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Father, brother to all

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Former Camp Guggenheim staffers gathered at the camp facility as part of its 50th Anniversary Celebration on May 28. See the full story on Page 3 and memories of camp on Page 4.

FROM NEW JERSEY TO LONG LAKE



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Pope: Holy Spirit pushes people to repent, love

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – The Holy Spirit shows everyone where to begin, what paths to take and how to walk the great journey of life, Pope Francis said.

“Let us sit at the school of the Holy Spirit, so that he can teach us all things,” the pope said in his homily June 5 during Pentecost Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica.

“Let us invoke him each day, so that he can remind us to make God’s gaze upon us our starting point, to make decisions by lis-

tening to his voice and to journey together as church, docile to him and open to the world,” he said.

Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, dean of the College of Cardinals, was the main celebrant at the Mass, and Pope Francis delivered his homily from a wheelchair on a platform in front of the altar. The pope has had ongoing difficulty walking and standing because of a knee problem. During the Mass,

he sat in a chair facing the altar in the area normally reserved for dignitaries; the Vatican pushed news photographers further back than usual for the ceremony.

“The Holy Spirit will never tell you that on your journey everything is going just fine,” the pope said in his homily. The Holy Spirit “corrects you; he makes you weep for your sins; he pushes you to change, to fight against your lies and deceptions.”

The Holy Spirit, however, will always offer a hand, comfort and constant encouragement because conversion calls for “hard work, interior struggle and sacrifice,” the pope said.

“The evil spirit, on the contrary, pushes you to always do what you think and you find pleasing. He makes you think that you have the right to use your freedom any way you want,” he said. But then “once you are left feeling

empty inside,” the evil spirit “blames you and throws you down.”

“When you feel troubled by bitterness, pessimism and negativity,” he said, “it is good to remember that these things never come from the Holy Spirit. They come from evil,” which likes to fuel impatience, self-pity, complaints, criticism and the tendency to blame others for every problem, making people “edgy, suspicious and querulous.”

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'You can really talk!'

"You can really talk!" An acquaintance told me that at the conclusion of a parish council meeting several months ago. That meeting included our council's participation in the "Synod on Synodality." I had given a short presentation explaining the synod at the start of the session.

"Thank you," I responded. "I really don't mind public speaking. I'm pretty used to it."

"I don't mind public speaking, but it's different when you're speaking publicly about faith," the acquaintance said. "I'm not sure I could talk like that about lis-

tening to the Holy Spirit."

I knew exactly what she meant.

I thought of that conversation this week when the very first column I wrote for this space appeared in the "Memories" feature of a popular social media platform. That first column was written four years ago this week. When I first started this job, the mere idea of writing this column terrified me. I was nervous about writing in the first person, something my career in journalism and corporate communications very rarely included. I was scared



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to share anything related to my faith.

"I don't have the language for this," I thought.

I was right to some extent. I didn't have the language.

If you've ever attempted to learn a foreign language, you know it takes a lot of practice to get to a point where you're comfortable using the language in conversation. For me, it was the same with talking about my relationship with the Lord. In addition to learning to rely on the Holy Spirit to give me the right words for each situation or moment, I needed to get comfortable saying or writing those words. I needed to practice.

I'm still practicing.

I minored in French in college. By my junior year, I could write essays and read short stories in French with little difficulty. I could think in French. Now, almost 20 years later, I struggle to read or write even entry-level French. Why? I have a saying related to a learned language: "If you don't use it, you lose it."

I don't want to lose this. God gifted me this opportunity to grow in my ability to express my love for Him. He gives us all those opportunities. It might come in a small-group study at our parish. It might come in a conversation with a friend or family member.

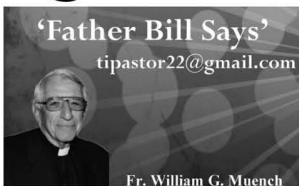
When we share our love of Christ with others, it's always real talk. And we can all do it.

Celebrating the Eucharist this month

In the month of June, our Catholic Church celebrates the sacrament of the Blessed Eucharist. We dedicate a Sunday to honor the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. In the old days, this feast was called Corpus Christi. I remember well the processions and special decorations of the churches. Today, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you something about this important and special sacrament that is such an important part of our Catholic faith.

This sacrament of the Blessed Eucharist is an everyday part of our Catholic life. Every time Mass is celebrated, the Eucharist is a part of our prayer. Each year on the Feast Day of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we offer our gratitude to our God for this magnificent and powerful sacrament. As Catholics, the Blessed Eucharist is an important part of our spirituality.

You probably remember that the word Eucharist – from Greek – means gratitude. Each time we celebrate



the Blessed Eucharist we offer our gratitude to the Lord, who came to live among us, to teach us, and then to accept sufferings and crucifixion leading to resurrection all for us, to lead us to new life and salvation.

We come to a fuller understanding of the Lord's Eucharist each time we pray the words of the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass. This prayer begins in gratitude as we honor the Lord for calling us to holiness. We pray: "From the world's beginning, Lord, you are ceaselessly at work, so that the human race may become holy just as you yourself are holy." This Holy Eucharist transform each of us and leads us to holier lives. We are lead in holiness to live lives in service of our God. We are given the power and wisdom through the Eucharist to take the Lord Jesus and his message to our

world as we live well as a holy people.

Then, in the Eucharistic Prayer, we continue to pray that God "will look upon his people's offerings, the bread and wine, and pour out on them the power of the Holy Spirit, that they become the Body and Blood of your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, in whom we, too, are his sons and daughters."

We pray as we believe that God has always loved us with the greatest love and that God has loved us first. Through the sacrament of the Blessed Eucharist, we are united in a special way with our savior, Jesus. We know the Lord loves us and constantly forgives us. Jesus demonstrated his love through his passion, death and resurrection. Through this Eucharist, we are united with our savior each time we receive Holy Communion. In addition, this sacrament unites us into a powerful community and is ready to make our parish and our world a better place.

We believe that our Lord, Jesus, instituted this blessed Eucharist at the Last Supper.

Each Mass is a celebration in remembrance of that Last Supper, and each priest is allowed to say the very same words of Jesus when he consecrated the bread and wine into his own Body and Blood. Each time we receive Holy Communion, we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus so that we can take the Lord's power and strength and live well this day. We do not leave Jesus in the Church; the Lord is a part of us and all that we do that we may live well.

You have heard the words of consecration at Mass often. Listen carefully and recognize well the presence of the Lord among us. Over the bread the priest says the words of Jesus, "Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread and gave it to them saying, take this, all of you and eat of it, for this is my Body." And then over the chalice filled with wine, "This is the chalice of my Blood. The Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins." Then we are challenged by the Lord, "Do this in memory of me."



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(Left) Bishop Terry R. LaValley celebrates Mass at Camp Guggenheim's 50th anniversary celebration. Deacon James Crowley, chancellor of the diocese and member of the 50th anniversary celebration committee, aided at the Mass. (Right) Father Arthur J. LaBaff, founder of Camp Guggenheim, gives the homily at the celebration.

Celebrating 50 years of Camp Guggenheim

By Darcy Fargo
Editor

SARANAC LAKE – Rain didn't dampen the spirits at the Camp Guggenheim 50th Anniversary celebration.

Past, present and future campers and staff, gathered with Bishop Terry R. LaValley and priests of the diocese to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of youth camp on

Saturday, May 28.

"It only rained in the morning on Saturday," said Michelle Watkins, former camp director and member of the celebration organizing committee. "We celebrated Mass in the Inn instead of outside as originally planned. Bishop was wonderfully accommodating, and Deacon (James) Crowley helped by getting extra chairs from the Lodge

basement. It cleared up later in the day, and we were able to do a scavenger hunt, tie dye t-shirts, we had adventure activities and volleyball at the ready. Some of the itsy bitsies enjoyed sticking their toes in the water."

Bishop LaValley celebrated the Mass, and the homily was delivered by Father Arthur J. LaBaff, the priest credited with estab-

lishing the youth camp.

Father LaBaff noted that over its 50 years in existence, Camp Guggenheim has "sown the seeds of faith" in thousands of young people, seeds that have spread and continue to bear fruit.

"For some of the staff, it's been a time in which they found a partner for life," Father LaBaff said. "For others, it may have been a

vocation to serve the Church in the priesthood or permanent diaconate. For individuals and families, many have become commissioned lay ministers... When I arrived at my present assignment, a lady in the parish came up to me. She said, 'I remember you. I was at the first week of Guggenheim.' She was a trustee of the parish. She's

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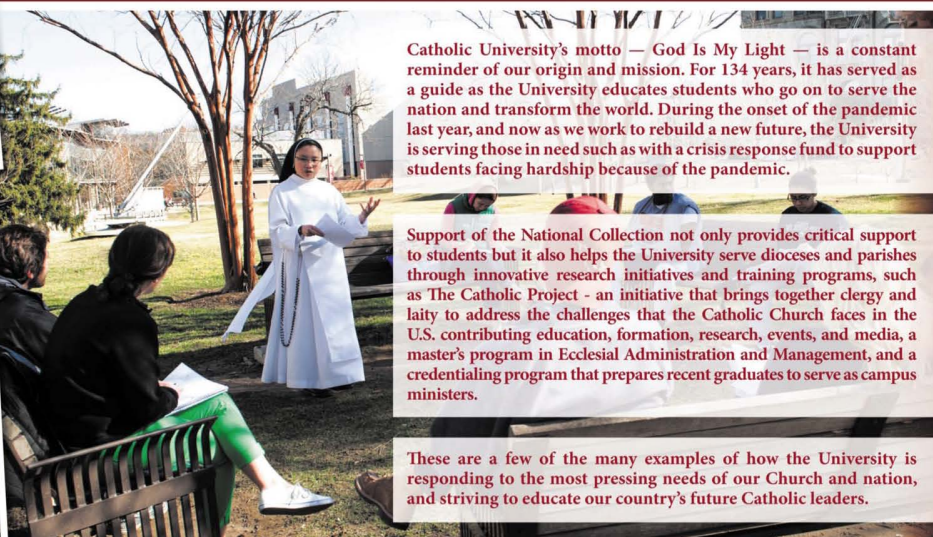


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These are a few of the many examples of how the University is responding to the most pressing needs of our Church and nation, and striving to educate our country's future Catholic leaders.

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MEMORIES FROM CAMP GUGGENHEIM

The following memories were shared by Deacon Mark Bennett and Dan Benware, part of the first Camp Guggenheim staff:

- I was working at Camp Holy Cross in Mallet's Bay Vermont and Father Art Labaff asked me to be one of the first counsellors at the new Diocesan camp, Camp Guggenheim.
- The transition was challenging as I was now supervising teenagers rather than eight year old boys.
- Some of the names that I remember from 50 years are: Dan, John Engels, Dick Moon, Karen Germain, Deacon Fred and Linda Oberst, and Sister Rhea Bean.
- Our Director was Father Art Labaff and our first chaplain was Msgr. Joseph Aubin.
- I remember planning the day's meals and then traveling into town to pick up groceries.
- I was told I was the nature counsellor, which apparently meant I was to climb Mt. Baker about 25 times during the summer. Looking back, I was in the best shape of my life!
- Our first waterfront equipment consisted of a leaky rowboat and a couple of life preservers.
- We made do and all of us enjoyed the beauty of Camp Guggenheim.
- The most important component of camp that has been consistent over the 50 years has been the Eucharist, the source and sum-

mit of our life.

The following memories were shared by former camp staff member Andrew Lauria:

In thinking about the past 50 years of camp history and what camp has meant to me, I think about all of the humor that has been shared between us. Camp has been a very funny place for a very long time now. From the infinite amount of variety show moments, Around-the-Rooms, staff "characters", to the daily joy found in morning program and that which comes naturally from making new friends, camp has been a blessed place for joy.

From my first summer as a camper in 1997 to my last summer on staff in 2009, I have laughed so much and with such intensity at camp. I think that joy is one of the most enduring fruits of the camp community in my life. Joy is a sign of the spirit and our roaring laughter for 50 years has been an ever clear sign of that joy. Our world has become very serious in recent years and so it is as important as ever to remember that "where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

One memory of joy and laughter that sticks out was the production of "The Rulsical", the rules video of 2008, of which was a full-blown musical, an ingenious creation spearheaded by the incomparably creative and hilarious Chris Calderone. Each scene depicted a camp rule in the style of a famous musical, making it a

camp version of a musical revue. Our budget was \$0 and the entire endeavor was conceived and produced within Staff Week. We used every single item from the dress-up closet. We used every single idea we could from Andrew Lloyd Weber. It was the largest intentional creative undertaking in staff history and I am grateful to have been a part of it.

The items needed to produce a Phantom of the Opera themed "No Running In the Halls" included an electric organ, some moving dollies and rope, a cheap plastic mask, and a window curtain as a cape. I was the masked phantom, who had to "pilot" the organ down the hallway toward the camera, while being towed by someone pulling the rope, all while singing about tripping and falling. The scene ended with me literally falling down behind the organ as it clipped the entrance of one of the dorm room doors and tipped off of the rollers. We laughed so hard in the boys' hallway that night that I almost didn't make it out from underneath the organ.

When I think back at the times in life when I laughed the most and the hardest, I'm always brought back to my summers at Camp Guggenheim. It is the place and the people with which I have had the deepest, longest relationships and these relationships are the reason that I am Catholic as an adult. Our faith is a joy and I am grateful to God that all of these years later, Guggenheim is still a source of God's joy for so many.

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Camp Guggenheim celebrates 50 years

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now a commissioned lay minister. She carries the Eucharist to the homebound and nourishes the parish along with the others who know Jesus and found Jesus here at Guggenheim."

Father LaBaff reflected on the joy and love shared at the camp.

"Here, children dance," he said. "Laughter rings through the trees. The love that's found, it's all around. It's in the breeze. Even on a day like today, children dance. Yes, the seeds of faith have been planted. Please, Guggenheim Jesus, let these seeds grow."

Bishop LaValley echoed Father LaBaff's remarks.

"Something is deeply different about this holy ground, where nature, where youth, where wisdom all comes together and meets and goes forth from this altar," he said.

Bishop LaValley noted that 50 years ago, as

camp was being established, he was in high school, and a merger was planned that would unite his school in Mooers with Rouses Point and Champlain.

"We made the change, and we've been blessed big time," he said. "We came together. Fifty years ago, the Church was different in some respects – in many respects – from the way it is today, but one thing has remained constant: Jesus is Lord. What happens at the altar? He said, 'Do this in memory of me.' For the last 2,000 years, we've been doing that, praise God. We are nourished by Jesus in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass."

Bishop LaValley thanked the campers, staffers, priests, music ministers, diocesan staff and others involved in keeping the camp running over the years.

"Camp is alive and well," Bishop LaValley con-

cluded. "Thank you for being here. Thank you for your support of Camp Guggenheim."

Those campers, staffers, priests and others enjoyed the opportunity to gather for the celebration, Watkins said.

"We had people coming in from all over the place," she said. "One staffer traveled in from Minnesota. That, for me, tells the story of how important (Camp Guggenheim) is to people. Friday evening, staff alum gathered in Lodge for catchup time and a 'welcome home' reception; we had some good food and some good conversation. A handful of people stayed at camp. The staff was wonderful. It was evident that everyone is used to life at camp and the all-hands-on-deck mentality. Everyone kept saying, 'hey, what do you need?'"

In addition to gathering for fellowship and fun,

alumni staffers completed clean-up and preparation tasks to help get camp ready for the Saturday event and the camp season. Completing the tasks, the former staffers were able to become familiar with the renovations that had been completed over the last two summers.

"We happy danced at every turn about the renovations," Watkins said. "Insightful shifts and changes were made. Of course, between the projects and two years of no camp, there was also some mess. We had done a significant amount of cleaning to make the Summer Fun Days possible last year, but it's a big place, with lots of dust. People put in a ton of elbow grease. There had been an Octave of Service group earlier in the week, but there was still plenty to be done. But all the work was worth it. It sets the stage so summer

camp staff will find camp more camp ready than they would've had we not proceeded."

In addition to Watkins and Deacon Crowley, the Camp Guggenheim 50th Anniversary Celebration was planned by a committee that included Kelly (Donnelly) D'Souza, RoseAnn Hickey, Father Bryan Stitt, Bill Todd, Dan Benware, Scott McDonald and Tom Semeraro, with others aiding in various ways.

"A lot of people stepped up to the plate to help with this," Watkins said. "That seems to be a common theme with camp people – people love camp, and they want to stay connected to it and each other, and they're willing to help. The whole celebration was a blessing, and there were a lot of great moments at the celebration and leading up to it. It's camp. I think there will always be great moments."

Camp memories

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The following memories were shared by former camp staff member Bill Todd:

Five foot nothing, a hundred and nothing and not a speck of an idea that I would ever go to, much less work at Camp Guggenheim (to paraphrase the movie Rudy). I had never been a camper there, but I was actually mailed a form to be a camper when I was 19 years old. I was at a crossroads in my life and wanted to do something more meaningful, so I decided to apply to work there. Long story short, Michelle Watkins - the director at the time - took a chance on me and hired me sight unseen. She trusted a phone conversation would be enough. Oh, how that radically changed my life. I remember stepping onto the grounds for the first time and thinking, "Wow, this is a beautiful place." Then I got to meet the people I was going to work with that summer. and I said "Wow, these are beautiful people." They hug, they pray, they say nice things to each other - this was going to be a dream job! Little did I know how much those people would affect me and how it would have a ripple effect through my life even today. I seriously don't have the time to share about each memory because this would be a book. All I can say is that everyone I worked with at Camp Guggenheim - both counselor and camper - was and is a blessing in my life.

All of Camp was new to me. The beautiful surroundings - the lake, the In, the dorms, the dining hall, the Point, the Lodge, the rappelling cliff, the stone road and sharing a bathroom with approximately 100 people. I was just in charge of the fun. All I had to do was be loud, tell jokes and drink coffee. And yet, it became so much more than that. After being there a short time, I started to realize this place is different. It's not like other summer camps, although all of the fun is there, from volleyball tournaments and swimming to crafts and talent shows to mountain climbs and canoeing. However, here, Christ is Center. Mass is every day. We had Confession every week! It's where I learned about Adoration, and grew to have a deeper understanding of the Mass and our faith. I had the privilege of watching the Eucharist transform these youths and how they believed and lived. I also had the privilege of seeing boys and girls start to become young men and women through their years at camp.

When I started, I said I would only work there for two years. I ended up staying four. The weeks flew by. The joy that we shared, the friendships and connections that were created that I not only got to be part of but to observe the kids creating as well. Years after working there, I still love it when I run into former campers and get to hear their memories and see where they have gone in their lives. Some have even gone on to work at Camp. It was a humbling experience to be able to serve God in this way.

Of course, those connections affected my own life in deeper ways. I became so close with my fellow counselors. They became like another family, and we learned truly what it means to live in community. We met each other's families and celebrated milestones with each other. In fact, years after I left my job at camp, I reconnected with the sister of one of my fellow counselors, and soon after, we were married. Even wilder, two of the counselors I worked with, now priests, presided at our wedding. We now have three wonderful boys and our current amazing pastor is also a former Camp Guggenheim counselor. The campus minister at our parish is the Guggenheim director and we've gotten to see first hand the awesome things he's done with and for our local college students, not to mention what he's brought to Camp. I cannot be more grateful for what Camp Guggenheim has given to me - my family, stronger faith, good friends, and hope for the future of our Catholic faith.

I'm so glad that Father Art LaBaff had the vision to make Camp Guggenheim a reality for our diocese. It has had a profound effect on me. There are many sayings at camp but I think the one that keeps coming to my mind is "We stand on the shoulders of those who came before us." I'm thankful for the camp and everyone who I worked with as well as everyone who was there before me, and I am praying for everyone who will be there after me. It was an amazing experience to meet so many young people who have a thirst for truth and faith and want to be a little closer to God. In no way have I scratched the surface of the memories and how meaningful Camp Guggenheim has been to me. If you happen to have a child who has a week free this summer I highly recommend Camp Guggenheim.

I'll just end this with another line from camp "God is good..."

Father Teti feels 'at home' in the North Country

By Darcy Fargo
Editor

LONG LAKE - While being surrounded by lakes and trees is different from his home archdiocese, Father James V. Teti says he feels "at home" in the Adirondacks.

"My family has had a residence for a number of years in Lake Pleasant," said Father Teti, a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark in New Jersey who is scheduled to serve in the Diocese of Ogdensburg for three years. "I've always come up here as much as I could. I always felt at home up here. Even before I started going to Lake Pleasant, I travelled up here - in the Adirondacks and Champlain Valley - a lot."

Father Teti is currently serving as administrator of St. Henry's in Long Lake and St. Therese in Newcomb. Later this month, he will become pastor of those parishes, as well as St. Alphonsus-Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Tupper Lake.

Father Teti said he had previously filled in celebrating Masses at small parishes in the Lake George area, where one of his seminary classmates served as pastor, though his primary assignments had been in larger parishes.

"It's amazing to see the togetherness and sense of involvement and belonging here," he said, sitting in the parish hall at St. Henry's in Long Lake. "It's very encouraging and touching. It's different from where I've been in the past, but I've had experiences in small parishes, and I had a sense of what it could be like. It's going great."

He began serving in Long Lake and Newcomb Easter weekend. Prior to that, he had celebrated occasional

Masses in Lake Pleasant and Wells.

"I wound up being granted a little sabbatical for a few months that took me into the fall of last year," Father Teti said. "I tried to spend more time in the North Country with my family at my parents' residence. My time there had always been so short up to that point. I always had to visit and go back to New Jersey. I always had it in the back of my mind that if help was needed up here, I might be open to doing it. I started helping Father Sony (G. Pulickal) in Lake Pleasant and Wells. He put me in touch with (diocesan Vicar for Clergy) Father Chris Carrara. My assignments in New Jersey were coming to an end at that point, and it seemed like a logical time. After prayer and consideration, I told Father Carrara I was open to serving here."

Shortly after, Father Carrara and Father Teti discussed the matter further before seeking approval from Bishop Terry R. LaValley and the Archdiocese of Newark.

"Being a large archdiocese, the Archdiocese of Newark has a tradition of having a number of priests released for service elsewhere - serving as seminary or university instructors, serving other dioceses, serving the Holy See or the military... Because there was that tradition, I always felt like this was a possibility."

Following the possibilities God presented to him has been part of Father Teti's vocation since he first considered seminary and the priesthood.

"I was born in New Jersey and grew up in the suburbs of New York City," he said. "My mother's side of the family is from New Jersey. My father is from New York - Dutchess County. I

grew up in the suburbs of New York and attended public schools until High School. I went to Catholic high school. I went to Yale, and while it isn't a Catholic college, it had a large Catholic presence with two parishes on campus. My faith became a big part of my college years. I began to think about seminary early in my final year. I was studying political science and had been looking to apply to law school after I graduated. When I first started considering the priesthood in my final year, I never struggled with it. It was somewhat of a surprise and a sense of gift. Once I began to discern, I knew this was the right direction."

He was ordained May 24, 1997.

In addition to serving as a parochial vicar, Father Teti was assigned early in his priesthood to serve in the archbishop's office. He later served as pastor of a parish of around 1,300 families as well as serving as Director of Deacon Formation in the Archdiocese of Newark. That archdiocese typically sets limits on how long a priest can serve in a position, and Father Teti said his time as pastor and director was expiring when he was granted the sabbatical that brought him to the North Country.

"A lot of my spirituality is grounded in creation," he said. "Part of what leads me and encourages me is being in an environment like this. Being out in the mountains, lakes and hiking trails - that's where I find God's presence, as well as in our houses of worship. Certain places are like a retreat environment. It's like that here. I welcome the opportunity for three years to serve here. I'm just seeing where God leads me."

Father, brother to all: Msgr. Deno celebrates

By Mary Beth Bracy
Contributing Writer

PLATTSBURGH – “I want to thank God for my vocation and for all the many people like yourself. I’m a father and brother to all the families that invited me to their homes to have a meal, or when someone died, or when someone was baptized or got married,” said Msgr. Lawrence M. Deno as he celebrated 63 years as a priest.

Msgr. Deno celebrated the anniversary of his ordination on May 16 at Meadowbrook Healthcare in Plattsburgh, with Msgr. Joseph G. Aubin, who celebrated 67 years on May 21, concelebrating. Deacon Kenneth Lushia, Msgr. Deno’s cousin, also assisted at the Mass.

Msgr. Deno used the chalice that was given to him by his parents. They came from Canada and his mother spoke primarily French; the original spelling of his last name was Daignault.

“My mother and father were very active at St. Joseph’s Church in West Chazy, and I was an altar boy,” recalled Msgr. Deno. “My mother cooked at the church. I went to dances in the old parish hall as a teen. The whole hall would shake. Many young people met their spouses there.”

When Msgr. Deno was a senior at Mount Assumption Institute (MAI) in Plattsburgh, Father Leon Legault was the parish pastor. Father Legault said that he was going to visit his parents in Ogdensburg and asked Msgr. Deno to accompany him. Msgr. Deno had never been to Ogdensburg before and accepted the invitation. Father



MARY BETH BRACY/NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC

Msgr. Lawrence M. Deno celebrates Mass with Msgr. Joseph G. Aubin, assisted by Deacon Ken Lushia, at Meadowbrook Healthcare in Plattsburgh. Msgr. Deno recently celebrated 63 years as a priest.

Legault dropped Msgr. Deno off at Wadham’s Hall Seminary for the night instead.

“Somehow he knew I should become a priest,” Msgr. Deno related. “I never did meet his parents.”

The next morning, Msgr. Francis Devan talked with him at the seminary.

“I’d like you to come to Wadham’s,” Msgr. Deno recalls Msgr. Devan saying.

Msgr. Deno said he thought about it and didn’t have any college plans yet, so he said, “Maybe I’ll go.” He attended for four years and then was one of our first seminarians to attend Mount Saint Mary’s in Maryland. “And here I am a Catholic priest,” he said.

While studying at the Mount, he also taught at Maryland School for the Deaf, using sign language. In 1959 at 27 years old, Msgr. Deno was ordained with Father Philip Allen, Father William

Muench, Father Joseph Sestito, and two other priests, who attended Wadham’s Hall together.

Then, Msgr. Deno celebrated his first Mass at Saint Joseph’s in West Chazy.

“It was a very different world then,” he noted. “Mass was in Latin, I offered Mass facing the tabernacle, the people never said anything. They went to Communion at the altar rail and received on the tongue.”

With a smile, Msgr. Deno added, “The only thing that is the same today is the collection basket.”

He wore many hats over the years, as a teacher at Wadham’s Hall and Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Ogdensburg for nearly 30 years. During this time, he would also offer Mass at local parishes on weekends as needed. He also attended Notre Dame University, where he received his doctorate.

“I am happy to be in as-

sisted living,” Msgr. Deno explained, “but assisted living doesn’t mean I am retired. People come to see me every day. I am thankful to be called ‘Father’ by them, but I am also a brother, a member of their families in a sense. I am thankful for my students. I was spiritual director to many in our diocese and the Buffalo diocese. I just wrote to some yesterday about the sad killings. I am thankful for the North Country Catholic and enjoy seeing Deacon Ken Lushia to talk about religion and spirituality.”

Msgr. Deno is beloved by many of the Meadowbrook residents, including his first cousin Jean Depo.

“He’s always been close to us, to our family,” Depo said. “He was my neighbor and best friend. When he was at Saint James in Cadyville, he used to come to our house every Saturday after Mass. I just love him. When we were kids, he used to play stick

ball and card games with us.”

Depo attended Msgr. Deno’s 60th anniversary Mass along with her daughter.

“We enjoy having him here very much,” reflected Joyce Mayo, a resident. “We don’t have Masses like before due to the virus but get together with him and he prays the Rosary with us. He can’t wait to be able to do the Mass downstairs like they did before. That’s very important to him. He’s striving for that.”

Mayo said she her family knew Msgr. Deno when he was a teen.

“He went to school with my brother at MAI,” she said. “My brother said ‘No one can beat that man. He is a very, very intelligent man.’ His mind is very, very good. He loves his computer and writes a weekly prayer that he emails to the activities department here. They copy it and get it delivered to the residents. He’s doing very well. We’re lucky to have him. He’s always fixing my Rosary. He gets it fixed in no time. He’s such a kind man.”

“As long as there is a Catholic Mass, I come,” commented Margaret Gooshaw, a resident who attended the Mass. “It was good to see him [Msgr. Deno] again. It was a nice Mass.”

“I appreciate the people that came to the Mass today,” said Msgr. Deno, reechoing his attitude of gratitude. When asked if he had any advice to share, Msgr. Deno quoted Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta. “We’re like pencils in the hand of God, that means priests as well as lay people.”

Cursillo has long history in North Country

By Father John L. "Jack" Downs
Cursillo Member & Advisor

In the fall of 1967, I approached Bishop Thomas A. Donnellan and asked him to endorse the Cursillo Movement for the Diocese. He said: "I'll let you bring it in through the back door, but I will not endorse it. In New York City I had some negative experiences with Cursillo."

Through the urging of some priests from the Diocese of Rochester, I made a Cursillo weekend retreat at St. Mary's Parish in Buffalo in August of 1967. Two lay men from the Diocese were also there: Dr. Bickford, D.D.S. of Plattsburgh and Larry Fountain, Elizabethtown. At the end of the weekend we three agreed to work to bring the Cursillo to our Diocese so I stayed over for two days to talk to the team leaders about bringing the weekend, all the preparations necessary. The leaders agreed to come to present the weekend in our diocese.

The first weekend was scheduled to be held May 16-19, 1968, at St. Philip Neri Parish Hall, Elizabethtown. Three weeks before the weekend, the Buffalo team members, all of whom worked for the same company, were promoted and their orientation weekend was set for the Cursillo weekend. I was able to procure the team from St. Raphael's Parish, Montreal, Quebec, to conduct the men's weekend.

The first women's weekend was held at the Mooers Catechetical Center from June 6-9, 1968, directed by a women's team from Montreal. In 1969, a second men's weekend was conducted at Westport by a team from Worcester, Massachusetts.



In 1970, the men's and women's weekends were held at Mount Assumption Institute, Plattsburgh, Father Edward Delaney, pastor of St. Philip Neri, Westport, and Father LaSalle Walsh, O.F.M., Chaplain at Dannemora State Prison, were spiritual directors.

In May 1970, Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana endorsed the Cursillo program and appointed Father Edward Delaney as director of the Secretariat, the organizing board. Officers included president, Gerald Rushford, Keeseville; vicepresident, Kenneth Anderson, Keeseville; secretary Virginia McDonough, Champlain; and treasurer Dominic Camelo, Keeseville. Leo Facteau, Keeseville, and Brother Joseph Martin, F.I.C., Mount Assumption Institute, Plattsburgh, were appointed representatives of men, and Mercy Sister Charlotte Mary Keith, St. John's Convent, Plattsburgh, and Sally Kochendorf, Plattsburgh, as representatives of women.

According to available records, subsequent weekends were held in

1971 at Champlain and 1973 in Plattsburgh. Father Edward Delaney died prematurely of a heart attack on February 1, 1977, and Father LaSalle Walsh, O.F.M. was transferred outside the diocese, so the program phased out.

The Cursillo (cur-see-yo) Movement is a "little course in Christian love." The movement began in Mallorca, Spain, in 1944 through the work of layman Eduardo Bonin, psychoanalyst, and Msgr. Juan Harvas, bishop of Mallorca. The purpose of the program was to enkindle the light of God within each person, so that instead of preaching the Good News, people are inspired to embody the Good News.

Cursillo spread to Latin and South America and the first Cursillo weekend in the USA was held in Waco, Texas in 1959. Then it spread across the country.

Cursillo provides a method to sustain and mature us in our faith journey, deepen an awareness of the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us and revitalize our world and help us live Christ's

values. It begins with a weekend, continues with monthly meetings, called Ultreyas. The three-day weekend is interspersed with music, laughter, meditations, small-group discussions, and sacraments of reconciliation and Holy Eucharist to help one experience the faith more deeply and help find a fulfilling spiritual life. Men's and women's weekends are scheduled for autumn 2022.

Today it is estimated that there are between thirty million and forty million cursillistas worldwide of various Christian faiths. The Holy See recognizes Cursillo as an ecclesial movement which has been adopted for youth, young adults, prison communities, and for those with physical disabilities. The point of the Cursillo is not to bring Cursillo to people but to bring them to Christ.

The second phase Cursillo in the Diocese began at St. Mary's Parish, Massena, in 1979. Father Leo A. Wiley became pastor in 1979. Some parishioners had taken part in a Cursillo weekend at St. Raphael Parish, Cornwall, Ontario, and insisted that Father Wiley make a weekend with the hope of bringing the movement to the diocese, unaware of its previous history.

The first sponsored weekends were held in 1980 in Cornwall May 31-June 2 and June 14-17 and at Mater Dei College, Ogdensburg, in 1981 and 1982. In 1983 weekends were held at Sacred Heart Parish, Massena; from 1984 to 1988 at Guggenheim Center, Saranac Lake. A weekend was held at Wadhams Hall Seminary in 1989, and the last one was held at Guggenheim Center in 1990. Father

Wiley was transferred to St. Barnard's Parish, Lyon Mountain and could not continue as spiritual director, so Cursillo phased out again.

Early on, lay leaders included James and Lori Hotte, Roger and Barbara Peets, Victor and Dora Frego, Joseph and Mary Durant, James and Jeanne Crandall, Lyle and Marie Cryderman of Massena; Robert and Linda Hurley, Adams Center; and Deacon Kenneth Seymour and his wife Joanne, Black River.

The third phase of the Cursillo movement in the Diocese began in 2014. A group of men and women who had made a Cursillo weekend in either Vermont or St. Lawrence County met to discuss reviving Cursillo. The effort was spearheaded by Thomas Middleton, Essex Junction, and a native of Clinton County. He met with Bishop LaValley and gained permission to proceed on an interim basis and form a provisional Secretariat. It included Spiritual Director Father Patrick Mundy, retired; Lay Director Thomas Middleton; members Joanne Devereaux, Ceil Johnson, Kenneth and Kathy Racette, all of Plattsburgh; Anne Seegebarth, Watertown, and Kathy Kirschner, Brasher Falls.

People began to make pulpit announcements and attend deanery clergy meetings to promote weekends. People travelled to Vermont to attend team meetings in preparation for Cursillo weekends. The first men's weekend was held at St. Anne's Shrine Convention Center, Isle LaMott, Vermont, on August 14-17, 2014. Spiritual director was Father Patrick Mundy;

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Environmental Stewardship

Barriers to being better stewards

During a college freshman seminar focused on study skills, one young man raised his hand and said, "Oh, we know all that stuff, we just don't do it!" We might find ourselves saying that same thing about all the things we already know about reducing, reusing and repurposing, etc. but like the student, we just don't do it!

What may be blocks that prevents us from doing those things we know we need to do to be good stewards of God's handiwork? Maybe it is discouragement and a sense of being overwhelmed by what is happening to the earth and a sense of helplessness; or doubt - maybe the scientists are wrong and we can't do anything about what is happening to our 'common home;' or frustration that more people don't seem to be aware of the need and responsibility for doing anything. Undoubtedly you can add more from your own experience of trying to be the good steward.

What helps does our Catholic faith give us? One incredibly power gift is one we celebrated this past Sunday on the feast of Pentecost. Like the disciples who gathered in that Upper Room filled with doubts, fears, anxiety about the future, we also come with our own needs and concerns about the future and what we are being called to be and to do. The Spirit comes to us with the gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel (Right Judgments), fortitude (Courage), knowledge, piety (Reverence), and fear of the Lord (Wonder and Awe in God's Presence. (Isaiah 11:1-2) Along with these gifts come the fruits of Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Generosity, Gentleness, Faithfulness, Modesty, Self-control, Chastity. (Galatian 5:22-23) As with the disciples the Spirit comes to us gradually to meet our needs.

Suggestion for the week: Make a list of all the things that you are already doing. Then make a list of three things that you could do but are not doing. Ask yourself, "What is preventing me from doing them?" Take your reflections to prayer and ask for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to aid you in your efforts to do what you can and let God take care of the results.

Rest in Peace

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

June 8 – Rev. Anthime Constantineau, 1942; Rev. James J. McGowan, 1961; Deacon Ronald Coryea, 1995

June 9 – Rev. James Bolton, O.S.A., 1925; Rev. John W. Ryan, 1982

June 10 – Rev. Augustus Gaudet, O.M.I., 1895; Rev. Alfred J. Boulerice, 1952; Rev. Rupert P. Hajna, O.F.M. Conv., 1979

June 11 – Rev. Lawrence K. Brady, 1993

June 12 – Rev. Eugene A. Kelly, 2001; Rev. Francis J. Coryer, 2012

June 14 – Rev. Hermisdas Mayer, 1927; Rev. Thomas A. Kiley, O.S.A., 1954; Rev. William J. Deacy, O.S.A., 1960; Rev. Arthur Desrosiers, 1963; Msgr. Walter T. Cleary, 1968

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults.

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Cursillo

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learn more about the Cursillo charism and leadership, the Cursillo director was Daniel Daigle. The first women's weekend was held at the Mount Meadow Motel, Killington, Vermont. Spiritual director was Father Paul Kelly, lay director was Diann Geoffrey, Regional advisor for both weekends was Joseph Presti, Winthrop, Maine.

A series of four meetings followed to organize the movement. At the final meeting on October 10, Bishop LaValley endorsed the Cursillo Retreat weekend for the diocese. Small group reunions of three to six people were set up to share Piety, Study and Apostolic Action on a weekly basis, and ultreyas, several small group meetings on a monthly basis to build community and share their faith. A School of Leaders was established quarterly to study and

Bishop's Public Schedule

June 8 – 11:30 a.m. – Christian Formation Presentation at St. Alphonsus-Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Tupper Lake

June 9 – 9:30 a.m. – Diocesan Department Head Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg
1:30 p.m. – Episcopal Council Meeting in the Spratt Conference Room

June 10 – 11:30 a.m. – Christian Formation Presentation at the St. John XXIII Newman Center in Plattsburgh

7 p.m. – Confirmation at St. Mary's Church in Champlain with St. Patrick's Church in Rouse Point, Holy Angels Church in Altona and St. Ann's Church in Mooers Forks
June 11 – 4 p.m. – Mass at St. James Minor Church in Carthage followed by a Banquet marking the 50th Anniversary of the Closure of Augustinian Academy High School

June 13-17 – United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Meeting in San Diego, California

learn more about the Cursillo charism and leadership,

From September 10-13, 2015, a men's weekend was held at Guggenheim Retreat Center, Saranac Lake. Father Timothy Canaan, Plattsburgh, was spiritual director, and Kenneth Racette was lay director. The women's weekend was held at Guggenheim September 17-19. Spiritual director was Father Alan Shnob, Peru; co-spiritual director was Deacon Tobert, Rutland, Vermont, and lay director was Anne Devereaux, Plattsburgh.

In 2016, the men's weekend was held at the Haven Conference Center, Star Lake, from September 15-18 with Father Timothy Canaan as spiritual director and John Crotty Lay Director. The women's weekend was held at Star Lake October 6-9 with Father Alan Shnob, Peru, and Father Jack Downs, retired, as co-spiritual Directors. Lay Director was Kathy Racette, Plattsburgh.

The 2018 men's weekend was held at Wadhams Hall Retreat Center, Ogdensburg from July 12-15 with Father Albert Hauser, Port Henry, as spiritual director and Brent Davison, lay director. The women's weekend August 9-12, was at Wadhams Hall with Father Alan Shnob and Father Jack Downs, co-spiritual directors. Lay

director was Anne Seegebarth, Watertown.

The last weekends before the pandemic were held at Wadhams Hall.

The men's weekend was November 21-24, 2019 with Father Albert Hauser and Father Andrew Amyot as co-spiritual directors. Lay director was Dwane Bast, Peru. Women's weekend was December 12-15 with Father Alan Shnob and Father Jack Downs as co-spiritual directors. Lay Director was Kathy Witkowski, Plattsburgh.

Currently, the Secretariat is comprised of Lay Director Dwane Bast; Spiritual Director, Father Albert Hauser; Secretary Elaine Sater, Treasurer Anne Seegebarth; School of Leaders Coordinator Cathy Witkowski; Pre-Cursillo Coordinator Michael Neaton; Weekend Coordinator Linda Manchester; Post-Cursillo Coordinator, Marika Danders; and Members-at-large are Robert Manchester and Darcy Fargo.

Men's and women's weekends are scheduled for autumn 2022 at Wadhams Hall Retreat Center. To learn more, go to rcdony.org/cursillo or contact Lay Director Dwane Bast at dwane@adkcoffeeoasters.com or call 518-643-2162.

Author's note: A few articles from the "North Country Catholic" were collected by Christine Ward and served as the source of the first and second phases of the history. If anyone has any information – articles, photos, rosters of weekends or comments, I would appreciate your forwarding them to me at 8828 Route 56, Massena, NY 13662 or 315-384-4143.



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Pope's pick for cardinals wasn't only surprise

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – For many people in Rome, Pope Francis' decision to schedule a consistory to create new cardinals in August was more surprising than the men he chose to receive the red hat.

Traditionally, Rome empies of everyone but tourists in sweltering August.

And Pope Francis' choices for inclusion in the College of Cardinals are, by now, predictably unpredictable except that they will represent a broader geographical range, and, with few exceptions, they will skip over archdioceses once guaranteed to have a cardinal.

In fact, in a brief article in Vatican News, the editorial director of the Dicastery for Communication explained the pope's unusual decision to hold the consistory Aug. 27 was made to coincide with a previously announced gathering of the world's cardinals Aug. 29-30 to discuss the new structure of the Roman Curia.

Pope Francis announced May 29 that he would create 21 new cardinals – 16 of whom are under the age of 80 and so will be eligible to vote in a conclave to elect a new pope. The 21 churchmen come from 16 countries.

The cardinals-designate include three senior members of the Roman Curia, who generally were presumed to be named cardinals eventually: British Cardinal-designate Arthur Roche, head of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments; South Korean Cardinal-designate Lazarus You Heung-sik, head of the Congregation for Clergy; and Spanish Cardinal-designate Fernando Vérgez Alzaga, head of the office in charge of Vatican City State operations.

Cardinal-designate Vérgez is the first member of the Legionaries of Christ to become a cardinal. U.S. Cardinal Kevin Farrell, prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life, was a member of the order, but left to become a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington.

Six other members of religious orders are on the list for the August ceremony, including two Salesians – Archbishop Virgilio do Carmo da Silva of Dili, Timor-Leste, and retired Archbishop Lucas Van Looy of Ghent, Belgium. The lone Jesuit on the list is Father Gianfranco Ghirlanda, professor of canon law, who turns 80 July 5. Archbishop Leonardo Ulrich Steiner of Manaus, Brazil, is a Franciscan, and Bishop Richard Kuuia Baawobr of Wa, Ghana, is a member of the Missionaries of Africa.

Pope Francis is a Jesuit as are six current members of the College of Cardinals. The Friars Minor, the Franciscan branch to which Bishop Ulrich Steiner belongs, already has two cardinals, and the Missionaries of Africa have one. But the Salesians, who will gain two cardinals, lead the pack with nine cardinals already.

The only Consolata Missionary that will be part of the college is Cardinal-designate Giorgio Marengo, apostolic prefect of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, who also will be the youngest cleric with a red hat. He will celebrate his 48th birthday June 7.

Although born in Italy, he is one of six cardinals-designate under 80 who minister in or are from Asia. Four others are Europe-based; three are Latin Americans; two are Africans. Cardinal-designate Robert W. McElroy of San Diego is the only North

American in the new crop of cardinals.

After the consistory in late August, the College of Cardinals will have 132 members under the age of 80 and eligible to enter a conclave; 83 of them – almost 63% – will have been created cardinals by Pope Francis; 11 of the remaining voters were made cardinals by St. John Paul II and 38 by retired Pope Benedict XVI.

While some pundits spoke about Pope Francis "packing" the College of Cardinals, it must be remembered that of the 115 cardinals who entered the conclave in March 2013 and elected him, 67 were named to the college by Pope Benedict XVI and 48 were created cardinals by St. John Paul II.

Counting Cardinal-designate Marengo as an Asian, not European cardinal, after the consistory 53 of the electors – just over 40% – will be European; 18% will be Latin American; almost 16% Asian; almost 13% African; 10% North American; and just over 2% from Oceania.

Mongolia, which has a Catholic population of 1,359, according to the latest Vatican figures, will have its first cardinal, as will Singapore with Cardinal-designate William Goh Seng Chye, and Paraguay with Cardinal-designate Adalberto Martínez Flores of Asunción.

Much was made in the Italian press of Pope Francis' choice of Bishop Oscar Cantoni of Como, Italy, to receive the red hat, especially when the archdioceses of Milan and Venice are not led by cardinals. But Como does have a cardinalial past; granted, the last was Blessed Andrea Ferrari, who was made a cardinal May 18, 1894, and named archbishop of Milan three days later. The last

cardinal to minister in the Diocese of Como for an extended period was Bishop Carlo Ciceri, who was appointed to the see in 1680 and made a cardinal in 1686. He died in Como in 1694 at the age of 77.

India and Brazil both will have two new cardinals in August, and Cardinal-designate Anthony Poola of Hyderabad, India, made headlines in his home country for being the first cardinal of the Telugu people from the Indian states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and, especially, for being the first Dalit cardinal. "Dalit," which means "trampled upon" in Sanskrit, refers to people treated as untouchables under India's former caste system and often still

treated with disrespect today, including in the church at times.

An editorial May 31 on the website Matters India said, "That caste is a grave concern and that it needs to be addressed is undeniable and Archbishop Poola would have to play a significant role in bringing this into the church's conversations and discussions and help find ways to resolve it."

"Analogously," the editorial continued, "the struggles of the Adivasis – also called tribals or the Indigenous people – are different, but in the appointment of Cardinal Telesphore Toppo in 2003, the community found a representative to be celebrated."

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Vatican coin promotes peace

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – The Vatican stamp and coin office has released several commemorative coins, including a silver medal for peace in Ukraine; proceeds from sales of the medal will be used to help victims of the war.

The Philatelic and Numismatic Office said in a press release in mid-May that issuing an official medal dedicated to peace in Ukraine was "a way to join calls for a halt to weapons and a return to dialogue."

One side of the medal de-

picts a family fleeing from a city destroyed by bombs. The family is "guided by a young mother who is walking toward us reminding us of our duty to welcome and show solidarity." The word, "peace," is written in Latin and Cyrillic, the office said.

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Bishop Barron named bishop of Winona-Rochester, Minn.

WASHINGTON (CNS) – Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Bishop John M. Quinn of Winona-Rochester, Minnesota, and named as his successor Auxiliary Bishop Robert E. Barron of Los Angeles. Bishop Quinn, who has headed the Diocese of Winona-Rochester for 13 years, is 76. Canon law requires bishops to turn their resignation in to the pope when they turn 75. Bishop Barron, 62, is a Chicago native who has been a Los Angeles auxiliary bishop since 2015. He is the episcopal vicar of the Santa Barbara pastoral region, one of the Los Angeles Archdiocese's five pastoral regions. He also is the founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries. The changes were announced in Washington June 2 by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the U.S. Bishop Quinn said he was "filled with joy" that the pope has appointed Bishop Barron as his successor and the ninth bishop to head the southern Minnesota diocese. "His commitment to evangelization and missionary discipleship will bear great fruit in the coming years," the retiring prelate said in a statement. The Mass of installation for Bishop Barron will be celebrated July 29. "I am overjoyed and humbled to receive this new assignment," Bishop Barron said. "I look forward immensely to getting to know the good people, priests and pastoral ministers of the diocese."

Gunman kills four, then himself at Catholic hospital complex

WASHINGTON (CNS) – A Catholic hospital's campus in Tulsa, Oklahoma, became the scene of the country's 233rd mass shooting of the year June 1, leaving four dead, including a doctor, who had treated the gunman for back pain. Tulsa authorities said in a June 2 news conference that the shooter, who committed suicide after the shooting at the St. Francis Health System's Natalie Medical Building, entered the medical complex armed with a handgun and rifle and opened fire shortly before 5 p.m. inside an orthopedic clinic. Chief Wendell Franklin of the Tulsa Police Department identified Michael Louis as the suspected gunman, saying that he fatally shot himself after shooting several people, including Dr. Preston Phillips, who had treated him for back pain. "He blamed Dr. Phillips for the ongoing pain following the surgery," Franklin said, adding that police found a letter written on the gunman stating what he was going to do and why. Louis had gone in for surgery in mid-May, was released a few days later but kept complaining of pain. An hour before the shooting, police said, he bought an AR-15 rifle at a pawn shop and headed for the hospital in search of Phillips. In the process, he killed a patient, another doctor and a receptionist, and left several others injured before shooting himself seconds before police reached him.

Pope congratulates Queen Elizabeth II on Platinum Jubilee

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Pope Francis sent well-wishes to Queen Elizabeth II as the reigning British monarch began the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of her coronation as well as the public celebration of her birthday. "On the joyful occasion of Your Majesty's birthday, and as you celebrate this Platinum Jubilee Year, I send cordial greetings and good wishes," the pope wrote in a telegram released by the Vatican press office June 2. The pope assured the 96-year-old queen "of my prayers that Almighty God will bestow upon you, the members of the royal family and all the people of the nation blessings of unity, prosperity and peace." Queen Elizabeth is the longest-reigning British monarch. Her great-great grandmother, Queen Victoria, held the title after reigning for 63

VIRTUAL EVENTS

BROWNBAG CHATS BEGIN

The Office of New Evangelization will be running a new Brownbag Chat during lunchtime via zoom.

Date: Wednesdays starting June 15

Time: Noon to 1 p.m.

Features: We will use videos from The Search Continues on Formed.org. In each session, we will watch one or two short videos together via zoom and then have an informal discussion.

Contact: If you would like to join us this series of lunch-time chat discussions, please sign up online at <https://www.rcdony.org/brownbag>. For more information, contact Marika Donders at mdonders@rcdony.org.

ADIRONDACK

5K RUN, WALK, ROLL OR STROLL

Saranac Lake - St. Bernard's School will host their annual Black Fly 5K Run, Walk, Roll, or Stroll.

Date: June 11

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: Dewey Mountain Recreation Center

Cost: Adult, \$25; Student, \$20; Family Discounts

Features: All proceeds benefit St. Bernard's School Tuition Assistance Program. Whether casual, competitive, serious, or silly, all ages and abilities are welcome to join. Community members can form teams, enter as solo competitors, or even just sponsor a runner. After the event, enjoy some fun and games at the base lodge, a brew or two from Hex and Hop beer tent, and some chow from Freddy B's Grill. Each participant will receive a commemorative performance t-shirt, created by Bear Essentials Apparel of Saranac Lake and a tin of all natural deet-free Bye-Bye Blackfly insect repellent.

Contact: For more information call 518-891-2830

CLINTON

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Peru - The 34th Annual Peru Knights of Columbus Council 7273 Bill McBride Jr. Memorial Charity Golf Tournament will be held.

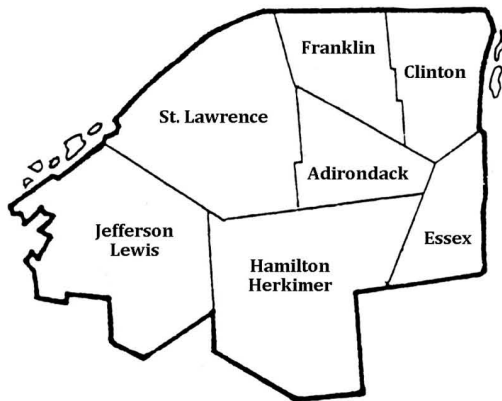
Date: June 17

Time: Shotgun start at 10 a.m.

Place: Adirondack Golf and Country Club

Features: The four-person scramble will feature a "New Car Hole in One" sponsored by Bailey Ford and other great prizes. All are invited!

Contact: Obtain entry forms and in-



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formation from Greg Lombard at 518-593-2652 or email gnetlombard@charter.net.

HOUSE SITTERS

Ellenburg Center - Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer is looking for many Volunteer "House Sitters."

Time: The responsibility is to arrive by 10 a.m. on your chosen day(s) and remain on premises until 4 p.m. to welcome visitors.

Features: Lunch and snack items on hand along with tea, coffee, soda, and bottled water. Training will be provided on the history of the House of Prayer, its mission, and the various ways to carry out this gentle ministry of hospitality for those seeking time in a home of Mary to listen to our Lord, browse in the library, or visit the "Gift Shop". Flexible schedule (and hours) are fine.

Contact: If interested in volunteering for one day a month, or week, or more, please call Sarah Anderson at 518-534-9976.

FRANKLIN

ST. ANDRE BESSETTE PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Malone - St. Andre Bessette Parish Pilgrimage walk to be held.

Date: July 9

Time: 8 a.m. to noon

Place: 9 mile walk from St. Helen's, Chasm Falls Whippleville Road and River Road and will end t Notre Dame Church.

Features: Light refreshments will then be served. If you are concerned about your ability to walk the route,

please consider joining us in Eucharistic Adoration prayer at Notre Dame. It will take place at the same time as the walk, from 8 a.m. to Noon. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help defray the cost of the Our Lady of the Rosary Healing Retreat, to be held at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg Oct. 6-9 for women of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Contact: For more information contact Nancy and Mark Beddoe at beddoe@sympatico.ca

DEVOTION AND HOLY HOUR

St. Regis Falls - All are invited to the monthly first Saturday Devotion and Holy Hour for Vocations.

Date: First Saturday of the Month

Time: Following the 4:30 anticipated Mass

Place: St. Ann's Church

Features: Prayer after Mass, Night Prayer, Prayer for All Souls and the Holy Souls, Novena in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, The Reparation Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary with private meditation on the 15 Mysteries of the Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament reposed in the Tabernacle, and Prayers for the Holy Father and his intentions.

JEFFERSON-LEWIS

HEALING MASS

Clayton - St. Mary's Church to host Annual Healing Mass.

Date: June 11

Time: 11 a.m.

Features: The Sacrament of the Sick will be offered, prayer teams will be

available for individual prayers following the Mass, and light refreshments will follow.

Contact: For more information, contact St. Mary's Parish office at 315-686-3398 or reception@stmarysclayton.org.

MOUNT CARMEL FESTIVAL

Watertown - The Mount Carmel Festival will return this year.

Date: June 24, 25 & 26

Schedule: Grounds open Friday 5 p.m. to 10; Saturday 1 p.m. to 10; Sunday 1 p.m. to 10, 5 p.m. religious procession, 9:30 p.m. Giant Fireworks.

Features: Homemade Italian food-Sausage, Pizza, Fried Dough, Cookies! Rides and games for the kids.

HOLY HOUR AND DIVINE MERCY

Houseville - A Holy Hour of Adoration with the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be observed the first Sunday of the month.

Date: July 3

Time: Following 11 a.m. Mass

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Contact: 315-348-6260

ST. LAWRENCE

HOLY HOUR

Canton - Holy Hour for Vocations to be held.

Date: Every Tuesday

Time: 4:10 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

Features: Holy hour followed by Mass at 5:15 p.m. and confessions at 5:45 p.m.

CHICKEN BBQ

Canton - St. Mary's Church and the Knights of Columbus to have their Annual Chicken BBQ.

Date: June 12

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's (Drive thru at the corner of Court and Powers Streets)

Cost: Full Meal, \$15; half chicken, \$10

Contact: For more information call (315)386-2543

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Canton - Mass with Eucharistic Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi to be held.

Date: June 19

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

Features: As a sign of our common faith and adoration, St. Mary's will again process with the Blessed Sacrament through the village of Canton. All

are invited to join us for this annual Procession. The procession will conclude in the church with Benediction. Those unable to walk the ¼ mile procession are invited to remain in the church to pray the rosary in anticipation of Benediction.

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

Massena - Sacred Heart Church to have first Saturday Rosary Devotion.

Date: July 2

Time: 3:15 p.m.

Features: First Saturday Rosary Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. Confessions will be available. Saturday Vigil Mass at 4 p.m.

ROSARY WITH DEVOTIONS

Ogdensburg - The Legion of Mary will pray the rosary with devotions for First Saturday.

Date: July 2

Time: 8 a.m.

Place: Notre Dame Church, Ogdensburg

Features: Rosary with devotions

USA FLAG RAFFLE

The Bishop McEntegart 4th Degree Assembly 707 of Canton, Potsdam, Norwood and Star Lake are holding a patriotic raffle of a USA Flag.

Cost: 1 ticket \$5 OR 3 tickets for \$10. Good news, there are only 500 tickets being sold.

Features: 1 grand prize - 15-21 ft flag pole set (installed); 2nd prize, porch mount heavy metal pole; 3rd prize, porch mount heavy wood pole; 4th prize, porch mount metal pole. Drawing June 14.

Contact: See your local Sir Knight to get yours or call 315-714-2016, text 315-244-4455 or contact Scott Niles on Facebook or see <https://www.facebook.com/Knights-of-Columbus-Sarto-Council-1059-11245147358886>

DIOCESAN EVENTS

LIFE GIVING WOUNDS RETREAT

Saranac Lake - Retreat to be held for anyone 18 or over whose parents are no longer together either through separation, divorce, or were never married.

Date: June 10 - 12

Place: Guggenheim Center

Cost: \$100 includes lodging, food and retreat materials.

Features: Topics will include anxiety, anger, sin, temptation and forgiveness. All presentations are given by

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MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

Treasuring our future timelines

29-year old Dom Brand of South Carolina, in an apparently random act in 2020, shot and killed an 80-year-old woman named Mary Ann Elvington. His action resulted in several tragedies unfolding simultaneously. Mary Ann could have lived many more years had she not been shot. Her children were unable to spend time with her for the rest of their lives. No longer could she babysit the grandkids or share the wisdom of her years. The shooter also upset any real prospects for his own future, as he became subject to the criminal justice system and lifelong incarceration. So many future goods and future timelines were damaged or destroyed by one wrong action.

Then there was Michael Webb of Clermont County, Ohio, who set his own house on fire with his wife and four children inside in 1990. He poured gasoline on the beds of his sleeping children and around the house before sparking the blaze with a match. The prosecutor concluded that he intended to kill his family, collect the insurance money and start a new life

with his mistress. His wife and three of his four children managed to survive the flames, but 3-year-old Mikey perished from smoke inhalation. There were devastating consequences all around. Mr. Webb was sentenced to spend the rest of his life in jail. His wife and remaining children struggled to move on without the support of their husband or father. Little Mikey's long future timeline, with all its youthful potential, came to an abrupt and tragic close.

Some of the longest timelines we destroy are those of unborn children with almost their whole earthly lives still ahead of them. This is often done in ways that virtually nobody ever sees or notices, through stealth abortions with the "abortion pill," which, according to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, now accounts for about 54% of all US abortions.

The lamentable power to destroy future timelines through abortion was poignantly addressed by

Kathy Barnette in a riveting YouTube video entitled "It wasn't a choice. It was a life." Barnette was recently a candidate for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate in Pennsylvania. Whatever her controversial positions may have been on some of the issues of the day, and regardless of what one thinks about her other political views, her personal testimony on abortion ought to be heard by everyone.

Kathy was conceived after her mom, Mamie Jo, was raped at age 11. In the video, Mamie Jo, now in her 60's,

stresses how abortion cannot be an answer to sexual assault, even as she acknowledges the trauma of her own rape:

"It was hard. We were all devastated. But my mother said: 'You know, you're pregnant, so we're gonna get through this,' and she helped me get through it. I don't want to use the word 'choice.' [My daughter] was going to be born. I didn't have a choice to say 'You are going to live, or I'm going

to abort you.' That wasn't a choice for me, and I thank God it wasn't a choice for me.... Regardless of how old you are, and how the child was conceived, that child deserves a chance. If I had made that 'choice,' where would I be right now without my daughter?"

Kathy likewise speaks to the false and damaging 'choice' that abortion can tempt us with. She stresses how profoundly her life matters, as well as the new lives and timelines of her children, grandchildren and further generations that will unfold into the future:

"Before the foundation of the world, God saw me and he decided that I would be, and he said in his word that not only did I see you, but I called you. I predestined you. And so as a Christian, I believe in the value of life, that when I was in my mother's womb, he was knitting me together. Even among Christians, even among staunch conservatives, an exception to the rule of being pro-life for many is in the case of rape. And yet my life has value. From me have come two

very beautiful and charming and smart kids. I'm married to a wonderful husband and we've made a life for ourselves, and none of this would have happened if the exception to the rule had applied.... You have to be able to see the difference.... I'm left with an overwhelming sense of gratitude, that not only did God see value in my life, but that my family saw value in my life. I'm very grateful for that. I'm eternally grateful that they chose to allow me to be born."

Our choices today powerfully affect future timelines in either positive or detrimental ways. In choosing to protect human life, we open up a more beautiful and fulfilling future for ourselves and all those around us.

Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did post-doctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the diocese of Fall River, MA, and serves as the director of Education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. See ncbcenter.org and father-tad.com.



Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk Ph.D.

Around the diocese

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trained, expert speakers who are children of divorce.

Contact: To register, go to www.rcdony.org/lifegw. For more information about the retreat lifegivingwounds.org. If you are in need of financial assistance to attend the retreat, please contact Steve Tartaglia at 315-393-2920 or startaglia@rcdony.org



ORDINATION TO DIACONATE

Potsdam - Through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, the Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg will Ordain to the Order of Deacon Mr. Lukas Hermann Gruber. You are cordially invited to join in the Ordination Liturgy.

Date: June 25

Time: 11 a.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church

Features: A Reception will immediately follow the Ordination on the rectory lawn across the street from The Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary. The Ordination Mass will also be

livestreamed at www.rcdony.org/ordination. The Ordination Mass program will be available at the same link shortly before the Ordination.

FAMILY GUGGENHEIM

Saranac Lake – Online registration is now open for Family Guggenheim.

Date: Session 1 Aug. 18-21; Session 2 Aug. 25-28; Session 3 Oct. 7-9

Place: Guggenheim

Cost: Visit rcdony.org/family-life/fg for more information

Features: Family Guggenheim welcomes families of all dimensions to come enjoy a special weekend in the

beauty of the Adirondacks. Expect fun family workshops and activities that will have you working and laughing together. Celebrate Christ's presence in your lives through liturgy and prayer services. Take time for great outdoor activities like paddle boat rides, beach volleyball, and hiking. You are never too young or too old to enjoy being at Camp Guggenheim!

Contact: For more information, please contact Steve Tartaglia at 315-393-2920 or startaglia@rcdony.org

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Saranac Lake – After Abortion Healing

weekend to be held.

Date: Sept. 2-4

Place: Guggenheim Center

Features: If you (or a friend) are suffering after an abortion, you're not alone. Consider participating in the next Rachel's Vineyard retreat. The weekend will be held at the main camp to provide more social distancing. Each retreatant will have their own room. Open to women and men. Don't suffer alone. Help is available.

Contact: Registration is online at rcdony.org/pro-life or contact the Respect Life office 518-524-0774 or cmriner@rcdony.org

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Considering the Holy Trinity

This Sunday I would suggest a couple of simple thoughts to take with us.

1) Have you ever waited for a sunrise? First light, dawn, sun peeps up, comes to fullness. God revealed Himself to us only gradually. First, that He is One. "I am the Lord, thy God. Thou shalt not have false gods before me.

2) He then revealed to us His Son, His only Son, whom He sent into the world to do a makeover – to redeem us from that terrible sin of our first parents,

that lost us paradise. Through the teaching of Jesus, His constant referral to His Father, and that the love between them was a strong bond.

3) The revelation to us by Jesus, the Son of God, that He would send us the Spirit of The Father who is also His Spirit. This Spirit is the Bond between Himself and His Father. This Spirit is a bond of Love – a love that is so intense that it is a fire, so mysterious that it always moving – sometimes gently like a breeze, some-



Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore

June 12

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

READINGS

Proverbs 8:22-31

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

times like a tornado or a hurricane. It is dynamic, creative, frightening, consoling, refreshing.

4) God surrounds us, permeates us, shelters us, challenges us, enlightens us, invites us. It is the source of our being. God is our final destiny. We shall live forever with in joy, or forever without Him in the agony of losing Him.

5) God is always in mo-

tion. He is always interacting. God is in community

6) He is always sharing His goodness, His truth, His love.

7) God is always celebrating within Himself.

8) God is always in relationship with us.

9) We are the pinnacle and pride of his creation. He is always sharing his love.

On this feast day, we acknowledge Him as our creator to whom we owe every breath of our being.

God is our redeemer, who suffered and died as a human person like ourselves, to whom we are joined in love and in suffering.

God is our Father, our brother, our friend, in whom we have faith, in whom is our hope. He is the one to whom we are invited to use up all our energies in service and in desire until the day he takes us out of this human existence, totally exhausted and spent. He will gather us into his arms, embrace us, breathe into us the new life of eternity. He will exchange our faith for vision, our hope with possession. Only our love will remain, raised into the ecstasy of fulfillment forever and ever.

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit, AMEN.*

CALLED TO SERVE

The Catholic Mass of today, yesterday

Last week's column was a lighthearted look at ambivalence. Since I had nothing else to do, I spent some time ruminating on zombie base runners in extra inning baseball games and on our money transfer practices today.

I longed for 1950s baseball and the game we played with money by calculating how long it would take somebody to cash a

check.

Guess you had to read the article to follow that stream of consciousness.

The column was really about traditional ways of doing things versus modern.

I have since concluded that calling "the way we used to do things" tradition is wrong. A tradition has to survive generations to qualify. In theology, tradi-

tion is a doctrine we embrace because it has divine authority as interpreted and taught by the Church.

The Mass I attended when I was a boy is not identical in every way to the Mass you and I attend today for example.

As an altar boy I learned to respond to the prayers of the priest in Latin. At first, I did not have a clue what the priest or I was saying, but I had the responses memorized.

We had a rough idea what the prayers meant but not a verbatim translation. It wasn't until many years later that I really understood what was being said.

Latin was a required subject in the Catholic high school I attended. That was when I figured out that the priest's prayers at the steps to the Altar, Introibo ad altare Dei meant I will go in

to the altar of God. And the darling little altar boy, me, would respond Ad Deum qui laetificat juventutem meam, To God, the joy of my youth.



Deacon
Kevin Mastellon

The beginning prayers in what we called the Latin Mass, were like the penitential prayers we offer today. In fact, I might offer those prayers as I carry the Book of the Gospels in today's opening procession.

When my parish in Queens joined with thousands of other churches in adopting the vernacular Mass, the English Mass, it meant a huge change. The people in the pews could now participate with the priest in the celebration of the Mass and hear the prayers offered to God on our behalf in a language we could understand.

It was a bit of a bummer

for altar boys who had successfully navigated the Latin issue but being an altar server is still special. What an honor to serve the priest and deacon at the Altar of God.

The Tridentine Mass, named for the Council of Trent that started in 1545, was the format used for almost 400 years, until the 2nd Vatican Council. That's why folks called it, the Tridentine Mass, the traditional Mass.

For me, it is nostalgic to attend a Tridentine Mass, but I feel more involved and prayerful in today's format.

Like I said last week, "the old ways have their appeal, even today, but the new ways of doing some things have their benefits."

Deacon Kevin Mastellon ministers in Watertown. He is the Director of Permanent Deacons for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

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AT THE MOVIES

TOP GUN: MAVERICK

NEW YORK (CNS) – Off they go into the wild blue yonder – again – in "Top Gun: Maverick" (Paramount), a rousing sequel to the 1986 blockbuster about one of the U.S.

Navy's elite flying squadrons and its gaggle of cocky fighter pilots.

Happily, it doesn't feel as though 36 years have passed. That's thanks to a number of factors:

snappy direction by Joseph Kosinski; a patriotic, action-packed story by Peter Craig and Justin Marks that pays just enough homage to the original; and, of course, a

supremely confident performance as the eponymous aviator, Pete "Maverick" Mitchell, by Tom Cruise – who seems not to have aged a day.

The result is old-school entertainment on a grand scale, with dazzling aerial acrobatics, a stirring musical score, first-rate acting and the occasional heart-tugging interlude.

Over three-plus decades, Maverick has turned down every promotion to continue to do the two things he does best: fly daringly (earning the reputation of "fastest man alive") and disobey orders. Despite the latter habit, he has escaped court martial thanks to the intervention of his friend and former colleague, Tom "Iceman" Kazansky (Val Kilmer), now an admiral.

After one mishap too many, however, Iceman returns Maverick to their shared starting point, the Navy training ground known as Top Gun – but this time as an instructor. Therein lies the opportunity to introduce the next generation of gung-ho pilots, all with the requisite nicknames such as Hangman (Glen Powell), Fanboy (Danny Ramirez) and Payback (Jay Ellis).

This go-round, there's also an ace female aviator, Phoenix (Monica Barbaro), to temper all that testosterone.

One of the trainees has

a big beef with Maverick: Bradley "Rooster" Bradshaw (Miles Teller), the son of Maverick's late friend, Nick, aka "Goose" (Anthony Edwards). Maverick continues to be haunted by his comrade's death, and Rooster blames him for the tragedy.

Vice Adm. Beau "Cyclone" Simpson (Jon Hamm) assigns Maverick a near-impossible task: train these untested pilots for a dangerous mission in enemy territory overseas. Their task is to destroy a nuclear facility that threatens the peace of the region.

The clock is ticking fast as Maverick tries to juggle egos and bring together a team to complete the operation safely, all the while trying not to be too distracted by an old flame, Penny Benjamin (Jennifer Connelly), who currently runs the local watering hole.

"Top Gun: Maverick" is supreme fun from beginning to end. Grown-ups, along with those mature adolescents whose parents regard this adventure as acceptable for them, will be inspired and – as the characters on screen literally take to the skies – uplifted as well.

The film contains intense action sequences, implied nonmarital sexual activity and fleeting profane and crude language. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III – adults. The Motion Picture Association rating is PG-13 – parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

The challenge that awaits us, then, is to communicate by encountering people, where they are and as they are.

—Pope Francis, World Communications Day, 2021

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Mission Society foundress beatified

NEW YORK – Pauline Marie Jaricot (1799-1862), foundress of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, was beatified on May 22, 2022, in her birthplace, Lyon, France, following recognition of a miracle attributed to her intercession. This event takes place during the 200th anniversary year for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

[...]“Our world today needs witnesses, giving a witness to Jesus Christ, His compassion and hope,” said Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle (presider over the Eucharistic celebration) in a film about the mission society foundress, *Heart of a Missionary: The Story of Pauline Jaricot*. “That was the original intention of Pauline Jaricot.”

“The work of Pauline Jaricot is evident all over the world today,” Monsignor Kieran Harrington, U.S. National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies, said in that same film.



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“There is no place you can go that has not been touched by Pauline Jaricot.”

In the early 19th century, in the aftermath of the French Revolution, Pauline was inspired by letters from her brother Phileas about the missions of her day – the young U.S. Church included. She gathered small groups together – mostly workers in her family’s silk factory – asking each member of the group to offer daily prayer and a weekly sacrifice of a sous (the equivalent of a penny at that time) for the Church’s worldwide missionary work. From Pauline’s vision came the Society for the Propagation

of the Faith, the first of the four Pontifical Mission Societies. The very first collection of the Propagation of the Faith in 1822 supported the growth of the young Church in the United States. Today, support from the Propagation of the Faith reaches some 1,100 mission dioceses around the world, in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America and Europe.

Beginning in the early 20th century, Pauline Jaricot’s cause was thoroughly investigated. Her canonization process was initiated by Pius XI in 1926; she was declared “Venerable” on February 25, 1963, by St.



Pope John XXIII. A miracle through Pauline’s intercession, was added to the file prepared by Monsignor Philippe Curbelié, Postulator of Pauline’s cause. Pope Francis authorized publication of the decree recognizing this miracle attributed to Pauline’s intercession on May 26, 2020.

The miracle itself dates to May 2012, when three-and-a-half-year-old Mayline Tran, a little girl from Pauline’s own hometown of Lyon, choked at a family dinner, lost oxygen to her brain, and comatose, was

declared brain dead by physicians. Her family still believed she could live, and through efforts at Mayline’s school, a large network prayed a novena for the intercession of Pauline Jaricot in Mayline’s recovery. In July 2012, Mayline began to come back to life, despite doctors’ prognoses of certain death. In December 2012, she was able to go Christmas shopping with her father. Mayline is now completely recovered, and physicians involved agree it was medically impossible – thus, a miracle! [...]

OBITUARIES

Brownville – Carolyn L. (Jackson) Ives, 75; Mass of Christian Burial June 4, 2022 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Brownville – Scott J. Warren, 58; Mass of Christian Burial June 6, 2022 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in Brownville Cemetery.

Brushton – Cecile A. (St. Denis) Disotelle, 91; Mass of Christian Burial June 3, 2022 at St. Mary’s Church; burial in St. Mary’s Cemetery.

Chateaugay – Rita M. (Raymo) Talcott, 94; Mass of Christian Burial June 3, 2022 at St. Patrick’s Church; burial in Visitation Cemetery, Norfolk.

Chateaugay – Keith E. Trudeau, 77; Mass of Christian Burial June 2, 2022 at St. Patrick’s Church; burial in St. Patrick’s Cemetery.

Clayton – Benita Anne Wood, 90; Memorial Mass June 18, 2022 at St. Mary’s Church.

Crown Point – James R. Connors, 88; Mass of Christian Burial June 2, 2022 at Sacred Heart Church.

Henderson – Joseph J. Glowfesk, 81; Mass of Christian Burial May 28, 2022 at Queen of Heaven Church; burial in St. Cecilia’s Cemetery.

Lake Placid – Patricia Joan Rascoe, 63; Mass of Christian Burial June 28, 2022 at St. Agnes Church; burial in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Lake Placid – Steven M. Sullivan, 62; Mass of Christian Burial June 4, 2022 at St. Agnes Church.

Louisville – John Paul “JP” Maxwell, 33; Mass of Christian Burial June 1, 2022 at St. Lawrence Church; burial in

St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Lowville – Anthony Joseph “Butch” Matuszczak, 83; Mass of Christian Burial June 8, 2022 at St. Peter’s Church; burial in Martinsburg Cemetery.

Malone – Jean A. (LaRoe) Russell, 76; Funeral Services June 11, 2022 at Desnoyers Funeral Home; burial in St. John Bosco Cemetery.

Malone – George T. Sheelar, 97; Mass of Christian Burial June 4, 2022 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Massena – Phyllis J. (Brockway) LaCourse, 87; Private services to be held; burial in Calvary Cemetery Aug. 8, 2022.

Mooers Forks – Isabelle Evalane Ashline, 88; Mass of Christian Burial May 31, 2022 at St. Ann’s Church; burial in

St. Ann’s Cemetery.

Potsdam – William Nichol Sloan, 87; Mass of Christian Burial June 1, 2022 at St. Mary’s Church; burial in St. Mary’s Cemetery.

Redford – Gail M. Carrow, 69; Mass of Christian Burial June 7, 2022 at Church of the Assumption.

Watertown – Rae (Linehan) Donoghue, 88; Mass of Christian Burial June 2, 2022 at St. Patrick’s Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – Antoinette T. “Toni” Harbin, 92; Mass of Christian Burial June 7, 2022 at St. Patrick’s Church; burial in Glenwood Mausoleum.

Watertown – James C. Ives, Sr., 74; Funeral Services June 3, 2022 at the D.L. Calarco Funeral Home, Inc.

Watertown – Richard L. Main, 85; Mass of Christian Burial June 6, 2022 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church; burial in Sulpher Springs Cemetery.

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PROCESSION PLANNED



As a sign of our common faith and adoration, St. Mary's in Canton will again process with the Blessed Sacrament through the village of Canton after the 9 a.m. Mass on June 19, Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). All are invited to join us for this annual Procession. The procession will conclude in the church with Benediction. Those unable to walk the quarter-mile procession are invited to remain in the church to pray the rosary in anticipation of Benediction.

Praying for the sanctification of priests

World Day for the Sanctification of Priests takes place every year on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This day is celebrated on Friday, June 24, 2022.

This day is all about praying for your priest or priests in your parish and his sanctification, that is, his/his holiness!

Every day our priests pray for us and our intentions as they preside over Mass, hear confessions, baptize our children, or bury our loved ones. Our priests need our prayers, and you should tell them that you are praying for them.

You never know what your parish priest or pas-

tor is going through, sacrificing out of love for his parishioners.

The following is a prayer that can be offered on World Day of Sanctification of Priests:

Sacred Heart of Jesus, protect our priest, (PRIEST'S NAME) in the midst of his work at our parish, (PARISH NAME). Comfort him in his afflictions. Give him health of body, assistance in his temporal needs, and your blessing on all that he does.

We ask the Holy Spirit to come down and light his heart anew for the priesthood and help him to grow in holiness. Amen.



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GUGGENHEIM 2022

MEET THE STAFF

Camp Guggenheim returns for the 2022 season on July 3! Register at rcdony.org/youth/camp. The following is part of the NCC's annual feature introducing this year's Camp Guggenheim staff.



Grace Dumas

What is something unique about you?

Something unique about me is that I have no idea what an egg tastes like. I have never consumed an egg in my life, and it is hard for me to imagine that they have flavor.

What is a random fun fact about you?

A random fun fact about me is that I went to Spain during Holy Week my senior year of high school. I am so lucky to have gone during Holy Week. Their Holy Week looks very different from ours in America despite us all being Catholic. It was an enriching experience to see how Spanish people live out their faith.

What is something you want to learn this year?

To love my neighbor as myself, just like Jesus does.



Hope Switzer

What is something unique about you?

What makes me unique is my ability to easily empathize with and relate to people.

What is a random fun fact about you?

My favorite artist is Taylor Swift

What is something you want to learn this year?

I want to learn to play piano.

What's your favorite place on Earth?

My favorite place on earth would probably be on top of a mountain or on the beach next to somebody of water.