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## AT THE RITE OF ELECTION



The RCC of St. Alexander and St. Joseph in Morrisonville had four catechumens and 11 candidates attend the Rite of Election on March 10. This year, the RCIA program in that community has 20 individuals in the RCIA program. Five are catechumens and 15 are candidates. Catechumens are preparing to receive the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist, while candidates have already been baptized and are preparing for the Eucharist and confirmation. The candidates and catechumens were photographed with their sponsors and families, as well as Bishop Terry R. LaValley, Father Scott Seymour, pastor of the RCC of St. Alexander and St. Joseph, and Sister Deepali Bankar, director of religious formation for the community. See the full story on Page 4.

## ALL ARE WELCOME

Cursillo to host Day of Reflection



Father Albert J. Hauser gives a witness talk at last year's Day of Reflection, hosted by North Country Cursillo. This year's Day of Reflection will be held March 23 at St. Helen's Church in the hamlet of Chasm Falls, part of St. André Bessette Parish in Malone.

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## U.S. bishops condemn mosque attack

WASHINGTON (CNS) - U.S. Catholic bishops condemned the two mosque attacks in Christchurch, New Zealand, March 15 that left 50 people dead and 20 seriously injured, and they also pledged their solidarity with the Muslim community.

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said he was "deeply saddened by the

senseless attacks" and joined with New Zealand's bishops in "expressing solidarity with the Muslim community and in calling Catholics to join in prayer for the victims of this shooting, their families and the Muslim community that was directly targeted."

"May almighty God change the hearts of those who hate to recognize the inherent dignity of all people and bring consolation

to all those affected by this heart-rending loss," he said in a March 15 statement.

The cardinal also said he agreed with the New Zealand bishops, who said they were "particularly horrified that this has happened at a place and time of prayer."

Pittsburgh Bishop David A. Zubik similarly expressed sadness and shock over the shooting, recalling what his own community endured five

months ago when a gunman opened fire in a Pittsburgh synagogue killing 11 and wounding six others.

"Together with so many others, my heart hurts to learn of yet another mass shooting in a place of worship," he said. "The senseless taking of innocent life is only made more disturbing when people are targeted because of their beliefs and as they gather to pray."

The bishop said his local community "knows all too well the shock and horror of a massacre such as this. Yet, an act intended to tear people apart can instead build up a community that is 'Stronger than Hate.'"

In his March 15 statement, he said he hopes the Muslim community in Christchurch will "know the love and support of their neighbors near and far in the face of the evil they have experienced."

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

## Truth sometimes requires context

"I just saw Darcy on TV getting put in handcuffs and the back of a police car."

That was what my twin sister, Deanna, told my parents when she called them from her apartment in the Buffalo area, where we attended different colleges.

Was the statement true? Yes. But in her effort to rile up my parents, Deanna intentionally waited to explain that I had been playing the role of the driver in a mock DWI car crash staged as an educational event for students at my college.

Deanna's statement was

true, but until she gave it context, it didn't accurately reflect the full truth.

I thought about this incident (which I found hysterical, by the way) as I was reflecting on a discussion I had with an acquaintance who described herself as "spiritual but not religious."

There was a period of my life where I would've described myself as "spiritual but not religious." Looking back on it, it was a belief system that put me at the center. I could disregard any of the rules or teachings I had learned in my Catholic up-

bringing. I could tell myself I was a great person, and anything I did was just fine "as long as I didn't hurt others." There was nothing to challenge me to do better, to be better or to be holier.

Like Deanna's recounting my apparent arrest, "spiritual but not religious" lacks context. It lacks the fullness of truth.

As Catholics, we get the context of Holy Scripture, and we get the context of church teachings and tradition to help us figure out what it all means and how we should be living it. We're challenged – called, in fact – to keep striving for holiness and to better ourselves and our relationships with the Lord.

That brings me to the Rite of Election and Call to Conversion. In this hyper secular, hyper individualistic society, it is awe-inspiring to see so many individuals – 20 from one parish alone – responding to God's call to conversion and the fullness of the church.

These are people saying they want to make God, not themselves, the center of their lives. They're saying they want to live God's way, not their way. They want the fullness of truth.

Let's join our prayers with theirs as they move toward the Easter Vigil and receiving the sacraments.

And to those making that journey, welcome home.



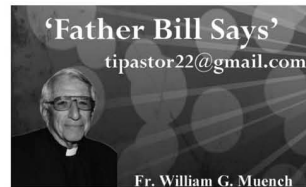
Darcy L.  
Fargo

## Grateful for the Lenten experience

Today, a little bit about my Lent. I love Lent. I am truly grateful for Lent. It only took a few days this year for me to again realize how much I love Lent. It is an important time for me and for my own spiritual life. Each year, Lent brings new life into my own spiritual life. For this I thank God.

Lent presents a real challenge for us all. Like you, I add several Lenten practices to my daily life as I try to draw closer to the Lord. I suspect I should have added them long ago, but I needed the challenge of Lent to remind me and to encourage myself to a better spiritual life. Lent is a time when the church reminds me that now is the perfect time to do something special and to do something special to be open to the Lord's presence in my life.

So, a few things about my Lent. First of all, Lent is about prayer for me. I find that during Lent, my prayer life becomes new and more



alive. I have been here before, but each year I feel called to something that is new and alive. These Lenten programs bring to me a real feeling of being closer to the Lord. For this, I am deeply grateful. Lent challenges me to spend more time in prayer in an effort to strengthen my relationship with the Lord.

Then there is Sacred Scripture. I spend more time reading the Sacred Scriptures, and they truly become a prayer for me. I have always loved the study of the Sacred Scriptures since my days in the seminary. The Scriptures that are read at the Masses each day during Lent are the same each year. They are like old friends. And each year

something new comes up. Each day, as I prepare for Mass, and when I listen to the reading of the Scriptures and then read the Gospels myself, I know that God has a new and important message for me. I pray that I do not miss the messages that the Lord has for me this year.

Then as Lent draws closer to Holy Week, the daily Scriptures guide me to walk with Jesus each day as Jesus faces the sufferings and passion and crucifixion. The Scriptures help me to celebrate the resurrection of Our Savior, and I again truly realize that as I celebrate the new resurrected life of Jesus, I discover this new life in my own life. Lent leads me to the cross of Jesus but also to the empty tomb. I pray that the Lord will help me to be united with Jesus as I walk with him again to the Masses and rituals of Holy Week.

Here is one more thing I love about Lent. Lent chal-

lenges me to control my eating. I often think about this during the year but usually don't do anything about it until Lent. Lent challenges me to a sound and good self-control about what I eat.

Lent is also about forgiveness. I know God forgives me whatever time of the year it is. However, Lent has always become for me a special time to celebrate God's love for me and the forgiveness I receive from the Lord. Lent is about a time of conversion, which I celebrate through the Sacrament of Penance. This is a time to take a serious look at myself and seek the Lord's forgiveness and the grace of conversion. It is a time for a few good resolutions.

So, Lent is an exciting time for me each year. I know that the Lord has something special for me each year. So I pray that I recognize exactly what the Lord has in store for me this year. Thank you, Lord, for Lent.

## FOLLOW ME

# Celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph

*The following is the homily delivered by Bishop Terry R. LaValley on March 16 at the St. Joseph's Day celebration at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Watertown:*

"Joseph...decided to divorce her quietly." Then, when he awoke, Joseph did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him. Joseph changed his mind. That can, that must happen to the faithful Christian. The changing of one's mind is more than "a woman's prerogative." For every person, change is a necessary consequence of closeness with Jesus. As we put on the mind of Christ, old ways of thinking, of living must change.

But change isn't merely a waffling, bending to every fleeting feeling or pleasurable notion or fad that comes our way. No, rooted in an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ, we must be open to change, no matter how old or young we are. Growing closer to the Lord, affects us from the inside out. When the Spirit of the Risen Lord touches a person, he or she is changed, enabling that person to put love in motion in ever new ways. The resurrection of the heart must happen every day. What God's Spirit touches, God's Spirit changes.

The angel assured Joseph: "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home." Joseph, do not be afraid to change your mind, your plans, no matter how noble. We remember Paul's words to the Romans: "God makes all things work together for the good of those who love Him" (Rom.8:28). The Lord "straightens" all things. Trusting in God, as

did St. Joseph, we find comfort knowing that in our faithfulness all will be well, no matter how threatening and dark the clouds on the horizon might seem.

Like good St. Joseph, we are all reminded to embody in our lives real trust and hope in the Lord. The Lord casts out all fear. As I mentioned in my Lenten letter, it is through our cultivation of a personal relationship with Jesus, tending to a continual intimate longing for the loving God, that we become witnesses to hope. In an address last fall to priests, seminarians and consecrated religious, Pope Francis said that "As men and women of special consecration, we can never afford to lose that inward restlessness of heart that finds its rest in the Lord alone."

Clearly, nothing can substitute for our need for concrete, prolonged and regular personal moments with the Lord. We must expend sustained effort to meet our need of daily dialogue with the Lord through prayer and adoration. We need to keep cultivating our desire for God so that our time with the Lord doesn't become a legalistic satisfaction of an obligation, but is truly an affair of the heart. We are lovers first, not teachers, pastoral associates or administrators. Because we know we have been loved, we are energized to tend to our relationship with Jesus, with members of the community, indeed with all those we meet and minister.

Such moments with the Lord will help us not to be

overcome with discouragement and close in on ourselves. Especially these days, we must remember that it is trial that can bring out what is distinctive with Christian hope. When our hope is merely human, we can become frustrated and discouraged.

With David, the psalmist, we sing of God's faithfulness, trusting in His unique plan for each one of us.

God calls us to proclaim the eagerly-awaited glory that God is present in the midst of His people in the Risen Christ, a glory that one day will be revealed in the children of God. Ours is the mandate to evangelize. The Holy Father wrote about the illness of Spiritual sadness. Too many today are sad because we do not find

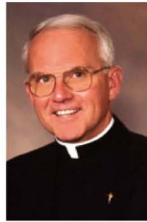
love, because we have not fallen in love with the Lord. Many of us here this morning have left aside a married life, family life, because we wanted to follow the Lord in a unique way. Some of us might be tired. When this occurs, it is difficult to smile, let alone be joy-filled witnesses encouraging new vocations to the consecrated life.

May every person who sees you, may they see Mother Church and Mother Mary. Mother Church loves, serves, helps others to grow. Dear Sisters, you have left everything behind in order to be with Christ and to place yourselves, as did Joseph, at the service of God. Truly through the generations, this local Church continues to be so richly blessed through you.

I want to acknowledge and express words of gratitude to the Associates celebrating with us today. As

you share more intensely in the spirituality and mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph, you contribute much to the rich charism of this much beloved community.

Sisters and Associates, brothers and sisters all, let us not lessen our resolve to follow Jesus ever more closely. We rely on His grace to change those things in our lives that have become obstacles to growth. I must say that every time I enter this sacred space, your home, I find joy and happiness. I encounter women who clearly know Jesus and are in love with Him. Thank you for your witness to hope. Continue to let your love story with Jesus give you courage and joy each and every day as you follow Him even more closely with sweet abandon. Christ-led, Christ-fed, Hope-filled! Happy and Blessed Feast Day! St. Joseph Pray for Us!



**Bishop  
Terry R.  
LaValley**

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# Preparing to be in full communion

Rite of Election, Call to Conversion moves 45 catechumens, candidates closer to receiving sacraments

By Jessica Hargrave  
Contributing writer

OGDENSBURG – A celebration of the Rite of Election and Call to Conversion was held March 10 at St. Mary's Cathedral for those preparing to fully enter the life of the Catholic Church.

Bishop Terry R. LaValley commenced the ceremony by thanking the dozens of catechumens and candidates who braved inclement weather to celebrate their faith. It's during Lent that the catechumens and candidates will bind their presence with the Catholic Church. The ceremony is held the first Sunday of Lent and is considered a key milestone in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), a gradual process of conversion and initiation into the Catholic Church.

Addressing the catechumens and candidates, Bishop LaValley reminded them that the sacrifices made during Lent mirrors the fasting and abstinence Jesus endured during his 40 days in the desert.

"I hope that all the liturgies, prayers, acts of mercy and classes that the parish offers you this Lent will help you stay focused on what will enhance your personal relationship with Jesus," Bishop LaValley said. "I pray that, as you continue your pilgrimage of faith, that you develop the spiritual discipline of always being attentive to the blessings you've received in life and then giving praise and honor to God."

Bishop LaValley had an opportunity to meet the catechumens and candidates from parishes around the diocese and support them on their journeys to the Catholic faith.

During the Rite of Election, parish RCIA directors presented 20 catechumens to the bishop. Then, one by one, the catechumens signed their names in the Book of The Elect, strengthening their commitment and discipleship to their new faith. Bishop LaValley then declared them members of the Elect, moving them forward in preparation for the Sacraments of



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**Catechumens Maira Santiago-Ruiz (St. Mary's, Evans Mills) and David Jobson (St. James Minor, Carthage) signed the Book of the Elect and shook hands with Bishop Terry R. LaValley as part of the Rite of Election held March 10 at St. Mary's Cathedral. As catechumens, Santiago-Ruiz and Jobson are preparing to be baptized, confirmed and receive the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.**

Initiation of baptism, confirmation and First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil.

During the Call to Continuing Conversion, 25 candidates who are already baptized Christians were affirmed by their sponsors and the assembly. With Bishop LaValley's acceptance, the candidates will take the next steps toward being in full communion with the church.

For some, the Rite of Election and Call to Conversion was an emotional step forward in the RCIA process.

"As I grew up, I was baptized in the Catholic

Church and I've always wanted to get communion," said Maira Ruiz, a candidate from St. Mary's Church in Evans Mills, holding back tears. "I'm 42, it's very emotional for me."

Ruiz said the process has not been overwhelming, crediting her sponsors.

"They have taken their time to give me all the instruments I need to keep my faith," she said.

For Arthur Jobson, a catechumen from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church in Watertown, converting to Catholicism meant being closer to God.

"He's helped me a lot and saved my life quite a few times," Jobson said. "He's the only one I can answer to."

When asked if this Easter will be a particu-

larly special one for them, Jobson's wife, Robin added, "oh yes, the family will be all involved in it, too."

Preparation through the RCIA program covers Church history, the sacraments, learning to read Scripture, prayer and personal testimonies.

The Bishop thanked the pastors and sponsors who are shepherding each catechumen and candidate through the process. The Easter Vigil takes place on Holy Saturday, the evening before Easter Sunday when the catechumens will be presented to the parish community. The catechumens are then baptized and confirmed with the candidates. Finally, the new members of the Catholic Church will receive the Eucharist for the first time.

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# Three faith communities, one Lenten mission

By Darcy Fargo  
Editor

*I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.* – John 17:20-21

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"I suggested the idea of a shared mission to Don Curry, who served as pastor at New Testament Church for many years," said Father Mark R. Reilly, pastor of St. Peter's Parish. "Don and I have developed a friendship in my time here. He's been involved in the John 17 movement and has a real sense of God's desire for unity among Christians."

Father Reilly said he became familiar with the John 17 movement through Pastor Curry and has attended several of the organization's events and gatherings. The movement's founder, Joseph Tosini, will be among the speakers at the Lenten mission.

"This is a relational reconciliation movement," said Tosini. "We're not

## Participate in the mission

St. Peter's Parish in Massena is holding its annual parish Lenten mission with Emmanuel Congregational Church and New Testament Church.

- **April 2** – Emmanuel Congregational Church, 39 W. Orvis Street
- **April 3** – St. Mary's Church, 9 Sycamore Street
- **April 4** – New Testament Church, 265 Andrews Street

All sessions begin at 7 p.m.

into solving all the theological difficulties. We're dealing with relationships. Relationships begin at the feet and not at the head. Pope Francis has said that theologians do good work, but if we wait for theologians to be united, we'll be waiting until Jesus returns. In the meantime, let's walk together and share together."

John 17 leaders have traveled to the Vatican, where they discussed ecumenism.

"When Pope Francis was asked what people could do to build relationships with people of different faiths, Pope Francis said, 'get a latte or a gelato and go for a walk together,'" said Father Reilly. "It's about developing relationships. It takes a long time for theology to trickle down from theologians to every day folks living their faith. Relationships can be much more immediate."

Father Reilly and Pastor Curry said this Lenten mission is part of that walk together.

"We're going to do one evening of the mission at Emmanuel Congregational Church, one at St. Mary's and the last day at New Testament Church," Father Reilly said. "All three of us have distinct styles of worship and practicing our faith. We're going to honor and respect each traditional form of worship but recognize what the others bring to the table."

Pastor Curry said each night of the mission will be different but have some commonalities.

"There will be a moderator overseeing each gathering," he said. "The local pastor will host a meeting, an explanation of what we're doing. There will be praise and worship with live music. There will be testimonies about what God is doing with unity and relational reconciliation."

Tuesday's session will include a talk from Bishop Terry R. LaValley, as well.

Father Reilly noted that there are some challenges

in planning an ecumenical event.

"When I first mentioned to (Pastor Curry) the idea of a Lenten mission, he wasn't familiar with a parish mission, but he was familiar with the concept of a revival," Father Reilly said. "The question was, could we wed those ideas and have time for prayer, worship, witness and testimonies, and developing friendships across denominational lines."

Mike Herron, a John 17 leadership team member, will be among the mission presenters. He noted John 17 sees Catholic involvement as critical to the movement.

"We have a very ecumenical team," Herron said. "But we see Catholics as very instrumental in bringing us all together. You're the largest denomination. Most of the Protestant

groups are a lot smaller."

Father Reilly said he sees ecumenism as necessary for spreading the Gospel in an increasing secular society.

"Acknowledging we're all facing an increasingly hyper secular culture that's increasingly hostile to our faith and to us living our faith, we can't necessarily keep paddling in our own directions," he said. "We used to be able to get away with staying hold up in our own sectarian groupings. More and more, that's not going to be practical. The Lord may be forcing our hand to work through this."

The mission organizers say people of all faiths and people who may have little or no faith are welcome to join the event for any or all of the three nights.

Learn more about the John 17 movement at [john17movement.com](http://john17movement.com).

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# Rally encourages youth to 'Rise Up'

By Darcy Fargo  
Editor

MASSENA – Youth from around the diocese will gather at Trinity Catholic School on April 6 to “Rise Up” at the annual youth rally.

The event is open to youth in grades seven through 12. The registration deadline for the event is March 29.

“Our theme this year is ‘Rise Up,’” said Diocesan Youth Ministry Director Thomas Semeraro. “It’s based on a passage from Isaiah 60, ‘Rise up! Shine, for your light has come.’ The emphasis is on leadership through service and living our Christian identities.”

This year’s rally will run from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Author and speaker Kevin Dowd will be the keynote speaker. Dowd brings an understanding of Scripture and Catholic life to a relatable level for young people in today’s world.

Dowd will be joined by Marihon Alzuhairi, a two-time refugee who will share the story of his escape first from Iraq and later from Syria.

“This ties in nicely with the fact that we have a sister diocese in Syria,” said Semeraro, referring to the diocese’s twinning with the Diocese of Latakia in Syria. “This should help make those connections more real.”

The youth rally will also include a variety of stations for the youth to rotate through. There will be a dark room with light play, an indoor snowball fight, an arts/crafts room, a rock-climbing wall, a photo booth and possibly karaoke. Adoration will be available throughout the event, and the rally concludes with Mass with Bishop Terry R. LaValley.

Various diocesan departments and organizations will also have information booths and activities, and each youth

participant will receive a bag of goodies to take home.

Cost for the event is \$25 and includes lunch.

To register or to see a full event schedule, go to [rcdony.org/youthrally](http://rcdony.org/youthrally).

## Bishop’s Public Schedule

**March 20** – 9:45 a.m. – Episcopal Council Meeting followed by lunch at Bishop’s Residence

**March 21** – 9:30 a.m. – Diocesan Department Head Meeting followed by lunch at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg

**March 22** – 10:50 a.m. – Mass at St. Joseph’s Home in Ogdensburg  
3:30 p.m. – Opening

Ceremony for the Ogdensburg Boys & Girls Club 43rd Expo

**March 23** – 10 a.m. – Lenten Day of Reflection sponsored by the Cursillo Movement at St. Helen’s Church in Chasm Falls, concluding with 4:30 p.m. Mass

**March 25** – 7:15 p.m. – Novena followed by Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral

**March 26** – 8 a.m. – “Walk Together” Ecumenical gathering in Ogdensburg

**March 27** – 9 a.m. – St. Joseph’s Home Board of Managers Meeting at St. Joseph’s Home in Ogdensburg

5:30 p.m. – Lenten Bread and Supper followed by Mass at St. Alexander Church in Morrisonville

## Rest in Peace

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

**March 20** – Most Rev. Joseph H. Conroy, 1939

**March 23** – Msgr. Paul T. Joly, 1987

**March 24** – Rev. George Roskwitalski, O.F.M. Conv., 1980  
**March 25** – Rev. Michael D. Charbonneau, 1909

**March 26** – Rev. Jean P. Bernard, O.M.I., 1885; Rev. Thomas J. Rodgers, O.S.A., 1971; Msgr. William E. LaVallee, 1976

## 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).

Upcoming sessions:

**March 22** – 5 p.m., St. Alphonsus-Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Tupper Lake

**March 25** – 9:30 a.m., St. James Minor Church, Carthage

5 p.m., Immaculate Heart Central, Watertown

**March 27** – 2:30 p.m., St. Bernard’s School, Saranac Lake

**March 31** – 11:30 a.m., St. Stephen’s Church, Croghan

## Environmental Stewardship

### The power of one

Imagine that you walk into your home today and find water overflowing in your sink. What is the first thing that you would do? Of course, you would turn off the faucet and find out where the problem is.

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What happens to all that plastic that is thrown out within 15 minutes?

As you may know, the U.S. shipped millions of tons of its recyclables to China. However, to curb emissions and increase air and water quality within China, as of January 1, the country has severely cut down on the amount of recyclables it would accept.

According to the U.S. International Trade Commission, 92.2 percent fewer plastics have been exported to China.

So how could this information possibly have anything to do with my Lenten Journey?

If following Jesus means caring for the health of the Garden we have been entrusted with and the health of all living creatures including ourselves, then turning off the flow of plastics and finding solutions can definitely be an aspect of our Lenten fasting and a call to conversion. If you and I are part of the problem, then we have the power to be part of the solution.

In a recent presentation in Saranac Lake Library, Michael Trumbower, from the Wild Center in Tupper Lake, suggested a fourth “R” to the three Rs of recycling, reusing, reducing. The fourth one is ‘refuse!’

Stopping the flow would definitely require a “conversion” to use our creativity and conviction to refuse throw-away items whenever possible and adapt to reusable replacements.

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# Bishops applaud death penalty moratorium

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (CNS) -- The Catholic bishops of California welcomed the March 13 decision by Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom to issue a moratorium on executions in the state and a temporary reprieve for all inmates on the state's death row.

"We appreciate this recognition that the state has the adequate means to defend human dignity and public safety without recourse to capital punishment," San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone said in a statement on behalf of the state's bishops.

California's San Quentin State Prison is located in his archdiocese. The facility is California's oldest penitentiary and it houses the state's only death row for men and currently has 737 inmates condemned to death.

"We ask the governor to urge the Legislature to find a permanent legislative solution that will end the practice of capital punishment in our state for good," the archbishop said.

Because Newsom's declaration is a temporary reprieve for the death-row inmates, Archbishop Cordileone said he and his fellow Catholic bishops are encouraging him "to use well the time of the moratorium to promote civil dialogue on alternatives to the death penalty, including giving more needed attention and care to the victims of violence and their families."

"Capital punishment is not a cure for the suffering and turmoil inflicted by violent crime; the restorative healing of victims and their families to the extent possible is an essential part of justice," the prelate said.

Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez in a separate statement said it was "a good day for California and a good day for our country" because of Newsom's decision.

"For many years now, my brother Catholic bishops and I have been calling for an end to the death penalty, not only in California but throughout the

United States," he said. "There are important public policy reasons for ending the death penalty."

Capital punishment "does not deter violent crime and it does not bring true justice or healing to victims of violent crime," Archbishop Gomez said. "And sadly, judicial execution has always been a punishment imposed far more often on African-Americans, Hispanics and the poor in our society. But the most important reasons for ending the death penalty are moral."

He said that "every human life is precious and sacred in the eyes of God and every person has a dignity that comes from God. This is true for the innocent and it is true for the guilty. It is true even for those who commit grave evil and are convicted of the most cruel and violent crimes."

The death penalty "violates the condemned person's dignity and deprives that person of the chance to change his or her heart

and be rehabilitated through the mercy of God," he explained. He also pointed to advances in law enforcement and criminal justice that keep societies safe so executing people is not necessary in that regard.

But ending the death penalty is only a first step, he said, and called for addressing inequities in the criminal justice system, improving prison conditions in prisons, providing alternatives to incarceration "for nonviolent crimes" and looking for new ways to rehabilitate offenders.

"Today, it is also important to remember the victims of violent crime and their loved ones," Archbishop Gomez said. "We entrust them to the Father of mercies and commit ourselves to helping them to find healing and peace.

"We should also give thanks for the sacrifice and commitment of police and law enforcement officials, who put their lives on the line every day to keep our communities safe."



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# Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg Report of Special Funds

## A Letter From The Diocesan Fiscal Officer

### A Message from Bishop Terry LaValley

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I am pleased to introduce the attached *Report of Special Funds* for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2018. As we present this report for your review, we complete our accounting of all the funds entrusted to the Diocese of Ogdensburg for the 2017-2018

Fiscal Year. The monies highlighted in this report are those set aside for special purposes and investments.

Your personal sacrifice and generous support provide the needed resources for the Diocese of Ogdensburg to proclaim the Good News and minister faithfully to our sisters and brothers in Christ throughout the North Country. Christ-led, Christ-fed and Hope-filled, the mission of the Church continues to be energized by your strong support.

I wish to thank Michael J. Tooley, our Diocesan Fiscal Officer, and his dedicated staff for the competent manner in which they safeguard all the financial resources that have been entrusted to our Diocese, ensuring that they are used for the purposes intended. I am also most grateful to the members of the Diocesan Finance Council and Investment Advisory Committee who meet regularly and offer their expert counsel and prudential judgment in service to our Church.

Indeed, all the members of our faith family are to be congratulated. The Diocese of Ogdensburg is blessed with so many faith-filled persons whose generous hearts make ours a vibrant Church. I continue to ask the Blessed Mother to bring your cares and that of your loved ones to the bosom of her Son, Jesus. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers, I am

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley  
Bishop of Ogdensburg



The Diocesan Fiscal Office is pleased to present in the *North Country Catholic* the Report of Special Funds for the year ended June 30, 2018, along with comparisons to prior years. Special Funds are funds that the diocese holds for special purposes, such as Disability Insurance, Property and Liability Insurance, Missionary Projects, Priests Retirement, Lay Employees Retirement and Unemployment Insurance. Also included in Special Funds are funds that belong to diocesan institutions which have been forwarded to the diocese for investment, such as the Diocesan Trust Fund and the Deposit & Loan Fund. All Special Funds statements for 2017-18 presented herein have been extracted from the audited financial report that was published in the November 28, 2018 issue of the *North Country Catholic*.

#### DIOCESAN TRUST FUND

As of June 30, 2018, the Diocesan Trust Fund had principal assets with a cost of \$27,933,081 and a market value of \$30,583,623. The investment's portfolio had a rate of return of 9% in 2017-18. In the first six months of the 2018-19 fiscal year the Diocesan Trust Fund had a rate of return of -6.3%, and its market value is \$28,287,060 as of December 31, 2018. The diocese paid dividend distributions from the Fund in the amount of \$750,000 during the fiscal year, a rate of return of 2.45% on investments in the Fund.

#### DEPOSIT & LOAN FUND

The Deposit & Loan Fund had a decrease of \$2,809,929 in its net assets in 2017-18, bringing its net asset balance to \$2,692,000. The Fund issued a department grant in the amount of \$2.5 million in 2017-18 to help support the cost of claims paid in the diocese's Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program, a department grant in the amount of \$679,817 to cover the cost of consultant fees for the diocese's Capital Campaign, and a department grant of \$200,000 to the Lay Employees' Retirement Plan. The interest rate to depositors is 3%, and the interest rate on loans is 4%. In the first six months of 2018-19 the Deposit & Loan Fund net assets decreased by \$1,657,903, primarily due to investment performance. As of June 30, 2018, total deposits in the Fund, including diocesan central office monies, totaled \$33,341,053, and the balance of loan principal due the Fund amounted to \$2,417,952.

#### PROTECTED SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM

Expenses exceeded revenue in the Protected Self Insurance Program by \$276,559 in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. The program issued a department grant of \$750,000 to help cover cost of claims paid in the diocese's Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program. The program remains financially sound, as it has reserves for claims in the amount of \$1,517,771, and net assets of \$1,530,616 as of June 30, 2018. The Note Receivable of \$2,983,360 is monies forwarded to the program by excess insurance carriers to cover claims submitted by St. Mary's Church in Champlain for their fire loss in 2014-15. Claims Payable of \$2,969,618 is related to this loss.

#### LAY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND

The Lay Employees' Retirement Fund had an increase in net assets of \$1,293,288 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, bringing its total net assets to \$27,727,187. The investment's

portfolio had a rate of return of 8% in 2017-18. During the first six months of fiscal year 2018-19 fund investments saw a rate of return of -7.3%, bringing its market value to \$25,429,233. The Fund's July 1, 2018 actuarial valuation determined the Fund remains underfunded, seeing an increase from 73% to 75% in its funded status. The Plan is well funded as it relates to covering obligations to current retirees (116% funded). Diocesan employers contribute 10% of lay employee wages to fund the Plan.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND

The Unemployment Insurance Fund had a decrease in net assets of \$214,287 for the year ended June 30, 2018, as the Fund issued a departmental grant of \$300,000 to the Lay Employees' Retirement Plan during the year. The financial health of the program resulted in reduction in premium for participants in 2018-19.

#### MISSIONARY PROJECTS FUND

The Missionary Projects Fund had an increase in net assets in the amount of \$30,013 for the year ended June 30, 2018, bringing its net assets as of that date to \$172,262. The Diocese of Ogdensburg continues to provide monthly financial support to its former mission in Mollendo, Peru, as well as other missions in the world as deemed appropriate by Bishop LaValley. Moneys are given to support the U.S. Bishops' annual appeal for Latin America. Additionally, with Bishop LaValley's approval, financial support is given from the Fund to urgent need collections taken at times of global emergency/crisis.

#### DISABILITY INSURANCE FUND

The Disability Insurance Fund had a surplus for the year ended June 30, 2018 in the amount of \$26,830. Claims paid in 2017-18 were \$1,148 higher than in 2016-17. Net assets of this Fund as of June 30, 2018, are \$229,581.

#### PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND

The net assets of the Priests Retirement Fund increased by \$4,466 in the year ended June 30, 2018. The Fund had investment income of \$252,711 and gains on investments in the amount of \$685,715 in the fiscal year. Support from Christmas collections was \$238,928, as compared to \$235,380 the prior year, as the diocese maintained a contribution of 75% of parish Christmas collections to support the Fund. Modest ad hoc pension increases were approved for retired priests in each of the past two fiscal years.

The Diocesan Fiscal Office is available to answer any questions that may arise following review of the Report of Special Funds. Please feel free to call the Diocesan Fiscal Office at (315) 393-2920, ext. 1210, email at [mtooley@rcdony.org](mailto:mtooley@rcdony.org) or visit the Fiscal Office at 604 Washington Street in Ogdensburg during normal office hours.

Michael J. Tooley  
Diocesan Fiscal Officer



***Diocesan Trust Fund Principal***  
**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG**  
**January 1, 1977 - June 30, 2018**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PRINCIPAL**

	January 1, 1977 - June 30, 2016	July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017	July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018	January 1, 1977 - June 30, 2018
<b>Opening Balance</b>	\$0.00	\$26,905,814.76	\$27,014,382.14	\$0.00
Net Deposits	14,720,276.98	199,104.80	(63,079.90)	14,856,301.88
Net Realized Gain on Sales	20,420,728.33	1,196,879.77	1,465,573.83	23,083,181.93
Fees [Custody/Management]	(1,987,375.20)	(448,222.93)	(276,637.04)	(2,712,235.17)
Transfers to Pay Dividends	(10,761,067.89)	(751,248.44)	(751,250.76)	(12,263,567.09)
Net Adjustments*	<u>4,513,252.54</u>	<u>(87,945.82)</u>	<u>544,093.69</u>	<u>4,969,400.41</u>
<b>Closing Balance (Book)</b>	<u>\$26,905,814.76</u>	<u>\$27,014,382.14</u>	<u>\$27,933,081.96</u>	<u>\$27,933,081.96</u>
<b>Market Value</b>	<u>\$27,440,514.06</u>	<u>\$29,016,659.23</u>	<u>\$30,583,623.11</u>	<u>\$30,583,623.11</u>

\* Includes income reinvested for fund, funds in transit, etc.

\*\* Assets June 30, 2015 at NBT Bank, Dimensional Fund Advisors & The Investment Fund for Foundations.

	Book Value	Market Value	% Yield (Book)	% Yield (Market)
<b>NBT BANK INVESTMENTS</b>				
Bonds & U.S. Government Agencies & Bond Funds	\$10,175,571.11	\$9,977,648.05	3.01%	3.07%
Equities & Equity Funds	10,475,813.16	12,439,421.29	1.00%	0.84%
Real Estate and Real Estate Trusts	323,528.78	445,674.45	2.29%	1.66%
Money Market	<u>650,393.47</u>	<u>650,393.47</u>	<u>1.56%</u>	<u>1.56%</u>
<b>TOTAL NBT BANK INVESTMENTS</b>	<u>\$21,625,306.52</u>	<u>\$23,513,137.26</u>	<u>2.02%</u>	<u>1.86%</u>
<b>CHRISTIAN BROTHERS INVESTMENT SERVICES</b>				
Bond Funds	\$1,786,216.97	\$1,733,848.03	2.25%	2.32%
Equity Funds	<u>\$3,578,732.47</u>	<u>\$4,401,271.50</u>	<u>0.81%</u>	<u>0.66%</u>
<b>TOTAL CHRISTIAN BROTHERS INVESTMENT SERVICES</b>	<u>\$5,364,949.44</u>	<u>\$6,135,119.53</u>	<u>1.29%</u>	<u>1.13%</u>
<b>DIMENSIONAL FUND ADVISORS</b>	<u>\$626,000.00</u>	<u>\$553,403.32</u>		
<b>THE INVESTMENT FUND FOR FOUNDATIONS</b>	<u>\$316,826.00</u>	<u>\$381,963.00</u>		
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>	<u>\$27,933,081.96</u>	<u>\$30,583,623.11</u>		

***Deposit & Loan Fund***  
**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG**  
**July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2018**

**BALANCE SHEET**

	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$922,591.58	\$1,087,281.85
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00	\$52,397.33
Interest Receivable	107,311.31	118,934.44
Notes Receivable - Borrowers	2,417,952.17	2,658,203.66
Reserve	(443,658.00)	(488,182.00)
Investments	35,330,755.00	36,384,053.18
Investment - Diocesan Trust Fund	700,982.11	661,340.21
Due From Retirement Plan for Priests	600,000.00	600,000.00
Due From Operating Fund	<u>(3,491,369.84)</u>	<u>(674,611.00)</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$36,144,564.33</u>	<u>\$40,399,417.67</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
Notes Payable - Depositors	\$33,341,053.04	\$34,789,010.47
Accrued Interest Payable	111,511.65	108,478.74
Fund Balance	<u>2,691,999.64</u>	<u>5,501,928.46</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<u>\$36,144,564.33</u>	<u>\$40,399,417.67</u>

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE**

	July 1, 2017 June 30, 2018	July 1, 2016 June 30, 2017
<b>INCOME</b>		
Interest on Notes Receivable	\$67,779.27	\$74,480.85
Investment Income	908,971.69	775,906.54
Unrealized Gain (Loss) On Investments	(21,117.47)	511,612.53
Realized Gain (Loss) On Investments	911,769.14	727,855.74
Other Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>52,397.33</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>\$1,867,402.63</u>	<u>\$2,142,252.99</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Interest on Notes Payable	\$1,003,151.03	\$968,764.37
Investment Management Fees	152,928.57	143,982.51
Fiscal Office Administration	185,567.00	172,634.00
Office Supplies	292.05	319.25
Office Equipment	0.00	0.00
Increase in Reserves	(44,524.00)	(217,346.72)
Loans Forgiven	0.00	0.00
Departmental Grant	3,379,916.80	120,399.82
Contributions	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>\$4,677,331.45</u>	<u>\$1,188,753.23</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIT) - INCOME MINUS EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>(\$2,809,928.82)</u>	<u>\$953,499.76</u>

*Diocesan Protected Self-Insurance Program*  
**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG**  
 July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2018

BALANCE SHEET					STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS				
ASSETS	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2018	INCOME	July 1, 2014	July 1, 2015	July 1, 2016	July 1, 2017
	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2018		June 30, 2015	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2018
Investments	\$915,535.13	\$902,877.32	\$961,937.78	\$1,019,598.04	Earned Premiums	\$1,703,064.51	\$1,781,428.48	\$1,821,466.68	\$1,896,397.85
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,959.21	4,852.55	Contributions	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
Notes Receivable	0.00	2,640,689.35	2,970,140.30	2,983,360.36	Gain (Loss) On Investments (Net)	(8,668.40)	(10,421.81)	111,189.46	90,847.26
Accounts Receivable	(60,447.62)	101,719.56	182,951.07	239,252.34	Investment Income	23,725.88	24,506.59	24,871.18	24,989.88
Due From Other Dioceses	0.00	0.00	0.00	202,500.00	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,718,121.99</b>	<b>\$1,795,513.26</b>	<b>\$1,960,027.32</b>	<b>\$2,012,234.99</b>
Prepaid Insurance	11,986.00	11,986.00	11,986.00	0.00	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Due From Operating Fund	2,396,289.44	2,031,153.83	2,367,225.31	1,106,407.78	Reinsurance Premiums and Bonds	\$914,661.89	\$929,238.40	\$902,125.27	\$928,238.43
BPIC Member Share	243,134.00	245,370.00	297,499.00	330,686.00	Professional Services	6,565.52	7,815.02	6,303.41	11,290.80
Stock in NCRRG	132,247.84	132,247.84	132,247.84	132,247.84	Gallagher Bassett Service Fee	24,622.00	24,333.00	22,814.00	25,012.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$3,643,744.79</b>	<b>\$6,071,043.90</b>	<b>\$6,928,946.51</b>	<b>\$6,018,904.91</b>	Adjustment in Reserves	400,320.18	(23,898.62)	(347,549.76)	(660,821.68)
					Self Insured Claims	722,221.82	702,438.79	264,268.56	921,895.01
					NYS Compensation Board Assessments	52,135.34	36,567.80	61,176.61	50,865.00
					Department Grants	44,215.81	48,254.13	37,264.28	816,032.44
					Grants	250,000.00	634.00	0.00	0.00
					Diocesan Administration	188,847.96	183,085.15	187,199.04	196,282.09
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>					<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$2,603,590.52</b>	<b>\$1,908,467.67</b>	<b>\$1,133,601.41</b>	<b>\$2,288,794.09</b>
Claims Payable	\$0.00	\$2,564,152.14	\$2,943,178.60	\$2,969,617.82	<b>EXCESS (DEFICIT) - INCOME MINUS EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(\$885,468.53)</b>	<b>(\$112,954.41)</b>	<b>\$826,425.91</b>	<b>(\$276,559.10)</b>
Unearned Insurance Premium	0.00	0.00	0.00	899.96					
Reserves For Claims	2,550,041.48	2,526,142.86	2,178,593.10	1,517,771.42					
Fund Balance	1,093,703.31	980,748.90	1,807,174.81	1,530,615.71					
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$3,643,744.79</b>	<b>\$6,071,043.90</b>	<b>\$6,928,946.51</b>	<b>\$6,018,904.91</b>					

*Diocesan Protected Self-Insurance Program - Claim Payment and Reserve Experience*  
**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG**  
 As of June 30, 2018

YEAR	CLAIMS	RESERVES	TOTAL	Losses In Excess of Specific Retention	Losses In Excess of Aggregate Retention	Net Claims	Maximum Amount Single Claim	Maximum Amount Aggregate Claims
XLIII - 2017-18	\$298,910.15	\$208,338.01	507,248.16	0.00	0.00	507,248.16	250,000.00	0.00
XLII - 2016-17	98,464.19	10,599.00	109,063.19	0.00	0.00	109,063.19	250,000.00	0.00
XLI - 2015-16	290,614.13	60,533.22	351,147.35	0.00	0.00	351,147.35	250,000.00	0.00
XL - 2014-15	5,068,176.75	3,986,690.45	9,054,867.20	8,310,742.03	0.00	744,125.17	250,000.00	0.00
XXXIX - 2013-14	492,858.97	2.46	492,861.43	0.00	0.00	492,861.43	250,000.00	0.00
XXXVIII - 2012-13	361,454.86	25,000.00	386,454.86	0.00	0.00	386,454.86	250,000.00	0.00
XXXVII - 2011-12	371,606.63	19,797.64	391,404.27	0.00	0.00	391,404.27	250,000.00	0.00
XXXVI - 2010-11	570,291.68	266,469.13	836,760.81	290,000.00	0.00	546,760.81	250,000.00	0.00
XXXV - 2009-10	163,038.67	7,290.38	170,329.05	0.00	0.00	170,329.05	250,000.00	0.00
XXXIV - 2008-09	605,357.54	0.00	605,357.54	0.00	0.00	605,357.54	250,000.00	850,000.00
XXXIII - 2007-08	320,717.99	8,444.28	329,162.27	0.00	0.00	329,162.27	250,000.00	850,000.00
XXXII - 2006-07	192,554.93	0.00	192,554.93	0.00	0.00	192,554.93	250,000.00	815,000.00
XXXI - 2005-2006	553,258.22	49,098.36	602,356.58	140,000.00	0.00	462,356.58	250,000.00	815,000.00
XXX - 2004-2005	726,960.73	0.00	726,960.73	92,089.73	0.00	634,871.00	250,000.00	815,000.00
XXIX - 2003-2004	752,943.34	84,010.56	836,953.90	276,847.00	0.00	560,106.90	250,000.00	780,000.00
XXVIII - 2002-2003	766,617.29	177,271.66	943,888.95	449,295.37	0.00	494,593.58	250,000.00	750,000.00
XXVII - 2001-2002	275,460.43	0.00	275,460.43	22,192.92	0.00	253,267.51	125,000.00	525,000.00
XXVI - 2000-2001	299,143.47	0.00	299,143.47	0.00	0.00	299,143.47	125,000.00	500,000.00
XXV - 1999-2000	302,681.02	0.00	302,681.02	0.00	0.00	302,681.02	125,000.00	500,000.00
XXIV - 1998-1999	329,653.96	0.00	329,653.96	0.00	0.00	329,653.96	125,000.00	500,000.00
XXIII - 1997-1998	551,727.55	0.00	551,727.55	105,084.53	0.00	446,643.02	125,000.00	500,500.00
XXII - 1996-1997	478,202.02	0.00	478,202.02	98,570.05	0.00	379,631.97	125,000.00	583,500.00
XXI - 1995-1996	301,341.20	0.00	301,341.20	0.00	0.00	301,341.20	125,000.00	550,000.00
XX - 1994-1995	762,962.73	29,906.82	792,869.55	293,901.70	2,454.03	496,513.82	125,000.00	475,000.00
XIX - 1993-1994	1,118,328.35	182,124.55	1,300,452.90	681,079.89	143,993.91	475,379.10	125,000.00	450,000.00
XVIII - 1992-1993	326,552.77	0.00	326,552.77	0.00	0.00	326,552.77	75,000.00	355,000.00
XVII - 1991-1992	233,464.19	0.00	233,464.19	0.00	0.00	233,464.19	75,000.00	355,000.00
XVI - 1990-1991	92,322.17	0.00	92,322.17	0.00	0.00	92,322.17	75,000.00	355,000.00
XV - 1989-1990	190,545.56	0.00	190,545.56	0.00	0.00	190,545.56	75,000.00	330,000.00
XIV - 1988-1989	175,616.44	0.00	175,616.44	0.00	0.00	175,616.44	75,000.00	330,000.00
XIII - 1987-1988	217,603.90	0.00	217,603.90	38,761.50	0.00	178,842.40	75,000.00	300,000.00
XII - 1986-1987	189,446.09	0.00	189,446.09	0.00	0.00	189,446.09	75,000.00	300,000.00
XI - 1985-1986	56,964.54	0.00	56,964.54	0.00	0.00	56,964.54	75,000.00	260,000.00
X - 1984-1985	160,033.76	0.00	160,033.76	0.00	0.00	160,033.76	75,000.00	260,000.00
IX - 1983-1984	109,583.65	0.00	109,583.65	0.00	0.00	109,583.65	75,000.00	260,000.00
VIII - 1982-1983	184,851.55	0.00	184,851.55	18,990.00	0.00	165,861.55	75,000.00	260,000.00
VII - 1981-1982	103,135.97	0.00	103,135.97	0.00	0.00	103,135.97	75,000.00	260,000.00
VI - 1980-1981	323,071.44	0.00	323,071.44	112,199.00	0.00	210,872.44	75,000.00	225,000.00
V - 1979-1980	1,060,989.77	403,837.84	1,464,827.61	1,110,967.94	141,859.67	212,000.00	75,000.00	212,000.00
IV - 1978-1979	40,498.05	0.00	40,498.05	0.00	0.00	40,498.05	75,000.00	212,000.00
III - 1977-1978	153,929.85	0.00	153,929.85	36,878.52	0.00	117,051.33	50,000.00	150,000.00
II - 1976-1977	61,216.79	0.00	61,216.79	0.00	0.00	61,216.79	50,000.00	150,000.00
I - 1975-1976	63,402.99	0.00	63,402.99	0.00	0.00	63,402.99	50,000.00	150,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,497,646.13</b>	<b>\$5,311,076.35</b>	<b>\$24,808,722.48</b>	<b>\$12,077,600.18</b>	<b>\$288,307.61</b>	<b>\$12,442,814.69</b>		

**Diocesan Lay Employees' Retirement Fund**  
 THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG  
 July 1, 2014-June 30, 2018

<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>				
	<u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>	<u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>June 30, 2015</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Accrued Income	\$26,910.14	\$25,453.34	\$15,079.98	\$14,734.62
Accounts Receivable	37,795.45	71,964.09	16,848.28	36,274.78
Prepaid Expenses	243,274.16	235,134.97	0.00	0.00
Cash & Investments	<u>27,862,187.60</u>	<u>27,056,267.56</u>	<u>26,053,449.19</u>	<u>28,222,276.89</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$28,170,167.35</u>	<u>\$27,388,819.96</u>	<u>\$26,085,377.45</u>	<u>\$28,273,286.29</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>				
Due for Office Expense	\$318,579.11	\$403,435.53	\$422,756.86	\$400,506.20
Deferred Revenue	124,401.00	551,486.00	581,046.00	467,525.00
Fund Balance	<u>27,727,187.24</u>	<u>26,433,898.43</u>	<u>25,081,574.59</u>	<u>27,405,255.09</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<u>\$28,170,167.35</u>	<u>\$27,388,819.96</u>	<u>\$26,085,377.45</u>	<u>\$28,273,286.29</u>

<b>STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS</b>				
	<u>July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018</u>	<u>July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017</u>	<u>Sept. 1, 1967 - June 30, 2017</u>	<u>Sept. 1, 1967 - June 30, 2018</u>
<b>ADDITIONS</b>				
Employer Contributions	\$1,462,221.21	\$1,142,440.07	\$24,264,643.91	\$25,726,865.12
Department Grants	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500,000.00
Gain (Loss) on Investments (net)	1,918,406.60	2,798,870.71	20,715,793.82	22,634,200.42
Investment Income	<u>566,436.80</u>	<u>443,155.17</u>	<u>18,416,025.47</u>	<u>18,982,462.27</u>
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONS</b>	<u>\$4,447,064.61</u>	<u>\$4,384,465.95</u>	<u>\$63,396,463.20</u>	<u>\$67,843,527.81</u>

<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>				
	<u>July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018</u>	<u>July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017</u>	<u>Sept. 1, 1967 - June 30, 2017</u>	<u>Sept. 1, 1967 - June 30, 2018</u>
Benefit Payments	\$2,876,482.51	\$2,761,015.00	\$31,416,369.52	\$34,292,852.03
Administration Expense	277,293.29	271,127.11	5,545,784.63	5,823,077.92
Loss on Security Deposit	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>410.62</u>	<u>410.62</u>
<b>TOTAL DEDUCTIONS</b>	<u>\$3,153,775.80</u>	<u>\$3,032,142.11</u>	<u>\$36,962,564.77</u>	<u>\$40,116,340.57</u>
<b>NET (ADDITIONS MINUS DEDUCTIONS)</b>	<u>\$1,293,288.81</u>	<u>\$1,352,323.84</u>	<u>\$26,433,898.43</u>	<u>\$27,727,187.24</u>

<b>CASH &amp; INVESTMENTS</b>				
	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Market Value</u>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$265,164.53	\$265,164.53		
U.S. Government & Agency Obligations	\$3,186,928.02	\$3,118,469.17		
Corporate Obligations	764,894.30	743,576.19		
Equities	9,658,830.98	11,300,370.59		
Manning & Napier Advisors Investment Funds	4,514,881.78	4,496,341.27		
Dimensional Fund Advisors - Emerging Markets	1,034,250.00	941,584.74		
Christian Brothers Investment Services - Funds	5,765,333.74	6,588,782.11		
The Investment Fund for Foundations - Real Opportunities Fund	<u>338,338.00</u>	<u>407,899.00</u>		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>\$25,528,622.35</u>	<u>\$27,862,187.60</u>		

**Diocesan Lay Employees' Retirement Fund**  
 THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG  
 Annual Amounts (Book and Market Value) of Investments

	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
August 31, 1968	\$32,855.00	\$33,344.00
August 31, 1969	\$105,040.00	\$97,828.00
August 31, 1970	\$167,236.00	\$144,704.00
August 31, 1971	\$244,322.00	\$248,784.00
August 31, 1972	\$328,375.00	\$341,430.00
August 31, 1973	\$397,979.00	\$357,121.00
August 31, 1974	\$442,091.00	\$374,519.00
August 31, 1975	\$485,652.00	\$502,393.00
August 31, 1976	\$651,402.00	\$661,536.00
August 31, 1977	\$746,759.00	\$758,276.00
June 30, 1978	\$907,676.00	\$873,290.00
June 30, 1979	\$1,091,077.00	\$1,066,747.00
June 30, 1980	\$1,333,304.00	\$1,240,533.00
June 30, 1981	\$1,637,330.00	\$1,468,851.00
June 30, 1982	\$1,966,375.00	\$1,685,948.00
June 30, 1983	\$2,332,800.00	\$2,766,951.00
June 30, 1984	\$2,866,861.00	\$2,832,430.00
June 30, 1985	\$3,314,597.00	\$3,748,256.00
June 30, 1986	\$4,200,610.00	\$5,189,275.00
June 30, 1987	\$5,686,447.00	\$6,363,937.00
June 30, 1988	\$6,280,104.00	\$6,713,049.00
June 30, 1989	\$6,849,652.00	\$7,569,606.00
June 30, 1990	\$7,716,476.00	\$8,434,613.00
June 30, 1991	\$8,285,622.00	\$8,951,313.00
June 30, 1992	\$9,025,501.00	\$10,401,337.00
June 30, 1993	\$11,107,406.00	\$11,674,275.00
June 30, 1994	\$11,653,168.00	\$12,127,575.00
June 30, 1995	\$12,338,738.00	\$13,734,082.00
June 30, 1996	\$13,031,227.00	\$15,645,877.00
June 30, 1997	\$14,013,278.75	\$18,380,013.00
June 30, 1998	\$15,646,840.00	\$21,676,585.00
June 30, 1999	\$16,243,414.85	\$24,534,082.00
June 30, 2000	\$18,392,037.89	\$27,831,968.70
June 30, 2001	\$21,013,619.31	\$23,928,040.75
June 30, 2002	\$21,362,600.49	\$20,539,548.82
June 30, 2003	\$19,524,487.79	\$20,622,312.68
June 30, 2004	\$22,017,665.13	\$22,691,213.55
June 30, 2005	\$22,914,541.47	\$24,896,701.34
June 30, 2006	\$24,356,734.29	\$27,020,394.56
June 30, 2007	\$25,561,684.80	\$30,676,999.67
June 30, 2008	\$27,564,499.16	\$28,332,067.06
June 30, 2009	\$23,030,415.60	\$20,674,813.27
June 30, 2010	\$21,625,470.32	\$21,322,358.36
June 30, 2011	\$22,640,200.15	\$25,259,932.71
June 30, 2012	\$23,074,757.16	\$24,490,220.68
June 30, 2013	\$23,845,778.35	\$26,396,266.72
June 30, 2014	\$25,462,693.87	\$29,928,554.01
June 30, 2015	\$26,826,021.72	\$28,222,276.89
June 30, 2016	\$25,720,922.66	\$26,053,449.19
June 30, 2017	\$25,237,148.73	\$27,056,267.56
June 30, 2018	<u>\$25,528,622.35</u>	<u>\$27,862,187.60</u>

**Diocesan Unemployment Insurance Fund**  
 THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG  
 July 1, 2016 -June 30, 2018

<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>		
	<u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Money Market	\$0.00	\$0.00
Investments (DTF)	461,867.24	435,747.75
Due From Operating Fund	0.00	40,073.50
Prepaid Expenses	3,135.00	3,135.00
Accrued Interest Receivable	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$465,002.24</u>	<u>\$478,956.25</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
Claims Payable	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reserve For Claims*	0.00	0.00
Due to Operating Fund	200,332.68	0.00
Fund Balance	<u>264,669.56</u>	<u>478,956.25</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<u>\$465,002.24</u>	<u>\$478,956.25</u>

<b>STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE</b>			
	<u>July 1, 2017 June 30, 2018</u>	<u>July 1, 2016 June 30, 2017</u>	
<b>INCOME</b>			
Unemployment Premiums	\$96,842.24	\$109,311.94	
Gain (Loss) on Investments (Net)	26,119.49	26,753.77	
Investment Income	11,320.15	11,266.38	
Transfer from Other Funds	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>\$134,281.88</u>	<u>\$147,332.09</u>	
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Claims Paid	\$26,524.31	\$14,924.22	
Consultant	6,270.00	6,270.00	
Diocesan Administration	15,774.26	15,923.43	
Departmental Grants	<u>300,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>\$348,568.57</u>	<u>\$37,117.65</u>	
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIT) - INCOME MINUS EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>(\$214,286.69)</u>	<u>\$110,214.44</u>	

*Missionary Projects/Ogdensburg*  
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG  
July 1, 2016 -June 30, 2018

<u>FUND BALANCE - JULY 1</u>	<u>July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018</u>	<u>July 1, 2016- June 30, 2017</u>
	\$142,249.06	\$125,449.19
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Diocesan OPA Collection	\$66,103.98	\$52,079.81
Missionary Coop Collection	2,615.87	2,262.07
Parish OPA Donations	0.00	0.00
Interest	4,619.21	4,030.61
Special Gifts	0.00	0.00
General Donations	1,598.76	555.61
Bequests	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>74,937.82</u></b>	<b><u>58,928.10</u></b>
<b>TOTAL JULY 1 FUND BALANCE AND RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$217,186.88</b>	<b>\$184,377.29</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Office Supplies	\$544.27	\$501.16
Advertising	0.00	25.00
Department Grants	15,000.00	0.00
Budget Grants and Donations	<u>29,380.87</u>	<u>41,602.07</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>44,925.14</u></b>	<b><u>42,128.23</u></b>
<b>FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30-</b>	<b><u>\$172,261.74</u></b>	<b><u>\$142,249.06</u></b>

*Diocesan Health\*/Disability Benefits Program*  
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG  
July 1, 2016 -June 30, 2018

<u>BALANCE SHEET</u>			<u>STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES</u>			
	<u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>		<u>July 1, 2017</u>	<u>July 1, 2016</u>	
				<u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>	
<b>ASSETS</b>			<b>INCOME</b>			
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00	\$0.00	Premiums	\$106,792.00	\$117,552.00	
Cash & Money Market Funds	5,478.03	6,372.98	Retiree Drug Subsidy	0.00	0.00	
Investment in Deposit & Loan Fund	0.00	0.00	Gain (Loss) on Investments (Net)	0.00	0.00	
Due From Operating Funds	<u>224,103.02</u>	<u>196,378.43</u>	Investment Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$229,581.05</u></b>	<b><u>\$202,751.41</u></b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>\$106,792.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$117,552.00</u></b>	
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>			<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Reserve for Claims**	\$0.00	\$0.00	Claims Paid	\$47,935.96	\$46,709.36	
Deferred Revenue	0.00	0.00	Administrative Fees	0.00	0.00	
Due To Operating Funds	0.00	0.00	Health Insurance - Retired Priests	3,990.72	5,038.84	
Fund Balance	<u>229,581.05</u>	<u>202,751.41</u>	Fiscal Office Administration	28,035.68	26,888.04	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$229,581.05</u></b>	<b><u>\$202,751.41</u></b>	Transfers to Other Programs	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
			<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$79,962.36</u></b>	<b><u>\$78,636.24</u></b>	
			<b>EXCESS (DEFICIT) - INCOME MINUS EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$26,829.64</u></b>	<b><u>\$38,915.76</u></b>	

\*Self insured health insurance program was terminated August 31, 1997

***Priests' Retirement Fund***  
**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG**  
**July 1, 2016-June 30, 2018**

	<u>July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018</u>	<u>July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017</u>	
<b>FUND BALANCE - JULY 1</b>	\$10,200,440.14	\$9,589,809.39	
<b>ADDITIONS</b>			
Share of Christmas Collection	\$238,928.08	\$235,379.54	
Diocesan Assessment	74,130.00	74,676.00	
Donations in Lieu of Christmas Collection	8,657.00	4,867.00	
Bequests and Donations	26,255.72	201,259.09	
Investment Income	252,711.02	187,743.31	
Gain (Loss) on Investments (Net)	<u>685,714.27</u>	<u>1,121,901.51</u>	
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONS</b>	<u>1,286,396.09</u>	<u>1,825,826.45</u>	
<b>TOTAL JULY 1 FUND BALANCE AND ADDITIONS</b>	\$11,486,836.23	\$11,415,635.84	
<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>			
Payments to Retired Priests	\$880,735.16	\$855,987.16	
Retired Priests' Health Insurance	239,748.63	233,828.21	
Diocesan Administration	<u>161,446.67</u>	<u>125,380.33</u>	
<b>TOTAL DEDUCTIONS</b>	<u>1,281,930.46</u>	<u>1,215,195.70</u>	
<b>FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30</b>	<u>\$10,204,905.77</u>	<u>\$10,200,440.14</u>	

**FIFTY YEAR SUMMARY**

	<u>1968-2018</u>	
<b>ADDITIONS</b>		
Share of Christmas Collection	\$8,306,332.96	
Assessment Per Priest	1,487,279.70	
Diocesan Assessment	528,639.44	
Donations in Lieu of Christmas Collection	407,831.41	
Bequests and Donations	3,026,380.17	
Investment Income	7,166,314.36	
Net Realized & Unrealized Gains on Investments	11,918,947.65	
Self-Insurance Fund Grant	90,000.00	
Loan Account Interest	119,838.70	
Loan Account Grant	<u>30,000.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONS</b>	\$33,081,564.39	
<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>		
Payments to Retired Priests	\$17,872,981.48	
Retired Priests Health Insurance	3,016,420.20	
Diocesan Administration	<u>1,987,256.94</u>	
<b>TOTAL DEDUCTIONS</b>	<u>22,876,658.62</u>	
<b>FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2018</b>	<u>\$10,204,905.77</u>	

**PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND ASSETS**

	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents - NBT Bank	\$461,853.86	\$461,853.86
Accounts Receivable	\$6,294.43	\$6,294.43
Due to Operating Fund	(2,003,668.00)	(2,003,668.00)
Interest Receivable	13,225.23	13,225.23
Stocks	2,802,866.21	3,334,453.30
Bonds and U.S. Government Obligations	2,976,100.81	2,892,276.77
Manning & Napier Funds	2,312,525.28	2,374,797.87
Christian Brothers Investment Services	2,309,544.92	2,640,728.59
The Investment Fund for Foundations: Real Opportunities Fund	132,011.00	159,151.00
Dimensional Fund Advisors - Emerging Markets Social Core Equities	<u>364,750.00</u>	<u>325,792.72</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS - JUNE 30, 2018</b>	<u>\$ 9,375,503.74</u>	<u>\$10,204,905.77</u>

***Priests' Retirement Fund***  
**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG**  
**The Fund Balance has Accumulated as Follows:**

1968	\$17,500.80
1969	10,330.23
1970	20,579.08
1971	19,265.60
1972	27,914.97
1972-1973	5,070.97
1973-1974	18,329.14
1974-1975	55,740.80
1975-1976	44,465.90
1976-1977	36,976.48
1977-1978	54,045.99
1978-1979	66,581.55
1979-1980	133,679.84
1980-1981	113,242.58
1981-1982	22,235.30
1982-1983	99,793.90
1983-1984	173,959.28
1984-1985	30,889.45
1985-1986	153,452.78
1986-1987	111,359.14
1987-1988	204,214.85
1988-1989	188,566.80
1989-1990	226,548.99
1990-1991	143,441.06
1991-1992	445,497.41
1992-1993	272,881.17
1993-1994	463,490.02
1994-1995	491,107.10
1995-1996	960,060.25
1996-1997	1,021,061.17
1997-1998	408,417.16
1998-1999	829,004.36
1999-2000	719,110.30
2000-2001	660,809.56
2001-2002	(1,184,839.10)
2002-2003	330,280.74
2003-2004	1,009,257.04
2004-2005	693,492.98
2005-2006	722,134.05
2006-2007	1,178,509.12
2007-2008	(1,037,244.76)
2008-2009	(1,814,310.57)
2009-2010	92,956.71
2010-2011	1,351,134.50
2011-2012	(403,955.22)
2012-2013	632,958.28
2013-2014	1,249,004.22
2014-2015	(400,661.47)
2015-2016	(1,078,531.11)
2016-2017	610,630.75
2017-2018	<u>4,465.63</u>

**FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2018**

\$10,204,905.77

## CLINTON

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Treadwell Mills – The Knights of Columbus will have a pancake breakfast.

**Date:** April 7

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

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

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Children 6-12, \$4; under 5, Free

**LENTE ADORATION**

Plattsburgh – St. Peter's Church will offer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during Lent.

**Dates:** Mondays and Tuesdays

**Time:** 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Place:** Saint Frere Andre Chapel

**Features:** Adoration will conclude with Benediction at 7 p.m. on Tuesday of Holy Week.

**Contact:** Parish Rectory: 518-563-1692

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Plattsburgh – you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

**Date:** Now to Palm Sunday, April 14

**Features:** Stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the vigil site Planned Parenthood, 66 Brinkerhoff Street and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach.

**Contact:** If you'd like more information and especially if you'd like to volunteer to pray at the vigil site, please contact: Nancy Belzile, 518-593-6024, nancys\_56@hotmail.com www.40daysforlife.com/plattsburgh

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE CLOSING CERMONY**

Plattsburgh – 40 Days for Life to have a Closing Candlelight vigil.

**Date:** April 13

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** 66 Brinkerhoff St.

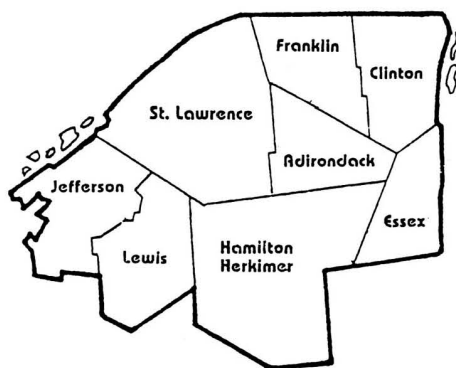
**Features:** To rejoice in the victories that God has accomplished. Though this rally may conclude our 40 Days for Life campaign, it only marks a beginning of renewed commitment to ending abortion in our community.

**Contact:**

www.40daysforlife.com/plattsburgh 518-593-6024

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Plattsburgh – Champlain Valley Right to Life to have its Annual Stations of



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the Cross to be held in front of Planned Parenthood.

**Date:** April 19

**Time:** 10 a.m.

**Place:** 66 Brinkerhoff Street.

**Features:** Prayer pamphlets and the numbered crosses will be supplied. No other signs please. We come together in reparation for the sin of abortion. Dress appropriately for the weather.

**Contact:** Chair at: 518-593-6024 for more info

## ESSEX

**ST. JOSEPH'S LENTE STUDIES**

Olmstedville – St. Joseph's Church to hold a Lenten study.

**Schedule:** Wednesdays after the 5 p.m. Mass

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

**Features:** "No Greater Love," The Passion of Jesus Christ DVD video series to be shown. Soup and bread will be served.

## FRANKLIN

**LENTE DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

Chasm Falls – Lenten Day of Recollection to be held by the Ogdensburg Cursillo group.

**Date:** March 23

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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

**Cost:** A donation of \$10/adult is suggested upon arrival

**Features:** Join Bishop Terry R. LaValley, Father Albert Hauser, Father Alan Shnob, Father Jack Downs and Father Andrew Amyot for a day of talks, prayer, personal witness, recollection and opportunity for Sacrament of Rec-

oniliation.

**Contact:** Pre-register by mail, email or phone by contacting Kathy racette@gmail.com, kracette1a@gmail.com, 518-314-1505, 518-578-3056, Ken and Kathy Racette, 679 Cumberland Head Rd, Plattsburgh, NY 12901

**HOLY ROSARY CRUSADE**

St. Regis Falls – Public Square Rosary Crusade to be held.

**Date:** March 23

**Time:** Noon

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

**Contact:** Elaine McGivney at 518-529-6133

**ABSOLUTE JOURNEY TRIBUTE BAND**

Malone – Holy Family School to host Absolute Journey Tribute Band for Spring Fundraiser.

**Date:** April 6

**Schedule:** at the Malone Middle School, 7 p.m. 80's Costume Contest with \$250 in prizes; at 7:30 p.m. Josee Allerd and Friends will play; at 8:30 p.m. Absolute Journey will play until 9:30 p.m. and then an 80s after hours party is being planned at The Pines.

**Cost:** \$25

**Contact:** Holy Family School for more information at dtvrdik@hfs-malone.org or call 518-483-4443

**FISHERS CLUB**

Malone – Priesthood discernment with Bishop LaValley.

**Date:** April 7

**Time:** 3 p.m. to 5

**Place:** Notre Dame Rectory

**Features:** It doesn't get much better than this- being able to discern and discuss the Priesthood with a Successor to the Apostles! Men who are High School Junior age and older are invited to join Bishop Terry R. LaValley. The gathering includes discernment discussion, Evening Prayer, and dinner.

**Contact:** Please register for the free event with Father Doug Lucia (dlucia@rcdony.org) or Father Howard Venette (pastorsmoll@stmariysti.org).

## HAMILTON/HERKIMER

**LENTE RETREAT DAY**

Old Forge – Lenten Retreat Day to be held.

**Date:** March 30

**Time:** 9:30 a.m.

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

**Features:** Sister Bethany Fitzgerald will present with a theme of *Learning Compassion from the Heart of Christ*. Reflecting on the Parable of the Prodigal Son, Sister will lead us in considering obstacles to compassion and how the teachings of Jesus can make us more compassionate people. This virtue is so much needed today!

**Contact:** To register, phone the parish office at (315) 369-3554 (ext. 3).

## JEFFERSON

**RETREAT**

Watertown – Please join us for "Charisms: Discovering the Gifts We All Have to Share" retreat.

**Date:** March 23

**Time:** 9 a.m. to Noon

**Place:** Sisters of St. Joseph Mother House

**Features:** The cost of the workshop is minimal, free will donation at the door. Facilitator will be Marika Donders. Mass and workshops to be held.

**Contact:** Please register prior to March 23 by going to It's easy to register, just click on the link below: <http://www.rcdony.org/formation/committed-layministers/clm-event-registration.html> or call Jeannie Grizuto at 315-393-2920.

**SPAGHETTI SUPPER**

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

**Date:** March 28

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

**Place:** Msgr. Sechi Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$8, Children, \$4.50; Children under 3, Free; Sauce, \$5 per quart; Meatballs, \$.75 each

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

**LEGACY GALA**

Watertown – Immaculate Heart Central School to have their 2019 Legacy Gala.

**Date:** April 6

**Time:** Cocktails at 6 p.m.; Dinner at 7 p.m.

**Place:** Italian American Civic Association

**Cost:** \$50

**Features:** The event is Semi-Formal **Contact:** Tickets are available at IHC Jr./Sr. High School or call 315-788-4670 or email ihcgal@ihcschool.org

**LENTE COMMUTER RETREAT**

Watertown – Lenten commuter retreat to be held.

**Date:** April 5-7

**Time:** Fri., 6 p.m. to 9; Sat., 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sun., 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (includes Mass)

**Place:** Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse Hearthside Hospitality Center **Cost:** \$50 includes Retreat Materials and Food

**Speakers:** Sister Norma Bryant, Sister Bethany Fitzgerald, Molly Amoriell and Cindy Matthews

**Features:** Retreat will explore through presentations, personal and group prayer, and sharing some aspects of loss, grief and suffering caused by loss of a loved one, divorce, illness, loss of job, or other life challenges. Reflections will include how our faith not only gives us strength and hope to be transformed into new life, but gives us the grace to help others on the Journey.

**Contact:** email srbethsj@gmail.com or call 315-212-6592 by Sunday, March 31

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Watertown – Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church will hold a Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration.

**Schedule:** Beginning Good Friday, April 19, at 3 p.m. the Divine Mercy novena will begin by praying in the Chaplet in Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.; Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated April 28 at 3 p.m., there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Singing of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, confession & a procession.

**Contact:** For more info on Mercy Sunday call Judy at 315-783-7349 or visit [www.thedivinemercy.org](http://www.thedivinemercy.org).

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## LEWIS

## EN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Lowville – Lewis Lenten Eucharistic Adoration to be held.

**Date:** March 21, 28 April 4, 7, 11

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

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

**Features:** Thank God for & To Honor the Most Blessed Sacrament, all are invited to our Lenten hours of adoration prior and after our Thursday Noon Mass. Adoration includes Morning Prayer prior to mass and after mass - Exposition, Silent Adoration, the Divine Mercy Chaplet for Souls, and Benediction.

## LENTEN PARISH MISSION

Lowville – The Churches of St. Peter's, St. Mary's and St. Hedwig's will hold a Lenten parish mission.

**Date:** March 25, 26 & 27

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

**Schedule:** March 23 & 24 at the weekend Masses with the theme of Faith, Creation and Resurrection; March 25 at 7 p.m. with the theme of Vocation and Marriage; March 26 at 7 p.m. with the theme of Repentance with a Penance Service; March 27 at 5:30 p.m. with the theme of Eucharist, Mass in the life of a Christian and Parish.

**Features:** The mission will be led by Father William G. Muench, a retired priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, a contributor to the North Country Catholic, a former pastor of St. Peter's Church, Lowville

## CHICKEN AND BISCUIT DINNER

Lyons Falls – A Chicken and Biscuit dinner to be held for St. John's Church's fuel fund.

**Date:** March 26

**Time:** 5 p.m.

**Place:** St. John's Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$8; Children 5-12, \$5; under 5, Free

**Contact:** Take-outs available by calling 315-777-0300 by 3 p.m.; after 3 p.m. please call 315-348-6599

## APRIL DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

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

**Date:** April 7

**Time:** 3 p.m.

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

**Features:** The program includes:

Vespers (Evening Prayer), Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. All are welcomed. Contact 315-348-6260.

## ST. LAWRENCE

## IHC MYSTERY PLAYERS

Star Lake – IHC Mystery Players to present in a very creative way the centuries old stations of the cross.

**Date:** March 22

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

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

**Features:** A very creative way, the centuries old stations. Meditation and contemplation on the death and resurrection of Jesus in the central mystery in the prayer life of the Catholic Church. We strongly encourage everyone to attend this unique and powerful prayer experience.

**Contact:** St. Huberts at 315-848-3612 or st.huberts.church@gmail.com

## GUN AND KNIFE SHOW

Brasher – The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Gun and Knife Show.

**Date:** March 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

and March 31 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Place:** Shamrock Club

**Cost:** \$3; under 12 free

**Features:** Many dealers will be present with all kinds sporting items. Concession stand open all day, breakfast served from 8 a.m. to 11.

**Contact:** Phil Davis at 315-389-4627 or Mike Hoag at 315-389-4318.

## BLESSED IS SHE LENT GATHERING

Norwood – Blessed is She Lent Gathering to be held.

**Date:** April 7

**Time:** 12:30 p.m.

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

**Features:** Join us for an inspiring talk to dive deeper into the Lenten Season. Snacks will be provided, please bring a snack.

**Contact:** RSVP to Sara LaPoint: text/call 315-212-7565 or narrow56@gmail.com

## FISH & SHRIMP FRY

Gouverneur – Fish & Shrimp Fry to be held every Friday during Lent.

**Date:** March 8 to April 19

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

**Place:** St. James School

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

**Contact:** Take-out and deliveries

available by calling 315-287-1030

## LENTEN FISH FRY

Massena – Friday Fish Fry to be held during Lent.

**Date:** March 15 – April 12

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

**Place:** St. Mary's Social Hall

**Cost:** Adults, \$10; Children under 12, \$5

## ALPHA COURSE

Massena – Alpha is here and you are invited to attend.

**Date:** Starts April 8 and runs for 12 weeks

**Time:** 6 p.m. to 8:30

**Place:** St. Mary's Social Hall

**Features:** Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian Faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. No pressure. No follow up. No charge.

**Contact:** For more information, please call the parish office at 315.769.2469 or visit our website at www.massencatholic.com.

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

## WOMEN DISCERNMENT GROUP

Women's discernment groups are forming in three areas of the diocese.

**Date:** March 24, 31 and April 7

**Place:** Potsdam, St. Mary's Rectory 5 p.m. to 7; Plattsburgh, Newman Center 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Watertown, Hearthside Room at SSJ Mother House 5 p.m.

to 7

**Features:** Come pray and discuss with other women how to know what God has in mind for you. Dinner will be provided.

**Contact:** Cathy Russell at crussell@rcdony.org or 315-393-2920. Registration is requested by emailing Shayne Lippincott at slippincott@rcdony.org

## YOUTH RALLY

Massena – 2019 Youth Rally to be held.

**Date:** April 6

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Place:** Trinity Catholic School

**Cost:** \$25 (Lunch is included)

**Speakers:** Kevin Dowd will be the Keynote Speaker and Marihon Alzuhairi will be presenting.

**Features:** Prayer and Reflection, Mass, Adoration, Climb the Scripture Wall, Indoor Snowball Blast, Glow Ball Fun and Arts and Crafts. Free Swag

bags with surprises will be given out as well.

**Contact:** To register visit www.rcdony.org/youth and select "Youth Rally." Please contact Tom Semeraro, Director of Youth Ministry at tsemeraro@rcdony.org or by calling 315-393-2920 ext. 1415

## CHRISM MASS

Ogdensburg – Chrism Mass to be held.

**Date:** April 11

**Time:** 11 a.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's Cathedral

**Features:** All the Faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg are cordially invited to join The Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg for the annual Renewal of Priestly Commitment, the Blessing of the Holy Oils, and the consecration of the Sacred Chrism for use in all the churches of the Diocese symbolizing that we are one family in Christ.

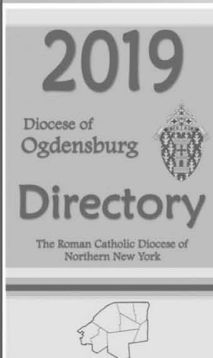


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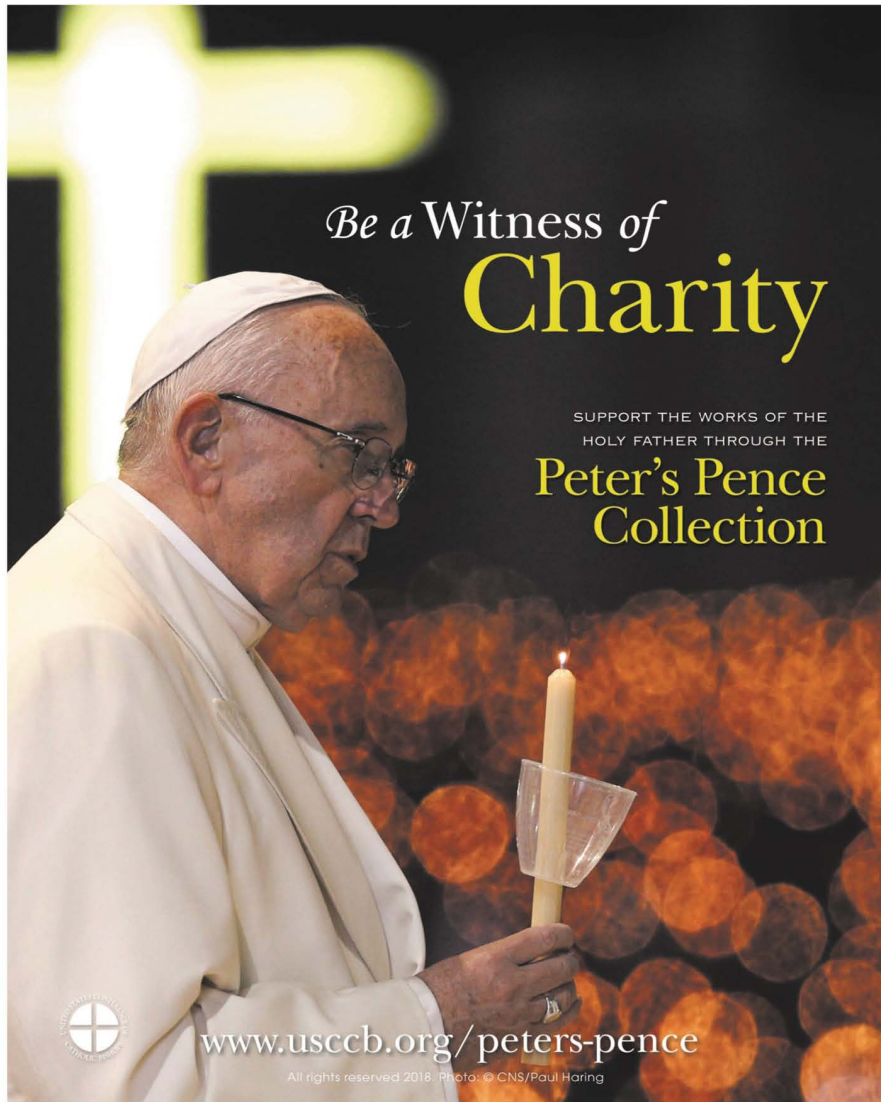
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Pope Francis issued a call for funds and personally contributed to assist those most affected by this conflict. Our Holy Father said, "This act of charity, in addition to alleviating material suffering, seeks to express my personal closeness and solidarity and that of the entire Church," with the hope "that it may help to promote, without further delay, peace and respect for law in that land so afflicted" (Regina Caeli, Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2016). When your diocese supports the Peter's Pence Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Holy Father to comfort those who suffer around the world, like our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

**Collection Weekend: March 30 & 31**

## All are welcome to Day of Recollection

By Darcy Fargo  
Editor

**MALONE**—It's a day of fellowship, faith sharing, witness talks, sacraments and more. It's a Day of Recollection.

To be held Saturday, March 23 at St. Helen's Church in the hamlet of Chasm Falls, the event is sponsored by the Cursillo movement within the diocese.

"A Day of Recollection is an opportunity to step out of our daily concerns and enter God's presence a little more intimately," said Ken Racette, lay director of North Country Cursillo. "It provides some time to reflect on how the Lord is working in us and to learn how we may draw closer to Him."

The theme of this year's Day of Recollection, the third held by the Cursillo movement, is "Prayer."

Bishop Terry R. LaValley, Father Albert J. Hauser and Father Alan D. Shnob will give spiritual presentations on the theme. Father Andrew J. Amyot and two laypersons will share personal witnesses. Participants will also have time for prayer and recollection with the Blessed Sacrament and opportunities for confession after each talk.

The event will conclude with a Mass celebrated by Bishop LaValley at 4:30 p.m. in St. Helen's Church.

Lunch will be provided.

If you know ahead that you plan to attend, please pre-register by calling Ken and Kathy Racette at [Kathyracette@gmail.com](mailto:Kathyracette@gmail.com), [kracette1a@gmail.com](mailto:kracette1a@gmail.com), 518-314-1505 or 518-578-3056.

A donation of \$10 is suggested upon arrival to help defray expenses.

All diocesan residents are invited to attend.

"Please join us," Racette said.

St. Helen's Church is located at 763 County Route 41 (Fayette Road) in Malone.

### IMMACULATE HEART CENTRAL SCHOOL MYSTERY PLAYERS

#### LENT 2019: "Anna and Simeon"

Date	Place		Time
March 22	St. Hubert's	Star Lake	7:30 p.m.
March 24	SSJ Motherhouse	Watertown	6:15 p.m.
March 29	Notre Dame	Ogdensburg	7:30 p.m.
March 31	Emmanuel	Watertown	7:30 p.m.
April 5	St. Mary's	Potsdam	7:30 p.m.
April 7	St. Cyril's	Alex Bay	7:30 p.m.
April 14	St. Anthony/Joseph	Herkimer	7:30 p.m.
April 15	Holy Trinity	Hudson	7:30 p.m.
April 16	St. Aloysius	Leonardtown, MD	7:30 p.m.
April 17	Fr. Andrew White School	Leonardtown, MD	10:00 a.m.
April 19	St. Patrick's	Watertown	7:30 p.m.

[www.ihcschools.org/spiritual-life/mystery-players](http://www.ihcschools.org/spiritual-life/mystery-players)



## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# Move out of slavery of sin this Lent

The first reading this Sunday gives us a favorite story. It's about Moses

and the burning bush. Imagine Moses, who at this point, is just a lowly shepherd living in exile in Midian, when he wanders with his sheep to the Holy Mountain and sees a bush on fire – and the bush is not destroyed. Filled with curiosity, he moves closer. When he hears a divine command, he takes off his sandals. Then God calls him to go on a mission to free the Israelites. He gives God excuse after excuse in protest, but to no avail. God then reveals His name to Moses: "I am who

Am,, tell them that Yahweh sent you." In fear and trembling, Moses goes back to Egypt to announce God's decision to the elders.

On our Christian journey through Lent, as we hear read the stories about the prophets and listen to the teaching of Jesus, there is a danger that we'll keep the same cozy distance that we do when watching a TV drama or an old movie.

Should we stick to our comfort zone this Sunday as we hear Jesus struggle to convince his "righteous" hearers that it's time for action, time for them to repent of their



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Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15  
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12  
Luke 13:1-9

sins and change their ways before God's grows tired and brings them to final justice? Toward the end of the Gospel, Jesus tells them about the owner of the vineyard who wants to cut down his barren fig tree. Year after year, he's waited. Now he's tired of waiting. Fortunately, he's persuaded to wait just one more year...just one more year! God, in His mercy, is so very patient with us.

That fig tree is a symbol of each one of us today. In what way have we per-

haps exhausted God's patience? Lent is the time for some action on our part that will remedy that. St. Paul, in his exhortation to the Corinthians, is urging them not to be complacent at all the good they have done, but to make sure they have gotten rid of any sinfulness. How about us? Are there sins that we've been unwilling to part from? God is calling each of us this week to move out of slavery into the desert freedom of prayer and penance. Above all, we throw ourselves on God's mercy. That, of course, means making a good confession – at least once – during this season of grace. "Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness."



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## AT THE MOVIES

## FIVE FEET APART

NEW YORK (CNS) – "Five Feet Apart" (Lionsgate), a generally engaging young-adult romantic drama about the redeeming power of sacrificial love, is aimed, with the precision of a heat-seeking missile, at 17-year-old girls.

While mature themes, including sexuality, preclude endorsement for most adolescents, parents may consider the positive values underlying the story sufficient reason to waver in the case of older, well-grounded teens.



Director Justin Baldoni and screenwriters Mikki Daughtry and Tobias Iaconis take on mortality from cystic fibrosis, a subject that could easily have led them into tasteless mawkishness. Instead, they've treated their material in a way that's compassionate, medically correct and, for the most part, morally sound.

The film somewhat resembles 2014's "The Fault in Our Stars," about a pair of cancer-afflicted young adults. But here there's the additional peril of bacterial infection.

"I never understood the importance of touch," Stella (Haley Lu Richardson) reflects, "until I couldn't have it."

Stella and Will (Cole Sprouse) are both patients participating in a clinical

trial of innovative medications. Both know, however, that their disease will eventually kill them.

Stella, who is hopeful of receiving a lung transplant that would extend her life by at least five years, is orderly and precise about her treatment regimen, and doesn't understand why Will lacks similar discipline. She also maintains a blog to monitor her progress and has some interest in the possibility of an afterlife – though in a way that's more broadly spiritual than specifically religious.

He's not as optimistic as she is about being a transplant candidate, and he's a fatalist besides: "Stella, nothing is going to save our lives. We're breathing borrowed air. Enjoy it."

In keeping with the rom-com formula, they find a way to "date" within

the hospital, and their affection for each other grows. But there's one awful caveat: No touching, and definitely no kissing since sharing bacteria would be almost instantly fatal.

Among the many indignities inflicted on cystic fibrosis patients is the requirement to remain at least 6 feet apart from each other. Stella figures out, however, that she can cheat this distance a little by using a five-foot-long pool cue. By holding on to either end of the cue, she and Will can create a passable illusion of hand-holding intimacy.

Overseeing their care is gruffly maternal nurse Barb (Kimberly Hebert Gregory), and the pair have a shared friend in wisecracking, gay fellow patient Poe (Moises Arias).

Stella has a couple of tragic secrets; Will, a talented artist, proves eager to be under her moral tutelage; and the parents of both, as is de rigeur in young-adult fare, appear only briefly as supporting players. Thus the would-be lovers have to work out their issues for themselves. Are they living just for their treatment, for instance, or accepting their treatment as a way to embrace life?

The film contains references to homosexuality, a single instance of rough language and fleeting crude talk. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III – adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 – parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.



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## MCA celebrates Prayer and Penny week March 16-23

This year, the Missionary Childhood Association will celebrate National Prayer and Penny Week from March 16-23.

This program serves as MCA's Lenten prayer and sacrifice program for grades K-8. This special week continues to honor the legacy of Venerable Pauline Jaricot. As founder of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, a Pontifical Mission Society like MCA, this young French laywoman encouraged prayers and sacrifice or "prayers and pennies" for the Missions of her day, including the USA at the time.

Today, her vision calls us to action to do for the church in the Missions of our day what she helped do for us in the building of the church here in the United States. In addition to praying the World Mission Rosary, below is a prayer provided by the Missionary Childhood Association to be said during the Prayer and Penny Week. God Bless and please, pray and send your pennies....

### Prayer for National Prayer and Penny Week

*God of love, You show us all that is right. Help us to become living signs of Your goodness and love.*

*Lead us to new ways of seeing You, praising You, and growing in our love and commitment to You.*

*We ask that You give to all missionaries a spirit of wisdom, understanding, Strength and courage as they seek to serve You in the name of our Church.*

*Grant them boldness to walk with our brothers and sisters who live in poverty, loneliness, and despair.*

*Provide them with safety, perseverance, and the fortitude they need to bring Your Son, Jesus to those in need.*

*And give to us, Lord Jesus, humble hearts. Give us hearts for serving all we meet.*

*Inspire all of Your followers to carry Your love to all people. We ask this through Your good and faithful name. Amen.*

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

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## Funeral Mass held for Sister Monica Ste-Marie

A Funeral Mass for Sister Monica Ste-Marie, a beloved member of the Ursuline Community, was held March 11 at the Ursuline Providence Center Chapel in New Rochelle.

Sister Monica died peacefully March 7 at Andrus on Hudson.

The former Marguerite Gladys Ste-Marie was born to Rosalba Laroche and Alphonse Ste-Marie in Malone in 1917.

She entered the Ursulines in 1934, shortly after graduating from St. Joseph's Academy in Malone. Sister Monica celebrated 80 years as an Ursuline in 2017.

Sister Monica earned a B.S. in Education/English from Catholic University and Fordham University, and a M.A. in Religious Studies from Providence College. She also did post-graduate work at SUNY Potsdam, Villanova University and Boston College.

Sister Monica's ministry as a teacher of elementary and secondary school began in 1937 at St. Patrick's School, Washing-

ton, DC, and concluded half a century later at Notre Dame School, Malone.

In between she taught in the Bronx at Our lady of Mercy, St. Philip Neri, St. Angela's, and St. Jerome's; in Malone at St. Joseph's and Notre Dame; at St. Michael's, Overlea, MD; Ursuline Academy High School, Wilmington, DE, and English in North Country Community College and in Puebla, Mexico.

Sister Monica also devoted many years to prison ministries, including the New York State and Delaware Prison Systems. In addition, she helped to administer the Ursuline Marian Residence in New Rochelle, St. Joseph's School and St. George's Parish in Malone, and the Beacon Retreat Center.

Sister is survived by her loving Ursuline Community and several nephews and nieces.

Donations in Sister Monica's name may be made to the Ursuline Sisters Retirement Fund at the North Ave. address.

### OBITUARIES

**Brownville** – Rita M. (Shannon) Siver, 85; Mass of Christian Burial March 16, 2019 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Brushton** – Allenia Godek, 76; Mass of Christian Burial March 9, 2019 at St. Mary's Church.

**Fort Covington** – Lawrence E. Snyder, 94; Mass of Christian Burial March 11, 2019 at St. Mary's of the Fort; burial in the new St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Lowville** – Nancy Ann (Reasoner) Foster, 62; Mass of Christian Burial March 19, 2019 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Vincent of Paul Cemetery, Cape Vincent.

**Lowville** – Lawrence F. Klosner, 81; Funeral Services March 12, 2019 at the Iseneker Funeral Home, Inc.; burial in Lowville Rural Cemetery.

**Malone** – Sharon Ann Mageean, 67; Mass of Christian Burial March 18, 2019 at Notre Dame Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**Malone** – Shirley M. Yando Morris, 87;

Mass of Christian Burial March 16, 2019 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Malone** – Brock M. Patterson, 41; Mass of Christian Burial March 18, 2019 at Notre Dame Church.

**North Bangor** – Sarah S. Chapin Knight, 37; Mass of Christian Burial May 4, 2019 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – Royce Timothy Bell, 70; Mass of Christian Burial March 14, 2019 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Peru** – Leslie C. Keefe, 83; Mass of Christian Burial March 15, 2019 at St. Augustine's Church.

**Plattsburgh** – Albert J. Sabanos Jr.,

89; Mass of Christian Burial March 14, 2019 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** – Mary Curtin Taylor, 85; Mass of Christian Burial March 14, 2019 at St. John's Church; burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

**Rouses Point** – Gabriel R. Bedard, 81; Mass of Christian Burial March 16, 2019 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Maple Hill Cemetery.

**Tupper Lake** – Clarence Peets, 84; Funeral Services March 7, 2019 at the Stuart-Fortune-Keough Funeral Home.

**Watertown** – Henry R. Pecori, 88; Mass of Christian Burial March 12, 2019 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

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# Cardinal DiNardo recovering from mild stroke

HOUSTON (CNS) – Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, was taken to the hospital

late March 15 after experiencing symptoms of what tests March 16 confirmed was a mild stroke, according to an archdiocesan statement.

"The cardinal was resting comfortably and conversing with associates, doctors and nurses," the statement said. "It is expected that Cardinal Di-

Nardo will remain hospitalized for a few more days of testing and observation, followed by a transfer to another facility for rehabilitation."

Cardinal DiNardo, 69, "is grateful to the doctors and nurses for their wonderful care and for continued prayers during his recovery," it said.

The statement quoted the cardinal as saying, "With so much to do I am looking forward to getting back to work as soon as possible."

The USCCB, in a news release, said it joined with the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese "in praying for the cardinal's quick recovery."

During his recovery Cardinal DiNardo has assigned his USCCB duties to Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, vice president of the con-

ference, as provided for by the USCCB bylaws.

Cardinal DiNardo and Archbishop Gomez were elected USCCB president and vice president, respectively, during the bishops' annual fall general assembly in Baltimore in November 2016. They began their three-year terms at the close of the meeting.

Cardinal DiNardo, who served as USCCB vice president for three years before being elected president, has headed the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston since 2006, when as coadjutor archbishop, he immediately succeeded Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza when he retired.

Then-Archbishop DiNardo was named a cardinal in 2007, making him the first cardinal from Texas.

The Diocese of Ogdensburg

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—Bishop Terry R. LaValley

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The Immaculate Heart Central School fifth grade class visited Samaritan Keep Home in Watertown for a service day project field trip. The students and residents played Mardi Gras games, socialized and ate lunch together.