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Pope: Christians fight evil with love

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Christians are called to detach themselves from power, reject violence and sacrifice themselves for God and others out of love, Pope Francis said.

Christians must live the way Christ chose to: not as

"persecutors, but persecuted; not arrogant, but meek; not as snake-oil salesmen, but subservient to the truth; not impostors, but honest," he said June 28 during his weekly general audience.

In fact, "Christians find re-

pugnant the idea that suicide attackers might be called 'martyrs' because there is nothing in their purpose that can come close to the behavior of children of God," who are called always to act out of love, he told the estimated 12,000 pilgrims in St. Peter's

Square.

In his weekly catechesis, the pope continued his series on Christian hope by focusing on what gives Christians strength and perseverance in the face of opposition, hatred and persecution.

LAY MINISTERS COMMISSIONED

For service in 27 parishes



PHOTO BY JESSE SOVIE

Bishop Terry R. LaValley congratulates Michael Morrissiey of St. James Parish in Gouverneur, one of 57 lay ministers commissioned June 25 during the Solemn Vespers for the Commissioning and Blessing of Lay Pastoral Ministers at St. Mary's Cathedral. The lay ministers had completed the two year diocesan Formation for Ministry program in one of three sites: Port Leyden, Peru or Clayton. Bishop LaValley's homily for the commissioning is published on page 3 of this week's NCC. The complete list of the lay ministers, their parishes and area of ministry begins on page 5. Congratulatory ads from parishes appear throughout the paper.

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The bi-monthly publication of the *North Country Catholic* continues; the next issue of the paper will be dated July 19

TEACHER OF THE YEAR



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE WARD

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EDITOR'S NOTE

An honor to be honored at the NCC

I can't deny that it's thrilling to hear "first place" and the "North Country Catholic" in the same sentence during the annual awards banquet of the Catholic Press Association.

This year's gathering of Catholic media from the United States and Canada was held June 20-23 in Quebec City.

The conference is always a wonderful opportunity to share ideas, friendship and prayer with hundreds of Catholic press professionals who are all trying to figure out the best way to spread the

good news of their dioceses or Catholic organizations in the 21st century.

**Mary Lou
Kilian**

Before leaving this beautiful city, with heads full of excellent ideas, we spent an evening looking back on what was accomplished in 2016.

It was a good night for our little diocesan paper!

Our series "God's Mercy in God's Country" was the first-place winner for Best Coverage of

the Year of Mercy, weekly diocesan newspaper, circulation 25,000 or less.

For this collections of stories,

we took advantage of Pope Francis' call for a Year of Mercy to report on the face of mercy in parishes and schools across the diocese.

The judges were particularly impressed with Kathleen Gallagher's reflection on taking care of her mother: "Beautiful and touching writing pulls you into the human story of caring for an elderly parent."

A couple minutes later, when the award for Newspaper of the Year award in our circulation category was announced, the *North Country Catholic* received an honorable mention.

For this award, we were asked to submit three consecutive newspapers. I'm sure our

readers won't be surprised that among our entries was the issue covering INSPIRE in Lake Placid which featured contributions from so many of our talented area reporters and photographers.

Christine Ward (the other half of our two-person staff!) and I are so grateful for the support we receive from Bishop LaValley, the diocesan staff, pastors, the writers, photographers, Father Muench, Msgr. Whitmore, Sister Bethany, and, especially, our readers, in our efforts to continue the 71-year tradition of this diocesan newspaper with a worthy product. I think it's fair to say that we're all winners!

FATHER MUENCH SAYS

Striving to live out a bold Catholic life

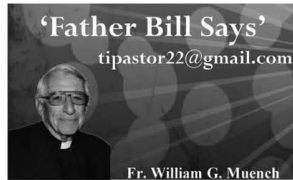
On a recent Sunday, the Scriptures for Mass pointed me toward speaking about living a bold Christian life in the Spirit of Our Savior, Jesus Christ. This was close to the Feast of St. John the Baptist, who is obviously a perfect example of a bold Christian.

John the Baptist was called to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus into this world and he did this by speaking a challenging message: calling upon the people to change their lives through repentance and living a good life.

John's mission is actually our mission. We are called to be bold Christians just like John by making the world more open to the message of Jesus. The best way we do this is by living a good Christian life, by being unafraid, like John the Baptist, to make the message of Jesus – the message of love and peace – influence the way we live our lives.

I then began searching for another good example of a bold, yet loving, Christian and Catholic.

Quite surprisingly, I came upon a Public Radio interview program one evening as the host was interviewing Martin

**Fr. William G. Muench**

Sheen. Sheen is the movie actor – I hope that you recognize his name. He acted in many fine movies including the one called, "The Way." It is a story that is about people walking the pilgrimage in Northern Spain – "camino de Santiago" – the walk to the Shrine of St. James. Actually, many from the North Country have traveled this site. In addition, Sheen portrayed the President of the United States on the television series, "The West Wing." Again, you can find replays of this series – so be sure to check it out – it is great.

The part of the interview that impressed me was Sheen talking about his own spiritual life. He admitted that he had been away from his Catholic faith and mentions that meeting Mother Teresa in India while making a movie had a profound effect on his life. He found a new and strong faith

in God and rediscovered his Catholic faith. He spoke of a new and strong realization of God's great love for him, God's great love for each one of us.

Sheen goes on to speak of the importance of being involved in a community – the Catholic community – that is the Catholic Church. Because of this he became dedicated to Social Justice. He boldly became involved in public demonstrations, especially those calling for peace and an end to violence. His dedication to his Catholic faith developed a certain boldness and readiness to make his daily life reflect his Catholic faith.

Sheen also spoke of his great love for the Mass and the importance for him of the reception of Holy Communion. He spoke of finding a spiritual strength in this sacrament. He has found peace through the Blessed Eucharist – this challenged him to be a bold Catholic, living a good, bold life.

So, how about you and me? How do we ordinary folks live a bold Catholic life? There may not be any huge, noteworthy events in our future. I often think how wonderful it would

be for me to transform large crowds of people but that will not happen. I believe that, for us, our efforts to bring Jesus to our part of the world means living our Catholic faith as well as we can. It is the simple things that truly make the difference. Living the simple, the ordinary, well will bring the love and peace of our God to those we meet each day. Being a bold Catholic for us is about the little things that we do for those who need us. We do this because God loves us so much.

A long time ago someone gave me a good definition of a saint: a saint is someone who does ordinary things, extraordinarily well.

Recognizing God's love for us, recognizing God's longing to be part of our lives, God's readiness to dwell in our hearts – this is the Spirit that we must share with those we meet.

It is all about gratitude. We live our Catholic faith in gratitude for God's great love for us. Our gratitude prompts us to accept the challenge of being a bold Catholic. Our prayer is a constant flow of thanksgiving to our loving God.

FOLLOW ME

'Roll up your sleeves... there's plenty to do'

Bishop LaValley's homily for the Commissioning of Lay Ministers June 25 at St. Mary's Cathedral

Pope Francis wrote that "The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus." In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, he goes on "to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come."

As you know, our diocesan priorities are: *Creating a Culture of Vocations; Strengthening Faith Formation in Family Life and Building Parishes with Living Stones*. As we address these priorities we can do so with Gospel joy because each of us has developed an intimate relationship with Jesus. In a certain sense, these priorities that we have been addressing in our local Church have brought us a new chapter of evangelization, that new path, about which the Holy Father speaks. We endeavor, with the joy of the Gospel, to be Christ-led, Christ-fed and hope-filled in meeting these important priorities, particularly through the ministries in which we are engaged in our parishes.

Pope Francis pleads with you and me to redouble our efforts to establish a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ. Unfailingly every day, we want to maintain an openness to letting Him encounter us personally. Whatever acts, whatever ministries in which we are engaged lose their profound soul and are reduced to being mere activism if we are not grounded in that encounter.

Without a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, the so-called "Church work" that we do risks becoming a



Bishop Terry R. LaValley is shown with the newly commissioned lay ministers of the Roman Catholic Community of St. John the Baptist in Plattsburgh after the June 25 commissioning ceremony at St. Mary's Cathedral. From left are James Bosley, Catherine Witkowski, Bishop LaValley and Justin and Courtney Kristiansen. They were among 59 lay ministers who completed the two-year Formation for Ministry program in Peru, Port Henry or Clayton.

mere façade of faith. The encounter must be the motivating reason for our ministry. Human relationships lead us toward a relationship with God and our relationship with God leads us back to our neighbor. This is true whether we are lay commissioned ministers, consecrated religious, deacons, priests or bishop.

Pope Francis cautions us that "In this period of crisis today, it is important not to turn in on ourselves, burying our own talent, our spiritual, intellectual, and material riches, everything that the Lord has given us, but, rather to open ourselves, to be supportive, to be attentive to others. Life is not given to us to be jealously guarded for ourselves, but is given to us so that we may give it in turn."

We are blessed because you have decided to participate in our Formation for Ministry program. You are allowing the Lord, through His Body, the Church to

help equip you for discipleship. Today, on behalf of the Church of Ogdensburg I send you out for active discipleship in Jesus' Name. But the formation must continue. Prayer must continue. As the Pope stated, "Without prolonged prayerful encounter with the word, of sincere conversation with the Lord, our work easily becomes meaningless; we lose energy as a result of weariness and difficulties, and our fervor risks dying out."

My sisters and brothers in Christ, the Church urgently needs the deep breath of prayer. That's how we stay focused as missionary disciples or we risk thinking that the ministry is about me, what I want, what I think, what works for me. Ours is an ecclesial responsibility. It's about the Church, the Body of Christ. The primary reason for our ministry is the love of Jesus which we have received, the experience of salvation which

urges us to ever greater love of Him.

If we do not feel an intense desire to share this love, we need to pray insistently that He will once more touch our hearts. We need to implore His grace daily, asking him to open our hardened hearts and shake up our lukewarm and sometimes superficial existence.

Stand, kneel before Him with an open heart. Pope Francis said, "How good it is to stand before a crucifix, or on our knees before the Blessed Sacrament, and simply to be in His Presence. How much good it does us when He once more touches our lives and impels us to share His new life!"

We win people over to Christ by our Spirit-filled, joy-steeped witness, not by our arguments.

I am confident that your joy-filled discipleship will be a source of encouragement for those in our parish families who are not cur-

rently active because, you see, each of us has a role to play as we live out our vocations in following Jesus. Each of us has a responsibility to actively address our diocesan priorities. First and foremost, as the *Decree on the Laity* teaches, it is in the workplace, in our homes, in our places of relaxation and recreation, in our schools and malls where the lay faithful live out their call to holiness. Additionally, you who are about to be commissioned lay ministers, will bear the responsibility to help build up the local Church through a focused ministry in your parish in close collaboration with your pastor and parish staff.

The Diocese of Ogdensburg and your home parish are so very proud of your commitment and strong faith. This is not a graduation ceremony, far from it, but a formal, public commitment of your continual discipleship. Never forget, that you are co-missioned—that is, missioned with your sisters and brothers, members of the one Body of Christ. We never serve alone.

Thank you for learning more about your faith and committing to sharing it. The grace you received on the day of your baptism is being embraced and will multiply a hundredfold. This is truly an inspiring and exciting time for the Church of Ogdensburg.

We are grateful to your many instructors, to Deacon Pat Donahue for his leadership and our Christian Formation staff; we are grateful to your pastors who support your efforts and your family and friends who gather this day to celebrate this milestone in your faith journey. There's plenty to do. We do it with deep faith, profound joy and unwavering hope in the Lord who beckons each of us: Follow Me.

Madonna Barney named 2017 Outstanding Catholic School Teacher for the diocese

St. Agnes School teacher is honored

OGDENSBURG - Madonna Barney, a PreK teacher at Saint Agnes School in Lake Placid, has been named the 2017 Outstanding Catholic School Teacher for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

She was honored June 26 during a luncheon hosted by Bishop Terry LaValley at the

Bishop's residence.

Mrs. Barney has extensive experience in the education and formation of pre-school age children. Prior to beginning her career in Catholic Schools, she taught for 18 years in the Head Start Program. Following her work at Head Start Mrs Barney taught

at St. Bernard's School in Saranac Lake for five years. She has been a member of the faculty at Saint Agnes School since 2009.

In the application to teach at St. Bernard's Mrs. Barney noted her desire "to teach religious values and beliefs as part of the daily curriculum."

Her dedication to these values and beliefs continues at St. Agnes.

In nominating Mrs. Barney, Catherine Beemis, principal at St. Agnes, said, "Madonna dedicates herself fully every day to providing excellence in the classroom. Madonna's classroom is a lively and exciting place to be and she is able to balance the social, emotional needs of our youngest students hand in hand with the learning standards eastly. She is able to weave the love of God into her daily teaching and elicits joy from every student."

Mrs. Barney's influence at St. Agnes extends beyond her classroom. She is a mentor to new teachers and a team player who contributes significantly to the total

school program and environment.

Mrs. Barney's experience in Catholic schools extends back to her early education when she attended and graduated from St. Joseph's Academy in Malone. She continued her education at Trocaire College in Buffalo earning a degree in Education.

She was joined at the June 26 luncheon by Mrs. Beemis; Father John Yonkovic, pastor of St. Agnes; St. Joseph Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, superintendent of schools; Karen Donahue, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction; and Pamela Ballantine, assistant director of Catholic education for Christian formation and Catholic schools.



DOVS PILGRIMAGE

Saint Marianne Cope

Beloved Mother of Outcasts
1838-1918

Memorial Feast - 23 January



Canonized a Saint
21 October 2012
Mother Marianne, pray for us!

Join Bishop LaValley and other Catholics on the annual pilgrimage to pray for vocations.

When: October 10

Where: St. Mother Marianne Cope Shrine and Museum, Syracuse; holy hour and Mass for vocations at the newly **renovated** Syracuse Cathedral.

Cost: \$80 (includes transportation, museum and Cathedral).

For more information or to reserve a spot call Connie at 315-265-2762 or Mary at 315-268-1016

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SOLEMN VESPERS FOR THE BLESSING AND COMMISSIONING OF LAY PASTORAL MINISTERS

AT THE COMMISSIONING



PHOTO BY JESSE SOVIE

Bishop LaValley and the 59 newly commissioned lay ministers are shown in front of St. Mary's

Cathedral after the June 25 Solemn Vespers for Blessing and Commissioning of Lay Pastoral Ministers. The names, parishes and ministries of the lay ministers are listed below.

Lay ministers commissioned for 27 parishes

CLAYTON SITE

The Catholic Community of Alexandria, Alexandria Bay
Eugene B. Kleinhans, Jr. - *Catechetical Leadership and Liturgical Ministry*

St. Cecilia's Church, Adams

Amanda Morgan - *Catechetical Leadership*
Denise B. Wallace - *Liturgical Ministry and Catechetical Leadership*

St. Vincent of Paul Church, Cape Vincent

Albert Goetz, III - *Catechetical Leadership*

St. Mary's, Clayton

Scott Beeles - *Parish Life & Outreach*
Elizabeth Y. Daugherty - *Parish Life & Outreach*
Gary Elliott - *Parish Life & Outreach*
Doreen Garrett - *Parish Life & Outreach*
Sandra M. Geiss - *Catechetical Leadership*

Maureen A. O'Connor - *Parish Life & Outreach*

Donna W. Orvis - *Parish Life & Outreach*

Mary Rose Warneck - *Parish Life & Outreach*

St. Patrick's Church, Colton

Elizabeth Fuller-Tarbox - *Catechetical Leadership*

St. James Church, Gouverneur

Michael P. Morrissey - *Parish Life & Outreach*

Brandy A. Parshley - *Catechetical Leadership*

St. John the Evangelist Church, LaFargeville

Jennifer Lucia - *Parish Life & Outreach*

Sarah McFadden - *Catechetical Leadership*

St. Andrew's Church, Norwood

Kathryn Anne Tebo - *Parish Life & Outreach*

St. Mary's Church, Waddington

Connie S. Miller - *Liturgical Ministry*

Mark J. Miller - *Liturgical Ministry*

PERU SITE

Church of the Holy Name, AuSable Forks

Nicole Maicus - *Liturgical Ministry*

St. Mary's Church, Champlain

Patricia Gladd - *Catechetical Leadership*

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Keeseville

Dulcie Semeraro - *Catechetical Leadership*

Thomas Semeraro - *Youth Ministry*

The Roman Catholic Community of Keeseville

William J. Sackett - *Parish Life & Outreach*

St. Ann's Church, Mooers Forks

Ken Lushia - *Parish Life & Outreach*

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Commissioning

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The Catholic Community of Moriah

Debra A. Brady - *Liturgical Ministry*

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

Robin Thompson - *Catechetical Leadership*

St. Augustine's, Peru

Daniel R. Ballantine - *Parish Life & Outreach*
Daniel Patrick Cayea - *Liturgical Ministry*
Shirley T. LaReau-Kemp - *Catechetical Leadership*
Linda D. Manchester - *Liturgical Ministry*
Robert M. Manchester - *Parish Life & Outreach*

The Roman Catholic Community of St. John the Baptist, Plattsburgh

James Bosley - *Youth Ministry*
Courtney Khristiansen - *Youth Ministry*
Justin B. Khristiansen - *Catechetical Leadership*
Catherine L. Witkowski - *Liturgical Ministry*

St. Bernard's Church, Saranac Lake

Sylvia Lynn Hough - *Parish Life & Outreach*
Mark McCarty - *Parish Life & Outreach*
Roxanne McCarty - *Catechetical Leadership*



PHOTO BY JESSE SOVIE

Deacon Patrick Donahue, program coordinator for the diocesan Formation for Ministry program, presents the candidates to Bishop LaValley for commissioning.

The Catholic Community of St. Philip of Jesus and St. Joseph, Willsboro

Christina Bigelow - *Parish Life & Outreach*

St. Joseph's Church, Dannemora

Karen LeClair - *Youth Ministry*

St. Peter's Church, Plattsburgh

James P. Carlin - *Parish Life & Outreach*

Brent M. Davison - *Liturgical Ministry*
Michael J. Moore - *Youth Ministry*

PORT LEYDEN SITE

St. Mary's Church, Constableville

Michael A. Lieber, Jr. - *Youth Ministry*
Christine Panik - *Parish Life & Outreach*
Mary A. Wilton - *Catechetical Leadership*

St. Stephen's Church, Croghan

Jane Sweeney - *Liturgical Ministry*

St. Hedwig's Church, Houseville

Edward Joseph Knapp - *Parish Life & Outreach*
Mary Ann Theresa Lepkowski - *Parish Life & Outreach*

St. Peter's Church, Lowville

Deborah J. Domagala - *Catechetical Leadership*
Marc F. Larabee - *Youth Ministry*
Nadine Logan - *Parish Life & Outreach*
Debra A. Mullin - *Catechetical Leadership*
Sue Ellen Margaret Pappas - *Catechetical Leadership*
Fausta M. Poste - *Catechetical Leadership*
Kevin Michael Wener - *Youth Ministry*

St. John's Church, Lyons Falls

Sharon Ann Fuller - *Parish Life & Outreach*

Congratulations

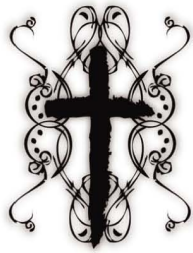


St. Peter's, Plattsburgh, is blessed as James Carlin, shown with his son Leagon a seminarian for the Diocese of Ogdensburg and Brent Davison, shown with his wife Nikki, on the occasion of their commissioning by Bishop LaValley, joining the parish's dedicated and committed Lay Ministers. (Congratulations to Michael Moore, not pictured)

The Catholic Community of Alexandria offers sincere congratulations and thanks to **Gene Kleinhans** and looks forward to his ministry in our community in the years ahead.



St. Cyril's Church, Alexandria Bay St. Francis Xavier Church, Redwood



**Congratulations
Albert Goetz, III**

*We are blessed to have
your ministry.*

*The Roman Catholic Community of
Cape Vincent, Rosiere and Chaumont*



**Sylvia Lynn Hough
Mark McCarty
Roxanne McCarty**

**WELL DONE,
GOOD AND
FAITHFUL STEWARDS!
CONGRATULATIONS**

*From the pastor and
parishioners of
St. Bernard's Church,
Saranac Lake*

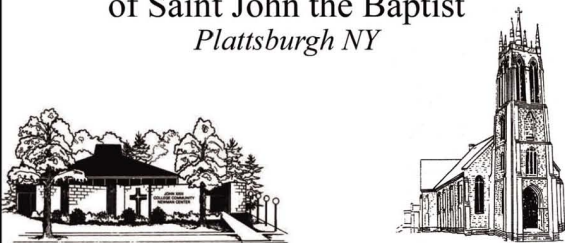
Our parish family is very grateful to

**James Bosley
Courtney Khristiansen
Justin Khristiansen
Cathy Witkowski**

*for responding to the call to
serve the church as
Commissioned Lay Ministers.*

*May God bless you abundantly for
all the good you have done
and continue to do.*

The Roman Catholic Church
of Saint John the Baptist
Plattsburgh NY



Father Chris Carrara, staff and parishioners of
Saint Peter's Church, Lowville, St Mary's Church, Glenfield and
Saint Hedwig's Church, Houseville
wish to thank and congratulate the following individuals who
will be commissioned as lay ministers for service in our parishes.
We are grateful for their dedicated service!

St. Peter's Church, Lowville

Deborah J. Domagala - Catechetical Leadership

Marc F. Laribee - Youth Ministry

Nadine Logan - Parish Life & Outreach

Debra A. Mullin - Catechetical Leadership

Sue Ellen Margaret Pappas - Catechetical Leadership

Fausta M. Poste - Catechetical Leadership

Kevin Michael Wener- Youth Ministry

St. Hedwig's Church, Houseville

Edward Joseph Knapp - Parish Life & Outreach

Mary Ann Theresa Lepkowski - Parish Life & Outreach

JOB OPENINGS

Applications are now being accepted at:

Augustinian Academy for the 2017-18 school year

- Full-time First grade classroom teacher
- Full-time Sixth grade classroom teacher responsible to teach Math grades 5-8
- Part-time Music teacher for PK-8 grade music classes and instrumental lessons.

Applications available on our website at
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JOB OPENINGS



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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

St. James Elementary School in Gouverneur has the following job openings beginning September 2017.

- Part-time Morning Preschool Teacher
- Part-time Afternoon Prekindergarten Teacher
- Anticipated Part-time Elementary Art Teacher
- Anticipated Part-time Afternoon Prekindergarten Aid

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Please mail application, resume, and letter of interest to:
Clara Cummings
St. James School
20 S. Gordon St.
Gouverneur, NY 13642
or email to: principal@stjamesk-6.org
Deadline is: July 19, 2017

Bishop's Schedule

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

July 8 - 4 p.m., Mass at St. Patrick's Church followed by a Dinner to honor Mr. Sam Tufo at the Savory Downtown in Watertown

July 9 - 10a.m., Installation Mass for Reverend Adrian Gallagher as Pastor of Holy Angels Church, Altona and St. Louis of France Church, Sciota at Holy Angels Church

July 10 - 7:15 p.m., Novena & Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

July 11 - 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence
4 p.m., Mass at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake

July 12 - 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

July 13 - 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg
5 p.m., Gathering with the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart at Dablon Point in Cape Vincent

July 14 - 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

July 15 - 11 a.m., Mass for Sister Victorine Brenon's 75th Anniversary as a Sister of St. Joseph at the Sisters of St. Joseph's Motherhouse

July 16 - 8:30 a.m., Mass at St. Philip of Neri Church in Westport
10:30 a.m., Mass at St. Philip of Jesus Church in Willsboro
12 p.m., Visit to Camp Dudley in Westport

July 17 - 1 p.m., Jefferson/ Lewis Deanery Listening Session at Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse

July 18 - 9 a.m., Mass at the Cape Vincent Correctional Facility
4 p.m., Mass at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake

July 19 - 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

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

Rest in Peace

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

July 5 - Rev. Paul F. Ledermann, 2016
July 9 - Rev. John Rogers, 1887; Rev. Joseph H. Emard, O.M.I., 1924

July 10 - Rev. Mary Ignatius Grom, 1936; Rev. John F. McNamara, 1971; Deacon Victor Fisher, 1999; Rev. James A. Deibel, 2013

July 12 - Rev. James Salmon, 1835; Rev. John J. Brennan, 1881; Most Rev. Albert Pascal, O.M.I., 1920

July 13 - Rev. George Garand, 1941
July 15 - Rev. John Conlon, 1881; Msgr. Armand Dussault, 1963; Rev. Joseph F. Quinn, 1970; Rev. Joseph F. Dowd, 1983

July 16 - Rev. Eugene Carroll, 1882; Rev. H.T. Regan, O.S.A., 1937; Rev. James Torsney, 1958; Rev. Joseph L. Quinn, 1970

July 18 - Msgr. Joseph Domina Brault, 1966

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Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults. Pre-registration online is required in order to participate. Participants may pre-register at www.virtus.org by selecting the registration button and following the directions. Further information is available from Atone-ment Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 1440.

Upcoming sessions:

July 6 - 5:30 p.m., St. Augustine's Church, Peru
July 23 - St. Bernard's School, Saranac Lake

Environmental Stewardship

A theological response to what's happening to our 'common home'

In the next three editions of this column, Father John Yonkovic, pastor in Lake Placid, offers some reflections on this theme.

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son... so that we may not perish" these are some of the most important words in the entire Bible! In many ways they sum up the love that our God has for us.

These words speak of the dynamic relationship that exists within God and with God's creation. Global climate change may seem an odd topic to connect with these words, but without doubt God's love for the world is directly connected to the mystery of the Trinity.

There are scientific and political and economic ramifications regarding our stewardship of God's creation but there are also profound theological implications.

The scripture readings that we hear on the feast of the Holy Trinity give us great insight into who God is. We hear that God is a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and faithfulness. We hear of God's overwhelming love for the world and His gift of His Son.

First and foremost we much acknowledge that our relationship with God is based on love - not fear - but faithful love.

This loving relationship that we have with God means that if God loves us, it is only right that our response be one of love. If someone loves you and you respond with anger or rejection or cynicism, the balance is thrown off - the relationship is no longer right; it is off kilter.

We use the word 'justice' to describe this balance that exists in a loving right relationship and the word 'injustice' when the balance is off.

There is an essential connection between God, God's creatures and all of creation - and divine order or harmony is part of God's plan.

If the divine order or harmony is disrupted - if the balance is lost so is justice lost.

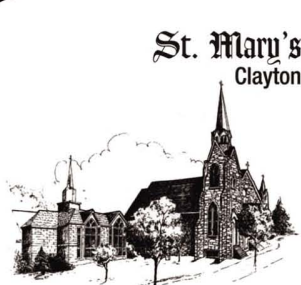
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Bishop LaValley congratulates Kathryn Tebo from St. Andrew's Church, Norwood. She traveled to Clayton every week for two years to complete the Formation for Ministry program.

CONGRATULATIONS, LAY MINISTERS



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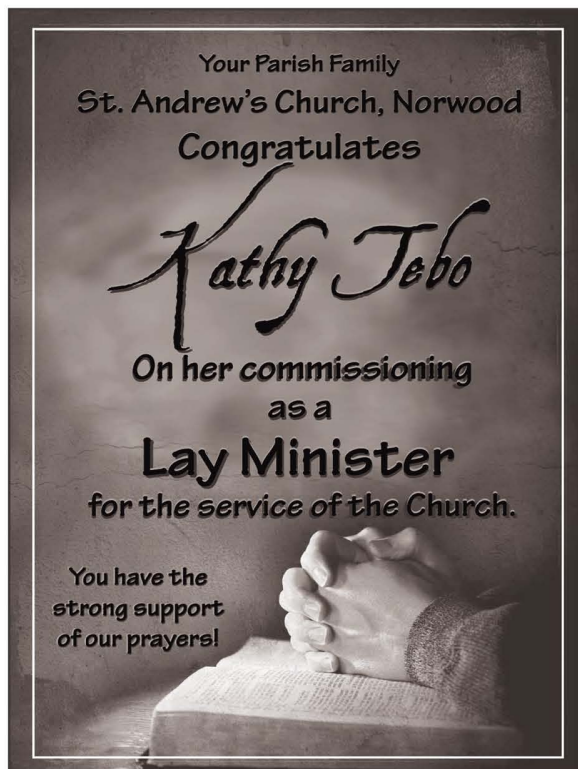
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Sarah McFadden



God Bless you, Msgr. Lawrence M. Deno

A Priest and a Scholar

Msgr. Deno, born Sept. 21, 1931, grew up in a French speaking family on a farm in West Chazy.

He graduated from Mount Assumption Institute in Plattsburgh and began studies for the priesthood at Wadams Hall Seminary in Ogdensburg. After completing studies at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, he was ordained a priest May 16, 1959 by Bishop James J. Navagh.

The priest continued his education, earning a master's degree from St. Michael's College in Winooski Park, Vermont, and a doctorate from the University of Notre Dame.

Msgr. Deno was appointed diocesan superintendent of schools by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana in 1971 after earning a Ph.D. in educational administration. He had served as assistant superintendent from 1966 through 1971 under Father William LaVallee while also teaching at Wadams Hall.

In his early years as a priest Msgr. Deno served as assistant pastor in Clayton, Morrisonville, Holy Family in Watertown, St. Alphonsus in Tupper Lake and St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. He began teaching in 1960 at the former Our Lady of Victory Academy, Plattsburgh and then at Holy Ghost Academy, Tupper Lake.

He was named a Prelate of Honor with the title monsignor in 1989.

HAPPY RETIREMENT
FAITHFUL SHEPHERD

Knights of Columbus Council 6067 and the parishioners of St. James Church in Cadyville would like to offer our gratitude to Msgr. Deno for his dedication in serving the council and the parish. We wish him a long and happy retirement!

God Bless you, Msgr. Lawrence M. Deno



Msgr. Lawrence M. Deno, is shown with the parishioners of St. James in Cadyville who planned his June 18 retirement party, held almost 10 years after he could have retired. Msgr. Deno will be remembered as an "educated man with a mathematics mind" who paid attention to the details that led to success in the life of the parish.



Msgr. Deno is surrounded by First Communion children. Parishioners noted that "he relates well with people of all ages and all walks of life."



A loving pastor, Msgr. Deno baptizes one of the newest parishioners of St. James.



Msgr. Deno enjoys time with his family at his retirement reception held June 18. His sister-in-law, "Guma," seated at his left, owns the restaurant which catered the reception.



Grand Knight Jay Miner presented Msgr. Deno with the Knight of the Year and a Special Dedication Award in 2016. Msgr. Deno has served as chaplain of the K of C Council 6067 since his arrival in Cadyville and has agreed to continue in the position after his retirement.



Msgr. Deno is pictured with parish trustees Joan Heron and Jerome Miner.



A Gospel concert was held at St James Church June 18 to honor Msgr. Deno for his 59 years of service to God and His people, especially for the last 17 years that were spent in Cadyville. During the concert, Tom Venne of Bear Tracks finally persuaded Father Deno to come up and join them for a song. A reception at the parish hall, catered by Guma's Restaurant, followed the concert. Because people were constantly coming and going, it was difficult to count how many were in attendance but a very conservative estimate would be more than 300 at the reception alone.



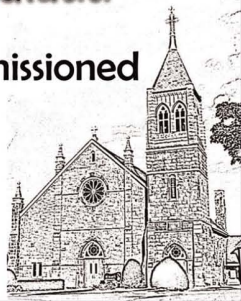
Msgr. Deno is shown leading a Knights of Columbus "Light Up For Christ" program. The K of C Council 6067 offered a special message to the priest: "Our council was fortunate to have had Msgr. Deno as our chaplain for the past 17 years. Msgr. Deno wrote a monthly article, 'The Chaplain's Corner' for our council newsletter providing spiritual insight and guidance, led our annual Memorial Day and Light Up for Christ ceremonies, and attended our meetings. We thank him for his dedicated service."

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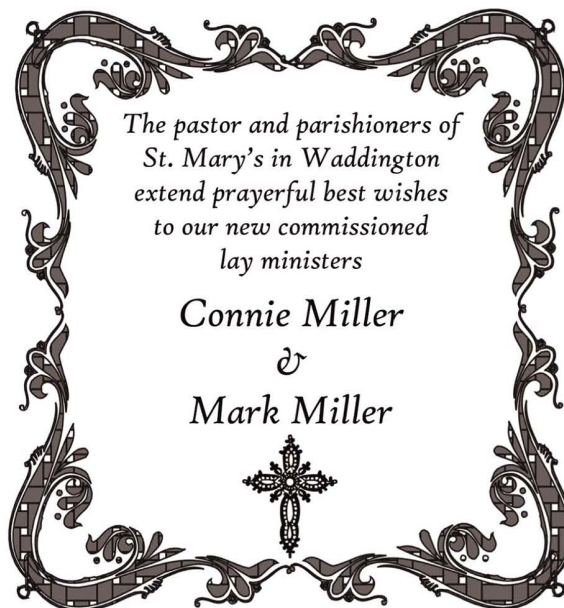
Patricia Gladd

as a newly commissioned
Lay Minister for
our parish.



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Bishop LaValley blesses the candidates before they approach the altar to receive their certificates. Assisting the bishop were Father Douglas Lucia and Leagon Carlin, a diocesan seminarian whose father, James, was commissioned for service at St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh.



Thomas Semeraro, parishioner of the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Keeseville, and NCC photographer, recesses from the cathedral after the commissioning.

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Urged to work for 'holiness of freedom, freedom for holiness'

BALTIMORE (CNS) -- When Henry VIII, as England's reigning monarch, was declared "a defender of the faith," the future "must have seemed so bright to Thomas More and John Fisher," Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori said in a homily June 21. He described an England which "seemed to have been spared the painful divisions that racked the Catholic Church on the continent of Europe." Under Henry, he said, "monastic life and learning were flourishing" while "ordinary Catholics showed their love and loyalty to the church. Who could have imagined the severe test More, Fisher and English Catholicism would face in so short a time?" Archbishop Lori asked. He was the homilist at the opening Mass of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Fortnight for Freedom, an annual observance highlighting the importance of religious liberty. The Mass was celebrated on the vigil of the English martyrs' shared feast day at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore.

Cardinal Pell, professing innocence, faces charges in Australia

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Proclaiming his innocence after being charged with sexual abuse, Australian Cardinal George Pell said, "I'm looking forward finally to having my day in court. I'm innocent of these charges. They are false. The whole idea of sexual abuse is abhorrent to me," he said June 29 during a brief news conference in the Vatican press office. Greg Burke, director of the Vatican press office, said Pope Francis had granted Cardinal Pell a leave of absence from his position as prefect of the Vatican Secretariat for the Economy so that he can work on his defense. Cardinal Pell, Burke added, will not participate in any public liturgies while his case is being considered. "These matters have been under investigation now for two years," Cardinal Pell told the press. "There's been relentless character assassination, a relentless character assassination, and for more than a month claims that a decision on whether to lay charges was imminent." Without giving specifics about the number of charges or the incidents, police in Australia's Victoria state announced June 29 that charges had been filed against the cardinal and that he has been called to appear in court July 18.

Pope will visit Chile, Peru in January, Vatican announces

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis will travel to Colombia in September and, the Vatican announced, he will return to South America in January for a visit to Chile and Peru. The pope will be in Chile Jan. 15-18, visiting the cities of Santiago, Temuco and Iquique, the Vatican press office announced June 19. He then will fly to Peru and from Jan. 18-21, he will visit Lima, Puerto Maldonado and Trujillo. The Vatican had announced in March that the pope would make a pastoral trip to Colombia Sept. 6-11. No mention was made of a possible trip to the pope's homeland, Argentina. He has not returned to the country since he was elected pope in March 2013. The Peru-Chile trip would be his fourth to South America. In July 2013, he visited Brazil for World Youth Day. In July 2015, he traveled to Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay. The September trip to Colombia would be his third to the continent.

Taking 'vital coverage' from those in need 'unacceptable,' says bishop

By Julie Asher
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The U.S. Senate must reject any health care reform bill that will "fundamentally alter the social safety net for millions of people," said the chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development.

"Removing vital coverage for those most in need is not the answer to our nation's health care problems, and doing so will not help us build toward the common good," Bishop Frank J. Dewane of Venice, Florida, said in a letter to U.S. senators released late June 27.

He urged senators to reject such changes "for the sake of persons living on the margins of our health care system."

A day earlier, Bishop Dewane issued a statement saying that the loss of affordable health care under the Republicans' proposal was "simply unacceptable."

The Senate released its Better Care Reconciliation Act in "discussion draft" form June 22. In an analysis of the proposal aimed at replacing the Obama administration's Affordable Care Act, the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office said the measure would leave 22 million more people without insurance.

In response to that report, Bishop Dewane said June 26 that "this moment cannot pass without comment. ... As the USCCB has consistently said, the loss of affordable access for millions of people is simply unacceptable. These are real families who need and deserve health care."

On the afternoon of June 27, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ken-

tucky, announced senators will not act on the bill until much later in July. News reports said McConnell and others determined they did not even have enough votes to begin debate on the measure. Senate leaders had hoped to vote on it before the July 4 recess.

In his letter to senators, Bishop Dewane reiterated initial concerns outlined by the USCCB when the draft was first released, namely that any health care reform bill must uphold several moral principles: affordability; access for all; respect for life; and protection of conscience rights. The bishops also have stressed the need for U.S. health care policy "to improve real access" to health care for immigrants.

Loss of coverage "will be devastating" to the people who can least afford it at a time "when tax cuts would seem to benefit the wealthy" and when increases in defense spending are being contemplated, he said in the June 27 letter.

The U.S. bishops do "value the language" in the Senate bill that recognizes "abortion is not health care," he continued, and it at least partially succeeds on conscience rights. But he said it needs to be strengthened to fully apply "the long-standing and widely supported Hyde Amendment protections. Full Hyde protections are essential and must be included in the final bill."

Bishop Dewane said the Senate's Better Care Reconciliation Act "is a slight improvement in limited ways" over the House version passed in May, called the American Health Care Act. "Overall, however, those enhancements do not overcome the BCRA's failure to address the needs of the poor," he said.

One part of the bill cuts the

federal government's share of funding for Medicaid to 57 percent of its cost over the next seven years. States have picked up the balance of the funding to date.

Under the Affordable Care Act, the government had guaranteed that its funding for adults newly eligible for Medicaid would fall to no lower than 90 percent of their costs. Many states expanded Medicaid coverage for all adults ages 18-65 with incomes up to 133 percent of the federal poverty level.

The bill also would defund Planned Parenthood for one year under the bill.

In his earlier statement, Bishop Dewane criticized the "per-capita cap" on Medicaid funding, which would no longer be an entitlement but have its own budget line item under the Better Care Reconciliation Act. The effect, he said, "would provide even less to those in need than the House bill. These changes will wreak havoc on low-income families and struggling communities, and must not be supported."

In other reaction to the Senate measure, 300 Sisters of Mercy voiced their strong opposition to the Senate proposal in a statement issued June 27 from Buffalo, New York, where they gathered for the religious congregation's chapter meeting.

"Health care for all, especially the most vulnerable is one of our enduring concerns," said Sister Patricia McDermott, president of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. "The Sisters of Mercy have a legacy of advocacy for health care as a right, as well as providing care to generations of people. If the proposed legislation passes, health care ministries, social service agencies, and services for the elderly and family members will be impacted and suffer."

Says faith 'compels us' to fight opioid crisis

GREENSBURG, PA. (CNS)-- Bishop Edward C. Malesic of Greensburg in a pastoral letter called the opioid crisis in this country a scourge and urged the people of his diocese to take action against it.

In "A Pastoral Letter on the Drug Abuse Crisis: From Death and Despair to Life and Hope" issued June 29, he addressed the epidemic that

last year killed more than 300 people in the four counties that comprise the Diocese of Greensburg and outlined the Catholic Church's local response to the crisis.

Besides efforts that focus on prayer and education, he also discussed the church's cooperative efforts with government and social service

agencies that are already engaged in the fight against addiction.

Noting that rarely a day goes by without news of a death from a drug overdose, he wrote, "One especially deadly expression of the crisis of addiction, which is becoming more and more prevalent in our communities, is the current opioid epidemic."

"This is a plague that has come into the homes and families of every city, town and even the rural areas of our diocese," he wrote. "It has touched the very hearts and souls of our parishioners in the pews and the people living in our communities; it has affected men and women of every age, profession and state of life. Even more tragic is the reality that every one of those 319 deaths was pre-

ventable and did not have to happen."

In addition to the education sessions and prayer services planned for this summer, Bishop Malesic said the diocese will continue to work with the recently formed Bishop's Advisory Group on the Drug Crisis to continue developing and implementing a pastoral response to the opioid crisis and to work with existing programs rather than create new ones.

The diocese's pastoral response will include: ongoing educational opportunities for parish and school staffs; continued counseling, education and referrals by Catholic Charities for people and their families caught up in addiction; assistance in the development of family recovery groups; and helping

people advocate with governmental entities to provide resources to prevent and treat drug abuse.

Bishop Malesic urged parishes to:

- Work with existing neighborhood, nonprofit and governmental organizations to promote safe communities and drug-free neighborhoods.

- Have priests and deacons continue to offer spiritual support and, when appropriate, speak about drug abuse in homilies and at formational opportunities.

- Consider developing support groups and maintain a list of treatment centers and contact information for referral purposes when needed.

- Use resources from the diocese to educate and form parishioners and community members to combat the opioid addiction epidemic in homes and families.

- Consider holding ongoing opportunities for prayer and healing related to the addiction crisis.

"The church must be present to all who suffer in any way," he wrote. "Jesus can and wants us to use his church to move our communities from being places of death and despair to places of life and hope."


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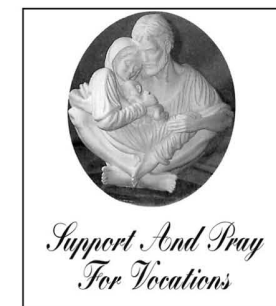
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AT THE CATHOLIC CONVOCATION



(CNS PHOTO/BOB ROLLER)

An attendee registers for the "Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in America" June 30 in Orlando, Fla. Leaders from dioceses and various Catholic organizations are gathering for the July 1-4 convocation. Bishop Terry R. LaValley led a delegation from the Diocese of Ogdensburg to the convocation including Father J. Douglas Lucia, Marika Donders, diocesan director of evangelization; Catherine Russell, coordinator of the diocesan vocation office; and John and Maura Felner who own a Catholic radio station in Lake Placid. 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 Reports from the convocation will appear in upcoming issues of the *NCC*.

In the next issue

The July 19 issue of the *North Country Catholic* will cover NFP Week and the Missionary Projects of the diocese.



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Over the years, I have had the opportunity to lead many pilgrims to Ireland to experience the country's rich spiritual and cultural history. Across the Emerald Isle, we visited churches and cathedrals, ruins and relics, the birthplaces of saints and scholars. We celebrated Mass together every day, prayed the rosary as we traveled, and allowed ourselves to be transformed by the Spirit during the remarkable journey.

I am pleased to lead a pilgrimage to Ireland again this fall. This year's itinerary will take us to historic and scenic sites including the Rock of Cashel, Monasterboice, Giant's Causeway, and the vibrant cities of Dublin and Belfast. Each day will include Mass and prayer, history and lore, and nourishment for soul and mind.

This pilgrimage is sponsored by the Catholic Sun, news media of the Diocese of Syracuse, and more information about the journey can be found on its website at theatholicsun.com/ireland2017. You can also contact Editor Katherine Long directly with any questions at klong@theatholicsun.com or (315) 422-8153.

I hope you will consider joining me on this unique journey of faith.

Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham
 Bishop of the Diocese of Syracuse

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Holding on to hope for God's dream for us

After a long, dark winter, we welcome the warmth of summer and the brighter

evenings.

Still, our concern for climate change, and the increasing divisions and uncivil behaviours in society, concern all of us,

The shadow of a world coming apart at the seams hangs over us like a dark cloud.

There is unrest, in so many nations. Peace and harmony seem like an impossible

dream.

In today's first reading, Zechariah prophesies a coming Messiah who will bring us cause for rejoicing. Of course, Zechariah was ridiculed and thought insane in his time.

It wasn't any better when centuries later, the Son of God actually came into the land of Israel.

In today's Gospel, Jesus laments the blindness and rejection of the learned ones - pharisees, scribes, sadducees. Jesus was hurt and angered by their hostility.

Only the simple and uneducated seemed to believe His words and His mighty deeds of healing.

Jesus loved ordinary people, and He loved children, their innocence and their incredible openness to the things of God.

They readily believe in

angels and the beauty of art and music much more than adults do.

Jesus found consolation in children and the child-like. He promised the kingdom of heaven for such as these.

It's no different in our times. After all, our country was founded on a dream. Otherwise we would not have celebrated the Fourth of July this past weekend. America's dream is very like God's dream and His plan for us.

We are all entitled to be dreamers. We must never give up hope that God's dream of peace will come true.

Freedom for all, born and unborn.

Our second reading

urges us to live in the Holy Spirit, rather than in the "flesh", meaning living in sin which keeps us in slavery to the "flesh"

To live in the Spirit means to let our flesh be transformed into its true freedom.

As members of Christ, every good individual action strengthens the whole person..

More prayer, more getting out of ourselves to think of other people's needs, brings lightness of heart and soul.

When we falter, we need only think of Jesus' promise:

"Come to me all you who labor and are heavily burdened and I will give you rest...for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light".



**Monsignor
Paul E.
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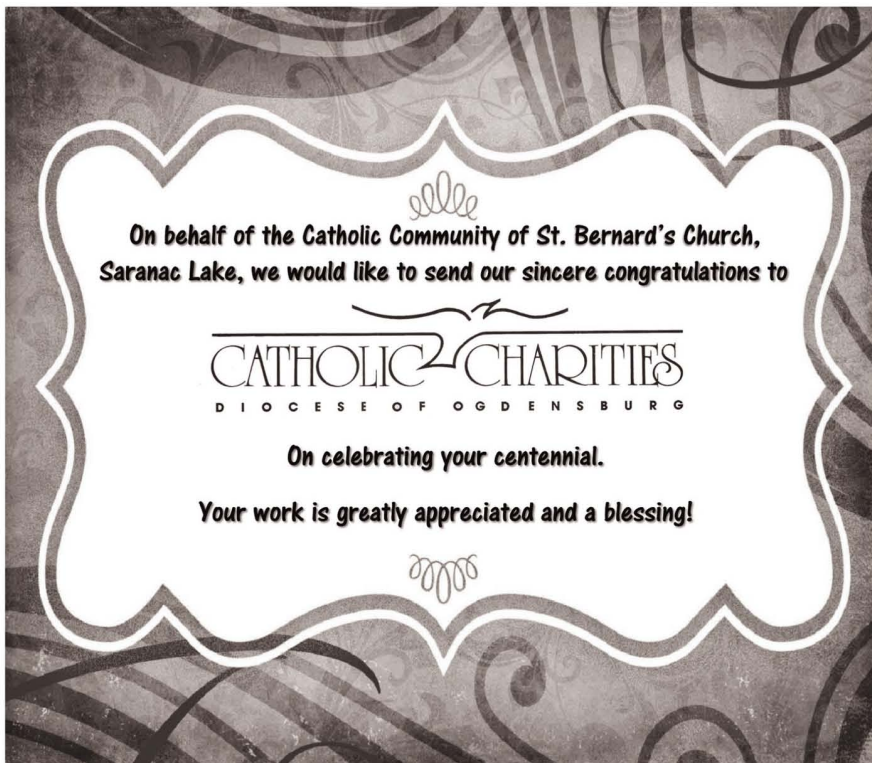
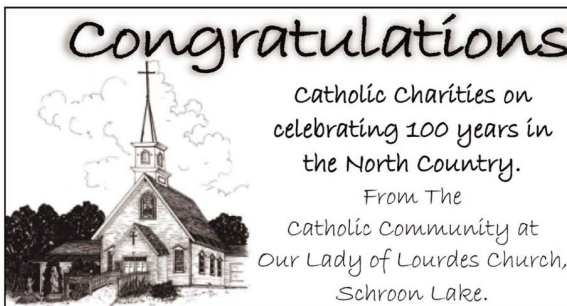
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AT THE MOVIES

DESPICABLE ME 3

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

Director Pierre Coffin's animated comedy "Despicable Me 3" (Universal) - the second direct follow-up to the 2010 original - turns out to be something of a disappointment, falling short when compared to its predecessors.

There is good news about the film, though, because its weak central plot is offset not only by amusing side stories but by strong values as well.

This time out, Gru (voice of Steve Carell), the once slightly wicked villain who turned thoroughgoing good guy over the course of the first two films, is up against an unlikely opponent. Baltazar Bratt - an ex-child actor whose 1980s TV show, "Evil Bratt," was abruptly canceled when his voice began cracking and he developed acne - is out to wreak delayed vengeance

by destroying Hollywood.

As Gru battles to thwart this plan, he also discovers that he has a brother named Dru (also voiced by Carell) that his unnamed mother (voice of Julie Andrews) never told him about. Predictably, the siblings quickly bond, though Dru tries to convince Gru to return to the dark side, citing their father's career as a criminal as precedent for a family tradition.

Along with the newfound brothers' mutual affection, clan closeness is also celebrated through scenes of Gru's interaction with his supportive wife and crime-fighting partner, Lucy (voiced by Kristen Wiig), and their shared nurturing of their trio of adopted daughters, Margo (voice of Miranda Cosgrove), Edith (voice of Dana Gaier) and Agnes (Nev Scharrel).

Jokes riffing on Reagan-era fads and fashions -- shoulder pads and the like -- generally fall flat. But Agnes'

determination to find and take in a live unicorn -- and Gru's reluctance to tell her the truth about her favorite creatures -- are endearing. So too is her bedtime prayer on the subject.

Additionally, the pixilated minions (voiced by director Pierre Coffin) who once carried out Gru's bidding -- and who featured in their own 2015 film -- are on hand to get things back on track.

The references to puberty involved in Bratt's show biz downfall might provoke some uncomfortable questions from little kids. Beyond that, Gru winds up in an embarrassing state of undress at one point and there's some bathroom and body-parts humor.

Since there's also some danger portrayed along the way, parents of the smallest, most easily scared tykes may not find this a good cinematic choice. For everyone else, it makes acceptable if not outstanding summer entertainment.



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Gru, voiced by Steve Carell, appears in the animated "Despicable Me 3."

The film contains characters in peril, brief partial nudity played for laughs, mild scatological and anatomical humor and a couple of vaguely crass slang terms.

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classification is A-II -- adults and adolescents.

The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

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Congratulations and Best Wishes to

Nicole Maicus

newly commissioned Lay Minister for our parish

ADIRONDACK

SUMMER RETREAT

Saranac Lake - Summer retreat "Praying with the Psalms of Creation" is set

Date: Aug. 11-13

Place: Guggenheim Lodge

Features: Facilitators are Paul Gibaldi, Adirondack Guide and photographer & Sister Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ. Father Paul Kelly will celebrate Mass on Saturday evening. Like Jesus who often revealed lessons for living from the natural world, participants are invited ponder the mysteries of Creation revealed in the season of summer

Cost: Suggested offering: \$145 (includes all meals Friday evening through Sunday afternoon).

Contact: srbethsj@gmail.com or 315-212-6592, be Aug. 9

CLINTON

CHURCH GARAGE SALE

Altona - Holy Angels Church to have a garage sale to benefit the roof fund.

Date: July 7 and 8

Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

Altona - Holy Angels Church to have a breakfast and Blueberry Festival.

Date: July 30

Time: 9 a.m. to Noon

Cost: Adults, \$6; Children 6-12, \$3; under 5, Free

Features: Silent auction, theme baskets, pie raffle wheel, tour of the Power House at Feinberg park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be tours, speakers and exhibits as well as Alice T. Miner Movie.

GOLF CLASSIC

Morrisonville - The RCC of St. Alexander & St. Joseph will be hosting their 13th Annual Golf Classic.

Date: July 14 (Rain or Shine)

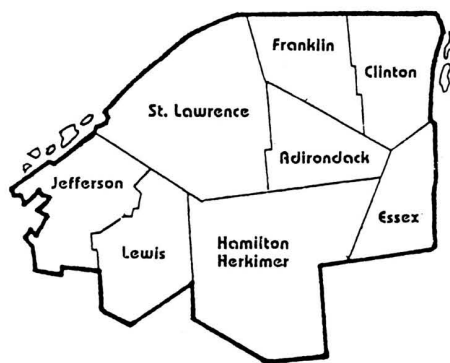
Time: Shotgun start at Noon

Place: Barracks Golf and Country Club on the former Plattsburgh Air Force Base

Cost: \$240; \$50 for "Barracks" members - \$60 for non-members; Hole Sponsors is \$100 or "Eagle" Sponsor for \$180

Features: Limited to the first 30 pre-paid teams. Deadline for pre-paid reservations is July 10. Festivities of the day include "FREE" Putting Contest with monetary prizes and Hole-n-One (for all who score a hole-n-one on a specific designated hole) which both are Sponsored by Shumway Insurance of Plattsburgh! Registration fee includes gifts, greens fee, cart and BBQ chicken dinner!

Contact: Cheryl Dodds at 518-572-4622 or Jackie Black at 518-561-5039



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

Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:

North Country Catholic, PO Box 326,

Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 1-866-314-7296;

e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

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

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 year's 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

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

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.

LEWIS

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, games and raffles

ST. LAWRENCE

FOUNDER'S WEEKEND MASS

Ogdensburg - There will be a special Mass in honor of Founder's Weekend.

Date: July 16

Time: 7:30 a.m.

Place: Fort La Presentation site on Van Rensselaer/Lighthouse Point

Features: The Mass will be outside along the St. Lawrence and Oswegatchie Rivers. As we celebrate our early heritage, part of the Mass will be in Latin, French and Mohawk. Several of the participants will be in period dress. Please bring lawn chairs. In case of rain, the Mass will be held at Notre Dame Church. All are invited and welcome to share in prayer at this special Mass.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Gouverneur - St. James Annual Golf tournament to be held.

Date: July 29

Time: 9 a.m. registration; 10 a.m. shotgun start

Place: Emerald Green Golf Course

Cost: \$50 per person/\$200 per team

Contact: Pre-registration & Contact Info: St. James Parish Office, (315)287-0114, Catholic@twcny.rr.com

DIOCESAN EVENTS

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

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.

DOVS PILGRIMAGE

Syracuse - Join Bishop LaValley and DOVS (Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocation Society) on the annual pilgrimage to pray for vocations.

Date: Oct. 10

Place: We will visit St. Marianne Cope's shrine and museum and have Mass and holy hour at the newly renovated cathedral in Syracuse.

Contact: To reserve a spot or for more information, call Mary at 315-268-1016 or Connie at 315-265-2762.

OBITUARIES

Alexandra Bay – Paul W. Bogenschutz, 78; Funeral, June 29, 2017 at the Costello Funeral Home; burial St. Cyril's Cemetery.

Altona – Vernon H. Gokey, 82; Funeral Services June 29, 2017 at Church of the Holy Angels.

Brasher Falls – Sandra A. McLaughlin, 76; Funeral Services July 3, 2017 at St. Patrick's Church.

Brownville – Inge Barbara (Singer) Saur; Funeral Services June 26, 2017 at

Immaculate Conception Church; burial in Brownville Cemetery.

Brownville – David M. West, 46; Funeral Services June 27, 2017 at Immaculate Conception Church.

Brownville – Charles F. Zeltwanger Jr., 47; Funeral Services July 2, 2017 at Immaculate Conception Church.

Carthage – Angeline M. (Cassoni) Cronk, 79; Funeral Services June 30, 2017 at the Lundy Funeral Home

Chazy – Nancy S. Ethier Buker, 51; Funeral Services June 26, 2017 at Sacred Heart Church.

Copenhagen – Chad J. Pate, 43; Funeral Services June 19, 2017 at St. Mary's Church.

Croghan – Daniel E. Horvath, 81; Funeral Services June 21, 2017 at St. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Vincent DePaul Cemetery, Belfort.

Dannemora – Rodney G. Moody, 73; Funeral Services June 21, 2017 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Memorial Gardens, Plattsburgh.

Gouverneur – Raymond Morse "Ray" Villeneuve, 81; Funeral Services June 29, 2017 at Green Funeral Home; burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Antwerp.

Henderson – Teresa A. (Kuzebski) Desmoreau, 50; Memorial Services July 7, 2017 at Queen of Heaven Church.

Heuvelton – Myrna (Outman) White, 64; Funeral Services June 24, 2017 at St. Raphael's Church; burial in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Keeseville – John L. "Red"/"Jack" Maloney, 89; Funeral Services July 20, 2017 at Immaculate Conception Church

Lake Placid – Marie Goff Senecal, 94; Funeral Services June 23, 2017 at St. Agnes Church.

Louisville – James E. Love, 81; Funeral Services at St. Lawrence Church; burial in Louisville Community Cemetery.

Lyon Mountain – Earl F. Gregory, 73; Funeral June 23, 2017 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Lyon Mountain – Russell Andrew Wilson, 76; Funeral Services July 3, 2017 at St. Bernard's Church.

Malone – John J. "Jack" McCarthy, 92; Funeral Services July 1, 2017 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Massena – Mary Cecile (Noreault)

McElwain, 89; Funeral Services June 30, 2017 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Bombay.

Morrisonville – Eunice M. (Rushia) Dougherty, 100; Funeral Services June 27, 2017 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Morrisonville – Carol Lawliss Moore, 82; Funeral Services June 26, 2017 at St. Alexander's Church.

North Bangor – Elaine G. (Wood) Tavernia, 69; Funeral Services June 29, 2017 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in Burke Center Cemetery.

North Lawrence – Mary A. (Burns) Cook, 60; Funeral Services June 19, 2017 at St. Lawrence Church; burial in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Robert L. Brown, 60; Funeral Services June 21, 2017 at the LaRue & Pitcher Funeral Home.

Ogdensburg – Michele (LaClair) Cline, 63; Funeral Services June 23, 2017 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Peru – Lillybell M. (Bushey) Duval, 70; Funeral June 22, 2017 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Peru – H. Daniel Froehlich, 78; Memorial Services July 1, 2017 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in Phoenix Military Cemetery.

Peru – Judy Lynn (Bouyea) Haywood, 52; Funeral Services June 22, 2017 at the Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in Fairview Cemetery, AuSable Forks

Peru – Ralph W. Santor, 90; Funeral Services June 17, 2017 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Rodney C. Hurley, 90; Funeral Services June 26, 2017 at the Heald Funeral Home; burial in Riverside Cemetery, Elizabethtown.

Plattsburgh – Colleen Gloria Elizabeth (Collins) Lasalle, 68; Funeral Services

June 28, 2017 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Janet Rita Quick, 74; Memorial Services July 17, 2017 at St. Peter's Church.

Port Henry – Elizabeth "Betty" Jane (Montbriand) Gilbo, 82; Funeral Services June 30, 2017 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Moriah.

Port Henry – John J. Harland, 85; Funeral June 16, 2017 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in parish cemetery

Redford – Betty (Taylor) Chartier, 82; Funeral July 7, 2017 at Church of the Assumption; burial in parish cemetery.

Star Lake – John Jacob Leffert, 88; Funeral Services June 28, 2017 at St. Hubert's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Rome.

Ticonderoga – Rosalind G. (Gallo) D'Attilio, 68; Funeral June 29, 2017 at the Wilcox & Regan Funeral Home; burial in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery, Whitehall.

Ticonderoga – Gary William Hotte, Jr., 35; Funeral Services June 24, 2017 at the Wilcox & Regan Funeral Home.


Ticonderoga – Matthew James Jordan, 32; Funeral Services June 26, 2017 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Parish cemetery.

Watertown – Merial Lyng (Yoder) Jewett, 91; Funeral Services June 27, 2017 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

Watertown – Alma Rose "Midge" (Simmons) Jones, 75; Funeral Services June 24, 2017 at TLC Funeral Home, Inc.; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

Watertown – Mary M. "Peggy" (Pepe) Marks, 99; Funeral Services June 23, 2017 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – Brian L. Parker, 45; Funeral Services July 1, 2017 at St. Anthony's Church.



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St. Peter Apostle Summer appeal

Growing the faith. Our own faith journeys seem like an ongoing cycle of growth: seeds of faith planted by our parents, nurtured by family and friends, strengthened by the seasons of our lives, especially times of trial when we cling close to the Lord's love and hope.

Each year the Society for the Propagation of the Faith/Society of St. Peter Apostle sends support for some 30,000 young men preparing for the priesthood in mission seminaries by providing textbooks, technology, housing, food and medical care for the students.

Once ordained, these young new priests will serve in the mission lands where they were born, raised and in some cases ordained. Although, some are also asked to serve in other areas of the world or even here in the United States, possibly landing here in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

You can help the Society for St. Peter the Apostle by offering prayers and sacrifices for these young men as they prepare for priesthood. We are all aware of the call for vocations and our global need for an increase in this need.

The St. Peter Apostle Appeal's goal is to invite individuals to support the education of candidates for priesthood in the developing world. Since its inception in 1889, thousands of men globally have benefited from your generosity.

Can you help today? Know that you will also be contributing to growing the faith in the most vulnerable communities around the world through the witness and service of these future priests and religious in the Missions. I extend my gratitude for your generous missionary heart. Know that you are in a special place in my prayers during these summer months.



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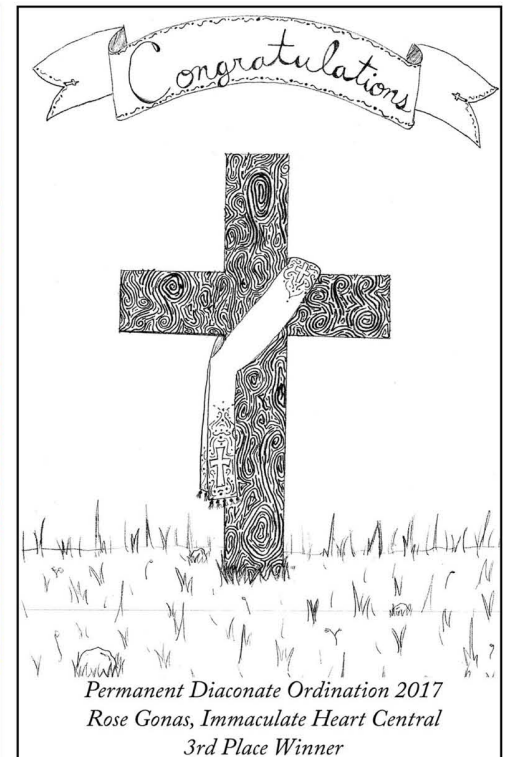
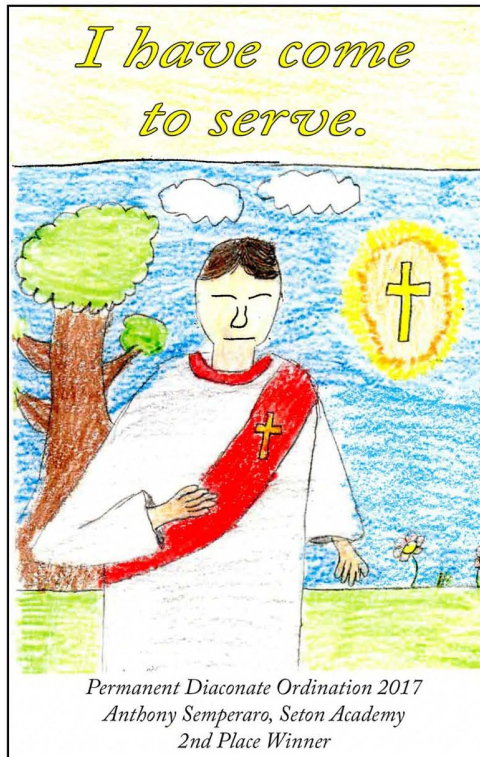


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DOVS HOLY CARD CONTEST WINNERS



In preparation for the ordination of several new permanent deacons in October, the Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocations Society (DOVS) sponsored a holy card creating contest for young people. One of the goals of the contest was that students learn about the vocation of a permanent deacon. More than 40 entries were received from across the diocese including submissions from Catholic schools and parish catechetical programs. The top three holy card designs are pictured:

Garrett Weir, first place from Trinity Catholic, Massena; Anthony Semeraro, second place from Seton Academy, Plattsburgh; and Rose Gonas, third place from Immaculate Heart Central, Watertown. The DOVS mission is to pray for and raise awareness of vocations to priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. Those who would like to share this mission by becoming an active member or a patron, should contact Connie at 315-265-2762 for more information.

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Garrett Weir, first place winner in the DOVS holy card contest is shown with his principal, Kathy Behrens, principal at Trinity Catholic in Massena and DOVS officers. From left are Ms. Behrens, Connie Randall, president of DOVS; Marilyn DeCelles, vice president, Garret, Ann Miller, secretary; and Mary Enslow, treasurer.