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Papal message for nations:

ZAGREB, CROATIA (CNS) - Pope Benedict XVI used his apostolic journey to the Croatian capital to encourage nations to build their communities on Christian values and to support the traditional family and the sanctity of life.

A culture guided by truth, reason and love not only will

lead to peace, justice and solidarity, the community's very survival is dependent on such transcendent values, he said during his brief two-day pilgrimage June 4-5.

If religion, ethics and a moral conscience are banished from informing the public realm, "then the crisis

of the West has no remedy and Europe is destined to collapse in on itself" and risk falling prey to every form of tyranny, he said in an audience with Croatia's political, religious, cultural, business and academic representatives.

Free and just democracies

thrive when citizens' consciences have been formed by love and Christianity's "logic of gift" in which the good of the whole human family is sought after, not narrow self-interests, the pope said June 4 in Zagreb's ornate Croatian National Theater.

Diocese joins in prayers for pope

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Lucia will serve as spiritual directors
for March 2012 trip to Italy
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'CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU'



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Joseph L. Brosk of St. James Minor Church in Carthage was one of 50 lay ministers to be commissioned June 5 at the Solemn Vespers for the Blessing and Commissioning of Pastoral Lay Ministers, after successful completion of the two-year Formation for Ministry Program. Above, Bishop Terry L. LaValley congratulates Brosk. The bishop's homily for the occasion is on page 3. The full list of newly commissioned lay ministers is on page 5.

A MINISTRY PRAYER

*Jesus, I will,
with your
help....*

A Ministry Prayer
Jesus, I will, with
your help, trust in
you.
Jesus, I will, with
you help be patient.
Jesus, I will, with your
help, listen with my
heart.
Jesus, I will, with your
help, seek no personal
glory.
Jesus, I will, with your
help, be accountable
for myself.

Amen

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Congratulations!

The biennial commissioning service for "graduates" of the diocesan Formation for Ministry program is always one of the most inspiring ceremonies to be held at St. Mary's Cathedral.

This year, there were 50 candidates for commissioning from 32 different parishes.

That meant that, on June 5, the cathedral was filled with family, friends and parish leaders from all across the diocese.

The ceremony was two hours of pure joy!

And, the newly commissioned ministers deserve every second in the sun they receive.

For the past two years, these dedicated men and women have traveled from their homes to the nearest Formation for Ministry training site - for some more than an hour away - every week for two hours of classes.

They've also spent several weekends in workshops and at retreats to gain the practical and spiritual support they'll need for the next step of their journey: offering pastoral ministry in each of those 32 church communities

Two years of traveling, study-

ing, reading and writing is all taken on for the privilege of serving the rest of us!

Bishop LaValley said it perfectly in his homily for the occasion: "The Diocese of Ogdensburg and your home parish are so very proud of your commitment and strong faith."

Every so often, we hear updates from the Diocesan Planning Office about the direction the ministry of the church will take as the number of priests declines.

None of these plans will work without the extraordinary faith and commitment of lay ministers in our parishes. Thank goodness we have them!

We can also be grateful that the diocese continues its own commitment to the quality of the Formation for Ministry Program.

The strength of this program will surely play a large part in maintaining the strength of our parishes for years to come.

Congratulations and thank you to all the newly commissioned lay ministers of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

We are truly blessed to have you in our midst.



Mary Lou
Kilian



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CHURCH: A FAMILY OF FAITH

Solemnity of the Holy Trinity
A Community of Love - June 18-19

By Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSJ
Director of Evangelization

The Church as a Family of Faith is strengthened by the community of Three Persons who live in mutual and loving communion.

This loving communion is a community of love where the relationship of God's Infinite Love diffuses into the community of believers - the Church.

This community of love is a circle of love that knows no limits. This mystery of the Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, dwells within each of us that empower us to grow in that same unconditional self-giving love.

God loved us so much to give us His Son so that we may come to believe. It is the intimate love of the Father for the Son and the Son for the Father that we possess the Holy Spirit - the "caritas" - the Eternal Love that brings us to eternal life.

Jesus' mission was not to condemn the world, but to save it.

Jesus is the Way to the Father. He draws us to the Father.

Jesus is the Truth, the perfect revelation of the Father's love for us.

Jesus is the fullness of Life that He offers us, that is, eternal life that we experience "here and now" if we are open to the power of the Spirit.

It is in listening in silence to the voice deep within us so that we can be "active participants" in our love for each other.

This active love brings us to the gift of salvation because we believe in the Son of God.

This salvation is the breadth and height and depth of God's love for us that His own beloved Son, His most precious gift, would suffer and die for us even while we were still sinners.

God wants to share His "own eternal life" with us. As a family of faith, we enter into a life-giving communion with Jesus and come to share this eternal life through faith.

Our faith has to be genuine. Our faith is not an emotional experience but an assent to love with our whole mind, heart, and soul.

Such faith is a movement towards the person of Jesus, the giving of oneself to Him and accepting Him through faith to continue His mission in the world.

This mission is to reveal the person of Jesus to others to help them to grow in faith.

We do this by the power of the Holy Spirit who draws us to "believing into" Jesus. This means an attachment to the person of Jesus to follow Him, to welcome Him into our hearts, to hear His voice, to see Him in faith.

The Holy Spirit works within us "for He dwells with you and will be in you" (14:17).

How do we as a parish family make every member feel that they are welcome and loved?

Are there persons or groups in your parish who have experienced more judgment than acceptance?

Is there a way you can begin to let them know they are full and worthy members of the world God loves?

"Loving God and Father, your loving care for our world and all its peoples is beyond our understanding. Lead us to believe in it and share it so we and others will have the eternal life you promise.

We pray in Jesus' name and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

(Prayertime, Cycle A)

FOLLOW ME

'We are so proud of you'

Editor's note: Bishop Terry R. LaValley's homily at the June 5 Blessing and Commissioning of Pastoral Lay Ministers follows:

I don't know about you, but there are times when I yearn for peace and quiet...away from the noise that fills our airspace. We treasure such periods of rest for our sensitive ears. But do you know how much more difficult it would be to find a moment of peace and quiet if our ears were only a bit more sensitive?

**To newly commissioned lay ministers:
Thank you for learning more about your
faith and committing to sharing it.**

Were our ears three times more powerful, we would be tuned into our own heart beats. Were they five times more powerful, we would hear what field mice were saying. If they were seven times as powerful, we would hear what bats were saying. And as the din grew louder, as more of nature's secret sounds assaulted our sense of hearing, the possibilities for peace and quiet would decrease proportionately. If our ears were exposed to all sound, the roar would be intolerable; deafening. In nature's grand design, there are sounds which are not intended to be heard with the naked human ear.

Scientists tell us that the deaf person who suddenly recovers his or her hearing is likely to find exposure to the world of sound a frightening experience. During the adjustment period it is not uncommon for the cured person to seek to return to the world of silence.

It takes time and conditioning to learn how to interpret sounds, how to distinguish between those which threaten and those which do not, in other words, it takes time and conditioning in order to learn how to listen.

Being born with the ability to hear is not of our doing, but the ability to listen is an art that we must develop ourselves.

Soon to be commissioned ministers--the ability to listen, to truly listen is a tremendous gift that we can give, that we must give to all those with whom we come in contact. My sisters and brothers, when we give to those we serve, as well as our co-workers, the feeling that what they think and what they say are worth listening to and remembering, we are offering them the precious gift of love.

In our reading this afternoon, St. Paul tells the Romans that their love must be sincere: "love one another with mutual affection: anticipate one another in showing honor." As a commissioned minister of the Church, there is no better way to communicate that love than by being an active listener.

Absolutely everything that we do in ministry must be motivated by an earnest effort to be about doing the will of God. Prayer, a disciplined prayer life, is where we set time aside to be



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE

Bishop LaValley delivers the homily, reprinted here, at the Solemn Vespers for the Blessing and Commissioning of Pastoral Lay Ministers held June 5 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

quiet, to listen and discern the Father's will, as we just heard St. Paul tell the Romans. Prayer is the school where we learn how to listen. Our ministry is shallow, insincere and a mere façade, without the personal relationship with Jesus Christ that develops in our prayer.

In our ministry, no matter where it takes us in our individual parishes, we must become active listeners. When we minister in Jesus' Name, we must be willing to give more than the polite nod of the head, but tap into the very heart (as much as one is able) so that genuine listening can happen. This means I must put aside my agenda, my need to say something and begin listening. As one member of this class of Formation for Ministry penned so well in *A Ministry Prayer*, "Jesus I will, with your help, listen with my heart."

You see, "Listening implies the extraordinary ability to pause, to stop reflectively and to bring within, to make one's own that which someone else is sending our way, offering to us for our consideration." (Marino) Such communication is more than the fleeting and often superficial communication made available by the technologies of email, texting, tweeting. Never have so many said so much and so little at the same time.

Countless times when I would make communion calls in the parishes to which I was assigned,

the parishioner would tell me about the deacon or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or the Legion of Mary member, who would visit them and listen to what was going on in their lives. That's being Church, that's honoring another member of the One Body of Christ. That's giving dignity to the person made in the image and likeness of God. If you are a catechist, a teacher, it is so important that you listen to the life story of the student. Hear the things that he or she is saying and not saying. It's all about paying attention to the other person.

The story is told of a famous author who was cared for as a child by a peasant woman after his mother had died. For about eight years during this period of his life, the author was blind. Years later, he had this to say about the woman who cared for him: *This woman, Martha was her name, took loving care of me. I remember she was a big woman and she must have really loved me because I remember those eight years of blindness in my childhood as essentially a happy time of my life. I remember a lot of talk and a lot of laughter. I must have talked a great deal as a child because Martha used to say to me again and again, "Do you remember when you said this?" Do you remember when you said that?" And I realized that she had been listening to me and remembered what I said. And all my life I have had this feeling about myself: that what I think and what I say are worth listening to and remembering. This is the gift she gave me!*

My sisters and brothers, may each of you be such a gift bearer to your parishioners.

I know that these last two years, you have been listening and remembering all the materials that your instructors offered you as they sought to help with the renewal of your minds through instruction about our Catholic faith. I want to thank them, Heidi Macko and all of the members of the Formation for Ministry and Christian Formation staff, for their strong support.

It's no secret the Church of the North Country will rely more and more on your ministry in the local parish. Your communication with and support of the pastor is crucial for effective collaborative ministry. The Diocese of Ogdensburg and your home parish are so very proud of your commitment and strong faith. Remember, too, that you are co-missioned—that is, missioned with your sisters and brothers, members of the one Body of Christ. *We never serve alone.*

Thank you for learning more about your faith and committing to sharing it. The grace you received on the day of your baptism is being embraced and will multiply a hundredfold. This is truly an inspiring and exciting time for you and for the Church of Ogdensburg. Last week we ordained a new deacon for the local Church and today we commission all of you to help build up the Body of Christ. Let us continue to pray for one another, discerning God's will as we listen and minister to our sisters and brothers. May God be praised...forever may God be praised!

FIFTY ARE COMMISSIONED AFTER COMPLETING FORMATION FOR MINISTRY PROGRAM



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE

Bishop Terry R. LaValley is shown above with 50 newly commissioned lay ministers after the June 5 commissioning at St. Mary's Cathedral. The group completed two years of the diocesan Formation for Ministry Program with courses in scripture, moral theology and spiritual life. They have been preparing to give their

parishes service in a variety of areas: adult faith facilitation, ministry to sick and elderly, youth ministry, worship, religious education, RCIA, family minister and outreach. The courses were held in Brownville, Altona and Tupper Lake. Another two-year program will begin in September at sites in Ogdensburg and Ticonderoga. Pictured with the group, front left, is Heidi Macko, Formation for Ministry program coordinator.

Congratulations & Blessings

Fawn Sunderland

*From the people of
St. Cecilia's Church, Adams and
Queen of Heaven Church, Henderson*



One pastor's view about Formation for Ministry

By Shawn Ryan
Staff Writer

ADAMS - The Formation for Ministry program prepares lay people to serve their parishes in specific ministries, but according to Father Patrick Ratigan, pastor in Adams and Henderson, the program brings the participants as well as the parishes much more.

"The participants end up getting much more than they put into it, much more than they expect," Father Ratigan said. "They become much more committed to the faith, and more dedicated to the Church. It helps them grow personally through the

process."

As Father Ratigan explains, participants pick a specific field they wish to participate in, such as youth education or elder ministry, and when they are commissioned they serve that the parish in that particular area. The training itself is quite arduous, taking two years to complete, and those involved have to be quite dedicated.

"It's quite a commitment," says Father Ratigan of the training. "Once a week for two years, plus having to write papers and do assignments, it's a big commitment for people to dedicate themselves to."

In St. Cecilia's parish, Fawn Sunderland just completed

the program, and Father Ratigan expects that the experience will make her a better Catholic, more dedicated to her faith and ready to help others.

Ms. Sunderland only recently went through the RCIA program herself to join the church, and now that she's a commissioned lay minister, will return to the RCIA program to help others learn about and enter the Catholic faith.

"It's a wonderful program," says Father Ratigan in summing up the Formation for Ministry program. "From past classes I can say that the program is a great benefit to the parishes in several areas of ministry."

Newly commissioned lay ministers

St. Cecilia's Church, Adams
Fawn E. Sunderland - RCIA

Catholic Community of Alexandria Bay
Denise A. Helvig - Youth

St. Joseph's Church, Bombay
Rita M. Savage - Sick and Elderly

Roman Catholic Community of Brownville & Dexter
Bert G. Burnham - Worship
Laurie Rose Burnham - Sick and Elderly
Elizabeth M. LaFave - Sick and Elderly

St. James Church, Cadyville
Ann M. Learned - Sick and Elderly

St. James Minor Church, Carthage
Joseph L. Brosk - RCIA

St. Mary's Church, Champlain
Catherine M. Gooley - Family/Outreach

Sacred Heart Church, Chazy
Noreen N. Barcomb - Sick and Elderly

St. Joseph's Church, Dannemora
Anna E. Lucia - Sick and Elderly/Youth
Barbara Winter - Sick and Elderly

St. Edmund's Church, Ellenburg
Patricia Hanley - Adult Faith Facilitator/Youth

St. Mary's Church, Evans Mills
Karen M. Donahue - Youth

St. Mary's of the Fort Church, Fort Covington
Lucien J. Leroux - RCIA

St. James Church, Gouverneur
Lawrence C. Morse - Worship

Roman Catholic Community of Keeseville
Joy M. Laundree - Worship
Brenda M. Smith - Sick and Elderly

Malone Catholic Parishes - Notre Dame
Nicholas J. Haas - Worship

St. Ann's Church, Mooers Forks
Carol A. Alexander - Sick and Elderly
Joyce Roberts - Sick and Elderly

St. John's Church, Morristown
Darlene M. Cummings - Catechetical Leader
Robert A. Cummings - RCIA

Notre Dame Church, Ogdensburg
Daniel J. Washburn - Worship

St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg
Amy W. Schirmer - Family/Outreach

St. Augustine's Church, Peru
Suzanne Beaumont - RCIA

St. Joseph's Church, Philadelphia
Kareta A. Noone-Olshfski - Sick, Elderly

Dennis M. Olshfski - RCIA

St. John the Baptist, Plattsburgh
David L. Clark - Worship

John XXIII College Community Parish, Plattsburgh
Timothy P. Davis - Sick and Elderly
Karen F. Larose - RCIA

Our Lady of Victory Church, Plattsburgh
Suzanne E. Lefebvre - Youth

St. Peter's Church, Plattsburgh
Victoria M. Howard - Sick and Elderly
Michael J. Howley - Sick and Elderly
Ricky A. LaDuke - RCIA
Karen Buffett-Smith - Adult Faith Facilitator
Randal J. Smith - Worship

St. Andrew's Church, Sackets Harbor
Constance B. Barone - Sick and Elderly
Sandra L. Kriff - Sick and Elderly

Holy Name Church, Tupper Lake
Lorna Barton - Youth

St. Alphonsus Church, Tupper Lake
Lynn S. Reandeau - Worship

St. Anthony's Church, Watertown
Diane F. Beschle - Worship
Penny B. Clark - Sick and Elderly
Francis M. Leon - Family/Outreach
Sandy J. Petrillose - Family/Outreach
Julie A. Sanderson - Catechetical Leader
Beverly F. Williams - Family/Outreach

St. Patrick's Church, Watertown
Constance K. Dowling - Family/Outreach

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Watertown
Beverly J. Dalton - Sick and Elderly

St. Joseph's Church, West Chazy
Mark T. Webster - Youth

*Congratulations
to our new Commissioned Lay Ministers*

St. Anthony's Church

Diane Besche
Penny Clark
Frances Leon
Sandy Petrillose
Julie Sanderson
Beverly Williams

St. Patrick's Church

Constance Dowling

Diocese joins in prayers for pope as he celebrates his 60th jubilee

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Bishop LaValley has asked parishes of the Diocese to have at least one holy hour during June or on July 1 (the Solemnity of the Sacred

Heart) for these intentions.

Father Douglas Lucia, Episcopal Vicar for Worship & Priestly Formation, noted that Resources for such Holy Hours are available at www.usccb.org under the department heading of "Divine Worship".

The bishop requested a report from pastors so that participation of parishes of the diocese may be included in a message of congratulations/spiritual bouquet to the pope for this occasion.

Bishop LaValley's Schedule

June 14-17 — United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Spring Meeting in Seattle, Washington.

June 18 — 2:00 p.m., Graduation Ceremonies at Immaculate Heart Central in Watertown.

June 19 — 8:00 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

June 20 — New York State Catholic Conference Board Meeting in New York City.

June 21 — 6:00 p.m., Fundraising Dinner for St. Mary's School, Canton.

June 22 — 11:00 a.m., Retreat Mass at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg.

Rest in Peace

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

June 15 — Rev. Francis C. A. Cornish, 1960

June 16 — Rev. James L. Meehan, 2004; Deacon John Dwyer, 2007

June 17 — Rev. Thomas J. Thotumkal, 1992

June 19 — Rev. Gerard Chouinard, O.M.I., 1955

June 20 — Rev. James O'Hara, 1949

June 21 — Rev. Joseph T. Moriarity, O.S.A., 1905; Msgr. Joseph F. Luker, 1972

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Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults. Pre-registration online is required in order to participate. Participants may pre-register at www.virtus.org by selecting the registration button and following the directions. All employees and volunteers who participate in church sponsored activities with minor are required to participate in this training. Further information: Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, phone, 315-393-2920. ext. 403. Upcoming programs:
June 19 - 1 p.m., Camp Guggenheim, Saranac Lake
July 13 - 6 p.m., Holy Family School, Malone

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Lay Ministers
for their dedicated service:
Doreen Adams, Jeanne Becker, Elizabeth Duprey,
Jeffra Montroy, Pamela Neal, William O'Brien,
David Rishe, Jane Rishe, Sally Rusaw,
Bryant Sandburg, and Joseph Tebo.



Mark Webster

*Congratulations on your Commissioning as
a Lay Minister. We look forward to your
services as Youth Minister at
St. Joseph's Parish, West Chazy*



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE
St. Joseph Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin,
diocesan director of Catholic Education,
reads from the scriptures during the
commissioning service.

*Offer Prayerful Congratulations and
Best Wishes to our Newly
Commissioned Lay Ministers*

*Lucien J. Leroux
Rita M. Savage*

*St. Mary's of the Fort, Ft. Covington
St. Joseph's Church, Bombay
St. Patrick's Church, Hogansburg*

Our parish family is very grateful to

**David Clark
Timothy Davis
Karen Peryea**

*for responding to the call to
serve the church as
Commissioned Lay Ministers*



*May God bless you abundantly for
all the good you have done
and continue to do.*

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of Saint John the Baptist
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*"It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be
prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors
and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service,
so that the body of Christ may be built up"...Eph. 4:11-12*



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Ogdensburg
Daniel Washburn

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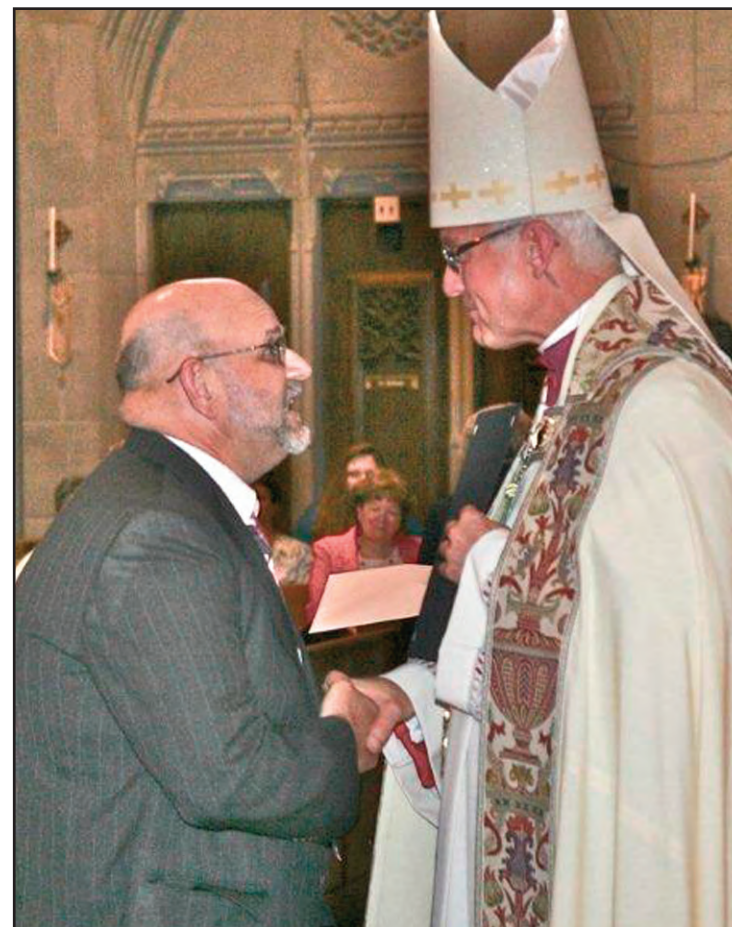


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Bishop LaValley congratulates Daniel Washburn who prepared to serve in the area of worship for Notre Dame Parish in Ogdensburg.

*The Catholic Community of Alexandria
congratulate and welcome
Denise Helvig
as a Commissioned Lay Minister
in our parishes.*



The Catholic Community of
Brownville & Dexter and
St. Andrew's Church, Sackets Harbor
Congratulates & prays for our newly
commissioned lay ministers.

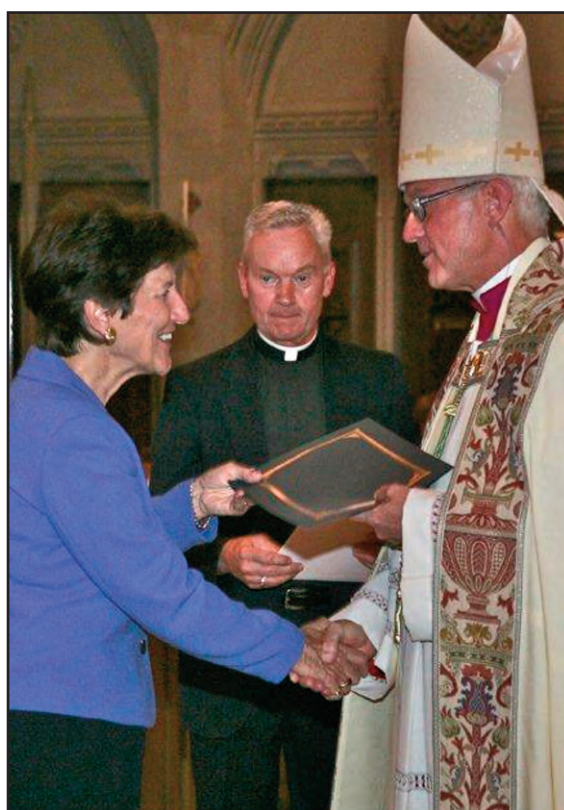


Constance B. Barone
Bert & Laurie Burnham
Sandra Kriff
Liz LaFave



*Congratulations from St. Peter's Parish to
our newly Commissioned Lay Ministers:*

*Karen and Randy Smith
Vicky Howard
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At left, Bishop LaValley presents a Formation for Ministry certificate to Anna Lucia of St. Joseph's Parish in Dannemora with Lynn Lynch, coordinator of Religious Education and Formation Supervisor, representing the parish. Above, Father Donald Robinson, pastor of St. Anthony's in Watertown witnesses as Frances Leon accepts her certificate.



Congratulations, Suzanne Lefebvre

on your accomplishment and commissioning!

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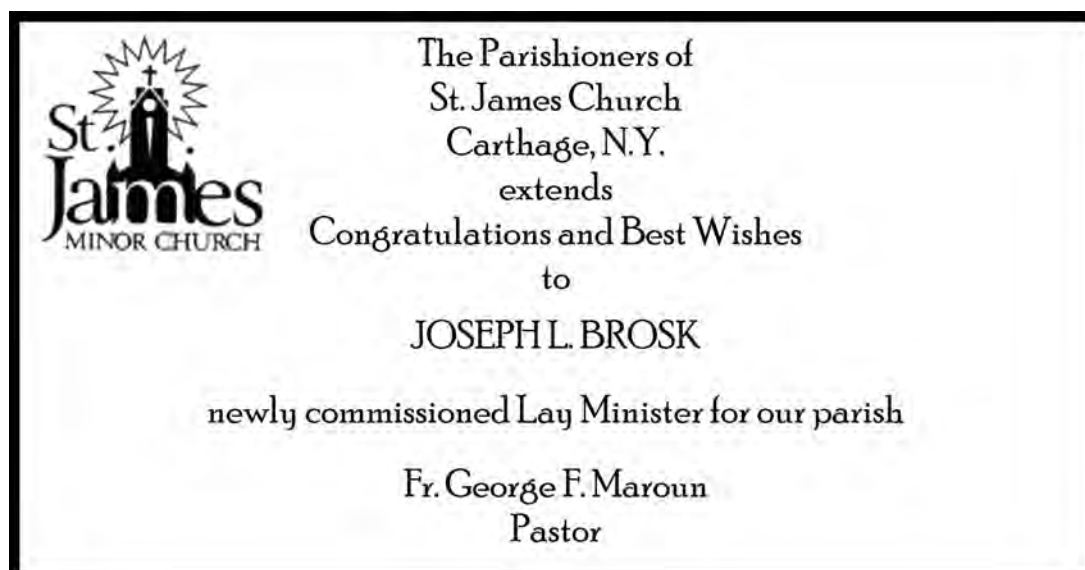
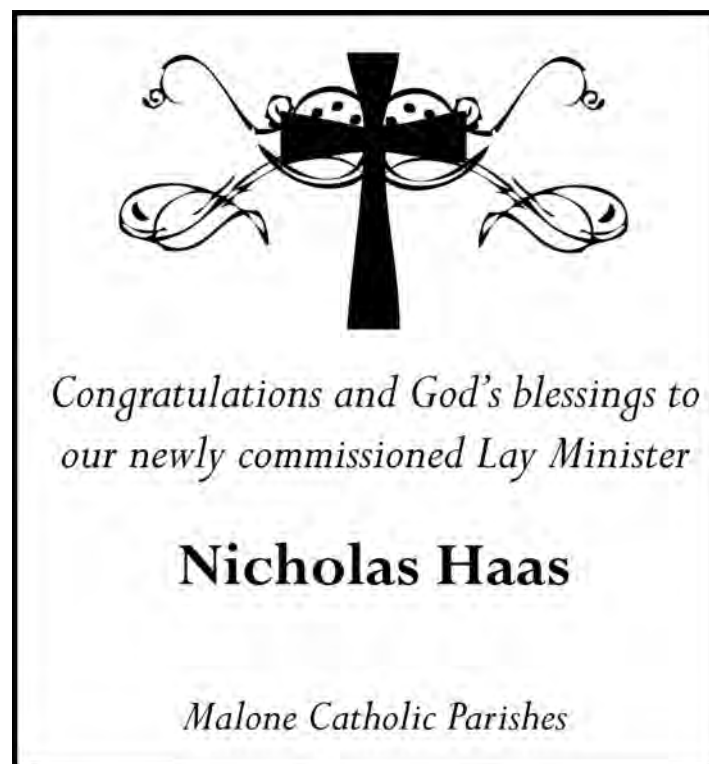
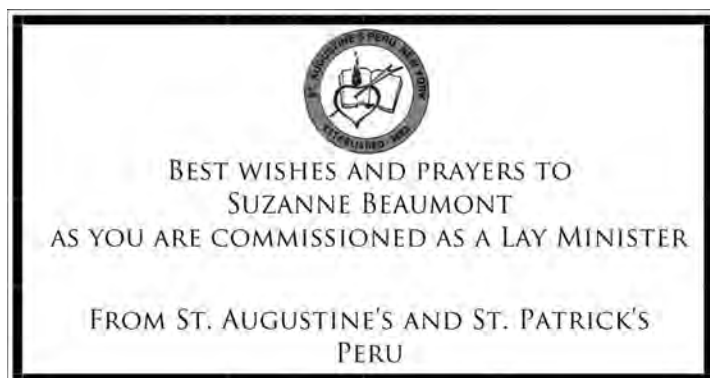
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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Religion may play crucial role in 2012 campaign, as it has in past

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- As seven Republican candidates for president prepared for a June 13 debate in New Hampshire and others waited in the wings, there were signs that religion will play as big a role in the 2012 election as it has in other recent campaigns. Many of the declared or potential candidates lined up in Washington June 3-4 to address a "strategy briefing" sponsored by the Faith & Freedom Coalition, an organization headed by Christian Coalition founder Ralph Reed, and to pledge their commitment to the coalition's views on abortion, same-sex marriage and similar social issues. Polling in early June by Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn., showed that former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney had more support among Republican or Republican-leaning independent voters than any other GOP candidate, with 25 percent. Sarah Palin, the former Alaska governor who is not an official candidate, received support from 15 percent of the poll respondents, with businessman Herman Cain at 9 percent. But another part of the Quinnipiac survey offered less promising information to the Romney campaign. Asked to assess their comfort level with the faith of presidential candidates, 36 percent of the poll respondents said they felt somewhat uncomfortable or very uncomfortable with a Mormon candidate. Only 13 percent said they would be uncomfortable with a Catholic candidate, while 59 percent said they would not be comfortable with a Muslim candidate and 60 percent said a candidate who was an atheist would make them uncomfortable.

Bishop apologizes for response to priest accused in child porn case

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (CNS) -- Officials in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph are being faulted by parishioners and media for failing to more vigorously pursue allegations of suspicious and improper behavior made against a priest now charged with possession of child pornography. In a message read at parish Masses June 4 and 5 and in a number of forums in late May, Bishop Robert W. Finn expressed regret for the way the diocese handled information it received about the activities of Father Shawn Ratigan. "As bishop I take full responsibility for these failures and sincerely apologize to you for them. Clearly, we have to do more. Please know that we have -- and will continue to cooperate with all local authorities regarding these matters," Bishop Finn said in the message read at Masses. "These past few weeks all of us have endured the consequences of our human failure," he said. "The destructive sins of a few and the serious lapses in communication have caused us shame, anger and confusion." He acknowledged there are victims who "are hurting, and others who have been left vulnerable by our processes." Bishop Finn noted the diocese had removed a second priest from ministry June 2 while it investigates allegations of misconduct against him stemming from the 1970s and '80, but said that priest, Father Michael Tierney, and Father Ratigan "are the first sitting pastors to be removed in our diocese in more than 20 years." At a May 22 news conference about the Ratigan case, the bishop said he would expand the role of the diocesan Independent Review Board to include receiving and evaluating reports of misconduct which fall outside the scope set by the U.S. bishops for such boards in their 2002 Dallas "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People."

Twin Franciscan brothers who died on same day had always been together

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. (CNS) -- Identical twins and Franciscan Brothers Julian and Adrian Riester -- who were born seconds apart and died hours apart June 1 at St. Anthony Hospital in St. Petersburg -- were remembered by friends, family members and colleagues for their constant companionship.

The twins, natives of Buffalo, N.Y., who spent the past three years in retirement at a Franciscan friary in St. Petersburg, had been Franciscan brothers for 65 years. Both men were admitted to the hospital just days before both died of heart failure at age 92.

A funeral Mass for the two men June 6 at St. Mary Our Lady of Grace Church in St. Petersburg was attended by only 50 or so people, but their story had spread far beyond the confines of their own community.

Franciscan Father Dominic Monti, provincial vicar of Holy Name Province, which includes 12 states along the East Coast, said he was amazed at the widespread coverage of the brothers' deaths.

He said he did an online search on the two men and found more than 375 stories.

"I think they would crawl under the table right now if they knew all this attention that's being devoted to them," he told the Tampa Tribune.

A major part of the brothers' story is not just the coincidental timing of their deaths, but their constant togetherness -- spending only their first assignments apart. From 1946 to 1951, Brother Adrian was a sacristan at St. Francis of Assisi Church in New York, and Brother Julian was general manager of St. Anthony Shrine in Boston. They also were separated from 1951 to 1956 when Brother Julian was assigned to St. Patrick's Parish in Buf-



CNS PHOTO/OCTAVIO DURAN

Franciscan Brothers Adrian and Julian Riester, natives of Buffalo, are pictured in 2010 at St. Anthony Friary in St. Petersburg, Fla. The religious brothers, who also were twin biological brothers, died together June 1 at age 92 at St. Anthony's Hospital in St. Petersburg.

falo and Brother Adrian was at Bishop Timon High School in another part of town.

The brothers were born Jerome and Irving March 27, 1919, to Dr. Julian Riester and his wife, Clara, who also had five daughters. They took saints' names when they became Franciscan brothers.

The twins were together at St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute in Buffalo, then radio technology school in Los Angeles and years of ministry, including 35 years at St. Bonaventure University near Buffalo, where they were campus carpenters, gardeners and chauffeurs.

"It really is almost a poetic ending to the remarkable story of their lives," said St. Bonaventure spokesman Tom Missel, who said the timing of their deaths was "hardly surprising given that they did almost everything

together."

A cousin and close friend, Michael Riester, echoed that sentiment, telling the Buffalo News: "If ever there is a confirmation that God favored them, this is it. They weren't even separated for 12 hours."

He said his cousins will be remembered as "exemplary men and holy men" who lived their lives in a truly Franciscan spirit.

"They had this intimate bond, in which neither was selfish at all," he said. "And because they were so in tune to God and to each other, it's not surprising at all."

The brothers are survived by two of their sisters, one in Buffalo and one in St. Petersburg.

After the June 6 funeral Mass, the brothers' bodies were flown to Buffalo and buried June 8 at St. Bonaventure Cemetery, across the street from the university.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Celebrating a three-personed God

Today is the Feast of the Holy Trinity - one God in Three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (or Holy Ghost - same thing - Holy Spirit translated from the Latin Sanctus Spiritus - while "ghost" is the Old English word for spirit.)

How do you explain the Holy Trinity? You don't really. It's beyond our human reason. Just use multiplication - 3 times one still equals three. Right? But three Persons times One God equals One God.

Now, if you want to carry

it further, you'll get dizzy and get a headache. At this point, you really should give up! Why not just say that the head trip doesn't carry us very far.



Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore

St. Anselm had it right a long time ago when he wrote, "I don't understand so that I can believe; I believe so that I can understand."

Just believe Jesus' teaching that there is a Holy Trinity.

From there, let's look at our heart's experience of God's beauty, His wisdom, His mercy, and His limitless love.

It's as though someone

were to ask you, "Do you believe in sunsets...or mountain tops...or starry nights?"

We'd tell them, "Just go out and watch a sunset... just to up and sit on a mountain top...just go out on a warm summer evening, lay on your back, and gaze up at a sky filled with stars!

Or, let's think of a party. Everyone (well, almost everyone) loves a party. At a party there are people, and there's action, music, food and drink, a good time.

So...the Holy Trinity is like a party that had no beginning, and has no end.

God the Father loves the Son without interruption, and the Son returns that

June 19

Trinity Sunday READINGS

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
John 3:16-18

Love with every breath of His being - and that breath becomes the Holy Spirit of them both - full of the power of love, joyful dancing, and jubilant motion.

God the Father is like a beautiful sunset, soothing and quieting my soul.

God the Son is like a lover,, forgiving and tender, feeding my hunger, satisfying my desire

And the Holy Spirit is like a hot scorching fire, a whirlwind of inspiration, stirring me to intense Praise and Dynamic Action.

The beauty and poetry of the Holy Trinity dwells in our souls through Baptism, since Jesus affirms that He lives in us.

Since He lives in the Father and in the Spirit, all three Persons dwell in us with the with the Power of Love, so that we, too, may love all our brothers and sisters with the power of the Holy Trinity. Three-personed God, I gape in the wonder of your beauty, I glow with the light of your Truth, I burn with the excitement of Your Life.

Job Opening in Milton, VT

St. Ann Catholic church has an opening for their
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OUR READERS WRITE

Horrifying stories exposed daily

When it comes to the abortion industry there is no limit to the horrifying stories exposed daily.

From the coerced, forced abortion on underage girls, sex trafficking - Planned Parenthood connection, the butcher shop horrors exposed in Philadelphia, to mention just a few.

Now we are learning that a company called Senomyx is using aborted fetal cells in research and development of artificial flavor enhancers for major food corporations: PepsiCo, Kraft Foods and Nestle according to LifeSiteNews.

Pro-life watchdog group, Children of God for Life has joined other pro-life groups to target these food corporations by letting the public know about Senomyx "What they do not tell the public is that they are using HEK 293 - human embryonic kidney cells taken from an electively aborted baby to produce those receptors,"

These stories don't surprise me but make me want to fight more for the end of this century's holocaust on the unborn. There is NO good that can come from what the pro-choicer advertise as "choice." Abortion is inherently evil. The results are devastating and ripple through countless generations affecting every family member and societal group in its path.

Take heart, America is starting to wake up; according to Gallup, 61% take the pro-life view that abortions should either be legal under no circumstances or legal only under a few circumstances. Many states are passing pro-life legislations: ultrasound bills, banning tax dollars for abortions and pressing forward with Personhood Petitions which refers to the presence of a particular set of characteristics that grant that individual certain rights such as the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The end game of the pro-life movement is to see the day when no more babies die and no more women cry.

NANCY BELZILE,
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AT THE MOVIES

JUDY MOODY AND THE NOT BUMMER SUMMER

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

With its grade-schooler heroine and an aunt in the offing, "Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer" (Relativity) almost inevitably invites comparison with another recent kids' lit adaptation, last year's "Ramona and Beezus." The juxtaposition is not to the new film's advantage.

Perhaps it's fun-loving Judy's (Jordana Beatty) fondness for superlatives -- ranging from the simple "Rare!" to the mouthful which serves as the movie's advertising tag: "Supermegatotalythrilladelic." But, one way or another, the script -- co-written by Megan McDonald, on whose series of best-sellers the proceedings are based, and Kathy Waugh --

builds us up for a (shall we say) supercalifragilisticexpialidocious payoff that just never arrives.

Instead, about the best we get is a worthwhile lesson about coping with altered circumstances as Judy's best-laid plans for a supremo summer go awry when her two best friends, Rocky (Garrett Ryan) and Amy (Taylor Hender), take off on adventures of their own, he to circus camp, she to Borneo.

That leaves Judy stranded in the company of timid second-string pal Frank (Preston Bailey). And things only deteriorate for the mercurial tweener when her parents (Janet Varney and Kristoffer Winters) are suddenly called out of town and baby-sitting duties are assigned to an aunt Judy hasn't seen since infancy.

Fortunately, Aunt Opal (Heather Graham) turns out to be a hippy-dippy world traveler with an appetite for high jinks.

But, as Opal guides Judy through the process of creating colorful hats out of aluminum trash can covers, the effort to telegraph how much of a blast they're having feels strained.

Similarly, a story line focusing on Judy's little brother, Stink (Parris Mosteller), and his obsession with capturing Bigfoot takes us deep into the weeds as well as the woods and, after the elapse of too much screen time, feels as meandering and ultimately pointless as any real-life search for Sasquatch.

Though really objectionable material is absent, as things unfold under John Schultz's direction, a child-



CNS PHOTO/RELATIVITY

Jackson Odell and Jordana Beatty star in a scene from the movie "Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer."

ish potty gag concerning an incident Judy afterward dubs the "poop picnic" does get carried to briefly queasy extremes.

The film contains some scatological humor and a few mildly crass terms.

The Catholic News Service classification is A-II -- adults and adolescents.

The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

SUPER 8

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

Perhaps a fitting alternative title for "Super 8" (Paramount) -- writer-director J.J. Abrams' able blend of nostalgia, drama and sci-fi thrills -- might be "Stand By Me Meets Godzilla."

Like its 1986 predecessor, in which a quartet of boys from rural Oregon set off through the woods in search of a rumored corpse, this is a look at youthful enthusiasm and the ties of friendship set against a background of ominous events.

Here the friends are a half-dozen teens from a rustbelt town in 1979 Ohio whose love of movies has prompted them to use the eponymous technology to produce a zombie flick they

hope eventually to enter in a local festival.

Presiding over their endearingly amateur endeavor is would-be auteur Charles (Riley Griffiths). Charles' dictatorial tendencies on set are echoed in everyday life by his bossiness toward his best buddy (and makeup artist) Joe, played by Joel Courtney.

Joe's involvement in the project helps distract him from his strained relationship with his recently widowed father Jack (Kyle Chandler), the deputy sheriff of the area's police force, as well as from his own unresolved grief over the loss of his thoroughly devoted mom.

Charles' relentless search for "production values" leads his team -- which also includes withdrawn but comely fellow student Alice

(Elle Fanning) in the role of heroine -- to a nearby railroad station for a clandestine midnight shoot. But things take an unexpected turn when they witness -- and their camera captures -- a mysterious train accident.

Though the military arrives in force the next morning, trying to conceal the truth about the incident, the wreck sets in motion a series of odd and portentous happenings Jack is determined to investigate.

Gently handled themes of

bereavement, first love and family reconciliation, meanwhile, add depth to this wry horror homage as Joe and Alice (the latter, we learn, has domestic troubles of her own) form a touching bond through their shared vulnerabilities.

These romantic elements are kept enjoyably innocent. But the steady saltiness of the onscreen ensemble's vocabulary makes "Super 8" unsuitable viewing for their real-world contemporaries. That's too bad because

there's much on offer here from which younger viewers might otherwise profit.

The film contains much action violence with some gore, drug use and references, several instances of profanity as well as at least one rough and many crude terms. 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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ADIRONDACK

BACCALAUREATE

Lake Placid — A baccalaureate Mass for graduates of Lake Placid High School has been planned.

Date: June 22

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: St. Agnes Parish

IRONMAN BLESSING, BREAKFAST

Lake Placid — Ironman Mass, Blessing and Breakfast to be held.

Schedule: Mass July 23 at 5:30 p.m., "Iron Friar" Fr. Dan Callahan, SA, celebrant at St. Agnes Church; Breakfast July 24 at the American Legion sponsored by the Catholic Daughters.

CLINTON

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Peru — St. Augustine's Knights of Columbus Council 7273 will host its 25th annual golf tournament.

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" prize sponsored by Bill McBride Chevrolet and other great prizes. The entry fee is \$260 per team until June 10th and \$280 per team thereafter. Spouses are invited to attend the dinner at \$15 each.

Contact: Obtain entry forms and information by contacting Bill McBride Jr. at 643-6678; email Scar6064@charter.net

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

Keeseville — The Keeseville Altar Rosary Society to sponsor Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Date: Every Sunday

Time: 1 p.m. to 4

Place: Immaculate Conception Church.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Plattsburgh — Eucharistic Adoration is held throughout the year every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Place: St. John's Holy Family Adoration Chapel, downstairs

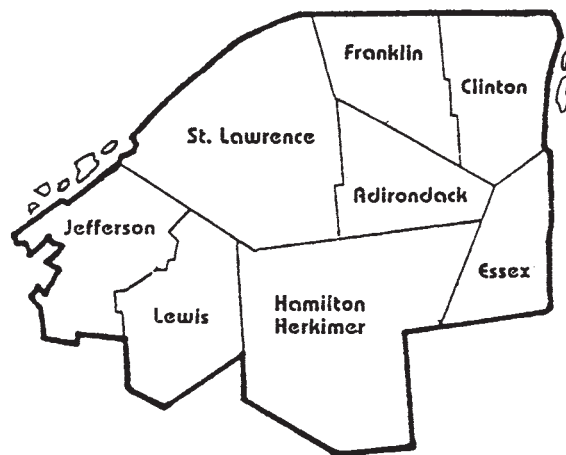
Time: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Contact: For more information about spending a special hour with Jesus weekly, or becoming a substitute, please call 518-561-5083 or email us at Sjohnsadoration@aol.com

ESSEX

ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ

Port Henry — The Catholic Community of Moriah will have their Annual Chicken BBQ.



The North Country Catholic welcomes contributions to "Around the Diocese." Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:

North Country Catholic, PO Box 326,
Ogdensburg, NY 13669; fax, 315-394-0670;
e-mail news@northcountycatholic.org.

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

Date: June 19

Time: Noon

Place: K of C Hall; Take-outs will also be available

Cost: \$9

Features: Many baskets to be raffled.

RETIREMENT PARTY

Ticonderoga — Come Join us at father Bill Muench's Retirement Party.

Date: June 26

Time: Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's, Reception Noon to 3 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall

FRANKLIN

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Brushton — St. Mary's parish will be sponsoring a Father's Day Breakfast.

Date: June 19

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

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center; Take-outs call 529-6580

Cost: Adults, \$7; Seniors, \$6; Children 6-12, \$4; under 5, Free; Immediate Family of 5 or more, \$20

HAMILTON-HERKIMER

RECEPTION FOR PASTOR

Indian Lake — The St. Mary's Indian Lake Energizers (SMILE) will host a reception in honor of Father Sony Pulickal who has been re-assigned from Indian Lake to serve as pastor of St. Ann's Church in Wells and St. James Major Church in Lake Pleasant.

Date: June 26

Time: 1 p.m. to 2:30

Place: St. Mary's Church Hall

Features: The event will provide the

people of Indian Lake and Blue Mountain Lake an opportunity to thank Fr. Sony for his religious guidance and service to the communities over the past seven years and to wish him well in his new assignment

Contact: Jack Valentine at (518) 648-5636.

JEFFERSON

IHC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Watertown — Ferne Kobel invites players and sponsors to be part of the annual Dick Kobel Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit IHC Schools.

Date: June 26

Time: 1 p.m.

Features: This captain and crew style tournament which benefits the Immaculate Heart Central Jr./Sr. High School Scholarship Fund is a memorial tribute to Mr. Richard Kobel.

Contact: stacy.uliano@ihcschools.org or call 315-788-4670.

MT. CARMEL FEAST

Watertown — St. Anthony's Church will celebrate its 95th Annual Mt. Carmel Feast in honor of our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

Date: June 24, 25 & 26

Features: A spaghetti supper will be held in the church basement on June 23 at 4:30 p.m. \$8, Adults and \$4.50 for Children. On the Grounds traditional Italian foods will be served. Entertainment each night. Friday — Les Gates; Saturday — Nick Mulpagano; Sunday — Fred and the Eds. Regular BINGO in the School Gym on Friday at 7 p.m. Rides by Ontario Amusement Company. Religious

Procession begins at 5 p.m. Sunday followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Fireworks Sunday night at 10 p.m. \$1700 cash raffle after fireworks. Grounds open Friday at 5:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. All days end at 10 p.m.

Contact: For more information contact St. Anthony's parish office at 782-1190.

PARKINSON GROUP

Chaumont — Dr. Michelle Burack, MD, PhD will be addressing important issues of Parkinson's Disease.

Date: June 28

Time: 11 a.m.

Place: All Saints Church

Contact: RSVP by calling 788-3766 before June 22

Features: The Parkinson's Group meets every Tuesday at All Saints Church for exercise and lunch. All are welcome. The group has just completed 4 years of providing weekly support for 22 people at All Saints.

LIFERIGHT MEETING

Watertown — Liferight of Watertown will hold its monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of the Month.

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: 312 Sherman St.

Features: Liferight is a pro-life educational organization. The office has videos, books and educational materials which may be borrowed. Topics covered: infanticide, assisted suicide, euthanasia and chastity.

Contact: Phone 315-788-8480; website: www.liferight.org.

ST. LAWRENCE

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST BUFFET

Ogdensburg — The Ogdensburg Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a breakfast buffet.

Date: June 19

Time: 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Cost: Adults, \$7; Children 6-12, \$3.50; under 5, free

Features: Bring Dad to breakfast and he can register to win one of two \$50 gas cards. Eat in or take-out.

WINE TASTING

Canton — 1844 House and St. Mary's School have set a Wine Tasting Dinner.

Date: June 21

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: 1844 House

Cost: \$100 per person

Features: Proceeds from the event will benefit St. Mary's School, Canton. Dinner will include Hors d'oeuvres, soup, sorbet,

fish course, meat course, dessert with four different wines served with meal.

Contact: Reservations are required; they may be made through The 1884 House at 286-1844

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Ogdensburg — St. Mary's is holding a monthly Holy Hour for Vocations.

Date: Thursday before the First Friday

Time: 8 p.m. to 9

Place: Deacon Winter Chapel

Features: Nocturnal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues through the night, concluding with Benediction at 7 a.m. Friday.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Massena — St. Mary's has scheduled Eucharistic Adoration every Saturday.

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

DIOCESAN EVENTS

SERRA CLUB PILGRIMAGE

The Serra Club of Ogdensburg has announced its Annual Fall Pilgrimage.

Date: Oct. 4

Place: Lake Placid

Features: Bishop Terry LaValley will celebrate Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Agnes Church, lunch will be at the Crown Plaza and a Holy Hour will follow.

Contact: John and Sondra Castle at 315-265-3578.

CHARISMATIC RETREAT

Saranac Lake — Fr. Anthony Gramlich of the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, MA will give the annual Charismatic Retreat at Guggenheim Lodge.

Date: July 8-10

Contact: Resurrection House at 518-891-1182

CAMP REGISTRATION

Registration for the two diocesan summer camp programs — Guggenheim in Saranac Lake and SportsCamp at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg is open

Guggenheim dates: for 12 - 15 year-olds, Week 1, June 26 to July 1; Week 2, July 3-8; Week 3, July 10-15; Week 4 July 17-22; Week 5 July 24-29; For 16-18 years olds, Week 6, July 31 to Aug. 5 is geared for 16 - 18 year olds.

SportsCamp: Basketball Camp: July 3-7; Soccer Camp: July 10-14

Registration: may be made through the parishes of the North Country or online at www.catholiccamps.org

Contact: Further information is available from the Diocesan Youth Office, 315-393-2920 ext. 411



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Students assist Ecuadoran peers

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Student, Augustinian Academy, Carthage

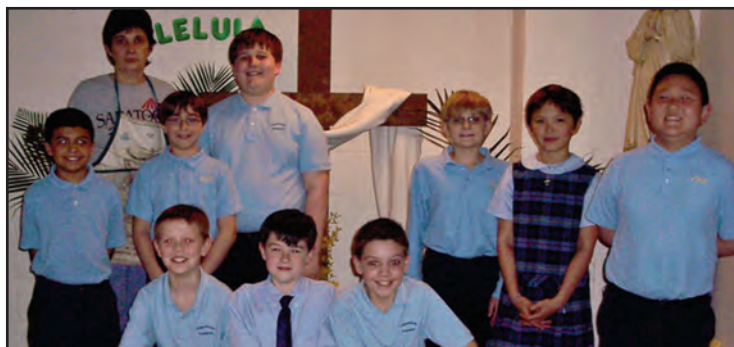
Part 1 of 2

Life is like a box of chocolate. Chocolate dipped pretzels, that is. So it was that fate, serendipity, or God's will allowed Carthage Augustinian Academy 5th graders to help similarly aged students of a poor school on the outskirts of Quito, high in the Ecuadorian Andes.

They were able to do so thanks to the invaluable help of Mrs. Mary Newton, Augustinian Academy's resident chef. Mary happened to read a story in the *North Country Catholic* by former Augustinian Academy student and recent Columbia University graduate, Liam Carney. Liam had spent part of the summer of 2009 volunteering at the Working Boys' Center in Quito and was, upon graduation from college, inspired to return to Quito to teach at the Center for an entire school year.

Mary had the scrumptious and economically profitable idea of making chocolate covered pretzels to sell in support of the Center. With help from Liam's mother, Linda Carney, a longtime Augustinian Academy teacher, the Augustinian students practiced culinary arts, advertising, marketing, accounting, and philanthropy en route to selling approximately 800 beautifully wrapped chocolate covered pretzels. They earned over \$200.00 to benefit the Working Boys' Center and their mission of helping the poorest of the poor in Quito.

Linda and husband Matt were fortunate to visit The Working Boys Center in February to witness the good work being done there first hand. One of their first experiences at the Center involved a group of elementary aged children, under the supervision of Liam and fellow volunteers at The Center, making empanadas (cheese filled pastries) to sell. By doing so, the students earn a small monthly wage and also garner many of the same skills as those learned by their counterparts at Carthage's Augustinian Academy.



Carthage Augustinian Academy cafeteria manager, Mary Newton, is joined by some of the students who participated in the fundraiser for the Working Boys Center.

OBITUARIES

Cadyville — Esther K. (Rock) Miller, 91; Funeral Services June 7, 2011 at St. James Church; burial in Whispering Maples Mausoleum, Plattsburgh.

Carthage — Bert William Blanchard, 91; Funeral Services June 3, 2011 at St. James Catholic Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

Ellenburg — Francis "Frank" D. LaClair, 63; Funeral June 8, 2011 at St. Edmund's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Massena — Linda J. (Prosper) Fiacco, 70; Funeral Services June 11, 2011 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Ogdensburg — Francis E. Brunet, 94; Funeral Services June 8, 2011 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Ogdensburg — William John Carroll, Sr., 55; Funeral Services June 8, 2011 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg — Ann (Taylor) LeBel, 90; Funeral June 7, 2011 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg — Rita (Burns) Miles, 90; Funeral June 8, 2011 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh — Mary E. (Ryan) Fournier, 75; Funeral Services June 4, 2011 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Columbarium.

Plattsburgh — Iona O. (Chauvin) McLean, 90; Funeral Services June 10, 2011 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Chazy.

Plattsburgh — Delimna L. (LaPorte) Powers, 94; Funeral Services June 4, 2011 at R.W. Walker Funeral Home; burial in St. Alexander's Cemetery, Morrisonville.

Port Leyden — Richard J. Kirch, 78; Funeral Services June 9, 2011 at St. Martin's Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery, Croghan.

Sackets Harbor — Rita Mae (Baker) Cring, 88; Funeral Services June 17, 2011 at St. Andrew's Church; burial in Lakeside Cemetery.

Saranac Lake — Louis A. Sparacia, 69; Funeral Services June 6, 2011 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in Saratoga National Cemetery.

Tupper Lake — Veronica E. (LaBarge) Barrette, 100; Funeral Services June 11, 2011 at Holy Name Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Tupper Lake — Alice M. (Gokey) Madore, 106; Funeral Services June 7, 2011 at St. Alphonsus Church.

Westville — Norman Marshall Gervais, 80; Funeral Services June 7 at Our Lady of Fatima; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.



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YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

God will take me where I'm supposed to be!

My roommate in college this past year was a studio art major. She knew from the age of five that she wanted to pursue art for the rest of her life and has not wavered in her decision since.

Living with her made it obvious to me that she was the total artist.

I'm not sure how it happened, but at one point, we were talking and we discovered that we both keep a book of quotes. The minute we realized it, we swapped and read each other's cover to cover.

Hers, as could be expected, was fully illustrated, bumpy from where she had glued in pictures and other decorations, and partially done in calligraphy.

Many of her quotes were about the value of art, beauty, and the seemingly useless.



Rachel
Daly

One that stuck with me was this quote by Howard Thurman: "Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

In other words, it's not about what other people tell you should be trying to become. It's about what you were born to do, something which is between you and God alone.

I have been interested in biology since I was a little kid. Some of my earliest experiences of God involved the beauty and complexity

natural ecosystems. I would run around in the woods, or flip on Animal Planet, and vow to myself that I would explore the jungle someday.

But then I became a biology major, and instantly people began urging me to explore the medical field, to the point where I enrolled in a pre-health seminar thinking maybe they were right, and I could just divert my interest in the natural world to something more useful.

I knew after the first class that I was sadly mistaken. The guest speaker was a podiatrist, and we looked at pictures at bunions and ingrown toenails for an hour.

Now podiatrists have my full respect, but I realized that the human body didn't have the same effect on me as other fields of biology.

It just wasn't inside me to specialize in something like that. It had always dis-

tressed me a bit that ecology didn't seem like it would directly serve other people in any way.

Yet for some reason, I felt like it was what I should be studying, so I stuck with it.

Then this past semester, my roommate took a class on drawing the human figure, and one day, she and another of my friends and I were in our dorm room talking about the class.

The other friend made a few comments about flaws she saw in her own body, and my roommate said as if it were the most obvious thing in the world, "Those are the things you should be most proud of."

With her eye for beauty, she had cut straight through all of the societal expectations of what a person's body should be, and seen the truth about my friend's so-called imperfections.

A person with this kind of ability to see beauty - to see art - where others see a failure to fit the mold, is a powerful force, and an extremely necessary one in this world.

I learned from this that God can use you in unconventional ways to carry out his plan for you.

You might not think of the quantum-mechanical model of the atom as a typical source of awe for God's creation, but for me, as I studied chemistry this year, it absolutely was, and there is no doubt in my mind that God will take me by way of my interest in ecological biology to where I am supposed to be.

He is already doing it with my roommate, and just because it was not immediately obvious how he was going to do it didn't stop him in the least.

THE YOUNG CHURCH OF THE NORTH COUNTRY



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At the conclusion of the commissioning of lay ministers ceremony June 5, Bishop LaValley thanked all those who contributed to the success of the liturgy including "an altar server who came with a cast on her leg!" Above, the bishop signs the cast of Maggie Peo as she holds his staff.



The children, catechists, families, and parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Church in LaFargeville celebrated the successful conclusion of the 2010-2011 Religious Education year on May 22. The children made their own Rosaries and then led their parish family in praying the Rosary in the Grotto. Pictured in the Shrine are, front, Georgia Barton, Maddie Timerman, Haley Timerman, Jada Montante, Mitchell Timerman and Grace Timerman; middle, Emma Timerman, Chet Sourwine, Kenneth Timerman, Julia Duffany and Josie Barton; and back, Peyton Morse and Morgan Timerman.