Pope states that his... "goal is not to amass information to satisfy curiosity, but rather to become painfully aware, to dare to turn what is happening to the world into our own personal suffering and thus to discover what each of us can do about it." (#19)

Questions to ponder: How has pollution affected you or your family personally? What does the Pope mean by a 'throwaway culture'? (#22) He sees it linked to the problems we face today. Do you agree with him? Why or why not?

(Taken from A Readers' Guide to Laudato Si' by Fr. Thomas Reese available free from nconline.org)

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

The next issue of the *North Country Catholic* will be dated Aug. 19

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 sessions;
Aug. 4 - 9:30 a.m., St. Peter's Church, Plattsburgh
Sept. 3 - 8 p.m., Wakefield Recital Hall, SUNY Potsdam
Sept. 5 - 10 a.m., Seton Academy, Plattsburgh
Sept. 9 - 5:30 p.m., Trinity Catholic School
Sept. 9 - 6 p.m., Seton Academy, Plattsburgh

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PARISH CELEBRATION

Parishioners of Colton and South Colton honor their parish patrons and outgoing pastor.



Isabelle Vaccaro, Shea Charleson and Haley Murray enjoy ice cream treats at parish celebration of the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul June 29 in South Colton. At a Mass at St. Paul's Oratory which preceded the ice cream social, Isabelle was an altar server and Shea presented the Offertory gifts.



Katie and Avery LaShomb arrive at St. Paul's to join in the parish party.



Nancy Demo and Alene Delosh find their way to the ice cream truck at the parish celebration.

Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul

By Mary Aiken
Contributing Writer

SOUTH COLTON - For the past five years, with Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin, as their pastor, St. Patrick's Parish in Colton has celebrated the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul with Mass at St. Paul's Oratory in South Colton.

Again this year, a joyous faith-filled evening occurred on June 29, at St. Paul's Oratory as Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin, Father Donald Manfred, Father Andrew Amyot, and Father John Kennehan, concelebrated the Mass.

Altar servers were Isabelle Vaccaro, Allie LaShomb, and Christopher Edwards. Cydney Hennessy was the organist and Jarrett Larson led the congregation in song. Sarah Long and Shea Charleson presented the gifts. Dan McNamara and Floyd Supernault were the greeters. Tony Vaccaro was the lector.

Following the celebration of the Eucharist, an oratory full of parishioners took part in a procession to the Shrine of the Sacred Heart at which Msgr. Aucoin led the people in prayer and song. The shrine was placed at St. Paul's in 1959 when Msgr. Robert McCarthy was pastor of St. Patrick's / St. Paul's Parish, and contains three first class relics.

With his great devotion to the Sacred Heart, Msgr. McCarthy held Saturday night novenas at the shrine at a time before there were anticipated Masses.

A social followed with ice cream provided by the parish. On Sunday, June 28, a very well attended farewell and appreciation reception was held for Msgr. Aucoin at St. Patrick-St. Paul Parish Center in Colton, for his service as pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Potsdam and St. Patrick's Parish in Colton. Effective July 1, Msgr. Aucoin became pastor of St. Patrick's Parish and St. Anthony's Parish in Watertown.

Father Howard Venette was named pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Potsdam and St. Patrick's Parish in Colton.



Two days before he moved to his new parish assignment in Watertown, Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin celebrated Mass at St. Paul's Oratory in South Colton to mark the solemnity of St. Peter and Paul June 29. He was joined at the altar by Fathers Andrew Amyot, Donald Manfred and John Kennehan.

Catholic HEART Workcamp

Teens share love of Christ through service to poor in Ogdensburg

By Suzanne Pietropaoli
Staff writer

For the past five years, young people from the Diocese of Ogdensburg have traveled hundreds of miles to participate in Catholic HEART Workcamp. This year Catholic HEART Workcamp came to Ogdensburg.

From June 28-July 4, a hundred high school students from around the country gathered at Wadhams Hall, extending the CHWC mission to share the love of Christ through service to those in need.

Up at 6:45 and at their work sites by 8:15, these teens worked long hours before returning to Wadhams Hall by 3:30 each day. There, after long hours of cleaning, hauling, painting and landscaping, and anything else that needed doing, they enjoyed some free time before dinner with skits, live music, and other activities afterwards—as well as games, laughter, and good companionship.

Eucharistic Adoration and confessions were an integral part of the camp week, as was daily Mass, including one celebrated by Bishop Terry LaValley.

The contributions made by Catholic HEART Workcamp teams at various sites in the Ogdensburg area were significant and deeply appreciated.

Dan Harradine and Rob Romano, president and vice-president, respectively, of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul in Ogdensburg, could not say enough about the CHWC teens and the work that they did. "They helped us move our store to its new location in the Bishop Conroy building. This involved cleaning the new place, painting, packing and moving the merchandise, and then thoroughly cleaning the old store."



Teenagers from the Diocese of Ogdensburg joined young people from across the country for Catholic HEART Workcamp held June 28-July 4 at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg. In front, from left are, Siobhan Fagan, youth minister at St. Peter's in Lowville; Bridget Fagan, St. Peter's, Lowville; Maureen Pierce, St. Raphael's, Heuvelton; Megan Stark, adult chaperone, St. Mary's, Fort Covington; Brittany Morley, St. Peter's, Plattsburgh; Emily Lombard, St. Augustine's, Peru; Kealy Deforest and Samantha Eppley, St. Cecilia's, Adams; Maria Buskey, St. Anthony's, Watertown; Laura Mallon, St. Cecilia's, Adams; Jocelyn Kelly, site manager, St. Mary's, Fort Covington; Jennifer Campbell, DRE St. Peter's, Plattsburgh; Catherine Bracy, St. James, Carthage; and Angela Bashaw, group leader, St. Mary's, Fort Covington; back Samantha Poulin, site manager, St. Andre Bessette Parish, Malone; Father Bryan Stitt, diocesan vocation director and CHWC chaplain; Krista Walrath and Hunter Bashaw, St. Mary's, Fort Covington; Alexandria Moots, All Saints, Chaumont; Zachary Smith and Benjamin Kelly, St. Mary's, Fort Covington; Timothy Beese and Michael Lennox, St. Cecilia's, Adams; (on shoulders) Alex Compeau, St. Stephen's, Croghan; and Caden Laribee, St. Peter's, Lowville

"We were amazed by what they accomplished." Romano said. "We could never have moved that store in the time we did without their help. And they were so pleasant the whole time! We can't wait for them to come back!"

Kevin Cole, facilities manager at St. Joseph's Home, had a similar experience. "What a group of kids," he says of the CHWC teens who painted, cleaned offices, and did landscaping at St. Joseph's. "They have a tremendous work ethic that will serve them well in the future. The work they accomplished would have taken us months to do. They are welcome back any time!"

Celina Burns feels the same

way. Former principal at the now-closed St. Marguerite d'Youville Academy, and currently DRE for the parishes of Ogdensburg, Mrs. Burns connected with two different CHWC teams. The first group helped pack up the entire school library, which is being donated to St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga as they rebuild after a devastating fire.

"The teens were so cheerful," Mrs. Burns says, "and so diligent. They were careful to keep the books in order so that when the boxes got to Ticonderoga, the books were all ready to be shelved. The principal there was delighted!"

The teens who helped at

the transformation that took place from beginning to end," she said. "The teens left camp a bit different from when they arrived: stronger in their faith, more hopeful in their purpose, and with a deeper sense of charity toward their neighbor.

"Too, we completed a great deal of work in Ogdensburg and the surrounding communities and received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the people we served," Mrs. Kelly said. "Something special happens when young people pray, serve, play and laugh together!"

Another CHWC veteran and group leader for the diocesan contingent, Angie Bashaw of Fort Covington, observes that having the camp in our own diocese made it even better.

"I was blessed to spend the week with this group of 20 kids from our diocese," she said. "They made me proud, knowing that they represent the future of our faith here at home."

"It was also great to see all this service work getting done here in our own parishes, schools, community centers, and at private homes," she said. "I can't wait to see the level of interest next year will bring now that the community knows what a bunch of teenagers can accomplish when they are challenged to work, pray, and praise for the glory of our Heavenly Father."

Addressing the campers at week's end,

Samantha Poulin applauded them for their contributions.

"We are so, so, so grateful for all the work you've done and all the people you have helped here," she said. "You definitely made a huge impact—we have had nothing but compliments all week! God brought you here for a reason. Keep that in your hearts and take it with you!"

Vacation Bible School were equally helpful. "Jesus uses these young people very powerfully," Mrs. Burn said. "I can't wait for them to come back, so our kids can see more of them!"

Jocelyn Kelly, DRE at St. Mary's in Fort Covington, has been bringing teens (including her own) to Catholic HEART Workcamp for the past five years; she and Samantha Poulin (DRE at St. Andre Bessette Parish in Malone) served as camp managers for this year's event at Wadhams Hall.

Mrs. Kelly knows firsthand the value of the service the teens provide—and of the blessings they receive.

"I was privileged to witness

What happens at Catholic HEART Workcamp? Teenagers...

‘Work hard... play hard... pray really hard’

By Fr. Bryan Stitt
CHWC chaplain

I first attended a Catholic HEART Workcamp in 2012 near Boston at the invitation of Father Martin Cline. Jocelyn Kelly, the DRE from his parish, was leading another group that year; he had wanted to join them but was unable to.

There were 20 of us who went down that year and we had a great time. I went to take part in the camp, not to

serve as chaplain. Although I was concelebrating Mass every day and assisting with confessions, in other respects I was working with the kids like any other adult chaperone.

Maybe it has something to do with growing up the son of a plumber and the grandson of an electrician, but I love a chance to work with my hands. So I got thrown into a group of older campers who had to level a small barn. It was intense physical work, but it was so

much fun. They worked so hard, they played so hard, and they prayed really hard too. CHWC really mixes its groups up, so I was with campers from Boston, Illinois, and Maryland - complete strangers on Sunday, but great friends by the end of the week.

Like just about any Catholic camp today, CHWC helps youth connect with their faith in an experiential way. Holy Mass is offered every day. There is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confession, as well as small group prayer opportunities.

The kids also have some great fun. From the pick-up Frisbee games to the great music and crazy group activities, the kids have such a joy-filled experience.

But it's the way that CHWC responds to the call to service that keeps bringing me back these past four years.

The young people in the Diocese of Ogdensburg are no strangers to service. The older campers at Guggenheim are familiar with doing a service day and the students who go on the Mission of Hope to Nicaragua are all about it, but in my mind CHWC splits the difference.

You get to serve the poor for an extended period and get to do so right in our own back yard.



CHWC group leader Angela Bashaw of Fort Covington, second from right, takes a break with some of her work crew while the team was painting at the Ogdensburg Neighborhood Center. To Mrs. Bashaw's right is Alexandria Moots from All Saints in Chaumont; to her left is Alex Compeau from St. Stephen's in Croghan.

Since this was the first year CHWC was hosted at Wadhams Hall, the college-aged staff that brought CHWC to us had many firsts. I really don't know how they do it: they show up at a site that they have never seen before, unpack all their equipment (including state-of-the-art sound and light equipment, beautiful signs and backdrops, and a crazy load of tools) and set up a summer camp in 24 hours.

The campers and chaperones show up on Sunday afternoon, and the staff puts on the camp for five days. Then they pack up their truck, drive hundreds of miles, and do the whole thing again next week.

The staff loved Wadhams Hall! Often the camps are hosted in schools and Mass is celebrated in a gym, but the beautiful chapel at Wadhams added a much greater sense of the sacred to the worship. The campers are always good at entertaining themselves, but having the huge fields at Wadhams and a game room with pool,

foosball, and Ping-Pong tables was unheard of.

And while campers and staff often have to sleep on classroom floors, at Wadhams they had beds and shower rooms! Many of the staff said it was one of the best facilities they had ever used.

I'm really expecting a lot for next year. Presuming that we're given permission to host the camp again, and presuming that CHWC is willing to return, I expect that the numbers will be much higher. Registration opens up in mid-August for next summer, so if folks are interested, they should sign up to bring a group before school starts.

There is a lot of talk going around the Ogdensburg area these days as well. I expect that next year there will be a lot more people eager to get CHWC to come and do some of their service at local homes and organizations.

(Further information is available at <http://heart-workcamp.com>.)



PHOTO BY ANGELA BASHAW

Father Bryan Stitt, diocesan director of vocations, served as chaplain for the Ogdensburg session of Catholic HEART Workcamp. Here, he reflects on the experience.



As hard as Catholic HEART Workcamp participants worked during their week in Ogdensburg, they had plenty of time to enjoy other activities as well.

Lay ministers ready to share lives of service and faith

Newly commissioned are listed

Those commissioned

Bishop Terry R. LaValley commissioned 77 lay ministers who had completed the diocesan Formation for Ministry Program June 28 at St. Mary's Cathedral. The names of the lay ministers, their parishes and the ministries for which they trained are shown here:

St. Cecilia's Church, Adams

Tracey Cheever - Parish Life & Outreach
Samantha B. Morgan - Youth Ministry

Immaculate Conception Church, Brownville

Richard F. Pierson - Parish Life & Outreach

St. James Church, Cadyville

Judy M. Furst - Parish Life & Outreach

St. Mary's Church, Canton

Linda Trill - Parish Life & Outreach

The Roman Catholic Community of Cape Vincent, Rosiere, Chaumont

Doris M. Grunert - Parish Life & Outreach
Bernadette Kirchgessner - Parish Life & Outreach
Julie A. Moots - Catechetical Leadership

St. Mary's Church, Clayton

Delinda Fuller - Parish Life & Outreach
Mary Madden Luck - Parish Life & Outreach

St. Stephen's Church, Croghan

Eileen M. Greenwood - Catechetical Leadership
Peter Wooschlager - Catechetical Leadership

St. Joseph's Church, Dannemora

Beth A. Giroux - Parish Life & Outreach
James W. Giroux - Parish Life & Outreach

St. Mary's Church, Evans Mills

Noel D. Voos - Parish Life & Outreach

St. Regis Mission Church, Hogsburg



PHOTO BY JESSE SOVIE

The 77 people who were commissioned to serve as lay ministers in their parishes are shown in the front pews of St. Mary's Cathedral for the June 28 celebration. They had completed the diocesan Formation for Ministry program in one of three sites - Watertown, Morrisonville or Massena.

Dawna Christine Arbour - Parish Life & Outreach
Rosemary Bonaparte - Parish Life & Outreach
Shari Francis - Parish Life & Outreach
Valerie Garrow - Liturgical Ministry
Bernice Louise Lazore - Liturgical Ministry
Laura Ann Kanehrato:kwas Morris - Catechetical Leadership
Carole Katsitsienhá:wi Ross - Liturgical Ministry
Jamie Ross - Liturgical Ministry
Sharon Thompson - Parish Life & Outreach
Connie M. Thompson - Liturgical Ministry

The Roman Catholic Community of Keeseville

Harvey LeCuyer - Parish Life & Outreach

St. Peter's Church, Lowville

Robert S. Uttendorfsky - Catechetical Leadership

Sacred Heart Church, Massena

Nancy Brothers - Liturgical Ministry
Lisa Marie Anne Furnace - Parish Life & Outreach
Gloria P. Horan - Parish Life & Outreach
Cindy Matthews - Catechetical Leadership
Maryann Mohan Wells - Parish Life & Outreach

St. Mary's & St. Joseph's Church, Massena

Randy N. Besio - Liturgical Ministry
Tammy L. Besio - Liturgical Ministry
Ann Borsellino - Catechetical Leadership
Darin C. Chartrand - Youth Ministry
Michele A. Chartrand - Youth Ministry
Sue LaComb - Liturgical Ministry
Thomas Lavigne - Parish Life & Outreach

Roman Catholic Community of St. Alexander & St. Joseph, Morrisonville

Shirley Ann Butler - Catechetical Leadership
Thomas P. Hamilton - Catechetical Leadership

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Susan LaDuke - Catechetical Leadership
Michael J. MacKenzie - Parish Life & Outreach
Barbara Monto - Parish Life & Outreach

St. Andrew's Church, Norwood

Patricia A. LaRose - Parish Life & Outreach

Notre Dame Church, Ogdensburg

Roderic Owen Roca - Liturgical Ministry

St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg

Kathryn K. Bateman
Steven Bateman

St. Augustine's Church, Peru

Novalee Christine Roadway Martineau - Parish Life & Outreach
Janice Morse - Catechetical Leadership
Carol Ann Schnob - Catechetical Leadership
Susan Marie Wagner - Liturgical Ministry

St. Joseph's Church, Philadelphia

Rose Perkins - Catechetical Leadership

St. John the Baptist, Plattsburgh

Lisa A. Mockus - Parish Life & Outreach

St. Peter's Church, Plattsburgh

Debra C. Biasini - Liturgical Ministry
Jane Kessler - Parish Life & Outreach
Renee M. Larson - Youth Ministry
Marie Eileen Hepburn Nacht - Catechetical Leadership
Nancy L. Russo - Liturgical Ministry
Lucy A. Wood - Parish Life & Outreach

Church of the Assumption, Redford

Bonnie Allen - Parish Life & Outreach
Mae C. Rasco - Liturgical Ministry

Our Lady of Lourdes, Schroon Lake

Daniel H. Stewart - Parish Life & Outreach

Church of the Holy Family, Watertown

Richard H. Amo - Parish Life & Outreach
Carol Brown - Liturgical Ministry
Joan E. Carlo - Youth Ministry

St. Anthony's, Watertown

Cathleen M. Arthur - Parish Life & Outreach
Teresa M. Leavery - Parish Life & Outreach
Nena S. VanBrocklin - Parish Life & Outreach

St. Patrick's Watertown

Elizabeth A. Bamann - Liturgical Ministry
Bridget Barden - Parish Life & Outreach
Sarah Barden-Schantz - Liturgical Ministry
Dale Rita Butler - Parish Life & Outreach
Hugh A. Gilbert - Parish Life & Outreach

Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, Watertown

Sr. Patricia Carmella Urbinelli, SSJ - Youth Ministry

St. Joseph's Church, West Chazy

Susan M. Corneau - Catechetical Leadership
Daniel E. Hobbs - Parish Life & Outreach

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

New Gallup poll shows pope's favorability drops among Americans

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Is the honeymoon with Pope Francis over for Americans? A new Gallup poll shows that the favorability rating for the pontiff among U.S. respondents is now about 59 percent, down from 76 percent in early 2014 and close to the 58 percent rating Americans gave him when he was elected pope in March 2013. Sixteen percent of respondents in a poll conducted July 8-12 gave him an unfavorable rating, compared to 9 percent in 2014. Twenty-five percent now say they have no opinion or have never heard of him. Among Catholic respondents overall, 71 percent said they have a positive view of the pope, down from 89 percent last year. The percentage of Americans who identified themselves as conservative and gave him a favorable rating dropped 27 percent -- 45 percent now, compared to 72 percent last year. The number of moderates and liberals rating him favorably declined 8 percent and 14 percent, respectively. Gallup attributed the decline among conservatives to their disagreement with Pope Francis' strong words in his environment encyclical that human activity is a major cause of climate change as well as his focus on income inequality.

Media-savvy bishop-designate gets appointment in Los Angeles

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- In an era where Catholics are pretty much an afterthought on television, the sight of any cleric on the small screen almost immediately evokes thoughts of "the next Bishop Sheen" -- the 1950s prime-time inspirational program host Archbishop Fulton Sheen. But in pretty much all past cases, those clerics weren't bishops themselves. But now Father Robert E. Barron, a media savvy priest, has been named an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and will be moving to the heart of the television industry. Bishop-designate Barron, appointed July 21, may be best known to TV viewers for having hosted "Catholicism," a 10-part DVD series. Four parts of the series aired on 90 PBS affiliates in fall 2011. The series earned him a Christopher Award and the Clarion Award the following year from the Catholic Academy of Communications Arts Professionals.

Cardinal Dolan in op-ed criticizes Trump's anti-immigrant rhetoric

NEW YORK (CNS) -- In an op-ed piece published July 29 in the New York Daily News, Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York took issue with the anti-immigrant rhetoric of Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump without explicitly naming him. He recalled teaching college students about nativism -- the policy of protecting the interests of native-born inhabitants against those of immigrants -- and telling students it was "a continual virulent strain in the American psyche, which would probably sadly show up again." The cardinal said the students back then disagreed, telling him: "Who could ever believe now that immigrants are dirty, drunken, irresponsible, dangerous threats to clean, white, Protestant, Anglo-Saxon America? I wish I were in the college classroom again, so I could roll out my 'Trump card' to show the students that I was right. Nativism is alive, well -- and apparently popular!" the cardinal wrote. Trump struck a nerve during his presidential campaign announcement when he said "murderers" and "rapists" were among those crossing the U.S.-Mexico border.

Cardinal says Planned Parenthood videos show 'throwaway culture'

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Boston Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley said that Planned Parenthood officials' videotaped descriptions of how fetal tissue and organs are procured for researchers during abortions illustrates what Pope Francis calls today's "throwaway culture."

The officials also discuss what the organization charges for the body parts, which opponents of Planned Parenthood said violates federal law and the organization said are customary handling fees paid by research labs.

Cardinal O'Malley, in a July 29 statement, said Pope Francis calls abortion "the product of a 'widespread mentality of profit, the throwaway culture, which has today enslaved the hearts and minds of so many.'" He made the comments as chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said in a radio interview that he was "appalled" by the videos but even more "appalled at the reality of abortion, the taking of the life itself."

The prelates were referring to videos filmed undercover earlier this year and released in mid-July by a nonprofit California-based organization called the Center for Medical Progress.

In two videos, top Planned Parenthood physicians describe how abortions are carried out to best salvage fetal tissue and organs for researchers and described a range of prices paid for different body parts.

A third video was an interview with a technician talking about a company she works for harvesting and included graphic footage. As a fourth video was about to be released, until Los Angeles

Superior Court July 28 issued an order blocking its release.

Cecile Richards, president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, in a statement said that "allegations that Planned Parenthood profits in any way from tissue donation is not true." She later apologized for "the tone" the physicians used in describing abortion procedures and also argued the videos had been heavily edited to distort the truth.

The Center for Medical Progress has posted the first three videos on its website, www.centerformedicalprogress.org.

"The recent news stories concerning Planned Parenthood direct our attention to two larger issues involving many institutions in our society," said Cardinal O'Malley. "The first is abortion itself: a direct attack on human life in its most vulnerable condition. The second is the now standard practice of obtaining fetal organs and tissues though abortion."

"Both actions fail to respect the humanity and dignity of human life," he said. "This fact should be the center of attention in the present public controversy."

He also urged any woman for whom the Planned Parenthood news coverage has caused them to "experience revived trauma from their own involvement in abortion" to seek help from the Catholic Church's post-abortion healing ministry, Project Rachel, www.projectrachel.com.

"Be assured that any and all persons will be welcomed with compassion and assistance" by the ministry, Cardinal O'Malley said.

Archbishop Kurtz discussed the videos in a call to the Catholic Channel's "Seize the Day With Gus Lloyd" on SiriusXM July 23.

He said he "would be sad-

dened" if the issue of abortion itself "somehow it lost its impact. That it became simply a debate over what's legal and what's illegal and I think the child in the womb then gets lost."

"Our bishops' conference has from the beginning opposed issues related to the funding, federal funding, of Planned Parenthood," Archbishop Kurtz said, adding that just because "something may be legal doesn't mean it's right."

The release of the videos, he added, is "an occasion for all of us to be renewed in our commitment to be pro-life and to promote a culture of life. ... Our culture is becoming increasingly utilitarian. It's very easy when you get into that mindset to see people as objects."

The USCCB "is going to continue to promote a culture of life" and looking at what can be done legislatively to further that goal, he said.

On Capitol Hill, a number of Republicans in the House and Senate have called for an end to federal funding of Planned Parenthood. Several states also have launched investigations into the organization.

Planned Parenthood receives more than \$500 million of its \$1.3 billion annual budget from federal and state programs. According to 2013 data, the latest available, Planned Parenthood says abortions represent 3 percent of the total services its facilities provide.

Opponents of cutting off federal funds point to the millions of women across the country who rely on Planned Parenthood for contraceptive care, many who otherwise couldn't afford it. Planned Parenthood also provides limited testing for sexually transmitted diseases and cervical cancer screenings.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Never give up - turn to prayer for nourishment

Our family and friends can easily tell when we're discouraged. Our shoulders slump, our eyes glaze over, and we're just not ourselves. We're in a "slump". Something didn't go right.

In today's first reading, the fiery prophet, Elijah, has just won a huge victory over the wicked King Ahaz. Before an audience of hundreds, he has called down fire from heaven upon the soggy wood and animal carcasses prepared for sacrifice to the one true God of Israel, and they are miracu-



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lously set on fire. He has made fools of the pagan priests of Baal. King Ahaz' wife, Jezebel, orders the death of Ezekiel, and he flees for his life. Discouraged, he begs God to take his life. However, God has other plans for him. He sends an angel twice to wake him from his lethargy, feed him, and send him to Mt. Horeb, 300 miles away.

There, God renews His covenant with sinful Israel.

This is a good lesson for us today. We must never let Satan keep us from doing all

the good God wants us to accomplish.

We must never give up, but rather turn to prayer for nourishment. Sometimes, we need to stir ourselves into action, and resume our journey of faith.

St. Paul urges us in the second reading today, not to "sadden" the Holy Spirit.

It may come as a surprise that the Holy Spirit can feel so deeply, and, like humans, can be saddened.

What saddens Him is our lack of faith, our bitterness, our quarreling, our lack of gratitude, and our reluctance to forgive others.

What gladdens the Spirit is our kindness and patience with one another, and

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READINGS

1st Kings 19:4-8

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

John 6:41-51

our courageous speaking out the truth with respect for those of opposite views.

We are reminded to be imitators of Christ, and to live in love. If we want to get rid of despondency and discouragement, we only need to imitate the Saviour, and be ourselves "bread" for others."

The Gospel deals with a

doubting audience, shocked and critical of Jesus' claim to have come down from heaven as the Bread of Life. Despite the miracles they had witnessed, and the words of wisdom, preached with such convincing authority, they could not go the extra step to accept His claim.

At last, Jesus reveals His power to give eternal life. What an incredible opportunity! But they refuse it.

Without judging these listeners too harshly, may we stir in our hearts deep gratitude for Jesus' gift of the Real Presence, His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Our reaction should be an awestruck "Thank you!"

MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

Changing my body to 'match' my 'identity?'

The famous Olympian Bruce Jenner made headlines recently when he told ABC News, "For all intents and purposes, I'm a woman... That female side is part of me. That's who I am." He has been receiving hormonal treatments to acquire feminine traits, and is not yet sure whether he will undergo surgery to "complete" the process.

His dramatic case raises important ethical and medical concerns about properly understanding our identity and respecting the given order of our bodies.

Suppose a man were to declare that his real identity, in his innermost self, was that of a pirate, and that he had always been aware of it from his earliest childhood.

If he were to decide, in order to more fully conform to that inner identity, to have his hand surgically removed so that he could have a hook installed in its place, this would surely indicate a serious mental condition on his part, and counseling, along with other psychiatric interventions,

would be appropriate, rather than encouraging medical mutilation.

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Or we might consider the strange case of Chloe-Jennings White, a 58 year old woman from Salt Lake City, Utah, who, although perfectly healthy, has a deep-seated desire to become paralyzed, even to the point of being willing to pay a surgeon to sever her spine to make her a paraplegic.

As a young girl, whenever she saw somebody with leg braces, she asked why she couldn't have her own set. Ever since, she has dreamed of being paralyzed from the waist down and says that she sometimes goes skiing in the hopes that an accident will render her para-

plegic: "I ski extremely fast, and aim for the most dangerous runs." She likewise fantasizes about having a car accident to make her paralyzed.

In the meantime, she lives her life as if she were a paraplegic, putting braces around her legs, and riding around in a wheelchair. She suffers from what has been termed "Body Integrity Identity Disorder," or BIID, a rare disorder in which individuals lack a proper sense of bodily identity and reject their own limbs.

Some experts believe it is caused by a neurological disorder in which the brain's mapping system fails to recognize particular parts of the body.

If a surgeon were to sever her spine, even with her consent, broad condemnation would quickly follow from inside and outside the medical profession, given that her limbs are healthy,

and she is really battling a mental disorder.



Father Tadeusz
Pacholczyk Ph.D.

Various commentators have reacted strongly to her story, noting the irony of so many people who have become crippled due to tragic accidents and yearn for even the most basic forms of mobility, even as

Ms. White seeks to mutilate her body and do violence to

her own functional integrity. It doesn't take much reflection to appreciate how the powers of medicine are meant for healing our bodies, not for harming and maiming them. Yet this kind of clear thinking seems to get easily sidelined when people discuss medical interventions for individuals who are convinced that they are actually members of the opposite sex.

Dr. Paul McHugh, who served as psychiatrist-in-chief at the Johns Hopkins Hospital for more than two decades, was one of the first

to raise concerns about transgender approaches that rely on hormones and surgeries.

He noted that even though follow-up studies of sex-change patients may have indicated satisfaction with the outcome on the part of the patients, the numerous psychological problems they experienced prior to their surgeries, problems with emotions, relationships, work, and self-identity remained unchanged.

Dr. McHugh concluded that "to provide a surgical alteration to the body of these unfortunate people was to collaborate with a mental disorder rather than to treat it."

Indeed, although some people may clamor to have their spine severed, to have a healthy limb removed, or to have sex change operations, the recognition of the seriousness of the underlying psychiatric issues should only strengthen our resolve to protect the human dignity and authentic personal identity of

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AT THE MOVIES

PAPER TOWNS

The disillusionment and ennui of high school seniors, always fertile ground for literature, was perfected in films by John Hughes decades ago.

In the case of "Paper Towns" (Fox), a faithful adaptation of John Green's young-adult novel, the kids discuss their anxieties - and talk, and talk some more - for nearly two hours.

Seldom does enlightenment dawn, but they gamely plug away.

The dependable coming-of-age/teen romance formula is supposed to have its characters become wiser as they balance their intense emotions and precocity with the knowledge of looming adult responsibilities.

As directed by Jake Schrier from the screenplay by Scott Neustadter and Michael H. Weber, no one becomes much smarter, and it

being high school, everyone's obsessively focused on their upcoming prom.

Sexuality and language issues put this on the adult side of the ledger, but mature adolescents, the target audience, should easily navigate this material.

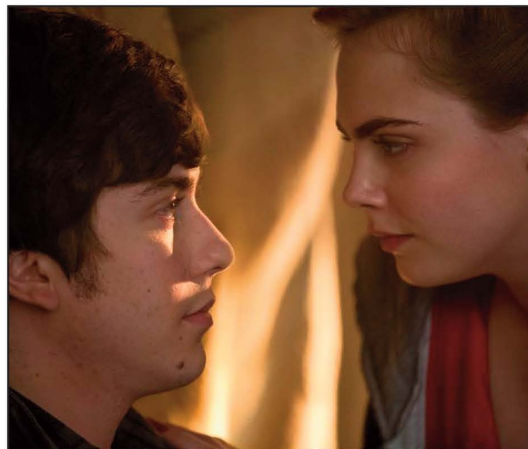
Quentin (Nat Wolff) and Margo (Cara Delevingne) have been friends since early childhood, when her family moved across the street in a sterile suburb of Orlando, Florida. By senior year, they've grown apart, but one night, Margo invites Quentin to help her with a night of criminal mischief against her cheating ex-boyfriend, and their bond is restored.

Margo is intensely world-weary with Orlando's "paper houses and people," and announces, "I've lived here 11 years and I've never come across anyone that matters."

Her solution to this is to suddenly run away, a coping mechanism she's used before. She drops Quentin some spooky scavenger-hunt clues - including one in Walt Whitman's "Leaves of Grass" - so he can figure out her location.

This sets Quentin, along with friends Ben (Austin Abrams), Radar (Justice Smith), Lacey (Halston Sage) and Angela (Jaz Sinclair) on a quirky 1,200-mile road trip north to upper New York State to find Margo, who is hiding practically in plain sight in a "paper town." That's a term used by cartographers for invented places they add to maps to keep copyright infringement at bay.

In the safe and snug realm of a Green novel - he also wrote "The Fault in Our Stars" - they're all good kids, reluctant, unlike Margo, to



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Cara Delevingne and Nat Wolff star in a scene from the movie "Paper Towns."

so much as bend any rules. Margo demands that Quentin become more enlightened and self-aware, but whether someone finds his journey worthwhile depends upon the prism of the age of the viewer.

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.

Changing

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these patients by declining their requests for any form of medical mutilation.

Nonetheless, misguided notions about personal identity continue to gain a foothold in our society. The opening line of the recent Supreme Court decision legalizing gay "marriage," to cite but one example, declares that liberty means "specific rights that allow persons, within a lawful realm, to define and express their identity."

This kind of confused language about allowing peo-

ple to "define their identity" ignores the crucially important truth that numerous aspects of our identity, especially those related to our bodily and sexual identity, are pre-determined, objective goods that we are called to recognize and respect in the choices we make. Respecting objective goods stands at the heart of the project of moral reasoning. Whether considering the integrity of our arms and legs or the integrity of

our sexual constitution, proposals for chemical or surgical mutilation of these faculties will understandably raise concerns among reasonable and caring people.

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Place: Guggenheim Lodge
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CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

Peru - Court St. Monica #2598 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be holding an informational meeting to start the first Junior Catholic Daughter Court in the Ogdensburg Diocese.

Date: Aug. 16

Time: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

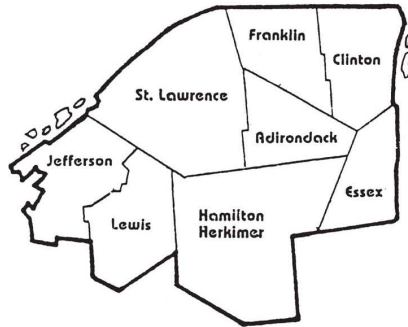
Place: St. Augustine's Parish Center Memorial Hall

Features: Girls, ages 6-18, along with mothers/guardians, are invited to learn more about the Junior Catholic Daughters. Featured speaker will be Helene Shepard, National Regent-Elect. Light refreshments will be provided

Contact: (518) 569-8977

REDFORD PICNIC

Redford - The 160th Annual Redford Picnic to be held.



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@northcountycatholic.org.

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

Date: Aug. 16

Place: Grounds of the Parish Center at Church of the Assumption

Schedule: Events start at 11:30 a.m. with "Lou Allen" until 1:30; "Roy Hurd" from 2 p.m. to 4 followed by "Rock Brothers" from 4:15 p.m. to 6:15. Drawing for the \$5000 cash prize will be at 6:15 p.m. You need not be present to win.

Features: Ham and Roast Beef dinners served in the gym. Games, rummage sale starting at noon, Fancy Booth, rides on one of the oldest merry-go-rounds in North America and numerous other events. Free admission to the grounds and plenty of free parking.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Place: St. John's "Holy Family" Adora

tion Chapel, downstairs

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

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Plattsburgh - A Eucharistic Adoration has been planned

Dates: Aug. 6 and 20

Time: 3:30 p.m. to 5

Place: St. Peter's Church.

Features: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, silent adoration, rosary, and benediction.

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

Keeseville - There is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday.

Time: 1 p.m. to 4

Place: Immaculate Conception Church

HEALING MINISTRY

Morrisonville - The Catholic Community of St. Alexander's and St. Joseph's holds Living Waters Healing Ministry

Date: First Thursday each month

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: St. Alexander's Church

Features: Mass, Anointing of the Sick, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

FRANKLIN

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

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

Time: after 4:30 p.m. anticipated Mass

Place: St. Ann's Church

Contact: 518-856-9656

JEFFERSON

IHC OPEN HOUSES

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

Primary/intermediate schools: Intermediate School Aug. 17 at 6 p.m.,
Jr./Sr. high school: Aug. 16 at 6 p.m.

LIFERIGHT MEETING

Watertown - Lifelight of Watertown meets the first Wednesday of the Month.

Time: 1 p.m.

NEW Place: 870 Arsenal Street.

Features: The office has a variety of pro-life videos, books and educational materials which may be borrowed.

Contact: Phone 315-788-8480

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Watertown - Holy Hour for vocations

Date: Mon.-Fri.

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Place: Holy Family Church

Contact: 315-782-2468

LEWIS

CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER

Lyons Falls - A chicken and biscuit dinner to benefit St. John's Restoration Fund is set

Date: Aug. 4

Time: 5 p.m.

Place: St. John's Church

Cost: Adults, \$8; Children, \$4

Contact: For take-outs and delivery, call 377-3111 or 348-8945

ST. LAWRENCE

MANICOTTI MONDAY

Norfolk - The Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond will hold a dinner.

Date: Aug. 3

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

Place: Fr. Amyot Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$9.75; Under 5, free

Contact: Take-outs are available. Delivery is offered in the Norfolk area by calling 384-4242 by 3 p.m. on Aug. 3

K OF C BRUNCH

Norfolk - The Knights of Columbus Council will be sponsoring a brunch.

Date: Aug. 9

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

Place: Visitation Parish Center

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

SUMMER SOCIAL

Norfolk - The Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond will have their 32nd annual summer social.

Date: Aug. 16

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Place: Fr. Amyot Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$7; Children 5-10, \$4 or alternate meal for \$2; under 5, Free

Features: Picnic food, sampling from the six ethnic food booths, beverage, and Make Your Own Sundae. Entertainment by the Sweet Adelines. Midway of games. Games of Chance, BINGO (with gift cards and gift items for prizes) for all, Who's the Winner, Raffle

SUMMER FAITH FUN PROGRAM

Potsdam - Summer Faith Fun Program to be held.

Date: Aug. 3-7

Place: St. Mary's Church

Features: The "Cathletics" program is for youths entering grades Pre-K through 6 this fall and will include a faith lesson, craft, games, music and a snack. "Altartion" is geared toward students entering grades 7 through 10 this fall and will feature video components and discussion, fun activities, and a snack break. All participants will have field day on Friday.

Contact: Call 212.2231 or email hartzellpam@gmail.com

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Massena - Sacred Heart/St. Lawrence holds a Bereavement Support Group last Tuesday of each month.

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: Sacred Heart Convent

Contact: 315-769-3137

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Massena - St. Mary's & St. Joseph's hold Benediction and Adoration every Friday

Time: 9 a.m. to 10

Place: St. Mary's Family Room.

LATIN MASS

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

Time: 11:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

NOVENA FOR MILITARY

Ogdensburg - Notre Dame Church is holding a Weekly novena for the safety of U.S. military personnel

Date: Tuesday afternoons

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Formation for Ministry Program

Now accepting applications for classes beginning in September at Clayton, Peru and Port Leyden sites

Applications deadline has been extended to August 14

For more information contact:
Dc. Patrick J. Donahue, Director at
pdonahue@rcdony.org

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Gratitude for summertime generosity

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

Once again the grateful recipients of the Mission office's contributions will say, "Ogdensburg is so good to us."

They say a special thank you to the parishioners in St. Lawrence, Jefferson and Lewis Deaneries who have contributed so generously to this summer's Missionary Cooperation Plan.

This summer brings roughly 20 Mission Aid societies to our Diocese to spread their word and need.

Heartfelt gratitude to everyone in Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Adirondack and Hamilton/Herkimer Deaneries who have supported mission work through the Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg Collection this past month.

I look forward to following up with you in the coming months to convey our results on the goal to help Mollendo, former mission parish, with the purchase of their much needed vehicle.

Perhaps we sometimes take our faith for granted. Most of us may have no experience of being "persecuted" for our belief in Jesus Christ. But for many in the Missions, sharing Christ with others can lead to rejection and persecution. Yet, we all share the comfort that comes from knowing we are "blessed" in these circumstances, because Jesus is always with us as we carry out His mission, walking with us, protecting us.

Through your prayers and your support of the Pontifical Mission Societies, you too are with those who bring the light and the hope of Christ to the poor and the persecuted of the Missions. May Jesus continue to bless you for your generous missionary spirit!

Thank you also to all the people throughout the diocese who make regular contributions to the missionary ministry. Your prayers and donations are always welcomed and greatly needed throughout the year.

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OBITUARIES

Altona - Richard H. Peryea, 68; Funeral Services July 30, 2015 at Holy Angels Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Brownville - Deloris A. (Spaziani) Strejjau, 87; Funeral Services July 23, 2015 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in Glenwood Mausoleum.

Brushton - Philip E. Gratton, 68; Funeral Services July 31, 2015 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Cadyville - Rhada L. "Nana" Ryan, 82; Funeral Services July 25, 2015 at St. James Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Champlain - Shirley M. (Hebert) Burl, 84; Funeral July 25, 2015 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Champlain - Harvey Hart, 72; Funeral Services July 30, 2015 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Ann's Cemetery, Mooers Forks.

Champlain - Hilda Mary (LaValley) Wrye, 90; Funeral Services July 28, 2015 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Chateaugay - Victoria "Vic" Ida LaClair Titus, 100; Funeral Services July 24, 2015 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Clayton - Gertrude (Bogenschutz) Ingerson, 90; Funeral Services July 23, 2015 at St. Mary's Church burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Clayton - Robert J. Smith, 86; Funeral Services July 25, 2015 at St. Mary's Church.

Colton - Christine Shampine Rexford, 68; Funeral Services July 21, 2015 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Southville Cemetery, Stockholm.

Croghan - Charles F. Pound, 75; Funeral Services July 29, 2015 at St. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery.

Crown Point - Stephen Mydlarz Jr., 57; Funeral Services July 23, 2015 at Sacred Heart Church.

Dannemora - Clarence LaVarnway, 83; Funeral Services July 31, 2015 at St.

Joseph's Church.

Keeseville - Peter "Jack" J. Lacy, 82; Funeral Services July 23, 2015 at St. John's Church.

Lake Placid - Geraldine L. (Jarvis) Jesmer-Bush, 90; Funeral Services July 29, 2015 at the M.B. Clark Funeral Home; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery, Malone.

Lyon Mountain - Francis LaPoint, 74; Funeral Services July 23, 2015 at St. Bernard's Church.

Malone - Richard C. "Dick" Brown, 80; Funeral Services July 30, 2015 at Notre Dame Church.

Malone - Aline L. (Bergevin) Campeau, 90; Funeral Services July 23, 2015 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Malone - Kathryn (McCabe) Hall, 98; Funeral Services July 18, 2015 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Malone - Bess McKee Hanna, 63; Funeral Services July 27, 2015 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Morningside Cemetery.

Malone - Brandi A. (Lamondie) Monica, 40; Funeral July 29, 2015 at St. John Bosco Church; burial parish cemetery.

Massena - Linda M. (Hall) Firmstein, 66; Funeral Services July 31, 2015 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena - Gary W. Sharlow, 66; Funeral Services July 29, 2015 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena - Marsha A. (Solar) Watson, 72; Funeral Services July 23, 2015 at the Donaldson Funeral Home; burial in Louisville Community Cemetery.

Ogdensburg - Gloria J. (Dishaw) Morley, 60; Funeral Services July 29, 2015 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Plattsburgh - Helen I. Bourey, 90; Funeral Services July 27, 2015 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Church,

Lyon Mountain.

Plattsburgh - Elizabeth (Grenno) Drowne, 92; Funeral Services July 25, 2015 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery, Malone.

Plattsburgh - Joyce M. (Castine) Turner, 77; Funeral Services July 28, 2015 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Alexander's Cemetery, Morrisville.

Potsdam - Jane (Davies) Fiesinger, 101; Funeral July 24, 2015 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Potsdam - Neil T. Willmart, Jr., 50; Funeral July 24, 2015 at Garner Funeral Home; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Colton.

Rouses Point - Theresia (Steingert) Hill, 80; Funeral July 24, 2015 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Rouses Point - Edwin L. Sterling, 96; Funeral Services July 31, 2015 at St. Patrick's Church.

Saranac Lake - Claire B. Duquette, 95; Funeral Services July 21, 2015 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Sciota - Roy D. Forette, 82; Funeral Services July 28, 2015 at St. Louis of France Church.

Star Lake - Florence "Mona" (Baynes) Hanley, 89; Funeral Services Aug. 7, 2015 at St. Hubert's Church.

Ticonderoga - Joseph R. Forkas, 78; Funeral Services July 25, 2015 at the Wilcox & Regan Funeral Home; burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Ticonderoga - Robert Joseph Palandrani, Sr., 76; Funeral Services July 18, 2015 at St. Mary's Church.

Watertown - Mark Ellingsworth, 59; Funeral Services July 21, 2015 at Holy Family Church.

West Chazy - Karen M. (Lambert) Ducharme, 61; Funeral Services July 27, 2015 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.



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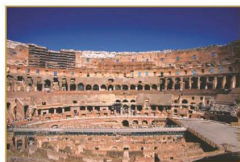
A Holy Year offers unique opportunities for spiritual growth. This Holy Year Pilgrimage to Italy promises to be a time for prayer, an increase in faith, and a whole lot of enjoyment for all the pilgrims. The frosting on the cake: gaining the plenary indulgence associated with such a pilgrimage during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

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Faithfully yours in Christ,

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of understanding and unity in assisting the bishops of the United States in their apostolic service to Christ's Church."

From the selection of the first Council in 1968 to the present, a concerted effort has been made to choose members who reflect the multi-faceted Church in the

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Since its formation, NAC has been a valued and respected resource for the bishops. Through the years, the Council has participated in the discussion and design of such interests as the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, art and architecture of the liturgy, and a variety of pastorals, such as: When I Call for Help: A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence Against Women. NAC has also offered its suggestions for topics for discussion at Synods.

Mrs. Shoen and her husband, Bill, reside in Ogdensburg where she is a parishioner of St. Mary's Cathedral and serves as parish trustee.

She is also a member of the Claxton Hepburn Medical Center board of directors and president of the CHMC Auxiliary. In addition, she serves on the St. Joseph's Foundation board, Society for the Propagation of the Faith board, Sisters of St. Joseph investment committee and the Mater Dei Foundation board.

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