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Religious Retirement Appeal set

Bishop LaValley has announced that Catholic parishes in the Diocese of Ogdensburg will conduct the 24th appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious on Dec. 10 and 11.

Religious institutes that are well known and revered for their ministry in the diocese will benefit through grants that are directed to the institutes' motherhouses.

The 2011 Religious Retirement Collection was given a generous response from North Country Catholics when \$124,648 was donated. The religious of the Diocese are grateful to those who gave generously to their care.

These funds were distributed among 31 communities of women and men who serve in our Diocese or worked here in the past.

The services the religious have provided throughout the counties: schools, hospitals, elder care, youth, and parish programs are a testimony of the past and present care of the religious for the people they love and serve in the North Country.

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WITH THE HOLY FATHER



Bishop Terry R. LaValley is shown with Pope Benedict XVI in Rome during the bishop's first *Ad Limina Apostolorum* visit Nov. 22-Dec. 1. He was accompanied by Msgr. John R. Murphy, moderator of the curia, right. Bishop LaValley writes about some of experiences in this week's Follow Me column on page 3.

NEW WORDS OF PRAYER

Reactions from pastors and parishioners



Pastors across the Diocese of Ogdensburg, including Father Joseph Giroux of Malone, above, and Msgr. Robert Aucoin of Potsdam and Colton, below, offered months of preparation in anticipation of the implementation of the New Roman Missal on the First Sunday of Advent. Read how parishioners reacted on pages 4-5



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