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Pope: evangelize with courage

By Sarah Delaney
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Benedict XVI said that a proper transmission of the faith to the young or the uninitiated depends on a solid grounding of the basics of Catholic formation -- baptism, first Communion and catechism.

Pope Benedict XVI told participants of a diocesan conference in Rome June 13 to not be afraid of their duty as Christians to evangelize and to pass on the word of God "with courage, with conviction, with joy."

Speaking from Rome's Basilica of St. John Lateran, the pope called for renewed

efforts for evangelization, which he said, "is not the duty of a few, but of all the members of the church."

Special attention should be given to the education of children, adults who have not been baptized and those who have left the church, he said. It is the duty of Catholics today, he said, "to

demonstrate the beauty and reason of faith."

He called on parents to baptize their children, saying that even youngsters are capable of understanding the importance of the Christian message, can appreciate prayers and rites and know the difference between right and wrong.

CONFIRMATION MESSAGE

Practicing faith is imperative!



Bishop LaValley congratulates Grace Leader of St. James Parish in Gouverneur, one of hundreds of young people he confirmed over the past several weeks. After the final Confirmation of the season - at St. Mary's Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday - the bishop shared his message for Confirmandi with readers of the *North Country Catholic*. See his Follow Me column on page 3. The bishop told the young people that it is important for them to "practice and practice and practice your Catholic faith. Build up this family of faith and your community."

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Preparing for the new Roman Missal

Parish leaders of the Diocese of Ogdensburg are gathering for clergy conferences and music workshops across the North Country to begin preparation for the implementation of new Roman Missal on the First Sunday of Advent.

Bishop LaValley asked all the priests and deacons of the diocese to take part in clergy gatherings held in Ogdensburg and Plattsburgh in March. The music workshops are taking place this month.

The bishop plans to issue a pastoral letter on the Missal in September.

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SUMMER SCHEDULE

Through the summer, the *NCC* will be printed every other week. The next issue will be dated July 6. Find us on Facebook for up-to-date news!

FUN AT THE FESTIVAL



PHOTO BY CINDY DOTZSAN

Margaret Fayle, John Ethan Yancey, Audrey Clements and Nolan Yancey took charge of the lollipop tree game booth at the annual St. Peter's Festival held May 20-22 in Lowville. See page 7 for more photos.

YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE: Seton sophomore reflects on 'getting called'

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hooray, it's summer!

Well, we've turned the page to summer and already have been blessed with some spectacular days!

After a brutal winter and soggy spring, it's no surprise that we cherish every summer-y moment we can get.

If only we all could celebrate them as we did when we were kids with "no more teachers, no more books."

Talk about the good old days...

Still, while a three-month summer vacation isn't in the cards for the staff of the *North Country Catholic*, we are going to slow our publication pace a bit.

From now until the middle of August, the *NCC* will be printed every other week giving us a little time for vacations as well as the chance to travel around the diocese.

With email, phones and digital photos, it's possible to put a paper together without ever leaving the office, but that doesn't diminish the need for a little personal contact.

I look forward to the chance to spend time with some of the *NCC* writers who are scattered from one end of the North Country to the other.

I plan to stop and check up on life at Guggenheim and find my

way all the way to SportsCamp.

And, I hope to visit a pastor or two, or three, along the way.

During this week, I'm venturing a little beyond the diocesan borders to meet with hundreds of Catholic press colleagues at our convention in Pittsburgh.

I'll finally be in a position to judge whether their *three* rivers are a match for the *best* river.

And I'll have the opportunity to share ideas with other Catholic editors who are working hard to create newspapers which our readers don't want to live without.

When I come home, it will be time to start on our summer issues

which are sure to be packed – especially since we already have features on hand which need to claim a special place in these pages.

Our new young adult minister has written about her plans, we'll be profiling our just retired priests and we have special features from Lowville, Keeseville and West Chazy planned for the papers of July.

The primary goal of the *North Country Catholic* is to share the stories of Catholic faith in our own part of the world.

No surprise – we never seem to run out.

See you on July 6!

**Mary Lou
Kilian****Bishop Terry LaValley**

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CHURCH: A FAMILY OF FAITH

Our Life in the Eucharist

June 25-26

Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSJ
Director of Evangelization

The Eucharist is the sustenance that nourishes and strengthens the Church, the Family of Faith to be the Body of Christ for others.

As this Gospel passage unfolds for us on this Feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, there is a change of direction in the words Jesus used for flesh, body, blood:

They stand for the person of Jesus Christ.

What John has done is use Greek words that really mean "munching." John did this on purpose to shock his community because he knew that Jesus was about to encounter His own death and His blood would be poured out to seal the new covenant.

In the old covenant, this would be abhorrent to any Jew because of the strict laws about drawing off all blood from meat.

Jesus was insistent on what He was saying and what He meant. He reaffirms this five times with slightly different ways, but meaning all the same: "My flesh is really food and my blood is drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood, lives in me and I in Him" (John 6:55-56).

Every time we receive Holy Communion, we really eat the flesh of the Risen Lord and drink of His Blood. We eat and drink the whole Christ—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

Many of Jesus' disciples walked away because they could not grasp what Jesus was really saying. Do we, as Catholics, fully believe what we are doing every time we receive the Risen Lord in Holy Communion?

By eating the flesh of the Risen Lord and drinking His Precious Blood, we begin to experience eternal life right now.

This is what is promised to us, that we abide in Him and in the Father and He and the Father abides within us.

They "stay with us" so that we can continue Jesus' life-giving mission.

To the degree we enter into the celebration of the Eucharist with full attention and participation will we experience the fullness of eternal life.

In "becoming what we eat," we become the face, hands and feet of Jesus for others. Our lives become transformed. We come to discover the face of Christ in others through our daily healings and living of His Word.

The Bread of Life discourse in John 6: 1-58 has two themes, faith and the Eucharist. These themes are inseparable.

Faith and Eucharist are unified in the person of Jesus Christ. He offers us a living relationship "here and now" through faith and sacrament.

John unifies the whole Gospel from beginning to end when he said in the Prologue "And the Word became Flesh and dwelt among us," revealing that the Son of God through various signs of His miracles and the glory of His death and resurrection, are now consummated and shared with us in the celebration of the Eucharist.

What a leap in faith!

We have been given the Flesh and Blood of the Risen Lord to eat and drink every time we receive Him in Holy Communion.

How are we different as the Body of Christ?

How do you feel that you are being fed and nourished by receiving Holy Communion?

Can you share this with another person?

How are you being "sent out" as the Body of Christ?

What is the most meaningful or challenging to you in this gospel? Why?

How is the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist transforming the life of the parish?

FOLLOW ME

Playing - and winning - on God's team

Several weeks ago I visited the Confirmation class at the Cathedral. I told the students that I hadn't written my confirmation homily yet and asked them for some suggestions about what to talk about so that I wouldn't be boring.

Bishop LaValley's homily for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Guess what they said: "Sports! Talk about sports, Bishop." I told them I really didn't feel up to it because all of my teams: the Giants, Rangers, Knicks and the Mets were doing or had done lousy.

Then, I thought, well maybe I could talk about sports for just a minute. There is an obvious connection between our Catholic faith and one sport in particular. Did you know that many centuries ago, in an area not far from here, French Catholic missionaries saw Iroquois Indians playing a game outside using funny shaped sticks. The sticks reminded them of the Bishop's staff, called a crosier. Do you know the name of that sport: lacrosse. OK, candidates, are you ready for the questions? Does anyone here know how many players there are on a baseball team? Basketball? Hockey? Football? If you said: nine, five, six, eleven - you're wrong!

A team is made up of more than just the players on the field, on the court or on the ice at any given time. The team depends on every player, having certain skills, to do the best they can to develop and use those skills to build up the whole team: Some are pitchers. Some are catchers. Others are home run hitters, quarterbacks. We have goalies and defensemen. Some are shortstops. Each player has an important role to build up the team. Not one per-



Bishop Terry R. LaValley visited the southernmost parish in his diocese - St. Mary's Nativity Church in West Leyden - May 19 to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to 20 candidates. He is shown above with the candidates Anthony DeSantis, Nicholas Kraeger and Jessica Haig of St. Mary's, Constableville; Emily Coscomb, Zachary Coscomb, Hannah Story, Rebecca Ortlieb and Chelsea Grenier of St. Mary's Nativity, West Leyden; and the following from St. Johns, Lyons Falls and St. Martin's, Port Leyden, Shawna Burdick, Alana Delano, Brandon Delano, Maria Delano, Michael Delano, Gabrielle Domagala, Kristina Kraeger, Alena Nagy, Cory Poore, Nicholas Ripp, John Smith and Ryan Teal.

son can do everything.

What do you have to do to be a successful team member? You have to practice and practice and practice, developing your skills. As your mother insists, you should have a balanced diet to keep your body healthy and fit. Certain characteristics are, also, needed for whatever team you play on: knowledge: you've got to know the basics of the game, the fundamentals... how many outs to retire a side, what's off sides; how to throw or catch a football; understanding: you've got to know yourself, your strengths and weaknesses as well as that of your teammates and the strengths and weaknesses of your opponents; counsel: the good team player is willing to listen to and act upon the advice of his or her coach; fortitude (courage): you have to be ready to leap up higher, stretch further, skate faster, shoot harder than you've ever done before—risk giving 120% of yourself, doing more than you ever thought you could. Knowledge, understanding, fortitude, counsel—sound familiar?

Candidates, when did you

become a member of God's team? Baptism. Today, at your Confirmation, you will receive God's Spirit in a very special way, enabling you to now come up to the plate as a big leaguer in the Body of Christ. Like a rookie on the team that goes through certain rituals or rites of initiation, our Church has a ritual whereby you become a full-fledged member, adult, major leaguer, if you will, of the team of believers, the Church and you are celebrating it now: the Rite of Confirmation, your final sacrament of initiation.

As a member of this team, you will receive certain gifts of God's Spirit, that you are to use to build up the Church.

Many of us, I know I did, have certain sport heroes who excelled in the sport. For me, it was Tom Seaver. Maybe for you it was a Wayne Gretzky, a Michael Jordan, or if you're a Yankee fan, a Derek Jeter, or A Rod.

Our Church has centuries and centuries of heroes and heroines whose lives give outstanding model of how to live as a Catholic Christian. Each of you has selected one of them as your confirmation name. Just

think, these saints are our sisters and brothers in this one family of faith to which you will soon be fully initiated.

Unlike a basketball or baseball or football team, where we outgrow our membership, in the Church, we grow even more into being good companions on the journey, following Christ.

Your presence here today says that you desire to become a full member of the Church and to be an active participant...not just sitting on the bench, fascinated and preoccupied by the distractions of sins and all that entices us away from Christ and His Church.

Use those gifts of the Holy Spirit: courage...do what you know is right. Never mind what everybody else is doing! That's how we build character. Be a person of integrity.

Today, our world is in dire need of people of integrity. Understanding... your education in the Catholic faith must never stop, no matter how old you are. Learn more and more of the faith through the adult education programs offered by your parish, such as Bible Study.

Counsel...listen to the guidance of the Church, obey the Commandments and, again, don't worry about what everybody else is doing. Know that the Church will always be there for us...no matter where we might move to, no matter what our vocation in life might be.

Practice and practice and practice your Catholic faith!

During those times in your life when great things are happening, go to your parish and share and celebrate your joy. During those times in life when you are hurting, and there will be those times, go to your parish and be comforted and supported by the members of your faith family.

Know that this Body of Christ, this family of faith, this team of believers, will always be there for you, praying, supporting, correcting and affirming you.

The best food for your spiritual diet is, of course, the Eucharist. Don't just sit on the bench! Come to be nourished by the words of Scripture and with the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass each Sunday. Practice and practice and practice your Catholic faith. Build up this family of faith and your community.

Many of you already do as part of your Confirmation program. Now, however, these are not just one time projects you do in order to get through the class. No, now with an attitude of lifelong service, you have a lifetime project of extending yourself to help build up your parish, your community, and the world outside your community, in imitation of Christ.

Jesus tells us: Follow Me. Let's do that by staying in top spiritual shape so that we may all support one another in our common journey to the Father's House.

Two young women lead Seton Class of 2011

PLATTSBURGH - Cara Chapman and Kelcey Briggs were honored as valedictorian and salutatorian at the June 18 graduation of Seton Catholic Central School.

The ceremony was held at Hawkins Hall on the Campus of SUNY Plattsburgh. Other speakers were Catherine Russell, principal; Father Joseph Giroux, pastor in Malone and Paul Spilman



Cara Chapman

Leadership Conference and the Omicron Delta Kappa High School Character in Leadership Institute.

Additionally, she has participated in Future Business Leaders of America, Journalism Club, and attended the New York

Catholic Public Policy Day in Albany.

Cara has competed in varsity softball, outdoor track, cross country, and basketball all four years of high school and was a member of multiple Championship teams in cross country and outdoor track and field.

Cara was awarded the Lawrence Tech Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics, the Rensselaer Medal Award, the Catholic Daughters of America Schol-



Kelcey Briggs

arship, the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete in Cross Country and Softball, John J. Herbert All-Academic Award, Saint Michael's Scholarship, Saint Michael's Edmundite Scholarship and Saint Michael's Dean Scholarship.

Ms. Chapman plans to attend Saint Michael's College in Colchester, VT studying Business with a minor in English.

Salutatorian

Kelcey Elizabeth Briggs, salutatorian, is the daughter of Edward and Wendy Briggs of Peru. She earned a final overall grade point average of 95.

Kelcey consistently performed at a high level in all of her endeavors. She has been involved in National Honor Society, Student Council, Key Club International, the Junior Volunteer Program at CVPH, and the Adirondack

Dance Company since age 3.

Kelcey has competed in varsity soccer and tennis and was a member of soccer teams that participated in the State Tournament.

Kelcey was awarded the Saint Michael's Scholarship and the Saint Michael's Edmundite Scholarship. Kelcey has completed up to Grade 6 in the Cecchetti Examinations of Ballet Dance. She has also been awarded the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete award in Soccer and Tennis.

Ms. Briggs plans to attend Saint Michael's College in Colchester, VT studying Biology.

Class of 2011

In addition, the following students are at the top of Seton Catholic's Academic Class of 2011:

Cara Elizabeth Chapman, Kelcey Elizabeth Briggs, Megan Mae Tedford, Mary Louise Glynn, Anna Rita Rabideau, Kerry Farrell Cannon, Ashlee Elizabeth Fairchild, Zachary Steven Ziemer, Rhea Taylor Breyette, Tyler Richard Grant, and William

Daniel Pellerin.

The complete list of graduates follows: Sebastian Mark Barie, Justin Avery Bresette, Rhea Taylor Breyette, Kelcey Elizabeth Briggs, Emily Jane Brosseau,

Also, Kerry Farrell Cannon, Elizabeth A. Castine, Cara Elizabeth Chapman, Abigail Clark, Kelsey S. Doorey, Stephanie Marie Egan, Silvia Espinosa, Ashlee Elizabeth Fairchild, Rayne Morgan Fuller, Amanda Reina Garami, Tianyang Geng, Mary Louise Glynn, Tyler Richard Grant, Pablo Gutierrez, Zachary Michael Hulbert, Wei Jiang, Min Kyung Kim, Elanie Katelyn LaFountain, Dong Lan, Zijia Liu, Devin Bryce Luck, Julie Elizabeth Miller, Adriana Moran, Duong Chau Nguyen, Trung Tuan Nguyen, Catherine Paquette, Jang Bin Park, William Daniel Pellerin, Ethan Erik Quantock, Anna Rita Rabideau, Kagan J. Rice, Megan Mae Tedford, Kyle F. Van Den Busch, Kathryn Margaret Vanherp, Sarah J. Willette, Chung-Ting Yang, Tat-Tin Yeung, Zachary Steven Ziemer

Applications are invited for the position of
Pastoral Associate
with St. Mary's Parish in Canton, New York.

This is a senior leadership position in the Parish, responsible for coordinating and developing lay leadership, supporting liturgical celebrations, and fostering pastoral outreach to the homebound and through parish evangelization. The Pastoral Associate is a member both of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council. The anticipated starting date is August 1, 2011. Compensation will be in keeping with qualifications and experience, as well as, Diocesan guidelines.

An applicant must be a practicing Catholic who is faithful to the Church's magisterium, in good physical and psychological health, and have demonstrated good leadership skills, administrative ability, and a facility in interpersonal relationships in his/her previous parish positions. Persons with undergraduate and/or graduate degrees with concentrations in Pastoral Ministry, Theology, or Religious Studies are preferred.

The initial contract will be for one year and the pastoral associate will be expected to participate in an annual evaluation/assessment of their service.

Resumes and three letters of reference are required. Letters of reference should include: pastor or religious superior; a previous employer; and a parishioner familiar with your service in a parish.

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JOURNEYING IN FAITH AND JOY IN JUNE

FACES OF FAITH



PHOTO BY ANN CHARLEBOIS

The Special Religious Education students and volunteers of Watertown, held a car wash at St. Anthony's parking lot June 4 to help finance a trip to Lancaster, Penn. to see the play "Joseph" at the Site & Sound Theatre. The main purpose of the car wash is to have the students interact with the local community and provide acts of service. Shown above are St. Joseph Sister Noel Chabanel, Sister Christine Helen, Virginia Burdick, Kay Taylor and Eva Gotham.

Grey Nun Sister Mary Elizabeth Looby, president of the Education Council at Holy Family School in Malone, presents Amanda Gadway with the Holy Family School Alumni Scholarship. Amanda is a senior graduating from Franklin Academy in Malone and is an alumna of HFS. She is a member of St. Helen's Parish in Chasm Falls.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE WARD

Bishop LaValley welcomed some special guests to his home June 13, a bishop from Kenya and one of his priests who serves in the Diocese of Syracuse. From left are Father Cleophas Oseso Tuka, parochial vicar at St. Margaret's Church in Mattydale, NY, who works on the mission cooperative plan for the Diocese of Nakuru, Kenya; Bishop LaValley and Bishop Maurice Muhatia Makumba, Bishop of Nakuru.



Dave and Mary Clark recently donated a table to St. John the Baptist Parish in Plattsburgh. This is a table that St. Brother Andre Bessette used to pray at with his family. The inscription on the brass plate on the table is as follows: *Saint Brother Andre Bessette prayed at this table often with his Malone relatives. He kept a blessed candle in the drawer which was removed and lit during the prayers. Donated to the Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist by David and Mary Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are shown above with Father Timothy Canaan, pastor of St. John's.*

Michael Wagner receives national catechetical honors

ATLANTA, GA.- The 2011 National Conference for Catechetical Leadership Distinguished Service Award was presented

to Michael Wagner of the Diocese of Ogdensburg at the NCCL's annual conference May 25 in Atlanta.

Mr. Wagner serves the Diocese of Ogdensburg as the associate director of Christian Formation and Watertown regional director.

NCCL vice-president Russell Peterson spoke of Mr. Wagner's "consistent, dependable and passionate service to his ministry and of his long standing commitment to NCCL," particularly in his role as an animator for the Diocesan Staff Forum, and his commitment to collaboration with the DDRE Forum.

Mr. Wagner also served as one of those from the Office of Christian Formation in the Diocese of Ogdensburg who developed the catechetical resource *Knowing Jesus and His Message*.

"This catechetical tool has allowed Michael to share his passion and focus with others from around the country and to assist others in knowing Jesus," Peterson said.



Michael Wagner, associate diocesan and Watertown regional director of the Department of Christian Formation, accepts the 2011 National Conference for Catechetical Leadership Distinguished Service Award from Russell Peterson, vice-president of NCCL. Wagner was honored at the NCCL's annual convention May 25 in Atlanta.

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Bishop LaValley's Schedule

June 25 – 4:00 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

June 26 – 9:30 a.m., Mass at Notre Dame Church in Ogdensburg.

June 28 – 4:00 p.m., Mass at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake.

June 29 – 12:00 p.m., Catholic School Teacher of the Year Award Luncheon at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg.

July 1 – 5:00 p.m., Jubilee Mass for Grey Nuns of the Sacred heart at the Deacon Winter Chapel in Ogdensburg.

July 3 – 10:30 a.m., Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Schroon Lake.

July 5 – 4:00 p.m., Mass at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake.

July 7 – 12:00 p.m., Mass and Meeting with Parish Life Coordinators at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

The next issue of the *North Country Catholic* will be dated July 6

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 23 – Rev. Edward Cheavlier, O.M.I., 1894; Rev. Donat Morrisette, O.M.I., 1976

June 24 – Rev. John Simard, 1943; Msgr. Timothy P. Holland, 1948; Rev. Joseph P. Ryan, 1968; Rev. W. Cyril Rapin, 2006

June 25 – Rev. J. Rodrigue Lauzon, 1944

June 26 – Rev. Charles F. Turgeon, 1888; Rev. Jean Baptiste Frigon, O.M.I., 1930; Rev. Arthur St. Cyr, O.M.I., 1957

June 27 – Rev. Auguste A. Brunet, O.M.I., 1866; Rev. Francis X. Charbonneau, 1928

June 28 – Rev. John J. Regnery, O.S.A., 1954

June 29 – Rev. Pierre Huet de la Valiniere, 1806; Rev. Adonat L. Dufresne, 1940; Rev. Gilbert J. Faucher, 1981; Deacon Francis E. LeRoux, 1996

July 1 – Rev. Norbert Callahan, M.S.C., 1909; Rev. William A. O'Connor, 1922; Rev. P. Leon Legault, 1991

July 2 – Rev. Richard A. Gleason, O.S.A., 1939; Rev. Denis F. Finnegan, 1951; Msgr. John A. Stone, 1964;

Msgr. Francis J. Connors, 1977; Rev. George A. Lemieux, 1993

July 3 – Rev. E. Leonard Murphy, 1954

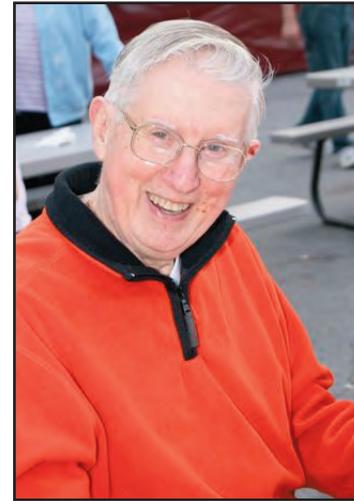
July 4 – Rev. Joseph L. St. Jacques, 1952

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:
July 13 – 6 p.m., Holy Family School, Malone

FAITH, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP IN LEWIS DEANERY

ST. PETER'S FESTIVAL



Father Leo Wiley, former pastor in Croghan, enjoyed spending the day with old friends.



Beth Peters cooks up some famous St. Peter's shish-ka-bobs.



Susan Nortz and Janice Exford roll out dough for hungry visitors to the fried dough booth.

PHOTOS BY CINDY DOSZTAN

The annual St. Peter's Festival, sponsored by St. Peter's Parish in Lowville, St. Mary's in Glenfield and St. Hedwig's in Houseville was a big success. Above, Dee and Bill Tuttle welcome customers to the popular fried dough booth during the event held May 20-22.



Lynn, Elizabeth, Anna, Christine and MaryLynn Pisaniello enjoying St. Peter's famous shish-ka-bobs.



At the food booth- serving up hamburgers, hotdogs, fries, soda, onion rings and lots of other goodies - are, front, Sue Berrus, Sue O'Brien, Nadine Logan and Nancy Hanno; back, Bob Logan and Mike Young.

The New Missal: getting ready



Diocesan workshops for musicians and pastoral leaders on the Third Edition of the Roman Missal are being held throughout the diocese this month. At left, about 150 gathered St. James Minor Church, Carthage, June



11. At right are some of the participants at the June 4 gathering at St. Alexanders in Morrisonville, Nick Newtown, Therese Moen, Sue Pombrio, Anita Soltero, Star Burke, Leslie Marvel and Chris Fisher.

Priests, deacons prepare at clergy conferences

By Deacon Kevin Mastellon
Staff Writer

OGDENSBURG -- Beginning on the First Sunday of Advent, the priest presiding at the Celebration of the Eucharist will be using new texts for many of the presidential prayers and prayers of institution found in the Roman Missal.

For some priests this change represents a significant challenge.

Others do not anticipate any difficulties come Nov. 27, 2011, the First Sunday of Advent.

One thing is certain. The priests and deacons of the Diocese of Ogdensburg will have plenty of time to prepare. That learning period is in part a reaction to the often heard complaint about the "changes" in the liturgy that occurred following the Second Vatican Council.

"All of a sudden the Mass was in English and the altar rail was gone" has been heard far too often for some of the Church's leaders over the past 40 years. The Conference of Bishops decided to avoid a repeat of that experience.

The new Roman Missal, officially The Roman Missal,



Father Albert Hauser leads the music workshop in Morrisonville.

Third Edition, "is the result of the Church's efforts to better communicate the mysteries of salvation that we celebrate at Mass."

That quote comes from the Introduction to an implementation guide distributed to each pastor of the Diocese of Ogdensburg at Clergy Conference Days called by Bishop Terry R. La Valley earlier this year.

Meeting in Plattsburgh on March 29 and in Ogdensburg on March 30, all of the priests and deacons of the diocese were summoned to attend one of the gatherings as the Department of Wor-



Father Douglas Lucia gives the priests and deacons who gathered for the clergy conference in Plattsburgh some pointers.

ship officially kicked-off the preparation for the institution of the new Missal.

Over the coming months in homilies, talks, catechesis in classrooms and study groups, before Parish Councils and Altar Rosary Societies, anywhere the opportunity arises, there will be discussion of the Missal and the "changes" this new Missal will bring to the Liturgy.

Differences will be heard in new texts at Mass in the words proclaimed by the presiding priest and in some few cases by the deacon assisting the celebrant.

The texts of the scripture

readings from the ambo, those found in the Lectionary and the Book of the Gospels, are not changing with the Missal.

A few changes in style may be noticed.

The presider and deacon are encouraged to chant more of the Mass parts. The familiar sung parts of the Mass, i.e. the Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus), the Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen and the Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) will follow a common musical setting in every church in the Diocese for a year. Local parishes will still select the hymns to be sung.

Congregations will find

some changes in the texts of some of the common prayers. "And also with you" will give rise to "And with your Spirit."

The texts of the Gloria and Creed will be changed and Catholics will recite the Apostles Creed more often in place of the Nicene Creed.

Other changes will become apparent over the next months.

Of the clergy gatherings Bishop La Valley said, "I am very grateful to all the priests and deacons who attended our recent clergy conferences on the new Roman Missal that were held in Plattsburgh and Ogdensburg. As we begin to prepare for the introduction of the revised Missal in our parishes in November, we have a graced opportunity to deepen our understanding of the Mass and the richness of its prayer and ritual.

"I'm confident that our efforts will lead to a more active participation at Mass for all the faithful," the bishop said.

On Catechetical Sunday, September 18, 2011, Bishop LaValley will publish a Pastoral Letter on the revised Roman Missal.

At the meeting of US bishops

BELLEVUE, WASH. (CNS) - The U.S. bishops June 16 approved a policy statement on physician-assisted suicide, the first on the issue by the bishops as a body, and they also approved revisions to their 2002 "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People."

The votes came on the second day of the bishops' annual spring general assembly held near Seattle in Bellevue June 15-17.

Taking on the issue of physician-assisted suicide in the state where voters most recently approved it, the U.S. bishops hope to counter the recent "strong resurgence" in activity by the assisted suicide movement, said Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, in presenting the document a day before the vote.

In the document, titled "To Live Each Day With Dignity" and approved in a 191-1 vote, the U.S. bishops declared assisted suicide "a terrible tragedy, one that a compassionate society should work to prevent."

It says if advocates of assisted suicide succeed in their campaign to see it legalized in more and more states, "society will undergo a radical change."

The revisions to the charter were approved 187-5, with four abstentions. They reflect changes in church law since the last revision in 2005, bringing it into line with recent Vatican instructions in response to the crisis of sexual abuse of minors by priests. These include mentioning child pornography as a crime against church law and defining the abuse of someone who "habitually lacks reason," such as a person with mental retardation, as the equivalent of child abuse.

They also outline procedures to follow if a bishop is accused of having sexually abused a child and another bishop becomes aware of it.

The experiences of the past nine years have shown that "the charter works," said Bishop Blase J. Cupich of Spokane said June 15.

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As chairman of the USCCB Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People he introduced the document to the bishops June 15.

"The charter has served the church well," he said. "It is a helpful tool as we keep our pledge to protect children, promote healing and rebuild trust."

The next day before the vote there was little debate on the proposed revisions. But not every bishop is on board with the charter's provisions, as evidenced by the 28 amendments proposed by Bishop Fabian W. Bruskewitz of Lincoln, Neb., and rejected by the committee.

Most of the amendments suggested by Bishop Bruskewitz were aimed at weakening the charter's wording because, the bishop said in a rationale included with the amendments, "The USCCB bureaucracy cannot bind bishops to obey the charter."

Retired Archbishop Francis T. Hurley of Anchorage, Alaska, also raised questions June 16 about the "zero tolerance" policy outlined in the charter, which requires the permanent removal of any priest who admits or is found to have abused a child.

But at a news conference held later in the day, Bishop Cupich said a change in the policy would send the message that "we are going to put priest offenders first," and that is not the case, he said. "We are putting the victims

first."

On the first day of their meeting, the bishops also heard a report from Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington on progress being made toward a U.S. personal ordinariate for former Anglicans who want to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

As many as 100 U.S. Anglican priests and 2,000 laypeople could be the first members of the U.S. ordinariate, said the cardinal, who was appointed by the Vatican last September to guide the incorporation of Anglican groups into the Catholic Church in the United States under "Anglicanorum coetibus," an apostolic constitution issued by Pope Benedict XVI in November 2009.

At a news conference following his report, Cardinal Wuerl said he "wouldn't be surprised" if the Vatican were to establish the U.S. ordinariate by the end of the year. "I think it will be sooner rather than later," he said.

Earlier in the day, the U.S. bishops voted overwhelmingly to authorize preparation of a 50-page document on preaching for consideration in November 2012.

St. Louis Archbishop Robert J. Carlson presented the proposal on behalf of the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, which he chairs, but said the document would be drawn up in consultation with various committees of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Archbishop Carlson said the document would be "at once inspirational and practical, ... grounded in the tradition of the church" and would aim to "adequately convey the purpose of the homily at Mass: the personal encounter with the Incarnate Word."

In other action on the first day of the assembly, the bishops also:

- Agreed by a 194-1-1 vote to integrate the Commission on Certification and Accredi-



(CNS PHOTO/STEPHEN BRASHEAR)

Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, celebrates Mass June 15 before the opening session of the bishops' annual spring meeting near Seattle in Bellevue, Wash.

tation into the USCCB as a try.

- Got an update from Bishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of Oakland, Calif., about the conference's efforts to promote and defend marriage.

- Approved, 185-1-3, the use of the Mass texts for patronal feast days of Spanish-speaking countries as an appendix to the eventual Spanish translation of the Roman Missal for use in the United States.

- Dropped from their agenda without comment a discussion of their perennial "Faithful Citizenship" document on political responsibility.

- Saw a video appeal from Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin for strong U.S. participation in the International Eucharistic Congress scheduled for next year in his city.

- Heard about a plan to periodically review the mandate of each national collection held in this coun-

- Gave a standing ovation to Ken Hackett, who addressed the bishops as he prepared to retire from Catholic Relief Services after nearly 40 years with the international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic community.

- Heard from Father Edward Dougherty, superior general of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, about the 100th anniversary of the organization founded by the U.S. bishops to recruit, train, send and support American missionaries overseas.

- Were given the option of beginning use of some musical settings for the new translation of Roman Missal in September, rather than waiting until full implementation on the first Sunday in Advent.

- Bid farewell to Msgr. David Malloy, a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, who was completing five years of service as USCCB general secretary.

VATICAN LETTER

The Vatican works diplomatic levers

By John Thavis
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)— Vatican City is the world's smallest state, but it's still a diplomatic nerve center, a place where the universal church meets global politics.

Most diplomacy is conducted privately and quietly at the Vatican, but in June several events underscored the Vatican's range of interests and the way it goes about influencing policy.

Pope Benedict XVI met June 9 with six new ambassadors from five continents, giving them a group talk and handing each a more personalized speech.

These are not "one size fits all" discourses; what the pope said, for example, about the exploitation of natural resources in Ghana touched a nerve in a country where the recent discovery of oil and gas has led to a national debate over resource management.

Addressing the Syrian ambassador, the pope said civil unrest in his country underscored the urgent need for "real reforms" in politics, economics and social life. Those reforms, he added, should be achieved without intolerance and violence. His words could be seen as an indirect reproach to the Syrian government, which has cracked down on opposition demonstrators, leaving thousands dead.

Pope Benedict spoke to the ambassadors about what he calls "human ecology," an environmental theme that has become one of the defining issues of his pontificate. One of his points was that technological advances alone cannot solve ecological problems, and indeed sometimes bring their own "social and eco-

logical disasters." He didn't need to specifically mention Japan's nuclear catastrophe -- it was already in the minds of his listeners.

Papal speeches are important to Vatican diplomacy, but the Vatican works through other channels as well, both public and private. Almost any day of the year, a Vatican representative is enunciating the church's views in an international forum. On June 8, for example, a Vatican official addressed the U.N. International Labor Conference in Geneva and offered an analysis on how structural flaws in the global economy are preventing the creation of new jobs worldwide.

The Vatican has diplomatic relations with 178 countries, a number that has nearly doubled over the past 30 years. About 80 of those countries have their embassies in Rome, which makes the city an ideal listening post. That's one reason why the U.S. Embassy to the Holy See has historically been one of the largest and most active diplomatic missions.

This summer, U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican Miguel Diaz is losing some key people as they rotate out to new assignments. One of them is Julieta Valls Noyes, who served as deputy chief of mission for three years and who, during a hiatus between ambassadors in 2009, prepared the visit of President Barack Obama to Pope Benedict. She's going to Washington to assume a major position, deputy executive secretary at the State Department.

Last year, Valls Noyes saw her behind-the-scenes role suddenly go public with the release of WikiLeaks cables from the embassy. The confidential reports covered

topics ranging from sex abuse to Catholic-Anglican relations, and many had her name on them. One memo described the Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, as a "yes man" unlikely to bring the pope bad news. (Cardinal Bertone said later he was proud to be the pope's "yes man.")

This was not pleasant reading in the Vatican Secretariat of State. In the end, however, publication of the cables did not do serious damage to U.S.-Vatican relations, mainly because they reflected a real desire to learn the Vatican's positions and consider the impact on U.S. policy.

At a farewell reception in June, Valls Noyes explained why the Vatican is so important for international diplomacy. For one thing, she said, it has one of the largest diplomatic corps in the world.

The Vatican is also a place of confluence for social, political and religious issues like human trafficking, human rights, interfaith cooperation, peace initiatives and health care, she said. In addition to its official diplomatic arm, the Vatican includes innumerable agencies that deal with the ethical and practical aspects of these and other questions.

Rome is also a crossroads of church movements, lay groups and religious orders, many of which are actively engaged in international affairs.

For Valls Noyes and other U.S. embassy officials, one of the most rewarding areas of U.S.-Vatican cooperation has been on the human trafficking issue. The embassy has sponsored major conferences on trafficking and, more generally, on the role of faith communities in development.

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Vatican, biotech firm host congress to promote adult stem-cell therapy

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The Vatican will host an international congress to promote the use of adult stem cells as a safe, effective and ethical means to fight degenerative diseases. The congress, to be held Nov. 9-11, will also feature speakers who support embryonic stem-cell research, to give proponents an opportunity to "explain the reasoning behind their position," said Father Tomasz Trafny, an official with the Pontifical Council for Culture. The church is opposed to the use of embryonic stem cells since it involves the destruction of the human embryo. The congress, organized by the Vatican's councils for Culture and Health Care Ministry as well as the Pontifical Academy for Life, is being held in conjunction with the international biopharmaceutical company, NeoStem. The congress will be the culture council and the biotech firm's first major collaborative project since they forged an agreement in 2010 to work together to educate people about the benefits of adult stem-cell research. The collaboration is between NeoStem's Stem for Life Foundation and the culture council's foundation -- called STQ International, for Science, Theology and the Ontological Quest. The interdisciplinary congress, "Adult Stem Cells: Science and the Future of Man and Culture," will feature expert speakers from the fields of medicine, health and ethics.

Pope warns of idolatry when people forget about God

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Benedict XVI warned that when people forget God they risk falling under the influence of modern forms of idolatry, such as totalitarianism or nihilism. The pope used the Old Testament story of the prophet Elijah to draw attention to the perils of idolatry or misplaced beliefs of all sorts in contemporary times. Pope Benedict has been using biblical stories to underscore the importance of prayer in his catecheses during the weekly general audiences. In his talk at the June 15 audience in St. Peter's Square, the pope explained the story of how Elijah, alarmed at the spread of idol worship and syncretism in the Israel of the ninth century B.C., told his people they had to choose between God and the idol Baal. In response, God sent down a consuming fire to reveal his presence and saving power, the pope said. Diverging from his prepared text, Pope Benedict said that the story provided a valid lens for examining the 20th century. "When God disappears, man falls into the slavery of idolatry, as we saw in our own time with totalitarian regimes" as well as various forms of nihilism "which make man dependent on the idolatry which enslaves him," he said. In the story of Elijah, the pope said, God sends down fire which appears destructive but is rather "the fire of love which burns, transforms, purifies."

More than 60 US bishops expected to join World Youth Day pilgrims

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- More than 60 U.S. bishops plan to join the 25,000 U.S. World Youth Day pilgrims expected to be part of an estimated 1 million-plus young people who will attend at least one of the events in Madrid Aug. 16-21. A morning Mass for the U.S. pilgrims, with the bishops concelebrating, is slated for Aug. 20 at Palacio de Deportes, home to "Love and Life: A Home for English-Speaking Pilgrims," which will provide English-language World Youth Day events. The air-conditioned center has seating for 15,000. The Knights of Columbus and the Sisters of Life are lead sponsors of the Love and Life pilgrimage center; they had jointly sponsored a similar center for 2008's World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia.

RESPECT LIFE

Always let your conscience be your guide

By Kathleen M. Gallagher
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*"When you get in trouble
 and you don't know right
 from wrong,
 Give a little whistle!
 Give a little whistle!
 When you meet tempta-
 tion and the urge is very
 strong,
 Give a little whistle!
 Give a little whistle!"*

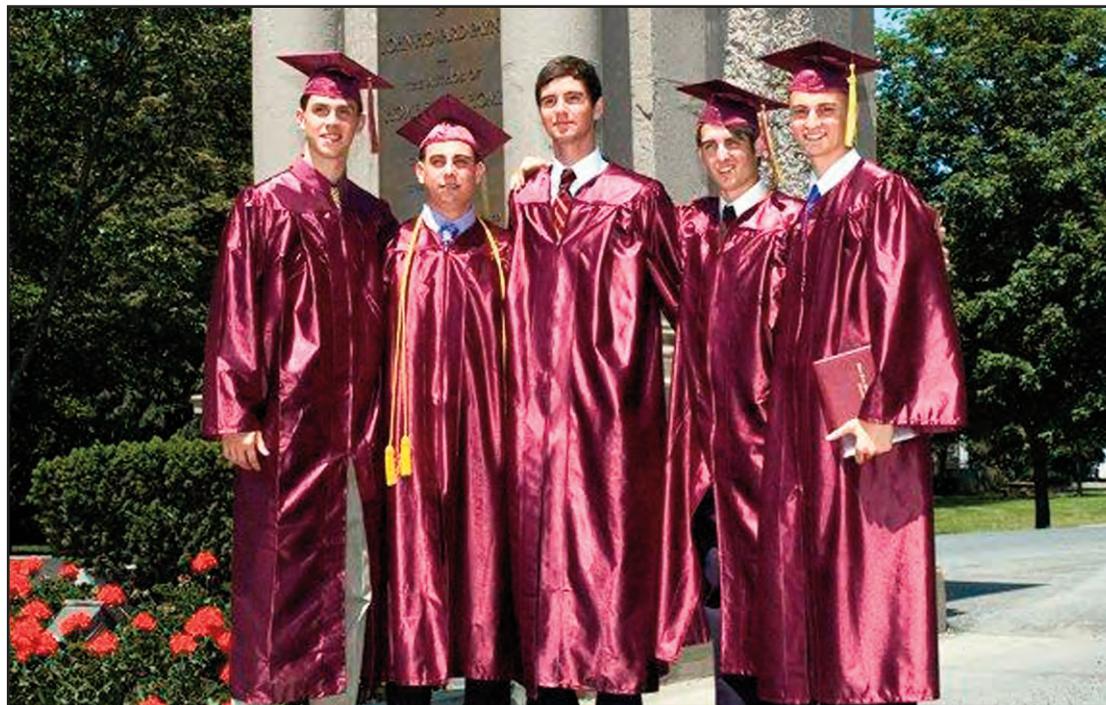
When my son Michael was small, he adored Walt Disney's "Pinocchio." Together with the video came the books, the backpack, the doll and the pajamas. He could recite much of the story, line by line.

All things considered – the money forked over to Disney, the endless bedtime readings, nightmares of Monstro the whale – there are far worse storylines that could have crept in to our home. Pinocchio holds some great lessons for all of us. Wishes really can come true. A lie does keep growing until it's as big as the nose on your face.

And learning to choose between right and wrong is probably the most fundamental lesson each of us can learn from the wooden puppet.

Michael graduated from high school this week and I am delighted to say that the lessons seem to have stuck. He is an honorable kid, trustworthy and compassionate. He's a dreamer and a visionary, yet practical, reliable, and responsible enough to hold a strong work ethic.

At a sports banquet prior to graduation, Michael was honored with letters and pins and plaques for his athletic abilities and leadership. His father and I beamed with pride. As we were leaving, I thanked the assistant principal for his support and affirmation of Michael over the past seven years. He replied that it was



Michael Gallagher, left, is shown with high school friends after their graduation last week. His mother writes about her hopes for all the young people graduating from high school this month.

easy, because "Michael is a good and decent human being."

I swear my heart burst; no award, trophy or scholarship could have meant more. My eyes met my husband's and together they exclaimed: "Yes! We did it!"

Truly, is there a more important task facing us today than the moral education of our children? I think not. Read the headlines. They cry out for morality, decency and righteousness.

Former Congressman Anthony Weiner has become just the latest in a long line of public figures in this country to admit to transgressions and moral lapses with regard to their commitments and behavior.

The list of politicians seems endless: Bill Clinton, Eliot Spitzer, John Edwards, Arnold Schwarzenegger... their indiscretions further complicated by their lies and cover-ups.

It's irrelevant if they were Democrats or Republicans. It doesn't matter if it was an intern, a prostitute, a mistress or a housemaid.

And it makes no difference if it was actual sex or virtual sex. It's not about

the sex. It's about poor judgment, disrespect, and broken promises.

Basic trust is a critical component of public service. They blew it.

But misbehavior is not limited to political figures. Just in the recent past, celebrity figures in the wide world of sports have offered us sexual misconduct, unlawful dog-fighting and gambling, criminal possession of loaded weapons, and lots and lots of illegal performance-enhancing drugs.

It's all about cheating, in more ways than one.

And don't even get me started about the moral bankruptcy of television and Hollywood these days!

With role models like these in politics, sports and the media, is it any wonder our children are learning moral relativism and growing up with an overwhelming sense of entitlement?

The message they constantly hear is that are no moral absolutes. Individual choice prevails. anything goes. It's all good.

No, it's not all good. There is good and there is evil in this world; there is right and there is wrong,

there is truth and there is deception.

Each of us must help the young people in our lives to

properly form their conscience with the Judeo-Christian standards that remain the foundation of civil law and society. Stronger efforts must be directed toward teaching the young the values of love and loyalty, self-control, discipline, honesty, compassion, and respect for others.

These responsibilities are at the very core of our Catholic teaching and are all embodied in the Ten Commandments.

And they begin at home.

I pray that the young graduates of today have been reinforced with these essential principles as their underpinning.

With them, they won't need a tiny green cricket on their shoulder to whistle to for guidance every time they meet temptation. They have so much more than Jiminy Cricket. They have the voice of God. All they have to do is be still and listen.

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O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live in (name a priest), act in him, speak in and through him. Think your thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Give him your own dispositions and feelings. Teach, lead and guide him always. Correct, enlighten and expand his thoughts and behavior. Possess his soul; take over his entire personality and life.

(With ecclesiastical approval)

Replace him with yourself. Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving; pray in and through him. Let him live in you and keep him in this intimate union always.

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Sacred Heart

O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Mother of Jesus and Mother of our priests, pray and intercede for (...)
Amen.

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

In the first reading for this great feast of Corpus Christi (Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ), Moses reminds the people in the desert to “remember their story”.

And what a story! From the beginning of creation, God has always taken care to feed the people he created.

They failed to appreciate the delicious fruit in the Garden of Eden, so they lost it!

But later he gave them that mysterious “manna” in the desert. They got tired of that, too.

Then Jesus promised them something much better than manna. “After all”, he told them, “your fathers ate manna in the desert, and they’re all dead!”. However, they couldn’t trust him and all his talk about “flesh and

blood”. They ran! Except Peter and the apostles who did a double-take, thought a little about the alternative of leaving him, and decided to stay it out.



Monsignor
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How lucky for the Church and for themselves that they did!

Even though the Last Supper was still shrouded in mystery, they got the idea of how he would give them his own Body and Blood.

That wonderful Emmaus incident of Jesus breaking bread

with his disciples helped a lot, but it took the power and light of Pentecost for their firm understanding.

St. Paul insists we are all one body when we celebrate - French or Latino, American or African or Chinese - we are all one body - or rejoicing, for loving, and for giving away.

I think the biggest ques-

tions this week for us, besides firmly believing in the Real Presence, is the question of how much of the Eucharist do we share?

After all, if we really become the Body and Blood of Christ in the Lord and in one another, then selfishness has no place.

Of course, we want to savor the Lord’s friendship, for some time after receiving Holy Communion, but then we must “go” and “give”.

We give when we discipline ourselves to answer the pastor’s call for help in a parish activity, or when we are patient with our children (even if we have to force a smile and a kind word of correction), or we decide to make time each day for deep prayer with the Lord

And we share Eucharist when go with our families on a Sunday afternoon to visit a grandmother or an aunt—or a neighbor—in the

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Feast of the Body
and Blood of Christ

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Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

John 6:51-58

nursing home or hospital.

It’s a sermon to our children that they will probably remember even more than Father’s carefully prepared homily!

Then, there are the big issues of social justice! These are all connected with the Holy Eucharist.

This feast is a time for reminiscence for us “older” people. Remember Sunday afternoon Benediction and Vespers, with the wonderful smell of incense, the clanking of the censor, and those beautiful Benediction hymns?

Many of us still remember the great Corpus Christi

processions in our home parishes or in our Catholic high school.

I remember taking part in a grand Corpus Christi procession in Rome in 1979 when Pope John Paul II restored this ancient custom, and carried a huge monstrance publically from St. John Lateran to St. Mary Major, with thousands singing and weeping for joy at the honoring of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Whenever possible, look for opportunities to bring your children and to parish days of Exposition and Benediction. These devotions are a cherished part of our Catholic heritage, and highly recommended by Pope Benedict XVI.

May the heart of Jesus, in the most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved, with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles throughout the world, until the end of time. Amen.

SPIRITUALITY FOR TODAY

Considering... what does it mean to be holy?

By Father John Catoir
Catholic News Service

Accepting God’s will is the goal of a healthy spiritual life. Acceptance of God’s permissive will is an advanced stage of personal holiness.

Holiness is not the reward of a lifetime of loving service; we give a lifetime of loving service because we are holy. Holiness is not what happens to us if we are kind and forgiving; we are kind and forgiving because we are holy.

Acceptance of the difficulties of life is the key ingredient of true holiness.

Those who have attained an advanced degree of holiness have done so primarily because of their basic disposition to do God’s will. This

implies a willingness to accept all of the bad things that God allows to happen in their life.

Even though we do not fully understand it at the time, God can draw good from evil.

Let’s face it, bad things happen to good people. There is an abundance of misery and injustice in the world. As such, acceptance doesn’t mean that we should become doormats or absolute pacifists. It’s normal to complain and fight back at times.

If we are disposed to do God’s will in all circumstances, however, then we learn to accept what God allows to happen in our lives, even if we detest it (Mt 6:10: “Your kingdom come, your will be done”).

Your soul becomes ready

for further growth when it reacts with faith, not emotions.

Paul said that we are to be grateful “in all circumstances” (1 Thes 5:18). While no one can really do that, we can be disposed to at least try.

There will be doubt and confusion all the way along. Even the saints lived in emotional turmoil as they tried to lift up their spirits. We gain heaven one day at a time, even though we may never be clear about what’s happening to us.

Father Thomas Merton, the Trappist monk who wrote his autobiographical “Seven Storey Mountain,” was no stranger to controversy and suffering. He also wrote a very helpful book on solitude, revealing his interior struggle. Here is an

excerpt:

“My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

“But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it.

“Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you

will never leave me to face my perils alone” (“Thoughts in Solitude”).

This humble prayer expresses what most of us feel at times in our life. We are always trying to rise above confusion and doubt, attaining cheerful acquiescence. It sounds impossible, but with God’s grace all things are possible.

God wants to give us a share in his happiness. Trust his love and carry on in all circumstances.

Never be discouraged. Pick yourself up, brush yourself off, and start all over again.

In this way, you can die in the peaceful knowledge that even though you were confused at times, you tried to do your best.

God smiles down upon you.

AT THE MOVIES

GREEN LANTERN

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

It's an unsettling sign when a contemporary film might aptly be subtitled "Triumph of the Will" -- the moniker, of course, of Leni Riefenstahl's 1935 pro-Nazi "documentary" and a phrase that highlights the Hitler movement's debt to the atheistic, nihilist philosophy of Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900).

But such, surprisingly enough, is the case with the mediocre comic-book adaptation "Green Lantern" (Warner Bros.), an adventure whose underlying mythos pits will against fear, glorifying the former and claiming for it powers that are at best unrealistic and at worst unintentionally blasphemous.

Granted, director Martin Campbell's screen version of a set of tales that date back to 1940 is a sci-fi fantasy, and one within which the will is consistently directed and trained to good ends. Adult viewers, accordingly, will likely have little difficulty either sorting through the values on offer or dismissing the muddled

metaphysics out of hand.

Responsible parents of faith, nonetheless, will be reluctant to have their targeted teens exposed to a set of ideas -- e.g., "Will turns thought into reality," meaning, in this case, physical reality -- that seem tainted by a range of crackpot ideologies.

The man eventually achieving whatever his mind is conceiving is devil-may-care test pilot Hal Jordan (Ryan Reynolds). Through a set of circumstances -- and a wad of exposition -- best left on screen, Jordan suddenly finds himself endowed with superhuman powers and enlisted, somewhat against his will, in the ranks of an elite force of intergalactic warriors.

Presenting the yang to Hal's yin is brooding biology professor Dr. Hector Hammond (Peter Sarsgaard).

When Hammond is accidentally infected with super-villain negative energy -- via another chain of events over which we needn't tarry -- it offers him the chance to act on his long-standing jealousy of Hal's on-again, off-again relation-



CNS PHOTO/WARNER BROS.

Ryan Reynolds stars in a scene from the movie "Green Lantern."

ship with aeronautics executive Carol Ferris (Blake Lively) whom both men have known -- and, presumably, loved -- since childhood.

The effects-driven proceedings that follow do see Hal struggling to become more responsible -- in the bedroom as well as on the cosmic beat. (We know his behavior within the first forum is in need of rehabilitation since the opening scene shows him parting company with an acquaintance of recent vintage after what was clearly a one-night

stand.)

But scenes in which Hal creates physical objects by willing them into existence -- a form of creativity reserved to God alone -- as well as a script that presents the will, properly channeled, as the strongest force in the universe suggest a worldview not easily squared with the teachings of Scripture. Well-grounded grown-ups may want to hunt for that congruence; youngsters should not undertake the search.

The film contains themes requiring mature discernment, much bloodless violence, implied casual sex, a few uses of profanity as well as some crude language and sexual references.

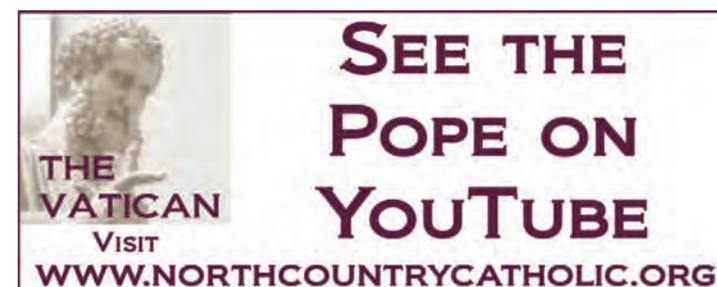
The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

ALSO PLAYING



CNS PHOTO/AMG-FILMS

"Charlotte's Web" meets the New Testament in "The Lion of Judah" (AMG), a 3-D animated musical that re-imagines the events of the first Holy Week through the adventures of a bunch of wisecracking animals.



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IRONMANBLESSING, 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

OLD HOME DAYS

Altona – Come celebrate Old Home Days.

Dates: June 25-26

Schedule: Youth Block Dance, June 25 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 at the Holy Angels Church parking lot. June 26, 11 a.m. parade; noon to 4 p.m. Chicken BBQ; starting at noon there will be concessions, Bouncy Bounce; Game Booths and Dunkin Booth. Entertainment though out the day. At 6:30 p.m. Altona's Got Talent; At Dusk, Fireworks by the Altona Fire Department.

Contact: To enter parade call Sandy at 518-236-5848; to enter Talent Show call Lee at 518-593-1001.

RETREAT: THE EUCHARIST

Ellenburg – OLA House of Prayer is holding retreat, focusing on the Eucharist.

Date: July 16

Time: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Features: Father Jack Downs will be the speaker. The day will include adoration, reconciliation, and anticipated Mass in memory of Fr. Joe Trombley, our Founder, John McCarthy, Rita Parrott, Fr. Howard McCasland, Joanie Roberts, and Tony Barber. Lunch provided

Contact: RSVP by July 12 to olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or by calling 518-594-3253. Donations appreciated and necessary for us to continue our ministry

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.

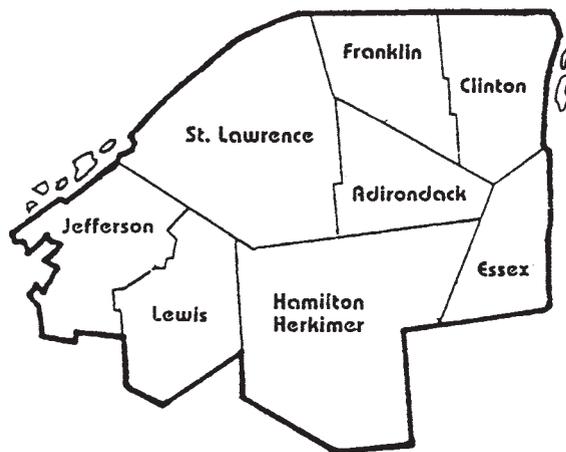
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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.

Theme: "He [Jesus] remains day and night on our altars, that He may be



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

found by all, and that He may bestow favors upon all." (St. Alphonsus Liguori)

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

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

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 – The annual Dick Kobel Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit Immaculate Heart Central Schools has been planned

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

Features: The Parkinson's Group meets every Tuesday at All Saints Church for exercise and lunch. All are welcome.

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

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; through The 1884 House at 286-1844

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Gouverneur – St. James School be having their Strawberry Festival.

Date: June 26

Time: Noon to 3 p.m.

Features: Strawberries, strawberry shortcakes, strawberry shakes, strawberry pies, and strawberry sundaes. Also hotdogs, hamburgers and beverages.

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.

FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

South Colton – A Mass to mark the Feast Day of SS Peter & Paul will be held at St. Paul's Oratory.

Date: June 29

Time: 6 p.m.

Features: Msgr. Robert H Aucoin, pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Colton and St. Mary Parish in Potsdam, will be celebrant of the Mass and will lead a procession to the Sacred Heart Shrine. An ice cream social will follow.

NOVENA FOR MILITARY

Ogdensburg – Notre Dame Church is holding a weekly novena for the safety of U.S. military personnel

Date: Tuesday evenings

Time: 6:30 p.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

DIOCESAN EVENTS

CAMP REGISTRATION

Registration continues for Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake and Sports Camp at Wadhams Hall

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

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

NEIGHBORING DIOCESES

TRINKETS&TREASURES

Isle la Motte, Vt – St. Anne's Shrine is holding a trinkets and treasures sale.

Date: June 25

Time: 8 a.m. to 4

Place: Lower level of Boucher Building.
Features: Homemade roast pork dinner for \$12.95 will be served beginning at 4



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Carthage kids help kids in Ecuador

By **Matthew D. Carney**
Student, Carthage Augustinian Academy

Part 2 of 2

The Carneys have been to Ecuador before to visit their daughter who recently spent a year studying there. So, having previously had the opportunity to visit the obligatory tourist stops they were able to spend the majority of this visit at the Working Boys Center observing the good works that continually take place and sharing quality time with their son. Liam keeps a very busy schedule working with a wide range of students from elementary and special education students to adults who lack basic literacy skills.



Augustinian Academy teacher, Linda Carney, joins her son Liam at the Working Boys Center school in Quito, Ecuador

The Working Boys' Center began modestly in 1964, under the very able direction of Father John Halligan, S. J., as a means of getting some of the thousands of shoeshine boys in the metropolitan area off the streets and, ultimately, in a position to earn a living wage. The Center now strives to help the poorest families, over 400 annually, who have come to Quito to find jobs and opportunities that often don't exist.

Father "Juan" is assisted in his mission by a myriad of teachers and volunteers dedicated to the improvement of all aspects of member families' lives. He is most notably assisted by Sister M. Miguel Conway who has co-directed the Center since 1967 and by Massena's very own Sister Cindy Sullivan. "Madre Cindy" began her tenure at the Center as a Peace Corps Volunteer and returned in her current religious capacity in 1981. She has been there ever since and would, no doubt, value any and all financial and/or spiritual support from her fellow North Country natives. Donations can be made by visiting the working Boys Center Web Site at www.workingboyscenter.org.

Augustinian Academy cafeteria manager, Mary Newton, is joined by some of the students who participated in the fundraiser for the Working Boys Center Augustinian Academy teacher, Linda Carney, joins her son Liam at the Working Boys Center school.

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OBITUARIES

Brownville — Charlene A. (Dunn) Barker, 60; Funeral Services June 18, 2011 at the Johnson Funeral Home.

Colton — Kathleen Deugaw, 35; Funeral Services June 14, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Crown Point — Katherine B. (Benedetti) Burns, 89; Funeral Services June 17, 2011 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in the First Congregational Church Cemetery.

Keeseville — Lillian E. LeCuyer, 63; Funeral Services June 18, 2011 at St. John's Church; burial in St. John's Cemetery.

Lowville — Donald T. Hurley, 85; Funeral Services June 11, 2011 at St. Peter's Catholic Church.

Lyon Mountain — Joseph Warsen, 77; Funeral Services June 14, 2011 at St. Bernard's Church.

Massena — Beatrice (LaPage) McGregor, 93; Funeral Services June 15, 2011 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Morrisonville — Annette (Hutchinson) Bond, 71; Funeral Services June 20, 2011 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in Whis-

pering Maples Mausoleum.

Morrisonville — June (Rabideau) St. Louis, 71; Funeral Services June 16, 2011 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in St. James Cemetery, Cadyville.

Newcomb — Lorraine R. LaCourse, 88; Funeral Services June 15, 2011; burial in parish cemetery.

Norfolk — Leah O. "Peggy" (Perry) Molnar, 87; Funeral Services June 18, 2011 at Church of the Visitation; burial in Hale Cemetery.

Norwood — Charles L. "Chuck" McGinnis, 73; Funeral Services June 15, 2011 at St. Andrew's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Ogdensburg — Gertrude Ida Spencer Fisher Rothenberg, 85; Funeral Services June 17, 2011 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Plattsburgh — Michael D. Hanrahan, 70; Memorial Services June 18, 2011 at Brown Funeral Home.

Plattsburgh — John D. Huru, 78; Funeral Services June 16, 2011 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh — Gerard A. Oliver, 82; Funeral Services June 16, 2011 at R.W. Walker Funeral Home.

Port Leyden — Robert P. Manning, 75; Funeral Services June 18, 2011 at Callaghan Funeral Home; burial in Wildwood Cemetery, Lyons Falls.

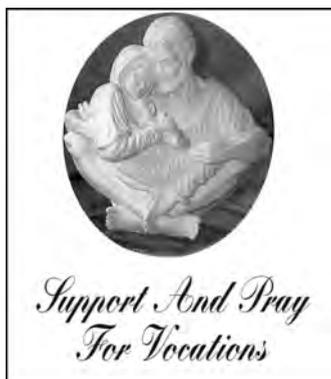
Potsdam — Angelina M. (Giuliani) Green, 66; Funeral Services June 18, 2011 at St. Mary's Catholic Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Rouses Point — Ruth M. (Manor) Bechard, 89; Funeral Services June 13, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Maple Hill Cemetery.

Sackets Harbor — Robert F. Brockmann, 79; Funeral Services June 18, 2011 at St. Andrew's Church.

Ticonderoga — Leo Vincent Gayzur, 99; Funeral Services June 13, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Parish Cemetery.

Watertown — Theodore H. Clogston, 87; Funeral Services June 13, 2011 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery, Watertown.



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YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

The most important call of our lives

By Dana Chapman

Sophomore, Seton Catholic Central, Plattsburgh

Four years ago, I received a phone call that would change my life. Surprisingly, such an important message was delivered by one of the running coaches at Seton Catholic.

I had signed up for the 2007 cross country season during sixth grade, but I unfortunately missed the first few weeks of practice.

Having heard virtually nothing from anyone, I had convinced myself that I simply wasn't going to participate in the fall sport. However, the call did come, and the unexpected conversation ended with my commitment to attend the next practice.

I had no idea what I was signing up for.

Here it is, almost four

years later, and I'm still a year-round runner. Had I not received that phone call, then I probably would never run more than the biannual mile for gym class.

I would go home every day after school, get my homework done, and watch television for a while. It would be the same boring schedule, a predictable routine. I've asked myself quite a few questions as to why I became a runner, and why I stayed with it.

Whenever I ask these questions, though, I remember how the lessons running has taught me and the experiences it has brought me were completely and totally worth it.

I've looked back on my past and the phone call that changed it so many times.

The more I think about it, the more I can see a major connection between my ex-



Dana Chapman

periences and something much bigger than myself: God's plan.

We all go through life with goals for the future, making and learning from mistakes along the way.

Sometimes, our hopes and dreams are different from whatever God has planned

for us. Vocations, not only to religious life, usually require a lot of work. People often claim that God is unfair because He often wants us to do the exact thing that we don't want to do.

I disagree. God wants for us the same things that we want for ourselves, such as happiness and love.

At some point in all of our lives, we receive a call from God. We don't know when, where, or how it will come; we just know that it will come, and it will change our lives forever.

I have to admit, I was reluctant to accept the coach's request. I had wanted to take the easy way out and start my middle school career fresh and free from extra obligations.

In the same way, we are often unenthusiastic about or unwilling to accept God's call at first. We may try to

get out of it or convince ourselves that we are just too busy, like a naïve seventh grader attempting to avoid committing to months of running.

The best that we can do is to be prepared and willing to accept it, because God's call will ultimately change our lives as well as the lives of others for the better.

I hope and pray for those who have received or have yet to receive God's call to accept it as a wonderful thing. If it takes a little while, though, then God will not forget; He will continue to love and assist us throughout our lives. If we keep an open mind, then God will surely help us and send abundant blessings. Would anyone not want to share in such happiness?

Just like my running career, the rest of our lives begins with a single call.

PHILLY OUTREACH '11

By Tom Schneeberger

DRE, St. Stephen's, Croghan

"...Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope..."

CROGHAN—One would think that living among and serving the poor and homeless that a sense of hopelessness would rule the day.

Not true of the Franciscan community and spirit young people from St. Stephen's Parish experienced once again Memorial Day Weekend 2011.

St. Francis Inn is a reason for hope!

In fact, the eleven of us who were there were all inspired by the profound way all are welcomed and treated with dignity and respect.

It is what makes St. Francis Inn so unique.

The guests (the poor and homeless) are each day wel-

comed to the dining room to eat at tables of four. Each guest is called by name and is served their simple meal with style and grace.

Each day we served well over 300 guests from 11:30-1:00. The team at the Inn is so grateful to all who volunteer and are witness to the providence of God, as they believe God provides the Inn with enough food, personal care items, day old bread, deserts and volunteers to serve...

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Our youth were personally recognized this year by the staff at the Sunday liturgy with the Tau cross and a special blessing, a wonderful way to affirm the goodness of their service and commitment to this outreach experience.

We are indeed grateful for supportive parents, donations and prayers from parishioners...making this annual hope-filled experience another huge success.



Eleven parishioners of St. Stephen's in Croghan spent Memorial Day Weekend volunteering at St. Francis Inn in Philadelphia, Penn. Front, from left are Michelle Watkins, Lillia Woolschlager, Mackenzie Meyer, Allison Meyer and Rebekah André, back, row 2 left to right: Justin André, Jamie Albertson, Melinda Halko, Ashley Cobb, Karlee Duffer and Tom Schneeberger, director of religious education for the parish Who reflected on the experience in the article at left.