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God always seeks those who stray

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - There is no such thing as a soul that is lost forever, only people who are waiting to be found, Pope Francis said.

God is not part of humanity's "throwaway culture" and does not shut out the sinner and those most in need, the pope said May 4 during his

weekly general audience.

Because of his immense love for everyone, God takes the illogical step of leaving his faithful flock behind in the harsh desert to seek out the one who has gone missing, he told those gathered in St. Peter's Square.

The pope reflected on the

Gospel parable of the good shepherd, which, he said, reflects Jesus' concern for sinners and God's commitment to never give up on anyone.

Jesus uses the parable to explain how "his closeness to sinners must not scandalize, but, on the contrary, encourage everyone to seriously re-

fect on how we live our faith," the pope said.

The parable, he said, responds to the doctors of the law and the Pharisees, who "were proud, arrogant, believed themselves just," and, therefore, became suspicious or shocked seeing Jesus welcome and eat with sinners.

Family Rosary Crusade

CARTHAGE - The 14th Annual Rosary Crusade is set for May 13 at St. James Church.

The evening begins with Mass at 5:15 p.m and exposition at 6.

Seven hours of prayer will follow in honor of the seven sorrows of Mary.

Participants will pray three complete rosaries each hour for a total of 21 rosaries.

Those who join in person and stay to pray for at least three hours at St. James Church will receive a free print of the painting of Robet Renaud created for the Crusade; 'The Greatest Is Love'.

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JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT & HIS BACK-UP SINGERS



PHOTO BY JOHN RYAN

Christian music legend John Michael Talbot invited local priests and religious to join him during his May 5 concert at St. Augustine's Church in Peru. Shown with the musician are, from left, Father Kris Lauzon, pastor in AuSable Forks; Mercy Sister Brian Marie Latour, Plattsburgh; Father Alan Shnob, pastor in Peru; St. Joseph Sister Sharon Anne Dalton, Ticonderoga; and St. Joseph Sister Mary Helen Hermann, Plattsburgh. Talbot led two evenings of inspirational music and talks at St. Augustine's.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Living with joy in God's Country

While I will be forever grateful that I was able to spend 13 glorious days in Italy this spring, there really is no place like home.

And, by home, I mean every part of our magnificent diocesan home.

Over the course of just a few days last week, I had the privilege of spending a couple of nights in a cottage on Lake Ontario, playing with my dog along our St. Lawrence River and then driving with my husband into the Adirondack Mountains.

Bishop Barbarito knew what he was talking about when he told everyone that, while he

was our bishop, he was living in God's Country.

And, God's Country takes on added value when you spend your days with some of God's best people.

In addition to my great friends and my favorite husband, I was blessed to spend time with members of the deacon community of our North Country church. Deacons and their wives gathered in Lake Placid May 3-4 for the third annual diocesan Deacon Convocation.

As one of those wives, I have discovered that, each time we come together, bonds are strengthened between us and

the commitment we have to serve the North Country church is reinforced.

This year, we were blessed to hear the words of Bishop Howard J. Hubbard who served for 37 years as Bishop of Albany before his 2014 retirement. As a member of the Diaconate Committee of the United States Catholic Conference, he participated in the development of the guidelines for the formation and continuing education of deacons.

For three hours last Tuesday he shared his insights, as well as his appreciation for the work of deacons who "exercise this ministry with wisdom, vision, creativity, integrity and pastoral sensitivity."

He discussed the call of the

deacons to be ministers of the word, the sacraments and charity and he reflected on the experiences of his own life which molded his ministry.

"All of the experiences I have cited have led me to adopt the following approach to life," Bishop Hubbard said. "Embrace all of life with love. Accept both the joy and the pain that each day brings. Unite yourself with the day's suffering but let joy be the victor. As a branch is one with the vine, be one with the crucified Christ who began his journey with the poverty of Bethlehem. Walk your journey peacefully with him so that, through you, all may experience the merciful fruits of his resurrection."

Amen!



Mary Lou
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A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

The need for unity in our church

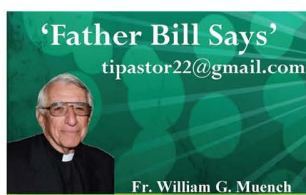
I would like to share with you today ideas that come up in the Gospel that was read on the Sunday before Pentecost Sunday. I found this Gospel very meaningful.

Recently, I was asked to speak to our new class of deacon candidates and decided that this Gospel reading would be a good one to consider. In this reading, Jesus is praying – some call this his High Priestly Prayer. He prayed for all of us, all who will be his disciples, certainly, all who are and will be deacons in our parishes.

Jesus prays, "Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me; that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world."

Jesus prays for us and still does. In this prayer, he makes it very evident that his main concern is unity among all of his disciples – "that they may be one as we are one."

I would like to summarize here some of the ideas I have recently discovered in my readings of the many who have written about the importance



of unity in our Church community.

Unity does not mean uniformity. Many have been surprised in their study of the Gospels of just how diverse were the followers of Jesus. The apostles were so different in temperament, personality, style and social status. Jesus found their diversity a healthy life-giving force.

A community, like our Church community, will never achieve a unity which denies difference. Unity is achieved when each member is different and contributes a different gift but all are united around the same goal led by mutual love.

Such a spirit of unity and love begins to come about when we truly eliminate from our thoughts that urge to prove that we are the best. Each person must open

themselves to others, ready always to accept the gifts that others bring.

Our Church needs – indeed, must have – a united community that brings strength and confidence. Jesus spoke of this that we must unite by forming the Body of Christ despite our differences. In this way, we become witnesses to Christ when we rise above our differences.

Jesus knew that unity was vital for his Church so he prayed for unity – a unity filled with love, based on love. We, as disciples of Jesus, must build and form a unity when we develop our fidelity to Jesus' commandment of love – "Love one another as I have loved you."

The challenge of community involves sharing, belonging, compassion and joy. These are the qualities that make our Church and our communities all they should be in the vision of Our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Can you imagine and build such a community – a community of strength and glory and faith and love and mercy? Selfishness will always be a blight on any such community.

Today – than any other time – the Catholic Church needs to form a true community. This must be a community with mutual respect, tolerance and with a joy of being united in the mission of Jesus.

To be a believer in today's world can be a lonely business. Here is where the community comes in. In order to sustain our faith we need the support of the community.

During the Last Supper, we have seen that Jesus prayed for unity among his disciples, "Father, may they be one as we are one." But is that not an impossible ideal? Would one not need to be perfect to belong to a community like that?

A Christian community is not made up of perfect people. The little community of disciples that Jesus prayed for was made up of people who were timid and weak and fearful.

Jean Vanier, the founder of L'Arche – talks about 'the fellowship of the weak' and says that greater solidarity can result from the sharing of weakness than from the sharing of strength.

New book written by and for people of the Diocese of Ogdensburg

Exploring the power of the rosary

By Brenda Smith
Contributing writer

Although it took more than a year to complete, a new book written by and for the people of the Diocese of Ogdensburg - "I Will Lead You Home...The Power of the Holy Rosary" - has been released.

Next year, the world will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Fatima. As we observe this current Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, let us also look forward to the 2017 centennial observance of Fatima with our Mother of Mercy.

The book is intentionally different and unique because it involves the people and places of our own diocese.

It is inspirational and historical by reminding the reader of the many quotes from rosarian greats like St. Louis de Montfort, St. John Paul II as well as more recent teachings on the importance of the Rosary by our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

It also contains little known historical events recounting the power of the rosary.

The book is pastoral as it contains original reflections for the 20 Mysteries of the Rosary written by the ordained clergy who served as members of the book committee.

It is also digital as there is a CD included in the back of the book which has a recording of the recitation of the Rosary led by Bishop Terry LaValley. It was included as a way for people to have a CD to listen to and practice praying the rosary, whether individually or as a group.

Another feature is that anyone can access parts of the book by going to our diocesan website to listen to the recitation of this rosary and the reflections which are available in three languages: English, French and Spanish. The website is: rcdony.org/rosary

Stained glass windows on featured in the book with more than 20 photographs taken from churches all over our diocese. They demonstrate the biblical events related to the rosary which the reader will find to be beautifully detailed and inspirational.

For those who are not fa-

miliar with the rosary but would like to learn more, there is a diagram and step by step process to teach the reader how to pray the rosary.

The book can also help those who may want to renew their devotion to the rosary and/or offer inspiration to those who already pray the rosary daily.

"I Will Lead You Home... The Power of the Holy Rosary" is personal as there are many individual contributions from people living throughout the diocese and across the ecclesiastical spectrum: priests, deacons, consecrated religious and laity, who were willing to share their experiences and tell about the power of the rosary in their own personal lives.

The authors hope that as readers learn more about the rosary, they will never want to stop praying it.

The price is \$10 per book and is available to order by calling Donna at the Adirondack Pennysaver: (518) 563-0100 (ext. 106) or by going online at adkpennysaver.com.

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Memorial Mass set for Sr. Rita Frances

OGDENSBURG—Bishop Terry R. LaValley will preside at a Memorial Mass for Grey Nun Sister Rita Frances Brady June 3 at 4 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral. Priests of the diocese are invited to concelebrate.

A native of Madrid, Sister Rita Frances spent 44 of her 55 years of religious life serving in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, in Ogdensburg, Potsdam, Canton and Malone. Parishioners of Malone held a Memorial Mass at Holy Family School on Ascension Thursday.

Sister Rita Frances died Feb. 20 at Holy Redeemer Hospital in Meadowbrook, Pennsylvania.

Her funeral Mass was held Feb. 24 at the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart motherhouse chapel in Yardley, Pennsylvania.

The Memorial Mass has been scheduled to mark the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

A reception will follow at the Knights of Columbus.



Guggenheim Camp Clean-Up Weekend

May 20-22, 2016



It is time again to gather to prepare Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake for the new season.

We will be cleaning the facilities May 20-22 and are looking for volunteers who are willing to spend some time and energy working with others from around our diocese to get this wonderful facility ready for campers.

We gather as one community for the common good, to make our diocesan camp a clean, welcoming environment for all. There is no charge to attend, just bring your enthusiasm and spirit along with your bedding and towels.

If you are interested and willing to work, we would be happy to have you. All volunteers must pre-register. An accurate number of those attending is necessary so there is no waste of food and supplies. We ask that everyone realize this is a working weekend.



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Seton Catholic announces new principal

PLATTSBURGH - After an extensive national search, the Education Council for the Seton Schools has announced the appointment of Lynn Gilbert as the next principal of the middle and high school campus of The Seton Schools, effective July 1. She succeeds Catherine Russell.

Ms. Gilbert currently serves as the Director of Development for schools and has established a successful advancement office and launched an innovative marketing campaign since her return to Seton.

Previously, Ms. Gilbert served on Seton's Administrative Team in the capacity of Director of Admissions and International Students. In that position she worked extensively with student, parent and faculty guidance.

She has been an adjunct lecturer at SUNY Plattsburgh in the MST program for nearly ten years and has extensive administrative experience with not-for-profit and

higher education administration including Paul Smith's College and the American Red Cross.

A native of Saranac Lake, Ms. Gilbert holds a master's degree in Administration from SUNY Plattsburgh.

"It is an honor to assume the role of principal for our middle and high school campus of The Seton Schools," she said. "Seton is truly an academic gem, offering the only nonpublic P-12 education right here in Plattsburgh, where academic excellence, strong moral values and college readiness remain our highest priority."

"Our faculty is passionate and dedicated to the success of each student," she said. "I am proud to collaborate with such an amazing team of talented individuals to share my faith and help lead Seton to the next level."

"I look forward to facilitating creative learning techniques and fostering academic growth while in-

creasing our community partnerships," she said.

Chris Hay, president of the Education Council of The Seton Schools said, "Seton is pleased that Lynn Gilbert will help lead Seton with our new Strategic Plan and Middle States validation. She has been a valued member of The Seton Schools' leadership team and will continue to thrive in her new role."

"Lynn has seen the quality and growth of Seton both as a staff member and as a parent and has the requisite skills to lead us into the future," he said, "Seton continues to be well positioned to meet our objective of providing a strong Catholic Education with academic and social development opportunities that are second to none."

Middle States accreditation

In other news at Seton Catholic, the school has earned accreditation by the Middle States Association

Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools, a worldwide leader in accreditation and continuous school improvement.

"We are pleased to have earned accreditation by the Middle States Association and to share in our success with the greater school community, especially the teachers, parents and students who worked so hard to make this possible," Ms. Gilbert said. "Accreditation confirms and validates the work we do each and every day to ensure a top quality education for our students."

Accreditation is a self-evaluation process that schools voluntarily undergo to demonstrate they are meeting a defined set of performance standards. The accreditation process helps schools - and ultimately students - to continuously grow and improve.

The process begins with a self-study that is conducted by the school and requires

input from school leaders, teachers, parents and students. Then, a team of volunteer educators from Association member schools conducts an on-site peer review visit to observe school operations and interview various stakeholders.

The visiting team makes its recommendation to the Middle States Association Commissions, which votes on the accreditation.

"The accreditation process examines schools in a holistic way, supplementing student testing data and providing a more complete measure of a school's performance," said Henry G. Cram, Ed.D., president of the Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools.

"School leaders, teachers and parents are to be commended for working together to create a concrete plan focused on providing high quality education for all students," he said.

Annual Family Rosary Crusade opens Friday

By Kristina Dean
Staff writer

CARTHAGE - Inspired by Pope Francis' focus on families and the sanctity of marriage, Catholic artist Robert Renaud created a painting for the 14th Annual Family Rosary Crusade that depicts a newly married couple.

The May 13 rosary crusade opens with Mass at 5:15 p.m. at St. James Church and continues for seven hours of eucharistic adoration.

Mr. Renaud, the event organizer and art teacher at Carthage High School, develops and paints the artwork specifically for the crusade and offers free prints to anyone who stays three or more hours, in honor of Jesus's three hours on the cross.

The rosary is prayed at the top of each hour beginning at 6 p.m., concluding with Benediction at 1 a.m.

The seven hour event is

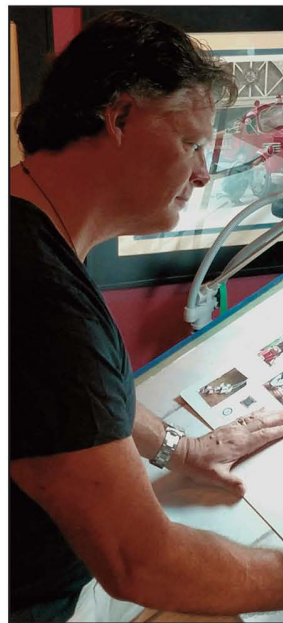
based on the seven sorrows of the Blessed Mother. Each hour has specific prayer intentions and includes three complete rosaries, or 15 decades.

Every hour, three different families or groups lead the rosary. Prayer intentions are for all life, families and the sacrament of marriage, innocence and all children and grandchildren, the Holy Church, vocations and all priests and those consecrated to religious life, the Holy Father's intentions, soldiers, world peace and all sinners and souls in Purgatory. The last hour is dedicated to prayers of thanksgiving.

The painting's title is "And the Greatest is Love" which is based on scripture often read during marriages from Corinthians 13: 1-13. Mr. Renaud's painting portrays a newly married couple driving away in a scooter and side car, symbolically repre-

senting two becoming one.

Mr. Renaud said this piece



Robert Renaud

was different for him since he used a brown palette of colored pencils for the background and a limited palette of acrylics for the foreground.

This year's event date coincides with the Feast of Fatima, when Mary the Blessed Mother appeared to three children in Fatima. One of Mary's requests of the children was to pray the Rosary.

Mr. Renaud said when he and St. James pastor Father Donald Robinson picked the date for the crusade, neither of them realized it was the Fatima Feast day.

"When I realized the crusade and this beautiful Feast were both on the same day, it felt like a little kiss from Heaven," he said.

This is Father Robinson's first crusade as pastor of the Carthage church. Mr. Renaud said when he approached the priest, he was very encouraging.

"He seems to have a gen-

uine love for the Blessed Mother and certainly sees the value in praying the rosary," Mr. Renaud said.

Mr. Renaud asks that anyone who can't physically be present for the crusade join them spiritually by praying the rosary for the same intentions.

Through the years, many people from across the diocese and from the Syracuse and Albany dioceses have come to St. James for the crusade. Many more join spiritually from across the country and around the world, including Japan, Korea, Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand.

Mr. Renaud lives in West Carthage with his wife, Mary Beth. He sells many of his works and prints out of his studio, located next to his house.

More information is available on the parish's website at catholicsofcarthageopenhagen.org

THIRD ANNUAL DEACON CONVOCATION HELD IN LAKE PLACID

GATHERING OF DEACONS

Men and their wives gather for two days of prayer, learning and fellowship

Among the deacons and their wives who attended the third annual Deacon Convocation held May 2-3 in Lake Placid were, Deacon Michael and Kathleen Allan of Watertown, pictured at right; Deacon Lawrence and Vickie Ambeau of Adams; below center; and Deacon Mark and Victoria Lalonde, Ogdensburg, bottom.



Bishop Howard J. Hubbard, retired bishop of Albany served as the keynote speaker for the convocation. He served on the Diaconate Committee of the United States Catholic Conference of Catholic Bishops and participated in the development of the national guidelines for the formation and continuing education of deacons.



Bishop LaValley greets the youngest participant of the convocation, seven-week old Lauren Dwyer, held by her father Deacon Bryan Dwyer of Chateaugay. During the gathering Bishop LaValley held discussion sessions with the deacons and their wives and presided at the closing Mass. Father Douglas Lucia, director of the Department of Worship, and Father James Seymour, Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Personnel, also met with the deacons.

Funeral held for Atonement Sister

GARRISON, NY - A Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Bridget McGovern, 94, a Franciscan Sister of the Atonement from Graymoor, was held May 6 at the St. Francis Convent chapel.

She died May 1 at Lurana Health Care Residence; burial was in the Sisters' Cemetery.

Sister Bridget was born in Derrylin, County Fermanagh, Ireland, Jan. 31, 1922 to Mary Anne (Cassidy) and James McGovern.

She entered the convent on Dec. 8, 1939. Her first vows were professed on June 28, 1944 and her final vows on August 27, 1949.

As an Atonement missionary, Sister Bridget served in parish, pastoral and retreat

ministries in Wales, Philadelphia, PA. So. Plainfield, NJ, New York State (Manhattan, Ogdensburg, Schenectady, Schuylerville, and St. Cecilia's in New York City.

She also served for 12 years at the Washington Retreat House, Washington, DC; in Greenwich, CT, and in South Boston, MA before returning to Graymoor in 1997.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her siblings, Shawn, Shemus, Kevin, Maura, Kathleen, Anna, Bernadette, and Betty.

Sister Bridget is survived by two sisters Vera O'Connor and Margaret Drane as well as two brothers Brendan and Patrick and numerous nieces and nephews.

Corpus Christi celebration set

POTSDAM - Bishop Terry R. LaValley will be the main celebrant for a Corpus Christi regional celebration to be held May 29 at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Church.

Mass will be followed by a eucharistic procession through the streets of Potsdam.

Members of parish soci-

eties and Catholic organizations are invited to attend in the robe and regalia of their group for the liturgy.

Groups which plan to attend are asked to contact the Potsdam parish office at 315-265-9680 for planning purposes.

A reception will follow the procession.

Bishop's Schedule

May 12 - 11 a.m., Priest Personnel Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

7 p.m., Confirmation at St. James Church in Carthage

May 13 - 7 p.m., Confirmation at St. Alexander's Church in Morrisonville

May 14 - 10:30 a.m., Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting at St. Alexander Church in Morrisonville

5:30 p.m., Confirmation at St. Mary's Church in Brushton

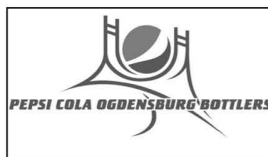
May 15 - 1 a.m., Confirmation at St. Paul's Church in Black River

3 p.m., Confirmation at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg

May 16-19 - Priests' Retreat at the Edgewood Resort in Alexander Bay

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: **May 12** - 6 p.m., St. Bernard's School, Saranac Lake
June 9 - 6:30 p.m., Woodman Life Office, Boynton St., Plattsburgh



Rest in Peace

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

May 11 - Deacon Richard D. Hart, 2007

May 13 - Rev. Ladislaus J. Stasz, 1971

May 14 - Deacon Vincent E. Irvin, 2003

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

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

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Carbon Monoxide Detectors, powered by a 10-year battery, are now required in parish churches, Catholic schools, parish centers and other program facilities. This requirement goes into effect immediately under new regulations published by the New York State Department of State upon the advice of the State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council. Local code enforcement personnel will be coming to parishes to recommend where the alarms need to be placed. For further information, please contact Father O'Brien, (315-393-2920 x1300).

Environmental Stewardship

If the earth could speak...

In a Peruvian church located high in the Andes there is a statue of Mary whose dress below the waist is shaped like a triangle.

When a local parishioner was asked about the meaning of the statue, she explained that the native people before Christianity saw the mountain as the dwelling place of God and earth as their Mother "Pachamama."

When the people learned from their Catholic faith that Mary was the Mother of God and a dwelling place of the God, they created this statue that represents her as mother of all Creation.

In *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis tells us that we need to hear the cries of the poor AND the cries of the earth.

If the earth could speak, what would she say to us today?

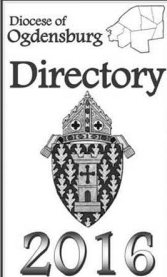
In Chapter 1, of the Encyclical entitled "What is happening to Our Common Home?" Patriarch Bartholomew is quoted to say "inasmuch as we all generate small ecological damage" we are "called to acknowledge our contribution, smaller or greater, to the disfigurement and destruction of creation. . . to commit a crime against the natural world is a sin against ourselves and is a sin against God. (#8)"

Perhaps "If we love each other and all of Creation more, there will be plenty of room for all of us on this blessed planet, now and forever." (Praise be to You, written by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart.)

In our prayers to Mary during this month of May, let us ask her to open our ears that we may hear the "cries of the poor and the cries of the earth."

May she grant us the wisdom and the courage to respond to them in our daily choices and decisions each day.

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Pope tells struggling Europe he has a dream for its future

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- As Europe faces an unprecedented influx of immigrants and refugees while struggling to counter continued economic woes, Pope Francis urged the continent to step up to its responsibilities with renewed hope, not cover behind walls and treaties. The pope -- a South American son of Italian immigrants -- evoked U.S. civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., telling European heads-of-state and top-level representatives that he had a dream of a divisive Europe coming together to protect the rights of everyone, especially families and migrants. "I dream of a Europe where being a migrant is not a crime, but a summons to greater commitment" to help those in need and, he said, "I dream of a Europe where young people" can lead a simple life and see that marriage and children are a joy, not a burden because there are no stable, well-paying jobs. The pope's dream of a rejuvenated and united Europe came as he received the prestigious Charlemagne Prize May 6.

EWTN asks for full-court hearing on contraceptive mandate case

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The Eternal Word Television Network has asked for a re-hearing of its case by the full 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in its case regarding the federal Health and Human Services contraceptive mandate. Attorneys for the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, in a May 4 filing with the court, said federal government briefs filed in the ongoing Supreme Court case of *Zubik v. Burwell* involving the Little Sisters of the Poor and six other religious employers admit the government could use a less restrictive manner of providing contraceptive coverage to women working for these organizations should they so choose. The case originated after the government determined that all employers must provide contraceptive coverage to women in health insurance plans or the employer must check a box on a form stating that, as a religious employer, they are not required to provide such coverage. The religious employers argued that even checking the box would violate their religious freedom. A three-judge panel from the 11th Circuit issued a 2-1 decision against EWTN while the Supreme Court was preparing to listen to initial arguments in *Zubik v. Burwell*.

Father Berrigan hailed as visionary who was ruled by faith at funeral

NEW YORK (CNS) -- Jesuit Father Daniel Berrigan, whose protests against government policies earned him multiple jail and prison sentences, was remembered as a "fierce, mischievous visionary," a "Beatnik Jesuit friend," a priest who "taught the sacrament of resistance," and a loving uncle ruled by faith, not fear, during his funeral Mass. More than 800 people packed the Church of St. Francis Xavier to cheer the life of the Jesuit at a festive service May 6. Father Berrigan, a poet, author and longtime peace activist, died April 30 at age 94. The Mass was concelebrated by more than two dozen priests, including retired Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Gumbleton of Detroit. Jesuit Father Stephen M. Kelly prefaced his homily with a tongue-in-cheek welcome to members of the FBI, which was met with laughter and applause. During his life, Father Berrigan's anti-war demonstrations and meetings were routinely monitored by the FBI. Father Kelly recalled Father Berrigan and his late brother and fellow activist Philip as men who lived the Resurrection and challenged religious leaders to know "bomb-blessing has no place in Jesus' self-giving." He suggested their lives of radical witness made them candidates to be doctors of the church.

VATICAN LETTER

Theology of tears

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Throughout his pontificate, Pope Francis has been sharing a theology of tears: tears of compassion, compunction and consolation.

For pope, weeping helps one see Jesus

Although Pope Francis does not mask his emotions in public, he rarely is seen to cry. One obvious exception was in Albania in September 2014 when he came face to face with a priest who had been imprisoned and tortured for his faith under the country's communist regime.

After a long embrace with the priest and some whispered words, the pope turned from the congregation to wipe the tears from his eyes.

Pope Francis encourages people to pray for "the grace of tears" when pleading to God to help others, when recognizing their own sinfulness, when contemplating the greatness of Christ's sacrifice on the cross and when experiencing God's mercy.

As part of the Holy Year of Mercy, the pope scheduled a May 5 prayer vigil "to dry the tears" of those who are weeping, inviting parents who have lost a child, victims of war and torture, the seriously ill, the desperate, those enslaved by addiction and everyone else in need of consolation.

Sometimes, he has said, tears are the only true response to the question of why the innocent suffer.

"Certain realities of life," he said, "are seen only with eyes that are cleansed by tears."

For people who are safe, comfortable and loved, he said, learning how to weep for others is part of following Jesus, who wept at the death of Lazarus and was moved with compassion at the suffering of countless others.

"If you do not know how to weep, you are not a good Christian," the pope said in Manila.

When the pope talks about tears, he's "very Latin and very Ignatian," said Jesuit Father Daniel Huang, the order's regional assistant for Asia and the Pacific. A flow of tears indicates that the person's heart is involved, not just his or her mind.

In his *Spiritual Exercises* and his *Spiritual Diary*, St. Ignatius of Loyola -- founder of the Jesuits -- urges his confreres to request the gift of tears and recounts how often in prayer and in celebrating Mass the gift of tears was given to him.

Crying in grief over one's sins or out of

compassion for Christ's suffering, Father Huang said, are moments when "I overcome my self-preoccupation or my hardness of heart or my indifference -- that's what the pope talks about all the time."

The tears of compassion for Christ's suffering by extension becomes weeping for the suffering of refugees, or the sick or people in mourning, he said.

"Tears presumably come from a deep place within and tears suggest you are not just thinking, you are feeling, your heart is involved," the Jesuit said.

The ability to shed tears is "a grace" that allows a person to express his or her humanity and connection to other human beings, he said. It expresses "what is best in humanity -- that we feel compassion for people and that we are moved by people's suffering."

Returning to Rome in mid-April after a one-day visit with refugees in Greece, Pope Francis told reporters traveling with him that the situation of the refugees, what they experienced getting to Greece and how they are living in the refugee camp "makes you weep."

Going to the back of the plane where the media were seated, the pope carried some of the drawings the refugee children had given him. He explained the trauma the children had experienced and showed one picture where the child had drawn the sun crying.

"If the sun is able to cry, we should be able to shed at least one tear," he said. "A tear would do us good."

In meetings with priests, Pope Francis repeatedly asks if they are able to weep when pleading to God in prayer to help their parishioners.

He told priests of the Diocese of Rome in 2014 that the old Missal had a prayer that "began like this: 'Lord, who commanded Moses to strike the rock so that water might gush forth, strike the stone of my heart so that tears...' -- the prayer went more or less like this. It was very beautiful."

"Do you weep?" he asked the priests. "Or in this priesthood have we lost our tears?"

In Pope Francis' teaching, tears -- and the suffering that causes them -- also can be a step toward renewed faith and clarity about the love of God.

"You see, sometimes in our lives, the glasses we need to see Jesus are tears," he said at a morning Mass early in his papacy. "All of us in our lives have gone through moments of joy, pain, sadness -- we've all experienced these things."

"In the darkest moments, did we cry?" he asked his small congregation, which included Vatican police and firefighters.

"Have we received that gift of tears that prepares our eyes to see the Lord?"

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Pentecost: the beginning of our church

Today, Pentecost Sunday, marks the beginning of the Church.

Throughout his ministry in Palestine, Jesus spoke a number of times about this Holy Spirit. He referred to the Spirit as "the Paraclete," and "the Advocate."

At his first appearance to all the Apostles, he actually bestowed on this Spirit, along with the power to forgive sins.

Nevertheless, their full transformation came publically before hundreds

before thousands of Jews, gathered for their feast.

Try to bring to life again their experience of that first Pentecost when the Upper Room in Jerusalem shook with hurricane force as the wind of God's Spirit and the fire of His love descended these twelve apostles, changing them forever.

They rushed out into the streets and boldly pro-

claimed the truth of Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

As thousands were baptized that day, the Church was born in the presence of Christ's own mother and countless other witnesses.

Our second reading today explains the effects of that fiery force. The Spirit shows itself in many diverse gifts that are shown forth then and today in those who are teachers, healers, prophets, preachers and administrators.

As the God of Love, this Holy Spirit also endows us with the strength to heal jealousies and divisions

May 15

Pentecost Sunday

READINGS

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

caused by these gifts. He brings to the Church the gift of forgiveness and peace.

In this Year of Mercy, we invoke the Spirit to intensify in us His gifts of joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. These are

the gifts that help us in these very troublesome times.

To renew the Church, making it a strong and welcoming presence, enticing unbelievers to swell the ranks of the children of God, helping to conquer the forces of evil that threaten the faithful as well as our very civilization.

May the light of the Spirit enlighten with Truth the falsehoods of Satan.

May His fire be rekindled in all of us, overcoming our indifference and reluctance to live fearlessly as disciples of Christ in the world.



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VOICE OF FAITH

'Hopeless idealist' and the political situation

By Andrew Lauria
Contributing Writer

While talking to a close friend the other day on the telephone, I mentioned that I was very discouraged by the current political situation as we prepare for the presidential election. I told him that the real struggle was not me accepting whatever is happening in Washington or in the news, but rather my struggle to be more of a realist.

I am hopelessly idealistic, meaning that I have a very high standard as to what I think is possible regarding everything in life. Furthermore, I believe that this should be the natural disposition of people in general.

Recently I have found that my lived human experience has been crushing that idealism. To this comment, my friend said "Well, isn't that what it means to grow up?"

I went to bed that night feeling terribly uncertain. I simply could not accept that comment. Something inside of me was screaming out that he was wrong, that living life fully is not about giving up that optimistic set

of standards for a very broken reality, but rather finding a way to live that idealism amidst a broken reality.

I cannot be hopeful about the current political situation because politics does not have the answer to the real question that I am asking in my heart

But no matter how hard I tried, I just could not find my belief to be true. So I went to sleep.

And then the next morning, while working in the garden, understanding came to me. Sure, we live in a broken world, one that seems to be fracturing at a new and deeper level every single day. And compiling the problem is the natural process of aging, which forces us to see things more for what they really are and this can sometimes be very disappointing.

But while the idealism that burns in the center of my heart may not necessarily correspond to these everyday experiences, this

idealism does correspond to the spiritual reality of my faith.

In fact, the only true object of human idealism is its very source: the Incarnation of God. Very generally speaking, religion is what we do to answer the deep questions of life such as why we are here, the meaning of life, the nature of love, etc.

As Catholics, we believe in the fullness of faith, meaning that the person of Christ not only reveals to us the true meaning of life, but is the true meaning of life. And furthermore, we are called to participate in this life forever. The entire history of the Catholic Church is a lived expression of the salvation of man and our individual faith lives are all new chapters that are currently being written in this eternal, universal, incarnational experience.

It is almost unbelievable to think that we can let our idealism run wild in our faith because something even greater than what we can experience in this life exists beyond the farthest reaches of the intellectual and emotional endeavor of

believing. Catholicism is literally the ultimate religion.

Christ exists and this is the origin and object of my idealism

And here rests a stumbling block for the modern world, one that I am afraid most people cannot even see. We live in an ever increasingly global society where not only commerce and trade reach to every corner of the world, but also the deep questions of life are being communicated across cultures in a historically unprecedented way.

And with the advent of new technologies that provide for this level of communication, there is no talk of the existence of real hope. And by this I do not mean hope in our shallow political affiliations, or hope that our favorite sports team will win a match, but rather a real hope that corresponds with the deepest desires of the human heart.

The object of our spiritual idealism, Christ, seems to rest on the other side of hope, on the other side of

those things that we experience in the world today.

We struggle greatly in having hope that there is something on that other side, to understand that there is something that not only corresponds to, but generates our idealism, to see that it is necessary for us to be idealistic in faith because He exists. We must hope in the Lord because he himself is hope!

I cannot be ultimately hopeful about the current political situation because politics does not have the answer to the real question that I am asking in my heart. Christ exists and this is the origin and object of my idealism.

And I have the Church, which provides the necessary sustenance and guidance to live out this idealism in my everyday experiences of life. And understanding such a thing mentally is just the beginning of the true hope found in Christ and His bride. Living with joy in the Lord is the functional application of hope for a true idealist, a habit that this idealist believes is necessary for a seemingly hopeless world.

AT THE MOVIES

CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

Newcomers to the Marvel Comics universe may find themselves bewildered by the turbulent adventure "Captain America: Civil War" (Disney).

In part, that's because the film is more an ensemble piece featuring the whole Avengers crew of super-heroes than an outing primarily focused on the titular good guy, played by Chris Evans. Additionally, the script does little to bring the uninitiated up to speed.

At times, the old hawkers' cry "You can't tell the players without a program!" springs to mind.

As for parents, they'll have to consider carefully before allowing even older teens to view material best suited, in terms of combat scenes and vocabulary, to grown-ups.

If Captain America's place in the title seems somewhat doubtful, the phrase Civil War certainly does belong there. The plot turns on a split that develops among the "enhanced" warriors who make up the Avengers' roster as to whether or not the group should submit to United Nations supervision.

They're under considerable pressure from U.S. Secretary of State Thaddeus Ross (William Hurt) to yield to the plan because of the collateral damage their crusades tend to exact.

While Rogers, a World War II-era figure cryogenically frozen for 70 years, fears the restrictions that would



CNS PHOTO/DISNEY

Elizabeth Olsen, Chris Evans and Sebastian Stan star in a scene from the movie "Marvel's Captain America: Civil War."

come with outside direction, industrialist Tony Stark, aka Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.), accepts the need for such control - at least reluctantly.

As Team Cap squares off against Team Iron Man, moviegoers not fully absorbed in the spectacle of it all can speculate as to the possible political analogy

underlying the conflict.

Is Rogers' libertarianism and American exceptionalism meant to stand in --dare we say-- stark contrast to Iron Man's internationalist bent? Is the film's message that the former is old-fashioned and outmoded, while the latter viewpoint fits with our technology-driven, globalized future?

On the moral plane, co-directors (and brothers) Anthony and Joe Russo highlight the cost of even well-intentioned mayhem as well as the downside of pursuing vengeance.

But the real point of the proceedings is to watch diversely gifted uber-beings pit their outsized powers against each other.

Will Cap's adherents -- including high-flying Falcon (Anthony Mackie) and mental manipulator Scarlet Witch (Elizabeth Olsen) -- outdo Stark's followers, martial arts master Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson) and African prince-turned-clawed-combatant Black Panther (Chadwick Boseman) among them?

If you don't much care, then this third episode in the "Captain America" franchise, following up on 2011's "The First Avenger" and 2014's "The Winter Soldier," is not for you. All others -- provided they're of an age, or at least a maturity level, to handle it -- should get ready to rumble.

The film contains constant strong violence, including torture, but with minimal gore, a few uses of profanity and of crude language as well as several cross terms. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III - adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 - parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.



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ADIRONDACK

NAVE CONCERT

Saranac Lake - The Northern Adirondack Vocal Ensemble (NAVE) will give a performance of choral masterworks for organ and chamber choir.

Date: May 22
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Place: Saranac Lake United Methodist Church.

Features: The concert will feature organist Benjamin A. Stone as well as mezzo-soprano Angela Brown and tenor Christopher Gould performing Magnificat by Gerald Finzi and Maurice Duruflé's Requiem, Op. 9. NAVE, under the musical direction of Andrew M. Benware, is a chamber choir of professional and amateur singers that performs choral music from a variety of periods and styles with harmonies of four to eight parts.

CLINTON

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Peru - St. Augustine's Knights of Columbus Council 7273 will host its 30th annual charity golf tournament.

Date: June 17
Time: 10 a.m.
Place: Adirondack Golf and Country Club
Cost: \$300

Features: The four-person scramble will be followed by an awards dinner in the clubhouse.

Contact: Obtain entry forms and information from Greg Lombard at 643-0242 or email gnetlombard@charter.net

YEAR OF MERCY

Ellenburg Center - A special Year of Mercy presentation to be held.

Date: May 20
Time: 10 a.m.
Place: Adirondack House of Prayer
Features: "Christ Shows Mercy to Sinners"

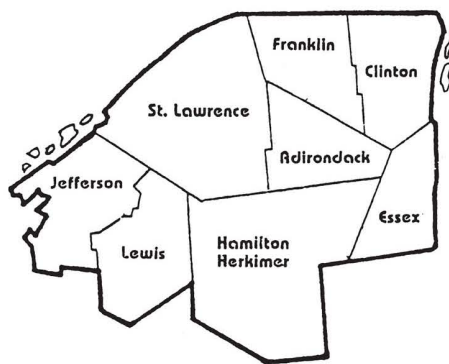
Contact: Lunch reservations required: 518-594-3253 or 315-483-4143

FOR LAY MINISTERS

Morrisonville - Commissioned Lay Ministers Association of the Clinton, Essex and Hamilton-Herkimer Deaneries to have Spring event.

Date: June 3
Time: 5 p.m. to 8
Place: St. Alexander's Church
Speaker: Msgr. Leeward Poissant
Topic: "The Seven Pillars of Wisdom"
Cost: \$10

Contact: Tom Hamilton at 518-572-5675 or Jeannie Grizzuto, 315-393-2920, Pre-registration required by 5/23/16



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

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

FRANKLIN

FR. JOHN LOOBY JUBILEE

Chateaugay - The Catholic Community of Burke and Chateaugay will celebrate Father John Looby's 50th anniversary of priestly ordination

Date: May 20
Time: 4 p.m.
Place: St. Patrick's
Features: The Mass, With Bishop LaValley presiding, will be followed by a Hors d'oeuvres reception at the K of C

Contact: To provide an accurate count for the caterer, guests are asked to please RSVP by either emailing Angel Wilcox at ccbc@tcwcy.rr.com or call her in the office at 497-6673.

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

FAMILY ROSARY CRUSADE

Carthage - 14th Annual Rosary Crusade to be held.

Date: May 13

Time: Mass at 5:15 p.m.; Exposition at 6 and the beginning of each hour for 7 hours in honor of our Blessed Mother's 7 sorrows.

Place: St. James Church
Features: We will pray three complete Rosaries each hour for a total of 21 Rosaries. Come for one, two, or all seven hours. Those who join us in person and stay to pray for at least three hours at St. James Parish, will receive a free print of the painting Robet Renaud created for the Crusade; 'The Greatest Is Love'. Each hour dedicated to specific intentions.
Contact: For more information, visit catholicsofcarthagecopenhagen.org

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Watertown - An Ecumenical Bereavement meeting to be held.

Date: May 23
Time: 7 p.m.
Place: Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse
Speaker: Francee Calarco, co-owner of Calaraco's Funeral Home. Ms. Calarco has been a funeral director for 32 years and is active in community service.
Topic: "Remembering your loved one, at Memorial Programs".

LEARN TO DISCERN

Watertown - Women of Grace will be hosting an event, Learn to Discern: Is it Christian, New Age or Occult?

Date: May 13
Time: 7 p.m. to 9
Place: Immaculate Heart Central High
Cost: Pre Registration Cost: Adults \$20 \$35 Couples Students \$10 At Door Cost:

\$25 Couples \$40 Students \$10. Discounted Rates for women who attend this event as well as Young Women of Grace Program: Informational Gathering and Hands-On Workshop for Facilitators/Teachers.

Speaker: Susan Brinkmann, OCDS, author and journalist, has joined Living His Life Abundantly & Women of Grace as Staff Writer.

Features: Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Contact: mdillenback@womenofgrace.com or 315-771-1377 for more information or to register

YOUNG WOMEN OF GRACE

Watertown - Young Women of Grace Program: Informational Gathering and Hands-on Workshop for Facilitators/Teachers to be held.

Date: May 14
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Place: Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse

Cost: Pre Registration Fee \$25 including continental breakfast and lunch At door: \$30 Discounted Rates for women who attend this event as well as Learn to Discern: Is it Christian, New Age or Occult?

Speaker: Susan Brinkmann, author of the "Young Women of Grace: Embrace Your Femininity." Mary Dillenback and Sue Jacobsen co-developers of the newly published Young Women of Grace Facilitator/teacher Guide.

Contact: for more information or to register mdillenback@womenofgrace.com or 315-771-1377

SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER

Evans Mills - There will be a Spaghetti & Meatball dinner to benefit the Indian River Knights of Columbus.

Date: May 14
Time: 4 p.m. to 7
Place: St. Mary's Parish Center
Cost: Adults, \$7; Senior Citizens, \$6; Children under 12, \$5; under 5, Free

LAY MINISTERS DINNER MEETING

Watertown - The Assoc. of Commissioned Lay Ministers the Jefferson-Lewis Deaneries invites Commissioned Lay Ministers or Candidates of the Jefferson-Lewis Deaneries to attend the "Spring 2016 Dinner Meeting".

Date: May 19
Time: Event begins Mass at 5:15 p.m.
Place: St. Joseph's Motherhouse
Speaker: St. Ellen Rose Coughlin will share insights on "Celebrating Mercy in Our World"
Cost: \$10 per person

Contact: RSVP by May 13, 2016 to: Jeanne Grizzuto, Secretary @ 315-393-2920, ext. 1412 or mail: jgrizzuto@rcdony.org

FR. LABAFF CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

Clayton - Masses of Thanksgiving on the 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of Fr. Arthur LaBaff are set

Date: May 27 at 5 p.m. and May 29 at 9 a.m.
Place: St. Mary's Church

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

Date: May 26
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7
Place: St. Anthony's Church, Msgr. Sechi Hall

Cost: Adults, \$8; Children, \$4.50; under 3, Free; Sauce, \$5 per quart; Meatballs, \$.75 each

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

IHC OPEN HOUSES

Watertown - IHC and St. John Bosco Pre-School to have open houses.

Primary School: May 23 at 6:30 p.m.; call 315-788-7011 to make an appointment for Kindergarten screening
Intermediate school: July 19 and Aug. 9 at 6:30 p.m

HEALING MASS

Clayton - St. Mary's Church will hold its annual Healing Mass and Antoine Tetrault Memorial Service.

Date: June 11
Time: 11 a.m.
Place: St. Mary's Church

Features: The celebrants will be Father Arthur LaBaff and Father Christopher Looby. During Mass the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered and immediately following Mass will be prayer teams, to pray for individual needs. A social time, with refreshments, will take place in the Parish Center. The Tetrault family will be available to share stories about their grandfather, Antoine.
Contact: St. Mary's Parish Office at 315-686-3398 or visit the website www.stmarysclayton.org

LEWIS

HAM DINNER

Harrisville - The Knights of Columbus will be having a Ham Dinner.

Date: May 11
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Cost: Adults, \$9; Children 12-5, \$4; under 5, Free



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Missionaries at risk while at work

By Molly M. Ryan
Diocesan Mission Office

Every day, the Church's Missionaries made up of pastoral workers, priests, men and women religious and lay Catholics are hard at work in the Mission Lands throughout our world.

Every day these same diligent souls, while hard at work helping make the developing world a better place, put themselves in grave danger and at risk for so much.

Missionaries abroad living and working in human and social contexts, administering sacraments, helping the poor, taking care of orphans and drug addicts, following development projects or simply opening the door of their home to anyone. This is what the Church does to make a positive difference in the developing lands. This is just a microcosm of what they do every day.

What you may not know is that these Missionaries are at risk. It may not get a lot of coverage in the news. It may not be something you are aware of when you worship. Perhaps you will never even hear their names, but in every corner of the planet there are many who suffer and pay with their lives as they spread the word and their faith in Jesus.

According to Fides Agenzia on December 30, 2015, "The wake of pastoral workers killed in this historic phase of humanity reveals an unprecedented upsurge. It seems to have no equal in the history, because it is an ongoing globalized persecution. Indeed Christians killed in this year, that our Agency regularly records, belong to 4 continents. ... Isis, Boko Haram, discrimination in various countries where religion is an affair of State, make being a Christian difficult and heroic, subject to attacks and massacres. It is necessary that Christ is in agony until the end of the world, when there will be the Kingdom of justice and peace..."

In an article in Fides in 2013, Pope Francis states, "in 2,000 years, a vast host of men and women have sacrificed their lives to remain faithful to Jesus Christ and his Gospel" (Angelus, 23 June 2013).

Later that same year, the Holy Father asks "let us think about our many Christian brothers and sisters who are suffering persecution for their faith. There are so many. Perhaps more now than in past centuries. Jesus is with them. We too are united to them with our prayers and our love; we admire their courage and their witness. They are our brothers and sisters who, in many parts of the world, are suffering for their faithfulness to Jesus Christ" (Pope Francis, Angelus, 17 November 2013).

Please keep our Missionary brothers and sisters in your prayers. This summer, if Mission Cooperation speakers are in your parish, take the time to listen to their stories and give generously of your prayers and sacrifice if you can. The Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg collection will take place in July. Take a moment to consider how your donation can really help the world around us.

OBITUARIES

Adams — Spencer Jeffrey Parsons, 24; Funeral May 2, 2016 at St. Cecilia's Church; burial in Ellisburg Cemetery.

Bombay — Margaret "Peffy" (Blair) Lecompte, 75; Funeral Services May 2, 2016 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Brownville — John E. Harding, 83; Funeral May 7, 2016 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in Dexter Cemetery.

Cadyville — Beatrice A. (King) Reyor, 88; Funeral Services May 6, 2016 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

Champlain — Rose (Coache) Favreau, 82; Funeral Services April 30, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Memorial Garden.

Ellenburg — Hilda M. (Carter) Lagasse, 92; Funeral Services May 4, 2016 at St. Edmund's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Mausoleum.

Hogansburg — Wilfred W. "SONKAWEKANHONSTA" Bova, 78; Funeral Services May 2, 2016 at St. Regis Church.

Indian Lake — J. Michael "Mickey" Farrell, 77; Funeral Services May 3, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Cedar River Cemetery.

Malone — June A. (Tozer) Gokey, 90; Funeral Services May 12, 2016 at the Brusco-Desnoyers Funeral Home; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Malone — Richard J. Keating, 82; Funeral Services May 4, 2016 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

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Malone — Arlene M. (Sharlan) Landry, 86; Funeral Services at St. John Bosco Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Malone — James Lavoie, 85; Funeral Services May 3, 2016 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Massena — Corey R. Ashley, 39; Funeral Services May 6, 2016 at the Donaldson Funeral Home.

Massena — Elaine Marie (LaClair) LaMarche, 79; Funeral Services May 2, 2016 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena — Evas C. (Guthrie) Talarico, 99; Funeral Services May 4, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Moriah — Mary T. "Mamie" Russo, 87; Funeral Services May 2, 2016 at Church of All Saints; burial in St. Peter and Paul Cemetery.

Morristown — Ina V. Cree, 88; Funeral Services May 14, 2016 at St. John the Evangelist Church.

Ogdensburg — Gizella "Ella" (Byra) Wrobel, 95; Funeral Services April 30, 2016 at St. Joseph's Nursing Home; burial in Pine Hill Cemetery.

Peru — June Guss, 62; Funeral Services May 4, 2016 at the Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in Evergreen Cemetery, Keeseville.

Plattsburgh — James W. Wardner, DMD, 66; Funeral Services May 4, 2016 at St.

John's Church; burial in St. Mary's of the Lake Cemetery, Cumberland Head.

Port Henry — Rosemarie (Salerno) Capuano, 90; Funeral Services May 6, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church.

Port Leyden — Noreen C. (Leichty) Smith, 80; Funeral May 6, 2016 at St. Martin's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Watertown — Viola C. (Wilcox) Campany, 101; Funeral Services May 6, 2016 at Cummings Funeral Service, Inc.; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown — Marilyn Higgins McQuillen, 86; Funeral Services May 4, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown — Vernon K. Wilder, Sr., 85; Funeral Services May 2, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

Westville — John Edward Nason, 68; Funeral Services May 7, 2016 at Our Lady of Fatima Church; burial in St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery, Constable.



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DIVINE MERCY

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

Date: June 5

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

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

Contact: 348-6260 for more information.

ST. PETER'S MAY FESTIVAL

Lowville - Plans for St. Peter's May Festival have begun.

Date: May 20, 21 and 22

Place: Lewis County Fairgrounds

Features: Friday is the Grand Opening at 5 pm; Carnival rides featuring Saturday matinee with unlimited rides from 1 p.m. to 5. The Festival will feature homemade food specialties including shiskabob, pizza, chili, hot dogs, hamburgers, fried dough, pie & ice cream. Other booths will include "This-N-That", a giant bake sale, and games. On Saturday, craft fair opens at 11 a.m., Calk Walk at 2 p.m., Mass will be celebrated on the grounds at 4 p.m. On Sunday, a chicken barbecue from 11 a.m. until all are gone! Pre-sale tickets available, please call the office (376-6662). At 3 p.m., the drawings begin for cash totaling \$2000.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Lowville: One hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Silent Adoration, Benediction.

Dates: May 12 and 26

Time: 4 p.m. to 5

Place: St. Peter's Church

ST. LAWRENCE

SPRING GETAWAY RAFFLE

Ogdensburg - St. Joseph's Home to have a Spring Getaway Raffle.

Drawing date: June 17

Cost: \$3 each or 2 for \$5

Features: Over \$1000 value. One ticket wins it all. Akwasasne Mohawk Resort Overnight stay for 2; \$25 Resort Rewards Akwasasne Mohawk Resort; \$25 Slot Play Akwasasne Mohawk Casino; Cape Air - Round trip tickets for 2 Ogd.-Boston; The Place Gift Card; Hosmer's Marina Gift Card; Buster's Family Restaurant Gift

Card; 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel, Clayton, Gift Card; Bonnie Castle Resort Dinner Gift Card; Wine & Beer Cruise for two Uncle Sam's Tours; Singer Castle - Four tickets for two to tour; Basta's Flowers, bouquet of roses; Remington Art Museum Gift shop Items

Contact: 315-393-3780 to reserve your raffle tickets.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Raymondville - First Saturday Devotions to be held.

Date: May 7

Time: 8:30 a.m. with Rosary (Confessions) and 9 a.m. Mass

Place: St. Raymond's Church.

CARNIVAL SET

Gouverneur - St. James to have Carnival.

Date: May 12, 13 & 14

Features: Rides, games, food all three days. BINGO will be May 13 at 7 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m.

CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATION

Potsdam - Corpus Christi Regional Celebration to be held.

Date: May 29

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

Features: Bishop Terry LaValley will be the main celebrant. Mass & Eucharistic Procession as we celebrate the Body & Blood of the Lord. All are welcome to attend this regular Sunday Mass. Members of parish societies and Catholic organizations are invited to attend in the robe & regalia of your group for the liturgy. Refreshments & fellowship will be enjoyed immediately following the procession.

Contact: Groups attending are asked to contact the Potsdam parish office at 315-265-9680 for planning purposes.

FOR SR. RITA FRANCES

Ogdensburg - Memorial Mass to be held for Sister Rita Frances Brady, GNSH

Date: June 3

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: A Memorial Mass for Sister Rita Frances Brady, GNSH, will be offered on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Bishop Terry LaValley will be the celebrant. A reception will follow at the Knights of Columbus. Priests are invited to concelebrate and all friends are welcome.

CELEBRATION OF WOMEN



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE

St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg honored four women for their service to the parish during the annual Celebration of Women held May 4. Those honored were, front from left, Margaret Randall, Belle Baker, Patricia Moulton and St. Joseph Sister Jennifer Votraw. In back are, Father Joseph Morgan, cathedral rector; Father Justin Thomas, parochial vicar; Daughter of Charity Sister Donna Franklin, master of ceremonies for the program; and Deacon John White who gave the benediction.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

DIACONATE ORDINATION

Plattsburgh - Bishop LaValley Will ordain Michael Jablonski as a transitional deacon

Date: May 28

Time: 11 a.m.

Place: St. John's Church

FAMILY GUGGENHEIM

Saranac Lake - Come celebrate family at Family Guggenheim.

Date: First Session August 11-14, Second Session August 18-21, Third Session October 7-9

Features: Do you long to jump off the merry go round of hectic schedules, activities and commitments that pull you away from family time? Come experience Family Guggenheim! You will enjoy a four day get away in the beautiful Adirondacks where you will be able to hike, swim and praise with other faithful families! You will enjoy engaging workshops, free time for the beach and nature and rest, fishing, liturgies, family rosary, campfires, a variety show, prayer, and lots of time to play.

Contact: Deacon Henry and Dayna Leader dleader@rcdony.org 315-287-2874

INSPIRE: CALLED TO LOVE

Lake Placid - The diocesan vocation summit With internationally known speakers has been set

Date: Sept. 25

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Olympic Center Complex

Features: INSPIRE: Called to Love, is a free all day conference with keynote speaker Bishop Robert Barron, the creator and host of the Catholicism series. Other speakers include George Weigel (biographer to Pope St. John Paul II), Mrs. Jennifer Fulwiler (author and radio host), Bishop Christopher Coyne (Bishop of Burlington, VT and Chairman of the USCCB Communications Committee).

Come pray together and be inspired by our speakers and each other so that together we can cultivate a culture of vocations.

Contact: For more information, full schedule and to register, go to www.inspirecalledtolove.org.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Saranac Lake - The spring Rachel's Vineyard after-abortion healing retreat will be offered.

Date: June 3-5

Place: Guggenheim Lodge

Features: A Rachel's Vineyard retreat offers a safe, non-judgmental environ-

ment of hope and healing for those suffering after abortions. The chaplains for the spring retreat are Father Mark Reilly and Father Thomas Higan

Note: The fall Rachel's Vineyard retreat will be held over Labor Day weekend Sept. 2 - 4. Confidential registration forms will be available soon.

Contact: For a list of retreat locations or for more information about Rachel's Vineyard visit www.rcdony.org/pro-life.

.org and for local information www.rcdony.org/pro-life.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

SAINT ANNE'S SHRINE

Isle La Motte, Vt. - Saint Anne's Shrine will reopen for the season

Date: May 21

Time: with the 7 p.m. Mass.

Features: Mass on May 22 will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Many celebrations are scheduled for the summer with the observance of the 350th Anniversary of Fort Ste. Anne and the first Mass celebrated in Vermont. We will also observe the Jubilee Year of Mercy with a Family Mass and Picnic in July.

Contact: Call or stop by the shrine office for a schedule of activities and Mass schedule for the season. (802) 928-3362; fstanne@pshift.com