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NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC

MAY 30, 2018

Pope prays for Catholics in China

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Pope Francis asked people to pray for Catholics in China so that they may be able to live their faith with serenity and in full communion with the pope.

The Catholic Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians

May 24.

In 2008, Pope Benedict XVI established the feast as a world day of prayer for the church in China because Mary is venerated under that title at the Marian shrine in Sheshan, outside Shanghai, China. At the end of his general

audience talk in St. Peter's Square May 23, Pope Francis said the feast day "invites us to be united spiritually with all the Catholic faithful who live in China."

He asked people pray to Our Lady so that Catholics there would be

able "to live the faith with generosity and serenity" and so that they would know how to carry out "concrete gestures of fraternity, harmony and reconciliation, in full communion with the successor of Peter."

JUBILIARIANS HONORED

Six priests mark anniversaries



Father Douglas A. Decker was one of six priests honored at a jubilee Mass and dinner held May 22 as part of the annual Presbyteral Assembly in Lake Placid. Father Decker celebrates 40 years as a priest. Also honored as jubilarians were Father Norman C. Cote and Missionary of the Sacred Heart Father Pierre Aubin, 60 years; Fathers Alan D. Shnob and Alan J. Lamica, 40 years; and Father Timothy G. Cnaan, 25 years. Full coverage of the celebration will be in next week's edition.

Retirement marks end of a Dynasty

Bishop Terry R. LaValley bids farewell to long-time North Country Catholic Editor and General Manager Mary Lou Kilian and reflects on Mrs. Kilian's ministry and service to the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

"For the last forty years, Mary Lou Kilian has worked diligently to strengthen the faith knowledge of the people of the North Country and to tell the faith stories of our sisters and brothers."

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Pope makes new cardinals

Eleven nations represented among the fourteen

picked for the position

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SEMINARIAN EARNS DEGREE



Leagon Carlin, a seminarian from the Diocese of Ogdensburg, receives his diploma from The Most Reverend Frederick Campbell, Bishop of Columbus. Carlin received a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities & Philosophy from The Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. Carlin, a parishioner of St. Peter's in Plattsburgh, will continue his formation and education at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

How lucky I am

After years of quoting popes, presidents and priests for this little column of mine, today I'm turning to Pooh (Winnie, that is) for some words of wisdom in my final outing:

"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

And, believe me, it's hard.

All the attention I've received over the past couple of weeks - especially this overwhelming issue of the paper - has been a bit disconcerting. After all, I've spent nearly four decades asking OTHER people to bear their souls, share their stories and smile pretty. It's quite strange for the focus to be coming at me and not from me.

But I do appreciate the opportunity to say "thank you," with a clear understanding that, if I thanked everyone who has supported me in my work for the *North Country Catholic*, we'd never get this paper to the press. But I can't say goodbye without expressing my undying gratitude to some very special people:

First of all I need to thank my first editor and mentor, Father Bernie Christman who was the best teacher of my life. He taught me everything about the Catholic news business, from the proper use of semi-colons to the theology of the Real Presence. He told me about priests and lay people I needed to handle with kid gloves and others who would be great support with everything I needed.

I'm grateful, too, for my three partners who played such different roles with the paper that it felt like I had three different jobs:

- Linda Langstaff who helped me navigate my early years as a working mother and taught a new college graduate so much about working in the real world;

Mary Lou
Kilian

- Scott Wilson whose business acumen was of immense service to the paper and to me, and whose energy and ambition are still a great inspiration to me. A nationally renowned credit union CEO, I'm proud

to say I knew him when.....

- And, for the past ten years, I have been blessed with the amazing Christine Ward. Christine taught herself everything she needed to know to make it possible for us to move to the Chancery building and publish the paper without the support we had received for decades from the Ogdensburg Journal. Her motto "we'll figure it out" has carried us through every challenging situation. I don't want to admit the number of panicked calls I made to her on Saturday mornings to help me with some technical difficulty. She always figured it out.

These three wonderful people were/are extraordinary employees of the Diocese of Ogdensburg and each became my dear friend.

I also need to thank my reporters and photographers from across the North Country, some who have worked with me since the first day I became editor in 1984, (e.g. Suzanne Pietropaoli and Shan Moore.) My talented "staff" made it possible to give every corner of the diocese the attention it deserved.

I owe so much to my publishers, also known as

Bishop Brzana, Bishop Loverde, Bishop Barbarito, Bishop Cunningham and Bishop LaValley. Each offered great support to the paper and to me personally.

...to have something
that makes saying
goodbye so hard

(And, FYI, as I listened to my friends in the Catholic Press from across the country share stories about their bishops, I learned something important: We have the best one!)

I am also extremely grateful for the diocesan staff with whom I've had the pleasure of working since 1978. Our diocese has been blessed with talented, faith-filled employees through the years. I am also grateful for the support of all our priests, beloved religious and faithful Catholics across the North Country.

I cannot sing the praises of Chuck Kelly and the Journal staff highly enough. What a privilege it was to work in a real newsroom with staff we could actually call our own. We still depend on some of these good people today in the printing and mailing of the *NCC*.

Of course, I would not have survived without the support of my family - my mom and dad who were my biggest cheerleaders, my brothers and sisters, many of whom have been yearly patrons of the paper; and my patient kids who grew up in the eyes of the *NCC* readers.

The very first column I wrote was entitled "Molly's First Christmas." Over the past couple of years you all got to read about the arrival of Annalin, Patrick, Caroline, Tommy and Charlie. Alas, Baby #6 won't get his or her

official *NCC* welcome at the end of July.

But the most important thank you I want to offer today is for my partner in life who has been my rock - as well as an invaluable theological resource - throughout my tenure at the *NCC*. Tom and I will be celebrating our 40th anniversary in a couple weeks which means our marriage has always been colored by my work with the paper.

Our work has often intersected as the *NCC* kept up with the goings-on at Mater Dei, in the formation of the Formation for Ministry program, the diaconate and prison ministry. But he was also a huge support when I spent weeks on European pilgrimages, attended Catholic press gatherings across the country and spent, oh so many years working every weekend. Believe me, we are looking forward to the next chapter of our lives with great anticipation.

Today, though, is a bitter-sweet moment. I'm one of those lucky people who enjoyed coming to work nearly every single day of these 40 years. But it's time for me to pass on the reins to a new generation. I am so looking forward to seeing how Darcy and Christine embrace their role in sharing the good news of the Diocese of Ogdensburg in whatever way it needs to be done.

And thank you to all of our loyal readers, so many of whom have become my friends. I am honored and humbled that you have allowed me to come into your homes every week.

I'll close with the immortal words of Bishop Brzana (who, alas, I remember better than most) - "if I've forgotten to thank anyone, I thank you twice."

FOLLOW ME

Retirement marks the end of a dynasty

By Bishop Terry R. LaValley

For the last forty years, Mary Lou Kilian has worked diligently to strengthen the faith knowledge of the people of the North Country and to tell the faith stories of our sisters and brothers.

In 1984, she became the first lay editor of the North Country Catholic. WOW—1984 when Phil Collins, Kenny Rogers and Billy Joel were household names and when gas was \$1.21 a gallon, a first class stamp cost \$.20, and a new Dodge Ram truck went for \$8,995.

Boy, haven't times changed!

As I was reflecting on certain other popular items of 1984, I remembered the popular TV show, Dynasty, which so many were watching while Mary Lou was beginning her own 34-year Dynasty as editor of our diocesan newspaper.

These years have seen Mary Lou become a premier journalist, winning awards by the Catholic Press Association. In 1996, she received the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Award for World Mission News coverage and, in 1998, Bishop Loverde awarded her the Bishop Edgar P. Wadhams Award for Distinguished Service to the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

These well-earned citations rightly acknowledge and honor a gifted writer whose vocation has been steeped in self-less service to the Church.

Her inspiring editorials always made insightful links between what's happening in our families,

our diocesan family, the Church universal and the world.

A popular 1984 movie that continues to attract millions today is Star Trek: The Search for Spock. I'm not sure if Mary Lou is a trekkie, but she has challenged us, given the current trend away from the traditional print media, to join others in the trek to go where no person has gone before: cyberspace, Facebook, and beyond.

She has also coordinated pilgrimages to holy sites in Italy and Ireland, not searching for Spock, but seeking opportunities for pilgrims to touch base with their spiritual/cultural roots.

On March 3, 1946, in the first issue of the North Country Catholic, Bishop McEntegart wrote that "The present crisis of Christendom and of the world calls for apostolic work by the entire Catholic laity." He went on to express his hope that the "diocesan paper week after week in every Catholic home would not only strengthen the faith of our people, but also help them to meet the problems and trials of everyday life."

The bishop's words seventy-two years ago, ring so true today. There remains a crisis of faith and every one of us has a responsibility to be informed messengers of hope.

Certainly, for the last thirty-four years, Mary Lou Kilian has, as editor of our diocesan newspaper, worked – hard to enable our Catholic homes to be strengthened in their faith as we face the

many challenges in today's culture.

On its tenth space shuttle mission, back in 1984, the astronauts aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger led the first mission where the astronauts attempted an un-tethered spacewalk using propulsive backpacks.

Well, Mary Lou, thirty-four years later, has become untethered from working on weekends and freed from all those commitments and sacrifices that she, Deacon Tom and her family have made so that people from across our diocese and beyond could learn more about what has been happening in our Church.

Saying "Thank you" cannot capture the breadth and the depth of gratitude that this bishop, this local Church wants to express to Mary Lou, as her inspiring leadership in our communications efforts comes to a close.

We thank her for making such a positive impact for so many through the years. God keep her healthy and happy as she begins this new phase of her life. God Bless her and her loved ones!



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE WARD

Bishop Terry R. LaValley presents retiring North Country Catholic Editor/General Manager Mary Lou Kilian a papal blessing.

As we wish Mary Lou well, we express many thanks to Christine Ward, her valued partner and friend. Christine continues to be an invaluable member of our diocesan team who is now bidding farewell to a dear co-

worker.

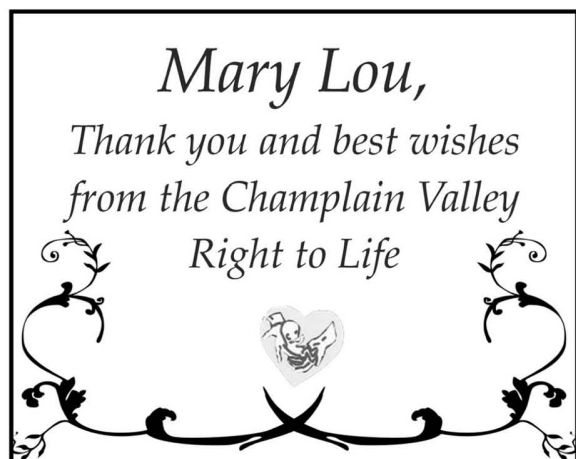
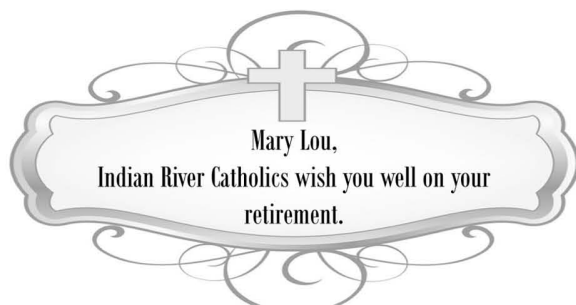
We join Christine and the entire Church of Ogdensburg in welcoming Darcy Fargo as Mary Lou's successor. We look forward to the beginnings of another fruitful "Dynasty."



The Office for the New Evangelization is grateful for the many years of Mary Lou Kilian's witness to the Good News in print as well as for her friendship and camaraderie in and out of the office.

Mary Lou: THANK YOU!
Blessings on you and Tom
Enjoy the full time grandparenting gig!
 (but let's schedule a coffee break soon)





From left, Kathy Mastellon, of St. Patrick's Parish and Elizabeth Ministry, receives items collected at OLSH from Mary Myers, co-director of Lay Missionaries, and Mary Gosier, Lay Missionary, both of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

Shower nets baby products

WATERTOWN – The parishioners of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Watertown assisted needy mothers, babies and young children with a baby shower collection.

The shower was organized by the Lay Missionar-

ies of the Sacred Heart in conjunction with the Elizabeth Ministry chapter in Watertown. Items collected included diapers, wipes, pajamas, blankets and outfits.

Similar showers are conducted annually at St.

Patrick's and St. Anthony's in Watertown.

The Elizabeth Ministry Chapter is sponsored by St. Patrick's. Our Lady of the Sacred Heart donates space in the former school for the hundreds of items collected each year.



Mary Lou,

Thank you for your 40 years of dedicated service to the Diocese as editor of the *NCC*. You poured your heart and soul into your ministry and we have all been blessed because of it!

Thanks too, for your years of leadership at Sportscamp, it was great fun!

Wishing you and Deacon Tom many blessings in your well-earned retirement.

Fr. Christopher Carrara, Deacons Kilian & Lyons, Sister Shirley Anne Brown, SSJ and the parishioners of The Roman Catholic Community of Morristown, Hammond and Rossie

CLEAN-UP CREW



The Catholic Community of Burke & Chateaugay Youth Group participated in the Chateaugay Community Clean-Up Day on May 19. Volunteers helped clean the church grounds and plant flowers. Pictured with the flower bed they planted are, from left, Anna Dalton, Angela Dwyer holding Lauren Dwyer, Ainsley Crawford, Mathew Dwyer, Paul Dwyer, Drew Crawford and Stephen Dwyer.

Mary Lou,

*Best Wishes and many blessings on your well-deserved retirement.
Thank you for your decades of dedication to the
Diocese and the North Country.
We are all so lucky to know someone like you who
make it hard to say goodbye.
God Bless!*

*From The Pontifical Mission Societies in the Diocese of Ogdensburg
Molly Ryan and Sr. Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ*

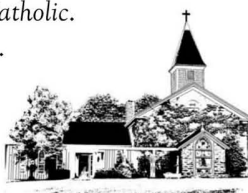


Mary Lou,

The Catholic Community of Alexandria
Thanks you for your reporting,
your editorializing, your dedication
and your love of the *North Country Catholic*.
We have been enriched by you.



St. Cyril's Church, Alexandria Bay



St. Francis Xavier Church, Redwood



Mary Lou,

*We are deeply grateful for your many years of service
as an editor for the *North Country Catholic*.
Be sure of our daily prayers for you and your family.*

The Sisters of St. Joseph



Today in the news...

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NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC

The End of an Era: Happy Retirement!

YOU WILL BE MISSED
Historic Career Comes to a Close

THE FUTURE IS LOOKING BRIGHT!

Diocese Sad to See Mary Lou Go

While happy for Mary Lou, residents of the Diocese of Ogdensburg are sad to see her leave. We'll miss you. FULL COVERAGE, SEE PAGES 8-10

Mary Lou will retire effective May 31. We wish her well as she spends her future traveling, enjoying life and loving grandchildren. She will be truly missed, with miss reading about her adventures and her insight, and her outstanding leadership of the North Country Catholic. Thank you for sharing the news of how the Gospel is being lived in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. May God warmly bless you as you enter this next phase.

**Congratulations on your retirement,
and thank you for your years of
dedicated service to the Diocese of
Ogdensburg and the readers of the
North Country Catholic!**

*- The Communities of
St. Augustine's, North Bangor
& St. Mary's, Brushton*

Mary Lou,

A beautiful journey from
Guggenheim to Retirement!
Thank You!

St. Mary's, Clayton
St. John's, LaFargeville



Mary Lou,

There was never any
"Fake News"
under your leadership.
Thanks for the
Memories.

St. James Church, Carthage
St. Mary's Church, Copenhagen



Rest in Peace

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

- May 30** – Rev. J. Heliodore Valois, 1952
May 31 – Rev. John J. Dean, 1930; Rev. Eugene T. Desnoyers, 1993
June 1 – Rev. Tobias M. Glenn, 1907; Rev. Charles B. Cotter, 2001
June 2 – Rev. Antoine Buch, O.F.M., 1927; Msgr. John L. Plunkett, 1950; Deacon Richard T. Larche, 1989
June 3 – Rev. Auriemma Veronneau, O.M.I., 1962; His Holiness, Blessed John XXIII, Pope, 1963; Rev. Franz P. Romuald Reiter, 1971; Rev. Bernard W. Desnoyers, 1987
June 4 – V. Rev. Ferdinand Richard, O.M.I., 1971
June 5 – Rev. Charles Donaher, O.S.A., 1984

To Report Abuse

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact **Victims Assistance Coordinator**, Terrianne Yanulavich, Adult & Youth Counseling Services of Northern New York, 618 Lake Rd, Chateaugay, NY 12920; terrianneyanulavich@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



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Bishop's Schedule

- May 30** - 9:30 a.m., Leadership Gift Reception at St. John's Church in Keeseville
 7 p.m., Leadership Gift Reception at St. John's Church in Keeseville
May 31 - 12 p.m., Leadership Gift Reception at Holy Name Parish Center in AuSable Forks
 6 p.m., Leadership Gift Reception at St. Patrick's Church Hall in Watertown
June 1 - 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
June 2 - 4 p.m., Confirmation at St. Patrick's Church in Rouses Point
June 3 - 2 p.m., Mass followed by Corpus Christi Procession at St. Andrew's Church in Norwood
June 4 - 11 a.m., Pontifical Mission Societies of the Diocese of Ogdensburg Board Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg
 7:15 p.m., Novena & Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
June 5 - 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg
 12 p.m., Leadership Gift Reception at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ogdensburg
 6:30 p.m., Leadership Gift Reception at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ogdensburg
June 6 - 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
 7 p.m., Leadership Gift Reception at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Watertown

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 by selecting the registration button and following the directions. Upcoming sessions:
May 24 - 5:30 p.m., Trinity Catholic, Massena
May 30 - 1 p.m., Diocesan Offices, Ogdensburg
May 31 - 6 p.m., Church of the Assumption, Redford
 - 8:30 a.m., Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, Watertown
June 16 - 9 a.m., St. Joseph's Church, Dannemora

Environmental Stewardship

Planting Seeds of Hope

Do you enjoy the songs of birds and the beauty of the butterfly? Do you enjoy the fruits of the earth pollinated by the bees? Do you enjoy watching wildlife? Do you enjoy pets and benefit from domestic animals? If your answer to any of these questions is affirmative, then, another question needs to be asked. What are we doing to provide for a healthy environment for all inhabitants on the earth? We know that there is an increase number of species that are becoming extinct or impacted by the overuse of pesticides. There is increasing evidence that one of the major causes of cancer and disease come from environmental contamination as well.

More than 50 years ago one person who planted 'seeds of hope' was Racheal Carson, a biologist and author of "Silent Springs," published September, 1962. In it she documented the adverse effects on the environment of the indiscriminate use of pesticides. She stated that overuse of them was counterproductive, because it would create insect resistance to pesticides, making them useless in eliminating the target insect populations. Her research and tireless efforts inspired an environmental movement that led to the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. She was a prophetic voice and a 'witness of nature' that is even more relevant and needed, if our planet is to survive into the 22nd century.

Suggestion for lawns and gardens, use Racheal's quote from the director of Holland's Plant Protection Service: "Spray as little as you possibly can' rather than "Spray to the limit of your capacity." Pressure on the pest population should always be as slight as possible.' Look for natural alternatives to pesticides.

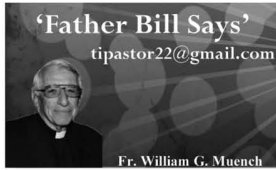
Let us pray: "All-powerful God, . . . Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. . . . Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty not pollution and destruction. . . . Amen." - *Prayer for Our Earth in Laudato Si*

Be mindful of the workings of the Holy Spirit

Let me begin with “a tip of my hat” to my editor and friend, Mary Lou Kilian, who is now moving into retirement. Thank you, Mary Lou, for your years of dedication to the North Country Catholic. Ever since I became a priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, I have recognized the importance of the North Country Catholic to the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Thank you, Mary Lou, for continuing that importance of the North Country Catholic. In addition, thank you for your demand for excellence.

At this time, I also want to give a sincere welcome to Darcy Fargo, who will be our new editor. Thank you for joining our efforts, Darcy. I look forward to working with you.

Today, I would like to share some of my thoughts as we continue our celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit in this time of Pentecost. During Pentecost weekend, Bishop Terry R. LaValley came to our



parish to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our young people. The Sacrament of Confirmation reminds us of the continuing action of the Holy Spirit in us all. May we all be inspired to live our lives actively involved in our Catholic Church and as good Christians in the Spirit of Jesus.

Each day, I believe, as we remain open to the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, we will truly make a difference in our world. This is not something we can schedule, rather the Holy Spirit presents us opportunities that are often surprises to bring God's peace and love into our world.

I know that many evenings – as I look over the day's activities – I wonder, “how did I ever think to do this or that today?” I am often sur-

prised at some of the good things – sometimes little things, but good things – that are truly great that I did this day. I know only too well it is the Holy Spirit, the power of the Holy Spirit, that gave me the wisdom and the opportunity to bring peace or love into the life of someone else. Remember, bringing happiness to just one person makes the world a better place.

However, I know only too well that there are other times when I end the day and must honestly say to myself, “I should have...” There were too many times that I have not listened to the Holy Spirit, times when I have missed the opportunity to follow the Spirit's guidance to help someone, even in a little way. “I should have” talked to someone, “I should have” visited someone, “I

should have” spent time with that person, “I should have...” I've had so many opportunities to do good, and in so many of those opportunities, I have made a difference. Yet there were still so many times when I refused to listen to the Spirit.

I have told you this story before, yet here it is again: Years ago, a man came to visit me at the rectory on a Saturday morning. He was inquiring about becoming Catholic. As we talked, he explained to me that he was truly impressed by a co-worker who was a Catholic. He was so impressed by the way he lived his life, even in the little things. He told me that “I want what he has.” I knew the man he was talking about. I knew that if I had called up that fellow (I didn't) – to tell him

how he had impressed someone, he would be surprised. He probably would have told me that he was just an ordinary person, an ordinary Catholic, who was just trying to live his faith as well as he could. Obviously, he was someone who took his faith seriously. Can you imagine someone be so impressed with the way you lived your Catholic faith? I hope there are many.

The Holy Spirit has one other task: to convince us, each one of us, that as members of the Catholic Church, as members of the Body of Christ, we are important. God needs us. The Holy Spirit brings us the power to make us truly important in the Lord's plan to transform our world and make our Church alive. Yes, we are an important part of Christ's plan.

**Congratulations
Mary Lou
on your retirement.**

**We wish it to be filled
with fun & happiness.**

The Development Office
Scott, Val & Renee

God bless you Mary Lou!

Thank you for using your talents to build the
Body of Christ in our diocese for many years.

The Parishes of Immaculate Conception in Brownville

&

St. Andrews in Sackets Harbor

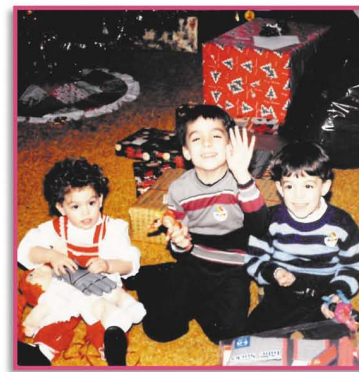
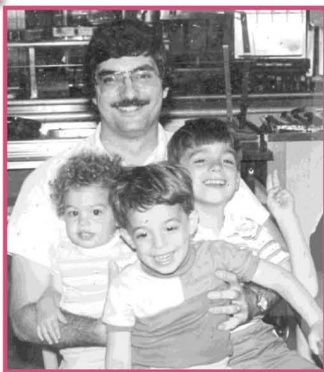


Immaculate Conception Church
Brownville



St. Andrews Church
Sackets Harbor

Mom, Congratulations on all you have accomplished



You have set the best example for us and our children in life and in faith. Here's to your second act, without a Saturday deadline!



Love and God's blessings to you now and always,
Tom, Ben, Jon, Molly, Jolene, Jill, TJ, Annalin, Patrick, Caroline, Tommy & Charlie

Congratulations Lou!



We are so proud of you and blessed to have you for our big sister.



May your retirement be filled with many perfect days on "Our River".



Much love,

Jack, Terri, Tom, Pete, Ed, Joe and Jane

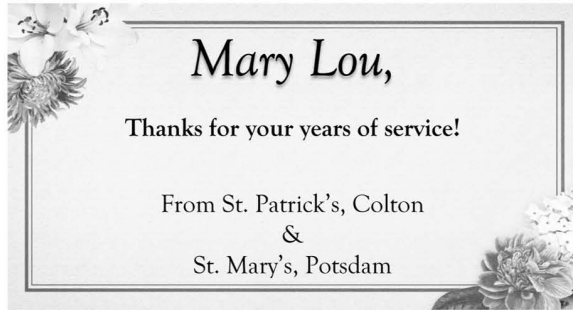




“Goodbye may seem forever
Farewell is like the end
But in my heart is a memory
And there you'll always be.”

Mary Lou,

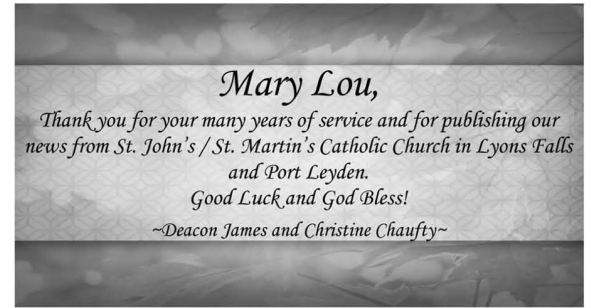
Thank you so much for everything you have taught me over the past 10 years! You are going to be very missed. Enjoy your babies and keep an eye on yours steps!
~Christine~



Mary Lou,

Thanks for your years of service!

From St. Patrick's, Colton
&
St. Mary's, Potsdam



Mary Lou,

*Thank you for your many years of service and for publishing our news from St. John's / St. Martin's Catholic Church in Lyons Falls and Port Leyden.
Good Luck and God Bless!
~Deacon James and Christine Chaufy~*



Mary Lou,

The Parishioners of
St. Patrick's of Brasher Falls
&
St. Lawrence of North Lawrence
thank you for your 40 years of
commitment and enthusiasm for
communicating the
Good News.



Mary Lou,
Thank you for your
dedicated and professional
service over all these years.

The Catholic Community of
Cape Vincent, Rosiere
&
Chaumont

To Mary Lou Kilian, our Diocesan wordsmith:

Thank you for revealing the Word of God alive within North Country Catholics for forty wonderful years! One suggestion, retire the word 'retirement' from your vocabulary.

Look it up: it means to 'withdraw' or 'retreat.' Words can shape reality!

Will not 'renaissance' or 'graduation' or 'transition' better describe your post career life?

With heartfelt gratitude,

The Catholic Church in the High Peaks

St. Agnes in Lake Placid + St. Brendan in Keene



Pope Francis to create 14 new cardinals on June 29

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Francis announced he would make 14 new cardinals June 29, giving the red cardinal's hat to the papal almoner, the Iraq-based patriarch of the Chaldean Catholic Church and the archbishop of Karachi, Pakistan, among others.

Announcing his choices May 20, the pope said that coming from 11 nations, the new cardinals "express the universality of the church, which continues to proclaim the merciful love of God to all people of the earth."

Pope Francis' list included three men over the age of 80 "who have distinguished themselves for their service to the church."

When the pope made the announcement, the College of Cardinals had 213 members, 115 of whom were under the age of 80 and therefore eligible to vote in a conclave to elect a new pope. Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, was to celebrate his 80th birthday June 8.

Under Pope Francis, the idea that some church posts and large archdioceses always are led by a cardinal is fading, but is not altogether gone. His latest choices included the papal vicar of Rome, Cardinal-designate Angelo De Donatis, and the prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Cardinal-designate Luis F. Ladaria. But other traditional cardinal sees like Venice and Milan in Italy or Baltimore and Philadelphia in the United States were not included in the pope's latest picks.

With the new nominations, the number of cardinal-electors — those under 80 and eligible to vote in a conclave — will exceed by five the limit of 120 set by Pope Paul VI. But previous popes also set the limit aside without formally changing the limit.

After the consistory June 29, Pope Francis will have created almost half of the voting cardinals. Nineteen of those under 80 in late June will be cardinals given red hats by St. John Paul II; 47 will have been created by retired Pope Benedict XVI; and 59 will have been welcomed into

the College of Cardinals by Pope Francis.

The new cardinals, listed in the order Pope Francis announced them, are:

- Chaldean Patriarch Louis Raphael I Sako, 69, Iraq.
- Spanish Archbishop Luis F. Ladaria, 74, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.
- Italian Archbishop Angelo De Donatis, 64, papal vicar for the Diocese of Rome.
- Italian Archbishop Giovanni Angelo Becciu, 69, substitute secretary of state.
- Polish Archbishop Konrad Krajewski, 54, papal almoner.
- Archbishop Joseph Coutts of Karachi, Pakistan, 72.
- Bishop Antonio dos Santos Marto of Leiria-Fátima, Portugal, 71.
- Archbishop Pedro Barreto of Huancayo, Peru, 74.
- Archbishop Desire Tsarahazana of Toamasina, Madagascar, 63.
- Archbishop Giuseppe Petrocchi of L'Aquila, Italy, 69.
- Archbishop Thomas Aquinas Manyo Maeda of Osaka, Japan, 69.
- Archbishop Sergio Obeso Rivera, retired archbishop of Xalapa, Mexico, 86.
- Bishop Toribio Ticona Porco, retired prelate of Corocoro, Bolivia, 81.
- Spanish Claretian Father Aquilino Bocos Merino, 80.

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

U.S. Catholics donate nearly \$59 million for disaster relief

WASHINGTON (CNS)—U.S. Catholics have donated close to \$59 million to relief and recovery efforts in response to the destruction caused by three hurricanes that hit the United States and the Caribbean and two earthquakes in Mexico last year. The devastation from these "unprecedented disasters continues to impact the lives of our brothers and sisters in the United States, across the Caribbean and in Mexico," said Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi of Mobile, Alabama, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on National Collections. "We are profoundly grateful to the dioceses that took up special collections or made donations," he said in a May 21 statement. "The support of parishioners is an act of charity and a reflection of love for neighbor. We ask for continued prayers of support for the people affected by these historic natural disasters." The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in a news release reported the various amounts raised for disaster relief as of mid-May: Hurricane Harvey, \$37.2 million; Hurricane Irma, \$12.8 million; Hurricane Maria, \$6.1 million; Mexico earthquakes, \$3.5 million.

Pray for families, receive an indulgence, Vatican says

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Catholics who participate in the World Meeting of Families in Dublin in August or pray with their families during the Aug. 21-26 event can receive a plenary indulgence, the Vatican announced. An indulgence is a remission of the temporal punishment a person is due for sins that have been forgiven. The theme of the Dublin meeting, which Pope Francis plans to attend, is "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World. So that the faithful prepare spiritually to participate in the event in the best way, His Holiness Pope Francis willingly concedes the gift of indulgences," said the decree released May 22 by the Vatican Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life. To receive the indulgence, it said, people must be "truly repentant and motivated by charity" and dedicate themselves "to the sanctification of the family, following the example of the holy family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph." The conditions necessary for receiving a plenary indulgence include having recently gone to confession, receiving the Eucharist and offering prayers for the intentions of the pope.

Pope moves 12 sainthood causes ahead

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Francis issued decrees recognizing that 12 candidates for sainthood, including U.S. Sacred Heart Brother Norbert McAuliffe, lived the Christian virtues in a heroic way. The decrees promulgated by the pope May 19 are the first major step in the sainthood process. A miracle attributed to the candidate's intercession would be needed before beatification and another miracle would be needed for the person's canonization. Brother McAuliffe was born Sept. 30, 1886, in New York. After joining the missionary Brothers of the Sacred Heart, he was sent to Uganda where he founded the order's first mission in Gulu, in the north of the country. He died there July 3, 1959. Among the other decrees was one recognizing the "heroic virtues" of Polish Cardinal August Hlond, archbishop of Gniezno and Warsaw during World War II. He died in 1948. A Colombian bishop, Bishop Miguel Angel Builes Gomez of Santa Rosa de Osos, who died in 1971, also was among the candidates whose causes advanced.

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Reflecting on the body and blood of Christ

The Feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ) was established by Pope Urban IV in 1264.

He was probably influenced by a miracle which had occurred in Boslena, Italy. A German priest, Father Peter of Prague, stopped there to celebrate Mass. It is interesting to know that this priest had been having doubts about the truth of the Real Presence.

As he elevated the sacred Host that day, blood poured down on his hands, and onto the altar linens. The blood on the corporal scientifically proved to be human blood is still intact at Orvieto to this day.

There are many other authenticated miracles concerning the Real Presence which are supportive, but not necessary for our faith. Jesus, after all, becomes sacramentally present at every Mass in our own home-town Church.

Does Jesus remain in the elements after Mass? The ancient practice of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has been encouraged by recent popes in support of the practice of Holy Hours and Benediction. St. Augustine once said: "No one should eat this flesh without first adoring it...we should sin were we not to adore it"



**Monsignor
Paul E.
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(On the Psalms 98:9).

Feasts are established by the Church to strengthen faith. This feast is no exception. The readings for today's Mass describe the ritual actions of Moses' pouring blood on the people. Why? To help them remember God's commands. The second reading speaks of Jesus pouring out his blood on all people. This priestly act effectively redeemed the world from the Father's displeasure.

Then, the Gospel narrates how Jesus established the sacrament of Eucharist as the means of continuing His saving death. "Do this in remembrance of Me", He told His Apostles.

There is tremendous meaning in the word "communion" which de-

June 3

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READINGS

Exodus 24:3-8

Heb. 9:11-15

Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

scribes our reception of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Just as Jesus at the Last Supper passed around the one chalice, so too we share the one bread and the one cup at every Mass. First, we adore, then we receive, then we become the food we have received. We are truly one body in Christ. Strengthened and transformed in love, truth, and joy through the Spirit, we are ready to share the fruits of love, compassion, forgiveness, service,

and all the rest of the great fruits of the Spirit with our brothers and sisters.

We are so privileged whenever we receive the Holy Eucharist, for we become what we have received. Incredible! That carries with it responsibilities. It is important for us to prepare by prayer before receiving Eucharist, and to make a suitable Thanksgiving after we have received the Eucharist.

Our bodily gestures should reflect faith, fervence, and awareness of what has just transpired. Reflect back several times during the day on this gift God has given us. By this awareness, we may receive some inspiration of just how we will share the Lord this day.

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AT THE MOVIES

POPE FRANCIS: A MAN OF HIS WORD

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) – Veteran filmmaker Wim Wenders respectfully profiles the current successor of St. Peter in the well-crafted, sometimes moving documentary "Pope Francis: A Man of His Word" (Focus). Though Wenders also provides some narration, as his title suggests, he largely lets the pontiff speak for himself.

That approach pays off by allowing the audience to hear Francis' views on a wide variety of topics of interest to believers and nonbelievers alike.

These include the environment, the situation of young people, relations with the Islamic world, economic inequality and the clergy sex abuse crisis. Francis also sets out, in a general way, his vision for

the future of the church.

Along with original interviews with the pope conducted at the Vatican, Wenders incorporates footage of his worldwide travels, which have included trips to North and South America, Africa and, closer to home, Greece and the southern Italian city of Naples.

We also see Francis answering questions from youngsters and, in a particularly touching scene, offering encouragement to the inmates of a prison.

While Wenders is unstinting in his appreciation of Francis, he sometimes misguidedly attempts to highlight this pope's qualities by contrasting them, at least implicitly, with what he perceives to be the shortcomings of Francis' predecessors or of some members of the hi-

erarchy.

Thus the lavishly decorated public rooms of the Apostolic Palace are rather naively set out as unspoken evidence that previous popes liked to "live large."

The film contains mature themes and some potentially upsetting images. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II – adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG. Some material may not be suitable for children.



CNS PHOTO/FOCUS FEATURES

Pope Francis stars in a scene from the documentary "Pope Francis: A Man of His Word."



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CLINTON

HEALING MASS

Morrisonville – St. Alexander's Parish will have a Healing Mass.

Date: June 7

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Features: Also included will be Anointing of the Sacrament of the Sick, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession and the opportunity to receive individual prayer with members of Living Waters Healing Ministry.

BAZAAR AND CAR SHOW

Moers Forks – St. Ann's Annual Bazaar & Car Show to be held.

Date: June 3

Time: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place: St. Ann's Grounds

Cost: Pre-register \$10 or \$15 day of show

Features: Top 40 Picks & Special Awards; Craft Show, Big Ticket, Theme Baskets, Free Entertainment; Food

Contact: To pre-register a vehicle call 518-236-5632

MISSION OF HOPE CONCERT

Peru – Towne Meeting, will perform its ninth benefit concert as the culminating event of the Mission of Hope's 20th Anniversary celebration.

Date: June 3

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: St. Augustine's Church

Features: Admission is by donation to support the ongoing efforts of the Mission to build safe stoves for families in Nicaragua.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Peru – The 32nd Annual Knights of Columbus Council 7273 Bill McBride Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament will be held.

Date: June 15

Time: 10 a.m. Shotgun start; tournament is dedicated to its former chairman, the late Bill McBride Jr.

Place: Adirondack Golf and Country Club

Features: Four-person scramble

Contact: Obtain entry forms and information from Greg Lombard at 518-643-5444 or email gnetlombard@charter.net.

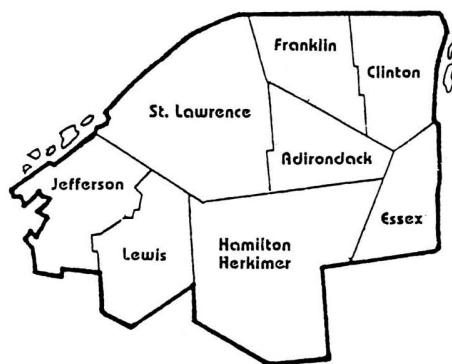
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Plattsburgh – Donations are being accepted now for the Seton Garage Sale.

Date: Donations accepted now,

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Fort Covington – Grand Opening of Mary's Place Thrift Store to be held.

Date: June 2

Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center

Features: Please join us as we celebrate the grand opening of Mary's Place Thrift Store! Come browse our selection of gently used clothing, shoes, home goods and much more!

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SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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

Date: May 31

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

Place: Msgr. Sechi Hall

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

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

PLANT AND BAKE SALE

Brownville – Plant and Bake Sale to be held.

Date: June 1 and 2

Place: In front of Immaculate Conception Church

Features: Proceeds will to support the programs offered by the Watertown

Faith and Ecology Group.

HEALING MASS

Clayton – All are invited to attend the St. Mary's Annual Healing Mass and Antoine Tetrault Memorial Service.

Date: June 16

Time: 11 a.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

Features: Fr. Art LaBaff and Fr. Chris Looby will celebrate the Mass. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered during the Mass. Prayer teams will be available after Mass for individual prayer.

LEWIS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Lowville – Eucharistic Adoration to be held.

Date: June 1

Time: 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Place: St. Peter's Church

Features: To pray for vocations and world peace, you are invited to join us in morning prayer, Mass, and Eucharistic Adoration.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

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

Date: June 3

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

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

CORPUS CHRISTI

ST. LAWRENCE

Norwood – A Celebration of Corpus Christi to be held.

Date: June 3

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: St. Andrew's Church

Features: Mass followed by a procession with the Holy Sacrament around the block and back into the church where benediction will conclude the service. Bishop Terry LaValley, will be the principle celebrant. All are welcome.

TRIP TO YANKEE GAME

Canton – The Canton Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Yankee Baseball Trip to New York City.

Date: Aug. 10

Cost: \$230 per/person double occupancy and includes luxury coach transportation, game ticket, one night's hotel stay and breakfast on Saturday.

Contact: cantonkofc@gmail.com or call 315-714-2016.

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Canton – Canton-Potsdam K of C Assembly 707 is hosting a Golf Tournament. Proceeds benefit Special Olympics

Date: June 16

Place: Partridge Run Golf Course

Features: captain and crew format with prizes for the top three finishers Men's, Women's and Mixed, contests for longest drive, closest to pin and putting. Cost is \$50 and includes cart and lunch.

Contact: To register a team, email: cantonkofc@gmail.com or leave a message at 315-714-2016.

HEALING MASS

Raymondville – Spring Healing Mass to be held.

Date: June 5

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: St. Raymond's Church

Features: Fr. Garry Giroux will be the celebrant.

GROUP DISCUSSION

Waddington – Join us for a five-week group discussion of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation Rejoice and Be Glad (Gaudete and Exsultate).

Date: Thursdays

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Parish Hall

Features: We will discuss one chapter each week. The text of the document is available online on the Vatican Website: <https://goo.gl/1sESST>

Contact: For more information or to register (registration appreciated, but not required), please contact Marika Donders at mdonders@rcdony.org

DIOCESAN EVENTS

MEN'S RETREAT

Saranac Lake – A diocesan men's retreat to be held.

Date: June 8-10

Place: Guggenheim Lodge

Cost: \$100, includes meals and lodging

Theme: Into the Deep – Finding Peace Through Peter

Contact: John Miner, 518-354-0727 or jdminer@roadrunner.com

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We'll miss you, Mary Lou

Molly and I will miss our co-worker and friend, Mary Lou Killian, in the office next door to us in the Chancery. Though we are in separate offices and perform very different roles, we work together daily, diligently with a sense of purpose. Observing Mary Lou, it was obvious she loved her work of making Christ and His love better known for all to read in the North Country Catholic. Through her choosing articles and photos, she kept us informed of updates from the Vatican and the impact of the Catholic Church in many cultures throughout the world.

Mary Lou's stayed true to the purpose of the North Country Catholic as she invited guest writers from around the diocese to help readers understand scripture, writings of Pope Francis and other interests pertinent to our Catholic living. A highlight of Mary Lou's writing has been her ability to keep us informed of the crucial role of faith communities covering an area of 12,036 square miles. With the arrival of each paper my interest peaked to see the variety of scenes and varying ages of "Faces of Faith." In moments of great joy and challenges, you can see the power of faith in the diocese and alive in people's hearts.

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OBITUARIES

Brushton – Edward J. Russell, Jr., 53; Mass of Christian Burial May 26, 2018 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Cape Vincent – John F. Rehm, 92; Mass of Christian Burial May 25, 2018 at St. Vincent of Paul Church; burial in St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery.

Chazy – Rebecca J. (Perry) Laurin, 58; Mass of Christian Burial May 24, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Fort Covington – Anthony H. French, 75; Mass of Christian Burial May 21, 2018 at St. Mary's of the Fort; burial old St. Mary's Cemetery.

Glenfield – Jean Frances (McGrath) Reed, 95; Mass of Christian Burial June 25, 2018 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Old Glendale Cemetery.

Hogansburg – Sherwin Jay Seymour, 59; Mass of Christian Burial May 23, 2018 at St. Regis Church.

Lake Placid – Robert "Bob" Roy Reynolds, 89; Mass of Christian Burial May 26, 2018 at St. Agnes Church; burial in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Lowville – Randy J. Bernat, 61; Mass of Christian Burial May 24, 2018 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Lowville Rural Cemetery.

Lyon Mountain – Linda Marie (Shantie) Siskavich, 70; Mass of Christian Burial May 24, 2018 at St. Bernard's Church

Peru – Gail (Page) Hoffmann, 77; Mass of Christian Burial May 30, 2018 at St.

Augustine's Church; burial Whispering Maples Mausoleum.

Plattsburgh – Richard J. DuBrey, 88; Mass of Christian Burial May 24, 2018 at St. Peter's Church.

Potsdam – Dr. Gary J. Bennett, 66; Mass of Christian Burial May 25, 2018 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Potsdam – Evelyn Frances Hale Dwyer, 96; Funeral Services May 25, 2018 at Garner Funeral Home; burial St. Mary's Cemetery.

Potsdam – John Hudson Remington, 88; Funeral Services May 25, 2018 at the Donaldson Funeral Home; burial Hillcrest

Cemetery, Parishville.

Ticonderoga – Tara (Gray) Roque, 44; Mass of Christian Burial May 24, 2018 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Valley View Cemetery.

Watertown – Ruth (Reynolds) Nevin, 82; Funeral Services May 20, 2018 at Cummings Funeral Home, Inc.; burial in Brookside cemetery.

West Chazy – Nancy T. (Ducatte) Hobbs, 79; Memorial Mass May 25, 2018 at St. Joseph's Church.

West Chazy – Stanley Joseph LaPier, 82; Mass of Christian Burial May 19, 2018 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

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Court upholds decision on assisted suicide

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. (CNS) -- A California appeals court has denied Attorney General Xavier Becerra's request for an immediate stay on a lower court ruling that overturned the state's assisted suicide law.

The decision was handed down May 23 by the 4th District Court of Appeal in Riverside. The court gave Becerra and

other interested parties 25 days to provide more arguments as to why the court should grant the stay and suspend the lower court ruling.

The attorney general requested the stay after Judge Daniel A. Ottolia of Riverside County Superior Court ruled May 15 that the California Legislature violated existing law

when it passed the End of Life Option Act during a special session dedicated to health care.

The 2015 law, which went into effect in June 2016, authorized doctors to prescribe lethal prescriptions to any patient determined by two doctors to have six months or less to live.

On June 16, 2017, Ottolia ruled that a civil rights lawsuit challenging the assisted suicide law could go forward. Five California physicians and the

American Academy of Medical Ethics brought the legal challenge.

In reaction to Ottolia's May 15 decision to overturn the law, the executive director of the California Catholic Conference called the ruling encouraging because it "was a bad law."

"Our opposition to assisted suicide is no secret, but this legislation was also opposed by a broad coalition of doctors, nurses, seniors and the disabled community, who

fought this bill for many, many reasons," said Ned Dolejsi said in a May 16 statement.

The Sacramento-based California Catholic Conference is the public policy arm of the state's Catholic bishops.

"Health care professionals were shocked at the cynicism and questioned why the state was embracing doctor-assisted suicide as the standard of care for people who needed respect and support," Dolejsi said in his statement. "Others were offended at the way Medical patients -- often refused coverage for palliative care -- were offered coverage for lethal prescriptions instead.

"Still others were truly disturbed by the lack of safeguards to prevent seniors and the disabled from being railroaded into assisted suicide," he continued.

Last year in arguing against the lawsuit going forward, Becerra said that no one would be required to resort to the law. But he also said that terminally ill patients are different from others and therefore can be treated differently, and that patients who choose to end their lives have the right to have a physician help them do so.

If state lawmakers again take up the issue of assisted suicide, Dolejsi said, "we hope they address the real issue in front of them -- how do we protect the dignity and quality of life of those among us facing a serious or terminal illness, and how do we help our loved ones feel love and support as they contemplate the end of their life."



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