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Christians must bring hope

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Christians are called to bring hope, happiness and life to a world marked by despair, sadness and death, Pope Benedict XVI said. Believing in Christ and his resurrection means bringing new life to others and "dedicating oneself without reserve to the most ur-

gent and just causes" with God's grace and his logic of love, the pope said April 27 at his weekly general audience. For his catechesis, Pope Benedict looked at the meaning of Easter and Christ's resurrection for the Christian community.

"Faith in the Risen Christ

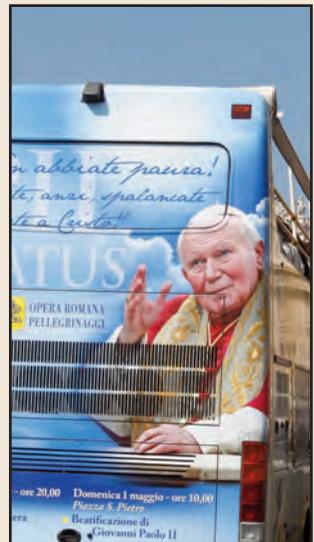
transforms existence, working in us a continuous resurrection" in which Christians are called to renew themselves every day by putting the values Christ taught into action, he said.

Easter can be lived every day "by putting to death the things of this earth and set-

ting our hearts on the things that are on high," he said, echoing a passage from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians. By seeking what is above and not what is on earth, the apostle was not urging people to scorn or alienate themselves from the real world, the pope said.

POPE IS BEATIFIED

On Divine Mercy Sunday



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An image of Pope John Paul II is seen on the back of a bus outside St. Peter's Square at the Vatican April 28. Pope John Paul was beatified May 1 at the Vatican, after the *North Country Catholic* went to press. Full coverage will appear in the next issue of the paper. In advance of the beatification, papal biographer George Weigel said "Pope John Paul II deeply influenced generations of Catholics who knew him in life, but his most enduring legacy - his teaching - is something that will continue to impact the church for centuries." A new poll also shows the popularity of Pope John Paul II among Americans.

FULL STORIES, PAGES 14 and 16

Catholic Charities annual appeal

The annual Catholic Charities Mother's Day Appeal will be conducted May 8 in all parishes of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

The goal has been set at \$175,000.

The theme for the appeal is "You can change the World... one person at a time."

During the past year, Catholic Charities served more than 20,000 people in the North Country.

Further information about services in particular areas of the diocese can be found at: www.cathcharities.org

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Reflections on Resurrection

Msgr. Whitmore and Father Rolheiser write about the most important event

in the history of the world

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, BISHOP LaVALLEY



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

This week, the Diocese of Ogdensburg celebrates the first anniversary of the ordination and installation of Bishop Terry R. LaValley as the 14th bishop of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Above, Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan places the miter on the new bishop's head during the April 30, 2010, ceremony. Bishop LaValley reflects on his first year in an interview with the *NCC* on page 3. Parishes, schools and groups share special greetings throughout the paper.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Ordinary charity

The timing couldn't be better! The *North Country Catholic* is celebrating the first anniversary of Bishop LaValley's installation in the same issue that we're encouraging every Catholic to make a generous donation to the annual Catholic Charities Mother's Day Appeal.

If I know Bishop LaValley, he'd want *all* the attention focused on Catholic Charities and none on himself!

Sorry, Bishop.

We haven't always made a big deal about our bishops' first anniversaries, but Bishop LaValley is no ordinary ordinary. He's one of us.

And he's done a magnificent job hasn't he?

When a subscriber called to ask – "could our parish place an ad wishing the bishop a happy anniversary?" – how could we say "no?"

And how could we not open the offer to everybody?

So our pages this week are filled with special greetings from parishes and groups from across the diocese.

Right in the center, though, is a two-page spread about the services and needs of Catholic Charities.

Bishop LaValley's message in support of the Mother's Day appeal, illustrates why we feel so

blessed to have him.

In very concrete terms, he tells us how to change the world: "what it takes is each person making a choice to honor the Gospel mandate to love God and love our neighbor," the bishop wrote. "Our Baptismal call invites us to understand that charity and justice are the foundation stones of our lives as followers of Jesus Christ.

"Catholic Charities needs your financial and prayerful support to carry out this mission in these uncertain times," he continued. "When it seems that everyone else is abandoning those in

need, that is the time for each of us to stand up and assure that our brothers and sisters have access to quality, professional services. "Every dollar counts," he said. You can change the world one kind and generous act at a time. You can make a difference in the lives of the men, women and children who find themselves in need of supportive services."

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CHURCH: OUR FAMILY OF FAITH

The Journey to Emmaus - Word and Sacrament

By Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSI
Director of Evangelization

The story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus is a very familiar but powerful story for the family of faith to reflect on more deeply. This story is a celebration of both Word and Sacrament that is pondered, questioned, and shared.

There are two units that reflect the general structure of the early Christian assembly for the breaking of the bread, which included both a discussion and a meal (Acts 20:7-12).

The Stranger who comes upon the disciples listened carefully to their hopes and dreams of their expectations of a Messiah who would set them free. Their discouragement and sad hearts were not able to recognize the Risen Lord in the midst of their disappointment.

Jesus had a way of drawing out the disciples' account of how wonderful things had been, how hopeful they themselves had been, and how their hopes had been recently rekindled. Their triple statement is balanced by a return to immediate reality as they now saw it, how Jesus' story ended in disaster, their former hopes were scrapped, and their recent glimmer of hope was disappointed.

The two disciples forgot the "must be's" as this Stranger began to heal their hearts with helping them to remember all that was foretold by Moses and the prophets. This Teacher interpreted for them how all these events were scripturally founded. Thus the narrative ends rather abruptly and the traveler began to move on.

The meal narrative began when the disciples encouraged the Stranger to "stay with them" as the evening was drawing near. Again, the Stranger draws out the disciples. He accepted their invitation. The timing was perfect because it was the time that Christians gathered for their assembly and the breaking of the bread. He unfolded who He was in the breaking of the bread. The words evoked Jesus' Last Supper and functioned like a title for the whole Eucharistic formula.

The eyes of the disciples finally were opened and they recognized Him. And the Stranger vanished from their sight. Those who open their table to the stranger and share their possessions and who take on a self-giving attitude of Jesus recognize the Risen Lord and hope is restored. This was the message to Luke's early Christian community who was suffering persecution and could no longer recognize the Risen Lord as they had in the past.

The disciples' hearts were burning with joy, excitement, and zeal as they hurried back to Jerusalem to tell their story of what happened. Their story must be shared with the community. Thus the mission of the Church continues.

The story of our faith is grounded in the apostolic teaching and Peter's primary experience of the Risen Lord.

Reflect on this story and share with someone who the Risen Lord is for you. Do you recognize that Jesus is always with you even in the most difficult moments of your life? Is there someone who needs your presence who is struggling or hurting?

As a family of faith, the Body of Christ, we become the presence of the Risen Lord for one another.

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Happy anniversary, Bishop

By Mary Lou Kilian
Editor

OGDENSBURG— Unlike most new bishops, Bishop Terry R. LaValley didn't need to spend the first few months after the installation learning his way around North Country roads.

He didn't need to match the faces and names of his priests.

No one had to convince him of the value of Guggenheim or the *North Country Catholic* or the particular needs of the Catholic schools.

Bishop LaValley was ordained and installed as bishop of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, April 30, 2010, just 21 years after he was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

As he prepared to mark his first anniversary, Bishop LaValley sat down with the *NCC* to reflect on the past 12 months.

The year passed quickly, Bishop LaValley said, as the days have been packed with special liturgies, parish visits and countless meetings focusing on diocesan, state, national and international church concerns.

Times of joy

But, for Bishop LaValley, celebrating Masses at St. Mary's Cathedral and in the local parishes has brought him the most satisfaction as bishop.

"It's wonderful to see the faith and the excitement of the people as they celebrate in their particular parish," he said. "Each of the communities has its own personality, flavor... it's so inspiring."

Bishop LaValley is also grateful for every opportunity to visit the Catholic schools in the diocese.

"I know the struggles that parents and teachers face to keep the schools open," he said. "But then you walk in the school and see why they do it."

"These schools are so faith-filled as they offer an excel-



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

Bishop Terry R. LaValley lifts the chalice during the consecration at his installation Mass April 30, 2010. A year later, Bishop LaValley says that celebrating special liturgies at the cathedral have been some of his most joyful experiences as Bishop of Ogdensburg.

lent education," he said. "They are all such families of faith."

The bishop has also found great pleasure spending time with the clergy of the diocese.

He recently completed a series of informal "listening sessions" with the priests and starts a series with the permanent deacons this week.

"It's a little different to sit down with my brother priests and listen to their concerns," he said, "but they have all been so supportive and affirming."

The bishop has seen no downside in being a local man, a former student, in

fact, of many of the members of his presbyterate.

"My brother priests have all been very respectful of me as have all the people," he said. "The people are respectful of the office and they all seem comfortable around me."

Times of pain

His most painful moments as bishop have come during the funerals of priests who have long been friends.

It's also been especially difficult to close parishes, he said. "When I stand in the sanctuary (during a final Mass at a church) and look out at faces of generations of families – whose loved ones were baptized, married,

buried in the church – I feel such helplessness.

"It's so hard to tell parishioners that we need to close their sacred space," he said. "But we only do it when we have no choice.

"We then assure the people

that the Church is still present," he said.

"They will still receive the Eucharist. A priest will still be available for pastoral care."

Looking forward

As Bishop LaValley looks ahead to his second year as ordinary, one of his responsibilities will be to assist the people of the diocese to adapt to the changes in the Roman Missal.

He hopes the new language "will help parishioners to focus on the centrality of the Eucharist and re-awaken among the faithful an understanding of the Real Presence."

"We need to embrace the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives," Bishop LaValley said. He plans to release a pastoral letter in the fall, prior to the Advent implementation of the Missal.

"In the letter I'll address not only the Mass changes but also faith in the Real Presence of Jesus," he said.

The coming year will also bring a continuation of pastoral planning in the diocese, the bishop said.

At the end of the month, he will preside at his first ordination as seminarian Thomas Higman becomes a deacon.

The bishop is also encouraged by the number of seminarians expected to begin studies in the fall.

But, still, he said the vitality of the diocese will depend on lay people "stepping forward, and by virtue of their baptism sharing gifts that need to be shared."

On Pilgrimage with Bishop LaValley

Bishop LaValley will lead a pilgrimage to Catholic sites in Italy March 12-23, 2012. The *North Country Catholic* is sponsoring the trip which will include visits to Venice, Florence, Sorrento, Capri, Pompeii, Siena, Assisi and Rome. While at the Vatican, the group will take part in an audience with Pope Benedict XVI and visit St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel. "The pilgrimage promises to be a time for prayer and growth in our faith as we explore the treasures of the Catholic Church in Italy," the bishop said.

More information will appear in the *NCC* incoming weeks.
Or Call 315-608-7556 or email mkilian@dioogdensburg.org for details.

Bishop LaValley,
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 of the universal Church.
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Sister Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ
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Guggenheim staff named

Deacon Brian Dwyer, diocesan director of youth ministry, has announced the camp staff for the 2010 season at Guggenheim, the diocesan summer camp located in Saranac Lake.

Casey Provost, of Chazy will serve as camp director and Allison Gratto, Morrisonville, assistant director.

The cook will be Alexa Cosgro, Plattsburgh.

Returning staff members are Christian Bobak, Grand Island, NY; Jeremy Bobak, Grand Island, NY; Samantha Fazioli, Saranac Lake; Emily Gydesen, Croghan; Mary Catherine Jadlos, Plattsburgh; Erin Miner, Saranac Lake; Alex Pacelli, Irving, TX; and Sam Racette, Saranac Lake.

The new staff members are Rachel Daly, Peru; Regina Kessler; Whitehall, Penn.; Zack Leader, Gouverneur; Katie Sloan, Silver Spring, MD; and Eliza Zalis, Plattsburgh.

The sessions for Camp Guggenheim follow:

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

Registration may be made through the parishes of the North Country or online at www.catholiccamps.org. Further information is available from the Youth Office, 315-393-2920 ext. 411



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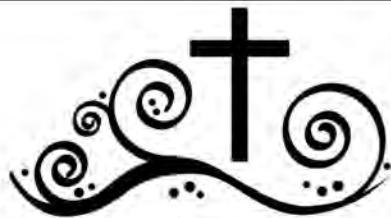
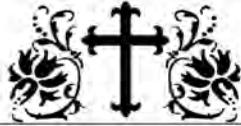
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Bishop LaValley

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Funeral held for Sr. Mary Thomas Maloney, OSU

NEW ROCHELLE, NY – A Mass of Christian Burial for Ursuline Sister Mary Thomas Maloney, 91, a native of Constable, was held March 29 at the Ursuline Province Center

She died March 24 at Andrus-on-Hudson. Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Valhalla.

Born in Constable, she was one of 13 children. She entered the Ursulines in 1937 and professed final vows in

1943. She earned a bachelor's degree in English from Fordham University in 1943 and a second degree in elementary education from Fordham in 1961.

She is survived by a brother, Henry. Two of her sisters, both of whom predeceased her, were Ursulines, Sister Priscilla Maloney, O.S.U., and Sister Veronica, O.S.U.

She spent about 25 years

teaching in the Bronx, at St. Philip Neri School, 1941-1952; St. Jerome's, 1953-1964; and St. Angela Merici, 1964-1965.

She later served in Malone for several years as principal at Notre Dame Elementary School, Malone, and in her later years was a pastoral assistant at Notre Dame Church and reading tutor. She also taught for a year in Wilmington, Del.

NYS Bishops release booklet on end-of-life decision making

In an era of rapid medical advances, an aging population and myriad ethical questions surrounding the end of life, the New York State Bishops are offering a guide to Catholics to help them as they confront important decisions for themselves or their loved ones.

Entitled, "Now and at the Hour of Our Death: A Catholic Guide to End-of-Life Decision Making," the 15-page booklet explains Church teaching in this area, stressing the crucial moral

distinction between "ordinary" and "extraordinary" means of preserving life.

In clear and familiar language, the guide informs Catholics that they "are not morally bound to prolong the dying process by using every medical treatment available."

Following the discussion of Church teaching, the guide encourages Catholics to plan for the possibility of incapacitation at a later date by designating a health care proxy.

A proxy form, which is in-

cluded in the booklet, can be a morally appropriate advance care planning tool for Catholics to use to ensure that their end-of-life wishes are followed in accord with their religious beliefs.

The guide is published by the New York State Catholic Conference and was written with the input of a committee of moral theologians as well as the bishops, who approved the final document.

The booklet is available in PDF form at www.nyscatholic.org.

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Bishop LaValley's Schedule

May 5 – 7:00 p.m., Confirmation for Sacred Heart, Massena; St. Mary's, Massena; St. Joseph's, Massena; and St. Lawrence, Louisville at Sacred Heart Church.

May 6 – 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg; 4:30 p.m., Gathering with deacons and their wives at Holy Name Church in Tupper Lake.

May 7 – 10:30 a.m., Mass at the Deacon Winter Chapel followed by the Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg; 4p.m., Confirmation at St. Joseph's Church in West Chazy.

May 8 – 9:30 a.m., Confirmation at St. John the Baptist Church in Plattsburgh; 2:00 p.m., Confirmation at St. James Church in Cadyville.

May 9 – 6 p.m., Confirmation for Holy Name, Tupper Lake and St. Alphonsus, Tupper Lake at Holy Name Church.

May 10 – 7 p.m., Confirmation for St. Stephen's, Croghan and St. Peter's, Lowville at St. Stephen's Church.

May 11 – 7 p.m., Confirmation for Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Watertown; St. Anthony's, Watertown; St. Patrick's, Watertown; St. Andrew's, Sackets Harbor; Roman Catholic Community of Brownville and Dexter; St. Mary's, Clayton; and St. John the Evangelist, Lafargeville at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church.

Rest in Peace

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

May 6 – Rev. P. A. Lynch, O.S.A., 1927

May 7 – Deacon Thomas R.

Finnegan, 1996

May 8 – Msgr. Harold J. Martin, 1958

May 9 – Rev. William J. McCormick, O.S.A., 1935; Msgr. Clarence M. Devan, 2001

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:

May 12 – 6 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi, Constable

May 16 – 6 p.m., St. Alexander's, Morrisonville

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Pat LaBounty and Jean Martin of the Roman Catholic Community of Keeseville; Theresa Perry, and Marjorie Boissey, St. Alexander's Morrisonville; and Father Donald Kramberg, St. Joseph's, Dannemora and Assumption in Redford participated in the recent workshop "What does it mean to be an evangelizing parish?" held in sites across the diocese.

Workshop explores how parishes can be evangelizing

By Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSJ
Director of Evangelization

Dominican Sister Pat Thomas, RENEW International and I traveled across the Diocese recently to offer the Workshop: *What Does It Mean to Be An Evangelizing Parish?*

It was a participative workshop dialoging with the group in what it means to be a welcoming parish and some steps to begin the process of establishing an Evangelization Team in the parish.

Sister Pat presented an adapted form of a Survey for a Vibrant Parish recently published in U.S. Catholic.

The purpose of the survey was to identify statements that showed whether their parish was a welcoming community.

After much discussion of the survey, the groups' next project was to think about four questions to begin the process of an establishing an Evangelization Team in their parish:

- Who?—who are the groups in your parish—name as many as you can.
- Who welcomes?—who from those groups would be welcoming, one who can speak one on one, to be in-

vited to be on the Evangelization Team

- How?—what is the best way to contact or invite this person to be on the team e.g. personal contact, telephone call, invite to lunch

- Who's Missing?—who is sitting by the side of the road e.g. RCIA, Confirmation, Young Adults, Divorced and Separated.

Sister Pat directed the groups to take the following questions back to the pastor and parish council for their consideration:

Do you want an Evangelization Team? Who would be your contact person for evangelization in your parish? What are you doing in your parish that you could do better?

The Easter season is a very ripe time to invite the RCIA team to continue to reach out to those who have come into the full communion of the

Church and to continue to make them feel welcome.

Confirmation will soon be taking place in the parishes. How do we keep these young people active in the parish? These are challenging times in the life of the Church especially at the parish level.

The Easter season is a season of hope. The power of the Holy Spirit has been given to the Church. As a family of faith—a community of believers, we ask for the grace of the Holy Spirit to continue to guide us in sharing our stories of faith to bring others to share their stories.

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Residents of St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg now have the opportunity to connect with family and friends who live out of the area, through SKYPE. Pictured is Dorothy Bercume video chatting with her brother and sister-in-law, Raymond and Carol Bercume who live in Arizona. "his is one of the nicest things I've ever had happen to me," Miss Bercume said. "I love seeing my brother and his wife."



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The Development
Office

Parish hosts concert to benefit community ministry

By Shawn Ryan
Staff writer

DANNEMORA - St. Joseph's Church recently hosted a concert to benefit the area's growing Community Action Ministry.

The concert featured local vocal ensemble "After Thoughts," who entertained some 50 people with a wide array of music from show tunes to musical standards.

The group, which was started in 2009 by director Ronald Goddeau, plays for charity events around the North Country to help worthy causes raise money.

Goddeau started After Thoughts three years ago because, "I've had a pretty good life and I thought it was time to give something back."

The group spans not just multiple genres of music, but the members span generations as well. The group's newest and youngest member is a senior at Saranac High School, while its oldest member is in his sixties. Helping to bring this diverse group together is the group's Director, Jeanette Woodruff.

"I asked her to be coordinator of our group because of her ability to get what she needs out of us." Says Goddeau of his music director.

"We play for any kind of charity," explains Goddeau. "We've played to help food shelves, the Ausable Valley Jazz Band, spaghetti dinners, anywhere there is a need."

The cause which brought After Thoughts to St. Joseph's Church was a fund and food raiser for the Dannemora area's Community Action Ministry, and specifically the Ministry's food shelf.

The Community Action Ministry was formed four years ago as an ecumenical group, bringing together Catholic and Protestant Churches in the Dannemora and Saranac area.

"People are falling between the cracks," explains Father



PHOTO BY SHAWN RYAN

Ronald Goddeau stands amid the food collected at a recent benefit concert at St. Joseph Church in Dannemora, performed by his vocal ensemble "After Thoughts."

Don Kramberg of the group's mission. "There are people who are above the guidelines to qualify for social services, but are still in need. We try to find ways to meet their needs."

To date, Father Kramberg points out, the ministry has given out some \$15,000 to needy families, and this is while the Ministry is still virtually unknown.

By working closely with JCEO of Clinton and Franklin Counties, as well as other social service agencies, the Ministry has already helped numerous families in the four years that they have been operational. While still in the fledgling stage, the Ministry is in the process of writing a charter and pursuing official not-for-profit status, which they hope to achieve within the year.

Along with direct financial support and guidance to other public services, the Ministry also operates a community food shelf out of the Dannemora Methodist Church. The After Thoughts

concert was directly in support of the food shelf, with admission consisting of non-perishable food items.

The Ministry's road has not been without hurdles however. As Father Kramberg points out, just identifying those who are in need is not always easy.

"Once we are a little better organized and can advertise a little, I suspect we will have some more people coming in," says Father Kramberg. He points to fund raising as another major need for the Ministry, especially as the number of people in need increases.

While surveying amount of food collected for the Ministry's food shelf, Goddeau agreed: "There are so many people who need the food shelf but don't utilize it. Maybe they're too proud to use it, but eventually will be forced to. The need is definitely there."

After Thoughts can be reached for charity events through Goddeau, at 518-643-2284.

Care for Creation

PLATTSBURGH - The St. Peter's Environmental Stewardship Committee in Plattsburgh has recently hosted and successfully completed a Franciscan Action Network program entitled C4C - Franciscan Care for Creation.

Parish puts faith into action as it addresses important ecological issues

Sheila Harrison facilitated the six session course, which is an "adult formation program to prepare communities to put faith into action by addressing important ecological issues.

The program follows the direction of "St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi who inspired a vision and a living tradition that can help us to respond to our ecological vocation.

"The C4C process intends to inform, inspire, challenge, and invite participants to an active response."

As a result of participation in the program, the Environmental Stewardship Committee will have a small battery drive to safely dispose of or recycle small batteries at a local collection center.

Other activities of the group at St. Peter's this year have included a fundraiser to purchase LED Christmas lights that were used to decorate the church, a periodic "Green Corner" article in the bulletin, and an 'Energy Saving Swap' of donated environmentally friendly items.

For Lent 350 copies of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. Lenten Creation Stewardship Calendar were distributed.

Tom Metz will be a featured speaker on the topic of solar homes on June 5th at St. Peter's Church.

For more information regarding C4C or the Environmental Stewardship Committee programs, please contact the Rectory at 563-1692.

CONGRATULATIONS! Bishop Terry LaValley on your First Anniversary as our Bishop. Thank you for your gentle presence of Jesus, your compassion and prayerfulness. May God continue to bless you with strength, courage and love as you serve His people in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

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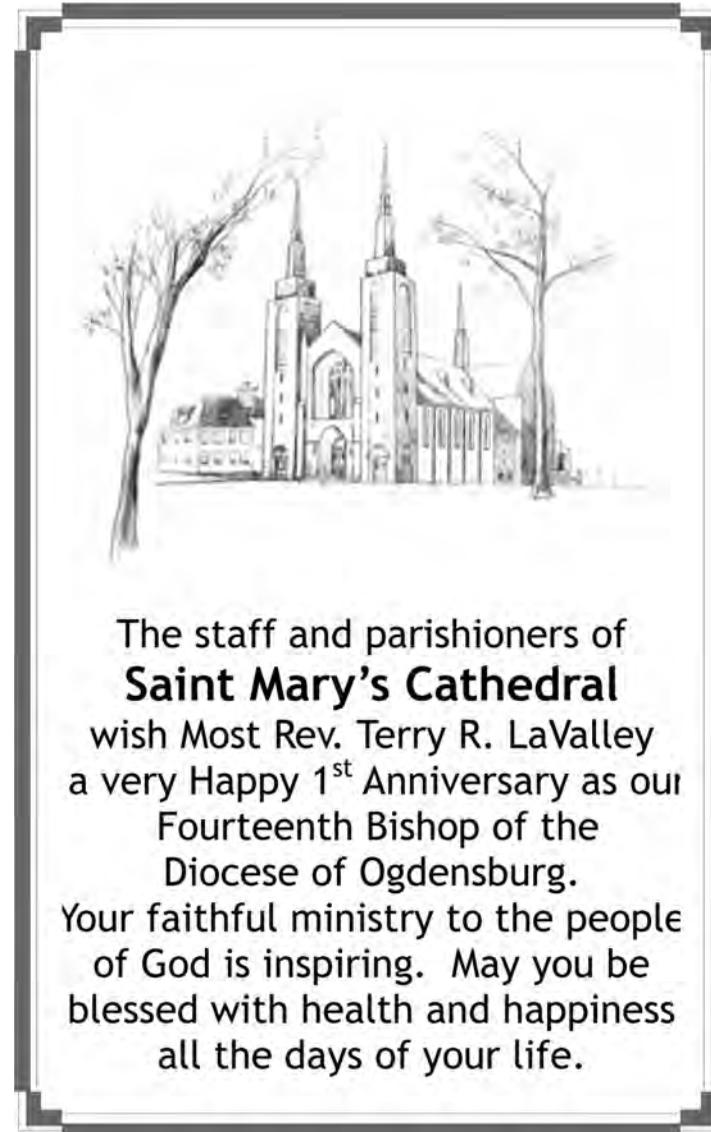
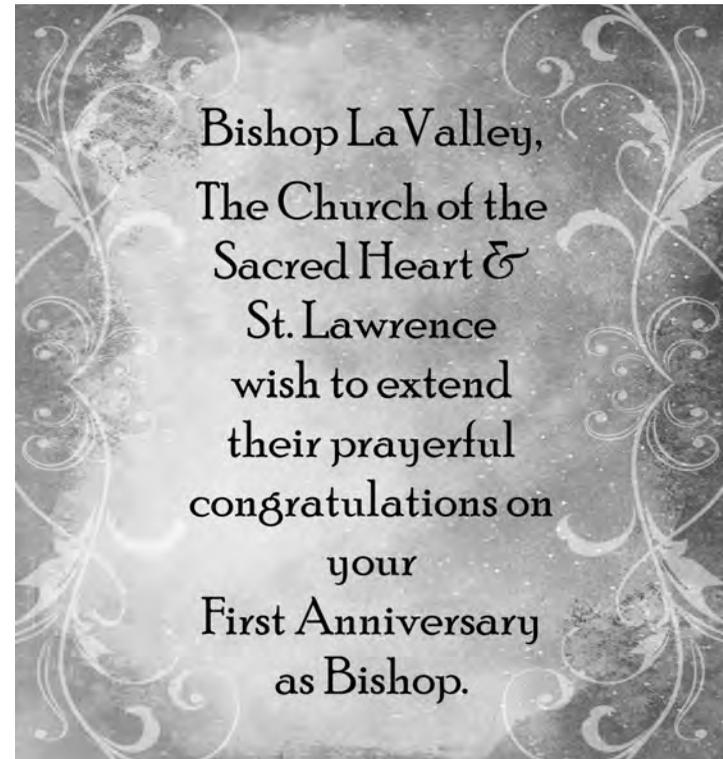
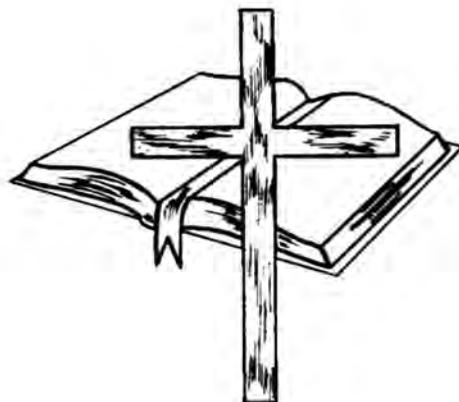
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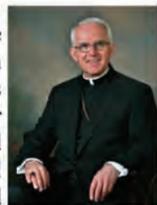


Catholic Charities Mother's Day Appeal

May 8, 2011

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The Mother's Day Annual Appeal for Catholic Charities will be held in all of the parishes on the weekend of May 7-8, 2011. Thank you for your generosity in the past. Please be as generous as possible in this year's Mother's Day Appeal for Catholic Charities.

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Gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
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TELLING OUR STORY

The following stories are true. The names have been changed for privacy reasons. These stories are from people who received services.

LOU'S STORY

Can you imagine what it feels like to be the primary breadwinner for your family and then, suddenly, your company announces that it is closing. Living in the North Country, you know that there are few jobs available with the same salary and benefits level. You feel anxious and worried. You are beginning to have problems with your spouse and teenage children. That's what happened to Lou. He called Catholic Charities for counseling services. Because of his precarious financial situation, Catholic Charities was able to subsidize the counseling sessions with funds from the Mother's Day Appeal. Lou was able to receive the support he needed to cope with the reality of the pending job loss.

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Travis and Sally were in the same situation as many of our seniors. They had worked all of their lives and believed they had sufficient funds to take care of them in their retirement. However, the current economy is harsh and unkind to many of our seniors. Travis and Sally had to make a decision to either have heat in their home or pay for medications that Travis needed for a serious health condition. After spending a week in the cold in the winter, a friend told them to call Catholic Charities. Because of the funds from the Mother's Day collection, Catholic Charities was able to assist Travis and Sally in buying home heating fuel and help them to develop a long term plan that included helping them to access additional services.

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Many women suffer from post-partum mood disorder. Maria had been looking forward to the birth of her first child. However, after her daughter's birth Maria found herself sad, weepy and confused by her emotional response. Luckily, her doctor referred her to Catholic Charities Healthy Beginnings Program. This program provides individual and group counseling for women like Maria. Maria was helped to understand that she was not alone and that she could receive help to deal with this situation. Maria worked with a counselor at Catholic Charities. Today, Maria is a wonderful mother with a healthy and happy two year old. Because of the generosity of the parishes during the Annual Appeal, Catholic Charities was able to be there for Maria in her time of crisis.

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You can change the world...one person at a time through your financial gift to Catholic Charities. This year more than ever, we need your help. Thank you for your caring and your support of Catholic Charities.

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Sr. Donna M. Franklin, D.C.

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Diocesan Director

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Says Pope John Paul's impact will continue for centuries

By John Thavis
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope John Paul II deeply influenced generations of Catholics who knew him in life, but his most enduring legacy -- his teaching -- is something that will continue to impact the church for centuries, a U.S. biographer of the late pope said.

"It's going to be several hundred years before the church really takes on board the breadth and depth of this man's explication of the Gospel, and in that sense we're going to be thinking, and arguing, about John Paul II for hundreds of years," said George Weigel, author of the papal biographies "Witness to Hope" and "The End and the Beginning."

Weigel said that six years after the pope's death his connection with young people continues to bear fruit in many ways: in priesthood vocations over the last decade, in women's religious orders inspired by Pope John Paul and in renewal movements.

"I look at my own parish in

suburban Washington and see young couples raising Catholic families, who all took some form of inspiration from John Paul II. And I suspect this is replicated all over the world," he said in an interview April 27.

NCC coverage of Pope John Paul II's beatification will appear in the May 11 issue

Weigel, who spoke four days before the beatification of Pope John Paul, said he had devoted some 15 years of his life to researching his two major biographies of the Polish pontiff. What impressed him, he said, was that the pope was an "utterly normal human being" who made himself completely open to the work of the Holy Spirit.

In that sense, Weigel said, the holiness that's being recognized at his beatification is something accessible to all Christians. Throughout his life, he said, Pope John Paul was trying to figure out what God was doing in his life and in the world, and to respond accordingly.

"I think everything he did, as a literary man, as a philosopher, as a priest, as a bishop, a statesman, a pope, grew out of his radical Christian discipleship," he said.

"Very few of the billion Catholics in the world are going to have the range of talents that Karol Wojtyla had. Every baptized person has the opportunity to live a life of radical discipleship. And that's our connection to him," he said.

Weigel noted that being a saint is not about perfection.

"It's about living one's life with the intention to do the right thing and making decisions based on one's best judgment, without fear or favor. No pope gets everything right. John Paul II didn't get everything right, he would be the first to admit it," he said.

Some have questioned Pope John Paul's beatification, saying he responded inadequately to priestly sex abuse cases that came to light late in his pontificate. Weigel said that criticism is off the mark.

"The way to think about John Paul II and the priesthood is to recognize that he was a great reformer of the priesthood. The priesthood was in terrible shape in 1978 when he became pope; it was in remarkably better shape 26 years later. That's the context," he said.

"The pope, like frankly the rest of the Vatican, took too long in 2002 to find out what was really going on in the United States. But once he found out, he acted in a decisive way," Weigel said.

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

NCEA convention opens with New Orleans flavor, call to conversations

NEW ORLEANS (CNS) -- More than 7,000 Catholic educators kicked off the National Catholic Educational Association's annual convention with a New Orleans flavor April 26. After an opening speech by Boston College theology professor Father Michael Himes and a Mass celebrated by New Orleans Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond, conventioners were ushered out of the main hall of the New Orleans Convention Center by the rousing sounds of the St. Augustine High School Marching 100, St. Mary's Academy and St. Mary's Dominican High School bands and mini-floats topped with riders throwing beads and trinkets. "We started with a bang," said Lisa Taylor, associate superintendent of Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New Orleans and local convention coordinator. "We wanted to get people all excited, and I think we did!" Atlanta Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory, chairman of the NCEA board of directors, said NCEA has been a trusted voice in Catholic education for more than 100 years. "We recognize that our primary task is the communication of the person and the message of Jesus Christ," he said. Archbishop Aymond, a former chairman of the NCEA board, also said educators must be leaders who give direction and service in the name of Christ. He said New Orleans has a strong legacy in Catholic education, dating from the Ursuline nuns who arrived in 1727. He noted that the first NCEA convention was held in New Orleans in 1913 with a much smaller crowd. "Yet in all those years, our mission has been the same -- to teach as Jesus did," he said. "We honor all those past and those here today that carry on that ministry.... We carry on his mission. We teach as Jesus did."

At Easter, pope prays for peace, freedom in world trouble spots

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- In an Easter blessing to the world, Pope Benedict XVI prayed that Christ's resurrection may open paths of "freedom, justice and peace" for troubled populations of the Middle East and Africa. The pope urged an end to violence in Libya and Ivory Coast, assistance to refugees flooding out of North Africa and consolation for the victims of the Japanese earthquake. He prayed for those persecuted for their Christian faith, and praised their courage. He spoke from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica April 24 in his blessing "urbi et orbi" (to the city of Rome and to the world), after celebrating Mass for nearly 100,000 people in St. Peter's Square. Broadcast to many countries and live-streamed on the Internet, it was the last major event on the 84-year-old pontiff's heavy Holy Week schedule. Pope Benedict said the resurrection of Christ must not be viewed as "the fruit of speculation or mystical experience." It happened in a precise moment and marked history forever, giving human events new strength, new hope and new meaning, he said. "The entire cosmos is rejoicing today," and every person open to God has reason to be glad, he said. But the joy of Easter contrasts with "the cries and laments that arise from so many painful situations: deprivation, hunger, disease, war, violence," the pope said. He prayed that "the splendor of Christ reach the peoples of the Middle East, so that the light of peace and of human dignity may overcome the darkness of division, hate and violence." In Libya, he said, diplomacy and dialogue need to take the place of armed fighting, and the suffering must have access to humanitarian aid

Bishops join drive to protect anti-poverty programs from budget cuts

By Dennis Sadowski
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Religious leaders, including two prominent Catholic bishops, challenged lawmakers to avoid cutting federal spending on anti-poverty programs that help the poorest and most vulnerable people during the country's mounting budget crisis.

The challenge came April 27 as the leaders introduced the Circle of Protection campaign, pointing to biblical values of justice and care for the "least of our brothers and sisters" that Congress and the White House must uphold as the debate over the 2012 federal budget unfolds.

"The poor don't have powerful political voices speaking on their behalf so we are speaking on their behalf. We want to be a strong moral voice that speaks for the common good and those who are most poor," said Bishop Stephen E. Blaire of Stockton, Calif., chairman of the bishops' Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development.

"A just (budget) framework cannot rely on disproportionate cuts in service. They require shared sacrifices by everyone," he said during one of three nationwide media teleconferences introducing the campaign.

Bishop Jaime Soto of Sacramento, Calif., echoed his California colleague in a separate teleconference for Spanish-language media.

Also supporting the effort is Father Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA.

The campaign's introduction comes as Congress was set to return from a two-week recess May 2. One of the key issues on its agenda will be the 2012 budget.

As jockeying over budget priorities evolves, Congress

also faces having to raise the country's \$14.3 trillion debt ceiling. While congressional leaders agree it must be done, a contingent of conservative House members, led by newly elected Tea Party representatives, have said they will oppose raising the ceiling unless significant spending cuts are promised. President Barack Obama has set an early July deadline for raising the ceiling.

Congressional Republicans have said they have a long wish list of budget cuts but have not revealed what they are. Lawmakers of both parties have insisted that military spending is untouchable.

A plan for 2012 offered by Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., already has been adopted by the House. It calls for reducing the tax rates for the top 2 percent of the earners from 35 percent to 25 percent and compensating for the loss of revenues by cutting spending in domestic social services and international development programs and embarking on a 10-year effort to change the way Medicare and Medicaid operate.

Congressional Democrats have opposed the plan, saying it places the elderly and poor at too great a risk.

The religious coalition, which includes leaders from Catholic, mainline Protestant, evangelical, African-American and Latino Christian churches, main-

tains that addressing the deficit is vital to the country's future, but that all areas of government spending as well as ideas for raising tax revenues must be on the table.

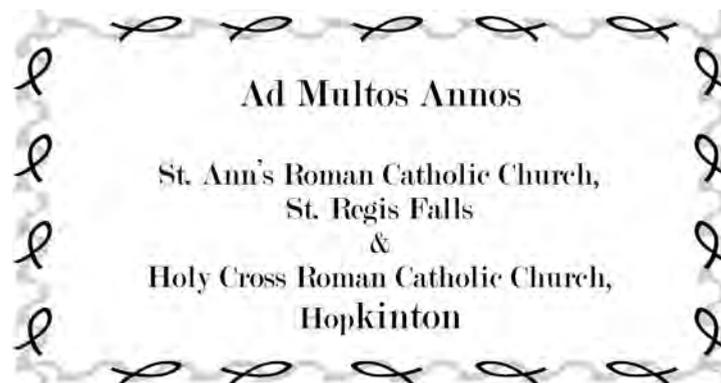
Of particular concern are low-cost, high-impact programs that often mean the difference between a life with dignity and one faced with insurmountable challenges, the leaders said. They cited programs as diverse as low-income energy assistance for poor Americans and the distribution of mosquito nets for people in malaria-prone countries as programs that preserve human dignity.

"Cutting the budget on the backs of the poor ... is simply not worthy of a great nation like ours," said the Rev. Barbara Williams-Skinner of the National African American Clergy Network.

The Rev. Jim Wallis, president and CEO of the evangelical social justice organization Sojourners, said the choices ahead will reveal what values the country holds highest.

"We have to remember that budgets are not just about (financial) scarcity. They're about choices, moral choices. Our choices reveal ... what's important, what's not, who's important, who's not," he said.

"The Circle of Protection means if you come after the poor, you will have to come through us first," he added.



Maryknoll history traces long, diverse path of service

By Dennis Sadowski
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Two priests, one common vision of mission to the world.

Father James A. Walsh, a priest from the Archdiocese of Boston who founded the Catholic Foreign Mission Bureau, and Father Thomas F. Price, a diocesan priest from North Carolina, both envisioned a U.S. Catholic mission to people around the world.

Their discussion during the 21st International Eucharistic Congress in Montreal in 1910 led to their founding the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America -- now known as the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers -- a year later with the blessing of Pope Pius X.

Within a year the society expanded to include religious women, the Maryknoll Sisters. Soon the society accepted brothers and then lay missionaries, who today serve in 26 countries.

Maryknoll is observing its centennial and is the U.S. church's official missionary arm.

Father Walsh, who was consecrated a bishop in 1933 in Rome, made his first journey to Asia in 1917 to find a mission field in China for priests of the order. He was given the mission of Yeungkong and Loting. Before long Maryknoll had missionary priests and sisters in Japan, Korea and the Philippines.

In 1918, Father Price followed Father Walsh to China and was named superior to three young priests at the mission. He died in Hong Kong in 1919 at age 59 from a burst appendix.

Bishop Walsh died at Maryknoll headquarters north of New York City in 1936 at age 69, but his vision of American service as missionaries around the world was being carried out by new leaders.

For his work as co-founder



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Father James A. Walsh, a priest from the Archdiocese of Boston and co-founder of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, is pictured in an undated photo.

of the Maryknoll society and a missionary, he is being promoted for sainthood by the order. A formal presentation of his case is being prepared for the Archdiocese of New York.

Father Michael P. Walsh (no relation), vice postulator of the sainthood cause, described Bishop Walsh as "on fire" for American foreign missions.

"The thing that set him apart was that in a sense he had great ambitions for the American church," Father Walsh explained. "But in another sense there was nothing ambitious about him (outside of mission work). He discovered a remarkable trust that God would provide."

The cause for sainthood is as much to honor the Maryknoll society's co-founder as it is to honor the significance of the American mission outreach, Father Walsh added.

"The church is not fully itself unless it is in mission," he said. "In many ways Maryknoll represents the significant outreach of the American church."

As the Maryknoll presence grew in Asia, priests and sisters helped establish new religious orders for women in China and Korea. In the midst of World War II, Maryknoll priests expanded their

ministries to South America with missions in Bolivia, Peru, Chile and Ecuador.

Maryknoll sisters soon followed and also started ministries in Nicaragua and Panama before the war ended.

Ministry expansion continued along the way. In 1946, the order sent its first missionary priests to East Africa to establish a mission in Tanganyika. Opportunities for ministry continued to grow through the 1990s with new missions opening in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific islands.

One of the first missionaries in China, Father James E. Walsh (also no relation), became a bishop for the country in 1927. He originally arrived in China in 1918 with Father Price and ministered there until the death of Bishop James A. Walsh, when he returned to New York to head the Maryknoll order.

The Vatican requested that he return to China in 1948 because of his experience and knowledge of the country. The following year Chinese communists gained control of the government and began harassing Catholic clergy. After a decade of struggle, Bishop James E. Walsh was arrested and sentenced to 20 years in isolation in prison. He was released in 1970, after 12 years of imprisonment and returned to the U.S. He died in 1980 at age 90.

At least two other Maryknollers were targeted for their religious work. In 1980, Sisters Ita Ford and Maura Clarke were among four churchwomen killed in El Salvador during that country's long, bloody civil war.

Over the decades, lay missionaries have taken on an important role in the Maryknoll community. The first lay missionary, Dr. Harry Blaber, volunteered in 1930. Today dozens of lay missionaries serve the poor in diverse communities around the world.

Poll: Americans have admiration for Pope John Paul

By John Thavis
Catholic News Service

ROME (CNS) -- A majority of Americans admire Pope John Paul II and believe he is worthy of beatification, according to a Knights of Columbus/Marist poll.

The poll, released a few days before the May 1 beatification of the late pope, showed that 59 percent of those responding believe Pope John Paul was one of the best popes or the best pope in church history.

Among Catholics who were polled, the percentage rose to 82 percent.

Carl Anderson, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, said the poll results illustrate Pope John Paul's ability to break down barriers and reach audiences - including non-Catholics - in a variety of ways: through personal visits, defense of human rights, his teaching encyclicals and even his poetry.

"People got to know him. And I think in knowing him, they began to see a part of the Catholic Church they had not known before," Anderson said in an interview in Rome April 28.

"There was an authenticity in the way he lived his Christian life. And I think when people saw that, saw that year after year after year, they came to admire him," he said.

The poll of 1,274 people in the United States found that more than 40 percent of respondents said Pope John Paul made at least some difference in their life spiritually.

Among Catholics, 73 percent said he had spiritual impact on their lives.

Fifty-five percent of those polled said they admired the Polish pope a great deal or a good amount. Among Catholics, the percentage of

admirers was 82 percent, and among those identifying themselves as practicing Catholics it was 89 percent.

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About two-thirds of those polled said they remembered the late pope's trips to the United States.

Almost half the respondents -- and almost three-fourths of practicing Catholics -- said they watched his funeral in 2005.

Anderson, who worked closely with Pope John Paul on various projects, said he thought the Polish pope had changed the concept of sainthood for the modern church.

By beatifying and canonizing so many people from different walks of life, Anderson said, the pope made sainthood seem possible.

In his own life, said Anderson, the pope made the Christian virtues tangible. "You saw what really living the Christian life was about: forgiving the person who tried to murder you, asking for forgiveness and seeking reconciliation with people who had been hostile in the past, showing respect like he did for the religious leaders of the world in Assisi," Anderson said.

"So all of these different ways were, I think, shaping our view of the Christian life and the 'heroic virtue' of the saint, especially the saint in our midst," he said.



PHOTO BY BETTY STEELE
Bishop LaValley accepts the Offertory gifts at the April 14 Chrism Mass from two Catholic school students.

*Happy Anniversary
Bishop Terry R. LaValley*



*May the Good Shepherd continue to lead and guide you
As you tend and feed the flock –
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Bishop LaValley,
Blessings on
your ministry
here in our
Diocese.
Fr. McAvoy



*Thank you
for your
leadership,
Bishop
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*We praise and thank
God for your leadership,
your kindness, but above
all for your faith in our
Lord Jesus!
Blessings on your
First Anniversary
St. Mary's Parish
and
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*Bishop LaValley,
We are truly blessed
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May God grant us
many more years of
your leadership.*

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Bishop LaValley

Our prayers are with you as you shepherd God's people throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg.



Bishop LaValley,
May God's blessing be upon
all your work.

St. Mary's of the Lake,
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You are a great shepherd, we will follow you, God Bless.

Deacon Tom and
Linda Proulx

Our prayers and blessings are with you on the occasion of your First Anniversary as Bishop.



The Sisters of Charity of St. Louis

The Parishioners and staff of St. Ann's & St. Joseph's Churches in Mooers Forks & Mooers wish Bishop Terry LaValley, our "home town parishioner", many more years as our bishop.

Father Gerald Cerank
Deacon Tyron Rabideau
Deacon Dennis Monty

Congratulations Bishop LaValley!

The Parishes of
St. John's, Lyons Falls &
St. Martins, Port Leyden
as well as
Pastor Fr. Stephen Gratto &
Deacon and Mrs. James
Chauffy
pray for you daily.

Congratulations Bishop on the occasion of your First Anniversary!

St. Raymond's Church, Raymondville &
Church of the Visitation, Norfolk.

At nat'l prayer breakfast

WASHINGTON (CNS) - - During the April 27 National Catholic Prayer Breakfast in Washington, speakers paid tribute to the soon-to-be-beatified Pope John Paul II and urged Catholic participants to continue his legacy of defending religious liberty and human dignity.

Speakers pay tribute to Pope John Paul II

Bishop William E. Lori of Bridgeport, Conn., urged the audience of about 1,500 people, including politicians and Catholics from around the country, to take the message of Pope John Paul's pontificate to heart and not let it be "a flash of light that fades."

In order to continue the pope's insistence on religious liberty, the bishop urged the crowd to remember the plight of persecuted Christians in the Middle East and ask government leaders to speak out for those "persecuted and killed for proclaiming the name of Christ."

Closer to home, he spoke of a "subtle undermining of religious freedom in the United States," referring to health care provisions that "call into question the faith" of taxpayers and health care providers opposed to abortions.

He said U.S. Catholic bishops are currently supporting three initiatives that protect the conscience rights of health care providers.

Too often, he said, religious freedom is viewed as a "carve-out" or a special grant by the state, instead of being recognized as an inalienable right. He said churches should be guaranteed more than just their right to worship when their role in serving the poor and those in need is so extensive. When the church is inhibited in "its ability to deliver" services, it is "neither just nor reasonable," he said.

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Bishop with our
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*St. Agnes in Lake Placid
St. Brendan's in Keene*

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the first fruitful year of many to come
in the Episcopal Ministry of
Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley*

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We are grateful for your
guidance
We share in your
anniversary
We extend our warmest
greetings



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Plattsburgh

*Congratulations
Bishop LaValley*



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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

The well-witnessed Resurrection of Jesus

The bodily Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is one of the best-attested events in history.

If we can believe anything at all in history, we can confidently believe that Jesus Christ was seen alive in the flesh by a large number of eyewitnesses.

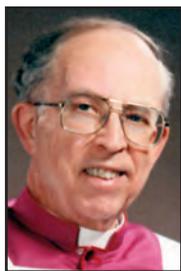
St. Paul tells us that, at one time, there were over five hundred who saw the Lord.

These appearances happened at different times and in different places over a forty-day period. These are established facts, and have withstood attacks by many critics throughout the centuries.

Our first reading today is the word-for-word speech of Peter in the streets of Jerusalem to an astonished

crowd of onlookers.

At first, they think that the apostles must be drunk -then, after hearing the words of Peter, they are distressed and fearful, crying out for mercy at their culpable crime - crucifying the Lord of Life.



Monsignor
Paul E.
Whitmore

Most amazingly of all, five thousand persons were baptized that same day, the day of Pentecost.

What a stupendous beginning for the Church!

Going back in time to the very day that Jesus rose from the tomb, the Gospel delights us with the amazing story of the Road to Emmaus. When you think of what actually happened - Jesus celebrates with them the Liturgy of the Word. He then joins it with the Liturgy of the Eucharist at the Inn.

Let's take a look. These

two disciples were getting out of Jerusalem, totally dejected, walking along with their heads down, gloomily talking about their broken hopes in Jesus, when a stranger joins them, asking them what their conversation was about.

When they tell him the news, he professes ignorance, then says, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!"

Then he began with Moses, and went through the Scriptures, and interpreted for them their meaning. Fascinated, they invite the stranger to join them for supper at an Inn, since it is now nearly sundown.

He agrees, and surprises them by taking the bread and wine into his hands, and quietly says the same words He had uttered just a few days before: "This is my Body...This is my Blood..."

They look at one an-

May 8

Third Sunday of Easter

READINGS

Acts 2:14, 22-33

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

other, and recognize Him in the breaking of the Bread! Then He disappears!

No wonder they hasten back to Jerusalem, bursting into the Upper Room to tell their story. No wonder they cry out, "Were not our hearts burning within us as He explained the Scriptures to us on the way!"

What was the reaction of the Eleven?

They greet their message with skepticism. It was only when Jesus Himself appeared to them that they finally believed.

And it took even longer for Thomas. It wasn't until

the Holy Spirit entered their whole being that they embraced not only the event itself, but also the suffering and the ridicule that living their convictions would bring. Through the grace of that Spirit, they grew in humility, prayer, boldness and courage.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could feel that same enthusiasm each time we hear the Word of God at Mass, and experience again and again the great miracle of Eucharist?

The best part is that Jesus doesn't disappear afterwards. He remains on our altars and in our hearts as we become part of Him, and, hopefully, hasten back home to tell our friends how great God is to die for us, to live for us.

And then-- to share the Eucharist through our love and service is really what the Christian life is all about.

THE HOLY LONGING

The Resurrection: a vindication of God's silence

By Fr. Ron Rolheiser
NCC columnist

Theologians sometimes try to simply the meaning of the resurrection by packaging its essence into one sentence: In the resurrection, God vindicated Jesus, his life, his message, and his fidelity. What does that mean?

Jesus entered our world preaching faith, love, and forgiveness but the world didn't accept that. Instead it crucified him and, in that crucifixion, seemingly shamed his message.

We see this most clearly on the cross when Jesus is taunted, mocked, and challenged: If you are the son of God, come down from there! If your message is true, let the God verify that right

now! If your fidelity is more than plain stubbornness and human ignorance then why are you dying in shame?

God's silence can forever scandalize us: in the Jewish holocaust, in ethnic genocides, in brutal and senseless wars...

And what was God's response to those taunts? Nothing, no commentary, no defense, no apologia, no counter-challenge, just silence. Jesus dies in silence.

Neither he nor the God he believed in tried to fill that excruciating void with any consoling words or explanations challenging people to look at the bigger picture or to look at the brighter side

of things. None of that. Just silence.

Jesus died in silence, inside God's silence and inside the world's incomprehension. And we can let ourselves be humbly scandalized by that silence, just as we can let ourselves be perpetually scandalized by the seeming triumph of evil, pain, and suffering in our world. God's silence can forever scandalize us: in the Jewish holocaust, in ethnic genocides, in brutal and senseless wars, in the earthquakes and tsunamis which kill thousands of people and devastate whole countries, in the deaths of countless people taken out of this life by cancer and by violence, in how unfair life can be sometimes, and in the casual manner that those without conscience can rape whole areas of life seem-

ingly without consequence.

Where is God in all of this? What's God's answer?

God's answer is in the resurrection, in the resurrection of Jesus and in the perennial resurrection of goodness within life itself.

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But resurrection is not necessarily rescue. God doesn't necessarily rescue us from the effects of evil, or even from death. Evil does what it does, natural disasters are what they are, and those without conscience can rape even as they feed off life's sacred

fire. God doesn't intervene.

The parting of the Red Sea isn't a weekly occurrence. God lets his loved ones suffer and die, just as Jesus let his dear friend, Lazarus, die and God let Jesus die.

God redeems, raises us up afterwards, in a deeper more lasting vindication. And the truth of that statement can even be tested empirically.

Despite every appearance sometimes, in the end, love does triumph over hatred. Peace does triumph over chaos. Forgiveness does triumph over bitterness.

Hope does triumph over cynicism. Fidelity does triumph over despair. Virtue does triumph over sin. Conscience does triumph over callousness.

Life does triumph over death. And good does tri

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AT THE MOVIES

MADEA'S BIG HAPPY FAMILY

By Kurt Jensen
Catholic News Service

Tyler Perry's broadly drawn morality plays, which include the stage version of "Madea's Big Happy Family" (Lionsgate), have proven so surefire with their targeted audience as to be critic-proof.

In these earthy, over-the-top crowd-pleasers, insults fly, family problems are solved, children learn to defer to adults and short-tempered Madea (Perry in a muumuu) occasionally slaps wrongdoers -- to wild audience cheers.

But there's a warm heart somewhere as well as a happy ending; the plays exist in a sentimental universe of their own.

In motion picture form, however, the flaws become more apparent, and they're not above criticism -- nor should they be.

The problem is not in the simple plot, in which Madea's appealingly gentle niece Shirley (Loretta Devine) learns she has ter-

minal cancer and tries to gather her three adult children -- Tammy (Natalie Deselle Reid), Kimberly (Shannon Kane) and Byron (Shad "Bow Wow" Moss) -- at her house to tell them the bad news.

The grown siblings, we discover, are all locked in dysfunctional relationships, sometimes with insolent children, while recently released ex-con Byron is also dabbling again in the drug dealing that landed him in jail.

The genuinely troublesome parts of this adaptation -- which Perry both wrote and directed -- consist of bug-eyed characterizations and comments that invoke not so much old racial stereotypes, as newly minted ones of Perry's own creation.

These begin with Madea's pot-smoking sister Aunt Bam (Cassi Davis), who supposedly has co-matriarch status with Madea as a moral force, but spends the first half of the film in a literal haze.

There's a particularly ugly

comment, moreover, aimed by Madea at husband Joe (also Perry) when she refers to him as a "silverback."

Worthy messages about spouses respecting each other, children obeying adults and families learning to function as a unit while buffeted by the stresses of modern life get somewhat overshadowed by all this unsettling material.

Madea, to Tyler's credit, is never as simplistic as the Atlanta milieu in which she's placed.

Although she has no particular religious precepts of her own -- she explains that she knows God is angry at her -- she fully expects her relatives to live up to the Christian faith they profess to have, and she manages to produce a few fractured Biblical quotations along the way.

Such an off-kilter but engaged approach to religion could yield some interesting results; it's too bad they're largely lost in a flurry of slaps upside the head.

The film contains marijuana use, some adult



CNS PHOTO/LIONSGATE

David Mann and Tyler Perry star in a scene from the film "Madea's Big Happy Family."

humor, fleeting crass language and slapstick violence. 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.

Fr. Rolheiser

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umph over evil, always. Mohandas K. Gandhi once wrote: "When I despair, I remember that all through history, the way of truth and love has always won. There have been murderers and tyrants, and for a time they seem invincible. But in the end they always fall. Think of it, always." wrote: "When I despair, I remember that all through history, the way of truth and love has always won. There have been murderers and tyrants, and for a time they seem invincible. But in the end they always fall. Think of it, always."

The resurrection, most forcibly, makes that point. God has the last word. The resurrection of Jesus is that

last word.

From the ashes of shame, of seeming defeat, failure, and death, a new, deeper, and eternal life perennially bursts forth. Our faith begins at the very point where it seems it might end, in God's seeming silence at Jesus' death.

And what does this ask of us? First of all, simply that we trust its truth. The resurrection of Jesus asks us to believe what Gandhi affirmed, namely, that in the end evil will not have the last word. It will fall. Good will eventually triumph.

More deeply, it asks us to roll the dice of our lives on that trust and that truth: What Jesus taught is true: Virtue is not naïve, even

when it is shamed. Sin and cynicism are naïve, even when they appear to triumph. Those who genuflect before God and others in conscience will find meaning and joy, even when they are deprived of the world's pleasures.

Those who drink in and manipulate sacred energy without conscience will not find meaning and life, even when they taste pleasure. Those who live in honesty, no matter the cost, will find freedom. Those who lie and rationalize will find themselves imprisoned in self-hate. Those who live in trust will find love. God's silence can be trusted, even when we die inside of it.

We can live in faith, love,

forgiveness, conscience, and fidelity in spite of everything that suggests that they aren't true. They will bring us to what is deepest inside of life and love because God vindicates virtue.

God vindicates love. God vindicates conscience. God vindicates forgiveness. God vindicates fidelity.

God vindicated Jesus and will vindicate us if we remain faithful as Jesus did.

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ADIRONDACK

AGING IN YOUR OWN HOME

Lake Placid – Mercy Care for the Adirondacks, Will hold an an educational forum. Aging in Place in Your Own Home

Date: May 19

Time: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Place: Paul Smith's College Campus

Speaker: Jonathan White, Architectural Research and Design Associate at the Center for Inclusive Design and Environmental Access.

Features: The presentation will give an overview of Universal Design, Visitability, and Resources for Home Modifications. It will define the housing problem, changing demographics, consequences of housing barriers, and obstacles to inclusive housing. The presentation will discuss Levels of Access as an inclusive housing strategy and give an in-depth look at visitability. It will also discuss housing designed for the lifespan and the IDEa Center's home modifications programs. There is no fee to attend the forum but pre-registration is required by May 13.

Contact: To reserve a place, please send e-mail to sschneck@adkmercy.org or call 523-5583. Registrants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

CLINTON

40TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Plattsburgh – Champlain Valley Right to Life, Inc. is celebrating its 40th year with a buffet dinner and program.

Date: May 25

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Emmaus Room at St. Peter's Church

Cost: \$20

Features: Dinner is by reservations only and tickets will be available May 1st. Bishop LaValley will be the guest speaker for the evening.

Contact: Call or text Betty Buffett at 518-535-6640 for reservations.

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.

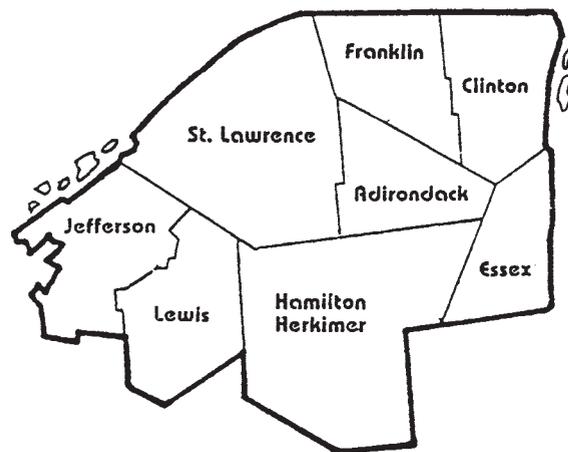
SMA ZUMBATHON

Altona – St. Mary's Academy to have a Zumbathon.

Date: May 15

Time: 1:15 p.m. registration; 2 p.m. to 4

Place: Rainbow Banquet Hall



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

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

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

Cost: Adults, \$10; 12 and under, Free

Features: Sounds by Xtreme DJ Sounds Service. Raffles & more.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

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

Theme: "Because his faith was so strong, [St.] Joseph's mind and heart bowed in perfect adoration. Imitate his faith as you kneel before the humble Christ." (St. Peter Julian Eymard).

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

FRANKLIN

CAMP BEDFORD OPEN HOUSE

Lake Meacham – Join other Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers at Camp Bedford's open house and Beaver Day.

Date: May 7

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

Place: Located 23 miles south of Malone on US Route 30 (3/4 mile north of Meacham Lake State Campground access road).

Features: Cleaning up campsites, trails and other areas of the camp. Tour of the camp including visiting a campsite. Have a chance to meet the staff and Gate Keepers. Enjoy lunch in the dining hall with a dish to pass and your own place settings.

Contact: Pre-Register the number of youths and adults that will attend by E-mail by May 1 with Cory Haynes: clhaynes14@gmail.com, 518-856-9656.

JEFFERSON

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.

INTERFAITH DAY OF PRAYER

Watertown – Interfaith National Day of Prayer to be held.

Date: May 5

Place: In front of municipal building

LEWIS

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Port Leyden – There will be a spaghetti dinner sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 92.

Date: May 5

Time: 5 p.m. to 7

Place: Port Leyden Community Hall

Cost: Adults, \$6; Children, \$3; under 5, Free

ST. PETER'S ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Lowville – St. Peter's Annual Festival has been schedule

Date: May 20-22

Place: St. Peter's Church grounds

Features: Ontario Amusement will provide Carnival rides. There will be a special Saturday matinee with unlimited rides for \$12 per person from 1 p.m. to 5. All weekend the festival will feature homemade food specialties including Shiskabob, Clam Chowder, Fried Dough, and more. Also "This-n-That," a Giant Bake Sale, and Games for all ages; including Bingo Friday evening at 7 p.m. The festival concludes on Sunday with a Chicken Barbecue with all the fixings. Take-outs will be available. Be sure to come early before the Chicken runs out! Don't leave too early; at 4 p.m. the drawings begin for cash prizes totaling \$2000.

ST. LAWRENCE

SPRING SOCIAL

Gouverneur – St. James Church to hold Spring Social.

Date: May 12-14

Time: May 13 doors open at 6 p.m.; May 14 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: St. James grounds

Features: Bingo May 13 at 7 p.m. Rides, games, food, fried dough all three days.

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY

Massena – Parishioners of St. Mary's Church have planned a special Rosary.

Date: May 7

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Features: Please join us in the Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima prayed in reparation to Her Immaculate Heart and for World Peace. A 15 minute silent meditation on the Glorious Mysteries will follow. Confessions will be available.

POTSDAM LIFE CHAIN

Potsdam – Stand United Pro-Life Northern NY at the Potsdam Life Chain.

Date: May 7

Time: Gather and get signs at 1:45 p.m., then Life Chain from 2 to 3

Place: Along Market and Main Sts.

Features: This will be a visual statement of pro-life witness that abortion kills children and our support for the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception. We will gather at the park across from the Roxy Theater on Main St. rain or shine.

Contact: Dan Paladin at 262-0222 or Chris LaRose at 403-8123

K OF C BRUNCH

Norfolk – The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a brunch.

Date: May 8

Time: 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Place: Visitation Parish Center; Take-outs available

Cost: Adults, \$6; Children under 12, \$4; Under 5, Free; Family, \$16

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

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 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.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

GUGGENHEIM CLEAN-UP

Saranac Lake – The annual clean-up weekend at Camp Guggenheim is set.

Date: May 13 at 5 p.m. to May 15

Contact: Dick Lynch of St. Joseph's Church in Dannemora, at 518-492-7583 or email yesgrp7@aol.com for more information and to sign up

CAMP REGISTRATION

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

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

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

Features: The camp director for Guggenheim is Casey Provost of Chazy; Michelle Rosteck of Lowville will be director of SportsCamp.

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

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



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'He is here!'

The following reflection is the first of two parts written by James Franke, a native of Rouses Point and graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville, where he graduated with degrees in Catechetics and Theology. James spent three summers serving on staff at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake. He now serves the Family Missions Company, a lay organization that trains and sends out missionaries to the ends of the earth to fulfill and live out the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.

An early January morning, unlike the cold and snow I had been walking through a week earlier, I find myself arising early in the morning to begin my mission by walking into the hot and humid jungle of the Amazon.

Today I am going, with a number of religious sisters, a priest and group of missionaries, to visit Tres Hermanos, a small jungle village a few hours away from our mission base in Misahualli, Ecuador.

Piling into the back of our truck and beginning to drive into the jungle, we had no idea the day that was awaiting us, what the Lord had planned.

An hour later, reaching the literal 'end of the road' we step down from the vehicles, put on our packs and begin our hike.

The beginning of our hike seemed easy enough, trekking down a well trodden path, and making great time, we began to think that we would surely make it to our destination within the hour. Slowly that dream of ours began to diminish and we realized the work that we had gotten ourselves into. The once smooth and easy path was soon transformed into a winding and difficult journey through the thickness of the Amazon, made more difficult only by the thigh-deep mud we found ourselves wading through.

What to many would have been a back-breaking blow became for us a reason to rejoice! Songs of praise and worship began to echo throughout the jungle around us as we shouted out the glories of God. Encouraging and inspiration quotes and lyrics came to strengthen us after the first and second hours passed and we still seemed distant from our final stopping point.

From Teddy Roosevelt saying, "Nothing in the world is worth having or worth doing unless it means effort, pain, difficulty... I have never in my life envied a human being who led an easy life. I have envied a great many people who led difficult lives and led them well." to Christ's, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23), we began to realize that this hike was very much one of those crosses that Christ was speaking about, one of those worthwhile things that was in no way easy.

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

Kathleen Brousseau

NORWOOD - Mass of Christian Burial for Kathleen Brousseau, 71, wife of Deacon Frederick Brousseau, was held April 26 at St. Andrew's Church.

She died April 22 at the Hillcrest Commons Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center, Pittsfield, Mass. Burial is in Calvary Cemetery

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three sons, Shawn and Cara Brousseau, Albany; Michael and Margo Brousseau, Minnesota; Charles and Lisa Brousseau, Ellicott City, MD; her daughter, Katherine and Kevin Valentine, New Jersey and her six grandchildren, Erin, Clark, Alex, Abigail, Megan and Kasey. She is also survived by her two brothers, Kenneth McGowan, Norwood and Charles McGowan, Potsdam. She was pre-deceased by one grandchild, Tyler, and her sister, Theresa Gallagher.

Born in Potsdam on September 19, 1939, to the late Kenneth and Katherine Tracy McGowan, she graduated from Ithaca College with a degree in Physical Therapy. She married Frederick Brousseau on June 10, 1967. She worked as a Physical Therapist for the Canton-Potsdam Hospital and was assigned to the Nursing Home. She retired in 2000.

Mrs. Brousseau was a member of St. Mary's Church, Potsdam and St. Andrew's Church, Norwood and a member of the Altar and Rosary Society.

Memorial donations can be made to St. Andrew's Church.

AuSable Forks - Rita M. (Pelkey) Bashaw, 83; Funeral April 27, 2011 at Holy Name Church; burial in parish cemetery.

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Brasher Falls - Cecilia A. "Sally" (White) Curtis, 84; Funeral Services April 26, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Carthage - Mark A. McKenna, 50; Funeral Services April 29, 2011 at St. James Catholic Church; burial in Fairview Cemetery.

Croghan - James Maurice Marilley, 86; Funeral Services April 30, 2011 at St. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery.

Hogansburg - Simon King, 83; Funeral Services May 2, 2011 at St. Regis Catholic Church.

Massena - Michael E. White, 57; Funeral Services April 26, 2011 at the Donaldson Funeral Home; burial in Kateri Cemetery.

Mooers Forks - Laura Ann (Hemingway) Rabideau, 46; Funeral Services April 30, 2011 at St. Ann's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Morrisonville - Carl R. LeClair, 89; Funeral Services April 26, 2011 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Memorial Gardens, Plattsburgh.

Norwood - Ross S. Germano, 59; Funeral Services April 30, 2011 at Buck Funeral Home; burial in Raymondville Cemetery.

Norwood - Ralph J. Prevost, 85; Funeral Services April 29, 2011 at the Buck Funeral Home; burial in Riverside Cemetery.

Ogdensburg - Elizabeth J. "Betty" Han-

nan, 85; Funeral Services April 26, 2011 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg - Catherine L. (McCartin) King, 92; Funeral Services April 27, 2011 at St. Mary's Cathedral; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg - Jenson P. Measheaw, 30; Funeral services April 23, 2011 at Fox and Murray Funeral Home; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Peru - Joseph A. Alexander 79; Funeral Services April 28, 2011 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in St. Augustine's parish columbarium.

Peru - Jerome M. "Jerry" Downs, 80; Funeral Services May 3, 2011 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in Norton Cemetery, Keene.

Plattsburgh - Dawne A. (LeClair) Canning, 75; Funeral Services April 26, 2011 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dannemora.

Plattsburgh - June Marie Vincent, 69; Funeral Services April 28, 2011 at the Brown Funeral Home; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Mooers.

Saranac Lake - Elzida L. Wilkins, 91; Funeral Services April 27, 2011 at St. Bernard's Church.

Ticonderoga - Mary B. (Bessett) Fortino, 83; Funeral Services April 27, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Parish Cemetery.

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YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

College student inspires earthquake-ravaged city

By **Erick Rommel**
Catholic News Service

Sendai, Japan, is a city that many Americans had never heard of before March's devastating earthquake and tsunami. Sendai was known as the City of Trees; now it is known as the city closest to the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant.

For the more than 1 million people who live in Sendai and the millions of others across Japan affected by the natural disaster, one of the most powerful in human history, the devastation wasn't something that they saw on the news; it was an unspeakable horror that they personally experienced, and one that will affect their memories for the rest of their lives.

Imagine if a natural disaster hit the area surrounding your town. Think of your favorite restaurant, your school, the field where you learned to play soccer. Now imagine those places forever altered.

Would you be overwhelmed with thoughts of the last words you spoke to people you care about and whether those words were worthy of a final farewell?

Would you be able to work or go to class without thinking of those who used to sit beside you, telling you jokes?

Would you be able to follow your regular routine?

I believe that the answer to each of these questions is yes. No matter what happens, people always find the strength to overcome, not because they are uncaring, but because that's who they

are. Hideki Matsuyama is one of those who found the strength to overcome.

When the earthquake hit, the 19-year-old sophomore at Fukushi University in Sendai was in Australia. When he returned to campus, the devastation shocked him.

He had to ask himself if he would allow the disaster to overwhelm him or continue as normal a routine as possible.

Matsuyama is not just a student; he's also a top amateur golfer. In 2010, he won the Asian Amateur Championship.

That earned him a spot at the 2011 Masters, one of the most exclusive golf events in the world.

At first, Matsuyama wasn't sure that traveling to the United States was the right thing to do. Then he

thought of how his talent could inspire and encourage his country, a country that loves golf and adores its national heroes.

"I decided to play at the Masters not only for myself but for the people who made me who I am," he said. "The Masters has been my dream. It's their dream as well. Doing my best here is my obligation for them."

Matsuyama made the trip to Augusta, Ga., teeing off alongside the best golfers in the world.

During the first two days, he played exceptionally well. He became only the second amateur to make the cut since 2005, and that made him the top amateur in the competition.

Then he showed the talent and skill necessary to inspire a nation. He shot the best round by an amateur in

10 years. He was one shot off the best round of the day, shooting five birdies -- three more than Tiger Woods and only one less than South African pro golfer Charl Schwartzel, the eventual Masters champion.

Matsuyama finished the competition tied for 27th place.

With his success, no one could fault Matsuyama for becoming a professional golfer, but that's not who he is. He'll return to Fukushi University when it reopens next month. He plans to stay until he graduates in three years.

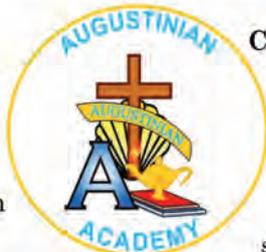
He's also preparing for another golf tournament, this year's Asian Amateur. If he wins, he'll be back in Augusta again next year, once again proving that sometimes winning is more than just the final score.

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May God who has begun this good work in you bring it to fruition.*

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