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## Seeing Jesus in those in need

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Indifference and hostility can blind Christians from recognizing Jesus in those most in need, Pope Francis said.

"This indifference and hostility can turn into aggression" toward people often marginalized by society, the pope said June 15 during his weekly general audience.

"How many times, when we see so many people on the street - people in need, the sick, those with nothing to eat - we feel bothered. How many times, when we find before us so many refugees and displaced people, we feel bothered. It is a temptation; we all have this, everyone, including myself,"

he said. The pope reflected on the Gospel reading of a blind beggar in Jericho whose sight was restored after pleading with Jesus to heal him. "The people walking in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent, but he kept calling out all the more, 'Son of David, have pity on me!'" the Gospel read-

ing says.

Those who told the beggar to be quiet, the pope recalled, reproached him "as if he did not have a right to cry out." However, despite his blindness, the poor man "sees with the eyes of faith" and his plea was powerful enough to attract Jesus' attention.

## Three more pastoral changes

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- Father Stephen Rocker, from Gouverneur to Potsdam
- Father Shane M. Lynch, from Old Forge to Gouverneur.

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## NCC summer schedule

The bi-weekly publication for the *North Country Catholic* begins this week; the next issue of the paper will be dated July 6

## CREATING A CULTURE OF VOCATIONS



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

Bishop Terry R. LaValley is surrounded by priests of the diocese at the altar of St. Patrick's Church in Chateaugay during the May 20 Jubilee Mass honoring Father John J. Looby for 50 years of priesthood. This week's *NCC* features the annual focus on vocations, titled "Rebuild My Church... Creating a Culture of Vocations." The issue includes messages on vocations from Bishop LaValley and Father Bryan Stitt, diocesan vocation director; as well as articles about "creating a culture of vocations" in the priesthood, religious life, diaconate and family.

## BISHOP'S STATEMENT ON MASSACRE



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A participant of the "Vigil to Dry Tears" lights a candle June 13 at St. James Cathedral in Orlando, Fla., for victims of a mass shooting at Pulse nightclub in Orlando.

Bishop Terry R. LaValley released the following statement on the June 12 shooting in which 49 people were killed:

"I join my voice to that of Pope Francis in deploring the senseless massacre of the innocent victims of the mass shooting in Orlando, Florida. I ask that all pray first for those who have died, for those who have been injured, and for the families of the victims. Let us entrust them to the loving and comforting embrace of the Lord.

"Let us also join our prayers to those of the Holy Father for an end of violence and a greater reverence for all human life. Let us work to find ways to end all violence and assure the well-being, protection and safety of all."

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

## The witness of the not-so-young

We've heard a lot about "creating a culture of vocations" over the past couple of years as we all strive to meet the goals of the diocesan envisioning process.

This week's *NCC* offers a salute to some among us who have been living in a vocation-rich culture for decades.

Along with articles about efforts to nurture young vocations, our annual vocation issue offers profiles of a priest who's been a priest for 50 years, a Sister of St. Joseph who's been an SSJ for more than 40 and a deacon who spent the last 30

years of his life in service to his church.

And, as often happens, Pope Francis helps me make my point.

In an address he made June 16 to open the Diocese of Rome's annual pastoral council, Pope Francis reflects on the example of men and women who have been married for many years.

"Couples who have been married for

decades know the reality of the challenges, but they also know that true love exists and lifelong fidelity is possible," the pope said.

Mary Lou  
Kilian

## A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

## The role of families in formation

Today I would like to write a bit on the importance of family on the formation of a vocation spirit in the hearts and minds of our young people.

Family has been written about often and the importance of good family life is a frequent theme however, I want to take this opportunity to again speak about family.

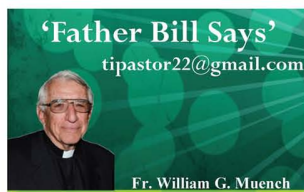
As you well now know, the focus of our diocese's attention in the next few months as we approach the summit is on vocation.

For us, Catholics, our understanding of the life journey is about vocation; we believe that God calls us to be part of his plan.

We are all called – married or single, ordained or dedicated religious. We do not just stumble in a way of life – God has a plan for us.

I want to emphasize today how important I think family is to the decisions made in hearing and following God's call. In family, we discover who we are, we discover just how loved we are, loved by our God and our family.

As we develop our relationships within our family, we dis-



cover our relationships with God so that we become open to God's call, a call to become part of God's plan.

I have no doubt that I have been thinking of this today because I am again reading Pope Francis' wonderful apostolic exhortation on family.

Pope Francis often speaks and writes about the opportunities and importance of formation and education that all children receive in family. Part of that formation is the readiness to realize the call of God.

In "Amoris Laetitia", Pope Francis writes this, in #261 – "It is more important to start processes than to dominate spaces...what is most important is the ability lovingly to help the children grow in freedom, maturity, overall disciples, and real autonomy."

This is the path to find God

as their partner in life.

I am not much of an expert in writing about family life, however, I have come to recognize that one of the most important moments in family life is the family meal.

I believe there is something formative about a family joining together often for a family meal together. This is truly being family. This is a time for being together, a time for a family to share, to recognize how loved and valuable they are to each other.

I think it is a time to bring God's call to each other.

I remember living as part of a family ages ago while studying at Language School in Bolivia. The mid-day meal was the family meal. I remember we would not begin until everyone was home from work, from school. The meal was slow and took time; it was a family time.

This was a very special time.

One more thing about the family meal – I don't remember where I heard this – it was probably in some magazine or other. The article told about a survey that was carried out by the people who oversee that SAT testing program.

pope asked.

The same is true of course for our priests and religious.

We must ask to hear the stories of our Fathers and Sisters so that we can understand what keeps them going, what keeps them joyful when the inevitable challenges arise.

Pope Francis called it "the power of the witness of the elderly" (which is a little hard to accept since I'm part of a couple nearing 40 years of marriage) but we know exactly what he means.

We can't ignore the powerful witness of Father Looby, Sister Jennifer, Deacon Schmidt and all the rest who create a culture of vocation in every room they enter.

They developed a survey to analyze some of the characteristics of the students who did very well on these tests.

They were quite surprised that one of the events that these excellent students shared in common is often joining with their families in a family meal.

I remember being surprised by this and yet I was so impressed so I speak of this to young people and parent groups often.

I do realize that the family meal has lost some of its importance nowadays in many families. Many activities work against families being together – school activities, work demands, sports activities, even Church activities.

I would like to add that the other family meal that should bring families together – that is the Holy Mass.

I encourage families to find the love and peace of our Savior at Mass, being together to share this love and peace of God.

The family Mass is time for gratitude – gratitude to our God for the gift of family and the gift of vocation.



## FOLLOW ME

# Stop, look, listen... and do something

Bishop LaValley's address to 2016 graduates of Immaculate Heart Central School in Watertown June 18

When I'm home, I try to go out jogging around noon-time. A couple of weeks ago I was out pounding the pavement, when I came up to a place on my route where I had to run under a garden hose. You see, it was strung out between an upstairs window and the street.

As I ran under it on the sidewalk, a pleasant lady stood at the door of her house and told me that her huge waterbed upstairs had sprung a serious leak and there was water almost up to her knees in her bedroom. (You can tell that I don't run terribly fast, in order for me to hear her whole story while I was in motion.) I wished her luck in the cleanup and kept up my pace.

Maybe it was because I didn't have enough oxygen

in my brain or a lack of charity in my heart, but as I kept running, it dawned on me that I never stopped to offer the woman any assistance she might need. I never thought to ask, can I help? Instead, I just wished her luck and kept running, after all I had a schedule to keep.

While we are in school, we get our lessons and then receive the tests. When we leave school and get into the world, we're tested first and then learn the lesson later. Here was a moment that I got the test and flunked.

The lesson: pay attention to the people you encounter. Oh, I later rationalized: the hose was already in place delivering water to the street below, the lady didn't ask for help and didn't seem to need it. She was just standing at her door talking to me - but I never asked her if I could

help her with anything.

Graduates, it is good and very necessary to stay focused, to be self-disciplined in running the race, in working towards the goal you set. But life, more often than not, intrudes and we can't just say, "Oh well, good luck, see you later, I've got to tend to my own affairs."

You see, when life, particularly the lives of others, seems to get in the way of our plans, we are presented with encounters where

growth, grace, and challenges can occur - in those unplanned moments of life. Such interruptions need never be a waste of our time. Even speed bumps serve a good purpose. It's during those moments that character is developed, faith witnessed and Jesus encountered.

What you've learned here, at Immaculate Heart Central, helps you to recognize

these as moments of opportunity, times to: STOP, LOOK and LISTEN and then...do something. It's too easy today for you and me to find excuses to dismiss the needs of others because we are busy about our own affairs. It smacks of insensitivity and a real self-centered way of looking at life.

Interruptions to our plans can be occasions when we pay closer attention to our neighbor. We have become so me-centered, so independent, so driven to succeed (however, we might measure it), so focused on our cell-phones and personal agendas, that frankly, the world is passing us by and we become oblivious to so much.

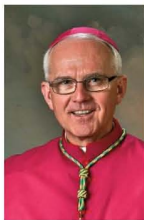
We must do more than touch - we must feel! Do more than look - see! Do more than read - absorb! Do more than hear - listen! Do more than listen - understand! We must do more than understand - we must CARE!

Graduates, I know that the

IHC community has equipped you well for your tomorrows. Your parents and families, your parishioners, have sacrificed much so that you might be standing here on this stage this afternoon.

We congratulate you as you reach this important milestone in your young lives. So many possibilities lie before you. Don't let the cynics or naysayers distract you from moving forward with great determination, energy and hope-filled joy. I pray that as you embark on the next exciting phase of your life, you continue to pay attention and care for those persons who the Lord places unexpectedly before you. Count them as all graded opportunities to see a face of Christ.

Graduates, as we congratulate you today, my prayer for each of you is that as we continue to celebrate this Jubilee Year of Mercy, you may take the time to be Mercy in Motion on whatever road your life's journey takes you. God bless you!



Bishop  
Terry R.  
LaValley

## New assignments for three priests announced

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Profiles of the new pastors follow:

### Father Howard J. Venette

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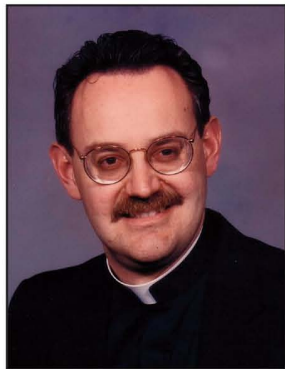
Father Venette was born Jan. 14, 1958 in Chateaugay and began his studies for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall. He continued his education at the North American College at Rome and was ordained July 21, 1984 by Bishop Brzana at St. Patrick's in Chateaugay.

He served as parochial vicar at Sacred Heart in Massena, St. Mary's in Potsdam, St. John's in Plattsburgh, Notre Dame in Malone, and Our Lady of Victory in Plattsburgh.

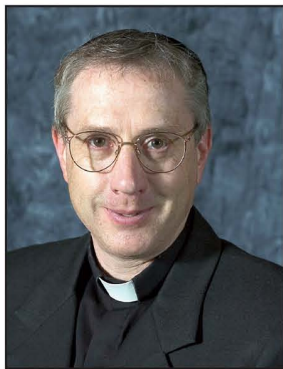
In 1994, he was named pastor in Harrisville and associate director of the deacon formation program.

He served the diocese as director of the permanent deacon formation program from 1995 to 2001.

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Father Venette



Father Rocker



Father Lynch



# Assignments

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In 1997, he became pastor in Colton and, in 2003, administrator in Brushton.

Father Venette left the diocese to join the Fraternity of St. Peter, a traditional Latin Rite Society in communion with Rome in June of 2004. In June 2009 he was excardinated from the Diocese of Ogdensburg and incardinated into the Society.

Father Venette returned to Ogdensburg in July of 2012 and served as temporary administrator in Waddington and Madrid before becoming administrator of the Catholic Community of Constable, Westville and Trout River.

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Father Rocker, a native of Port Leyden, was born Sept. 12, 1953 in Lowville. He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall Seminary-College and the Catholic Univer-

sity of Louvain in Belgium. He was ordained Sept. 1, 1979 at his home parish of St. Martin's in Port Leyden.

The priest has served as assistant pastor at Holy Family in Watertown and in Clayton. In 1982, he was named a faculty member at Wadhams Hall Seminary-College, a position he held until the seminary's closing in 2002. He chaired the philosophy department.

Father Rocker also served as an administrator in Hammond and Rossie from 1990-1992 and part time chaplain at the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility from 1997 to 2002. In addition he was an administrator for a short time in Canton in 1996 and in Newcomb and Long Lake in 2003.

## Father Shane M. Lynch

Father Lynch, new pastor in Gouverneur, Star Lake and Edwards, has served as pastor in Old Forge, Inlet and Raquette Lake since 2011. Previously, he was pastor in Wells and Lake Pleasant from 2007, first as administrator and then, in 2008, as pastor.

Father Lynch was born Sept. 21, 1971 in Watertown and is a 1990 graduate of Immaculate Heart Central School. He graduated from Wadhams Hall Seminary-College and St. John's Seminary School of Theology in Boston.

Father Lynch also completed a spirituality year program sponsored by St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Allentown, Pa.

He was ordained by Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito May 12, 2001.

## St. Jude Novena

O Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition. In return, I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. St. Jude, pray for us and all who invoke your aid. Amen.

B.T.L.

## Bishop's Schedule

**June 22** – 11 a.m., Meeting with the Priests of Hamilton-Herkimer Deanery at St. Mary's Church, Indian Lake

**June 23** – 11 a.m., Meeting with the Priests of Franklin Deanery at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Constable

**June 26** – 11 a.m., Mass and Consecration of the new Altar at St. Stephen's Church in Croghan

5 p.m., 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Feast Procession at St. Anthony's Church in Watertown

**June 28** – 4 p.m., Mass at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake

**June 29** – 7:30 a.m., Mass with the Catholic Heart Workcamp at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

5:30 p.m., *INSPIRE* Reception for Business Leaders at St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh

**June 30** – 12 p.m., Teacher of the Year Award Luncheon at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

**July 3** – 8 a.m., Mass at St. James Major Church in Lake Pleasant  
10 a.m., Mass at St. Ann's Church in Wells

**July 5** – 4 p.m., Mass at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake

## Rest in Peace

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

**June 23** – Rev. Donat Morrissette, O.M.I., 1976

**June 24** – Rev. John Simard, 1943; Msgr. Timothy P. Holland, 1948; Rev. Joseph P. Ryan, 1968; Rev. W. Cyril Rapin, 2006

**June 25** – Rev. J. Rodrigue Lauzon, 1944

**June 26** – Rev. Charles F. Turgeon, 1888; Rev. Jean Baptiste Frigon, O.M.I., 1930; Rev. Arthur St. Cyr, O.M.I., 1957

**June 27** – Rev. Francis X. Charbonneau, 1928

**June 28** – Rev. John J. Regnery, O.S.A., 1954

**June 29** – Rev. Pierre Huet de la Valiniere, 1806; Rev. Adonat L. Dufresne, 1940; Rev. Gilbert J. Faucher, 1981; Deacon Francis E. LeRoux, 1996

**July 1** – Rev. Norbert Callahan, M.S.C., 1909; Rev. William A. O'Connor, 1922; Rev. P. Leon Legault, 1991; Rev. J. Everett Denesha, 2013

**July 2** – Rev. Richard A. Gleason, O.S.A., 1939; Rev. Denis F. Finnegan, 1951; Msgr. John A. Stone, 1964; Msgr. Francis J. Connors, 1977; Rev. George A. Lemieux, 1993; Rev. John M. Crable, 2012

**July 3** – Rev. E. Leonard Murphy, 1954

**July 4** – Rev. Joseph L. St. Jacques, 1952

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## Environmental Stewardship

### How many feet does love have?

According to Scripture and the traditions of our Catholic Church, Christian love has two feet. One foot is Direct Service: individual acts of charity to our neighbors in need, as expressed in the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

But as followers of Christ, we must move to the other foot: Social Change: political responsibility that acts to remove the cause of the problems. We need both feet to walk and keep our balance.

*Laudato Si* addresses not only the need to respect the dignity of humans, as other previous encyclicals have done, but it also speaks of the need to respect the needs of our common home. Pope Francis urges all of us to an ecological conversion that calls us to evaluate how we are protecting, conserving and respecting Creation.

However, he reminds us of our social responsibility to speak out for the rights of the voiceless – in our society and in the natural world. Love, overflowing with small gestures of mutual care, is also civic and political, . . . Love for society and commitment to the common good are outstanding expressions of a charity which affects not only relationships between individuals but also "macro-relationships , social, economic and political ones." (Para. #231)

During this first year anniversary of *Laudato Si*, people from around the Diocese have shared how it has impacted their lives. "Laudato Si helped us to appreciate the complexity of environmental stewardship in today's world. It is an especially resounding Catholic Principle rebuff to worldwide practices and policies afflicting our world and its residents.

In the person of Pope Francis and his moral authority, it provides us insights and moral guidance on how Catholics and others should view and practice rightful stewardship of this planet and its inhabitants."

(Written by Rebecca and George Trejos from St. Mary's Church in Canton)

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## NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

The next issue of the *North Country Catholic* will be dated July 6

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# REBUILD MY CHURCH

*Creating a Culture of Vocations in the Diocese of Ogdensburg*

## Crucial role of parents

By Bishop Terry R. LaValley

Having just celebrated Father's Day last Sunday and Mother's Day last month, I'm reminded of the crucial role that our fathers and our mothers have in encouraging their children to respond generously to whatever vocation in life that the Lord might be calling them.

**Parenthood is an awesome gift that brings great responsibility for helping to form the faith of children, including the nurturing of Church vocations within our own families**

My father died ten years ago and not a day goes by that I don't think about him, wish he were still with my mother and family and available for fatherly counsel.

My father wasn't one who easily expressed outward affection. However, I do remember how proud he was walking my three sisters down the aisle at their weddings. I recall how proud he was when my two brothers and I joined the Navy. I remember well his words to me while sitting at the counter in the kitchen the day I left for Wadhams Hall, of how proud he and my mother were that I was going to the seminary, assuring me that I shouldn't hesitate to come home if I ever felt it wasn't right for me.

Words of affirmation, encouragement and support from our parents stay with their children for a lifetime. Children don't forget what they hear from mom and dad.

Our children today need to hear words of encouragement from their parents when the possibility of a Church vocation surfaces. Parenthood is an awesome gift that brings great responsibility for helping to form the faith of children, including the nurturing of Church vocations within our own families.

Pope Francis, in his message for the 53rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations, urged "all the faithful to assume their responsibility for the care and discernment of vocations."

As you know, *Creating a Culture of Vocations* continues to be an extremely important priority for the Diocese of Ogdensburg. We know the critical roles dads and moms have in providing a home where Christian values are nurtured, where vocations can grow.

As we heighten our awareness of the role that each one of us must embrace in contributing to building a culture of vocations in our parishes, let us pray for our parents.

We ask God to enable them to always find opportunities to affirm their own faith and to speak words of encouragement and support to their children as they discern the Lord's will for them.

## So what's the big deal?

By Father Bryan Stitt  
Diocesan Vocations Director

No one is going to get ordained at the *INSPIRE: Called to Love* Vocations Summit. No one is going to make final vows, get married, or probably even rededicate his or her life to Christ in the Olympic Arena in Lake Placid Sept. 25.

It's not a quick fix to the vocations crisis. That's okay. The Church isn't in the "quick fix" business.

The Church is more like a glacier than a wrecking ball, more like a crock-pot than a microwave, more like an epic novel than a soundbite.

The Church is in it for the long haul not for the quick fix.

*INSPIRE: Called to Love* is going to contribute to the timeless work of the Church in the North Country because it will help answer the question: "Who am I?" This is the deep question underlying every human heart. It is at the core of every vocation - every life.

Just look at how it is addressed in movies: Did you see the Matrix? Neo had to come face to face with the question. So did little Simba in the Lion King. So did William Wallace in Braveheart. Perhaps most clearly it was seen answered in Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables*. It was Jean Valjean's refrain in the musical versions of the story. Valjean wasn't just the number 24601 that he was assigned in the French prison. He wasn't just the successful businessman or politician that he pretended to be after his incarceration. In



In his role as diocesan director of vocations, Father Bryan Stitt is a familiar presence at Camp Guggenheim. Above, he offers a blessing to some 2015 campers. In this article, he writes about the role of the upcoming *INSPIRE: Called to Love* summit in promoting vocations.

the end, he had to face who he was in the eyes of God. "Who am I? - I'm Jean Valjean!"

*INSPIRE: Called to Love* is what the Diocese of Ogdensburg needs because it's about each of us - young and old, rich and poor, single and married, religious, deacons, priests and bishop. It is about each of us answering that question: "Who am I?"

It can be asked in different ways:

"Who has God called me to be?"

"What is the best version of myself?"

"What is my vocation and how do I live it out today?"

But when it comes down to it, Jean Valjean's question is ours as well.

We all know that we need more people responding generously to their vocations in the Church here in our diocese. *INSPIRE: Called to Love* will hit the reset button on the culture

of vocations as it addresses this deepest of questions.

Listening to great Catholic speakers will contribute to it. Seeing the witness of holy people living out their vocations will contribute to it. And most of all praying together will contribute to it as we let the Holy Spirit work in our lives. The Spirit helps each of us come to know who we are. Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations (Jer 1:5).

When we listen to the Spirit, we know who we are. When we know who we are, we learn how to live out our vocations. When we are living out our vocations well, others are inspired to do so around us.

Sure, it's not a quick fix to the vocations shortage. But when the Holy Spirit is at work great things happen, and vocations are born!



CREATING A CULTURE OF VOCATIONS...AS A PRIEST

# A priest forever

*Mass in honor of a 50 year jubilarian is a 'celebration of priesthood'*

By Suzanne Pietropaoli  
Staff Writer

**CHATEAUGAY** - Was there a young man giving thought to the priesthood that afternoon in St. Patrick's Church?

If so, he would have seen firsthand the beauty of the priestly vocation as hundreds of parishioners, friends, and family members joined Bishop LaValley and more than 40 clergy May 20 to celebrate Father John J. Looby's 50th anniversary of ordination.

It was a day for giving thanks in the Eucharist, and for remembering - especially through the homily preached by Father L. William Gordon, a seminary classmate and lifelong friend of Father Looby's.

"This," Father Gordon said, "is neither Father John's canonization nor his eulogy. It is a day that celebrates priesthood, vocation, family and friends - but most of all, Jesus, and his invitation to 'Follow me.'"

"Father John was anointed to serve, not to be served, and to build up the body of Christ," he said.

Yet that vocation, Fr. Gordon pointed out, did not simply begin 50 years ago.

He credits the faith lived in the family home, and the loving example of parents Helen and Clarence: "See how many vocations Jesus called forth from the Looby family!" (In addition to Father John: Carmelite Sister Ellen; Grey Nun Sister Mary Elizabeth; Deacon Philip and, in the next generation, his son, Fa-



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

Father L. William Gordon, left, leads the applause for Father John J. Looby during Father Looby's 50th Jubilee Mass May 20 at St. Patrick's Church in Chateaugay. Father Gordon, homilist at the Mass, said that "this is a day that celebrates priesthood, vocation, family and friends, but most of all Jesus and his invitation to follow me."

ther Chris Looby.) Even so, there was the usual "fear, prayer, and decision-making necessary to discern God's invitation."

That discernment led first to "old Wadhams Hall," then on to St. Mary's in Baltimore. "We arrived on a hot, humid Maryland afternoon," Father Gordon recalled, "and the cab took us to the old Paca Street seminary. Built in 1792, the place was surrounded by a high brick wall topped by glass shards."

"Father John took one look and quickly said, 'Oh my God! Let's go home.' After a good swift kick from the Holy Spirit, we went in," Fa-

ther Gordon said. We were just 20 years old, and we were responding to Jesus' invitation, 'Follow me.'"

## Ordained in 1966

Following his ordination on May 28, 1966, that response led Father Looby all across the Diocese of Ogdensburg, and as far as South America, where he served in the Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate.

In listing these many assignments, Father Gordon noted that they brought their share of challenges, rewards, disappointments and triumphs.

Through them all he observed, Father Looby knew, "as any good priest knows, that you can do nothing. But Jesus works through you if you will let him."

"How many Baptisms, First Communion, Masses, con-

fessions, marriages and funerals has Father John celebrated? Pope Francis reminded us that shepherds should have the smell of their sheep; this is how a priest gets to know that smell," Father Gordon said. "And Father John, you smell of your sheep. That is why your parishioners and everyone here today loves you."

On the other hand, the homilist continued, "Father John hates meetings. How many parish, pastoral council, school board, and diocesan meetings has he dutifully attended?"

"Last October Father John 'retired' and no longer has the responsibility of the business side of parish life," Father Gordon said. "Now he is sacramental minister in six parishes. He continues to hear Jesus saying, 'Follow me.' Today I join all of you in joyful thanksgiving for Fr.

John's priestly ministry."

"Today we ask Jesus to bless Father John and to strengthen him in his priesthood. We ask Mary to keep him close to her heart," Father Gordon said. "It has been 59 years since that critical moment in Baltimore when we decided to stay. May many more men from across our diocese hear and follow Jesus' call to priesthood."

"Father John, you are a priest forever. Thank you for saying yes to the call to follow Jesus. AD MULTOS ANNOS!"

## Sustained applause

As the homily ended, the congregation erupted - not for the first time or the last - in spontaneous and sustained applause.

Deacon Brian Dwyer, pastoral associate at St. Patrick's, remarked that "People just seemed to jump at any chance to applaud this good and humble priest. It was as if they had waited 50 years for the chance to let him know how much they love him, and they were not about to miss it!"

This response was evident throughout the celebration: in the presence of so many grateful people; in the beautiful music provided by a combined choir from the various parishes Father Looby serves; and in the attentive altar servers, also drawn from all the parishes.

And the focus of so much appreciation?

When asked at the end of Mass to make a comment, Father John Looby walked to the ambo and shortly returned to his seat. While there he had quietly uttered two words: "Thank you."

From this good priest whose life has been a gift to others, it was enough.

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## CREATING A CULTURE OF VOCATIONS... IN RELIGIOUS LIFE

## 'My greatest joy has been my religious vocation'

By Mary Lou Kilian  
Editor

**OGDENSBURG**- After ten years of service as chancellor of the Diocese of Ogdensburg – the first woman to hold the position – St. Joseph Sister Jennifer Votraw is preparing to move to Watertown to offer more service, this time to directly benefit her religious order.

On Sept. 1, she will assume duties as superior of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

A native of AuSable Forks, Sister Jennifer entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1967, received the habit in 1968 and professed final vows in 1975.

Over more than four decades in religious life, she has been a teacher, school administrator and assistant superintendent of Catholic schools for the diocese.

From 1989 to 1997, Sister Jennifer served as major superior for the Sisters of St. Joseph before being named director of the Catholic School Administrators Association of New York State.

Upon her return to the diocese, Bishop Paul S. Loverde appointed her to lead the newly formed diocesan Planning Office.

In 2004, Bishop Robert J. Cunningham named Sister Jennifer vice-chancellor and



Sister Jennifer Votraw, SSJ

director of communications; two years later, he appointed her as chancellor of the diocese.

Now, as Sister Jennifer prepares to move from the diocesan offices to the Motherhouse, she looks back on her life as a Sister of St. Joseph.

Here, she shares reflections:

#### The joys

*Looking over the past 40+ years, I have to say that I am amazed at where the time went and how many people, places and events I have been privileged to be a part!*

*I think my greatest joy is my religious vocation, with the many blessings it has brought: a deeper relationship with Jesus, the sisters in*

*my community and the beautiful people that I have known in my several ministries.*

#### The challenges

*The challenges, along with the blessings have been many, but I think the greatest is learning to "let go and let God!" This realization been a blessing for a good night's sleep: God says, "Go to sleep, let me do it. I am going to be up all night anyway!"*

#### Role of religious

*I see religious women of the future as guides, mentors; women who can foster future leaders in our Church. We are no longer "sages on the stage" but "guides on the side". We can point to a future and be able encourage, support, challenge women and men on their journey.*

*Religious life is ultimately relationship. Everything a religious can do, a woman can already do as a lay person. One has to want to grow and deepen in her understanding and relationship with the Lord, in service to His Church, and to do so in companionship of women who are called and energized to do the same.*

#### Looking ahead

*It has been an exciting opportunity to serve as diocesan planner and later as*

*chancellor. I am equally blessed to be able to be of service to our sisters in community at our Motherhouse and am looking forward to this challenge!*



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## CREATING A CULTURE OF VOCATIONS ... IN THE FAMILY

## ‘Do you love me? Keep my commands...’

By Stephen Tartaglia  
Diocesan Family Life Director

When I was a freshman in high school I developed a crush on a girl in my class. I was too shy to talk to her but I wrote her name on the desk in a big heart and declared my love for her to the world (in pencil of course, just in case).

Then, I started learning everything I could about her, all the little details that are important to a 13 year old, but not so much to the rest of the world. I could tell you what bus she rode, all her family members, her friends, where she lived, what she liked to eat, what she liked to listen to.

But I never talked to her. I did a lot of talking about her, telling people how pretty she was and what a great person she was, and how much I liked her, but I never talked to her.

One day, another girl I was friends with went to her and said, “Do you know that he likes you?” She said “Yes, but he never talks to me. Tell him to come and talk to me.”

As much as I knew about her and as much as I believed that I loved her and told the rest of the world about it, I never developed any kind of relationship with her.



Steve Tartaglia, diocesan director of family life ministry, and his family, Maria, Sophia, Nicholas, Veronica and Johnna, held by his wife, Christina, introduce themselves at a 2015 Family Guggenheim weekend. On this page, Tartaglia begins a series on faith development within families, considering each of the Ten Commandments.

While this was developmentally appropriate at the time, my friends did not offer much assistance in helping me progress to a more mature view of relationships between men and women, but thankfully my family did.

I learned from my family that knowing things about someone is important, but it

does not equal a relationship with them.

There is always a risk of rejection in pursuing a relationship. In order to have a successful relationship with another person, there has to be a tolerance for that risk, and a belief that the potential benefits far outweigh the risks. There has to be a belief that I have something

good to offer this other person and if that person rejects me, it is not the end of the world, but rather, an indication that the other person does not see, does not appreciate, or is not ready for the good things I offer.

I learned that in order to have a successful romantic relationship, men and women need to become friends first, and that dating someone is an invitation to a more intimate kind of friendship which is motivated by mutual attraction to things that are deeper than just surface appearances.

C.S. Lewis, in *The Four Loves*, says that it's a matter of orientation. Initially, lovers are mutually attracted and absorbed by each other. Friends, on the other hand, are absorbed by a common interest, so rather than facing each other, they stand side by side and move toward something together.

When a man and woman

## Editor's note

This is the first in a series of articles written by Stephen Tartaglia, diocesan director of family life ministry, exploring faith development within families. The series will be titled “Do you love me? Keep my commands.”

marry, there is, of course, a mutual physical attraction, but this is probably the least powerful motivating factor for them. The real driving force is the question “What can we accomplish together?”

As Catholics, the question is phrased “How can we best glorify God together?”

I think that the Church is facing a situation that parallels my experiences as a freshman. People may learn about God, but it is crucial to develop a relationship with God for any of their knowledge about God to have any value.

A relationship with God carries risks, for it requires us to turn away from other scenarios that we might be enjoying or hope to enjoy in the future. It requires us to turn away from the false gods that society presents us with constantly, that are attractive on the surface and easy to get absorbed into, but do not satisfy us.

Continuing the parallel, the Church prays that parents, who are their children's first teachers, be their best teachers.

I believe that the family is the place where the relationship with God is most effectively developed, if parents have the relationship themselves.

I've written a series of articles on the topic of faith development within families. In the process of writing the articles, I've watched my own family grow closer to God. I invite you to return each week to read more in the hopes that your family will grow closer to God as well.



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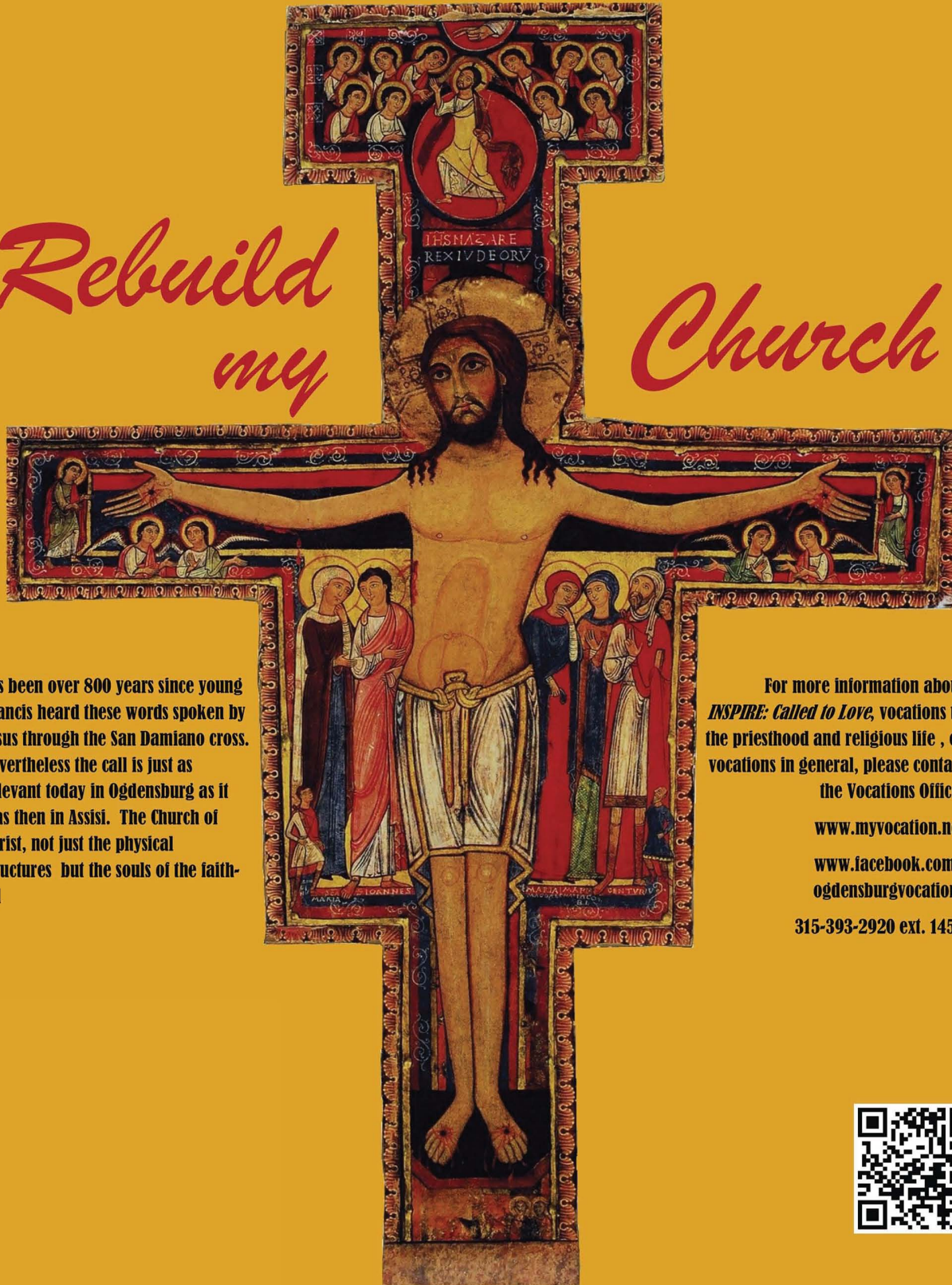
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## CREATING A CULTURE OF VOCATIONS..AS A DEACON

## 'This deacon taught us to serve... and to juggle'

By Deacon Kevin Mastellon  
Staff Writer

**WATERTOWN** - Deacon Bill Schmidt died May 16, 2016 at 93 years, a day shy of his 94th birthday. When I visited him the Monday before his death, Bill wanted to talk about a recent announcement from the Vatican regarding a commission to study the ordination of females as deacons. That was so Bill. When you least expected him to be on top of something, he slam-dunked you back to reality.

His signature greeting was "How's it go?" His question had as much "I already know" in it as it had inquiry.

My wife, Kathy, and I will be forever grateful to Vivian and Bill Schmidt for the love and mentorship they have shown us in our journey.

Being a deacon is a call from Christ to serve. Being a deacon needs the love and support of a wife who is willing to accept the phone calls in the middle of the night; the Baptism that has to be done the same day a grandson's soccer game is scheduled; the parish event

"we really should go to" even if it conflicts with a daughter's concert.

Viv and Bill taught us how to juggle and we are grateful.

Deacon means serve. Bill and Vivian Schmidt served St. Patrick's Church for more than 30 years. Bill was ordained to the diaconate October 5, 1985, one of the first to hear the call after the re-institution of the Diaconate in our church and Diocese.

He served St. Patrick's in Watertown in ways none of us in the parish will ever fully appreciate.

While assisting at the funeral Mass for Deacon Bill, I could not help but think about the blessing God gave Kathy and me to be on a pilgrimage, only two months earlier, with Bishop LaValley. I had to smile as I thought about sharing with Bill in advance of that trip, that I would be assisting Bishop, with my brother deacons Tom Kilian and Henry Leader, at the great churches, basilicas and cathedrals of Italy.

He was clearly moved when I told him I would be preaching at the Basilica of Francis of Assisi. I was ordained on St. Deacon Francis' feast day (October 4, 2003).

The Holy Spirit inspired me to talk about the dia-



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Deacon William G. Schmidt, pictured with his wife, Vivian, served as a deacon assistant at St. Patrick's in Watertown from his 1985 ordination until his death May 16

conate in that homily. "We who are ordained to the Permanent Order of Deacon are mostly married men who have heard God's call to greater service to the Church. However our first vocation is to our marriage and families. Our work for the church reflects the three-fold dimensions of service, conformed to the

servant Jesus; preaching the Good News and assisting at Liturgy." We serve our Bishop and work with the priests of the Diocese to serve God's people as best we are able.

"Deacons are called from our congregation," I said that morning. "You do your part by encouraging men through your comments and prayers to consider the vocation. If you know someone in your parish who you think "would make a good deacon" then the Holy Spirit has already picked you to help Him send the message."

Are you looking for a definition of Church? Look at Bill and Vivian Schmidt. Bill will tell you it is you and he was honored to be your deacon. Vivian, thank you for sharing Bill with us.

"It goes well, Bill." Thank you, friend; thank you Deacon, for hearing the call of Christ and serving so well. May you rest in the peace of Christ.

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# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Too many couples do not understand marriage is for life, pope says

ROME (CNS) -- Because most people today do not understand that sacramental marriage really is a bond that binds them to each other for life, many marriages today can be considered invalid, Pope Francis said. Raising a point he has raised before, and one also raised by now-retired Pope Benedict XVI, Pope Francis insisted June 16 that the validity of a marriage implies that a couple understands that sacramental marriage is a bond that truly binds them to another for their entire lives. "We are living in a culture of the provisional," he told participants in the Diocese of Rome's annual pastoral conference. Answering questions after giving a prepared talk, Pope Francis told the story of a bishop who said a university graduate came to him saying he wanted to be a priest, but only for 10 years. The idea of commitments being temporary "occurs everywhere, even in priestly and religious life. The provisional. And for this reason a large majority of sacramental marriages are null. They say 'yes, for my whole life,' but they do not know what they are saying because they have a different culture," he said.

## 'A sword has pierced heart' of city, says Orlando bishop

ORLANDO, Fla. (CNS) -- Orlando Bishop John G. Noonan urged people of faith "to turn their hearts and souls" to God and pray for the victims, the families and first responders following the worst mass shooting in U.S. history June 12. "A sword has pierced the heart of our city," he said in a statement. "The healing power of Jesus goes beyond our physical wounds but touches every level of our humanity: physical, emotional, social, spiritual," he said. "Jesus calls us to remain fervent in our protection of life and human dignity and to pray unceasingly for peace in our world." The shooting rampage at a gay nightclub in Orlando left 50 people dead, including the gunman, and 53 wounded. Police said a lone gunman identified as 29-year-old Omar Mir Seddique Mateen -- opened fire inside the Pulse club in Orlando in the early morning hours. Across the nation, reaction from church and community leaders was swift, and in cities large and small, people organized candlelit vigils for the victims and their families the night of the shooting. "Waking up to the unspeakable violence in Orlando reminds us of how precious human life is," said Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, who is president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

## Parish reaches out to Nebraska family after deadly alligator attack

OMAHA, Neb. (CNS) -- Members of St. Patrick Parish in Elkhorn prayed June 16 for Lane Graves, a 2-year-old boy killed in an alligator attack in Florida, his father and mother, Matthew and Melissa, and sister, 4-year-old Ella, during a regularly scheduled morning Mass and special rosary. On vacation at a Walt Disney World resort in Orlando, the family was relaxing June 14 near a play area when the alligator grabbed Lane as he waded at the edge of a lagoon, authorities said. His father fought the alligator and his mother called for help, but their son disappeared under the water. Lane's body was found about 18 hours later, near the shore where he was dragged off. The Graves are members of the parish in Elkhorn, and Ella attended preschool at St. Patrick School. Father Gary Ostrander, pastor, said 100 to 150 people attended the Mass, which was followed by the rosary for the family. "We were all remembering in our prayers, the family," Father Ostrander told the Catholic Voice, newspaper of the Omaha Archdiocese.

# Approach families with respect because God is at work, pope says

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

ROME (CNS) -- Like Moses before the burning bush, those talking about the real-life situations of families must take off their sandals because they are standing on holy ground, Pope Francis said.

The pastoral care of families requires "a climate of respect capable of helping us listen to what God is saying," the pope said June 16, opening the Diocese of Rome's annual pastoral conference.

The families, catechists, priests and bishops participating in the two-day meeting were focusing this year on outreach to families in Rome in light of Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation on the family, "Amoris Laetitia" ("The Joy of Love").

Pope Francis made a formal presentation, with several impromptu additions, and then answered questions at the end, speaking mainly from his pastoral experience in Argentina, but also as pope.

In the question-and-answer session, he assured participants that his exhortation was thoroughly reviewed by Cardinal Christoph Schonborn of Vienna, a respected theologian.

The document, he said, fully conforms to Catholic doctrine, but some people "want doctrine that is mathematically precise. That does not exist!"

"Truth is found in neither strictness nor laxity," the pope said. "The Gospel teaches something different: welcome, accompany, discern, integrate."

A priest must listen to each family, ask questions that help the person reflect and grow, but "not sticking his nose into every detail" of the

couple's life, the pope said.

"Morality is always an act of love, love for God and for one's neighbor, he said. "And it also is an act that leaves room for the conversion of the other."

An attitude of superiority, he said, can even lead to "pastoral cruelty," for example when a priest refuses to baptize the baby of an unwed mother.

In his formal presentation, Pope Francis said that as the diocesan gathering reflects on the family, participants must keep three things in mind: "the life of each person, the life of every family, must be treated with great respect and great care, especially when reflecting on these things; we must guard against setting up a pastoral plan of ghettos and for ghettos; we must give space to the elderly so they would begin to dream again."

The biblical image of the burning bush, Pope Francis said, should be a reminder that "family" is not a theme or a theory, but a reality lived by real people with real joys and sorrows.

"How helpful it is to give faces to the theme," he said. "That frees us from rushing to obtain well-formulated conclusions that can be lifeless; it frees us from speaking in the abstract so that we can draw near to and make commitments to concrete persons. It frees us from turning faith into an ideology with well-designed systems, but ignoring grace."

"To reflect on the life of our families as they are and where they are requires us to remove our shoes in order to discover God's presence," he said.

Faith prohibits the church from abandoning or giving up on anyone "because he doesn't live up to what we are asking," the pope said.

The church must proclaim the Gospel and its values and help people to strive to live holy lives.

However, he said, Catholics must "avoid falling into judgments and attitudes that do not take into account the complexities of life."

"Evangelical realism," the pope said, is the biblical way of looking at life and it "gets its hands dirty because it knows that 'grain and weeds' grow together, and the best grain in this life always will be mixed with a few weeds."

Pope Francis quoted from "Amoris Laetitia," saying: "I understand those who prefer a more rigorous pastoral care which leaves no room for confusion. But I sincerely believe that Jesus wants a church attentive to the goodness which the Holy Spirit sows in the midst of human weakness."

Christians, he said, are "continually exposed" to a temptation to judge others and to think more of themselves by contrasting their behavior with the behavior of others.

"We all need conversion," the pope said. The only way to hear God providing direction in helping others is to pray and to start that prayer with the words, "Have pity on me, Lord, because I am a sinner."

Outreach to families will never succeed if conducted by "those perfect and immaculate people who think they know everything," he said.

One key resource the church has, but which too many people today ignore is the power of the witness of the elderly, he said.

Couples who have been married for decades know the reality of the challenges, but they also know that true love exists and lifelong fidelity is possible, Pope Francis said.



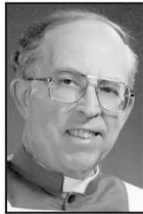
## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# Beginning a new, very important journey

This thirteenth Sunday of the year is all about the excitement and challenge of beginning a new and very important journey.

Many young people facing the new and frightening freedom of leaving home to face the unknown future. Most of them are excited at the possibilities life holds for them, while others are really frightened and unsure. It will take much courage and effort.

In today's first reading,



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the theme of journey into the future begins with the first Book of Kings.

Here we read that the prophet Elijah is tired out, so God allows him to retire.

First, though, he must pass on his prophetic powers to young Elisha, son of a rich landowner. Dramatically, he throws his cloak around Elisha's shoulders, and tells

him to leave everything and follow him.

Reluctantly, he allows El-

isha to bid goodbye to his family first.

No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks back to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God", Elijah tells him.

This young man had to sacrifice much wealth to take on the role of prophet.

In the Gospel, Jesus invites his followers to accompany Him on his last and most important journey from Galilee to Jerusalem.

It is a journey filled with the excitement of healings, miracles, and the rich wisdom of Jesus' preaching to the people, but at the end,

## JUNE 26

### 13th Sunday of the Year READINGS

1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21  
Galatians 5:1, 13-18  
Luke 9:51-62

He faced death on a cross. Jesus tries His best to warn his disciples of the cost of this discipleship for them as well as Himself. It will take much courage and determination.

And how about our journey with Jesus? We know from experience how much effort and sacrifice it takes

to be a follower of Jesus. But, as St. Paul tells the Galatians in today's second reading, "For freedom, Christ set us free, so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery"

He then warns his listeners not to give in to the "flesh" but to follow the grace of the Holy Spirit in giving oneself over completely to the gifts of the Spirit.

It's all about daily focus. In order to plow a straight furrow, we must keep our eyes constantly on the goal of it all which is the joy of heaven.

## CREATING A CULTURE OF VOCATIONS...AS A PRIEST

# Practical priestly promotion

By Father Bryan Stitt  
Diocesan Vocation Director

What can we do to promote Vocations to the priesthood? Many if not most of you have heard me preach about this subject before in your parishes across the North Country. On my first visit to a parish, I talk about three practical tips:

1. Prayer (Vocations are first and foremost God's work, so we must pray for priests!)
2. Words of encouragement to young men who think have what it takes

(Those invitations you make have great power for discerners!) and

3. Living out our respective vocations the best way possible (When we are joyfully following the call of the Lord in our lives, others will want what we've got!). "Okay. Outstanding. We can do that," many of you will say. "But what else can be done? We want more priests!"

In the Diocese of Lafayette, Louisiana they had 28 men in priestly formation in 2010. This year, they're expecting 52 seminarians. (That's an increase of 86% in six years.) What's

more things are moving forward in such a way that they expect to be ordaining more priests in upcoming years than will be retiring! So what are they doing?

Father Kevin Bordelon, the Vocations Director down in Lafayette just wrote this: "One of the most helpful tools out there is the Melchizedek Project. Based upon Father Brett Brannen's [book] To Save a Thousand Souls, the Melchizedek Project assists vocation directors and parish priests form and lead discernment groups. Research and experience tell us that forming a community of support is crucial for young men to respond to the priestly calling.

Often those experiencing a call from the Lord feel isolated. If they have the courage to reveal that they are considering seminary they usually receive little support from family and friends. The Melchizedek Project not only gives them

good information it also allows them to form good and holy friendships. It gives a glimpse of priestly fraternity."

We've been using the book To Save a Thousand Souls since it came out four years ago here in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. It's a great handbook for understanding the diocesan priesthood and how the discernment/application/formation process works. But for three years I was just using it one-on-one with young discerners.

This year we turned it up a notch when we began using the Melchizedek program in conjunction with the books.

Father Howard Venette asked about pulling together a discernment group at St. Mary's in Potsdam for college students and for older high school students. He took a leap of faith, and set 14 dates on the parish calendar, and posted them for the parish and the surrounding parishes to see. It

started slowly. In fact, no one came to the first session. But he persisted. By the third date, we had a core group. And as some of you will remember seeing in this paper back in March, there were eight young men at the session in March.

One shouldn't count his chicks before they hatch, but we've got at least two new seminarians from the group this year and hopefully a couple more next year.

The good work continues. We've set the dates again for this coming academic year. We're also having a mid-summer get together next month.

The Melchizedek project isn't the only program out there. But it's a good one, and I thought you'd like to know about it. Please keep asking what you can do to build up the culture of vocations. The prayer, the words, and the witness are invaluable, but sometimes the Holy Spirit has something new for us to consider. Wouldn't it be great if you were the one to discover it?

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# St. Anthony's plans 100th Mount Carmel Celebration

**WATERTOWN** - St. Anthony's Church will celebrate the annual feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel June 24-26

Notably, Watertown's Mount Carmel Celebration is one of the longest continuously running parish festivals in northeastern United States.

The Mount Carmel celebration, first held in July 1916, celebrates and promotes family activities, food, entertainment and spirituality. The feast provides renowned Italian food as well as rides and games.

Ontario Amusements provide the rides and games for the very young and old. Unlimited rides will be provided on Sunday afternoon for \$13.

This 100th Anniversary celebration will provide an enhanced menu of entertainment.

On Friday, Lisa Scrivani-Tidd and her sons will share their musical talent from 5 to 6:30 p.m., followed by Lester Gates, a local entertainer well known in the North Country, until 9:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Michael Beyette (3 p.m. to 5) will mystify the young with his magic; Chuck Ruggiero (5 p.m. to 6:30) will grace his audience with his beautiful tenor voice; and Nick Mulpagano (6:30 pm to 9:30) will present his "Legends of

Music Impersonations Show," impersonating especially Elvis Presley.

On Sunday, the entertainment schedule reaches new heights as La Banda Rossa (redbandutica.com) from Utica will play from 4 p.m. to 5 and 6 p.m. to 7.

In addition, during the religious procession, La Banda Rossa will change its repertory from popular Italian music to classical religious melodies.

At 7:30 p.m., the premier dance band, Fred and the Eds will take over the entertainment spotlight from 7:30 pm to 9:30.

### Religious procession

The two well-known events are the religious procession and the fireworks.

To honor Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the people of the parish and community, organized by the Men's Mount Carmel Society, walk in procession through the local streets beginning at 5 pm. Prayer and an atmosphere of honor and respect permeate this event.

The procession ends with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in church. The parish and community are honored to have Bishop Terry R. LaValley serve this year as Grand Marshall.

The Feast culminates in a spectacular display of fireworks at 9:30 pm.

To highlight the 100th Anniversary, this year's fireworks display will be enhanced. At the end of the fireworks display, the winners of this year's raffle will be drawn.

In addition to all of these events, there will availability of homemade Italian specialties such as sausage, pizza, meatballs, shells, eggplant, fritos, famous Italian cookies, and elaborate Italian pastries.

Also, hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drink, wine and beer will be available.

On Thursday, June 23, a spaghetti supper from 4:30 pm until all are served will introduce the three-days of festivities. In addition, there will be bingo on Friday at 7 pm in the school building.

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All winning tickets will be returned to drum and be eligible for all 11 prizes.

**Where:** The Cerow Arena at Clayton Recreation Park

**When:** Tuesday, August 9 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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## SUMMER RETREAT

**Lake Placid** – Summer Retreat is set

**Dates:** July 16-17

**Schedule:** The mission will begin on the weekend liturgies and then Mon., Tues., and Wed., at 7 p.m.

**Place:** St. Agnes

**Speaker:** Fr. Don Henry on the theme "Everything we say and do teaches."

## CLINTON

## 2TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

**Plattsburgh** - The Roman Catholic Community of St. Alexander and St. Joseph is hosting its 12th Annual Golf Classic.

**Date:** July 8

**Time:** Shotgun start at Noon

**Place:** Barrack's Golf and Country Club

**Features:** Team registration will include the following, green fee, cart, complimentary welcoming gifts and awards dinner featuring "Delores" Famous Chicken BBQ.

**Contact:** Send four person team info and check for \$240 payable to R.C.C. St. Alexander & St. Joseph Golf Classic, 1 Church Street, Morrisonville NY 12962 by July 1. Barracks members welcomed, please call for details. Business Sponsorships and Family Memorial. Sponsorships are available, call for details. Forward all inquiries to Cheryl Dodds at 518-572-4622 or Jackie Black at 518-561-5039.

## HAMILTON-HERKIMER

## WMOF FAMILY MISSION

**Old Forge** - The team that represented the diocese at World Meeting of Families is presenting a day of Adoration.

**Date:** July 8

**Time:** 8 a.m. to Noon

**Place:** St. Bartholomew's Parish

**Features:** The Day of Adoration follows the 8 a.m. Mass. There will be a breakfast from 9 a.m. to 10 with a short presentation, the opportunity to meet the team members, ask questions and receive resources from the World Meeting of Families. There will be exposition and adoration from 10 to 11 ending with a Holy Hour from 11 to noon.

**Contact:** Those wishing to attend the free breakfast should contact the parish office to register 315-369-3554.

## CHICKEN BBQ

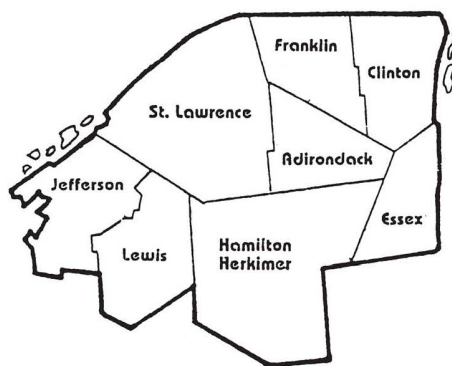
**Indian Lake** – The Knights of Columbus to have a Chicken BBQ

**Date:** July 17

**Time:** Noon to 5 p.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's Church

**Cost:** \$10



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## SUMMER HEAT GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Wells/Speculator** - The 5th Annual St. Ann's & St. James "Summer Heat" Golf Tournament will be held.

**Date:** July 23

**Time:** Shotgun start at 8 a.m.

**Place:** Lake Pleasant Golf Course

**Cost:** \$65 per person. includes a cart

**Features:** The format is Foursomes/Scramble. All the proceeds go towards supporting neighbors in Lake Pleasant, Piseco, Speculator and Wells needing heating assistance next winter. Lunch and prizes will be provided. Sign-up is at the ClubHouse, St. Ann's or St. James Churches. Donations and Sponsors graciously accepted to St. James Church, PO Box 2214, Speculator, NY 12164

**Contact:** For further information, call Richard at 548-3635/ rsnnyder304@hotmail.com or Sue at 924-5557/ spsail@citlink.com

## JEFFERSON

## MOUNT CARMEL FEAST

**Watertown** – St. Anthony's Church will celebrate its 100th Annual Mount Carmel Feast in honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

**Date:** June 24, 25 & 26

**Schedule:** On the grounds traditional Italian foods will be served throughout the Weekend. Ontario Rides and \$1700 cash raffle after the fireworks. Bingo Game Friday at 7 p.m. Great entertainment each night. Friday: Lis Scrivani-Tidd and Sons, 5 p.m. to 6:30; The "Inamous" Les Gates, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30; Saturday, Michael Beyette, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Chuck Ruggiero, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Nick

Mulpagano, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, La Banda Rossa, 4 p.m. to 5 & 6 p.m. to 7; Fred & the Eds, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30.

Unlimited rides for \$13 Sunday 1 p.m. to 4. Religious Procession Sunday at 5 p.m. Giant fireworks Sunday night at 9:30 p.m. All days' end at 10 p.m.

**Contact:** For information, contact St. Anthony's parish office at 315-782-1190

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Sackets Harbor** – St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity, Secular Franciscans will have a two-hour time of adoration to pray for vocations.

**Date:** June 25

**Time:** 10 a.m. to Noon

**Place:** St. Andrew's Church

## BEREAVEMENT MEETING

**Watertown** – An Ecumenical Bereavement meeting to be held.

**Date:** June 27

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse Hearthside Room

**Features:** Hope for the Bereaved" of Syracuse, NY; Mr. Walter Stein – Group Facilitator and Counselor; Bonnie Tucci – Group Counselor, specializing in widows and widowers on "Sharing Our Grief

## SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

**Date:** June 23

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 7

**Place:** St. Anthony's Msgr. Sechi Hall

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

\$ .75 each

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

## LEWIS

## STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

**Lowville** – St. Peter's Church to have a Strawberry Festival.

**Date:** June 23

**Time:** 5 p.m. to 7

**Place:** St. Peter's Church Hall

**Features:** Strawberry Shortcake, Strawberry Sundaes, French Strawberry Pie, Hamburgers, Hotdogs & Sausage Sandwiches, Cake Walk & Tricky Trays.

## DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

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

**Date:** July 3

**Time:** 3 p.m.

**Place:** St. Hedwig's Church

**Features:** The program includes: Vespers (Evening Prayer), Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction.

## SUMMER SOCIAL

**Constableville** – St. Mary's Church will be holding their 10th annual Summer Social.

**Date:** July 13

**Time:** 5 p.m. to 7

**Features:** No price changes, same delicious picnic menu with ala carte pricing; games and raffles

## ST. LAWRENCE

## FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

**Massena** – First Saturday Rosary Devotion to be held.

**Date:** July 2

**Time:** 3:15 p.m.

**Place:** Sacred Heart Church

**Features:** The Rosary will be prayed to Our Lady of Fatima with the intention of making reparation for offenses committed against The Immaculate Heart of Mary. A private meditation will follow on the Luminous Mysteries. Confessions will be available and the Saturday Mass Vigil will begin at 4:00 PM.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY BREAKFAST

**Norwood** – St. Andrew's Parish to have an Independence Day Breakfast Buffet.

**Date:** July 4

**Time:** 8 a.m. to 11

**Cost:** Adults, \$7; Children 6-12, \$5; under 5, Free

## MANICOTTI MONDAY

**Norfolk** – Manicotti Monday is the first Monday of every month.

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

**Place:** Fr. Amyot Parish Center

**Cost:** Adults, \$9.75; Under 5, Free

**Features:** Homemade meat-filled manicotti and/or homemade spaghetti and meatballs, tossed salad,

## FEAST DAY OF ST. PETER AND PAUL

**South Colton** - Please join us for the Vigil Mass for Feast Day of SS Peter & Paul.

**Date:** June 28

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Place:** St. Paul's Oratory

**Features:** Father Howard Venette will be celebrant of the Mass and lead a procession to the Sacred Heart Shrine. Ice cream social follows. Bring lawn chair.

## SUMMER PRE-CANA CONFERENCE

**Norfolk** – Summer Pre-Cana conference to be held.

**Date:** July 9

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Place:** Church of the Visitation

**Features:** If you are getting married in the fall, or anytime next year, and you haven't made your Pre-Cana Conference, there is one available this summer!

**Contact:** Deacon Henry and Dayna Leader, diocesan Pre-Cana coordinators, 315-323-0827, dleader@rcdony.org

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

## FAMILY PILGRIMAGE

**Isle La Motte, VT** - Join us for a Family Pilgrimage to St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte on nearby Lake Champlain.

**Date:** July 16

**Time:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Features:** Bring a picnic, bring swimsuits, participate in a family craft, enjoy the walking Stations of the Cross, celebrate Mass with Bishop La Valley. The Event is free, but a freewill donation will be collected.

**Contact:** Steve Tartaglia, diocesan family life director, starttaglia@rcdony.org, 315-393-2920

## FAMILY GUGGENHEIM

**Saranac Lake** – Come celebrate family at Family Guggenheim.

**Date:** Three Sessions: Aug. 11-14; Aug. 18-21; and Oct. 7-9

**Features:** A four day get away in the Adirondacks 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





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The St. Peter Apostle appeal is designed to help keep these seminarians and religious in place with assistance of their tuition, living expenses and care.

"We visit the sick and share the word of God with them," says Phiri Zakariah Moses, studying at St. Dominic's Major Seminary in Zambia. Like his fellow seminarians, he needs help to pay tuition costs, and St. Dominic's wants to expand to accept more students.

"St. Luke tells us, 'Whoever has two cloaks should share with those who have none, and whoever has food should do likewise,'" Phiri says. "I pray that you will do the same, helping us to help others."

In Timor-Leste in Asia, a student, Nato, at San Pedro e Paulo Major Seminary in Dili, longs to bring help to his people there. Timor-Leste, one of the poorest countries in the world, is torn by war, violence and is where Nato's family became refugees.

"I feel compassion for my people, I know their pain and suffering," he says. "We still have a vision of hope. I work to confirm this hope in them and realize our vision with our faith in God."

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## OBITUARIES

**Altona** – Ruth Anne (Ebare) Brunelle, 71; Funeral Services June 20, 2016 at Holy Angels Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Altona** – Roger J. Deyo, 86; Funeral Services June 15, 2016 at Holy Angels Church; burial in Holy Angels Cemetery.

**Altona** – Janice Mary (LaBarge) LaFountain, 77; Funeral Services June 15, 2016 at Holy Angels Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**AuSable Forks** – Christine (Ano) Griffith; Funeral Services June 16, 2016 at Holy Name Church; burial in Holy Name Cemetery.

**Bombay** – Jeremiah A. Savage, 76; Funeral Services June 15, 2016 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**Cape Vincent** – Michael F. Bashaw, Sr., 72; Memorial Services June 15, 2016 at St. Vincent of Paul Church

**Champlain** – Irene R. Bechard, 83; Funeral June 18, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Colton** – Sarah E. "Betty" (Fisher) Frank, 89; Funeral Services June 15, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**Dannemora** – Winnifred G. "Winnie" (Canning) Everleth, 94; Funeral Services June 14, 2016 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Saranac Independence Cemetery.

**Gouverneur** – Allen R. "Al" Douglass, 78; Funeral Services June 18, 2016 at the Green Funeral Home; burial in Riverside Cemetery.



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**Houseville** – Robert Siemienowicz, 82; Funeral Services June 18, 2016 at St. Hedwig's Church; burial in Lowville Rural Cemetery

**Lake Placid** – Dorothy W. McManus, 70; Funeral Services June 15, 2016 at St. Agnes Church.

**Lowville** – John Conrad Shumway, 63; Funeral Services June 21, 2016 at the Sundquist Funeral Home; burial in Beaches Bridge Cemetery.

**Malone** – Thomas F. McClain Jr., 52; Funeral Services June 15, 2016 at St. John Bosco Church; burial in St. Joseph Cemetery.

**Massena** – Leona Kocienski, 87; Funeral Services June 16, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Massena** – Simeon F. Langevin, 89; Funeral Services June 16, 2016 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Norwood** – Martha (Linker) McNulty, 95; Funeral June 18, 2016 at St. Andrew's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – Timothy Clouthier, 64; Funeral Services June 16, 2016 at Frary Funeral Home; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

**Ogdensburg** – Tuna M. (DiToullio) Lira, 51; Funeral Services June 18, 2016 at Notre Dame Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Peru** – Thomas E. Dragon Sr., 68; Funeral Services June 15, 2016 at the Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in St. Augustine's Cemetery.

**Peru** – Ethel Dashnaw Stewart, 94; Funeral Services June 20, 2016 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Rachel (Poirier) Bedard, 84; Funeral Services June 17, 2016 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Rita E. (LaPointe) LaForest, 89; Funeral Services June 17, 2016 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Marcel J. LaRocque, 91; Funeral June 16, 2016 at St. John's Church; burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

**Potsdam** – Elaine J. (Lawson) Fetcie, 76; Funeral June 14, 2016 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Rouses Point** – Beatrice Jefferson, 92; Funeral Services June 21, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church.

**Star Lake** – Nancy A. (Reynolds) Valentine, 79; Funeral Services June 18, 2016 at St. Hubert's Church; burial in St. Francis Solanus Cemetery, Harrisville.

**Watertown** – Helen E. Egan, 95; Funeral Services June 18, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in North Watertown Cemetery.

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# GUGGENHEIM 2016

## MEET THE STAFF



**Maeve McCullough**

Bonjour from Paris! My name is Maeve McCullough and I am excited to be coming to Camp for a third summer on staff. I am from Black River and attend Holy Family Church when I am home. I am currently a junior at Siena College where I double major in Economics and French.

This past semester, I studied abroad in Paris, France where I am having the wonderful opportunity to explore the world, meet new people, and see God in all of it along the way.

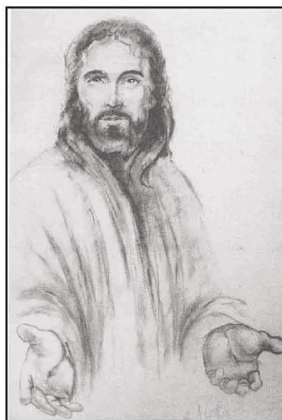
I cannot wait to welcome all of you campers through the gate of Guggenheim with my love for interpretive dance, rappelling, avocados, and God.



**Connor Cummings**

My name is Conner Cummings and I am 20 years old. I live in Alexandria Bay and I belong to the Catholic Community of Alexandria. I graduated this spring with an associate's degree in business administration from SUNY Jefferson.

I have attended Camp Guggenheim for seven years as a camper and this will be my first year on staff. Camp has been such an influential part of my life and I don't know where I would be without it! By being a part of the 2016 Camp Guggenheim staff I hope to help lead the many campers to Christ just as I was through this wonderful camp! I am incredibly grateful to have received this awesome opportunity to give back to the Diocese of Ogdensburg and its youth!



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**Kathryn Petrelli**

Hi, my name is Kathryn Petrelli! CAMPERS! ARE YOU EXCITED?! Another summer! I can't wait! It's going to be amazing! You should read some of these bios! I love to hike, swim and praise and so do they! I just recently moved to Plattsburgh to finish college. Saint John's is my parish here but Saint Andre Bessette in Malone is my home parish.

I worked at Guggenheim last year and my favorite thing about returning is seeing all of you guys! Camp wouldn't be the same without you!



**Nicholas Olley**

Nicholas Olley is excited to be on staff this for his first time this year. Nick lives Natural Bridge, and goes to St. James Parish in Carthage where he is active in two parish counsels and in youth ministry. Nick went to Jefferson Community Collage this year and is in the application process to become a seminarian for the diocese.

He is also excited for the youth this summer and what God has in store for them!

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