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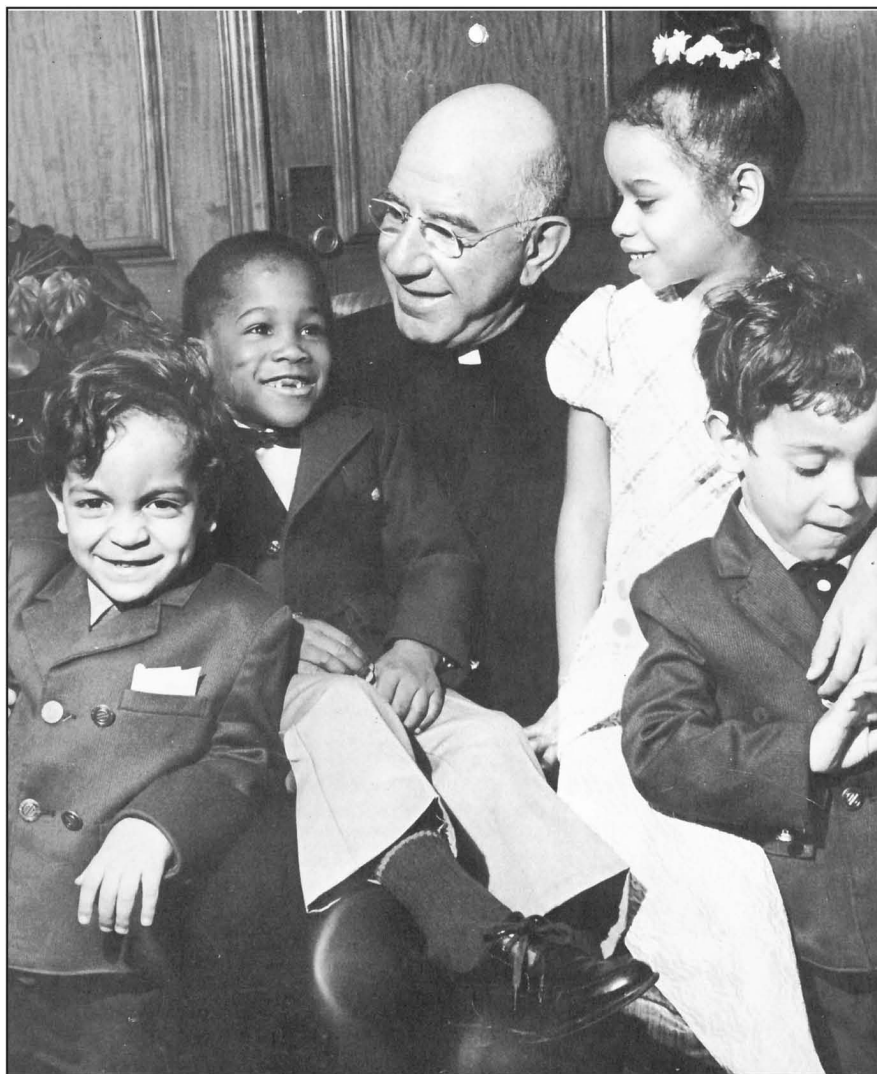
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CATHOLIC CHARITIES PHOTO

Msgr. Joseph F. Luker was appointed diocesan Secretary of Charities by Bishop Brian J. McEntegart in 1945. In the early days of Catholic Charities much of the emphasis was on care for children and adoptions. Formally established in 1917 Catholic Charities has grown into a wide-ranging service organization concerned with both direct aid and advocacy. The *North Country Catholic* salutes Catholic Charities on its centennial in this issue featuring a message from Bishop LaValley and interviews with past and current Catholic Charities staff members.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

A century of service and love

It's with great joy that we join Bishop LaValley and the rest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg in celebrating the 100th anniversary of Catholic Charities this year.

Every Catholic in the diocese can be so proud of the work that this organization carries out in our name, day after day, decade after decade.

As editor of the diocesan newspaper, it's been my particular joy to chronicle all the accomplishments of Catholic Charities and spend plenty of time with the incredible people who have served as diocesan directors.

Msgr. Robert Lawler, Father Stephen Gratto and Sister Donna Franklin have each brought so many blessings to our corner of the world.



Mary Lou
Kilian

One of the hallmarks of Catholic Charities over the course of its history has been the ability of its leaders to ensure that the organization evolves with the changing needs of society.

You'll see this as you read our interviews with Msgr. Aubin and Sister Gabriel Marie who served in the agency in the 1950's and 1960's.

At that point child care and adoption were the focus of

much of their work... and they loved it.

But societal views on adoption and out-of-wedlock pregnancies changed through the years and the services of Catholic Charities changed too.

In the 1970's, Catholic Charities directors throughout the nation recognized the importance of becoming involved in the political process to safeguard human life and dignity.

As Sister Donna explained, "Catholic Charities throughout the nation enhanced their mission statements to include advocacy for systemic change, not just taking care of people who were living with economic and emotional challenges but also looking at the systems and policies that maintained peo-

ple in poverty."

Our diocesan directors took up that mantle with great determination and success.

In fact, both Msgr. Lawler, in 2004, and Sister Donna, in 2011, were honored by the New York State Catholic Conference Council of Catholic Charities Directors with its annual Bishop Mugavero Award.

This honor recognizes individuals in New York State who have made significant contributions in charity and social justice. Isn't it great that their contributions were made on our behalf!

So, happy 100th birthday to Catholic Charities.

We have been extraordinarily blessed by this ministry and we are grateful.

FATHER MUENCH SAYS

Believing in God changes everything

I would like to talk with you today about God.

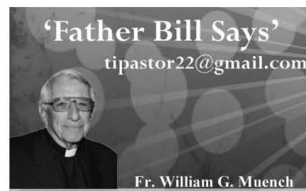
After the Feast of the Pentecost, the Church's liturgy presents us with a Feast in memory of the Blessed Trinity. When we think of God we believe in and pray to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I am well aware of how much has been written and spoken about God, the Blessed Trinity, in the centuries since the time of Jesus. Is there anything that I can add to all of this? Probably nothing new.

Today, however, I would like to use this time to encourage you to join me in a time of prayer and consideration of how God fits into our lives.

First, we must begin with what you believe. The question for ourselves is "do I believe in God?" This is not some idle question. I must not simply shrug my shoulders or say 'of course.'

If I believe in God, everything about me and my life is different; everything changes because I believe in God. I am not like other people because I believe in God. My daily life is



Fr. William G. Muench

a unique challenge to live out my faith in God because I believe in God.

Jesus teaches us to baptize with our Trinitarian God saying, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

The apostles asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. As you remember, Jesus instructed them to pray by saying, "Our Father who art in Heaven." We are urged to approach our God as a Father, our relationship with God is best as a son or daughter.

In Jesus' time, people – probably even the apostles – found this image of God difficult to accept. For them, God was the God of Moses, the God of Mount Sinai, the God of thunder and lightning, a God to be

feared. Instead, Jesus urges us to come to God as going to a loving Father.

Remember the Prodigal Son parable. Jesus makes it very clear in that parable that the Prodigal's Father is an image of God. When the Prodigal return repenting his sinfulness against his Father, Jesus teaches us that the Father does not reach out in anger or violence. Rather the Father rushes out in love to welcome the Prodigal home. He celebrates this return. He is a loving, forgiving Father.

When we speak of this Trinitarian God we must remember all that Jesus did for us all: he lived among us, died for us, rose again for the dead. There are many times when we turn to God that we need to find Jesus. We need the Jesus who experienced what we experi-

ence in our lives. No one of us can say to Jesus "Lord, you don't know what I am going through." Rather our prayer to the Lord Jesus can be "Lord, you know what I am going through – please help me."

And, finally, as we consider the Trinity, I again revisit Pentecost. There are many times when we must find the Holy Spirit. Each day of our lives the Holy Spirit comes to us to be our guide and support.

At the Last Supper, Jesus tells the apostles that he will leave them and the Father will send another Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

So, God presents a challenge for us. Do I believe in God? Do I recognize the Trinitarian God? Do I realize how carefully God wants to come to us where we are and what we need?

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A one-hundred-year-old love story

We look across our blessed nation, one of the richest and most powerful in the world, and continue to see a shocking reality.

For the last 100 years, Catholic Charities has been providing a broad array of services in response to the Lord's command to love God and our neighbor.

Tens of millions of people lack some of the most basic necessities of life. So many of our young and elderly folks, our neighbors, are vulnerable, scared, and hurting.

For the last one hundred years, Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Ogdensburg has been providing a broad array of services in response to the Lord's command to love God and our neighbor.

For generations, parishioners have generously supported these efforts.

We congratulate our Catholic Charities on reaching this century mark of providing pastoral care to people in need.

We express sincere appreciation to all those whose generous support enables Catholic Charities to be such an effective expression of Jesus' love.

Sister Donna Franklin, DC, Director of Catholic Charities, and her predecessors have provided inspiring and creative servant leadership enabling the Church over the last century, to fulfill its responsibility to respond to the needs of our vulnerable sisters and brothers.



PAT HENDRICK PHOTO

Bishop LaValley is pictured at the 2016 Catholic Charities Caritas dinner with the most recent winners of the Caritas Award, representatives of the Mercy Care for the Adirondacks, Mercy Sister Mary Camillus O'Keefe and Jeremiah Hayes. Each year Catholic Charities hosts its Caritas dinner during which individuals or groups are honored for efforts towards building compassionate communities.

The mission of Catholic Charities is based on Gospel values of respect for the dignity and sanctity of every human life, charity and justice. Catholic Charities is gifted with a staff of many

dedicated women and men who bring their faith, expertise, and Christian values to their outreach and advocacy efforts. Some of these services include: direct aid, adoption, coordinated children's services initiatives, public policy advocacy, anger management groups, counseling, ombudsman program, parenting classes, maternity services, offender accountability groups, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, Seaway House, Speaker's Bureau, and education on human trafficking.

In his encyclical *Caritas in veritate* (Charity in Truth, 2009), Pope Benedict XVI reminds us that we must apply moral principles and Catholic social teaching to today's economic and social problems.

Jesus Christ embodies what it is to live a fully human life. He is the model of how we are called to live. America will never be great again until we give more tangible outward expression of the goodness that lies deep within each of us.

Such goodness is reflected in our attentiveness to poverty and development, protection and respect for every human life, concern for the common good, care for creation, work for peace, and insistence on religious freedom.

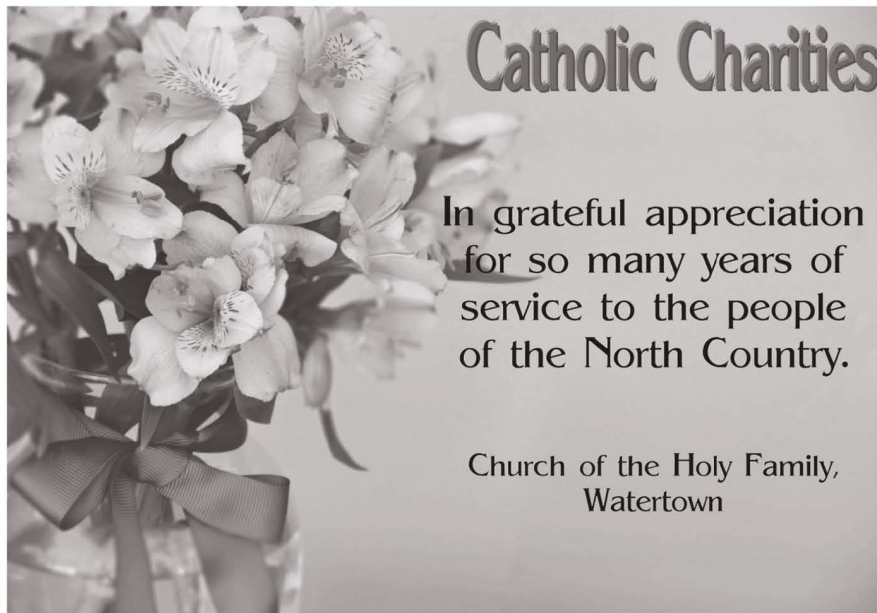
The Gospel is proclaimed not only in the pulpits of our parishes, but also in the everyday lives of people through the ministry of Catholic Charities.

We congratulate Sister Donna and her staff on this special milestone in the one-hundred-year-old love story of Catholic Charities in the North Country.

Thank you for living the Gospel call to love and care for our neighbor.

The people of
St. Cecilia's Church, Adams and
Queen of Heaven, Henderson
wish to send their sincere
congratulations to
Catholic Charities.

May God continue to bless you
for all of the work that you do.



Catholic Charities

In grateful appreciation
for so many years of
service to the people
of the North Country.

Church of the Holy Family,
Watertown

Catholic Church 'at its best'

By Mary Lou Kilian
Editor

OGDENSBURG – When Bishop Paul S. Loverde was seeking a Catholic Charities director for the Diocese of Ogdensburg back in 1995, the Daughters of Charity, then based in Albany, had just decided that they wanted to open a house of sisters in northern New York.

Daughter of Charity Sister Donna Franklin came up for an interview and met with Bishop Loverde. “He asked me if I would take the job if he offered it to me,” Sister Donna said. “I was so impressed with the North Country, with Bishop Loverde, with the board members that I met, that I immediately went back, called my superiors and said, ‘I would be very happy to take that job.’”

“I’m still here,” Sister Donna said, “in this beautiful North Country place.”

Sister Donna sat for an interview with the *North Country Catholic* on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Catholic Charities. A native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who had worked and studied in New York, Philadelphia and Boston, Sister Donna was immediately attracted to the ministry in a more rural area.

“When I came up here, I was impressed by the sense of community, the lack of huge bureaucracy in the church and the lack of huge infrastructure,” she said. “To me, it was the church at its best, church that hadn’t forgotten its pastoral sense as its priority.”

“It was a church that still had that deep sense of Christian community,” she said, “and I realized how much I had been looking for that.”

“I also liked the structure of Catholic Charities,” she said. “It was a small agency with a community organizational perspective. The programs were directed at groups in need, looking at



Daughter of Charity Sister Donna Franklin has served as diocesan director of Catholic Charities for 22 years. She is shown at left with Deacon Richard Winter as he presented a donation to Bishop Paul S. Loverde and, at right, in a current photo. In a recent interview with the *North Country Catholic*, Sister Donna talked about the joys and challenges of her ministry.

unmet needs and the identified needs within each county.

Sister Donna still appreciates the character of the diocese she has called home for 22 years. “The hard work of the priests and of the religious and the commitment of the lay people, are very impressive and very inspirational,” she said.

“I think what has impressed me the most has been the care and concern for one another and that the communities have for each other,” Sister Donna said. “That was most evident during the ice storm when you saw communities band together, work together to rebuild, to reach out and help one another.”

“Bishop Loverde was the only bishop who went around to every command center, to every shelter,” she said. “He was tireless in terms of providing true servant leadership to the people of his diocese.”

Servant leaders

Sister Donna also lauded Bishop Loverde’s successors.

“We’ve been very lucky in the North Country,” she said. “I’ve served with four bish-

ops and every one of them has been a servant leader, a person of pastoral concern for the people of the North Country. Each of them – Bishop Loverde, Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop Robert J. Cunningham and Bishop Terry R. LaValley have supported the works of the poor, were sensitive to seeing that people were served, and supportive of both Catholic Charities and their parishes who want to set up programs to serve the people.

“In terms of leadership in the diocese, it’s been a wonderful experience of working with and learning from servant leaders in each of our bishops,” she said.

Taking on dual roles

Through the years, Sister Donna said that what she enjoyed most about her position, “is the ability to do administration AND direct services, to be able to use my skills as a street social worker because that’s simply what I am. I’m a Daughter of Charity and a social worker.”

“In terms of administration, what I like best is working with the staff at Catholic Charities,” she said. “I really



has also appreciated the opportunity to work with other offices in the diocese.

“I enjoy being, to be able to part of deacon formation program or Formation for Ministry or the North Country Catholic,” she said, “to be able to collaborate with the rest of the diocesan family and to be able to support outreach programs conducted by parishes.”

Future of Catholic Charities:

When asked to consider the future of the agency, Sister Donna said, “I think this Catholic Charities in the North Country has for all these years maintained its community organizing perspective which I think is a very healthy, effective perspective.”

“The fact that it’s stayed small and not developed into a large corporate identity has allowed the staff and volunteers to keep their focus on people and not have to work to maintain the corporation,” she said. “I would hope in five years, that would still be the focus.”

“I can see it continuing to grow in terms of each county looking at the unmet needs and the underserved and Catholic Charities being able to pick up those pieces, being able to support parishes in developing programs of outreach for persons in need in their own geographic area,” she said. “To me that’s critical.”

If money were no object, “I would set up an endowment for each county so that each county would have income, with at least one staff person,” she said.

“We just had a trust come in, Ann Walker left us a trust to support and work with the people in Moira. That’s Port Henry and the surrounding area,” Sister Donna said. “We have the Leahy Fund to help people in Black River area.”

“That would be my dream,” she said, “to have a fund for every area of the North Country, for every county.”

Sister Donna said that she

Diocesan director reflects on changes in Catholic Charities over 100 years

As part of her interview with the *North Country Catholic*, Sister Donna Franklin reflected on the changes and growth of Catholic Charities throughout its history:

One hundred years ago, Catholic Charities did wonderful work with adoptions, with children who needed to be cared for; they did a lot of giving away layette sets.

The work of Catholic Charities is based on the Gospel and the Gospel, interpreted in the modern world is, in many ways, based on Catholic social teaching

In the 1970's Catholic Charities directors throughout the nation, with considerable input from the Charities directors of New York State, developed what was called the Cadre Report which identified the two feet of Christian service: direct aid and advocacy.

So, at that time, Catholic Charities throughout the nation enhanced their mission statements to include advocacy for systemic change, not just taking care of people who were living with economic and emotional challenges but also looking at the systems and policies that maintained people in poverty.

The work of Catholic Charities is based on the Gospel and the Gospel, interpreted in the modern world is, in many ways, based on Catholic social teaching. From the time of Pope Leo with *Rerum Novarum* in 1891, this usually meant addressing the social issues of the day. *Rerum Novarum* was developed during the industrial revolution and focused on the rights of workers, the dignity of work and the dignity and sanctity of the human person.

And then, in this day and age, the work of Catholic Charities continues to address those rights but also includes what we see with Pope Benedict and Pope Francis. In *Deus Caritas Est*, Pope Benedict talked about the constitutive elements of the church – word, worship and service. Pope Francis – in *Laudete Si* – talks about climate change, and the issue of the environment. One of the things we know is that deteriorating environment will impact the poor first of all. They will suffer the most.

So the church teaches about the current issues and how we should respond. That church teaching, that body of social teaching, guides the work of Catholic Charities. That means that Catholic Social Teaching is an integral part of all the missions of

Catholic Charities.

Everything we do is based on the sanctity and dignity of the human person; every program is based on the sanctity and dignity of human person. When someone comes into our office they should feel as though they have worth and, when they leave, their dignity should be intact. They should be made to feel that they are significant. Sometimes poverty is talked about in terms of statistics, in abstract concepts. It's not. Poverty has a name and a face and a story of an individual or a family.

There are many people who live in the shadows, live on the margins of our society. Often it's a surprise because it's not the people who we think or the stereotypes that we think about. Many of the people living on the margins today are the invisible poor, the working poor, retirees, veterans, military families. You see people no one would suspect are poor but are struggling to survive. We see families where one or two adults are working two or three jobs just to trying to make ends meet and are still struggling, retirees who thought that the money they had for retirement was going to work but it's not enough. So you have this whole group of bashful poor, the proud poor, people who aren't used to asking, coming forward and asking for help.

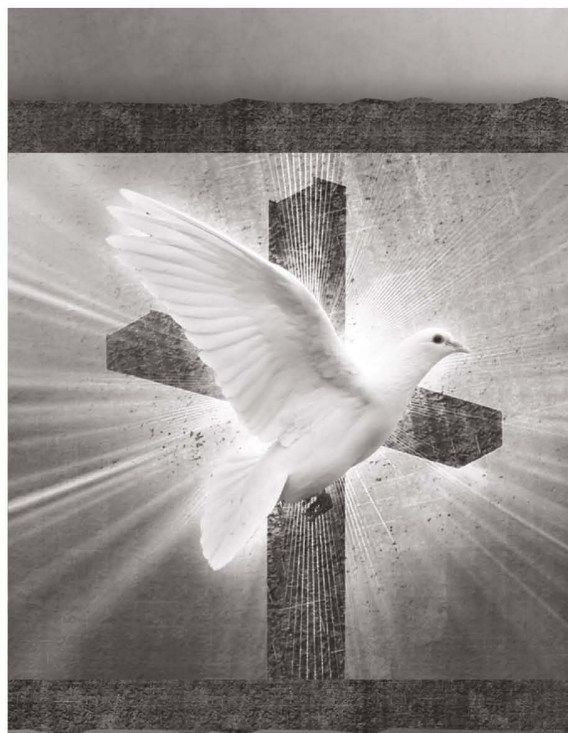
We have seen a dramatic increase in that population, whose needs don't fit into traditional services, who are working but make just a little bit more to qualify for services and even with that little bit more they are still struggling.

The most frustrating part of the work of today is seeing the growing needs of the people and the always diminishing resources, particularly when you have a government that seems unable to hear or understand the needs of its people.

Catholic Charities is challenged to secure the necessary resources that are needed to help people in development. For example, prevention programs have been cut so a person has to be evicted or be homeless before they qualify for help rather than working to prevent homelessness. Many programs are reactive instead of proactive.

That's the most frustrating part of my work because I believe that service providers should teach people to be proactive, to help them plan, to provide educational opportunities.

With big concepts – like welfare reform – not enough thought is given to the consequences, often safety nets are lost and that's what Catholic Charities has been able to do – provide safety nets.



Thank you!

Msgr. Lawler

Fr. Steven Gratto

Sister Donna

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The pastor and parishioners of
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Msgr. Aubin helped open and headed the Plattsburgh regional office in 1957

Former director looks back on rewarding work



By Shawn Ryan
Staff writer

PLATTSBURGH - Very few people will ever have the experience of meeting a fellow parishioner, a friend, and knowing that as a tiny infant they helped place that person with a loving adoptive family. Msgr. Joseph G. Aubin has that experience nearly every week.

In 1957 Msgr. Aubin helped open and headed the Plattsburgh office of Catholic Charities. With a modest staff of two lay persons and two nuns from the Daughters of the Heart of Mary, Msgr. Aubin placed 170 children with adoptive children on the Plattsburgh side of the diocese, and another 200 on the Ogdensburg side during his time as director.

Some are now parishioners at St. Peter's, with their own

families and children.

"I enjoyed the work very much," Msgr. Aubin said, while reclining in his modest apartment at the St. Peter's Rectory. "To place a baby in a loving home, then to follow up down the road; most don't even know that I adopted them, but I do."

It was a different time, Msgr. Aubin explained, when society held much different views on adoption and teen mothers and out-of-wedlock births. In today's society women and extended families are much more apt to keep a baby in those instances.

That means that, over the years the workload of Catholic Charities changed from primarily adoption and counseling services, to other services like referrals to other agencies, grass roots advocacy, and financial assistance to struggling peo-

ple. It is a change that he definitely laments, but understands.

With no formal training in social work when he was chosen for the role, Msgr. Aubin credits the early tutelage of Monsignors Joseph F. Luker and Robert L. Lawler, who helped him to define the role, and get Catholic Charities up and running in Plattsburgh.

Msgr. Aubin points out too, that along with his work at Catholic Charities he and his staff were also doing parish work throughout the week and on weekends.

"It was very hands-on work, but we loved doing it," he said. "It takes a special approach to life to do counseling and help people through their problems. The nuns who worked with me over the years were so helpful."

He considers himself grateful to have been blessed

with a great staff who were well trained in social work, calling them a life-saver.

He was also appreciative to be able to hand the office over to the very capable hands of Father Patrick Mundy in 1972, who ran the office for many years after that.

Father Mundy, he said, came to the position with an educational background in social work, and was instrumental in helping the agency transition through the changing times that followed.

But even though we live in different times, nothing can take away the feeling or happiness that comes from running such an important and powerful ministry from Msgr. Aubin.

"You feel such a reward matching a child to a well-matched family," he said. "They were all so happy."

SHAWN RYAN PHOTO

Msgr. Joseph G. Aubin, shown above in his Plattsburgh home, talked about his work as the first director of the Plattsburgh Catholic Charities office.

Congratulations to the Catholic Charities family from Bishop Terry LaValley and the people of the Diocese of Ogdensburg

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First Director
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Luker

Current Director
Sr. Donna Franklin D.C.

Thank you for 100 years showing us how to live the Gospel...

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY CATHOLIC CHARITIES

A CENTURY OF SERVICE



Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana is pictured with Catholic Charities staff members and former directors who celebrated the 75th anniversary of the organization in 1992. In front are Msgr. Robert Lawler, Bishop Brzana and Father Stephen Gratto; back, Alex Velto, Father Patrick Mundy, Msgr. Joseph Aubin, Anne Boulter, Pamela Wilson and Deacon Patrick Lyons.



Patsy McCaughin of Port Henry was honored with the 1988 Caritas Award for her work in RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) in Essex County. Father Stephen Gratto, Catholic Charities director from 1986 to 1994, and Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana, the tenth Bishop of Ogdensburg, made the presentation.



Msgr. Joseph Aubin and Father Patrick Mundy, shown in this 1972 file photo, are the only priests who served as directors in Catholic Charities offices who are still living. They both headed the Plattsburgh regional office.



For many years, St. Joseph Sister Gabriel Marie Meyer and Alex Velto served out of the Watertown Catholic Charities office. Sister Gabriel is remembered for her work with adoptions (see story on page 9) and Mr. Velto, who died in 2009, was active in providing affordable housing in the North Country.

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June 21 – 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg

June 22 – 12:00 p.m., Pontifical Mission Societies Board Meeting at Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

June 24 – 10:30 a.m., Diocesan Pastoral Council at St. Raphael's Church in Heuvelton
4 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg

June 25 – 3:00 p.m., Solemn Vespers and Commissioning of Lay Ministers at St. Mary's Cathedral

June 27 – 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

June 27 – 1 p.m., Fort Drum Partnership Symposium at the Fort Drum After Action Facility

June 28 – 12:00 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

June 29 – 5:00 p.m., Reception for the 10th Anniversary of Mercy Care for the Adirondacks at the Lake Placid Gulf House Restaurant

June 30 - July 5 - National Convocation of Catholic Leaders in Orlando, Florida

Rest in Peace

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

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

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

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. Auguste A. Brunet, O.M.I., 1866; 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. Adonai L. Dufresne, 1940; Rev. Gilbert J. Faucher, 1981; Deacon Francis E. LeRoux, 1996; Rev. George F. Maroun, 2016

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

Environmental Stewardship

Sowing Seeds of Hope and Healing (Part 2)

Nurturing seeds of hope and healing for our suffering world involves a challenge in the way that we look at the natural world.

Below is another point from Laudato Si: Care for our Common Home that one mother saw as a guiding star for her as she strives to help her new born son find his place in the world.

*We are stewards of the natural world, not masters of it. Pope Francis writes "We must forcefully reject the notion that our being created in God's image and given dominion over the earth justifies absolute domination over other creatures. The biblical text . . . tells us to 'till and keep' the garden of the world. (#67)

As we know, this word 'dominion' has been incorrectly interpreted to mean 'domination' over the natural world. With that interpretation comes the license to do whatever pleases us and our own goals with little consideration of the effects that our plans may have on others who also depend upon it for their existence.

Pope Francis cites the Catechism that clearly and forcefully criticizes a distorted anthropocentrism: "Each creature possesses its own particular goodness and perfection . . . each of the various creatures, willed in its own being, reflects in its own way a ray of infinite wisdom and goodness."

Man must therefore respect the particular goodness of every creature, to avoid any disordered use of things."

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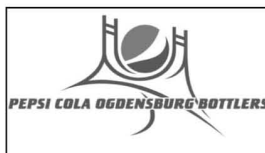
We are further reminded by Pope Francis that "It is not enough . . . to think of different species merely as potential resources to be exploited, while overlooking the fact that they have value in themselves . . .

Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have not such right." (# 33)

How might this way of seeing the natural world affect the way that I approach God's creatures?

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

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Sr. Gabriel Marie on the joys of adoption work

By Deacon Kevin Mastellon
Staff writer

WATERTOWN – St. Joseph Sister Gabriel Marie Meyer never wanted to be a teacher. She admits that. She wanted to do social work.

God has blessed me with a joyful, fulfilling life in His service.

"What gave you the greatest joy in your varied career?" I had the temerity to ask.

Sister Gabriel responded without hesitation. "Oh, it was the adoption work," she said. "My heart ached for those girls who had to make the decision. When they decided to surrender their child, it was the greatest act of love to give their child for adoption."

Sister Gabriel worked for

Catholic Charities when Msgr. Robert Lawler was the director. She principally worked in Jefferson and Lewis Counties in the 1960s and 1970s.

Adoption cases were plentiful; "we were averaging one a month," she said.

Times have changed and now adoptions are usually channeled through local county social service agencies, foster parent programs or private agencies.

"My greatest heartache was going with the girl to surrender her child," Sister Gabriel said. "She cried, and I cried with her; but the joy this child brought to the adoptive parents who were so anxious. It was a win-win."

Sister Gabriel was responsible for the due diligence. She interviewed and counseled the young girls "who were definitely incapable of taking care of a child" and examining the prospective adoption couple.



Sister Gabriel Marie Meyer

She looked at the couple's religious background, their financial ability, their suitability as parents, their commitment to marriage and

parenting.

"Over the years I believe I only had two adopting couples who split-up," she said.

The *North Country Catholic* published this autobiographical sketch in 2012 on the occasion of her 65th anniversary as a Sister of St. Joseph:

Friday, the 13th of November, 1925, what a lucky day for me! I was born the third child to John and Anastasia (Marilley) Meyer. We lived on a farm outside the village of Croghan and were members of St. Stephen's Church. I worked as a secretary for three years before entering the Sisters of St. Joseph Community.

A degree in Education from the College of St. Rose in Albany and a Masters in Social Work from St. Patrick's School of Social Work, Ottawa, Canada followed.

Her ministry included teaching, "but only for a while," administration at St.

Patrick's Children's Home, Catholic Charities and as pastoral associate at St. James Parish, Carthage, St. James Parish, Gouverneur and St. Martin/St. John, Port Leyden/Lyons Falls.

Sister Gabriel Marie was recognized by Catholic Charities as its Caritas Award recipient in 2010. The Caritas medal is awarded to the individual who "makes a significant difference in the lives of the people of the North Country."

At the dinner marking the presentation Bishop Terry LaValley said of Sister Gabriel, "she lives the charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph of love of God and love of neighbor so generously."

Now retired at 91 years of age and living at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Watertown. Sister Gabriel says, "God has blessed me with a joyful, fulfilling life in His service."

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The Catholic Churches of the High Peaks

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A welcome presence in Watertown

By Deacon Kevin Mastellon
Staff writer

WATERTOWN - Debra Baxter is convinced that Watertown office of Catholic Charities is making a difference in the community. The needs are sufficient, she says. The case load suggests the office will have to grow over the next five years. Debra Baxter is the Area Director for Catholic Charities.

Baxter, who holds a licensed master's degree in social work, came to the Diocesan Catholic Charities staff this year from the Veterans Administration. Her career brought her to Watertown on the staff of the VA for four years to establish a pilot program to address the needs of homeless veterans. She was inclined to move from the VA, a job she really enjoyed, to an organization with the credentials of Catholic Charities for the

work it does and a less demanding bureaucracy.

"I had known Sister Donna (Sister Donna Franklin, DC, Catholic Charities Diocesan Director) for a few years, but only on the phone," Baxter said. "When I saw the ad for the opening, I called her."

The advantage of bringing Baxter on board was her knowledge of the social service network already in place in the community and her academic qualifications.

She is now responsible for the Watertown office at 145 Clinton St.

Baxter is involved in counseling and directing the compassionate care aspects of the organization. Rosilynn Ross is the Office Manager and, among other duties, deals with the financial aid aspects of the agency.

"Roz and I have had a lot of experience. It's not like we are green. We know what's going on; we have known poverty, homelessness," Baxter



PHOTO BY DEACON KEVIN MASTELLON

Rosilynn Ross, office manager, foreground, and Debra Baxter, area director comprise the staff of the Watertown Catholic Charities.

ter said and Ross jumped-in "it is more than putting-on someone else's shoes when you have actually worn them. I hear the need but

sometimes you have to create a way for them (the clients) to participate in their own rescue."

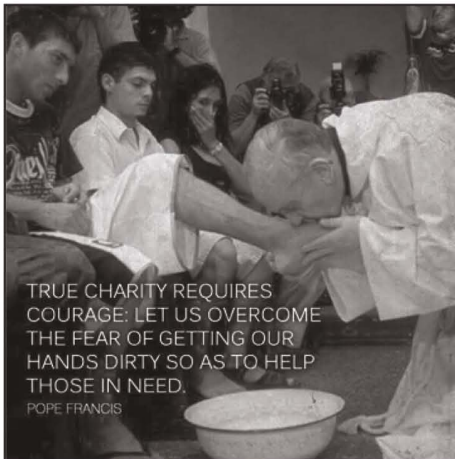
Most of the work of the small staff is by appointment (315-788-4330) so they are not overwhelmed at any one time. However walk-ins are welcome from 1 p.m. to 4 Tuesday to Friday.

Baxter feels it is important for social service agencies to network so each agency staff knows the opportunities and limitations of sister agencies. Ross agrees, "we are always concerned that (clients) are aware of what is out there for them and not just say, 'here you go, bye.'"

Baxter identifies Watertown Urban Mission, Community Action Planning Council, Salvation Army and Catholic Charities working with the county Department of Social Services as the agencies available to assist people now in the Watertown region.

The Watertown office handles cases for Jefferson and Lewis Counties. The agency is principally interested in counseling and financial assistance for critical needs when other community services are unavailable. Baxter is currently offering counseling services for anxiety and depression and some marital cases.

Appointments are available by phone. Services are offered on a sliding fee scale but no one is denied services for inability to pay.



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The Parishioners of St. Mary's in Canton

Fidelis Care grant to improve health-related services for underserved

OGDENSBURG - Fidelis Care, the New York State Catholic Health Plan, announces the distribution of \$269,500 from its Community Grant Fund to non-profit organizations in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

The grants support a variety of health-related programs that reach local residents with the care and services they need.

Grant recipients within the Diocese of Ogdensburg are:

- Catholic Charities is the recipient of a \$200,500 grant. The funding will support

Healthy Families/Healthy Communities, a counseling program for people who lack access to resources that can help them build bridges to healthier lives.

- St. Joseph's Home received a grant of \$69,000 to help develop behavioral techniques to enhance the quality of life for residents affected by dementia and/or mental illness.

"Through these grants, Fidelis Care is supporting initiatives to help those in need access vital care and services," said Father Patrick J. Frawley, President and CEO.

"As a faith-based health plan, our mission is to ensure access to health-related resources for families and individuals in need."

This is the 13th consecutive year that Fidelis Care has awarded grants to non-profit organizations that share similar missions and values of service to care for the poorest and most vulnerable populations.

The grants are made in coordination with the Bishops in New York State's eight Roman Catholic Dioceses. The local grants are part of the \$4 million being awarded Statewide by Fidelis Care through the Fund this year.

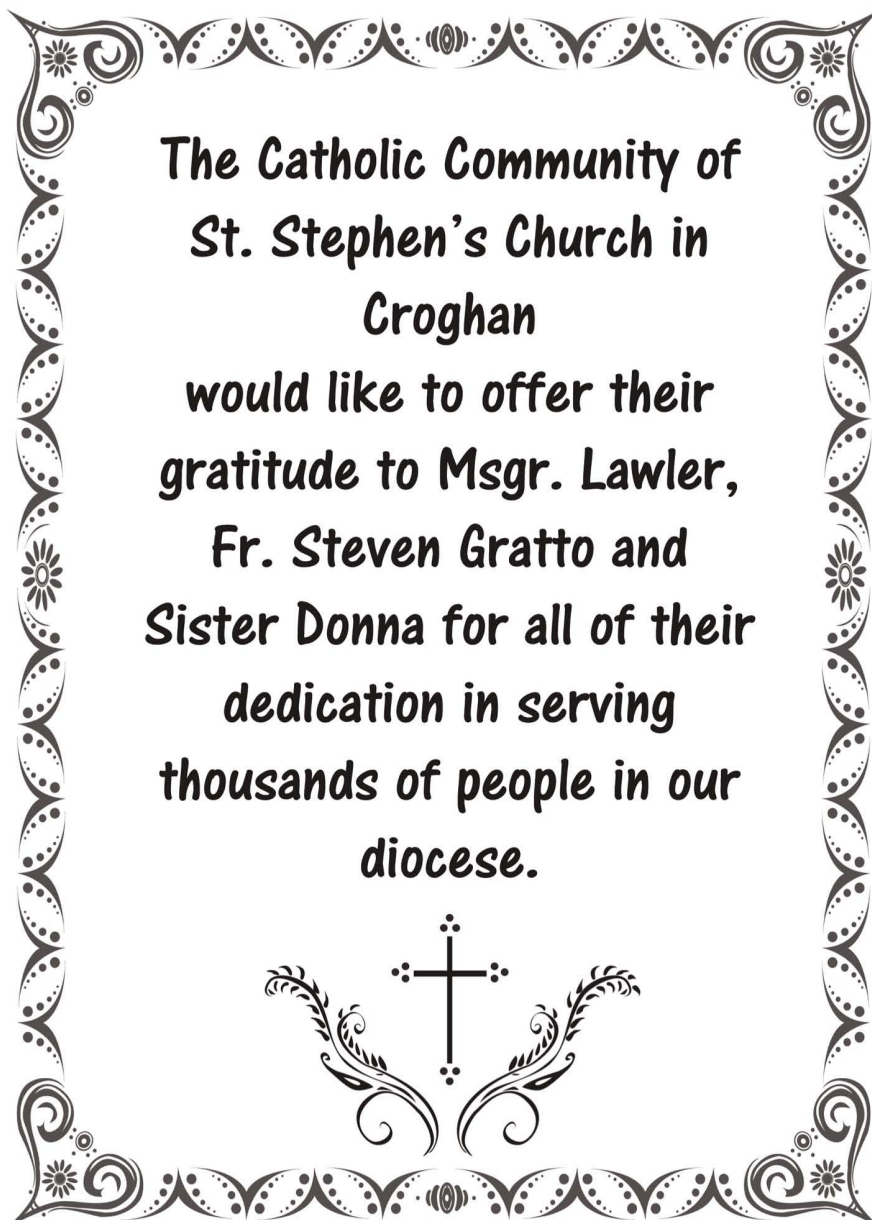
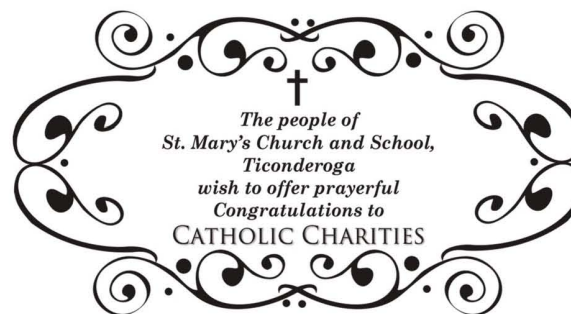
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Annual Respect Life grants are awarded to diocesan groups

Where do donations in support of life go?

By Colleen Miner

Diocesan director, respect life ministry

Do you ever wonder where your donations go?

The Respect Life second collection, held each January in our parishes, promotes prolife activities that benefit those in our diocese. The funds allow the advancement of the Gospel of Life in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Twenty grant applications were received this year and while this year's collection was the lowest it's been in ten years, the \$68,267.32 will benefit many.

Some benefits may be obvious like the Gabriel Project, parish-based crisis pregnancy apostolates that help hundreds in our diocese (numbers below), but others may not be so evident.

For instance, 40 Days for

Life, saving lives with a prayerful presence outside of Planned Parenthood, may have had an affect on the large decrease in the number of abortions in the Plattsburgh area. According to the Fetal Death Certificates filed at Plattsburgh City Hall: 2012: 347.... 2013: 376....2014: 338... 2015: 203....2016: 162... .2017: 41(Jan - March)

Crisis pregnancy outreach in our diocese is an important ministry that is supported by the collection. Gabriel Projects have seen an increase in the number of families who seek help.

Plattsburgh - 70 moms in 2015; 127 moms in 2016; Brasher Falls - 80 moms in 2016 (32 are new); Potsdam - 12 new moms in 2016 (100+ moms have been helped since beginning 8 years ago.); Massena - 128 moms (58 new) over 300 moms have been helped.

A grant was also given to the new Gabriel Project in Ogdensburg to help with start-up costs.

Catholic Charities in Malone, another grant recipient had 26 pregnant and parenting youth in their program in 2016 with four babies born and four more expected in 2017.

Plattsburgh Pregnancy Center has a new ultrasound machine. The respect life collection helped with a grant toward the purchase and also helped with funds for advertising. Eighteen women were helped in 2016 and so far this year there have been 18 helped so the word is getting out.

BIRTHRIGHT in Plattsburgh gave out about 60 layettes last year. An average of 20 people a week come in for clothes, diapers and formula. The collection provides a yearly grant to help.

The Respect Life collection also provides educational opportunities.

LIFERIGHT of Watertown, in 2016, gave prolife presentations to 45 students at St. Cecilia's religion class, 67 students at IHC and to St. Patricks' confirmation students during their retreat. The grant helped with the mailing of 4,000 newsletters and educational TV spots.

YOUTH BUSES FOR LIFE grant made it possible for 106 high school students and chaperones to travel to the Washington, DC, March for Life at a reasonable cost. Many educational activities surround this pilgrimage: teachings by guest speakers, learning about saints at shrines and museums, taking part in the historic and spiritual March for Life in our nation's capitol as well as daily Mass and praying the rosary. A grant was given for the Lewis County

Right to Life Bus to travel to DC too.

Pro-Life Fair booths in our diocese received grants from the collection to bring the pro-life message to the public arena: Lewis County Right to Life, Champlain Valley Right to Life and St. Lawrence County Fair.

Light of Truth Catholic Radio in Lake Placid received a grant to help with various programs and prayers to educate listeners.

Thank you to all who donated to the Respect Life second collection and to all those who volunteer their time and talents to build a Culture of Life in our diocese.

Thank you Bishop LaValley, and the grant board (Father Thomas Higman, Steve Tartaglia, John Miner and Angelo and Suzanne Pietropaoli) for reviewing the grant reports and grant applications.

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Convocation of Catholic leaders planned

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS)-- During their spring meeting in Indianapolis, U.S. bishops were reminded that the upcoming Convocation of Catholic Leaders - a gathering they began talking about years ago - is right around the corner.

Bishop LaValley to lead a delegation from the Diocese of Ogdensburg

It will be a historic event, Bishop Richard J. Malone of Buffalo, New York, chairman of the bishops' Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, told the bishops June 15 about the July 1-4 "Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in America" in Orlando, Florida.

He also noted that it will be the largest gathering sponsored by U.S. bishops and will be a time to show the unity of the church.

The convocation, an invitation-only event, is meant to give the 3,000 participants expected to attend a better understanding of what it means to be missionary disciples in today's world through workshop presentations, keynote addresses and prayer.

The plan, from the outset, was to bring Catholic leaders from across the country to closely examine and figure

out how to best live out Pope Francis' call for all Catholics to be missionary disciples in today's world as expressed in his 2013 apostolic exhortation, "Evangelii Gaudium" ("The Joy of the Gospel").

Dioceses are sending delegations chosen by their bishops, and other attendees will be key leaders of Catholic or-

ganizations, apostolates, missions, congregations, institutions and agencies identified by the USCCB.

Bishop Malone thanked the bishops for supporting the convocation dedicated to forming missionary disciples who can then go out and form others, following the call of Pope Francis.

He urged the bishops to make use of their time in conversations with diocesan delegates during the convo-

cation to walk and pray with them. On a practical note, he also suggested they wear comfortable shoes

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Bishops' voices called 'vital' to fight challenges to religious liberty

By Sean Gallagher
Catholic News Service

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS) - The U.S. bishops voted June 15 to make the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty a permanent standing committee.

In our tumultuous political culture, Catholic laity must be equipped to participate in conversations about the future direction of our country

Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori

The 132-53 vote came on the second day of the bishops' spring assembly in Indianapolis. There were five abstentions. A simple majority was required for approval.

The bishops' action came less than a week before the start of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' fifth annual Fortnight for Freedom June 21-July 4. It is a two-week period of prayer, advocacy and education on religious freedom.

Before the vote, Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori, chairman of the committee since its creation in 2011, spoke in favor of making it permanent, arguing the need for the body stretches beyond the specific legal and public policy issues challenging religious freedom that continue to emerge.

"Rather, the very idea of religious freedom and its roots in human nature is challenged," he said, "along with the right of religious people and institutions to raise their voices in the public square and to perform ministries that serve the common good

in accordance with their religious and moral convictions."

Archbishop Lori also expressed his hope the ad hoc committee's work up to now and in the future would help "plant the seeds of a movement for religious freedom, which will take years of watering and weeding in order for it to grow, to grow strong and to bear fruit."

"In the face of these challenges, our voice is vital," he said. "Debates about religious freedom in our country are often, sadly, polarizing. In our tumultuous political culture, Catholic laity must be equipped to participate in conversations about the future direction of our country."

Archbishop Lori will celebrate the fortnight's opening Mass the evening of July 21 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore. The archbishop will celebrate a special closing Mass July 4 in Orlando, Florida, during the Convocation of Catholic Leaders.

In the discussion that followed Archbishop Lori's presentation, some bishops spoke in favor of establishing a standing committee on religious freedom. Among them was Washington Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl.

"The challenge to religious liberty is a growing one," he said. "The dominant culture increasingly now finds that it's not just a matter of disagreeing with religious principles and positions. But there's a certain level of hostility becoming more and more evident. ... This problem is not going to go away."

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, who was USCCB president when the ad hoc committee was created, also

spoke in favor of making it permanent.

He noted that bishops around the world "look to us in the United States (as) real quarterbacks when it comes to the defense of religious freedom" and added that "ecumenical partners how deeply they cherish our leadership on this issue."

"I think it's enhanced the cause of interreligious and ecumenical dialogue, because we're not the only ones concerned," Cardinal Dolan said. "So, we need some permanence. We need some stability. And I think this is the way to go."

Some bishops felt the ad hoc committee did not need to become permanent because they felt religious liberty could be addressed by existing standing committees.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin of Newark, New Jersey, also noted that it was "very unfortunate" that the vote on the committee was taking place a day after the bishops allowed its working group on immigration to cease to exist.

However, after the vote on the committee, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo announced he would allow the working group to continue its efforts, prompting applause from the bishops.

In a news conference after the meeting session, Archbishop Lori said he was grateful "it was not a pro forma discussion, but rather an opportunity for bishops in a wonderfully respectful and dialogic way, to express their views about" religious liberty.

"It's a big step to establish a standing committee," he said. "And so no one would expect it to be a walk in the park."

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Poverty requires action, not empty words, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- People cannot sit back and be indifferent or unresponsive to growing poverty in the world as a privileged minority accumulates "ostentatious wealth," Pope Francis said. "God created the heavens and the earth for all; yet sadly some have erected barriers, walls and fences, betraying the original gift meant for all humanity, with none excluded," the pope said in a message for the first World Day of the Poor. The newly established commemoration and the period of reflection and action preceding it are meant to help Christians develop and maintain a more consistent and sincere lifestyle built on sharing, simplicity and the essential truths of the Gospel, the pope said in the message released June 13, the feast of St. Anthony of Padua. The World Day of the Poor -- to be marked each year on the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary time -- will be celebrated Nov. 19 this year and will focus on the Apostle John's call to love "not with words, but with deeds." There are so many forms of material and spiritual poverty that poison people's hearts and harm their dignity, the pope said in his message, and "we must respond with a new vision of life and society."

Vatican releases online questionnaire for youth

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- To involve young people in preparations for the Synod of Bishops on youth in 2018, the Vatican has released an online questionnaire to better understand the lives, attitudes and concerns of 16- to 29-year-olds around the world. The questionnaire -- available in English, Spanish, French and Italian -- can be found on the synod's official site:

youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/it.html and is open to any young person, regardless of faith or religious belief. The general secretariat of the synod launched the website June 14 to share information about the October 2018 synod on "Young people, faith and vocational discernment" and to link to an online, anonymous survey asking young people about their lives and expectations. The answers to the questionnaire, along with contributions from bishops, bishops' conferences and other church bodies, "will provide the basis for the drafting of the 'instrumentum laboris,'" or working document for the assembly, synod officials said in January.

Parish prays for congressman after shooting

METAIRIE, La. (CNS) -- More than 150 people attended a prayer service at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Metairie June 14 to pray for the recovery of House Majority Whip Steve Scalise, R-Louisiana, and other victims of a shooting in Alexandria, Virginia, early that morning. Scalise, his wife, Jennifer, and their two children are members of St. Catherine of Siena Parish. The congressman from the 1st District of Louisiana was gunned down by a lone gunman while practicing with other Republican members of the House and staffers for a charity baseball game. Scalise sustained a bullet to the hip that also caused serious internal bleeding. After surgery, he was listed in critical condition, and as of early June 15, he remained in critical condition. He has received multiple blood transfusions. Doctors said he would require additional surgeries. Father Ronald Calkins, pastor of St. Catherine of Siena, said the prayer service was for the shooting victims and also for those who mourn for them. "We come here to pray to God, who is always with us and always supporting us and always helping us," Father Calkins said. "We pray especially for those who were injured. Of course, we also come just to support each other."

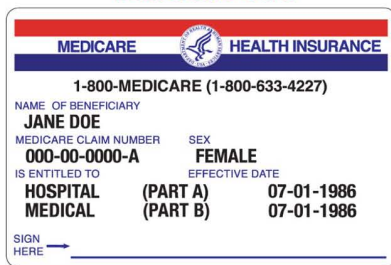
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Strong words are meant to strengthen us

Today's first reading gives us an amazing insight into the anger and discouragement of the prophet Jeremiah.

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seem to be listening.

His family and friends have denounced him to the king, who causes him to be flogged publicly, and threatened with death.

Jeremiah, decides to quit being a prophet.

Struggling with his feelings, he finally admits that he can't quit because God's

word is burning like fire in his bones.

He knows God will not desert him, and that his enemies will eventually be brought to justice.

He is right, for God eventually vindicates Jeremiah.

In the second reading, St. Paul explains that through one man, Adam, sin came

into the world, but that through the God-man, Jesus Christ, sin was atoned for.

Through His loving sacrifice, not only is our sin atoned for, but we are gifted with eternal life, as well as all those who will come after us until the end of time.

Evil is something to be feared. But Jesus, in today's Gospel, tells his followers, "Fear no one."

He teaches further, "And do not be afraid of those who kill the body, but cannot kill the soul".

Is there anyone we should

fear? Yes, "...the one who can kill both the soul and the body in Gehenna".

We should also fear our own weakness, our reluctance and lack of courage in speaking out in defense of God's truth and His commands for living.

There will come a day of judgment, when "nothing will be concealed that will not be revealed."

Jesus urges us in today's Gospel:

"What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light: what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops."

Today's Gospel ends with the warning, "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

Strong words that are meant to strengthen us, not to intimidate us.



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St. Mary's School has an opening for a latchkey coordinator. Applicant will work with children outside of regular school hours and supervise a staff that will offer tutoring, educational games and other specialty learning. Approx. 25 hours per week for the 2017-2018 school year. Submit application (available at the school) to: Mrs. Michele Meyers, Principal, St. Mary's School, 2 Powers Street, Canton NY 13617.

Deadline for application is July 7

Parish Maintenance Worker

St. Mary's Parish is accepting applications for full-time and part-time Maintenance Workers. This person will assist a Maintenance Director in the upkeep of the parish buildings and grounds and related tasks. Applicant must have knowledge of various elements involved in maintenance of office and residential buildings including basic knowledge of electrical and plumbing repairs and small carpentry projects. Applicant must have experience with lawn and snow removal equipment.

Submit letter of interest and two professional references to:

Mr. Paul Schrems, Pastoral Associate for Administration, St. Mary's Parish, 68 Court St., Canton NY 13617.

Deadline for application is June 30, 2017.

AT THE MOVIES

CARS 3

By Joseph McAleer
Catholic News Service

Fasten your seatbelts and start your engines for a wild (and often ear-splitting) ride in "Cars 3" (Disney), the latest installment of the family-friendly animated franchise.

Six years after the initial sequel and 11 since the series began with "Cars," the anthropomorphic autos are back with a vengeance. Director Brian Fee ramps up the racing action (and the roar of the engines) while introducing a fleet of new characters sure to please young viewers -- not to mention toy manufacturers.

Happily, there's much more than the dizzying blur of NASCAR-like action. Screenwriters Kiel Murray, Bob Peterson and Mike Rich inject a nice amount of heart and pathos into the comedic plot, and add winning messages about second chances and the value of mentoring.

The years have been kind

to ace racer Lightning McQueen (voice of Owen Wilson). He's still at the top of his game. But just over his shoulder is a new generation of faster vehicles, like the brash rookie Jackson Storm (voice of Armie Hammer).

"Enjoy your retirement," Jackson tells Lightning as he whizzes past.

In a flash, Lightning is sidelined by an accident. Disillusioned and depressed, he retreats to his adopted home of Radiator Springs. There he draws on the support of his loyal tow-truck sidekick, Mater (voice of Larry the Cable Guy), and comely Porsche sweetheart, Sally (voice of Bonnie Hunt).

Sally knows Lightning must look to the future. "Don't fear failure," she insists. "Take a chance. Try something new."

A spiffy fresh paint job by

Ramone (voice of Cheech Marin) helps. "It's so beautiful," Ramone says of his own work, "it's like theistine Chapel!"

With his spirits buoyed, Lightning heads to the training center run by his sponsor, Rust-Eze, and its new owner, the "businesscar" Sterling (voice of Nathan Fillion). His eager young coach, Cruz Ramirez (voice of Cristela Alonzo), is thrilled with her new, if elderly, charge.

"You're my senior project!" she gushes.

As the bond between veteran racer and rookie wannabe grows, Lightning recalls the wisdom of his dearly departed mentor, Doc Hudson (voice of Paul Newman). On a whim, he takes Cruz on a road trip to find Doc's original trainer -- a grizzled '51 Ford named Smokey (voice of Chris



CNS PHOTO/DISNEY

This is a scene from the movie "Cars 3."

Cooper) -- to recapture some of the old magic.

"You'll never be the racer you once were," Smokey intones. "You can't turn back the clock, kid, but you can wind it up again."

"Cars 3" is full of surprises, and there's a nice twist in store well before the finish line.

Preceding "Cars 3" is a short film entitled "Lou." It's a charming fable about a

playground bully who learns the error of his ways thanks to some enchanted objects in his school's lost-and-found box.

The film contains a brief, highly stylized crash scene. The Catholic News Service classification is A-1 -- general patronage.

The Motion Picture Association of America rating is G -- general audiences. All ages admitted.



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ADIRONDACK

SUMMER RETREAT

Saranac Lake - Summer Retreat for Adults "Praying with the Psalms of Creation."

Date: Aug. 11-13

Place: Guggenheim Lodge

Features: Facilitators are Paul Gibaldi, Adirondack Guide and photographer & Sister Bethany Fitzgerald, SSI. Father Paul Kelly will celebrate Mass on Saturday evening.

Contact: srbethssj@gmail.com or 315-212-6592.

STORE CLOSING

Lake Placid - St. Agnes Gift and Book Store is closing.

Features: 50% off everything! Father John Yonkovic, pastor, said, "Internet shopping may be the main culprit, but sadly after many years of service to our community the store in the basement of our church will be closing. The Catholic Daughters have served us well."

HAMILTON-HERKIMER

GARAGE SALE

Wells - St. Ann's to have a garage sale.

Date: July 14 and 15

Features: Collecting items for garage sale. All proceeds to help people in the community- especially disadvantaged children, as well as buying candles for the Altar, Votives and Vigil Light, and various projects throughout the year. A new shed at the back of the church is ready to receive donations of gently used items, i.e. linens, blankets, sports items, appliances that work, kitchenware, etc. (no clothes though).

Contact: For pick up call Ronni at 924-7661 or Pam at 924-2041.

PARISH PICNIC

Speculator - St. James' and St. Ann's Sixth Annual Parish Picnic will be held.

Date: July 23

Time: 2 p.m. to 5

Place: Speculator pavilion

Features: Coordinators of this years picnic are Linda Slack, Cathy Rogers and Deborah Walters. Sign up early

GOLF TOURNAMENT

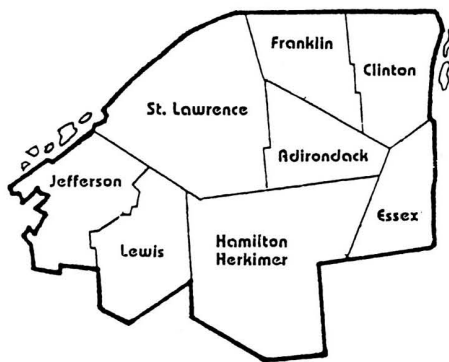
Lake Pleasant - St. Ann's and St. James' will be holding their 6th Annual "Summer Heat" Golf Tournament.

Date: July 29

Time: 8 a.m. Shotgun start

Place: Lake Pleasant Golf Course

Cost: Foursome/Scramble. \$65 per person includes cart



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

Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:

North Country Catholic, PO Box 326,
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e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

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

Features: Breakfast and Lunch. Snacks and Drinks all day. Many prizes. 50/50 Raffle. Reserve your spot for a team of 4 or we'll team you up. Be a Tournament Sponsor: \$225./\$350. 2/4 Complimentary tournament fees, One Tee box sign with your company name, Recognition in tournament brochures, and at the event. Hole Sponsor: \$50.00- One Tee Box sign, Recognition in tournament brochures and at the event. Monetary Donations are also gratefully accepted. Checks can be written to St. Ann's or St. James' Church, P.O. Box 214, Speculator, NY 12164, as well as Donations of Food, Prizes and Raffle Items.

Contact: Call Roger - 518 548-3635 Or e mail: rsnyder304@hotmail.com

ADORATION AT ST. ANN'S

Wells - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to be held first Thursday of the month.

Date: July 6

Time: 8:30 a.m. Mass

Place: St. Ann's

ADORATION AT ST. JAMES

Lake Pleasant - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to be held first Friday of the month.

Date: July 7

Time: 8:30 a.m. Mass

Place: St. James Major

JEFFERSON

MOUNT CARMEL FEAST

Watertown - St. Anthony's Church will celebrate its 101st Annual Mt. Carmel Feast in honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

Date: June 23, 24 & 25

Schedule: On the grounds traditional Italian foods will be served. Ontario Rides and \$1700 cash raffle after the fireworks. Bingo Friday at 7 p.m. Entertainment each night. Fri: Lis Scrivani-Tidd and Sons 4:30 p.m. to 6:30, The "Infamous" Les Gates 6:30 p.m. to 9:30; Sat: Chuck Ruggiero 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., Fed & the Ed's 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Sun. La Banda Rossa 6:30 p.m. to 9:30. Unlimited rides for \$13 Sunday 1 p.m. to 4. Religious Procession Sunday at 5 p.m. followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Giant fireworks Sunday night at 9:30 p.m. Grounds open at 5:30 p.m. Fri and 1 p.m. Sat. and Sun. All days' end at 10 p.m.

Contact: St. Anthony's parish office at 315-782-1190

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Watertown - Ecumenical Bereavement Meeting to be held.

Date: June 26

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Sisters of St. Joseph Hearthside Hospitality Center

Speaker: Kathy Strader, Director of Drunken Driver Awareness

Topic: "Facing the Reality of Grief"

APPRECIATION DINNER

Watertown - The Watertown Knights of Columbus, Council No. 259, Watertown, announced that it is co-sponsoring with the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Bishop Conroy General Assembly, No. 699 a Testimonial and Appreciation Dinner for long time serving and local Knight,

Sam Tufo.

Date: July 8

Time: 5 p.m.

Place: Savory Downtown Restaurant
Cost: \$25, includes tax, tip and gift.

Contact: Tickets are available from any of the four Catholic parish offices or by contacting Mike Deline at 315-788-4791, John Morgia at 315-777-7917 or Jim Fraser at 315-782-4064.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Watertown - St. Anthony's Altar Rosary Society to have a spaghetti dinner.

Date: June 22

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Take-outs begin at 4 p.m., please bring your own containers

Place: Msgr. Sechi Hall

Cost: Adults, \$8; Children, \$4; Children under 3, Free; Sauce, \$5 per quart; Meatballs, \$.75 each

LEWIS

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

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

Date: July 2

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Schedule: 2:25 p.m. before devotions there will be a viewing of "Proclaim This Message" from the series entitled: Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. At 3 p.m. the program includes Vespers (Evening Prayer), Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Chapel and Benediction.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Port Leyden - St. Martin's Church is holding its annual Strawberry Festival.

Date: June 25

Time: 4 p.m. to 7

Place: Church lawn on North Street

Features: Strawberry shortcake, strawberry sundaes, hamburgers, Hoffman hot dogs, sausage, peppers and onions, and beverages. Activities include a Chinese auction, cake walk, 50/50 raffle, and music by the Adirondack Chorus. The raffle this year is a fire pit made possible by Dolhof Hardware in Lyons Falls and two cedar Adirondack chairs built by the South Lewis FFA class. Tickets are \$1 for one or 6 for \$5.00. Drawing will be that evening.

SUMMER SOCIAL

Constableville - St. Mary's Church to hold 11th Annual Summer Social

Date: July 12

Time: 5 p.m. to 7

Features: No price changes, same delicious picnic menu with ala carte pricing. Come and enjoy an inexpensive and fun evening out with games and raffles as well.

LATIN MISSA CANTATA

Ogdensburg - Bishop Terry R. LaValley will preach at a Sung Mass, commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the *Motu Proprio Summorum Pontificum*

Date: July 7

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: *Motu Proprio Summorum Pontificum* is an Apostolic Letter of Pope Benedict XVI in which he expanded the circumstances in which priests of the Latin Church may celebrate the Tridentine Mass. Music for the liturgy will be directed by Lukas Gruber, current Director of Music at St. Mary's, Potsdam, accompanied by Marie-Claire d'Arcy, Director of Music and Organist at St. Andre Bessette Parish, Malone. A picnic on the cathedral lawn will follow

DIOCESAN EVENTS

FAMILY GUGGENHEIM

Saranac Lake - Family Guggenheim registration is now open. Two weekends will be held in late summer and a third in the fall.

Dates: Session 1: August 17 - August 20, Session 2: August 24 - August 27, Session 3: October 6 - October 8,

Features: families of all dimensions invited to enjoy a weekend in the Adirondacks, fun family workshops and activities, liturgy and special prayer services. Take time for great outdoor activities like paddle boat rides, beach volleyball, and hiking.

Contact: Register online at:

<http://www.rcdony.org/familylife.htm>

K of C PILGRIMAGE

Isle la Motte, Vt. - The Knights of Columbus from the Diocese of Ogdensburg will hold their 24th annual bus trip to St. Anne's Shrine.

Date: July 22 and 23

Cost: \$150 person includes the bus, all meals and the overnight lodging in the new cabins at the Shrine.

Features: The trip will depart from IHC Intermediate (St. Pat's) at 9 a.m. and will return around Sunday at 9 p.m. Pick up points will be along the way. Mass will be celebrated on Sun at 12:15 p.m. with Bishop Terry LaValley.

Contact: William Ose of Adams at 315-232-4433 for info and to register.



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Catholic Charities: 100th anniversary

Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Ogdensburg is celebrating its 100th year of serving our community and its people. Their mission statement reads, "The mission of Catholic Charities is to respond to the needs of the most vulnerable members of our communities. Inviting the involvement of the Church and the community, Catholic Charities fulfills this mission by empowering people through direct aid, counseling, community programs, outreach and advocacy. Our mission is based on Gospel values of respect for the dignity and sanctity of human life, charity and justice, according to the teachings of the Roman



Catholic Church. "

The Pontifical Mission Societies in the Diocese of Ogdensburg is proud to salute their 100 years of service, dedication and making such a great difference in the lives of countless many. At the very core of it all, responding to the needs of the most vulnerable members of a community with respect, dignity and advocacy is at the core of every charity. But especially this one.

Merriam-Webster defines charity as, "benevolent goodwill toward or love of humanity, generosity and helpfulness especially toward the needy or suffering, an institution engaged in relief of the poor, a gift for public benevolent purposes". As Catholics, by virtue of baptism, we are called to be missionaries and spread the love of God while connecting the greater needs of our world. Sometimes our world means close to home. And that is where Catholic Charities comes in to our hearts and homes to help and aid those who are vulnerable. God bless Catholic Charities and all the services they provide to our Communities. Their list of services is so broad and their ability to help seems to never end. Services such as adoption, counseling, parenting classes, and volunteer programs are only a few of the many services they offer and fun to those in need.

A special note of congratulations and job well done to Sister Donna Franklin, DC. She and her staff have worked tirelessly for so long and touched the lives of so many over the years. Sister Donna has even been a Mission Cooperation participant over the years, doing summer speaking engagements for the Pontifical Mission Societies and sharing her missionary spirit and zeal. We are proud of your efforts and your never ending love for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Congratulations on 100 years of service! God Bless Sister Donna and the Catholic Charities Organization. May God Bless you and all your good deeds! May you be blessed with a hundred more and continued success in your efforts in our Diocese.

OBITUARIES

Canton – Donald C. Wilson, 74, Funeral services June 10, 2017 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Canton – John F. Klemens, 95, Funeral services June 9, 2017 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Carthage – Ida (Haley) Aubin, 87, Funeral services June 12, 2017 at St. James Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Copenhagen

Louisville – Vergil Octavious Smith, 48, Funeral June 16, 2017 at St. Lawrence Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Malone – Richard "Joe" Gokey, 82, Funeral services June 10, 2017 at Notre Dame Church; burial in parish cemetery

Massena – James J. Keese, 90, Funeral services June 5, 2017 at Phillips Memorial Home; burial in St. Mary's cemetery

Morrisonville – Joanne M. (Barnard) Ryan, 70, Funeral services June 14, 2017 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in parish cemetery

Ogdensburg – Mary "Joan" Seguin, 91, Funeral services June 7, 2017 at Notre Dame Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Port Henry – John Harland, 85, Funeral services June 16, 2017 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Moriah

Potsdam – Louise (Long) Foster, 84: Funeral services June 16, 2017 at Garner Funeral Home; burial in Fairview Cemetery, Parishville.

Rouses Point – Lois (Gebo) Phillips, 74, Funeral services June 14, 2017 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery

Schroon Lake – David Keith DeZalia, 59, Funeral services June 21, 2017 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church; burial in North Hudson Catholic Cemetery,

Saranac Lake – Helen (Walsh) Coady, 86, Funeral services June 10, 2017 at St. Bernard's Church

Tupper Lake – Michelle Annette (Chartier) 57, Funeral services June 13, 2017 at St. Alphonsus Church;

Watertown – Mark A. Burdick, 59, Funeral services June 16, 2017 at Reed and Benoit Funeral Home

Watertown – Kay (Dwyer) Dawson, 82, Funeral services June 16, 2017 at Holy Family Church

Watertown – Joanne F. (Artz) Derrigo, 86, Funeral services June 13, 2017 at Reed and Benoit Funeral Home; burial in Glenwood cemetery.

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SACRED HEART FOUNDATION PHOTO

Bishop LaValley joined members of the Sacred Heart Foundation Board of Directors following the 50th Anniversary Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Watertown. Left to right, Jayme St. Croix, President; Anthony Marra, Deacon Kevin Mastellon, Kathy Moran, Father Vincent Freeh, MSC; Bishop LaValley, Steven Elliott, Tamasina Sharlow, Treasurer, Patrick Signor, Julie Hutchins, Daniel Villa, Secretary; and Lisa L'Huillier. Missing from the Directors were Thomas Bruno Sr., Vice President and William Caprara.

SH Foundation celebrates 50th anniversary

By Deacon Kevin Mastellon
Staff writer

WATERTOWN --- Bishop Terry LaValley was the principal celebrant June 4 at the 50th Anniversary Mass of the Sacred Heart Foundation celebrated at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church in Watertown.

Missionaries of the Sacred Heart provide pastoral leadership to that parish as well as the Roman Catholic Community of Cape Vincent, Rosiere and Chaumont.

In his homily Bishop LaValley applauded the one and three quarter million dollars the foundation has raised and distributed worldwide for the education and formation of seminarians for the Missionary order since it was founded in 1967.

The Foundation was formed principally through the work of Father Pierre Aubin, a Missionary of the Sacred Heart currently serving in Cape Vincent, and a Syracuse based dentist, Dr. Jack Callahan.

In 2017 the Foundation Board awarded \$80,000 in scholarships to 85 MSC dea-

cons and seminary students. The amount awarded this year "is the highest annual award the Sacred Heart Foundation has given in scholarships in our history," according to Jayme M. St. Croix, the Foundation' current President.

"We are grateful," Bishop LaValley noted, "to the MSC for their pastoral ministry among us." Concelebrating with the Bishop were Father Raymond Diesbourg, MSC, the Provincial of the Order who resides in Aurora, Illinois; Father Vincent T. Freeh, MSC, the Superior for New York State and Father. Richard Kennedy, MSC, the Superior for Pennsylvania. Fathers Freeh and Kennedy are both former Pastors of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

The current Pastor, Father. Jonas Tandayu, MSC; former Superior and Foundation founder Father Pierre Aubin, MSC; Father Pushpadason Santanthony, MSC who is assigned to St. Patrick's and St. Anthony's in Watertown and Deacon William Johnston of OLSH also celebrated the Mass with Bishop LaValley.

The Board of Directors of the Foundation, comprised of lay men and women, clergy and religious, hosted a reception following the Mass. The Foundation maintains an office on Thompson Street in Watertown. Julie Moots is the Foundation Business Manager. The Foundation web site is www.sacredheartfoundation.com.

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