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'God gives hope for the future'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - While the world reels from terrorism, natural disasters and division, God weeps with those who suffer and offers the hope of a future full of joy, Pope Francis said.

Recalling the victims of a terror attack in Barcelona

Aug. 17, a devastating landslide Aug. 16 in Congo, and "many other" tragic global events, the pope urged Christians to meditate on God's tenderness when "they report sad news, which we are all at risk of becoming accustomed to. Think of the

faces of children frightened by war, the cry of mothers, the broken dreams of many young people, the refugees who face terrible journeys and are exploited so many times," the pope said Aug. 23 at his general audience.

Continuing his series of

audience talks on Christian hope, Pope Francis said that in moments of suffering, Christians can find comfort in knowing they have a heavenly father, who "weeps tears of infinite pity for his children" and "has prepared for us a different future."

YOUNG FAITH

In parishes, at camps, at the seminary



PHOTO BY TOM SEMERARO

The first installment of "Meet our Seminarians" is featured as part of the *North Country Catholic's* annual Young Faith issue this week. Carter Pierce, shown above, shares some of the influences in his life that led to his decision to enter the seminary. He is a second year college seminarian at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. Other features on the faith of young people include a message from Bishop LaValley and photos from Camp Guggenheim.

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Bishop calls for peaceful actions

In his Follow Me column this week, Bishop LaValley asks, "Why is there so much anger, intimidation, mean-spiritedness, injustice, vulgarity, hate speech, disrespect for another human person and disregard for all human life?"

"How did we get to the point where vehicles have now become the weapons of choice, joining bombs, guns, fists, and verbal missiles as evidence of a tragic failure in civility to say nothing of loving our neighbor as ourselves?" He offers questions for Catholics to consider.

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Annual Harvest Mass of

Thanksgiving is set for Sept. 17

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'GUGGENHEIM IS AMAZING!'



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

Among the hundreds of young people to spend a week at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake this summer were these four, who shared their views about the camp with the *North Country Catholic*. From left are Madeline Cochran, age 15, of St. Patrick's Parish in Port Henry; Brendan O'Neill, 15, of St. Mary's in Massena; Eleanor Crowley, 13 of St. Bernard's in Saranac Lake; and Ian Montandon, 14, St. Patrick's, Watertown. Full story, page 2.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

The youthful sound of 'hope'

Have you ever wondered what "hope" sounds like?

A couple weeks ago, I heard it clearly in the voices of Maddy, Brendan, Ian and Eleanor.

On my favorite work day of the year, I made my way to the Adirondacks for the NCC's annual visit to Camp Guggenheim. Since 1972, the diocesan summer camp has offered weeks of faith formation and fun for teenagers in the North Country.

Prior to my trip on Aug. 3, I

asked Kelly Donnelly, the camp director, to choose two boys and two girls who would be willing to share their Guggenheim stories with me.



Mary Lou
Kilian

And that's how I met Madeline Cochran, age 15, of St. Patrick's Parish in Port Henry; Brendan O'Neill, 15, of St. Mary's in Massena; Eleanor Crowley, 13 of St. Bernard's in Saranac Lake; and Ian Montandon, 14, St. Patrick's, Watertown.

All were veteran campers and all were happy to explain

why they keep coming back.

"It's amazing here," said Maddy. "It's great to be able to share my faith."

"Everybody is kind and funny and wants to help," said Ian.

Brendan called Guggenheim "a place to recharge your spiritual batteries."

And Eleanor called the camp "a really fun community. Everybody is here for the same purpose – to be with God, but we have a lot of fun along the way."

For the question "what's the best part of the week," there was a surprising consensus:

"confession," said Ian and the other three nodded.

On Wednesday evenings, the campers take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, while Mass is celebrated on the other four days of the camp week.

"Confession was the best part of Guggenheim because I was forgiven for all of my sins that I have done," Ian said. "I felt so joyful afterwards and it was amazing!"

"It's a really beautiful service," said Maddy, "that involved taking rocks to represent your sins and then getting rid of them."

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FATHER MUENCH SAYS

The sin that divides the human family

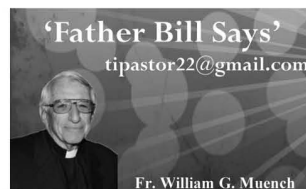
I am certain that you heard and followed the news reports a few weeks ago concerning demonstrations that became rather violent. These groups were labeled white supremacists – even hate groups. They seemed to be declaring that they were better than others. They were claiming there was something unacceptable about other races and cultures which caused the hate. I might add that some even voiced hatred towards us, Catholics.

I decided, like many other priests, to say something about all of this in my Sunday homily.

It would be easy for us up here in Northern New York to believe that we are not involved in this concern. It's a problem for other people in others places. However, you and I have been barraged with all of their propaganda; it has challenged us and we must make some decisions. How do we react?

I wanted to remind my congregation that we must be concerned. We as Catholics oppose all that these groups stand for.

Bishop LaValley sent out information concerning this, es-



pecially regarding the sin of racism. He reminded us that 40 years ago, the bishops of our country published a pastoral letter against racism.

They wrote: "Racism is a sin: a sin that divides the human family, blots out the image of God among specific members of that family, and violates the fundamental human dignity of those called to be children of the same Father."

Yet, the scourge of racism – of hate against those of a different culture – continues to divide and challenge Americans. I was personally shocked to learn how many of these groups still exist. As a Catholic their message of hate breaks my heart – I weep.

I decided to tell the folks my story. I admitted that I had to make many changes in my own thinking during my life-

time. As a young priest – years ago – I was teaching science in one of our Catholic high schools. One summer, I spent a several weeks in a program at the University of Detroit.

When I arrived there, I noticed a bulletin from a local pastor who was looking for a priest to help in his parish on weekends. This sounded good to me. The parish was a predominantly African-American parish in downtown Detroit.

For this young priest from Northern New York, this was a very different experience. I must be honest with you: I remember being uncomfortable and these were church-going Catholic people.

As I look back, I now admit I am embarrassed to admit that I felt the way I did. Since then I have learned a great deal more – about myself and my world.

Since then, I have been involved in many programs with people and priests of others races and cultures. They have been truly a gift to my development as a priest. I have formed wonderful friendships, friendships that have been important to me.

I tell you that I now become

extremely annoyed and angry when I continue to hear of some of the things that these folks – folks of various races and cultures – have had to put up with and continue to put up with from these hate groups.

So, I take advantage of every opportunity to make certain that everyone knows that our Catholic Church, in the Spirit of our Savior, Jesus, considers racism wrong, unacceptable, a sin. We, Catholics cannot be silent.

I finished my homily by telling the people that I would hope that, if a family different from us were to come into our Sunday Mass, we would welcome them with open arms. However, if even one would become annoyed or uncomfortable that such a family joined us, I would weep.

From Pope Francis: "The Lord wants us to belong to a Church that knows how to open her arms and welcome everyone, that is not a house for the few, but house for everyone, where are can be renewed, transformed, sanctified by his love, the strongest and the weakest, sinners, the indifferent, those who feel discouraged or lost."

FOLLOW ME

Let there be peace on earth

I often wonder why we all just can't get along.

Why is there so much anger, intimidation, mean-spiritedness, injustice, vulgarity, hate speech, disrespect for another human person and disregard for all human life?

How did we get to the point where vehicles have now become the weapons of choice, joining bombs, guns, fists, and verbal missiles as evidence of a tragic failure in civility to say nothing of loving our neighbor as ourselves?

It's not good enough to chalk it up to the consequences of original sin and leave it at that.

As a nation and individually, serious soul-searching is needed.

Conversion requires courageous, honest and ongoing self-reflection, examining our consciences humbly before Christ.

Until we begin treating one another decently, even respectfully, America will never be "great again."

For instance, let's consider how we have been unwelcoming to the stranger, the person of a different race, or the immigrant.

It is good for all of us to reflect on questions such as these:

- How have I participated in words or behavior that denigrate others?

- What am I not seeing in myself, ignoring about myself, that is contrary to love of neighbor, even those I do not know?

- What fears do I hold about people that are different from me?

- How do I consciously or unconsciously act on those fears? In my choices, my beliefs, my actions, my attitudes?

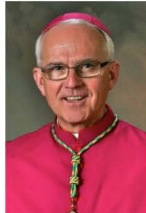
- Have I asked Christ to heal me of all prejudice?

- Have I expressed sorrow and regret to those I have denigrated by thought, word or deed?

- Do I challenge political or religious leaders who foment disrespect, division, and violence rather than understanding, healing and unity?

- What kind of attitude towards people who are different from me do my children and grandchildren learn from me?

Please God, let there be peace and justice on earth and let it begin with me.



**Bishop
Terry R.
LaValley**



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**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.**

(Ps. 118)



Three Servants of Mary who served in the Diocese of Ogdensburg were honored July 8 on their 70th jubilee at their motherhouse in Omaha. From left are Servite Sisters Rita Mary Morrisette, Louise Genest and Lucille Beaulieu.



Marriage Jubilee

Diocesan Celebration of Marriage
 "A time to gather and celebrate marriage with
 Bishop Terry LaValley"

September 24, 2017 at 2:30 pm

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ALL COUPLES AND THEIR FAMILIES
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Couples celebrating their anniversaries and wishing to receive a certificate need to register for this event through the parish before
 September 8th

This event is co-sponsored by the St. Lawrence Society and the Family Life Office.

Servites honored on 70th jubilees

OMAHA, NEB. - Three of the 2017 jubilarians of the Servants of Mary this year have given many years of service to Catholics in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Sisters gave decades of service to the Diocese of Ogdensburg

Servite Sisters Rita Mary Morrisette, Louise Genest and Lucille Beaulieu were honored for 70 years of religious life at a July 8 celebration at the motherhouse.

Each started as a teacher in 1947, Sister Lucille in Sioux City, Iowa; and Sister Rita Mary and Sister Louise in Detroit.

The local ministries offered by the sisters follow:

Sister Lucille: teacher/tutor/substitute teacher at Sacred Heart

Church in Massena, 1973-77; pastoral minister and director of religious education at Sacred Heart Church in Massena, 1977-83; pastoral associate, St. Peter's Parish, Lowville; 1998-2010; ministry to the homebound, St. Augustine's Church, North Bangor, 2010-14.

Sister Louise: teacher and principal at Sacred Heart School in Massena, 1971-1981 before moving to Rome to serve as general secretary for the Servants of Mary, 1981-83; teacher at Trinity Catholic School in Massena, 1983-93, permanent substitute teacher at Trinity, 1993-94, part-time French teacher at Trinity, 1994-2011 before retiring at Sacred Heart convent in Massena, 2011-2012.

Sister Rita Mary: parish ministry at St. Bernard's in Saranac Lake, 1993-2006; and volunteer ministry at Sacred Heart Parish in Massena, 2006-13.

What is God calling you to be?



"Take, Lord,
 and receive all my liberty,
 my memory, my understanding,
 and my entire will, all that I have and possess.
 You have given all to me. To You, O Lord,
 I return it. All is Yours, dispose of it wholly according to
 Your will. Give me Your love and Your grace, for this is
 sufficient for me."

- Saint Ignatius of Loyola



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MEET OUR SEMINARIANS.... MEET OUR SEMINARIANS.... MEET OUR SEMINARIANS... MEET OUR SEMINARIANS

Carter Pierce hopes to be 'joy-filled witness'

By **Cathy Russell**
Diocesan vocation coordinator

First in a series

Carter Pierce has begun his first year of studies for the priesthood at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio.

Last year, Carter was a student at Catholic University in Washington, D.C., so he is a second year college



Carter Pierce of Heuvelton is a second year college seminarian, studying at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. This is the first in a series of interviews with the nine men currently studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

seminarian.

A native of Heuvelton and St. Raphael's parish, Carter is the son of Kelvin and Carolyn Pierce. Both parents are large animal veterinarians and the family has a small farm. The ethic of hard work is a family trait!

From his earliest memories, Carter was very close to his family as he grew up with three older brothers, one younger brother and two younger sisters.

"Faith was a daily part of life in our home," he said. "We were active in the parish and always attended Mass on Sunday whether we were home or away."

After finishing elementary school at St. Marguerite D'Youville Academy in Ogdensburg, Carter attended Heuvelton Central where he played basketball and participated in chorus, band and the rocket club.

"From an early age, my plan was to raise a family and own a farm," he said, but three life changing experiences focused his attention in a different direction. The World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, World Youth Day in Poland and a pilgrimage to New York City "deepened my faith, set by the example of those around me," he said. "They challenged and inspired me to want to live a life closer to God, understanding that this is the way to true happiness and fulfillment."

Carter credits Father Bryan Stitt for bringing his discernment to fruition. "He

was always there for me when I needed advice," he said, "and he is a great man and role model."

Carter's favorite saints are St. Gabriel and St. Thomas More.

He finds inspiration in his favorite bible quote: "Your every act should be done

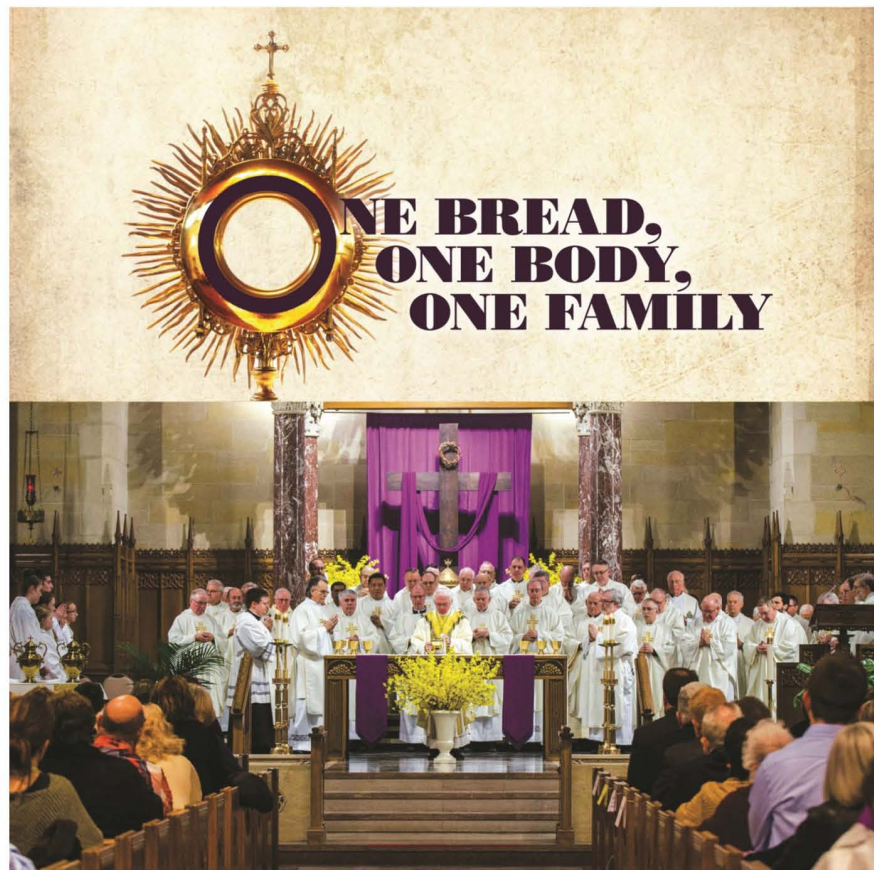
with love." (1Cor. 16:14).

What Carter is most looking forward to as a priest is "being a joy-filled witness of Christ's love to the world, administering the sacraments and finding ways to help all those in need."

For anyone who is thinking God might be calling

him to the priesthood, Carter's advice is: "don't be embarrassed and don't underestimate the power of prayer and the intercession of the saints."

"Trust that what God wills is what will make you happy and commit yourself to the discovery of it," he said.



**ONE BREAD,
ONE BODY,
ONE FAMILY**

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ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, ONE FAMILY

Bishop's Fund supports ministry to young people

By Kelly Donnelly
Diocesan youth director

In the journal I kept when I was 13 years old, I wrote, "I wish the whole world could be like Guggenheim."

As I reflect back on the personal experiences of youth ministry initiatives of the diocese when I was a teenager - youth rallies, leadership weekends, Guggenheim, and so much more, I see how transformative they were and the difference they made in my love for the Church and desire to grow ever-closer to Christ.

Roughly 20 years later, it is a profound blessing for me to see and play a part in the difference youth ministry programming is making in the lives of teens of our diocese today.

When teens come to Guggenheim, they often voice that it is a place where they feel fully alive and treasured. Through the opportunities to grow in prayer and faith through the sacraments and programming, the joyful and enthusiastic activities, and a warm, welcoming environment, campers grow in their love for Christ and desire to live out the faith.

Through events such as the Diocesan Youth Rally, teens are given the opportunity to hear renowned speakers and be a part of a



large group of teens that comes together to grow in and express their faith.

Teens witness the fact that Church is larger than their home parish, and they have experiences that help build their desire to grow in their relationship with God.

Many parishes have youth ministry programs that are growing. Dedicated youth ministry leaders are involved in youth minister certification through the diocese so that they can fully minister to the teens of their parishes.

In the conversations with teens and parents, I'm blessed to often hear firsthand accounts of the impact of youth programming. I've heard from parents that, "My child is reading the Bible at home," "My daughter has been so much kinder to her brother since coming

back from Camp," and from teens, "I'm going to tell my parents that we should really go to Mass every Sunday...and I want to go now." "I didn't know living a really Catholic life could be so fun."

Hearing these remarks and seeing the joy and energy of the teenagers and adult volunteers in youth ministry is a true testament to the effect of youth ministry. These programs, which make a direct and powerful impact in the lives of countless youth, would not be possible if it were not for the financial support as a result of the Bishop's Fund Appeal.

One of the many prayers that I cling to as a guide for my work in youth ministry is something Romero wrote: "We plant seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise."

We do not always know for certain the full impact youth ministry is having on a young person's life, but I firmly believe that the department of youth ministry is given the awesome privilege and responsibility to help plant, water, and grow the seeds of faith of our young people, made possible through the Bishop's Fund.

To Report Abuse

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact **Victims Assistance Coordinator**, Terrienne Yanulavich, Adult & Youth Counseling Services of Northern New York, PO Box 2446, Plattsburgh, NY, 12901; terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com; Phone: 518-483-3261; or Fr. James Seymour, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy at 315-393-2920, ext. 1340

Bishop's Schedule

Aug. 30 - 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg

Aug. 31 - 9:45 a.m., Episcopal Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg

Sept. 6 - 9:30 a.m., Diocesan Department and Office Heads Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

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.

Upcoming sessions:

Aug. 31 - 7:30 p.m., SUNY Potsdam

Sept. 9 - 10 a.m., Seton Academy, Plattsburgh

Sept. 13 - 6 p.m., Seton Academy, Plattsburgh

Sept. 14 - 2:30 p.m., St. Agnes School, Lake Placid

Sept. 18 - 6 p.m., St. Bernard's School, Saranac Lake

Sept. 20 - 5:30 p.m., Trinity Catholic School Massena

Sept. 20 - 6 p.m., St. James, Gouverneur

Rest in Peace

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

Aug. 30 - Rev. Bartholomew McLaughlin, 1914

Aug. 31 - Rev. James J. Sherry, 1890; Rev. Albert R. Plante, 2000

Sept. 1 - Rev. Michael Guth, 1864; Rev. John B. Martin, O.S.A., 1955

Sept. 2 - Rev. Timothy J. Mahoney, 1938; Msgr. Claudius Sechi, 1966; Rev. Thomas G. Votraw, 2007; Rev. Floyd J. Bleaux, 2009

Sept. 3 - Rev. David W. Driscoll, O.S.A., 1963; Rev. John S. Branche, 2003

Sept. 4 - Rev. Walter J. Charbonneau, 1982; Msgr. Robert H. Giroux, 2000

Sept. 5 - Rev. Arthur Tardiff, O.M.I., 1961; Rev. John Sullivan M.S.C., 1962; Rev. Louis C. Gardner, 2000

Environmental Stewardship

Why is Sept. 1 significant?

During the Season of Creation, from Sept. 1 through Oct. 4, Christians across denominations and around the world are invited to pray and care for creation.

September 1 was first proclaimed as a World Day of Prayer for Creation by Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I for the Orthodox community in 1989, and embraced by other European churches in 2001.

Since 2016, the World Council of Churches, Global Catholic Climate Movement, Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, Anglican Communion Environmental Network, Act Alliance, and several other Christian agencies have collaborated in an ecumenical celebration of Season of Creation.

Pope Francis declared it a day of Prayer for Creation for the Catholic Church in 2015.

As a suggestion for observing this season, Pope Francis asks that "every-one discover the beauty of Creation."

In a new video available at discovering "the beauty of creation" with Pope Francis, he describes why he calls the church to celebrate the beauty of creation.

The video continues the Church's long tradition of attention to the natural world, a tradition that is itself reflected in the Scriptures.

As Pope Francis said in his encyclical letter on climate change and ecology, "Jesus was able to invite others to be attentive to the beauty that there is in the world because he himself was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attention full of fondness and wonder." (Laudato Si' 97).

Appreciating the beauty of creation is a powerful force to deepen our relationship with God and to inspire commitment to caring for our common home.

Mark Your Calendars

Sept. 17 - Harvest Mass, St. Augustine's, North Bangor

Sept. 24 - Marriage Jubilee, St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg

Oct. 1 - Blue Mass, St. Patrick's, Wadsworth

NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC HAS GONE GREEN



Here is what one subscriber has to say:



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FOLLOW ME

A place where fun and faith merge

By Bishop Terry LaValley

Recent popes have reminded us that parishes are to be schools of prayer. Why? Every person is called to be holy, a saint. That can only happen when we develop an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer.

Prayer is all about an encounter. Our prayer life deepens as life experiences impact our encounter with Jesus and we respond to His call: "Follow Me."

Our Diocesan Priority of *Creating a Culture of Vocations* helps us realize that, through our baptism, each of us is charged with the mission of discipleship, to follow Jesus in a particular way in our life journey.

The graces we receive from this sacrament provides us with the divine assistance we need for our prayer life to grow and our discipleship to be strengthened.

As schools of prayer, our parishes provide the supportive setting where we can learn how to pray and worship God personally and as a community of faith.

A highlight of my episcopal ministry is my summer visits to our diocesan family's beautiful setting where training in holiness is the fruit of fun activities at Camp Guggenheim.

The parents in our parishes are especially alert to their responsibility to help form their children as Catholic Christians. The vocation of a parent can be especially challenging in today's world. It's so important that our parish families support our parents' efforts in the Christian formation of our youth.

That's why it is a special blessing that our local Church is able to offer our youth an experience that supports our parents' efforts in facilitating their



PAT HENDRICK PHOTO

Guggenheim campers are shown as they take part in a liturgy workshop during the fifth week of the diocesan summer camp. Bishop LaValley writes: "In my visits to Guggenheim I continue to be inspired by the prayer and praise of God that permeates the camp."

children's growth in prayer and discipleship. The camp experience is truly *Christ-led, Christ-fed, and Hope-filled*.

Our diocesan summer camp, tucked in the picturesque Adirondacks, is a place where fun and faith merge in a family-like setting. This life experience for our young campers facilitates and impacts their encounter with Jesus in a fun-filled, supportive environment. Their lives are

never the same after summer camp at Guggenheim. Just ask them!

In my visits to Guggenheim (Summer Camp and Family Guggenheim), I continue to be inspired by the prayer and praise of God that permeates the camp. Dancing, rappelling a cliff, hiking, preparing for and celebrating Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, participating in the Sacrament of Penance, swimming, performing in talent

shows are just a part of the summer camp experience.

In the middle of it all is Jesus Christ. The stories that the young campers tell,

the smiles on their faces, their eagerness to return next year--all reflect the enthusiasm and joy of a week-long prayer experience. For generations, training in holiness has been the hallmark of Guggenheim.

We are grateful to the staff, clergy, religious, parents and parishioners who so generously support our diocesan camp.

We continue to work diligently to ensure that the mountain experience remains with our campers long after the season is ended.

The story of our encounters with Jesus is a love story to be told and to be lived. We thank God that our youth themselves can become schools of prayer because of the profound impact of the Guggenheim experience on their encounter with Jesus. They have been well-trained in holiness.

JOB OPENING

Secretary for the Office of Youth Ministry

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg has an immediate opening for the part-time position of **Secretary for the Office of Youth Ministry**. The Secretary is responsible for a variety of secretarial and bookkeeping duties which directly support the Director of Youth Ministry. The Secretary must possess strong secretarial, bookkeeping, and computer skills. Knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel is required. Strong interpersonal skills and good oral and written communication skills are also required.

Submit letter of interest, resume and three professional references to: Human Resources Office, Diocese of Ogdensburg, P.O. Box 369, Ogdensburg, NY 13669.

Deadline for application is September 14, 2017.

YOUTH LEAD

2017 LEADERSHIP WEEKEND CAMP GUGGENHEIM

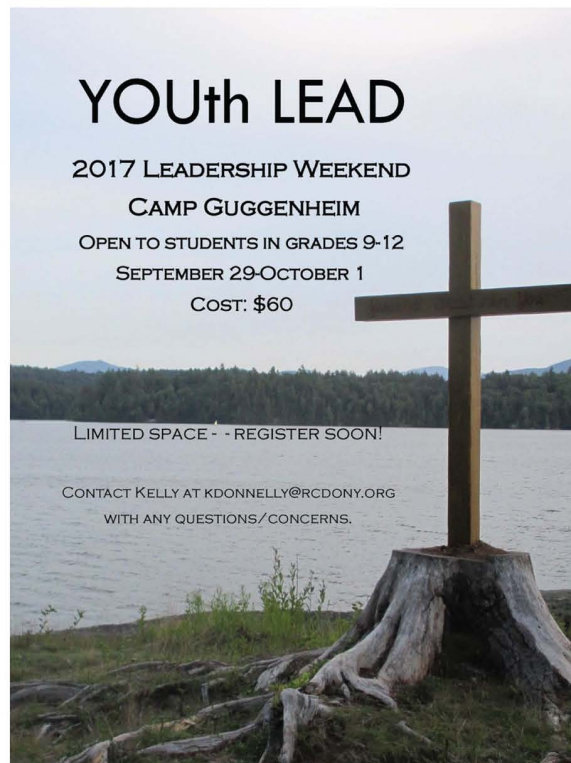
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Other Catholic practices also have a powerful draw at the camp.

"I really like praying in front of the holy Eucharist in the adoration chapel," Brendan said, "and saying the Divine Mercy... it's so peaceful."

And from Eleanor: "I really love song practice. When everyone's singing you can feel electricity through the air."

The four also agreed that Guggenheim is a place to build relationships with other campers as well as with God.

"The first year I came to camp, I was 12 and was finding it hard to make friends at school," Brendan said. "Here it's so easy to

make friends and you make them fast."

"Everyone is so much more easy going about friends here," said Eleanor.

"This place is filled with so much love," said Maddy.

"I was able to make friends with everybody," said Ian.

The teenagers also had high praise for the counselors and the special camp traditions that make Guggenheim unique.

In a world filled with hateful and frightening news, the voices of four kids enjoying a week in the mountains broke through with love, with laughter, with a profound understanding of what really matters in life.

That's a very hopeful sound for me!



The diocesan Family Life Office sponsored a trip to the Steubenville Youth Conference at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, in July. The trip was organized and led by Dayna Leader of Gouverneur, associate for family life for marriage preparation and enrichment. The youth took part in workshops and talks challenging them to answer their call to holiness and discern their vocation. Shown above are representatives from the diocese who were among 2000 in attendance at the conference. First row from left, are Gracie Manning, Taylor Ormasen, Hope Leader, Corrine LaPierre, Grace Cummings and Cassidy LaPierre, all from St. James Gouverneur; Katie Samperi, St. Bernard's, Saranac Lake; and Melissa Terpstra, Gouverneur; back, Sarah Samperi, Saranac Lake; Deacon Henry Leader, Gouverneur; Dillon Helser, St. Peter's, Lowville; Shacoria Jackson, Joseph Cummings and Robert Leader, Gouverneur; Keegan Poste, Lowville; Brendan O'Neill, Candace O'Neill and Aidan O'Neill, St. Mary's, Massena; William Leader, Gouverneur; Chip Samperi and Kathy Samperi, Saranac Lake; and Mrs. Leader.

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St. Patrick's Church in Colton honored and recognized its altar servers during a special Mass May 24. Father Stephen Rocker, pastor, gave a blessing to all altar servers, gave each a certificate and placed a cross around the altar server's neck. The servers honored were Mara Vaccaro, who has served for ten years, followed by Abeni Payne, Isabelle Vaccaro, Avery Collins, Hayley Murray, Bethany Vaisey, Christopher Edwards, Jacob Perry, North Collins, Jace Worden, Jordan Perry, and Nathaniel Smith. Also honored at Mass was Linda MacDougall who has served as training and scheduling coordinator for the parish's altar servers for 26 years. Father Rocker presented Mrs. MacDougall with a certificate as well as a bouquet of flowers.

YOUNG FAITH

CAMP GUGGENHEIM

Another successful year at the diocesan summer camp in Saranac Lake



PHOTOS BY PAT HENDRICK

The 2017 staff of Camp Guggenheim: first row, from left, Kelly Donnelly from Plattsburgh who serves as diocesan director of youth ministry and camp director; Joy Leader, Gouverneur; Ellen Miner, Saranac Lake; Kathryn Petrelli, Malone; Johnny McBride, Saranac Lake/Waterbury, Vt; and Conner Cummings, Alexandria Bay; middle, Lukas Gruber, Smithtown/Potsdam; Brian Bobak, Grand Island; Maura Bobak, Grand Island; Kevin McCullouch, Black River; Leagon Carlin, Plattsburgh, Ashlee Fairchild, Plattsburgh; and Nick Olley, Carthage; back, Nate Pultorak, Chicago/Deferiet; Abigail St. Louis, Morrisonville; Maeve McCullouch, Black River; Grace Leader, Gouverneur; Katy Sherman, Melbourne, FL/Lake Placid; and Lillia Woolshlager, Croghan.



Campers made cards for people in nursing homes as part of the liturgy workshop. From left are Taylor Ormasen, Gouverneur; Molly Price, Ticonderoga; Katie Samperi, Saranac Lake; and Ciara LeRoy, Malone.



Hunter Boyea of Malone, Shacoraia Jackson of Malone, Ethan Wood of Colorado and Brendan O'Neill of Massena work on an arts and crafts project in the "In."



Staff and campers in song during Mass

DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG IS ENRICHED BY...

YOUNG & FAITHFUL

From across the country and around the world



Father Thomas Higman, pastor in Ellenburg, is shown with young people from Catholic Heart Workcamp who offered four days of service at the church in June. Catholic Heart Workcamp came to Seton Catholic School in Plattsburgh, welcoming high schoolers and college students from across the country to the week-long service camp. The mission is to inspire young people to live as disciples of Christ through serving others and to foster the Catholic faith in each participant. Campers volunteered at various sites throughout the Plattsburgh area during the day and participated in fun, faith-building activities in the evening.



Each summer, Father Francis Flynn welcomes young Catholics from summer camps near his parishes in Elizabethtown, Willsboro and Westport. Camp Dudley in Westport provides transportation to Sunday Mass for those who want to attend and sometimes as many as 50 boys arrive. Meadowmount School of Music, which offers a camp program for more than 200 of the best string players from around the world, also provides transportation to Mass. Many of the young musicians bring their instruments and play before and during the liturgy. The third camp is Camp Poko MacCreedy. Father Flynn, pictured above, center, said, "They do not encourage or provide transportation to Mass. However this summer two young men from Poland - Alexandre on my left and Michael on my right - have been attending Mass on Sunday. They come by bike and have to do it during their break from working in the kitchen preparing breakfast and lunch. It seems that the faith is still pretty strong among many young people in Poland and these are two examples." Below are campers from Meadowmount who played their instruments at St. Philip Neri in Westport.



CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Oklahoma set for beatification of 'ordinary' native son

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Catholics in Oklahoma have been preparing for a long time for this moment. Many, like Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, had faith it would come, but there's still a sense of awe, to think that a farm boy, one of their own, is about to take a step toward official sainthood. On Sept. 23, Oklahomans will get a front row seat to the beatification of Father Stanley Rother, an ordinary man from an ordinary town, who died extraordinarily as a martyr in Guatemala while serving in a mission. He knew well the dangers of the Guatemalan highlands, where government forces tortured and killed anyone suspected of dissent during the most politically tumultuous moments in the country's history. However, Father Rother refused to abandon the community he so loved from 1968 until his 1981 assassination. Like many of the poor and persecuted he served, he died long before he had to at age 46, shot in the head in the parish rectory. "People are justly proud of this native son, but one wouldn't expect something like this, such a recognition to be accorded to somebody from Okarche, Oklahoma," Archbishop Coakley said.

Vatican II liturgical reform 'irreversible,' pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The Catholic Church must continue to work to understand the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council and why they were made, rather than rethinking them, Pope Francis said. "After this magisterium, after this long journey, we can affirm with certainty and magisterial authority that the liturgical reform is irreversible," Pope Francis told participants in Italy's National Liturgical Week. The pope's speech to the 800 participants Aug. 24 was the longest and most systematic talk he has given as pope on the theme of the liturgy since Vatican II. Instead of reconsidering the council's reforms, he said, priests and liturgists should work on "rediscovering the decisions made" in reforming the liturgy, "internalizing its inspirational principles and observing the discipline that governs it."

Eclipse a way to appreciate creation, Vatican astronomer says

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. (CNS) -- A total solar eclipse is a rare event, something to appreciate and enjoy in the mind of Jesuit Brother Guy Consolmagno, director of the Vatican Observatory. So as the first eclipse crossed the country from coast to coast in 99 years Aug. 21, Brother Consolmagno wasn't going to do anything but take it in and think about the beauty and mystery of God's creation. The astronomer urged an audience in a packed Sts. Peter and Paul Church during a pre-eclipse program in this southwestern Kentucky town near the point of maximum eclipse to take the time to reflect on what the two minutes and 40 seconds of totality means to them. "Pray for good weather," he said to laughs. "But also pray for what God wants you to learn from the experience." Tens of thousands of people had descended on Hopkinsville, a city of 33,000 an hour northwest of Nashville, Tennessee, by late Aug. 20. Thousands more were expected the morning of the eclipse. Brother Consolmagno said he was as excited as anyone to view the blackening of the sun. He also said that as a scientist and a person of faith, he is guided by inquisitiveness to explore the heavens and the desire to better understand how God put the universe together. There is no conflict between science and the faith, he said.

Catholics urged to help fight racism in U.S. and pray for healing, unity

LOS ANGELES (CNS) - The United States is seeing "a new kind of racism and nationalism" that is "rooted in fear," and Catholics must work to overcome such new forms of racism and "every ideology that denies the equality and dignity of the human person," the archbishop of Los Angeles said.

"There is fear about what is happening in our society. There is fear about what is happening in our economy. Our country has become so angry and bitter, so divided - in so many different areas," said Archbishop Jose H. Gomez.

He made the remarks in homilies delivered at two Los Angeles parishes the weekend of Aug. 19-20.

"This has been a hard week in our country," he said, referring to the aftermath of the hate-filled and violent events that occurred in Charlottesville, Virginia, the previous weekend. He urged prayers for the people of that city and called on Catholics to be "a true sign and instrument of healing and unity."

In San Antonio, Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller echoed those words in his homily at an Aug. 20 Mass for immigrants, saying: "Today, racism is a serious problem in our country. Moreover, millions of people live among us in the shadows of our society."

"Racism is a sin. Anti-Semitism is a sin. Violation of a person's human and civil rights is a sin. We need to ask God's forgiveness and mend our ways!" he said.

Archbishop Gomez told Catholics in his archdiocese that there is "no place in the church -- and there is no place in American society -- for racism or prejudice against people based on their race or nationality."

"The Gospel teaches us and the saints show us that beyond the color of our skin or the countries where we come from, we are all brothers and sisters," he said. "We are all children of one Father. And we all have the Mother of God as our mother."

Archbishop Gomez pointed out that the national debate over immigration reform has also been marked by "a lot of racism and nativism ... even among Catholics."

"This is all wrong and it needs to stop! Our task is to bring people together, to build bridges and open doors and make friendships among all the diverse racial and ethnic groups and nationalities in our country."

He concluded by asking prayers for the nation and for the Catholic Church.

"Let us ask for the grace to believe that God's love can transform every heart that is hardened by hatred. And let us ask Mary, our Blessed Mother, to intercede for us -- that we might have the strength to keep building the family of God and keep building a society where every person is treated as a child of God."

Archbishop Garcia-Siller touched on the same themes in his homily, saying that "our faith tells us that every human life has intrinsic value, dignity, and rights because everyone is created in the 'image and likeness' of God," San Antonio's archbishop said. "Everyone, without exception! This is the truth!"

Forming close-knit groups is "a tendency in human nature" and everyone else is seen as "an outsider," he continued. "Fear of and lack of true knowledge about 'outsiders' lead to bias, prejudice, propaganda,

discrimination."

Such attitudes "can escalate into violence and even death, as we saw in the tragic events at Charlottesville," Archbishop Garcia-Siller said. "This is not the will of God! God's plan is that all his children -- without exception -- learn to recognize one another as sisters and brothers. That is a serious challenge for all of us today."

Regarding the immigration issue, he noted many immigrants in this country are making "vital contributions to our society through their hard work and exemplary family life," but that "many live under the constant threat of deportation. This causes unspeakable suffering, fear, and anguish."

Many of these families live in a nation that no longer welcomes immigrants as it has in the past and where they have come for "freedom, safety and a chance for a better and safe life for their children."

"Some recent governmental policies and inflammatory rhetoric at both the federal and state level are not only ill-advised," Archbishop Garcia-Siller said, labeling them as "unjust," "discriminatory" and "not in accord with what the word of God demands of us who claim to be believers."

The Catholic Church "will continue to proclaim and live out the Gospel," he said. "We will build bridges -- not walls -- among peoples. We will promote personal encounter, dialogue, and inclusion that will develop friendship between families and neighbors."

"We will insist on truth, not falsehoods and propaganda," the archbishop said. "We will strive for fruitful collaboration of all for the common good of our society."

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Love, respect and listen to one another

As the Labor Day weekend signals the end of summer vacations, so does it mark the beginning of another school year, whether public, charter, parochial, or private.

Our precious children, youth, and young adults desperately need an academic environment where Christian values form the rationale for every subject taught.

They need schools where God's Word is honored and taught, and the history and "truths of our constitution

are presented accurately. In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans (and us), "Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect".



Monsignor Paul E. Whitmore

In these days of extreme violence and division we see a great distancing of many from God's will for our world.

He has commanded us to love one another, respect and listen to one another,

and to sacrifice and struggle for a peaceful world. That's the "cross" in general!

When we list the particulars, our lives are chock full - being patient with all the challenges of "back to school", sports demands from our children and grandchildren, illness and accidents sprinkled in, and generously helping to relieve the cries of refugees and war victims.

Listen to Christ, speaking through the Pope and the Bishops.

Our Bishop is calling for active help for all parishioners in creating a new level of apostolic life in our diocese.

It's all connected to being a good citizen,

A few years ago, the Bishops of the United States wrote a document called

SEPT. 3

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS
Jeremiah 20:7-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:22-27

Faithful Citizenship. In it they stated that along with the rights and privileges of being citizens, there go responsibilities and duties. That's a real Cross.

Among those responsibilities is that of knowing the real facts about the issues of the day, and trying to discern what are the right solutions to thorny problems according to the teaching of Jesus Christ and wise religious leaders.

That means carefully lis-

tening to Our Holy Father, and our Bishop. The next step is to engage in calm, open dialogue .

We must be ready to listen to opinions that differ from our own.

And then pray about all that we take in.

The Knights of Columbus prepared a pledge based on these ideas called Civility in America. They sent this pledge to all government leaders. I never heard how many of them signed that pledge. It seems we have a long way to go.

In any case, lets all of us ordinary citizens resolve to keep our speech positive in the months ahead. That could be the most important cross we've ever taken up. Let's do it in love of Jesus' cross which we carry with Him on the journey.

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AT THE MOVIES

THE HITMAN'S BODYGUARD

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

Morality is never allowed to get in the way of style as Samuel L. Jackson and Ryan Reynolds find creative ways to dispatch a host of extras in the excessively mayhem-ridden action flick "The Hitman's Bodyguard" (Summit).

Some dialogue justifying revenge - and flirting with blasphemy - only reinforces the general disregard for life underlying the proceedings.

Jackson plays paid assassin Darius Kincaid. Unlikely as it seems, Kincaid has become the key witness in the international human rights trial of murderous Belarusian dictator Vladislav Dukhovich (scenery-chewing Gary Oldman). But, as an early ambush scene demonstrates, Interpol is not up to the task of protecting Kincaid as he makes his way from a prison in Manchester, England, to The Hague to testify.

So, while on the lam with Kincaid after the sneak attack, Interpol agent Amelia Roussel (Elodie Yung) turns to Michael Bryce (Reynolds), a once highly regarded but now down-on-his-luck security specialist - who also happens to be her ex-boyfriend - to shield her charge.

What she fails to reckon on is the fact that the gunman and his proposed guardian are old and bitter enemies.

Kincaid mouths off and Bryce fumes as their mutual aversion inevitably blossoms into a bromance.



CNS PHOTO/LIONSGATE
Ryan Reynolds stars in a scene from the movie "The Hitman's Bodyguard."

Along the way, Kincaid hardly ever completes a sentence without accusing his interlocutor of having engaged in an especially egregious form of incest.

Director Patrick Hughes and screenwriter Tom O'Connor use odd-couple humor to pace the mounting body count. But they fail to disguise their real agenda as a succession of ex-Soviet republic heavies are blown up, gunned down or strangled till bug-eyed.

By the time a busload of Italian nuns get thrown into the mix, viewers of faith in particular will find their patience at the breaking point.

Half-hearted attempts to justify Kincaid's career - his

victims, so we're meant to conclude, all needed shooting - only aggravate the glaring ethical indifference by which a killing spree across Northern Europe is transformed into a demonstration of manliness for the characters and a source of fun for the audience.

The film contains skewed values, constant violence with much gore, cohabitation, several uses of profanity and pervasive rough and crude language. The Catholic News Service classification is O -- morally offensive. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

ALSO PLAYING... DUNKIRK



CNS/WARNER BROS. PHOTO

"Dunkirk" is a compelling historical drama, set in the spring of 1940, recounting the surprisingly successful evacuation of hundreds of thousands of British and French troops from the port of the title following their rapid defeat and encirclement by the forces of Nazi Germany. Taking an Everyman's view of the situation, writer-director Christopher Nolan follows the exploits of three ordinary soldiers (Fionn Whitehead, Aneurin Barnard and Harry Styles), the owner of a small yacht (Mark Rylance) who, like hundreds of others, answers the call for civilian vessels to join in the rescue, and a duo of RAF Spitfire pilots (Jack Lowden and Tom Hardy). . Intense stylized combat violence, brief gore, a couple of uses of profanity, at least one instance each of rough, crude and crass language. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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FALL RETREAT

Saranac Lake - A fall Retreat: "Praying with the Psalms of Creation" is set

Date: Sept. 15-17

Place: Guggenheim Lodge,

Features: Facilitators are Sister Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ, Adult Faith Educator, Paul Hetzler, Horticulture & Natural Resources Educator, with Fr. Paul Kelly as celebrant of Liturgy on Saturday. Suggested Offering: \$145 (includes all meals Friday evening through Sun. afternoon).

Contact: Register at 315-212-6592 or email srbethssj@gmail.com by Sept. 12.

CLINTON

LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

AuSable Forks - Holy Name is holding its annual Labor Day Celebration.

Date: Sept. 4

Schedule: Festivities begin with a parade down Main St. starting at 10 a.m. followed by music, food, games of skill, games of chance, prizes, BINGO, pull tabs and the BIG Raffle with a first prize of \$3,000.

40th ANNUL APPLEFEST

Peru - St. Augustine's Parish will host the 40th Annual Applefest.

Date: Sept. 16 and 17

Place: Parish Grounds

Schedule: Parade begins at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Peru Elementary and ends at the Parish Grounds. Following there will be live music, craft fair, food, games, rides. SUNY Plattsburgh Gospel Choir will perform on Saturday. The Bootleg Band will play both days. Sunday chicken bbq begins at noon.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

Brushton - St. Mary's Church events committee to have a breakfast buffet.

Date: Aug. 20

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

Place: St. Mary's Parish center

Cost: Adults, \$8; Seniors, \$7; Children 6-12, \$4; under 5, Free; Immediate Family of 5 or more, \$25

JEFFERSON

SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER

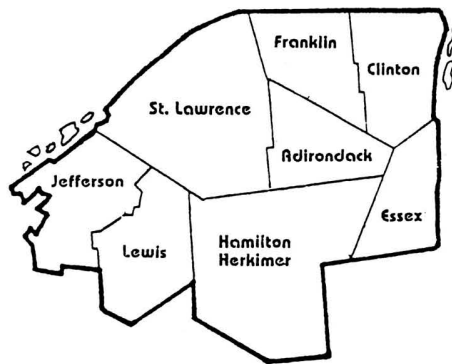
Evans Mills - A Spaghetti & Meatball dinner will be held to benefit the Indian River Knights of Columbus.

Date: Sept. 9

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Time: 4 p.m. to 7

Cost: Adults, \$7; Senior Citizens, \$6; Children under 12, \$5; under 5, Free



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CIDER DAYS

Sackets Harbor - Cider Days to be held at St. Andrew's Church.

Date: Sept. 24

Time: 12 p.m. to 5

Features: games, food, and music.

LEWIS

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

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

Date: Sept. 3

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Schedule: 2:25 p.m. before the devotions there will be a viewing of the 7th DVD entitled "The Secret of Divine Mercy" At 3 p.m., Vespers, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction.

ST. LAWRENCE

CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE

Gouverneur - St. James School will hold their annual Chicken Bar-B-Que.

Date: Sept. 10

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

Place: Adults, \$10; Children 12 and under, \$5; under 5, Free

CABBAGE ROLL SALE

Norwood - The Norwood Knights of Columbus 2309 will host the 22nd annual Cabbage Roll Sale.

Date: Sept. 16

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: St. Andrew's Church basement

Contact: Pre-orders Mark Tebo 315-353-8821, Phil Regan 315-353-9917, John Murray 315-353-2334, Jim Murray 315-261-9975

DIOCESAN EVENTS

CLM ASSOCIATION DINNER

Norfolk - Save the date for the Annual CLM (commissioned lay ministers) Association Dinner.

Date: Oct. 11

Place: Parish of the Visitation

Features: For all Commissioned Lay Ministers in St. Lawrence, Franklin and Adirondack Deaneries. The special guest speaker will be Bishop Terry R. LaValley.

Contact: Jeannie Grizzuto at 315-393-2920 or e-mail jgrizzuto@rcdony.org

CARITAS DINNER

Ogdensburg - The Annual Catholic Charities Caritas Dinner is set.

Date: Oct. 25

Time: 5:30 p.m. Cash Bar; followed by dinner at 6

Place: Gran View Restaurant

Features: 2017 Honorees for the Caritas Award are Msgr. Joseph Aubin and Rev. Patrick Mundy. President's Award (posthumously) Mr. Alex Velto.

Contact: 315-393-2255

HARVEST MASS

North Bangor - Bishop Terry LaValley Will preside at the Annual Harvest Mass.

Date: Sept. 17

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: St. Augustine's Church

MARRIAGE JUBILEE MASS

Ogdensburg - Bishop Terry LaValley will be celebrating the 2017 Marriage Jubilee Mass.

Date: Sept. 24

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Cathedral

Features: This Mass is for all couples celebrating their anniversaries. Family and friends are welcome to attend. A light reception will be held in the Brzana Hall directly after the Mass.

Contact: register through your parish by Sept. 8. For questions, please contact Renee Grizzuto at (315) 393-2920 or rgrizzuto@rcdony.org.

FAMILY GUGGENHEIM

Saranac Lake - Two Family Guggenheim sessions remain

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

Features: weekend in the Adirondacks, family workshops, activities, liturgy special prayer services, outdoor activities like paddle boat rides, beach volleyball, and hiking.

Contact: Register online at:

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

DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL

Students in grades 10-12 are invited to apply to Diocesan Youth Council for the '17-'18 academic year! DYC members will grow in spiritual development and leadership to act as leaders in their parishes, as well as by helping to plan and lead some diocesan events.

Contact: Kelly Donnelly at kdonnelly@rcdony.org for more information.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

Saranac Lake - Students in grades 9-12 are invited to register for Youth Lead, the annual leadership weekend held at Camp Guggenheim.

Date: Sept. 29 - Oct. 1

Cost: \$60

Contact: To register:

<http://rcdony.org/youth/leadership.html>. For more information contact Kelly Donnelly at kdonnelly@rcdony.org.

CELEBRATE CHRIST

Lake Placid - Join Catholics from the diocese at Celebrate Christ 2017.

Date: Oct. 21

Place: Crowne Plaza

Features: Chris Lowney author of five books, including "Everyone Leads: How to Revitalize the Catholic Church" is the keynote speaker. Chris has also authored the bestselling Heroic Leadership and Pope Francis: Why He Leads the Way He leads. Leadership is a vital factor towards the diocesan priority of building parishes with living stones.

Contact: Registration information and a schedule for the day are available at www.rcdony.org/celebrate or by calling

the Western Regional Faith Formation Office at (315) 782-3620. Registration for the event is required and must be made by Sept. 29.

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.

NEIGHBORING DIOCESES

ENCOUNTER CAMP-OUT

Isle La Motte, Vt - The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Community Annual Camp-out to be held.

Date: Sept. 15-17

Place: St. Anne's Shrine

Features: This is a Community event, all priests, religious, deacons and their families, and teenagers/children are welcome (do not need to be "Encountered"). There are cabin rooms, RV hookups, & tent sites. On Sat. at 5 p.m. there will be Gary's Famous Chicken Barbecue; coming just for BBQ is an option.

Contact: Andrea & Aaron Brassard at (802) 223-6561

EWTN FAMILY CELEBRATION

Worcester, MA - EWTN Catholic Network is holding a family celebration.

Date: Sept. 9 & 10

Place: DCU Convention Center

Features: The theme will be "Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Fatima". Talks by EWTN hosts, Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J., Marcus Grodi, Susan Conroy, Fr. Maurice Emelu and Donna Marie Cooper O'Boyle. Bishop Robert J. McManus of the Diocese of Worcester will serve as the celebrant and homilist at Sunday's Mass.

Contact: Log onto ewtn.com/familycelebration for more information.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Syracuse - The 2017 Syracuse Catholic Women's Conference, "In Search of a Servant's Heart," is set

Date: Oct. 28

Speakers: Father Michael Gaitley; MIC, Sister Ignatia Henneberry, OSF; and Michael Dopp.

Contact: See <http://www.syracuse-catholicwomen.org/>



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Ministering to Catholic youth

"Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." — 1 Corinthians 11:1

It is easy to forget in this busy world that we live in, that our youth are always watching us, looking to us to take pointers from and to serve as their example. As Corinthians says, "Follow my example...." as we are following the example of Christ in our lives each day.

By virtue of our baptism, we are called upon to be Missionaries. We are asked to go out into the world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.

Every school year, the Mission Office here in the Diocese administers a centuries' old program called MCA or Missionary Childhood Association. The motto of this program is "Children helping Children". This program essentially answers our call to be missionaries and to go out to the world to spread the Gospel.



The Goals of MCA involve encouraging all children to be aware of the needs of children living in mission diocese throughout the world and support them both spiritually and sacrificially. Over 100 countries today have a population of children that are assisted by the programming of MCA. The MCA program raises money locally through schools and religious education programs to provide assistance with building schools, school supplies and materials, health care, nutrition and teaching resources.

Monies are raised over the course of the year in an educational setting that promotes awareness and giving. This year the program will be administered to once again.

The MCA program emphasizes that anyone can be a Missionary. Anyone can love Jesus. And it's the example that we set by following Christ that makes all good things possible both here and in the developing lands. Everyone has something to give through prayer and personal sacrifice. This is what we need to minister to our youth. We are all connected to everyone. The MCA program which embodies our call to be missionaries simply put enforces that Children help children, but they must have an example of Christ to follow. This is where youth ministry becomes the key. When we can successfully engage our youth in our community to involve them and provoke thought, everyone wins. In the case of MCA, the children in mission dioceses in developing lands benefit too.

The Mission office sends its blessing and prayers for another blessed school year. We remember our youth ministry in our community and pray they can grow our youth spiritually and have a lot of good fun while doing so. God Bless!

OBITUARIES

Bloomington – Gertrude D. "Dorothy" (Golden) Salmon, 91; Funeral Services Aug. 26, 2017 at St. Paul's Church; burial in Punta Gorda, FL.

Brasher Falls – Robert J. Cummings, 53; Memorial Services Aug. 18, 2017 at St. Patrick's Church.

Burke – Cecil A. "Red" Premo, 89; Funeral Services Aug. 25, 2017 at St. George's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Malone.

Cadyville – Gary R. Rabideau, 71; Funeral Services Aug. 18, 2017 at St. James Church.

Carthage – Margaret A. (Burke) Thesier, 54; Funeral Services Aug. 16, 2017 at St. James Church; burial in the New St. James Cemetery.

Carthage – M. Margaret (Brenon) Tracey, 92; Funeral Services Aug. 22, 2017 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

Chateaugay – William P. Boyea, 64; Funeral Services Aug. 18, 2017 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Chazy – Josephine (Miner) Langevin, 76; Funeral Services Aug. 21, 2017 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Copenhagen – Rosemary E. (Hofer) Houghton, 89; Funeral Services Aug. 16, 2017 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Elizabethtown – Marion A. (Badilla) Cashin, 71; Funeral Services Aug. 22, 2017 at St. Elizabeth's Church.

Gouverneur – Jeffery James Cole, 24; Funeral Services Aug. 26, 2017 at the Green Funeral Home; burial in Hailesboro Cemetery.

Gouverneur – Leonilda "Jane" Gates, 97; Funeral Services Aug. 22, 2017 at the Green Funeral Home; burial in Riversides Cemetery.

Hogansburg – Ronald L. Mitchell "Tairionote", 60; Funeral Services Aug. 18, 2017 at St. Regis Church.

Keeseville – Mary E. (LaValley) Banker, 58; Funeral Services Aug. 19, 2017 at St. John's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Lake Placid – Loren Fidalgo Varga; Fu-

neral Services Aug. 29, 2017 at St. Agnes Church.

Malone – Christopher M. Lyng; Funeral Services Aug. 21, 2017 at Notre Dame Church; burial in St. Joseph's Church.

Massena – Ellen J. (Page) Bolster, 74; Funeral Aug. 28, 2017 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena – Ernest F. King, 85; Memorial Services Aug. 19, 2017 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena – Irene (Geng) Szarka, 95; Funeral Aug. 30, 2017 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Morrisonville – Bridget J. (DeFonzo) Chauvin, 91; Funeral Services Aug. 28, 2017 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Morrisonville – Bernard E. Reome Jr., 69; Funeral Services Aug. 17, 2017 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Norfolk – Dorothy M. (Adams) Mitchell, 90; Funeral Services Aug. 28, 2017 at Church of the Visitation; burial in Visitation Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Marlene (Luchetti) Chapple, 67; Funeral Services Aug. 25, 2017 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

Ogdensburg – Carol Sprowls Lalonde, 57; Funeral Services Aug. 15, 2017 at Frary Funeral Home; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Ernest O. Schumann, 86; Funeral Aug. 26, 2017 at Notre Dame Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Mary I. (Hartley) Towe, 80; Funeral Services Aug. 26, 2017 at the Fox & Murray Funeral Home; burial in Ogdensburg Cemetery.

Olmstedville – Leo F. McNally, 88; Memorial Services to be held at a later date at the Butler Cemetery.

Olmstedville – Robert Lee Savarie, 90; Funeral Services Aug. 10, 2017 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Irishtown.

Plattsburgh – Wanda (Senecal) Nephew, 59; Funeral Services Aug. 20, 2017 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St.

Peter's Cemetery.

Port Leyden – Thelma B. Kirch, 82; Funeral Services Aug. 26, 2017 at St. Martin's Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery, Croghan.

Potsdam – Dorothy J. Grudowski, 83; Funeral Aug. 24, 2017 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Potsdam – Patricia A. (Carpenter) Maston, 67; Funeral Services Aug. 19, 2017 at Garner's Funeral Home; burial in Hermon Cemetery.

Rouses Point – Leonard A. Martinsen, 96; Funeral Services Aug. 18, 2017 at St. Patrick's Church.

Saranac Lake – Nickolas J. Gibbs, 57; Funeral Services Aug. 19, 2017 at the Fortune-Keough Funeral Home.

Saranac Lake – Margaret (Bradbury) Morrow, 100; Funeral Services Aug. 28, 2017 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Schroon Lake – Kelly M. DeZalia, 49; Funeral Services Aug. 15, 2017 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church; burial in Schroon River Catholic Cemetery.

Tupper Lake – Jeannie C. (Lemieux) Clark, 77; Funeral Services Aug. 19, 2017 at St. Alphonsus Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Tupper Lake – Matthew A. Dana, 27; Funeral Services Aug. 10, 2017 at Holy Name Church.

Tupper Lake – Majeed Maroun, 84; Funeral Aug. 28, 2017 at St. Alphonsus Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Waddington – Harold D. Ryan, 89; Funeral Aug. 24, 2017 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.



*Support And Pray
For Vocations*

Catholicism on parade in Minerva

By David McNally
Parishioner, St. Joseph's, Olmstedville

OLMSTEDVILLE - The Town of Minerva continued its year-long bicentennial celebration with the town's annual Minerva Day Parade that included a float from St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Olmstedville.

The float theme, "All things great and small, the Good Lord made them all," evolved out of a conversation Amanda Savarie had with her daughter Grace who thought it would be fun to include animals on the float; this idea sparked thoughts about the Book of Genesis.

Featured on the float were a calf, a lamb, a ewe and ducks provided by Chris Coyne and Megan Murtaugh while Finneus the dog and chickens were provided by Mandy and her husband Tom.

In addition to the live animals, there were painted cardboard animals created



Tom Savarie pulls a float created by parishioners of St. Joseph's in Olmstedville for the Minerva Day parade.

by Grace, her sister Erin and their grandmother, Julie Dowling.

Franklin and Patty Hewitt donated the trailer on which the float was built. Tom Savarie pulled the float with his tractor while his wife and children Amanda, Grace, age 13; and Erin, age 9, along with Abby and Sam Hamilton ac-

companied the animals on the float.

The banner on the front of the tractor pulling the float read: "1871-2017 St. Joseph's Parish in Olmstedville. How many are your works O' Lord, In Wisdom You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures. Psalm 104:24"

Following the parade, the banner was hung at the entrance of St. Joseph's Church which was built in 1871.



Erin Savarie, Abby Hamilton and Amanda Savarie rode the float along with live animals illustrating the theme "All things great and small, the Good Lord made them all."



CAR RAFFLE

Our Annual Car Raffle is underway. Tickets will be sold after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. They are also available at the rectory Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. The drawing will be held after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday October 8, 2017 and the winner may choose the car or \$15,000 in cash.

The price for the ticket is \$20 or six (6) tickets for \$100 with all proceeds going to St. Agnes School.

The car this year is a 2017 Subaru Outback fully equipped from Jerry Strack of Central Garage here in Lake Placid.

If you wish to buy tickets by mail, please fill out the form & enclose your check made out to **St. Agnes Church**

ST. AGNES CHURCH
169 HILLCREST AVE
LAKE PLACID, NY 12946

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Telephone _____

Number of Tickets _____ Amount of check \$ _____
\$20 EACH or 6 for \$100

You do not have to be present to win.

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Rich history

Catholic immigrants from Ireland settled in the Olmstedville in the early 1800's and the town of Minerva which included Olmstedville was officially created on March 17, 1817 - St. Patrick's

Day.

Catholics were first served by priests from Troy, NY, and later from Port Henry and Ticonderoga.

The first church for the Catholic community was St. Mary's built in the Irishtown

section of town in 1847. Within a few years, Catholics outgrew St. Mary's because of Olmstedville's thriving tanning industry, and St. Joseph's Church was built in Olmstedville in 1871.

The pastor at St. Joseph's served missions in Wells, Indian Lake and Loon Lake at various times throughout its history.

The parish continued to have a resident pastor there until 1989. It shared a priest with Our Lady of Lourdes in Schroon Lake from 1989 to 2014, when it then began sharing a priest with St. Mary's in Indian Lake which continues today with Father Philip Allen.



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