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In defense of Sunday:

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - The demands of work can't bully people out of needed time off, Pope Benedict XVI said. Sunday must be a day of rest for everyone, so people can be free to be with their families and with God, the pope said.

"By defending Sunday, one defends human freedom," he said during his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square June 6.

In his catechesis, the pope told an estimated 15,000 pilgrims and visitors about his trip June 1-3 to Milan for the seventh World Meeting of Families.

He praised the willingness he witnessed of people striving to live a "Gospel of the family. Humanity has no future without the family," he said.

Young people need to be born and raised in "that community of life and love that God himself wanted," that is, a family based on marriage between a man and woman, he said.

He reminded young people that they, too, have a responsibility to contribute to the well-being of the family, such as by saying "yes" to God's will, working hard in their studies, being generous to others, being active in the community and using their talents to better the world. The pope said when he met government representatives in Milan, he reminded them of the importance of policies and laws that protect the family.

The most essential is the right to life, "whose its deliberate suppression can never be allowed."

Retirements among priest changes

The announcement of changes in priests' assignments includes the retirements of two monsignors who have made significant contributions to the life of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Msgr. Robert L. Lawler, who will retire as pastor in Waddington and Madrid July 4, has served as diocesan vicar general under four bishops and director of Catholic Charities for 30 years.

Msgr. Peter Riani, former rector-president of Wadhams Hall Seminary-College, is retiring as pastor in Elizabethtown and Westport Sept. 19

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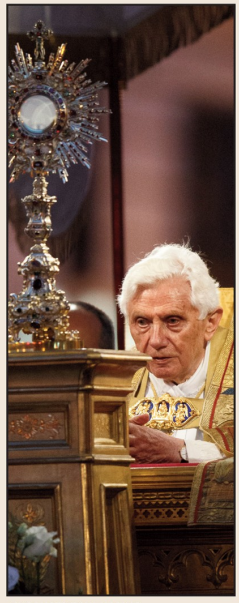
HOLY READING IN THE HOLY LAND!



A copy of the *North Country Catholic* found its way to the Holy Land on a pilgrimage led by Father Timothy Canaan, pastor of the Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist in Plattsburgh. Above, the group catches up on the diocesan news just outside the Upper Room in Jerusalem on Pentecost Sunday. In front, from left, are Dave and Mary Clark, St. John's, Plattsburgh; Father Timothy, Jane Subermanian, St. Mary's, Potsdam; Annette Stanley, St. John of the Wilderness, Lake Clear; and Elaine Williford St. John's Plattsburgh; back, Mike Williford, St. John's Plattsburgh; Elaine Slater Assumption of Mary, Gabriels;, and Tom Taylor, St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg.

CORPUS CHRISTI

Eucharistic adoration is encouraged



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Pope Benedict XVI kneels in prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament during the Corpus Christi procession in Rome June 7. In his homily during the Mass honoring the Body and Blood of Christ, the pope said that Vatican II did not downplay eucharistic adoration.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Our home on the water

The first time I stepped on the magnificent grounds of our diocesan summer camp, Guggenheim was only four years old.

Back in 1976, after years of lifeguarding at camps and beaches on the St. Lawrence River, I was a little nervous about working in a place I didn't recognize, with people I didn't know.



Mary Lou Kilian

Within a day, I knew that I was going to experience the best summer of my life. Within a couple of weeks, I knew my time at Guggenheim would be more than fun; it would be life changing, personally, professionally and, most of all, spiritually.

As I prepare to head back to our "home on the water" for the camp's 40th anniversary at the end of the month, I'll be among scores of others who met their spouses or found their vocations along the shores of Upper Saranac Lake.

This week's Young Catholic Voice column features another former staff member Amanda Conklin whose parents met as staff members a generation ago.

Amanda and her Guggenheim contemporaries held a "reunion" of their own a couple weeks ago at the ordinations of Deacon Scott Belina and Father Tom Higman.

Back in my day, Guggenheim friends celebrated the ordinations of Father Pat Ratigan and Father Dick Demers.

Amanda expressed the power of the Guggenheim experience beautifully: "Camp Guggenheim shows us a glimpse of the authentic body of Christ at work in the world. From the beautiful Adirondack scenery, to the faith-filled prayer services and daily Mass, Camp Guggenheim is a sampling of the reality of heaven on earth."

And, every week-long session is FUN. Camp activities include swimming, kayaking, canoeing, hiking, rappelling, arts& crafts, campfires, dances and much, much more.

But, faith formation and growth is at the heart of the Guggenheim experience and is an important part of every day! Campers are actively involved in living out and sharing their faith. It's what makes Camp Guggenheim so special

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CHURCH: A FAMILY OF FAITH

Seeds of Hope

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time - June 16-17

By Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSJ
Director of Evangelization

In the first reading, Ezekiel talks about the flourishing tree that grows out of the tender shoot planted by God. This flourishing tree represents a new people of God that had been in exile in Babylon. They would have a new king and a vigorous new kingdom.

The sad political circumstances of Ezekiel's time would give way to a glorious new messianic restoration.

It is easy to see the fulfillment of Ezekiel's prophecy in the kingdom of God that Jesus preached. In the Gospel from Mark, there are two parables about the kingdom. Jesus speaks about the seeds that grow to harvest without the farmer fully understanding what is going on.

We then hear about the mustard seed, a tiny seed, so small, it is difficult to understand how a small plant could develop into a size that could welcome the birds of the air. In order for this bush to grow and blossom, it needs nourishment, which is good soil with plenty of water and sunlight. Jesus uses this parable to talk about our faith.

The nourishment that is needed for our faith to grow in our Family of Faith is trust in God's ways. None of us fully understand how the kingdom of God grows and flourishes. This is God's initiative and His ways are so often mysterious. What anchors our faith in God is the virtue of hope, especially, in times of trial and suffering, just like the early Church experienced after Jesus had risen from the dead.

As the Body of Christ, we have the promises and the gifts of the Lord. The Spirit already lives in our hearts and constitutes the beginning of our future eternal life.

With the teachings of Christ, His Church, and the sacraments through which the creating and healing hand of Christ touches our lives over and over again, we have the grace to be strong, to persevere in the face of danger both outside and inside us.

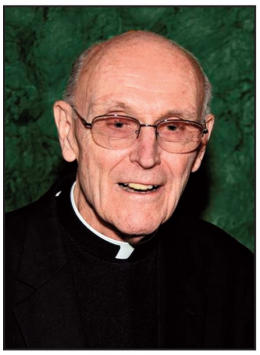
In our ministry in the parish and in our workplace, we may not seem to make a dent in witnessing our faith or bringing many back to the Church. It also seems that there is a lack of public success which our efforts for God and for the good we seem to have.

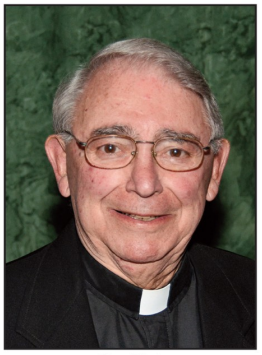
Our call is to cultivate the soil of our lives and live the Word of God. It is our small acts of kindness, listening, a smile that often brings someone to hope and to trust in God again.

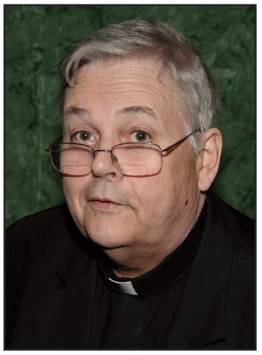
We provide sanctuary for people, like "the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade", by disclosing the love and mercy of God. We are doing something useful and necessary by our humble efforts. The Word of God will do what it is meant to do if we are open and fertile.

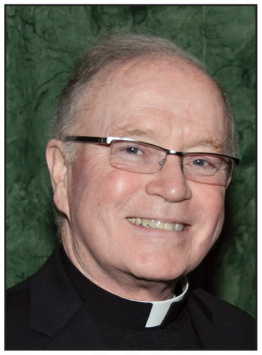
The parables encourage us to allow our God to be God, to work in mysterious and surprising ways. Since this is God's work, we can be sure that at the harvest time, God will reap good fruits. This is not to condemn those who do not accept our ways, but to insist that the silent working of God is still present in our world.

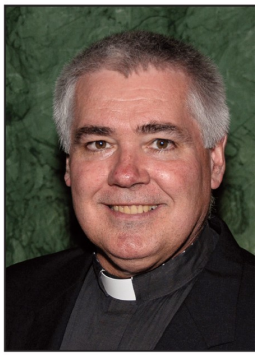
Whom do you know who seems to live a life of gospel hope in spite of challenging circumstances? What is it that makes him or her so? What role does hope play in your life as a Christian believer? How has this strengthened your trust in God?


Msgr. Lawler


Msgr. Riani


Msgr. Snow


Msgr. Murphy


Father O'Brien

Bishop announces changes in priest assignments

Due to the pastoral needs of the diocese, Bishop Terry R. LaValley has confirmed a number of clergy changes which will be taking place in the near future.

The changes are:

• Msgr. Robert L. Lawler will be retiring as pastor of St. Mary's Church in Waddington and St. John the Baptist Church in Madrid effective July 4, 2012. Msgr. Lawler will be taking up residence at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. He will continue to serve as Vicar General for the diocese.

• Msgr. Peter R. Riani will be retiring as pastor of St. Elizabeth's Church in Elizabethtown and St. Philip Neri Church in Westport effective September 19, 2012. Msgr. Riani will be taking up residence at The Roman Catholic Community of St. Alexander and St. Joseph in Morrisonville.

• Father Howard J. Venette, a former priest of the diocese, will be returning to Ogdensburg. Since June of 2004 Father Venette has been associated with the Society of St. Peter, a traditional Latin Rite Society in communion with Rome. Upon his return to the diocese, Father Venette will be named temporary administrator of St. Mary's Church in Waddington and St. John the Baptist Church in Madrid effective July 4, 2012.

• Father James W. Seymour, Vicar for Clergy and pastor of St. Raphael's Church in Heuvelton and Ss Philip & James Church in Lisbon, will be named pastor of the Roman Catholic Community of Morristown, Hammond and Rossie effective June 27. 2012. Father Seymour will continue as Vicar for Clergy.

• Father Kevin J. O'Brien, pastor of The Roman Catholic Community of Brownville and Dexter and St. Andrew's Church in Sackets Harbor, and originally announced to be pastor of the Roman Catholic Community of Morristown Hammond and Rossie, instead will be named pastor of St. Raphael's Church in Heuvelton and Ss Philip and James Church in Lisbon. Father O'Brien has also been appointed as Moderator of the Curia and Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Services. Effective date for these changes is June 27, 2012.

• Msgr. Harry K. Snow, Judicial Vicar of the Diocese and pastor of St. Andrew's Church in Norwood, will be named pastor of St. Mary's Church in Waddington and St. John the Baptist Church in Madrid effective September 19, 2012. Msgr. Snow will continue as Judicial Vicar.

• Msgr. John R. Murphy, who is leaving his appointed position as Moderator of the Curia and Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Services and is currently administrator of Church of the Visitation in Norfolk and St. Raymond's Church in Raymondville, will be named pastor of Norfolk and Raymondville and also pastor of St. Andrew's Church in Norwood effective September 19, 2012.

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Profiles of the priests follow:

Msgr. Lawler

Msgr. Lawler, who is retiring as pastor of St. Mary's Church, Waddington, and St. John the Baptist Church, Madrid, has served as vicar general of the diocese under four bishops.

He was first appointed vicar general in 1994 by Bishop Paul S. Loverde to succeed the late Msgr. David W. Stinebrickner when Msgr. Stinebrickner retired. He was reappointed vicar general when Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito became bishop and was then again reappointed by Bishop Robert J. Cunningham and Bishop Terry R. LaValley. The vicar general is charge of the diocese in the absence of the Bishop.

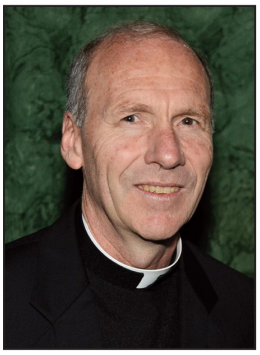
On two separate occasions, when Bishop Loverde was named by the Pope to Arlington, VA. Diocese and Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito was named to the West Palm Beach Diocese, the Diocesan Board of Consultors appointed Msgr. Lawler as the administrator of the Ogdensburg Diocese until a new Bishop was named by the pope.

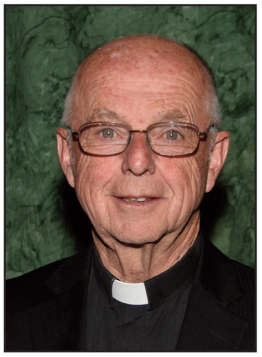
Msgr. Lawler was ordained May 19, 1956, and immediately began a 30 year association with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

He was named assistant secretary in 1956, director of the Watertown Catholic Charities office in 1957 and executive secretary in 1959.

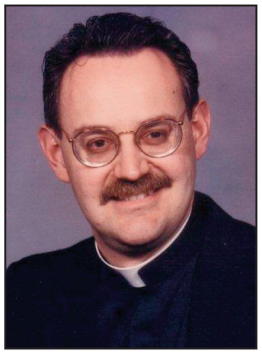
Msgr. Lawler continued to direct Catholic Charities until 1986 when he was named pastor in Brownville and Dexter.

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Msgr. Lawler also served as an assistant pastor at Holy Family in Watertown from 1957 to 1959.

In 1989, he was appointed chairman of the Diocesan Planning Committee, and pastor in Canton in 1995.

Msgr. Lawler was born in Oneonta, NY, Nov. 9, 1930 and studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall and Catholic University of America. He has served as diocesan coordinator of the Campaign for Human Development and Catholic Relief Services.

He has also been appointed to numerous local and state organizations serving mental health and social welfare needs.

In 1967, he was named Chaplain of His Holiness with the title of Monsignor. He was also honored in 1986 with diocesan Caritas Award, given annually to an individual who exemplifies a spirit of love and charity.

In 1977, Bishop Brzana recommend to Pope Paul VI that Msgr. Lawler be named a Prelate of Honor.

Msgr. Lawler was named a Protonotary Apostolic June 17, 1995, by Pope John Paul 11 and received the special papal honor in October of 1995. This is the highest honor that can be given to a monsignor.

Msgr. Riani

Msgr. Peter R. Riani, who will be retiring in September, has served as pastor in Elizabethtown and in Westport since June 1999,

A native of Keeseville, Msgr. Riani spent many years of his priesthood at Wadhams Hall Seminary College including 12 years as rector-president, from 1974 to 1982.

He also served as a theology professor, dean of students, director of student activities, academic dean and vice-president of the diocesan seminary.

From 1982 to 1985, he was pastor in Lake Placid and then returned as a faculty member at Wadhams Hall while serving as pastor in Heuvelton.

He was named pastor in Peru from 1995 until his 1999 assignment in the two Essex Deanery parishes.

Msgr. Riani was born in Keeseville Aug. 16, 1929, and studied at Wadhams Hall and St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. He was ordained May 21, 1955, by Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg.

He continued studies after ordination, receiving a doctorate in theology at the Pontifical Angelicum University in Rome, Italy in 1960.

The priest served as an assistant in Black River and Saranac Lake before becoming an instructor at Wadhams Hall.

He also served the diocese as an associate editor of the *North Country Catholic*, an instructor in the permanent deacon program, a member of the Formation for Ministries board and as director of seminarians.

Msgr. Snow

Msgr. Harry K. Snow, who will become pastor in Waddington and Madrid Sept. 19, in addition to his responsibilities as Judicial Vicar, is a native of Norfolk.

He was born May 6, 1951 and studied for the priesthood at Wadhams hall and Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora.

He was ordained to the priesthood April 30, 1977, by Bishop Stanislas J. Brzana.

Msgr. Snow's pastoral assignments include appointments as assistant pastor in Brasher Falls, Lowville and St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. In 1980, he was named secretary of the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal and Chaplain of Mater Dei College. He has also served as chaplain at the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility.

In 1983, Msgr. Snow began graduate studies in canon law receiving a master's degree from St. Paul's University in Ottawa.

In 1985, he was named Associate Judicial Vicar and Judicial Vicar in 1988.

Msgr. Snow served as rector of St. Mary's Cathedral from 1997 until he was name administrator of St. Andrew's in Norwood in 2003. He became pastor in Norwood in 2004 while serving as dean of St. Lawrence Deanery from 2003 to 2006.

Msgr. Snow also served as a pastor in Morristown and Brier Hill. He was named a Prelate of Honor with the title monsignor in 1995.

Msgr. Murphy

Msgr. John R. Murphy, who is leaving his administrative positions in the diocese for full-time parish work, is a native of Saranac Lake, born Oct. 4, 1987.

He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall and the Gregorian University in Rome before his ordination July 2, 1973 in Rome by Bishop James Hickey.

Father Murphy's first assignment was as assistant pastor of St. John's in Plattsburgh and head of the religion department at St. John's Central School.

In 1976, he was named assistant chancellor of the diocese and assistant pastor in Canton.

He returned to Rome in 1978 and earned a degree in moral theology from Academia Alfonsiana. He later earned a master's degree in church administration from Catholic University in Washington.

Upon his return to the diocese in 1982, Father Murphy was named vice-chancellor and administrator in Morristown and Brier Hill. Later that year, he was named chancellor for the diocese and pastor of Morristown and Brier Hill.

He served the diocese as chancellor from 1982 to March 1990. He was also pastor in Madrid from 1988 until his appointment as pastor of St. Mary's in Potsdam from 1990 to 1994.

In 1992, he was named a monsignor by Pope John Pope Paul II. He also served the diocese as dean of St. Lawrence Deanery.

In 1994, Msgr Murphy was named Moderator of the Curia and Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Services. He served as administrator in Canton for a short time in 2002 and was named pastor in Heuvelton and Lisbon in 2003 before becoming full-time Moderator of the Curia later that year.

In 2011, he was named administrator of the Church of the Visitation in Norfolk and St. Raymond's Church in Raymondville, where he will become pastor this month with additional responsibilities as pastor in Norwood in September.

Father O'Brien

Father Kevin J. O'Brien, who will begin work as moderator of the curia and Episcopal vicar of pastoral services June 27, has also been named pastor in Heuvelton and Lisbon.

He will complete service as pastor of The Roman Catholic Community of Brownville and Dexter and St. Andrew's Church in Sackets Harbor, a position he has held since 2003.

Previously, Father O'Brien served as pastor of St. John's in Plattsburgh from 1999 to 2003 and as pastor in Carthage, Natural Bridge and Deferiet from 1997 to 1991.

He was born May 10, 1955 in Ogdensburg and grew up in Norwich, NY

He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall and the North American College at Rome and was ordained Sept. 5, 1981 by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana. Father O'Brien later earned a law degree from the University of Buffalo.

His early pastoral assignments included appointments as parochial vicar at St. Mary's Cathedral, Sacred Heart in Massena, St. Patrick's in Watertown, in Alexandria Bay and Brownville and Dexter and St. Mary's in Potsdam.

Father O'Brien also served the diocese as associate director of the diocesan mission office and as a philosophy professor at Wadhams Hall Seminary College.

Father Seymour

Father James W. Seymour, new pastor for the Roman Catholic Community of Morristown, Hammond and Rossie has served as Episcopal Vicar for Clergy, a position he will continue to hold, since 2005.

He has also served as pastor of St. Raphael's Church in Heuvelton, pastor/priest moderator of Sts. Philip & James Church in Lisbon, and

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Job opening
Director of Evangelization

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg is seeking a **Director of Evangelization**. The Director is responsible for evangelization efforts for the Diocese of Ogdensburg in general, especially as they pertain to diocesan leadership of efforts to be carried on through the parishes.

Applicants should have a Master's Degree or a Bachelor's Degree in Religious Studies or an equivalent degree in Theology. Applicants must have prior experience in areas of evangelization and have an in-depth familiarity with the Roman Catholic Church, its structure, teaching, beliefs, and attitudes. Additional qualifications include excellent communication skills and an ability to collaborate with others. Applicants must be proficient in Microsoft Office.

Submit letter of interest, resume, and three professional references to: Human Resources Office, Diocese of Ogdensburg,
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Deadline for application is June 29, 2012.
A copy of the job description is available on the diocesan website at www.dioogdensburg.org.

BISHOP LAVALLEY PRESIDES AT SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATION

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS ED

Five students and their families gathered at St. Anthony's in Watertown May 12 for the celebration of First Eucharist and Confirmation



Bishop LaValley gathered the children of the Special Religious Education program in Watertown who received the First Communion and made their Confirmation May 12 for a group picture. In front are Melanie Brophy of St. Theresa Parish in Theresa, Samantha Todhunter, Holy Family, Watertown; and Charles (Chip) Yott, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Watertown; back, Jeffrey Deline, St. Patrick's, Watertown, Bishop LaValley and Anderson Stenard, Holy Family, Watertown.



The bishop spent time with each student following the ceremony. Melanie Brophy from St. Theresa's parish in Theresa was proud to have her picture taken with Bishop Terry.



Other participants of the Special Religious Education Program served as altar servers and greeters. Francis Scovel was the cross bearer.



Jeffrey Deline and Anderson Stenard were confirmed by the bishop. St. Joseph Sister Diane Marie Ulsamer, program coordinator, said. "this was the first group of students in the Special Religious Education Program to receive the sacraments in many years. We hope that other parents with children with disabilities will take advantage of the religious education program available in the Watertown area for children with special needs."



The children and their families all had their picture taken with the bishop. Shown are Charles and Cathy Yott family with their sons Charles (Chip) who received his First Communion and Christopher, one of the altar servers for the Mass.

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part-time chaplain at Riverview Correctional Facility since 2005.

A native of Ogdensburg, Father Seymour was born Oct. 19, 1953. He earned a bachelor's degree from Plattsburgh State and worked as a teacher before beginning seminary studies. He completed a year of pre-theologate studies at Wadhams Hall before entering Christ the King Seminary where he earned a master's in divinity degree.

Father Seymour was ordained Oct. 10, 1987, by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana. His first assignment was as a parochial vicar at St. John's in Plattsburgh.

He later served as a parochial vicar at Holy Family in Watertown before spending eight years as a missionary in the Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate's mission in Mollendo, Peru, beginning in 1990. There he served as pastor of St. Martin de Porras Church.

Upon his return in 1998, he was named parochial vicar in Carthage, Deferiet and Natural Bridge.

In 2000, Father Seymour spent a sabbatical year at St. Paul's University in Ottawa while providing pastoral services as a parochial vicar at St. John's in Plattsburgh during the summer.

He also served as an administrator in Hogansburg and then in AuSable Forks and Black Brook before being named pastor in Champlain in 2001.

Father Allen

Father Philip T. Allen who will become pastor of St. Mary's Church in Indian Lake and the mission of St. Paul's Church in Blue Mountain Lake, has been administrator of these churches for the past year.

Although, he officially retired in 2009, Father Allen served as temporary administrator in Evans Mills, Philadelphia and Theresa as Well as in Port Leyden and Lyons Falls before moving to Indian Lake.

At the time of his retirement, he had been pastor in AuSable Forks and Black Brook from 2001 with additional responsibilities as pastor in Wilmington from 2006.

Father Allen was born Nov. 4, 1933 in Peru and studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall and St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester before his ordination May 16, 1959, by Bishop James J. Navagh.

He served as assistant pastor at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg, St. Bernard's in Saranac Lake, St. Peter's in Lowville and Holy Name in AuSable Forks. He was a temporary administrator in Chazy for three months in 1971 before being named pastor in Heuvelton. He was also pastor in Lake Placid, rector at St. Mary's Cathedral, and pastor at Redford.

Father Allen has served the diocese in the Marriage Tribunal as secretary, officials and presiding judge. He also directed the Pre-Cana program in the Ogdensburg area.

Father Flynn

Father Francis J. Flynn, who has served pastor of the Catholic Community of Constable, Westville and Trout River since 2002, will become pastor in Elizabethtown and Westport in September.

A native of Massena, he was born Nov. 1, 1944. H e studied for the priesthood at St. Joseph¹s Seminary in Yonkers and at the North American College at Rome.

Father Flynn was ordained in December of 1969 at St. Peter¹s Basilica in Rome. In 1970, he received an STL degree from the Gregorian University in Rome.

Father Flynn¹s first assignment was as an assistant pastor at St. John¹s in Plattsburgh. In 1973, he joined the Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate, serving in Mollendo, Peru, until 1981.

Upon his return to the United States, Father Flynn was associate pastor at St. Joseph¹s in Malone. In 1982, he was named pastor in Lake Clear and campus minister at Paul Smiths College.

Father Flynn left the diocese in 1984 to work with the Maryknoll order for two years. Upon his return, he was assigned to North Bangor where he served as pastor until 1995 when he was assigned as parochial vicar at St. Augustine¹s in Peru. For several months in 1996 he took part in a sabbatical program in Jerusalem.

Upon his return in June 1996, he was named pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Campus Parish in Potsdam. In 1999, he was named pastor in Bloomingdale and Gabriels where he continued in campus ministry at Paul Smiths College and served as a part-time prison chaplain at Camp Gabriels until moving to Constable in 2002.

Father Venette

Father Howard J. Venette, new temporary administrator in Waddington and Madrid, was born Jan. 14, 1958 in Chateaugay.

He began his studies for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall where he was active in music ministry as house organist and student music director. He continued his education at the North American College at Rome and was ordained July 21, 1984 by Bishop Brzana at St. Patrick's in Chateaugay.

Father Venette served as parochial vicar at Sacred Heart in Massena, St. Mary's in Potsdam, St. John's in Plattsburgh, Notre Dame in Malone, and Our Lady of Victory in Plattsburgh.

In 1994, he was named pastor in Harrisville and associate director of the deacon formation program.

He served the diocese as director of the permanent deacon formation program from 1995 to 2001.

In 1997, he became pastor in Colton and, in 2003, administrator in Brushton .

From June of 2004 to July, 2012, Father Venette was associated with the Society of St. Peter, a traditional Latin Rite Society in communion with Rome.

While a member of the Society Father Venette has worked in seminary formation and has served in a number of parishes. His most recent assignment has been at St. Francis de Sales Church in Mableton, Georgia.

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June 19 - 1 p.m., Camp Guggenheim, Saranac Lake

Bishop LaValley' Schedule

June 12-15 – United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Spring Meeting in Atlanta, GA.

June 16 – 1p.m., Graduation Ceremonies for Seton Catholic Central at SUNY Plattsburgh's Hawkins Hall in Plattsburgh; 7 p.m., Confirmation for Holy Angels, Altona and St. Louis of France, Sciota at Holy Angels Church.

June 17 – 10 a.m., Confirmation for St. Joseph's, Mooers and St. Ann's, Mooers Forks at St. Joseph's Church.

June 18 – 7 p.m., Novena and Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

June 19 – 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg.

CORRECTIONS

There were errors in the obituary information for Father Stephen H. Gratto which appeared in the May 30 and June 6 issues of the *NCC*.

Father Gratto served as diocesan director of Catholic Charities from 1986 to 1994. He was pre-deceased by his brother, Charles, who was listed as a survivor, and he was buried in the Jerusalem Cemetery in Eddy, near Canton, not St. Mary's Cemetery.

The *North Country Catholic* apologizes for the mistakes.

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 14 – Rev. Hermisdas Mayer, 1927; Rev. Thomas A. Kiley, O.S.A., 1954; Rev. William J. Deacy, O.S.A., 1960; Rev. Arthur Desrosiers, 1963; Msgr. Walter T. Cleary, 1968
June 15 – Rev. Francis C. A. Cornish, 1960
June 16 – Rev. James L. Meehan, 2004; Deacon John Dwyer, 2007
June 17 – Rev. Thomas J. Thottumkal, 1992
June 19 – Rev. Gerard Chouinard, O.M.I., 1955; Deacon David F. Moltz, 2011

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A DAY AT THE FESTIVAL

St. Peter's Parish in Lowville holds its annual parish festival May 18-20



PHOTOS BY CONDY DOSZTAN

Mary, Doug and Sarah Hanno, Sue Berrus and Jen Karelus carried out one of the most important responsibilities at St. Peter's annual parish festival in May. They worked the food stand which offered hot dogs, hamburgers, fries and onion rings.



Caden and his mother Tina Laribee take a break from the lollipop booth for a picture.



This group arrived very early Sunday morning to start the fire and cook 450 halves for the festival's chicken barbeque. From left are Cole and Bob Mullin, Roy Birchenough, Dick Kaban, Kevin Gerow, Danny Hirshey, Dennis Kraeger and Mike Madore



Cathy Hunkins - the $1000 raffle winner - accepts her check from Father Chris Carrara, pastor of St. Peter's as well as the parishes in Houseville and Glenfield.



The King, Fayle and Beyer families all gathered around the duck pond.

BISHOP PRESIDES AT DEACON CANDIDACY



PHOTO BY DEACON KEVIN MASTELLON

Bishop Terry R. LaValley accepted 13 men from the diocese to be candidates for the Order of Permanent Deacon at a ceremony June 1 at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg. These men have been in formation for three years and have one more year of preparation and schooling before Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate in 2013. Candidacy is an important step in the formation process. It indicates the Bishop with the counsel of the Formation Director and faculty have deemed each individual fit spiritually, morally, emotionally and academically to proceed to the final year of formation. From left are Anthony Pastizzo, Ogdensburg; Donald Wilder, Watertown; David Wells, Ogdensburg; Brian Neureuther, West Chazy; Paul White, Westport; Larry Ambeau, Adams; Bishop; Daniel McGrath, Madrid; Patrick Donahue, Cape Vincent; John Drollette, Plattsburgh; Henry Leader, Gouverneur; John Lucero, Keeseville; Joel Walentuk, Fineview and Guy Javarone, Watertown.

MISSION OFFICE IS INCORPORATED



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE WARD

The Mission Office has undergone the legal process of incorporating its assets and business structure and is now officially titled, "The Pontifical Mission Societies of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Inc." Members of the Board of Directors of the society gathered May 16 to complete the incorporation process. (See this week's mission column on page 15 for more information.) Pictured, front, from left are Msgr. Robert L. Lawler, vicar general; St. Joseph Sister Mary Ellen Brett, diocesan mission director; Bishop Terry R. LaValley, Father George Maroun, former mission director; and Father Kevin O'Brien, incoming moderator of the curia; back, Mark Mashaw, representative of Pinto, Micenski, Hooper, Van House and Co.; Molly Ryan, mission office secretary/bookkeeper; Msgr. John R. Murphy. moderator of the curia; Michael J. Tooley, diocesan fiscal officer; St. Joseph Sister Jennifer Votraw, chancellor; and Janice Shoen, former diocesan director of development.

Vocal ensemble NAVE to perform at two churches

The Northern Adirondack Vocal Ensemble, conducted by Andrew Benware, will give two performances of their latest program, "Of Heaven and Earth: Sacred and Secular Choral Gems."

The performance will take place at St. Bernard's Church in Saranac Lake June 15 at 7:30 pm and at St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh June 16 at 7:30 p.m.

The Northern Adirondack Vocal Ensemble, known as NAVE, is a mixed chamber choir of professional and amateur singers, all bringing extensive previous choral experience to the group. The 20 members represent a cross-section of the region, hailing from points in Clinton, Essex, and Franklin Counties.

The concert opens with the lively fanfare "Laudate" by Norwegian composer Knut Nystedt (b. 1915), followed by Four Motets on Gregorian Themes of Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986).

A Mozart group rounds out the first half and sacred portion of the program: "Confutatis" and "Lachrymosa" from the Requiem and the much beloved "Ave Verum Corpus."

The principal work on the secular second half of the concert is American composer Randall Thompson's Frostiana: Seven Country Songs, set to seven poems of our country's cultural icon Robert Frost.

Finally, to sustain a mood of promise and hope, "You Are the New Day" concludes the concert. The text and tune of this popular inspirational work was written in 1978 by Welsh rock musician John David (b. 1946) when he was experiencing some personal hardships.

Of Heaven and Earth: Sacred and Secular Choral Gems offers NAVE an opportunity to show considerable variety in vocal textures and colors. While most of the program is four-part mixed choir (soprano, alto, tenor, bass), it blossoms at several spots into rich seven- and eight-part harmonies. Adding further contrast, several works are for three- and four-part women's choir as well as three- and four-part men's choir. About half the program is a cappella (unaccompanied by instruments). Elizabeth Cordes will be pianist for the Mozart and the Randall Thompson.



Andrew Benware

Admission is a $10 suggested donation at the door. For more information please telephone 518-293-7613 or send a message by e-mail to hillholl@hughes.net

NAVE is distinct from other choral groups in our region in that, as a chamber choir, it aims to be a small and balanced ensemble of between 18 and 24 voices – SATB (soprano, alto, tenor, bass), capable of singing in four-to-eight-part harmonies. Essentially an a cappella choir, it will focus on a rich and historical repertoire composed specifically for chamber choir.

Membership in NAVE is by an informal audition process. New members are welcome at the start of twice-yearly rehearsal cycles. Please contact us if you are interested.

Vatican II did not downplay eucharistic adoration, pope says

On the Feast of Corpus Christi

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

ROME (CNS) - A misunderstanding of the Second Vatican Council has led some Catholics to think that eucharistic adoration and Corpus Christi processions are pietistic practices that pale in importance to the celebration of Mass, Pope Benedict XVI said.

"A unilateral interpretation of the Second Vatican Council has penalized this dimension" of Catholic faith, which is to recognize Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and worthy of adoration, the pope said June 7 during a Mass marking the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

The evening Mass outside Rome's Basilica of St. John Lateran preceded a moment of silent adoration and the pope's traditional Corpus Christi procession with the Eucharist through the streets of Rome.

In his homily, the pope told the thousands of people gathered on the basilica lawn that it is important to recognize the centrality of the celebration of Mass, the moment in which the Lord gathers his people, nourishes them and unites them to himself in offering his sacrifice.

But if Christ is seen as present in the Eucharist only during Mass, "this imbalance has repercussions on the spiritual life of the faithful," who need to be aware of "the constant presence of Jesus among us and with us," the pope said.

"The sacrament of the charity of Christ must permeate all one's daily life," he said.

Celebration and adoration are not in competition, the pope said.

"Worshipping the Blessed Sacrament constitutes something like the spiritual environment in which the community can celebrate the Eucharist well and in truth," he said.

Pope Benedict said Mass is most meaningful when the faithful recognize that in the Blessed Sacrament, the Lord is present, "awaits us, invites us to his table and then, after the assembly disperses, remains with us with his discrete and silent presence."

Spending time in prolonged silence before the Eucharist "is one of the most authentic experiences of our being church," and it finds its complement at Mass when Catholics "celebrate the Eucharist, listening to the word of God, singing, approaching together the table of the bread of life."

Truly entering into communion with someone, he said, is accompanied by "exchanging glances and intense, eloquent silences full of respect and veneration."

"If this dimension is missing, even sacramental communion can become a superficial gesture on our part," the pope said.

Pope Benedict said another misunderstanding -- one influenced "by a certain secular mentality" of the 1960s and '70s - was the idea that the Bible teaches that with the coming of Christ, rituals and sacrifices no longer should have meaning; basically, he said, some people believe "the sacred no longer exists."

It is true that Christ inaugurated a new form of worship, one tied less to a place and a ritual and more to his person, but people still need "signs and rites," the pope said.

In fact, without its annual Corpus Christi procession, "the spiritual profile of Rome" would change.

Preceded by members of parish eucharistic associations, children who recently made their first Communions, religious, seminarians, priests, bishops and cardinals walking to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, Pope Benedict rode on the back of a truck facing the Blessed Sacrament, which was held in a gem-studded gold monstrance.

Thousands of people carrying candles walked behind the pope. People watching from the sidewalks behind metal barriers tossed flower petals in front of the truck and joined in singing eucharistic hymns and reciting litanies.

Darkness fell as the procession made its way to St. Mary Major, and the evening ended with the pope blessing the crowd with the Blessed Sacrament.

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Jesuit priest may be most responsible for the canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

Love led promoter of Kateri's cause for 55 years

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Although separated from her by three centuries, an ocean and major cultural differences, Jesuit Father Paolo Molinari absolutely loves Kateri Tekakwitha, the Native American who will become a saint in October.

While the 88-year-old Italian Jesuit was forced to give his successor most of the sainthood causes he still was actively promoting when he turned 80, "thank God, they let me keep Kateri."

Father Molinari, one of the church's most prolific postulators - as the official promoters of causes are called --inherited Kateri's cause from his Jesuit predecessor in 1957.

He shepherded her cause to beatification in 1980 and is now in talks with the pope's master of liturgical ceremonies to ensure Kateri's Native American brothers and sisters will have a prominent role during her canonization Mass Oct. 21 at the Vatican.

Father Molinari hopes that one of the readings at the canonization Mass will be in Iroquoian, the language of the Mohawks. And Native American choirs should be able to share their sacred music at the liturgy.

"I love her," the Jesuit said. "She's a lovely young lady indeed," said the Jesuit, his eyes sparkling.

Interviewed June 8 in his book-packed room in the Jesuit infirmary, Father Molinari said his admiration for Kateri, combined with the complex Vatican process for declaring saints and the fact that she died some 330 years ago, gave him 55 years to practice the virtue of patience.

But unlike many of the so-called "ancient causes" that are surrounded by pious legends, but lacking hard evidence, Kateri's cause was supported by plenty of eyewitness accounts of her life, faith, good works and death.

The Jesuit missionaries who baptized her in 1676 and provided her with spiritual guidance until her death in 1680 at the age of 24 wrote formal annual reports about their missions to the Jesuit superior general. Kateri, known as the "Lily of the Mohawks," is mentioned in many of the reports, which still exist in the Jesuit archives, he said.

Father Molinari also had access to the Jesuits' letters that spoke about Kateri in glowing terms and to biographies of Kateri written by two of the Jesuits who knew her at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier in what is now Kahnawake, Quebec: Fathers Pierre Cholenec, her spiritual director, and Claude Chauchetiere, who also did an oil painting of Kateri shortly after her death.

Kateri was born to a Catholic Algonquin mother and a Mohawk father in 1656 along the Hudson River in what is today upstate New York.

After her baptism, Father Molinari said, "she kept living the life of a normal Indian. She continued to be an Indian young lady, and yet she did it with the spirit of the Gospel: showing goodness and tenderness to people who were in need."

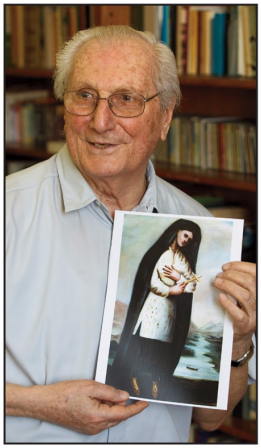
She suffered from light sensitivity after contracting smallpox, so would spend much of her time inside. She prayed and made garments out of hides for those who were unable to make their own, he said.

Father Molinari said that although the cause was challenging at times, he kept working for Kateri's canonization because of her importance to the native peoples of North America.

Kateri is a model who can "help those who are Christian live the Gospel in their own culture."

The Catholic Church, he said, "is the first organization that has acknowledged the richness of one of their own people. The U.S. and Canadian governments have never done anything like that."

Once Kateri was beatified, Father Molinari's efforts turned to helping more people learn her story, encouraging people to trust that she could intercede with God to help them and finding an extraordinary grace that could be recognized officially as a miracle granted by God through her intercession.



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Jesuit Father Paolo Molinari, postulator for the sainthood cause of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, holds a copy of the oldest known portrait of Blessed Kateri . The painting by Jesuit Father Claude Chauchetiere was made about 16 years after Blessed Kateri's death in 1680.

The Jesuit said that in the sainthood process, miracles are "the confirmation by God of a judgment made by human beings" that the candidate really is in heaven.

In Kateri's case, the recognized miracle was the healing of 5-year-old Jake Finkbonner from a rare and potentially fatal disease flesh-eating bacteria called necrotizing fasciitis. The boy and his family, whom Father Molinari hopes to meet at the Vatican in October, are members of St. Joseph Parish in Ferndale, Wash., in the Seattle Archdiocese.

"Kateri lived 300 years ago and yet she is widely remembered with love and admiration to the point that people believe she is certainly with God because of the way in which, as an Indian woman, she opened herself to the grace of God, became a Christian and lived as a Christian," he said.

People are convinced that God listens to her and that "she always listens to those in need, just as she did in life," he said.

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Pope names two auxiliary bishops for Diocese of Rockville Centre

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Pope Benedict XVI has named Msgr. Robert J. Brennan, 50, a pastor and vicar general of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, N.Y., and Msgr. Nelson J. Perez, 50, a pastor in the Philadelphia Archdiocese, as auxiliary bishops for the Rockville Centre Diocese. The appointments were announced June 8 in Washington by Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States. Bishop-designate Brennan, ordained in 1989 for Rockville Centre, has been vicar general since 2002. Before that, he was secretary to three bishops of the diocese. In 2010, he also was named pastor of St. Mary of the Isle Parish in Long Beach, N.Y. Bishop-designate Perez, ordained in 1989 for the Philadelphia Archdiocese, is currently pastor of St. Agnes Parish in West Chester, Pa. He was founding director of the Catholic Institute for Evangelization and has been heavily involved in ministry to Hispanic Catholics, 1993-2002, and before that was assistant director of the archdiocesan Office for Hispanic Catholics, 1990-93. Bishop William F. Murphy of Rockville Centre will celebrate the episcopal ordination Mass for the two new auxiliaries July 25 at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre. In a statement, Bishop Murphy thanked the pope "for responding so quickly to my request for two auxiliary bishops to help me pastor the fifth largest diocese in our nation. God has blessed this diocese with good and holy priests and now two new auxiliary bishops, one a native son, the second, a Cuban American who will bring his many gifts and his Latino language, culture and heritage to enrich this wonderful diocese."

Charter is framework for making abuse response 'part of our culture'

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" -- now 10 years old -- was not meant to be "the last word" in solving the abuse crisis, according to the chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People. Instead, Bishop R. Daniel Conlon of Joliet, Ill., said the charter has provided a framework for ongoing efforts. Its requirements are "not a temporary fix" but have to "become part of our culture," he added. The charter was part of the U.S. bishops' response to the clergy abuse scandal that was a top concern when they met 10 years ago in Dallas. Their June meeting took place just five months after The Boston Globe began publishing articles about the sexual abuse of minors by priests and accusations of a systemic cover-up by church officials. The reports prompted other victims across the country to come forward with allegations of abuse that put the scandal in the national spotlight. The bishops responded by developing a national policy to oust predators and protect children. They adopted the charter and approved a set of legislative norms to enforce implementation in all dioceses. They also established a lay-run National Review Board to monitor compliance, commission studies of the causes and context of the crisis, and recommend further actions. Later that year, the bishops formed a national Office for Child and Youth Protection. A decade later, the review board was scheduled to report on the effectiveness of the bishops' response to the abuse crisis at their June 13-15 meeting in Atlanta. According to Al J. Notzon III, chairman of the National Review Board, "striking changes" have occurred in the church's efforts to prevent and report abuse but said more work still needs to be done.

Archbishop: Religious liberty campaign not meant to 'throw' election

By Dennis Sadowski
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - The U.S. Catholic Church's challenges to the federal government's contraceptive mandate under the health care law is not an attempt to "throw" the presidential election in favor of one candidate or against another, said the chairman of the bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Freedom.

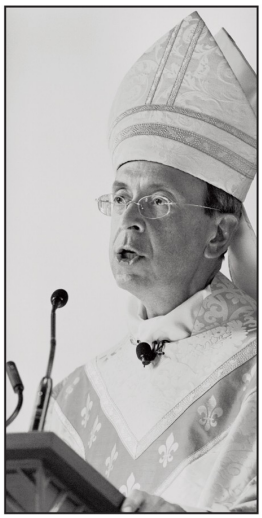
Speaking with members of the Catholic Press Association in a conference call June 6, Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori said the bishops' campaign emerged because of the federal government's attempt to force religious organizations to pay for health services that violate fundamental religious principles.

The mandate was announced Aug. 1, 2011, as part of the rules the Department of Health and Human Services is issuing to implement the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act passed in 2010. Along with the mandate, HHS released a four-pronged religious exemption that has raised objections among Catholic Church officials and others who say it is so narrow that most religious employers will not qualify.

On Jan. 20 of this year, HHS announced that nonprofit groups that do not provide contraceptive coverage because of their religious beliefs will get an additional year "to adapt to this new rule."

"It's important to say the struggle we are engaging in here is not a partisan issue," Archbishop Lori said in the 45-minute session. "We didn't choose the time. We didn't choose the place.

"We're not trying to throw an election. We're simply trying to defend fundamental freedoms. It's not a Republican or Democratic issue. It's not a Catholic issue. It's a freedom issue," he said.



CNS PHOTO/TOM MCCARTHY, CATHOLIC REVIEW

Archbishop William E. Lori delivers the homily during his installation as the 16th archbishop of Baltimore at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore May 16. The chair of the bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Freedom, Archbishop Lori spoke with members of the Catholic Press Association on the topic in a June 6 conference call .

The issue has been portrayed in the media and by supporters of the mandate, however, as a "war on women," Archbishop Lori said, making the bishops' stance much more difficult to explain to the public.

That challenge, he explained, led to the development of the "fortnight for freedom" campaign, a two-week period of prayer, education and action aimed at explaining how the mandate violates religious principles.

The fortnight kicks off June 21 with Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and ends in Washington July 4 with Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Prayer services, vigils, educational sessions and marches are planned across the country during the period.

A wide-ranging effort is needed to help the public understand the dangers the mandate poses, he added.

"One step about defending religious liberty is to talk about, to make sure people understand religious liberty is not given by government but by God. It means more than going to Mass on Sunday but to live one's life and conduct one's professional existence in accord with one's convictions," the archbishop said.

The U.S. campaign has taken on added importance, he said, because people are struggling to maintain their religious freedom around the world. "We are engaged in the domestic struggle because we believe we have to keep the torch of freedom alive at home so as to be a beacon around the world," he said.

The bishops' conference planned to closely monitor the lawsuits filed May 21 by 43 Catholic dioceses, schools, hospitals, social service agencies and other institutions challenging the HHS mandate, Archbishop Lori said. A total of 12 lawsuits were filed in federal court around the country.

The bishops and dioceses across the country must plan for any and all alternatives, whether the Catholic entities win or lose, he said.

"Even if we win the HHS lawsuits, the larger cultural issue of preserving religious liberty and the place of religion in our culture is something we're going to have to engage in for many years to come," he added. "There's defending marriage and unborn life. It's a long-term proposition."

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

The need for faith, courage and hope



Monsignor Paul E. Whitmore

Recent Sundays have celebrated special feasts (Pentecost, Holy Trinity, and Corpus Christi).

On this Eleventh Sunday, we are back into the "numbered" Sundays.

Our first reading plunges us into the middle of the writings of the great prophet of the downfall of Jerusalem and the Babylonian exile (597-538 B.C.). Ezekiel clearly prophesied the destruction of the Temple and the following years of exile.

In symbolic language, he speaks of the great eagle (Nebuchanezzer) who would pluck the topmost branch of the cedar (the Jewish King Jehoiakin) and transport him to Babylon.

God, he says, is greatly displeased both with this king and a second eagle (the pharaoh of Egypt who was powerless to help Jerusalem.

As a result, God promises to Himself pluck another tender shoot from the cedar, and transplant it to Jerusalem.

There it will grow into a magnificent cedar (the Messiah). The lesson is that the great power and plan of Almighty God can overcome any infidelity of His chosen people.

In the Gospel, Jesus uses a parable about the Kingdom of God that is very much like Ezekiel's. He compares the kingdom to a very small seed - a mustard seed - that will eventually become a great bush in which many birds will build their nests. Both Ezekiel and Jesus bring hope for future victory over present evils.

JUNE 17

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS

Ezekiel 17:22-24

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Mark 4:26-34

How much we need this message today!

The second reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians bind together very nicely this Sunday's themes. As Ezekiel and Jesus both stress individual responsibility and the need for courage, so does St. Paul urge us: "We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight".

With such trials currently facing our beloved Church, with persecutions and exile for so many Christians in many countries, and with threats to religious freedom even in our own land, these words of Scripture this Sunday particularly stress the need for faith, courage, and hope.

May we beg the Holy Spirit to grant us all three.

MAKING SENSE OUT OF BIOETHICS

What about ventilators?

The use of ventilators can pose particularly challenging problems during end of life situations for families.

When should we place a loved one on a ventilator? If somebody is on a ventilator, can we ever "pull the plug?"

Understanding our moral duty depends upon whether the use of a ventilator in a particular case can be considered "ordinary" or "extraordinary."

Ordinary interventions can be understood as those medicines, operations and treatments that offer a reasonable hope of benefit for the patient and that can be obtained and used without excessive pain, expense, or other significant burden.

Use of a ventilator will sometimes satisfy these criteria, and other times it will not, depending on the specifics of the patient's situation.

Consider a young woman with serious pneumonia who is having difficulty breathing and is placed on a ventilator. The physicians treating her believe the pneumonia eventually can be controlled so that she can be weaned off the ventilator and breathe on her own in a few days or a week.

They believe the device will be needed mostly as a temporary "bridge to healing," that it will be effective while in use, and that it will not impose much burden on her.In such circumstances, the use of the ventilator could reasonably be considered "ordinary" and thus morally obligatory.



Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk Ph.D.

Whenever there is a considerable hope of recovery from the illness by making use of a particular means (a ventilator, in this case), and when the patient can employ the means without much difficulty or burden, it is likely to be "ordinary" treatment. Thus, in the experienced hands of a well-trained physician, in a developed country with access to proper medication and equipment, intubation and ventilation of a patient can be a low-burden intervention.

The difficulties associated with using a ventilator, however, can become notable depending on the details of a patient's situation.

Dr. Stephen Hannan, a pulmonary and critical care specialist in Fort Myers, Florida recently summarized some of the burdens associated with ventilation, noting particularly

"…*the physical discomfort of the endotracheal tube going from the mouth, traversing the oropharynx, crossing the larynx, and reaching the trachea. Sedation, analgesics, and physical restraints are often necessary. The patient cannot talk while ventilator support is in use. The ventilator exposes the patient to greater risks of infection and barotrauma [damage to the lung tissue from the pressure of ventilation]. Even an untrained observer will recognize that the burden imposed by a ventilator with a standard endotracheal tube is much greater than the burden of a feeding tube.*"

We can consider an example that highlights these burdens: an 85 year old grandfather is placed on a ventilator after suffering several serious strokes that damaged his brainstem so that he cannot breathe on his own. The physicians treating him are convinced that the damage from his most recent stroke will continue to get worse, with the nearly-certain outcome that he will die in a few hours or days. Assuming that he is unconscious, and that other matters have been taken care of (last sacraments, opportunities for loved ones to say goodbye, etc.), the family could reasonably conclude that continued ventilation would be "extraordinary" and decide to have the ventilator disconnected, even though it would mean their grandfather would be expected to die in a matter of minutes without it.

Such an act of withdrawing the ventilator would not be an act of euthanasia, because he would be dying due to the underlying condition. It would be a recognition of the burdensomeness of continued ventilation and an acknowledgement that heroics are not required, especially when death is imminent.

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THE MOVIES

For Greater Glory

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

"Viva Cristo Rey!" "Long live Christ the King!"

Such was the rallying cry of the Cristeros -- devout Mexican Catholics driven into open, sometimes violent, opposition to their government during the1920s by its policy of persecution against the church. This pious exclamation also serves as the stirring refrain of the powerful historical drama recounting those events, "For Greater Glory" (ARC Entertainment).

At the center of director Dean Wright's sprawling epic stand two remarkable figures: retired but restless military hero Gen. Enrique Gorostieta (Andy Garcia), a religious skeptic who becomes the unlikely commander of those taking up arms in the name of faith, and Jose Luis Sanchez (impressive newcomer Mauricio Kuri), a saintly adolescent volunteer in Gorostieta's forces who, decades later, was beatified for his role in the struggle.

As early scenes reveal, Jose's fervent belief was kindled by his interaction with his wise and venerable parish priest, Father Christopher (Peter O'Toole). When this forbearing clergyman falls victim to the anti-clerical campaign unleashed by President Plutarco Calles (Ruben Blades), Jose witnesses his spiritual mentor's coldblooded execution and is radicalized.

Out to defy the government by peaceful means is another real-life character, also since beatified, Anacleto Gonzalez Flores (Eduardo Verastegui). A pacifist lawyer, Gonzalez is sometimes referred to as "the Mexican Gandhi."

A few passages of dialogue are devoted to debating whether violent means should ever be employed by Christians, and some viewers of faith may be unsettled by the sight of an early 20th-century crusade. But if the Founding Fathers of the United States were justified in their rebellion against British rule when it infringed on their rights (and pocketbooks), the Cristeros' attempted overthrow of Calles seems, on the face of it, at least as well warranted.

The Mexican government's tyrannical interference with religious liberty, while obviously far more extreme than anything taking place north of the border today, nonetheless carries a sobering resonance with current events. If the film can be taken as a cautionary tale about where excessively zealous, overweening secularism can lead a nation, the warning is a stark one.

The wide-ranging saga requires quite a bit of exposition, so that the proceedings, it must be said, get off to a slow start.

But once the initially varied story lines laid out in Michael Love's script converge, their outcome packs an emotional wallop. In fact, moviegoers of a more sensitive disposition will be unlikely to escape without tears. It's no spoiler to say that the phrase "heroic virtue" takes on a new depth of meaning when applied to Jose, who did not gain the honors of the altar by being a coward.

The sufferings to which Jose is subjected find their occasional counterpart in the intensity of the battle scenes. But the fact-based, faith-quickening tale the movie tells is sufficiently valuable to justify a younger viewership than would normally be advisable for fare of this kind.

So, despite the elements listed below, "For Greater Glory" is probably acceptable for mature adolescents -- and may, indeed, do them a world of good.

The film contains considerable action violence with some gore, the torture of a child and at least one mildly vulgar term. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.



CNS PHOTO/ARC ENTERTAINMENT

Andy Garcia stars in a scene from the movie "For Greater Glory." Garcia, a Catholic, plays a Mexican Revolution-era general lured out of retirement a decade later to fight his own government's severe curbing of religious freedoms.

Ventilators

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Occasionally ventilators may end up being part of a long-term solution for a patient. Christopher Reeve, who played Clark Kent in the movie "Superman," for example, was able to live for several years with a tracheostomy and a ventilator following an equestrian accident that severely damaged his spinal cord.

The ventilator, while clearly a burden, offered many benefits to his situation as well, and in the final analysis, seemed to be a reasonable and proportionate intervention for his particular set of circumstances.

Other cases with ventilators can be more difficult to decide, because a prognosis may be uncertain or debated.

Sometimes the expense of providing long term ventilation and critical care may need to be factored into the judgment about whether ventilation is ordinary or extraordinary. Determining whether there will be a "reasonable hope of benefit" to a particular patient by using a ventilator can be challenging.

Each case must be considered on its own merits, as we seek to make a good prudential judgment, and to provide for our loved ones in a way that corresponds to their real medical needs, so that we neither neglect nor overburden them in the face of powerful medical technology.

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THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Plattsburgh – There will be adoration in the chapel concluding with special prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Date: June 15
Time: 7 p.m. to 8
Place: St. Peter's Church

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Peru - St. Augustine's Knights of Columbus Council 7273 will host its 26th annual golf tournament.

Date: June 15
Time: Shotgun start at 10 a.m.
Place: Adirondack Golf & Country Club.
Features: The four-person scramble will feature a "New Car Hole in One" prize sponsored by Bill McBride Chevrolet and other prizes. Awards dinner following the event in the clubhouse. The entry fee is $260 per team until June 1st 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 or by emailing Scar6064@charter.net

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CHICKEN BBQ

Port Henry – The Catholic Community of Moriah will be having their Annual Chicken BBQ, Raffle and 50/50.

Date: June 17
Time: Noon
Place: Port Henry K of C Hall
Cost: $9
Features: Many baskets to be raffled. Take-outs will be available.

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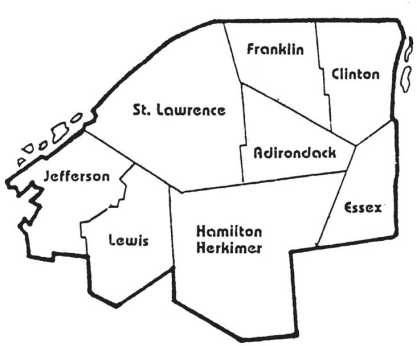
FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Brushton – St. Mary's will be having their Annual Father's Day Breakfast

Date: June 17
Time: 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Place: St. Mary's Parish Center
Cost: Adults, $7; Seniors, $6; Children 6-12, $4; Immediate Family of 5 or more, $20 (mother, father, and children)
Features: Take-outs available. Sponsored by St. Mary's Catholic Church events committee.

RELIC OF BLESSED MOTHER TERESA

St. Regis Falls - Saint Ann's Parish received a First Class Relic of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta for a shrine. The public is invited to visit the church to pray at the shrine to view the reliquary that contains the relic.
Schedule: The church is opened Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 8:45am with Mass at 8am, Saturday's from 3:30pm to 5:15pm with Mass at 4:30pm, and Sunday's from 9am to 10:15am with Mass at 9:30am.



The **North County Catholic** welcomes contributions to "Around the Diocese". Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:
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e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

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

JEFFERSON

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Watertown – St. Anthony's Altar Rosary Church will be having Spaghetti Supper.

Date: June 28
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7
Place: Msgr. Sechi Hall
Cost: Adults, $8; children $4.50; under 3, free; sauce, $5 per quart, meatballs are $.75 each
Features: Take-out orders begin at 4 p.m. Please bring your own containers for takeouts

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Watertown - Ecumenical Bereavement Meeting to be held.

Date: June 25
Time: 7 p.m.
Place: Hearthside Hospitality Center of the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse
Speaker: Sr. Norma Bryant, SSJ, MS in College/Agency Counseling, with 16 years of experience in grief counseling, e will lead participants through the use of ritual, as a means of healing one's grief.

MOUNT CARMEL FEAST

Watertown – St. Anthony's Church will celebrate its 96th Annual Mt. Carmel Feast in honor of our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

Date: June 29, 30 & July 1
Features: A special spaghetti supper will be held in the church basement on June 28 at 4:30 p.m. $8, Adults and $4.50 for Children. Take-outs available. 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 Amusements. Religious Procession 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: St. Anthony's parish, 782-1190.

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

Heuvelton – The Knights of Columbus will be having a Father's Day Breakfast.

Date: June 17
Time: 8 a.m. to noon
Place: Parish Center
Cost: $5; Father's free.

WINE TASTING DINNER

Canton – St. Mary's School will hold its 2nd Wine Tasting Dinner.

Date: June 21
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: French's 1884 House, Potsdam
Cost: $100 a plate with half the proceeds going o St. Mary's School.
Features: The dinner will have Italian Theme and consisting of : Soup, Sorbet, Fish Course, Meat Course and Dessert with 3 different wines and a digestive being served with the meal. Seating is limited to 75 so call as soon as possible. Donation receipts will be given at the evening of the dinner for tax purposes.
Reservations: Please call Brian or Jenny Walker at 268-1844 or by stopping by the restaurant.

FEAST DAY OF SS PETER & PAUL

South Colton – Please join us for the Feast Day of SS Peter & Paul.

Date: June 29
Time: 6 p.m.
Place: St. Paul's Oratory
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 lead a procession to the Sacred Heart Shrine. Ice cream social will follow.

SURVIVOR SUPPORT GROUP

Canton – The Surviving Spouse Friendship and Support Group meets the first Thursday of the month.

Time: 9 a.m.
Place: Best Western University Inn
Contact: Lita Maroney at 379-1650 for more information and for restaurant planning purposes.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Massena- St. Mary's & St. Joseph's holds Adoration every Friday.

Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Place: St. Mary's Church.
Features: First Friday of each month is preceded by Benediction.

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.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Ogdensburg - St. Mary's Cathedral holds a monthly Holy Hour to pray for Vocations.

Date: Thursday before the First Friday
Time: 8 p.m. to 9
Place: Deacon Winter Chapel
Features: Nocturnal Adoration continues through the night

DIOCESAN EVENTS

FOR ALL CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Lyon Mountain – The annual fall Diocese of Ogdensburg Catholic Daughters of the Americas Past Regents Chapter Memorial Mass for Deceased Members and luncheon will be held and hosted by CDA Court Our Lady of Snows #1548.

Date: Aug. 11
Cost: $15 per person for chicken dinner
Features: Mass will be held at St.Bernard`s Church in Lyon Mountain and the luncheon will follow at the American Legion there. This event is for all CDA Members and Guests, not for past regents only and will be an opportunity to become acquainted with our Seminarians and the Catholic Daughters Organization. It will be an opportunity to learn about our Diocese`s St.Joseph`s Vocation Society. The chapter will donate half the proceeds of this year`s raffle to the St. Joseph`s Vocation Society. Following the luncheon/program,a short business meeting will be held for Past Regent members only.
Reservations: Contact Ms. Brenda Owen by June 25, 2012 at 518-735-4625, PO Box 144, Lyon Mountain, NY 12952

THEOLOGY OF BODY ROUNDTABLE

Saranac Lake- An opportunity to continue the Theology of the Body conversation that began with Christopher West's September 2011 visit to diocese.

Date: July 20
Place: Guggenheim Lodge
Features: The interactive format will develop possible strategies for integrating Theology of the Body into religious education, marriage preparation, RCIA, and other aspects of parish life.
Contact: For information/registration: Angelo and Suzanne Pietropaoli, Diocesan NFP Directors. Email: apietropaoli@dioogdensburg.org . Phone 518-483-0459.

NEIGHBORING DIOCESES

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Isle La Motte, Vt. - Saint Anne's Shrine is open for the 2012 Pilgrimage and Tourist season.

Mass schedule: Saturday ,7 p.m., through Sept. 1; Sunday, 9 a.m. (June 17 – Sept. 2) and 10:30 a.m., through Oct. 7; Mon – Fri, 11:15 a.m. (Jul 2- Aug. 31)
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From the Director's Desk,
Sister Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ,
Diocesan Mission Director

The Pontifical Mission Societies of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Inc.

Big changes on the inside but little impact on the outside world: that is what has been going on at the Mission Office. Effective immediately, the office has a new name and status. We are now officially titled, "The Pontifical Mission Societies of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Inc.". The Mission Office has undergone the legal process of incorporating its assets and business structure. This process was one of much thoughtful consideration, hard work and effort.

First, on the surface, nothing will change. We will continue to be a voice for the Missions, spreading both awareness of need and thankfulness for gifts. I will continue on as Director with my staff, Mrs. Molly Ryan. Our offices will continue to be located in Ogdensburg at 622 Washington Street with all the same contact information in place. We will continue to welcome your donations and assistance for the Missions, the Holy Childhood Association and the Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

On the inside, much work has taken place. Over the last year or more, I must acknowledge that many smart, helpful and experienced individuals helped to guide us along the journey into Incorporation. We now have a wonderful board of directors to report to, which consists of local volunteers, clergy and religious. Our first official board meeting was held on May 16, 2012. We are off to a wonderful start.

The Pontifical Mission Societies are recognized as the main route for raising awareness of the Church's universal mission and for encouraging support, prayer and sacrifice, for the evangelizing mission of the Church among two-thirds of the human family. Baptized Catholics have the opportunity to participate in the worldwide mission of the Church by offering their prayers, sacrifices or financial contributions to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Holy Childhood Association or the Society for St. Peter Apostle.

The Missionary Union of Priests and Religious is a spiritual apostolate for Priests, Religious men and women, catechists and lay people. Each October, World Mission Sunday sheds an opportunity for Catholics to express prayerful and financial support of the Church's worldwide missionary work. So the name has changed, but the message is the same. May God Bless You! May the Lord's peace fill your heart and be with this those you love!

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

Brasher Falls – Nora M. (Cotter) Crowley, 93; Funeral Services June 6, 2012 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Cadyville – Betsy Ruth (Couture) Ryan, 87; Funeral Services June 2, 2012 at St. James Church; burial in St. Alexander's Cemetery, Morrisonville.

Chateaugay – Elizabeth B. (LaClair) Harris, 73; Funeral Services June 2, 2012 at the Chateaugay Funeral Home.

Crown Point – Walter F. Stanley; Funeral Services June 9, 2012 Sacred Heart Church; burial in Sacred Heart Parish Cemetery.

Deferiet – Luella M. "Ginger" (Girard) Gyingyelegan, 82; Funeral Services June 5, 2012 at St. Rita's Church; burial in Black River Cemetery.

Deferiet – Norma Irene Backus Mullen, 88; Funeral Services June 7, 2012 at St. Rita's Church; burial in Black River Cemetery.

Lake Placid – Harriet E. (Walton) Wegman, 91; Funeral Services June 1, 2012 at St. Agnes Church; burial in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Lowville – Kathleen A. (Mahoney) Dening, 88; Funeral Services June 7, 2012 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Martinsburg Cemetery.

Madrid – Eileen D. (DuBray) Froats, 84; Funeral Services June 5, 2012 at St. John the Baptist Church.

Mineville – Peter M. Savage, 63; Funeral Services June 8, 2012 at All Sainted Church; burial in St. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Moriah.

Mooers – Shirley M. (Thompson) Seymour, 72; Funeral Services June 6, 2012 at the Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in St. Ann's Cemetery, Mooers Forks.

Morrisonville – Marion Siddon Sullivan, 85; Funeral Services June 7, 2012 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in St. Alexander's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Helen V. Rheome Bridgewater, 48; Funeral Service June 8, 2012 at the Allen-Nichols Funeral Home; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Watertown – Ruth M. (LaFave) Bergevin, 82; Funeral Services June 9, 2012 at Reed & Benoit Funeral Home; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.



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YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICES

The Guggy Generation

By Amanda Conklin
Contributing Writer



PHOTO BY COLLEEN MINER
Newly ordained Father Thomas Higman and Deacon Scott Belina are shown with members of their "Guggenheim Family" after Father Higman's May 26 ordination. Many expect to see each other again at the camp's 40th anniversary party at the end of June.

I have a bigger extended family than most people I know. I have never met some of these "family members." I may never meet some of them. Regardless of this, I am incredibly blessed to be part of the Camp Guggenheim family.

Guggenheim has truly been part of every stage in my life. My parents met at Camp Guggenheim as staff members from 1983-1985. Close to a year after they were married, my little red head was blessed with the waters of baptism and I was welcomed into our Catholic family at Camp Guggenheim.

I was then a summer camper at Guggenheim from the time I was 12 until I was 17 and I attended most of the leadership weekends throughout the year that were offered at camp.

A lot of the firm foundations of my faith were laid at Camp Guggenheim during my years as a camper.

Finally, I served on staff at Camp for four additional summers, including one summer as the Program Director.

I consider Camp Guggenheim to be my home on the water. I honestly wouldn't be the person I am today without Camp. Some of my closest friendships were formed at Camp.

Camp Guggenheim confirmed my desire to study Theology with the hopes of someday coming back to serve my diocese, specifically the youth.

I pray with hope for the day when I am given that wonderful opportunity.

Many people in our diocese might not realize how lucky we are to have a place like Camp Guggenheim. Several vocations come out of those summers on Lower Saranac Lake.

We have had many priestly vocations solidify, including Father Thomas Higman and Deacon Scott Belina, and several marriages grow out of the profound love and faith that reside at Camp each summer.

I am incredibly blessed to have worked with such vibrant, intelligent, faith-filled young adults.

The caliber of Catholic theology that is passed on to the campers astounds me. I can even remember one summer when a certain staff member announced that he was going to teach salvation history to the campers all in one day!

I was amazed when I witnessed this being done in a fun way and the campers truly grasped everything he was teaching.

There is a reason many tears are shed at camp's final mass each week. There is a reason that campers post countdowns on their Facebook pages. There is a reason that there were numerous, joyful, deliriously tired staff members cheering at ordinationpalooza.

That reason is Christ.

Camp Guggenheim shows us a glimpse of the authentic body of Christ at work in the world. From the beautiful Adirondack scenery, to the faith-filled prayer services and daily Mass, Camp Guggenheim is a sampling of the reality of heaven on earth.

This summer marks the 40th Anniversary of Camp Guggenheim. Even though it's been three years since I've been on staff, I think about camp everyday and will always hold the past, present and future staff and campers of Camp Guggenheim in my prayers.

Let us pray and support Camp Guggenheim and all those who make it possible and hope for another 40 years to come!

Father's Day

By Samantha Bashaw
Eighth grader, Seton Academy, Plattsburgh

How do we define what a true father is?

For me it's someone who knows when I need a hug or a shoulder to cry on, someone who is both strong in mind and in character, and a person who I want to be like when I'm older.

Fathers have this quality of leadership over a family that I admire. Of course not every household is that way, though, and sometimes it's both parents who rule the house and ultimately the children.

We are given this special day in June to thank our fathers, dads, and papas, for everything that they do for us.

Many of us do not notice the small things our dads to everyday for us, just because they love us.

When I was little I used to get little surprises of chocolate in my lunchbox, which would brighten up my day!

Now my dad picks up my trash that I leave on the floor and never complains about it one bit.

Even when times get tough for me, he is always there supporting my decision, giving advice, and just being a friend.

If I did not have a dad, I would not know where I would be right now in my life. Countless trips to Florida would not have happened, many ice cream cones would not have been eaten, and numerous football games would not have been watched in my family without my dad.



Samantha Bashaw

So I am going to take this Father's Day to fully appreciate my dad and all that he has done for me ever since the first day I was born.

What I am really doing is just giving him back everything that he has already given me. I feel like a better friend, daughter, and student by the way my father had raised me.

Just saying thanks to our dads seems like such a small way to show them how much we really care. By our actions, though, fathers will understand how much they are loved by every single one of us, their children.