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## Pope: Those unable to give are slaves to possessions

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Life is for loving, not amassing possessions, Pope Francis said.

In fact, the true meaning and purpose of wealth is to use it to lovingly serve others and promote human dignity, he said Nov. 7 during his weekly general audience.

The world is rich enough in re-

sources to provide for the basic needs of everybody, the pope said. "And yet, many people live in scandalous poverty and resources – used without discernment – keep deteriorating. But there is just one world! There is one humanity."

"The riches of the world today

are in the hands of a minority, of the few, and poverty – indeed, extreme poverty, and suffering – are for the many," he told those gathered in St. Peter's Square.

The pope continued his series of talks on the Ten Commandments, focusing on the command, "You shall not steal," which re-

flects respect for other people's property.

However, he said, Christians should also read the commandment in the light of faith and the church's social doctrine, which emphasizes the understanding that the goods of creation are destined for the whole human race.

## Diocese posts names of removed priests

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## Rule confirms exemption

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## NEW KNIGHTS



Sunday, November 4, 27 men from the Diocese of Ogdensburg advanced through the Knighthood Degree of the Knights of Columbus. The Exemplification took place at the K of C Hall in Tupper Lake. The Degree was under the direction of the Conferring Officer, Roger Miner from Dannemora and the Warden, Deacon David Clark of Plattsburgh. The New Knights of Columbus members will be going back to their councils to carry out the work of the order. New Knights include Edward Demo, William Scott Sr., Thomas Cunningham, George Grubee, Troy Deno, David Petrelli, Samuel Murphy, Jed Dukett, Eric Decelle, Peter Tebo, Rich Brady, David Brett, Paul Scheidelman, Edward Keel, Rolando Guerrero, David Russell, Mark Kozsan, Vincent Bodah, Tylor Storkey, Zachary Cowperthwait, Joseph Kimpflen, Mark Zagrobely, Francis Dumont, James Moesch, Adam Gayne, Gregory Clark and George Chamberlin. Also pictured are Deacon Clark, Miner and Knight Brandon Baldwin.

## IRISH, CATHOLIC AND PROUD



The Msgr. James Ruddy Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) recently donated to Immaculate Heart Central School in Watertown. Accepting the donation from AOH Msgr James Ruddy Division member Bill Flynn is Amanda McIlroy, assistant development director. The AOH is now actively recruiting new members. Any Catholic male age 18 or over with Irish heritage is eligible for membership. The fraternal organization celebrates Irish heritage and supports local charitable organizations.

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

## He is found even in the cold

*"Ever since the creation of the world, his invisible attributes of eternal power and divinity have been able to be understood and perceived in what he has made."* – Romans 1:20

It would be an understatement to say I thoroughly dislike cold weather.

If the topic comes up in conversation, I am almost certain to spout a litany of complaints: "Heating a house is expensive. Shoveling is torture; people die doing it. Driving on icy roads is stressful. I get cold easily. Snow is a four-letter word that starts with 'S' and

ends with 'NOOOOOOOO!'"

In fact, I can think of only two endearing things about winter: Christmas and sledding with my family, and I only do the latter if the temperature is above 20.

Darcy L.  
Fargo

With that in mind, I was more than a little unhappy to find a thick layer of frost when I opened my front door one day last week. My snow brush/scrapper still in storage (that has since been corrected),

I sat in my vehicle, waiting for the defrost function to work its magic and grumbling about the cold.

My windshield clear, I got

on the road for my commute to work.

With the sun just beginning to make its appearance over the trees devoid of leaves, the rural roads seemed very gray and lifeless.

Just a few miles into my commute, as I awaited an opportunity to safely pass an Amish buggy, I noticed a horse eating in the field adjacent to the road. When the horse lifted its head from the pile of feed, its breath was visible.

The cold that made the world look lifeless allowed me to see life being sustained.

Another eight to 10 miles down the road, I noticed the

sun reflecting off the frost, creating a sparkling, glittery effect.

The cold that made the world look gray enabled me to see enchanting beauty.

It was a good reminder that God, His goodness and beauty can be found everywhere, even in situations that are unpleasant or downright miserable, if I'm willing to look for Him. He's found in the people who help when times are tough. He's found in the moments of calm in times of chaos. He's found even in the cold.

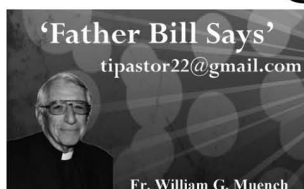
I briefly considered that God was trying to teach me to love the cold, but I'm pretty sure He knows that would take a miracle.

## Sisters are blessing to me, our diocese

Recently, I was asked by the Sisters of the Precious Blood to present a week-long retreat to the sisters at their monastery in Watertown. As often happens for me, I was touched spiritually much more than the sisters. I also discovered the tremendous value that these sisters and their monastery have for our diocese.

This monastery is truly a house of prayer. This monastery stands as a symbol of the Catholic faith for this community and this city. All who see it know immediately of the faith of those who helped build the monastery and continue to support it. Every day, the sisters are praying for all of us. In addition, all are welcome to come to the monastery and spend time in prayer – in silence and solitude. The sisters accept requests for prayer, and they always include in their prayers the bishop, priests and deacons, and people of our diocese.

This monastery, like others



in the diocese, is a sign that there are many sisters who are willing to step out of the work-a-day world and dedicate their lives to prayer. They spend time bringing our requests of prayer to the Lord. These sisters are true contemplatives. Yet spending time with them this week, I realized quickly they were ordinary folks – just like the rest of us. However, they were called by the Lord to this vocation of prayer as Sisters of the Precious Blood. They have dedicated their lives to be near to the Lord in prayer.

Some of us may consider this vocation too difficult. We are so immersed in this world and involved in so many activities that we can't imagine spending time just

in prayer. However, spending this time in the monastery, I discovered a satisfying peace and joy. I realized also that the sisters were helping so many especially by bringing prayer to the Lord for those in need of help and consolation. Many people come to the monastery searching for the help that only God can give them.

I write this today as a way of offering my gratitude to those sisters with whom I prayed this week. I recognized that they bring a powerful ministry for this city and our diocese. I have come to realize the support and strength of their prayers, as well as their readiness to support me and my ministry. I am certain I am guided and led by the Lord through the prayers of these sisters.

We are blessed here in our diocese by many such monasteries and convents – many congregations of sisters and brothers always

ready to direct their prayers seeking God's help and love, supporting and helping those in ministry and those in need.

By the way, there is a place for others who sense a call, a vocation to be part of a religious community dedicated to prayer. It is a unique challenge for our church and a wonderful opportunity to make a difference with their lives. These are truly dedicated saints who are prepared to deluge heaven with prayer for God's people.

St. Therese of Lisieux, who spent her short life in the convent, praying passionately for the missionaries of the world, wrote this in her, "The Story of a Soul."

"For me, prayer is the heart's impulse, a simple gaze toward heaven. It is a cry of gratitude and love, from the depths of trial as well as the height of joy. Finally, it is something great, supernatural, that expands my soul and unites me to Jesus."

## FOLLOW ME

# Decision has been made to release the names

## My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am writing to address an important matter: the release of the names of priests removed from ministry according to the provisions of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. In the past, we have declined to publicize the names of these individuals for many reasons, including due process questions. While there are strong arguments for releasing the names and strong arguments for not releasing the names, recent controversies in the Church make it necessary for us to now release the names.

The recent controversies and scandals have produced righteous anger,

discouragement and frustration among the people of God. Increasingly, the faithful have called for the release of the names of those removed from ministry under the Charter. The list of names will be posted on our diocesan website.

I know the release of names will cause pain for those on the list, their families, former parishioners and friends. There will be a need for compassion and understanding among all of us. While our main concern is the safety of our young people and helping victims find healing and peace, we must also strive to uphold the dignity of those removed from ministry. Mercy and reconciliation are central

to our mission as the Church of Jesus Christ.

We are facing great challenges in our Church. However, we remain Christ-led, Christfed and Hope-filled. We continue to trust in the Lord's presence among us and follow His way. As we face adversity, we remain faithful to

our call and do the work the Lord gives to us. We are to fight the good fight, run the good race and keep the faith, to paraphrase St. Paul. Let us pray for and encourage one another.

Wishing God's blessings to you and your loved ones, I am

Faithfully yours in  
Christ,  
Most Reverend



Terry R. LaValley  
Bishop of Ogdensburg

## List of credibly accused clergy published online

Bishop Terry R. LaValley announced that the Diocese of Ogdensburg published the list of priests the Diocesan Review Board and/or the Diocesan Bishop found reasonable grounds to remove from ministry under the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Bishop LaValley said the decision to publish the list of names was made in response to the controversies that have challenged the church in the past three months.

"There are strong arguments for releasing the names and strong arguments for not releasing the names," said Bishop LaValley. "Ultimately, the

challenges facing the church at the present time make it necessary to release the names for the sake of transparency and safety."

The names will be posted on the diocesan website on the Safe Environment page. The list includes allegations dating back to the 1940s, and all priests named are either deceased or out of ministry.

"The Catholic faithful have asked more and more in recent days for the release of the names," said Bishop LaValley. "We view this as an important step to restore confidence of the faithful in their Church."



## BUILDING Our Mission to the Missions

The Black and Indian Mission Collection (BIMC) exists to help diocesan communities to build the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God.

Every year, it is the amazing generosity of Catholic faithful just like you who enable the Black and Indian Mission Office to support the following important priorities:

### Enlivening Parish Life & Catechesis

Grant funds from the BIMC enable us to support parish-based catechetical programs. We help form and train catechists who will form children to be disciples of Jesus in the world and get bibles and catechisms in kids' hands so they can learn the ways of the Lord and take their place around His altar.



### Helping Educators Reach Kids

With your contribution to the BIMC, you will help to support good teachers to help African American and Native American children learn. In 2017, your generous donations reached over 4,000 students in more than 250 schools and parishes across the United States.



### Empowering Evangelizers

BIMC grant funds help African American and Native American ministries to sponsor events and formation that encourage living the Christian life in culturally appropriate ways. Religious sisters shown here, serve Native American Catholics spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.



### Encouraging Vocations

We need men and women to answer the call to the consecrated life and offer their witness as radical disciples of Jesus Christ. We need priests in order to have the Eucharist! Supporting the BIMC enables us to help encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life in diocesan communities across the country.



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# Capital campaign progresses toward goal

The It's Our Church, It's Our Future Capital Campaign continues to inspire more and more of the faithful throughout the parish communities of the North Country. Fifty-nine parishes in Blocks 1 & 2 are actively participating in the Campaign (with Block 3 currently conducting the active phase of the campaign).

Eighteen (18) of the 59 parishes have already exceeded their goals. Congratulations! An additional 13 parishes are over 75 percent of goal. Thank you to those families who have responded early in this campaign. The diocese is grateful for your sacrifice and support. With continued follow up of those parishioners who have yet to respond, more and more parishes will surpass their campaign goal in the coming weeks and months.

The consulting firm Guidance in Giving Inc. is conducting the capital campaign and working closely with the Diocese of Ogdensburg Development Office to hit the campaign's \$16.3 million goal. Included in the \$16.3 million is \$1.3 million for the 2018 Bishop's Fund Appeal.

Of the funds raised once the parish meets its Bishops Fund Appeal, 75 percent of funds raised will remain at the parish for their direct needs, such as parish programs, ministries and capital improvements. Each parish has developed its own case statement outlining how funds raised will address their specific parish needs. The remaining 25 percent of the funds raised supports the parishes' indirect needs such as retired priests, seminarians, Camp Guggenheim and St. Mary's Cathedral.

The chart to the right is a current progress update.

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**Fr. Todd Thibault**

St. Bernard's & St. Edmund's is truly Blessed to have such a strong shepherd leading our Faith Community. His kindness and patience brings a calmness to our parish. Thank you Fr. Todd for all that you do!

Parish	City	Campaign Goal	Pledged	% Goal	# of Gifts	% Participation
St. Agnes Church	Lake Placid	\$250,288	\$458,446	183%	101	20%
St. Philip of Jesus Church	Willsboro/Essex	\$99,116	\$177,713	179%	44	21%
Our Lady of Lourdes	Schroon Lake	\$127,061	\$215,617	170%	94	54%
St. Brendan's Church	Keene	\$45,318	\$76,938	170%	39	38%
St. Raphael's Church	Heuvelton	\$76,149	\$119,670	157%	52	23%
St. Mary's Church	Ticonderoga	\$335,777	\$457,790	136%	121	17%
St. Andrew's Church	Sackets Harbor	\$115,745	\$155,310	134%	51	33%
St. Mary's Church	Waddington	\$93,015	\$122,462	132%	47	32%
St. Mary's Church	Indian Lake	\$76,931	\$96,138	125%	42	45%
St. Joseph's Church	Olmstedville	\$52,804	\$65,055	123%	25	36%
Queen of Heaven Church	Henderson	\$94,553	\$114,360	121%	67	43%
St. Ann's Church	Wells	\$51,930	\$62,370	120%	34	18%
St. James Major Church	Lake Pleasant	\$73,752	\$85,745	116%	50	21%
St. John the Baptist Church	Madrid	\$48,865	\$54,925	112%	28	39%
St. Mary's Church	Clayton	\$275,272	\$299,329	109%	125	22%
St. Philip Neri Church	Westport	\$48,809	\$51,929	106%	30	51%
St. Augustine's Church	Peru	\$352,427	\$356,886	101%	120	20%
St. Mary's Cathedral	Ogdensburg	\$454,904	\$455,640	100%	210	19%
Catholic Community	Alexandria Bay	\$201,724	\$199,470	99%	91	34%
St. Hubert's Church	Star Lake	\$75,311	\$72,858	97%	36	16%
St. James Church	Gouverneur	\$213,594	\$207,270	97%	64	12%
St. Ann's Church	Mooers Forks	\$123,338	\$111,747	91%	50	33%
Church of the Holy Name	AuSable Forks	\$129,445	\$116,567	90%	82	45%
St. Elizabeth Church	Elizabethtown	\$66,229	\$59,860	90%	31	26%
Catholic Community	Cape Vincent	\$199,659	\$167,080	84%	109	36%
St. Anthony of Padua	Inlet/Raquette	\$87,364	\$73,320	84%	41	28%
St. Andrew's Church	Norwood	\$130,026	\$108,015	83%	61	21%
Catholic Community	Brownville	\$175,157	\$137,365	78%	58	11%
St. Margaret's Church	Wilmington	\$33,710	\$25,754	76%	21	68%
St. Mary's Church	Glenfield	\$76,224	\$57,120	75%	34	26%
St. Alphonsus-Holy Name	Tupper Lake	\$292,293	\$219,114	75%	123	10%
Catholic Community	Port Henry	\$199,364	\$146,997	74%	77	19%
Church of the Holy Family	Watertown	\$554,599	\$404,561	73%	162	17%
Parish of the Visitation	Norfolk	\$148,451	\$106,665	72%	39	7%
St. Paul's Church	Blue Mtn Lake	\$21,220	\$15,100	71%	9	41%
Sacred Heart of Jesus	Crown Point	\$68,567	\$45,805	67%	27	17%
Sacred Heart Church	Edwards	\$24,108	\$16,195	67%	11	17%
St. John The Evangelist	LaFargeville	\$41,708	\$27,145	65%	18	15%
St. Patrick's Church	Brasher Falls	\$164,025	\$104,205	64%	53	13%
St. Patrick's Church	Watertown	\$394,857	\$251,186	64%	108	25%
Church of the Holy Angels	Altona	\$109,218	\$69,745	64%	26	13%
St. Peter's Church	Lowville	\$394,837	\$248,199	63%	114	35%
Ss. Philip and James	Lisbon	\$48,445	\$30,004	62%	\$22	18%
St. Bernard's Church	Saranac Lake	\$484,254	\$299,701	62%	129	11%
St. Paul's Church	Black River	\$97,165	\$58,475	60%	24	23%
St. Bartholomew's Church	Old Forge	\$108,308	\$62,519	58%	43	25%
Notre Dame Church	Ogdensburg	\$316,870	\$183,642	58%	147	22%
RCC of Keeseville	Keeseville	\$225,561	\$118,869	53%	99	15%
St. Anthony's Church	Watertown	\$371,245	\$194,055	52%	104	27%
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart	Watertown	\$279,370	\$137,945	49%	82	14%
St. Hedwig's Church	Houseville	\$47,495	\$20,211	43%	19	44%
St. Therese Church	Newcomb	\$38,700	\$14,708	38%	11	26%
St. Lawrence Church	North Lawrence	\$47,047	\$17,295	37%	11	11%
St. Henry's Church	Long Lake	\$55,365	\$17,840	32%	16	25%
St. Rita's Church	Deferiet	\$28,800	\$8,500	30%	7	21%
Church of the Holy Cross	Hopkinton	\$24,993	\$6,345	25%	6	18%
St. Joseph's Church	Mooers	\$66,297	\$12,665	19%	12	15%
St. Ann's Church	St. Regis Falls	\$91,607	\$7,135	8%	15	16%
St. Louis of France Church	Sciota	\$30,831	\$1,010	3%	2	3%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$8,960,097</b>	<b>\$7,596,291</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>3,474</b>	<b>20%</b>

SCENES FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

# FACES OF FAITH



From Sept. 1 to Oct. 13, a group of 20 men, including six Immaculate Heart Central alumni, wore pink to support the Making Strides against Breast Cancer, Real Men Wear Pink Campaign. This event raised over \$70,000; \$25,000 of which was raised by the members of the Real Men Wear Pink Campaign! On Oct. 13, a walk was held to honor those who lost their lives to breast cancer, to support those who currently have cancer, and to promote early detection of this disease. To set the tone, Immaculate Heart Central School's Marialena Mouikel sang the National Anthem.



Eleven young parishioners of St. Joseph's in Dannemora recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The youth are pictured with Bishop Terry R. LaValley and Father John M. Demo.



Students from Faith Formation classes at St Peter's Church, Lowville, enjoyed learning about saints and All Saints Day. Each child picked a saint and drew or painted a picture of what they were the Patron Saint of. Students were encouraged to have their parents help them look up the saint, find information about them, and share it at class the following week. Pumpkins were placed near the Sanctuary for All Saints Day Masses.



Father Timothy Canaan recently visited seminarian Leagon Carlin while he was attending his 25th anniversary at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Leagon is a first year Theologian at Mount Saint Mary's.



St. Augustine's Knights of Columbus Council 7273 Grand Knight Keith Kemp presented 24 boys and girls jackets to Peru Central Primary School Nurses Kathy Bedard (left) and Regan Finlaw. Council 7273 participates in the Knights of Columbus Coats For Kids program

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Support for Thanksgiving dinner appreciated

To the Editor,

For 25 years, Knights of Columbus, Msgr. A.D. Charbonneau Council 258 in Ogdensburg have offered a free Thanksgiving dinner to all who ask for it.

More than a meal, this is an opportunity for socialization and support.

The meal preparation is provided by local community volunteers, and the food is generously donated by the community.

Last year, the Knights' Thanksgiving Dinner fed 658 people on Thanksgiving Day. Over the years, with the help of our volunteers and donors, we've been able to feed over 18,000 holiday dinners to

those in need.

This year, dinner will be served Thanksgiving day starting at noon. Deliveries begin at 11 a.m.

Volunteers prepare and serve the food, deliver meals to homebound residents, and decorate, set up and clean the hall. We appreciate everyone who gives up family time on Thanksgiving to help us. Without the support of our community, we would not be able to do this. As we all know, the costs go up every year but, the generosity of the community continues to make this holiday meal possible.

If you can donate toward this year's Thanks-

giving Dinner, please mail your check to the Knights of Columbus, Msgr. A.D. Charbonneau Council 258, Attention: Chairperson BILL TAYLOR, 721 Hasbrouck Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669.

We will be setting up and decorating on Wednesday, November 21 at 6 p.m. All help is very much appreciated.

Please call the clubhouse at (315)393-7990 for reservations or take-outs. If there's no answer, please leave a message with your name and telephone number, and we will get back to everyone who calls.

Thank you in advance for everyone's help and monetary donations.

We at the Knights of Columbus are very grateful for all the help we receive. May everyone have a wonderful holiday season.

**Knights of Columbus,  
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## Bishop's Public Schedule

**Nov. 14-16** – Fall Meeting of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops in Baltimore

**Nov. 18** – 8 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

5:30 p.m., Watertown Special Religious Education Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School Gym

**Nov. 20** – Noon, Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

**Nov. 21** – 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home

## To Report Abuse

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact **Victims Assistance Coordinator**, Terriane Yanulavich, Adult & Youth Counseling Services of Northern New York, 618 Lake Rd, Chateaugay, NY 12920; [terrianeyanulavich@yahoo.com](mailto:terrianeyanulavich@yahoo.com) Phone: Day: 518-651-2267, Night: 518-569-0612; or Father Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Personnel at 315-393-2920

## Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults. Pre-registration online is required. Participants may preregister at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) by selecting the registration button and following the directions.

Upcoming sessions:

**Nov. 14** – 4:30 p.m., Immaculate Heart Central, Watertown

**Nov. 28** – 6 p.m., Church of the Visitation, Norfolk

**Dec. 9** – 2 p.m., St. Peter's Church, Lowville

## Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters from North Country Catholic readers!

•We ask that the number of words be limited to 300.

•We cannot accept letters which support ideas contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

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## Environmental Stewardship

## Healing the planet's wounds

An ancient Buddhist simile speaks about a warrior who is shot with an arrow. The warrior does not stop to ask where the arrow came from, or who shot it, or what kind of feathers it is made of; his sole concern is how to get the arrow out and save his life. Before it can be removed, the man must know that he has been wounded.

Scientists around the world are informing us of the wound that the planet is experiencing. Their research reveals that much of the rapid increase in the temperatures of the planet are being caused by the emission of carbon dioxide.

Our past two articles have described the facts of the rising of sea levels around the world, the devastating effects that are already happening and that will continue to increase in the future without serious and immediate changes in our human activities.

Climate scientists are telling us about the nature of the wound on our planet, and we see the horrific effects of it as we watch the increase of storms, floods, etc. Whether we like it or not – and whether we choose to "believe" the science or not – the reality of climate change is upon us. Like the warrior, climate scientists know the nature of the wound; now they are helping us find ways to remove the causes of it.

In a current project called DRAW-DOWN, top climate scientists from around the world have given us the most comprehensive plan ever proposed to reverse global warming. Editor Paul Hawken and his colleagues have researched and modeled the 100 most substantive ways we can reverse global warming. These solutions reside in energy, agriculture, forests, industries, buildings, transportation and more.

In his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*: On Care for Our Common Home, Pope Francis cites Pope Benedict XVI's and Pope John Paul VI's call for a global ecological conversion.

In the next weeks, we will share some of these solutions that may help to heal these wounds to God's creation and all who dwell upon it.

# The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg

*Building A Bridge For The Future*



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## 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

# Passing Our Living Faith to Future Generations

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

*It's Our Church, It's Our Future* is the theme of our Diocesan-wide Capital Campaign. This message reminds you and me of our commitment to build vibrant faith communities in our Diocese. Since 2007, The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg, NY, Inc. has been a valuable means for this local Church to *Build a Bridge for the Future*.



The Foundation continues to be an important instrument to make planned gifts that benefit the works of the Church. As you know, the growth of our Church in the North Country depends on all of us supporting the many ministries and the corporal and spiritual works of our Diocese.

Since its establishment, forty-nine endowments have been created in the Foundation. These are listed in this 2018 Annual Report as well as their beneficiaries. Parishioners, families and organizations continue to make planned gifts to the Foundation as a means of support for our parishes, Catholic schools and other organizations of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Please take a moment to review the report and learn more about the Foundation's mission and how it functions.

We are very grateful to Mr. Scott Lalone, Diocesan Director of Development for his valuable counsel and leadership of all our development efforts. The publication of this annual report gives us a good opportunity to thank the members of the Board of Directors of the Foundation for their wise stewardship in overseeing the investments and dividends of its funds.

I am extremely grateful to all who have had the foresight in establishing and contributing generously to the Foundation. These gifts are a perpetual source of revenue for the future works of the Church. If you have not already, I encourage you to consider developing an estate plan for the benefit of your loved ones. The Foundation is a valuable means for you to begin a legacy for the next generations.

Wishing God's blessing to you and your loved ones,  
I am

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley  
Bishop of Ogdensburg

## The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg Statements of Financial Position

	6/30/2018	6/30/2017
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 141,142	\$ 201,910
Other Receivable	311	-
Accrued Interest	7,010	5,990
Investments at Fair Value	5,928,417	5,487,525
Charitable Gift Annuities	1852	1852
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 6,078,732</b>	<b>\$ 5,697,277</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
	\$ -	\$ -
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(101,437)	(86,686)
Temporary Restricted	2,022,142	1,673,763
Permanently Restricted	4,158,027	4,110,200
Total Net Assets	6,078,732	5,697,277
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 6,078,732</b>	<b>\$ 5,697,277</b>

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of The Foundation is to pass our living faith to future generations by financially supporting the charitable, spiritual, educational and temporal works of the Catholic Community of the Diocese of Ogdensburg by accepting donations or endowment funds from donors and the administration of these funds.

In fulfilling its mission, The Foundation will:

- Provide estate planning and charitable giving information and assistance.
- Provide gifting vehicles in which the Church or related entities are the designated beneficiary.
- Provide responsible and financial management and distribution of earnings that further the mission of the Catholic Church.

Catholics are called by God to protect human life, to promote dignity, to defend those who are poor, to strengthen the Church and to seek the common good. The Foundation exists to help Catholics live out this sacred mission of the Church, through the wise stewardship and thoughtful sharing of their financial resources.

The Foundation will provide permanent endowments and memorial funds for donors who want to give lasting support to parishes, schools, religious and social service ministries in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

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# Passing Our Living Faith to Future Generations



Seminarians along with Father Lucia at a summer gathering

## PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY STATEMENT

We recognize and understand as a Catholic Foundation entirely separate from the Diocese but in all ways accountable to both the Diocese and our donors, we are sustained by public trust and laws that confer upon us a special responsibility to society and the Roman Catholic Church. We further acknowledge that this responsibility can be met by full, open and public disclosure of all our affairs.

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- The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg
- Your Parish or Catholic School
- The Education of Priests & Seminarians
- The Priests Retirement Fund
- The Priests Disability Fund
- The Bishop's Fund
- Any Ministry or Program of the Diocese
- Catholic Charities
- Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg
- St. Joseph's Nursing Home
- Any Diocesan institution of your choice

## HOW THE FOUNDATION WORKS

The Foundation solicits and receives planned gifts to benefit the people and communities of the Diocese as designated by donors. Prudent financial management of the funds is entrusted to the Board of Directors comprised of distinguished Church, business and civic leaders. A professional staff administers the day to day operation of The Foundation and oversees the distribution of annual earnings from the funds. Assets are managed by investment professionals.

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# Methods of Giving

Type of Gift	Form of Gift	Benefit to Church	Benefit to You
<b>Outright Gift</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash</li> <li>• Stocks/securities</li> <li>• Real estate</li> <li>• Insurance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perpetual income</li> <li>• Interest income used by The Foundation, parishes, schools and organizations in diocese</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income tax deduction</li> <li>• No capital gains tax on Appreciated gifts</li> </ul>
<b>Wills &amp; Bequests</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash</li> <li>• Real estate</li> <li>• Personal property</li> <li>• Percentage of estate</li> <li>• Remainder of estate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bequest will be held in perpetuity and invested to fund The Foundation needs as designated by the donor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible estate tax deduction</li> <li>• Opportunity to make perpetual gifts</li> </ul>
<b>Charitable Gift Annuities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash</li> <li>• Stocks/securities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upon the death of the donor or last surviving annuitant remaining assets generate interest income for The Foundation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible estate tax deduction</li> <li>• Opportunity to make perpetual gifts</li> </ul>
<b>Insurance Policies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name The Foundation as policy owner and/or beneficiary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Foundation receives full face value of policy upon death of the donor, or may receive current surrender value prior to donor's death</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunity to make substantial future gift to The Foundation at current manageable cost</li> <li>• Income tax deduction for value of the policy when transferred</li> <li>• Premium payments may be deducted as gifts</li> </ul>
<b>Real Estate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home</li> <li>• Land</li> <li>• Vacation Home</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Foundation receives the proceeds from the sale of the property at your death or sooner if so desired by the Donor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can be given with life use</li> <li>• Can be given without incurring tax on the appreciation</li> </ul>
<b>Charitable Remainder Trusts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash</li> <li>• Stocks/securities</li> <li>• Real estate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Foundation receives substantial future gifts to support the work of The Foundation and the charities named by the donor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Variable or fixed income</li> <li>• Option to defer income</li> <li>• Income tax deduction</li> <li>• Reduction of estate taxes</li> <li>• No capital gains tax on appreciated gift (or deferred in some instances)</li> </ul>
<b>Retirement Plan/IRA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name The Foundation as beneficiary of death benefit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significant gift upon death of donor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunity to make a major gift</li> <li>• Estate and income tax savings</li> </ul>
<b>Endowment Fund</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any of the above types of gifts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The final beneficiary(ies) will have a perpetual source of revenue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making a lasting gift that is a permanent legacy of your faith</li> </ul>

## *Endowments Established in the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg, New York, Inc.*

**Reverend Norman Poupore Endowment** – Support of Priests' Disabilities  
**Catholic Charities Endowment** – Corporate purposes  
**Society of the Sisters of St. Joseph Endowment** – Corporate purposes  
**Society of the Propagation of the Faith Endowment** – Corporate purposes  
**St. Joseph's Home Foundation Endowment** – Corporate purposes  
**Catherine Aurelia Endowment** – Bishop's Charities and Religious Works  
**Reverend Anthony A. Milia Endowment** – Support of the Diocesan Archives  
**Building For Tomorrow Endowment** – Operating expenses of the Catholic Community of Alexandria  
**Education of Seminarians Endowment** – Funding to the annual operating budget  
**Faylene LeRoux Endowment** – Support of Catholic Education  
**Formation For Ministry Endowment** – Parish financial assistance and annual operating budget  
**Guggenheim/Hughes Endowment** – Support of capital needs of Guggenheim Center  
**Leona Schlafly Endowment** – General purposes of the Diocese of Ogdensburg  
**Reverend James Meehan Endowment** – Special care of priests  
**St. Mary's Cathedral Endowment** – Support of general operations  
**Joseph & Joyce Sylvester Endowment** – General operating needs of St. Anthony's, Watertown  
**Guggenheim Maintenance Endowment** – Maintain the main camp building, boathouse and grounds  
**Spratt Memorial Endowment** – Support capital needs  
**St. Alexander's Catholic Education Endowment** – Support of Catholic education at parish  
**Alice Austin Trust Mass Endowment** – Masses at St. Andrew's Church, Sackets Harbor  
**Lawrence R. Robinson Trust Mass Endowment** – Masses at St. Andrew's Church, Sackets Harbor  
**St. Augustine's Church Endowment** – General purposes of St. Augustine's at Peru.  
**Margaret Brothers Endowment** – General purposes of St. Patrick's Church, Rouses Point  
**Victor West Endowment** – General purposes of St. Patrick's Church, Rouses Point  
**St. Mary's Champlain NY Endowment** – Support of St. Mary's Academy and St. Mary's Church  
**Reverend W. Cyril Rapin Endowment** – Support of disabled priests  
**Good Samaritan Endowment** – Christian charity to the people of the North Country  
**Holy Family Strauss Educational Endowment** – Promote Catholic education  
**Deacon Adam Crowe Scholarship Endowment** – Education of Seminarians  
**William Cornish Endowment** – St. Henry's Church, EWTN, Diocese  
**Donald J. Grant Endowment** – General purposes of RC Community of Brownville & Dexter  
**St. Lawrence Church Endowment** – General purposes of St. Lawrence Church in North Lawrence  
**St. Patrick's Church Shamrock Endowment** – General purposes of St. Patrick's Church in Brasher Falls  
**Queen of Heaven Church** – General purposes of Queen of Heaven Church  
**Church of St. Patrick/Stumpf Family** – Catholic Education  
**ME Walton Good Samaritan Endowment** – Needs of parishioners at St. Cyril's and St. Francis Xavier  
**Special Care of Priests Endowment** – Funding for annual operating budget  
**Alice Austin Mass Endowment** – Masses at Queen of Heaven Church, Henderson  
**St. Francis of Assisi Endowment** – 50% Diocese, 50% Covenant House  
**William L. Patnode Endowment** – Education of Seminarians  
**Gertrude J. Tyo Endowment** – Education of Seminarians  
**Chapin, McCarthy, LaBelle Families Endowment** – General purposes St. Augustine (North Bangor)  
**Chapin, McCarthy Families Endowment** – General purposes St. Martin de Porras, Peru (Missionary Projects)  
**St. Patrick's & Mother Cabrini's Shrine of Peru, NY Endowment** – General purpose of Shrine.  
**Thomas and Ann Fiacco Endowment** – General purposes St. Mary's Catholic School, Canton, NY  
**Thomas and Ann Fiacco Endowment** – General purposes Trinity Catholic School, Massena, NY  
**Bishop Brzana Chapter Vocations** – emergency medical/dental assistance to active Seminarians.  
**Brian E. McManus & Alison E. McManus Endowed Scholarship Fund in Memory of Dorothy W. McManus**  
 – Tuition assistance for students of financial need at St. Agnes Catholic School.  
**Halsey J. Seguin Memorial Scholarship Fund** - to benefit poor students of St. Bernard's Catholic School  
 as they see fit.

Permanently Restricted Net Assets as of June 30, 2018 - \$4,158,027



# Cardinal: Resist the 'cold shadow' of euthanasia

**TORONTO (CNS)** – The “cold shadow” of euthanasia is spreading, warned Cardinal Thomas Collins.

Speaking at the 39th annual Cardinal's Dinner in Toronto Nov. 8, the cardinal urged 1,600 attendees to fight attempts to expand Canada's euthanasia law to include minors.

“The time for review of the federal euthanasia law is upon us, and there is great pressure to eliminate the so-called ‘safeguards’ which made it seem to be not so terrible,” he told the audience at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

“One such safeguard is that euthanasia is to be only for adults. Now we hear arguments made that the concept of ‘adult’ is to be made so elastic that even minors are to be eligible for euthanasia, even without the consent of their parents. The cold shadow of euthanasia is spreading further in our land, and we must resist that,” the cardinal said.

In December, a government committee is expected to deliver a report that examines extending assisted suicide to youth under 18, psychiatric patients, and consenting adults who give an advance directive to be euthanized in the event they become incapacitated by illness or disease.

The cardinal stressed the need for access to palliative care.

“That, not euthanasia, is the way forward,” he said.

“When people are lonely and feel that they are useless, and that life is not worth living, we must reach out, in practical love and support. Each person is worthy of life and of our love.”

The dinner featured head table guests from several layers of government, as well Archbishop Luigi Bomazzi, the Holy See ambassador to Canada.

The central theme of Cardinal Collins' speech was on the importance of Catholic health care, although he also acknowledged several issues that have been in the news: the “terrible evil” of the attack on the Pittsburgh synagogue, the plight of Christians suffering religious persecution in the Middle East, and the church's sex abuse scandal.

“We must always be vigilant and continue zealously to eliminate corruption from the church,” he said about abuse. “Above all, we must remember that the pain of what was suffered in the past continues into the present for those who endured this great evil. We must never cease to do whatever we can to help all victims of abuse.”

# Voters in two states pass anti-abortion measures

**WASHINGTON (CNS)**—An Oregon measure that would have banned state funding for elective and late-term abortions was defeated by voters Nov. 6, while an amendment to the West Virginia constitution stating that women do not have a right to an abortion was passed by a narrow margin.

Alabamans also approved a measure that makes it state policy to “recognize and support the sanctity of unborn life and the rights of unborn children.”

The measures were among several nationwide

that attracted the interest of Catholic voters, including the legalization of marijuana, the expansion of Medicaid and what would have been the first-ever carbon emission tax in a single state.

The Oregon anti-abortion proposal gained the support of Archbishop Alexander K. Sample of Portland, who urged Catholics to approve the measure in a column that appeared Nov. 1 on the website of the Catholic Sentinel, the archdiocesan newspaper.

The measure was written to overturn a 2017

Oregon law that expanded taxpayer funding for abortion.

The passage in West Virginia opens the door to the state Legislature banning abortion if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns its 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized abortion nationwide.

Elsewhere, voters approved Medicaid expansion for low- and moderate-income residents in traditionally conservative Idaho, Nebraska and Utah, the only three states where such measures were up for a vote.

# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Buffalo bishop responds to criticism

**CHEEKTOWAGA, N.Y. (CNS)** – Buffalo Bishop Richard J. Malone told reporters at a news conference he held Nov. 5 outside Infant of Prague Church in Cheektowaga that at a meeting earlier in the day with the diocese's priests, two of them had asked him to resign. The bishop acknowledged ongoing criticism over his handling of some clergy abuse complaints but said he has no plans to resign. “I know that there may not be a high level of trust right now, but I do believe that working with others who continue to believe in me, we can steer through this storm into a calm sea,” said Bishop Malone, who has headed the Buffalo Diocese since August 2012. The day of the news conference the diocese added 36 names to a public list of priests with substantiated claims of sexual abuse of a child, bringing the number to 78. Other actions by the diocese have included instituting an Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program.

## Holy Land Catholic leaders ask Israel to repeal law

**JERUSALEM (CNS)** – The controversial Israeli Nation State law must be repealed because non-Jews also are citizens of Israel, said the Catholic ordinaries of the Holy Land. “We, as the religious leaders of the Catholic Churches, call on the authorities to rescind this basic law and assure one and all that the state of Israel seeks to promote and protect the welfare and the safety of all its citizens,” they said in a statement in early November. The ordinaries include bishops, patriarchs and religious leaders of various rites who serve in the Holy Land. All residents of Israel, regardless of their religion, must be treated as equal citizens, the Catholic leaders said. The law, which was passed in July, establishes that “the right to exercise national determination in Israel is unique to the Jewish people,” that Jewish settlement is a “national value,” mandating the state to “encourage and promote its establishment and development.” The law also establishes Hebrew as Israel's only official language, downgrading Arabic to a “special status.” The Catholic leaders noted that since the creation of Israel in 1948, Arab citizens have been struggling with manifestations of discrimination. The new law, they said, is a blow to the very democratic values protected and promoted by the Human Dignity and Liberty Basic Law passed by the Israeli Knesset in 1992. Now one of Israel's basic laws – something akin to a constitutional law which guides Israel's legal system – it is more difficult to repeal than a regular law.

## Pope recognizes martyrdom of U.S. Christian Brother

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** – Pope Francis has recognized the martyrdom of De La Salle Christian Brother James Miller, who was born in Wisconsin and was shot to death in Guatemala in 1982. The recognition of the martyrdom of Brother James, or Brother Santiago as he also was known, clears the way for his beatification; the date and location of the ceremony were not immediately announced. Publishing news about a variety of sainthood causes Nov. 8, the Vatican said Pope Francis had recognized as “blessed” a 15th-century Augustinian brother, Michael Giedrojc. The recognition amounted to the “equivalent beatification” of Brother Giedrojc, who was born in Lithuania and died in Krakow. With the pope recognizing that over the course of centuries the brother has been venerated by thousands of Catholics, the normal process leading to beatification is not needed. Brother Miller, the U.S. martyr, was born Sept. 21, 1944, in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. He met the Christian Brothers at Pacelli High School there and, at the age of 15, entered the order's juniorate in Missouri. After the novitiate, he taught Spanish, English and religion at Cretin High School in St. Paul, Minnesota, for three years. He also was in charge of school maintenance and served as the football coach.

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# God is generous to those who give in sacrifice

At this time of year, we get a sense of ending. As autumn gives way to winter, days are darker, nights are colder, and the calendar year is nearly ended. Next Thursday, we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. It's a time for prayer, reflection on the good things God has provided



Monsignor  
Paul E.  
Whitmore

for us, and to beg his forgiveness for our failures to share them with those in need. It's also the end of the church year, which concludes next Sunday with the Feast of Christ the King.

Today, the readings are all about the final "end time" or Apocalypse. The Book of Daniel speaks

November 18

Thirty-third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

READINGS

Daniel 12:1-3

Hebrews 10:11-14

Mark 13:24-32

about the Son of Man, coming on the clouds of heaven to judge all humanity.

"Some shall live forever; others shall be in ever-

lasting horror and disgrace... But the wise shall shine brightly, like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice, shall be like the stars forever."

These last Sundays of the church year proclaim that one day we will all be judged by the Son of Man, who has given his followers the Great Commission of feeding the poor, helping the homeless and the handicapped, working to

bring the peace to God's creation. There are so many ways we can work now while there is still time – the Campaign for Human Development, our own Urban Mission, Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief, to mention a few.

The Lord feeds us constantly at his table. Go in peace, in love, in service – to prepare the world for that day when the Son of Man will return in Glory!

## Catholics have a duty to fight anti-Semitism

*The following editorial, provided by Catholic News Services, was authored and originally presented by America, a national Catholic weekly magazine run by the Jesuits.*

"Stop the words of hate," pleaded Rabbi Jeffrey Myers of Tree of Life synagogue, the day after a gunman killed 11 people worshipping there in Pittsburgh. The shooter reportedly shouted "All Jews must die" before he opened fire.

The shooter reportedly also made anti-Semitic

comments to law enforcement after his arrest, including that "they (Jews) were committing genocide to his people." He also was a frequent user of Gab, a social-media platform that places few restrictions on the content that can be shared. His posts there were at turns anti-Semitic, nativist and nationalistic.

Pope Francis condemned the attack, saying, "We are all, in reality, wounded by this inhuman act of violence." His words were a reminder that Catholics have a special responsibility to stand

with our Jewish brothers and sisters and denounce these acts of evil -- especially given the church's own painful history of anti-Semitism. The church has taught since "Nostra Aetate" in 1965 that there is a "spiritual patrimony common to Christians and Jews," and reproves "any discrimination against men or harassment of them because of their race, color, condition of life, or religion."

On Saturday, President Donald Trump called for unity and condemned "the historic evil of anti-Semitism and every other form of evil." Unfortunately, his incendiary rhetoric both before and after the attack has helped to foster an environment in which such evils can fester. Leaders of

a Jewish group in Pittsburgh have written an open letter telling Trump that "your words and your policies have emboldened a growing white nationalist movement" and have called on him to explicitly denounce white nationalism and cease his alarmist rhetoric about immigrants, refugees and minorities.

Trump must recognize that his strong rejection of this specific episode of anti-Semitic violence cannot be fully credible if he continues to stoke fear and sow division for political advantage on other fronts. His call for unity needs to start with a clear break with his own patterns of accusatory and violent rhetoric.

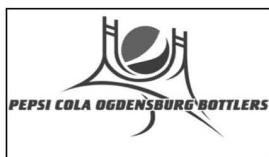
We must reject violence. But this is the least that we should do. We also must directly challenge the deranged ideologies that spawn such acts and the toxic political culture in which they find a fertile soil. This means challenging the villainization and marginalization of Jews and other minority groups, which give encouragement, even if un-

intentionally, to these acts of violent depravity.

The recent rhetoric directed against these groups is inhumane, un-Christian and un-American. In heeding Rabbi Myers' call to end hateful words, we also must move past empty gestures. Now is the time to stand in peaceful solidarity with our brothers and sisters, with our whole minds, our hearts and our willing hands.

If the church has learned anything from its own history of anti-Semitism, it is that looking the other way is never justified. All people, but above all Christians, have a moral duty to support our Jewish neighbors; to call out anti-Semitism whenever and wherever it rears its odious head.

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## AT THE MOVIES

# THE NUTCRACKER AND THE FOUR REALMS

**NEW YORK (CNS)**—German author E.T.A. Hoffmann's tale "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King" has proven a remarkably rich bit of source material since its initial publication in 1816.

Translated into French by Alexandre Dumas the elder, it gained wide popularity, with Dumas' version eventually becoming the basis for the much-loved 1892 ballet "The Nutcracker," composed by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky.

Directors Lasse Hallstrom and Joe Johnston's riff on both the story and the ballet, "The Nutcracker and the Four Realms" (Disney), may turn out to be much less durable than some of the other works derived from Hoffman's original. Though suitable for most, their visually rich but dramatically impoverished fantasy film will likely satisfy few.



CNS PHOTO/DISNEY

Mackenzie Foy, Keira Knightley, Eugenio Derbez and Richard E. Grant star in a scene from the movie "The Nutcracker and the Four Realms."

The movie opens in Victorian London where teenager Clara Stahlbaum (Mackenzie Foy), her father (Matthew Macfadyen) — identified only as Mr. Stahlbaum — and her siblings, Louise (Ellie Bamber) and Fritz (Thomas Sweet), are all still in mourning for Clara's recently deceased mother, Marie (Anna Madeley). On

Christmas Eve, Dad distributes the gifts Marie had chosen for them to the children.

Clara's present is a mysterious egg-shaped silver object with a lock but no accompanying key to open it.

In the course of her search for the missing item, a quest encouraged by her kindly godfather,

Drosselmeyer (Morgan Freeman), Clara wanders into an alternate world that's divided into the territories of the title.

There, she learns, Marie once reigned as queen. But one of the regions, the Land of Amusements, led by the apparently villainous Mother Ginger (Helen Mirren), has since gone to war with the others: the Land of Sweets, the Land of Flowers and the Land of Snowflakes, presided over, respectively, by regents Sugar Plum Fairy (Keira Knightley), Hawthorne (Eugenio Derbez) and Shiver (Richard E. Grant).

So, aided — among others — by Capt. Phillip Hoffman (Jayden Fowora-Knight), a life-size nutcracker she has befriended, Clara sets out to defeat Mother Ginger and restore unity. But, as she soon discovers, all is not as it seems.

Throughout "Nut-

cracker," there's a nagging sense that the filmmakers are whispering in viewers' ears: "Isn't all this charming and spectacular?" Well, yes, on the surface at least. But more thoughtful moviegoers will also find the proceedings contrived. While predictable messages about believing in yourself and cooperating with others are perfectly acceptable, moreover, they are driven home ham-handedly.

Still, although too scary for small fry, "The Nutcracker and the Four Realms" is otherwise generally unobjectionable.

The film contains occasional peril and some frightening images. The Catholic News Service 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.

## 'Instant Family' a hit with target audience

**NEW YORK (CNS)**—The connections between real-life events and the forthcoming film "Instant Family" were the main topic of discussion at a recent news conference about the comedy.

The gathering, held at New York City's Mandarin Oriental Hotel, featured, among others, stars Mark Wahlberg and Rose Byrne as well as the movie's director and co-writer, Sean Anders.

Asked about the origins of the project, Anders responded that it all began with stories he would tell his script collaborator, John Morris, about his

and his wife's experience adopting and raising three foster kids. It was Morris who struck on the idea of turning these anecdotes into a film, Anders said.

It didn't take Wahlberg, one of Hollywood's most prominent Catholics, long to make up his mind to join Anders for their third movie together, following 2015's "Daddy's Home" and its 2017 sequel. "I committed before I saw the script," remembered Wahlberg, who plays Pete, the adoptive father inspired by Anders. "It was something I wanted to be part of."

Byrne recalled that, in preparation for playing the role of Pete's wife, Ellie, she met with women who had fostered kids as well as with social workers who had served children in need of adoption.

The oldest of the trio of kids Pete and Ellie shelter, and eventually seek to adopt, is frequently rebellious teen Lizzie (Isabela Moner). Wahlberg could easily relate to the more challenging of Lizzie's actions since he was simultaneously "dealing with similar behavior" on the part of his own adolescent daughter.

While acknowledging

that much of the humor in the film was derived from the "chaotic, awkward situations" in which he and his wife sometimes found themselves, Anders also observed that "spending a year making a movie about your family, and how much you love your kids, is therapeutic -- in a good way."

Once the picture was completed, the filmmakers, Anders said, arranged for it to be pre-screened for an audience of foster parents.

Fandango's Erik Davis, who moderated the event, said the website had been "inundated" by

reaction to "Instant Family" from people affected by fostering and adoption. He added that the film's trailer was the most-watched of any Fandango had ever posted.

"Instant Family" will be released Nov. 16 by Paramount Pictures.



## ADIRONDACK

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Lake Placid – Christmas Bazaar to be held.

**Date:** Dec. 1

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Place:** St. Agnes School

**Features:** Trees, wreaths, crafts, toys, baked goods and donuts, gifts, raffles and auctions. A great way to kick off the holiday season. Lunch will be served and Santa will be visiting. Vendor space is available.

**Contact:** For more information call 518-523-3771 or info@stagneslp.org.

## CLINTON

## CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Plattsburgh – Confirmation Retreat to be held.

**Date:** Nov. 17

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Place:** Seton Catholic School

**Cost:** \$25

**Features:** Presented through NET Ministries.

**Contact:** Register early through your parish religious education office.

## FISHERS CLUB

Plattsburgh – The Lakesiders Fishers Club to have their fall discernment meeting.

**Date:** Nov. 18; Dec. 2

**Time:** 3 p.m.

**Place:** St. Peter's Upper Room

**Features:** Discernment, Evening Prayer and Dinner for high school juniors and older.

**Contact:** Father Venette (hvenette@gmail.com) or Father Lucia (dlucia@rcdony.org)

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

Plattsburgh – Seton Catholic to have a Christmas Dinner.

**Date:** Dec. 2

**Time:** 12 p.m. to 5

**Cost:** \$10; under 5, Free

**Features:** Serving turkey dinner with all the trimmings and dessert. Raffles, Bake Sale and Christmas Wreaths to be sold.

## ESSEX

## ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

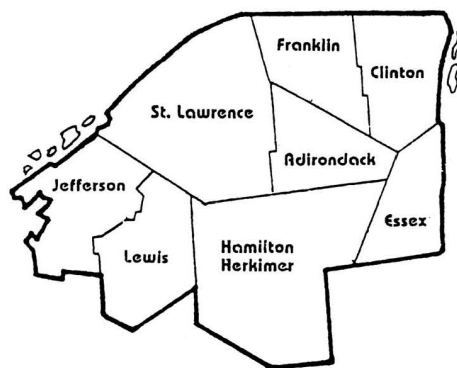
Olmstedville – Advent Bible Study to be held on Bible Basics.

**Date:** Starts Nov. 7th for 6 weeks.

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Place:** St. Joseph's Parish House

**Features:** Topics will include where and how it came about, how it developed, how to get the most out of it, and



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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@northcountycatholic.org.

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

how to interpret it in the light of the church's teachings. A meal of soup and bread will be served.

## JEFFERSON

## ROAST PORK DINNER

Evans Mills – St. Mary's to have a Roast Pork Dinner.

**Date:** Nov. 17

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

**Place:** St. Mary's Parish Center

**Cost:** Adults, \$20; Seniors and children under 12, \$8; under 5, Free

**Features:** Raffle tickets for a Thanksgiving Lottery, wine basket and Christmas basket will be drawn.

## CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Adams – Confirmation Retreat with NET Ministries to be held.

**Date:** Nov. 20

**Time:** 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

**Cost:** \$25 (Meal will be included)

**Features:** NET Ministries challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. These are a first come, first served basis registration.

**Contact:** Pre-Registration is required. Register by Nov. 9 by emailing slippincott@rcdony.org or call the Regional Office at 315-782-3620

## SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

**Date:** Nov. 29

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

**Place:** Msgr. Sechi Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$8, Children, \$4.50; Chil-

dren under 3, Free; Sauce, \$5 per quart; Meatballs, \$.75 each

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

## MINI RETREAT

Watertown – St. Anthony's Church will be sponsoring a Women of Grace Mini Retreat.

**Date:** Dec. 1

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Place:** Msgr. Sechi Hall

**Features:** Learn more about Our Blessed Mother from Fr. Ted Crosby. This free mini-retreat includes the rosary, a "Fr. Ted Talk," adoration, lunch, and social time. Women ages 15 and up are welcome to attend.

**Contact:** Please RSVP by calling Scarlett at 859-583-0564.

## OPERATION MIRIAM LUNCH

Watertown – Operation Miriam Lunch to be held for all women and middle school age and up.

**Date:** Dec. 9

**Time:** 11 a.m.

**Place:** SSJ Motherhouse

**Contact:** Shayne e-mail: slippincott@rcdony.org or call 315-782-3620

## ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Watertown – IHC is currently accepting nominations for their Athletic Hall of Fame.

**Features:** Please visit ihcschool.org for nomination form or to submit online. The Deadline to Nominate is Dec. 10.

**Contact:** mike.delaney@ihcschool.org

## LEWIS

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Lowville – Lewis Eucharistic Adoration to be held.

**Date:** Nov. 15

**Time:** 4 p.m. to 5

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

**Features:** To Thank God & To Honor the Most Blessed Sacrament, all are invited to one hour of exposition, the Divine Mercy Chaplet for All Souls, silent adoration, and benediction.

## DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Houseville – Divine Mercy Devotions for the month of December to be held.

**Date:** Dec. 2

**Time:** 3 p.m.

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

**Features:** Vespers (Evening Prayer), Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. Come and pray for mercy for ourselves and the whole world. All are welcome.

**Contact:** 315-348-6260.

## ST. LAWRENCE

## CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Norfolk – Confirmation Retreat with NET Ministries to be held.

**Date:** Nov. 18

**Time:** 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Place:** Fr. Amyot Center

**Cost:** \$25 (Meal will be included)

**Features:** NET Ministries challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. These are a first come, first served basis registration.

**Contact:** Pre-Registration is required. Register by Nov. 9 by emailing slippincott@rcdony.org or call the Regional Office at 315-782-3620

## CRAFT FAIR

Gouverneur – St. James to have its annual craft fair.

**Date:** Dec. 1

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Cost:** A donation to the school.

**Features:** We fill the gym and most classrooms with a large assortment of local crafters. Food concession will be available. Santa to arrive at 1:30 p.m.

**Contact:** For more information contact St. James Parish at 315-287-0114

## MEN SHARPEN MEN

Ogdensburg – Gathering to be held for men.

**Date:** Saturdays

**Time:** 8:30 a.m.

**Place:** Bishop Brzana Hall of St. Mary's Cathedral

**Features:** God has a lot to say about the role and responsibilities of men. Let us gather together so that we can make a difference in the lives of one another, for scripture says, "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." (Pro 27:17). All men are welcome and encouraged to join us where "Men Sharpen Men."

**Contact:** www.ogdensburgcatholics.org/men

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

## SSJ LAY ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

The Sister of St. Joseph invite you to a meeting to learn more about their Lay Associate Program.

**Schedule:** Nov. 17 at St. John in the Wilderness in Lake Clear from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Nov. 18 at St. John XXIII Newman Center in Plattsburgh from 1 p.m. to 4

**Features:** The Associates meet once a month to learn about the spirituality and history of the Sisters of St. Joseph, pray together, and discuss ways to deepen one's spiritual life. This group is open to men and women.

**Contact:** If you are interested in learning about the Associates, please call: Sr. Carol Kraeger (518-891-2286) OR Sr. Helen Herman (518-561-8252) OR Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald (315-212-6592)

## VIRTUS FACILITATOR TRAINING

Ogdensburg – The Diocese Safe Environment Office will be coordinating training for individuals interested in becoming Virtus Facilitators.

**Date:** Dec. 11

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Place:** Brzana Building Conference Room at the Diocesan offices in Ogdensburg.

**Features:** A working lunch will be provided.

**Contact:** For more information, please contact John Morrison, Director of Safe Environment Office at (315) 393-2920 Ext 1440 or jmorrisson@rcdony.org

## YOUTH BUSES FOR LIFE

High school pilgrimage to the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

**Date:** Jan. 17-19, 2019

**Cost:** \$150 (includes transportation, hotel, meals and shirt).

**Features:** Pick up locations across the diocese.

**Contact:** Registrations open Oct. 1 at rcdony.org/prolife. For more info please contact the Respect Life Office 518-524-0774.



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# Mission Sunday lifts the world

Thanks to all of you throughout the North Country who have so generously given to our brothers and sisters in the developing countries.

I give thanks to Almighty God when I reflect upon your generosity in prayer and sacrifice for the missions.

Traditionally, November has been dedicated as a time of special prayer for our deceased and to remember the joy they brought into our lives.

It is indeed an opportune time to give thanks for our benefactors who were witnesses to the Gospel by their sacrificial offerings to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

The Diocesan Mission Office wishes to acknowledge in thanksgiving the following bequests made to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

May they rest in peace.

### 2018 Calendar Year Bequest Gifts (as of 11/6/2018)

DONOR	LOCATION	Date	GIFT AMOUNT	
Estate of Rita Kwetcian	Rouses Point	1/30/18	\$1,000.00	
Estate of Msgr. Robert McCarthy	Watertown	3/22/18	\$2,000.00	* Mass Intentions
Estate of Anna Talbot	Lowville	5/1/18	\$80,000.00	
Estate of Fr. John J. Cosmic	Carthage	6/8/18	\$25,000.00	
Estate of Anna Talbot	Lowville	10/18/18	\$19,221.62	
<b>2018 Total:</b>	<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$127,221.62</b>	

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will.

## OBITUARIES

**Altona** – Hortense "Hope" (Miller) Smart, 82; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 7, 2018 at Holy Angels Church; burial in Holy Angels Cemetery.

**Brownville** – Terry L. Biedekapp, 60; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 9, 2018 at Immaculate Conception Church.

**Cadyville** – Stephen D.C. Mischler, 33; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 8, 2018 at St. James Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Carthage** – Connor L. Berrus, 24; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 7, 2018 at St. James Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Gouverneur** – Joan Todd (Ladouceur) Jeneault, 85; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 5, 2018 at St. James Church; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park, Ogdensburg.

**Hopkinton** – Rosemarie P. (Burns) Baldwin, 82; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 8, 2018 at St. Ann's Church.

**Massena** – Jeremy P. Kearns, 30; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 5, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery, Louisville.

**Morrisonville** – Robert Burnell, 81; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 12, 2018 at St. Alexander's Church.

**Norwood** – Hugh P. Miller, 84; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 6, 2018 at St. Andrew's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – Norma Jean (McGrath) Demers, 82; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 7, 2018 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

**Ogdensburg** – Pauline (Pelo) Sholette, 93; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 5, 2018 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Foxwood Memorial Park.

**Peru** – Sandra L. Trim, 67; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 10, 2018 at the

Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in St. Alexander's Cemetery, Plattsburgh

**Plattsburgh** – John "Jack" Ryan, 83; Memorial Mass Nov. 5, 2018 at St. John's Church.

**Port Leyden** – Frances Nora (Sabourin) Janes, 92; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 5, 2018 at St. Martin's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Redford** – Barbara J. (Couture) Facticeau, 88; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 9, 2018 at Church of the Assumption; burial in parish cemetery.

**Watertown** – Michele A. (Burnham) Beebee, 63; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 9, 2018 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

**West Chazy** – Ruth E. (Bushey) Peryer, 84; Mass of Christian Burial Nov. 7, 2018 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

# Rule confirms exemption to contraceptive mandate

WASHINGTON (CNS) – A rule finalizing the religious exemption to the contraceptive mandate should be "the end of a long cultural war fight" over the issue and confirm that the U.S. government "never needed nuns to give out contraceptives" to women, said the president of the Becket law firm.

Commenting in a press call to reporters Nov. 8, Mark Rienzi said the rule issued a day earlier by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services "should be welcomed by people of good faith" on all sides of the issue.

In a joint statement Nov. 9, the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the chairman

of its Committee for Religious Liberty applauded the Trump administration's decision "to finalize common-sense regulations" for religious employers.

The move allows "those with sincerely held religious or moral convictions opposing abortion-inducing drugs, sterilization, and contraception to exclude such drugs and devices from their health plans," said Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, USCCB president, and Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, the committee chairman.

"These final regulations restore free exercise rights in accordance with the

First Amendment and long-standing statutory protections for religious freedom," they said. "The regulations allow people like the Little Sisters of the Poor, faith-based schools, and others to live out their faith in daily life and to continue to serve others, without fear of punishing fines from the federal government."

In talking with reporters, Rienzi, whose law firm has represented the Little Sisters of the Poor in their court fight against the mandate since 2010, also emphasized that the Trump administration is not doing away with the mandate and but instead is working to expand women's access to contraceptives under Title X.

# Hibernians celebrate Irish heritage, assist charities

Have you heard of AOH? It's not texting shorthand. It stands for Ancient Order of Hibernians.

"We stand with our Irish Catholic brothers around the world," said S an Hennessey, District 3 director and president of the Msgr. James Ruddy Division of AOH. "Our cause may be ancient, but we are young, growing and want new members like you to join our fold."

The Ancient Order of Hibernians was founded back in 1836 to protect Catholic churches from being attacked and burned. Since that time, AOH has morphed from a defensive organization to a charitable one.

Today, the AOH focuses on charitable giving and advancing Irish American culture across the state and country. Thousands of men in New York and tens of thousands across the country call each other "brother" in this fraternal organization.

The National AOH has divisions in each of the 50 states, with the Msgr. James Ruddy Division operating out of Watertown. The local division has been in the North Country for over 35 years.

"This has been a busy year," said Hennessey. "The local division made sizable donations to a number of local charities, including Habitat for Humanity, Project St. Patrick, North Country SPCA, Watertown Back Pack Program, Evans Mills Food Pantry and many more. The local division also brought to the North Country a new sport, Irish Road Bowling. Over the summer and fall, dozens

of teams took part in this fun game and raised funds that are now being dispersed to charities right here in the North Country."

AOH members are men of at least 18 years of age, who are Catholic with Irish ancestry.

"Are you someone who's proud of our Irish Catholic culture? Do you like helping others? Do you like having fun? If so,

we want to talk to you about the great work the AOH is doing right here in the North Country," Hennessey said.

The local division will be visiting area parishes over the next several months to promote the work the AOH division has done in the North Country.

For more information, email [nyirish@gmail.com](mailto:nyirish@gmail.com).



At the October meeting of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Msgr. James Ruddy Division, Watertown, several Brothers were presented a commemorative AOH pins honoring them for their service to our country. Pictured are, from left, Henry "Hank" McCarty, James "Obe" O'Brien, Bill Flynn, Past National President Ed Wallace and Richard Lawlee.

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