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writes in his Follow Me column this week.

The *North Country Catholic* also marks Natural Family Planning Awareness Week with special features on pages 8-9.

A highlight of the pages is the Young Catholic Voice column by Amanda Miner who

signed up for NFP classes with her fiancé in preparation for their marriage this fall.

"I would recommend that all engaged couples seriously look into NFP," Amanda wrote. "Even those who are married and might be using artificial contraception can

start using NFP at any time.

"My fiancé and I are still beginners when it comes to NFP but it has opened up our communication even more already and I know it will be a beautiful way to deepen our sacramental love once we are married in Christ," she said.

MARYKNOLL ANNIVERSARY

With a local connection....



Maryknoll Brother Wayne Fitzpatrick, a native of Malone, is celebrating his 30th anniversary in Maryknoll during the congregation's centennial year. In this week's *NCC*, he shares how his experiences growing up in the Diocese of Ogdensburg influenced his decision to enter the missionary group. "I am filled with tremendous gratitude for my missionary vocation and deeply proud of the Diocese of Ogdensburg," he writes. "My vocation was born and nurtured by the faithful, Sisters, Brothers and Priests of the Diocese, and I am proud and blessed to live mission every day."

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SUMMER SCHEDULE

The next issue of the *NCC* will be dated Aug. 3. In the meantime, check out www.northcountrycatholic.org and the *NCC*'s Facebook page

CELEBRATING MASS... CELEBRATING LIFE



PHOTO BY COLLEEN MINER

Bishop Terry R. LaValley celebrated Mass and led a meeting of parish respect life coordinators July 7 at the Guggenheim Lodge in Saranac Lake. Here, he accepts the offertory gifts from Tom and Claudia Sanders of St. Joseph's Church in West Chazy with Deacon Francis F. Bateman of St. Mary's Cathedral assisting. See page 7 for more photos from the day.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It's time to enjoy the best place of all!

The Iowa branch of the family has arrived and the fun has begun!

Over the next couple of days, we'll welcome brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and our own grown kids back "home" where they belong.

They'll travel from Virginia, New Hampshire, California and all parts of New York State, to converge on the place we all love best (at least in the middle of July) – our own little piece of the St. Lawrence River.

Sometimes we don't appreciate all the particular joys and challenges of living on the northern border of our country but, this week, we wouldn't want to be anywhere else!

We're willing to acknowledge that there might be other parts of God's Country - in the Adirondacks, along Lake Champlain, near Lake Ontario - that some could claim as the best place in the world but for my extended family, nothing beats "our" river.

Along with the refreshment of the swimming and the fun of the fishing, the St. Lawrence offers something intangible and undeniably spiritual.

For most of us, the quickest way towards finding peace of mind, peace of heart is to sit near the water and watch the fish jump or see the sun set.

For me, it's the easiest place in the world to pray.

Pope Benedict understands what I'm talking about. On the first Sunday in July, as he began his summer vacation at Castel Gandolfo, he encouraged people to enjoy their summer in a way that also would help them draw closer to God.

He urged parents to "teach your children to observe nature, to respect and protect it as a magnificent gift that makes us sense the greatness of the creator."

Sounds like a pretty good way to spend a vacation to me.

I think I'll try it!



Mary Lou
Kilian



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CHURCH: A FAMILY OF FAITH

The Treasure and the Pearl

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time, July 23-24

Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSI
Director of Evangelization

For Matthew to use images of a "treasure" and "a pearl" is to bring home to us, as a family of faith, the supreme value of the Kingdom of God.

What are we willing to give up, to sell, to throw away to have that one treasure? Have you ever lost something of value and looked everywhere to find it? There are no substitutes for this "lost pearl"!

The "pearl of great price" is God's wisdom, the same wisdom that Solomon was given.

The gift of wisdom helps us to set priorities that are in harmony with the priorities of God. This wisdom doesn't solve all of our problems but it does mean having the right priorities and knowing how to apply the right priorities of our ordinary life.

What and who is really important in your life?

The "pearl of great price" is also the gift of God's plan of salvation for us. This plan of salvation comes through the gift of His Son Jesus Christ. The purpose of His plan is to reconfigure His children into the image of His Son.

There are five active verbs that Paul uses to tell us about this "pearl of great price" – God *foreknew, predestined, called, justified, glorified*.

God knew what He wanted to do to bring all of His children into the plan of salvation and He took the necessary steps to make this happen.

God doesn't force upon us His plan and invitation to everlasting life because He gives us free will. To refuse His invitation is the result of the exercise of this free will, an exercise that God permits but does not predetermine.

We know that this "pearl of great price," the gift of His Kingdom, is true, because God's word is true. We have already experienced a part of His plan through the experience of our individual lives and in our participation in the life of the family of God, the Church.

How is your family of faith implementing the plan of God? How are you making it concrete in your public lives? In your families?

The fishing net that catches all kinds of fish is a wonderful image for evangelization. What kind of fish are in the buckets?

The Good News is proclaimed to all sorts of people. As fishermen, as evangelizers, do we "draw in" every sort of person when they hear the Gospel message? As we "pull in" these nets ashore, we extend our welcome to the people lured by seeing Jesus in us. They may be different from us. They add to the awesome variety of God's kingdom, helping to fulfill God's plan of salvation.

What is Jesus saying in all of these parables about the Kingdom?

What is the one word that is the experience of the Kingdom of God when we have the "treasure" or "the pearl"?

It can only be *joy!*

Joy is the gift of the Holy Spirit that helps us know that we have made the right choices in life. It is the right choices that give us the true treasure, the pearl of great price.

The rightness of our conscience allows us to experience the real joy in our lives. Joy is a sign that God's presence is within us.

What are the times or decisions in your life that have clearly resulted in a deep inner sense of joy?

As a Church, A Family of Faith, how can you reach out to those you know who are looking for a deeper experience of their faith?

Are you the fisherman that "pulls them in"?

FOLLOW ME

The beauty of church teaching on spousal love

Almost half a century ago, some married couples left the Catholic Church over it.

A few priests left the priesthood because of it.

Some clergy ignored it or even counseled against it. In practice, most Catholic spouses rejected it.

I'm speaking of Pope Paul VI's teaching on artificial contraception in his Encyclical Letter, *Humanae Vitae*, written in 1968.

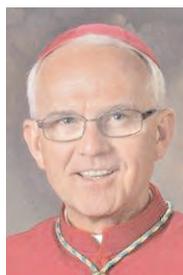
Studies indicate that the great majority of married couples today practice some kind of artificial birth control. It appears that the Church's teaching has fallen on deaf ears.

With such a poor response, why has the Church teaching continued to prohibit artificial contraception as a means of limiting the number of children in families?

Is Mother Church that out of step with the lived expe-

rience of the faithful that she just can't admit she made a mistake?

Not at all!



Bishop Terry R. LaValley

The Church provides us with National NFP Awareness Week (July 24-30) to educate us so we might recapture the beauty and significance of the Church's teaching on spousal love and to remind us of the grave consequences of discarding God's plan for marriage.

The Church has always taught the intrinsic evil of artificial contraception, that is, of every marital act intentionally rendered unfruitful.

Contraception is gravely opposed to marital chastity; it is contrary to the good of the transmission of life, and to the reciprocal self-giving of the spouses.

It harms true love and denies the sovereign role of God in the transmission of human life.

In their recent document on marriage, the U.S. Bishops wrote: "By using contraception, married couples may think that they are avoiding problems or easing tensions, that they are exerting control over their lives.

At the same time, they may think that they are doing nothing harmful to their marriages."*

The language of the body is meant to express total self-gift, an unreserved openness to the possibility of procreation.

Certainly, today's contraceptive mentality, including sterilization, lacks such openness.

Whenever the sexual union of a husband and wife is reduced to a means of solely self-gratification, conjugal love is diminished.

Natural Family Planning is a holistic approach to family planning that promotes openness to the transmission of human life and recognizes the value of children.

Natural Family Planning is not a contraceptive. It does

nothing to prevent conception.

NFP Awareness Week

July 24-30

Instead, married couples adjust their behavior according to their family planning intention using the naturally occurring signs and symptoms of a woman's fertility cycle.

Through Natural Family Planning, a couple's communication and trust are deepened, ultimately strengthening their marriage.

A husband and wife reflect the relationship of Christ and His Church. Christ gives Himself freely and completely. It is in that freedom and total giving that spousal love is expressed.

I earnestly hope and pray that you will make a special effort, especially this week, to learn more about Natural Family Planning and come to understand and embrace what the Church has always

taught: procreation requires a sacrificial love whereby children become the supreme gift of marriage.

The Church can never compromise when it comes to the dignity and worth of every human person and the sacred purpose and meaning of marriage.

Our diocesan directors of Natural Family Planning, Suzanne and Angelo Pietropaoli, work hard to educate us about Natural Family Planning, particularly our engaged couples.

We are grateful to them and to our certified teachers who volunteer their time in this life-affirming ministry. Please check out our diocesan webpage at www.dioogdensburg.org/nfp for more information and see the special features on pages 8-9 in this Week's *North Country Catholic*.

(* "Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan," *Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, USCCB, 2010.*)

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St. Joseph Sister Mary Ellen Brettm diocesan mission director, adds that "North Country parishes offer prayers for the recipients as

they fund missionary activities such as catechetical and lay leadership as well as youth ministry."

In a letter to support the appeal, Bishop Terry R. LaValley, wrote:

"Missionary zeal has always been a sign of the vitality of the Catholic Church. The energizing spirit of missionaries, by sharing Christ's love and service, brings faith-filled hope to people living in the developing countries.

"The annual collection for the Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg offers the opportunity to further our own passion in supporting the ministry of our missionaries.

"During the weekend Masses of July 30 and 31st, the parishioners of Adirondack, Clinton, Franklin,

Essex, Hamilton/Herkimer Deaneries will be given an opportunity to support our missionaries. Our parishes will offer prayers for the recipients and take up collections to fund missionary activities such as catechetical and lay leadership programs as well as youth ministry.

"The Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg appeal will be used to:

"1. Provide continued financial support of our former mission in Mollendo, Peru;

"2. Support the United States Bishops' annual appeal for Latin America; and

"3. Assist other missionary projects throughout the world that our diocese deems appropriate as part of our evangelization efforts.

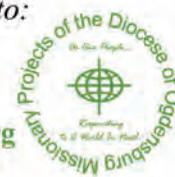
"I am grateful for your gift to promote missionary en-

deavors in our young parishes among the poor of the world. May God bless you and your families for your generous response to

this year's appeal." Contributions to the appeal may also be made with the coupon shown on this page.

Yes, I would like to contribute to the M.P.D.O. I wish to help by enclosing the following gift to:

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Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg
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Funeral held for Fr. Emile LaLonde

EDWARDS-A Mass of Christian Burial for Father Emile G. LaLonde, 97, Was held July 6 at Sacred Heart Church.

He died July 3 at St. Joseph Nursing Home in Ogdensburg. Burial Was in St. James Cemetery in Gouverneur.

Father LaLonde was born March 25, 1914 in Ogdensburg, the son of the late Albert and Laura Simard LaLonde. He went to school for six years at Holy Cross School in Ogdensburg, then attended school in Talcville and graduated from Edwards Central School.

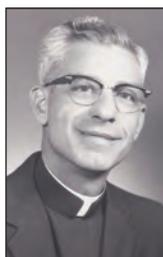
Father LaLonde studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall Seminary in Ogdensburg and St. Augustine Seminary in Toronto, Canada.

He was ordained in Ogdensburg on June 7, 1941 by Bishop Francis Monaghan. He was a priest at Notre

Dame in Malone from 1941-45, St. Patrick's in Rouses Point from 1945-50, St. Francis Xavier in Redwood from 1950-60, Holy Angels Church in Altona from 1960-63, St. John the Baptist in Madrid from 1963-66, St. Cyril in Alexandria Bay from 1966-69, St. Augustine in North Bangor from 1969-72 and St. Francis Solanus in Harrisville from 1972-79.

Father LaLonde is survived by several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by four brothers, Raymond, William, Ralph and Joseph and six sisters, Laura Bastin, Anna Northrup, Beatrice Ruley, Catherine LaDouceur, Eumelda LaLonde and Aurore Hurley.

Donations may be made in Father LaLonde's memory to the Propagation of the Faith for Masses.



Fr. Emile LaLonde

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF SERVICE



Bishop LaValley and Ogdensburg area priests joined Grey Nuns and Grey Nun Associates July 1 for a 90th anniversary celebration. The Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart trace their spiritual roots to the faith and charism of St. Marguerite d'Youville, the Mother of Universal Charity. The only American congregation of Grey Nuns, the order was founded in 1921, as an independent English-speaking congregation to minister in the United States.

Foster Grandparents sought

TUPPERLAKE-Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg is seeking new participants in the Foster Grandparent Program for service in Franklin, Clinton, Essex, St. Lawrence and Jefferson counties.

Foster Grandparents is a

national program that is funded through the Corporation for National and Community Service and is hosted by the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Catholic Charities, which has hosted this program since April 2011, has funding

for 52 volunteers, and currently only has 40.

Vivian Smith, director of the program, said, "our program is flourishing in Tupper Lake, but we are desperately trying to do the same thing in St Lawrence and Jefferson Counties.

"Our main office is located in Tupper Lake, but we travel all five counties," she said. "I think we are the best kept secret for senior citizens in these counties."

Duties of a Foster Grandparent

Foster Grandparents are volunteers, aged 55 and older, who spend at least 15 hours per week with children who are in need of extra attention. This might include reading to children, listening to them, reviewing homework, playing games, offering friendship and companionship.

The participants earn a small stipend, mileage, lunch and insurance while volunteering.

Further information is available from Ms. Smith or Melissa Hitchins at 518-359-7688.

FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM SPONSORED BY CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG

Serving the following counties
Franklin, Clinton, Essex, St. Lawrence and Jefferson

The Foster Grandparent Program is a volunteer program where senior citizens age 55 and older volunteer at schools with children who are in need of extra help and attention.

The Foster Grandparent Program is an opportunity to "SHARE WHAT YOU KNOW" With the children of your community.

Foster Grandparents earn a small stipend, mileage reimbursement, lunch, and insurance while volunteering. The stipend earned does not reduce any current funding service that you may already be receiving, or affect any subsidized rentals based on income.

For more information on how to be involved in the Foster Grandparent Program, please call: Vivian Smith or Melissa Hutchins 518-359-7688

St. Mary's Church, Clayton 9th Annual Summer Gala & Raffle

To benefit St. Mary's Church

Only 370 Tickets to be sold!

(One need not be present to win)

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Born into a mission spirit

By Br. Wayne J. Fitzpatrick, M.M.

I was born the year that Maryknoll, the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, was celebrating 40 years of service to the people of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

From Malone to Maryknoll

Back then, it was a young and vibrant Missionary Society of Apostolic Life of Priests and Brothers responding to the needs of the poor and building up the local Church.

This year, Maryknoll is celebrating its centennial – 100 years of missionary service to the world – and we are just as vibrant as we look forward to our next 100 years of mission and welcome young priests and Brothers to the Society.

Mission was a common theme and experience growing up in the Ogdensburg Diocese and sharing my faith with family and parish at Notre Dame in Malone. I

remember so well that, in fifth grade at Notre Dame School, we read the Maryknoll magazine on a monthly basis as part of our religion class. At the end of class, we all put a nickel in a band-aid box to be sent to Maryknoll to support their work with the poor.

At home, my Grandmother Fitzpatrick always shared with me the monthly magazine on mission from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. The world and the needs of the poor around the world were introduced to me at a young age. The mission spirit continued when my Uncle Donat Poirier's brother, Father Raul Poirier, would come home on furlough from Central Africa as a Missionary of Africa to spend time with family and share his mission experience and stories with us. I remember so well those Sunday afternoons at my Aunt Eleanor and Uncle Donat Poirier's home watching slides of Father Poirier's mission and listening to his stories. I was



Brother Wayne

drawn into the stories and experiences of mission life.

The years at St. Joseph's Ursuline Academy, through the Ursuline Sisters, furthered the mission spirit in me. The Sisters shared many stories about their mission work in Thailand and Indonesia. Once again, I found myself pulled into the stories and experiences.

The Diocese of Ogdensburg answered the call to mission in January of 1962 and opened a mission in Mollendo, Peru. Over the

years, I read the stories and experiences of the priests who served in Peru – Fathers Paul Hagan, Roger Martin, Andy Amyot, George Maroun, Dan Chapin, Vinnie Flynn and the list goes on.

I recall being deeply influenced by this commitment and I believe it played a role in my ongoing discernment to the missionary life.

In 1976, I studied language in Bolivia with Father Chapin and together we traveled to Peru during Christmas break. I had the privilege of spending time at the parish in Mollendo, the result of the prayers and sacrifices the good people of the Ogdensburg Diocese have done for the people and the local Church. The close friendship between Maryknoll Missioners and the Priests and faithful of the Ogdensburg Diocese continues to this day.

Growing up with the mission spirit I experienced in the Diocese of Ogdensburg I now understand the words of the late Father Jerry Service when I was discerning

Editor's note

Maryknoll Brother Wayne Fitzpatrick, a native of Malone, is celebrating his 30th anniversary in Maryknoll during the congregation's centennial year. Here, he shares how his experiences growing up in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, influenced his decision to enter the missionary religious order.

God's call to a mission vocation. He told me that if I believe that God is calling me to mission I must apply to Maryknoll – the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America. Father Service was Associate Pastor in my home parish in Malone. Thank you, Father Service!

I am filled with tremendous gratitude for my missionary vocation and deeply proud of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. My vocation was born and nurtured by the faithful, Sisters, Brothers and Priests of the Diocese, and I am proud and blessed to live mission every day.

About Br. Wayne Fitzpatrick

Brother Wayne Fitzpatrick was born in Malone, Jan. 13 1951, the son of John and Helen Miner Fitzpatrick. He has two sisters and two brothers. His early schooling was at Notre Dame Grammar School and St. Joseph Ursuline Academy.

In May 1972, Brother Wayne received the degree of Associate in applied Science with a major in Business Administration from SUNY Canton.

He entered Maryknoll at Hingham, Massachusetts, as a Brother Candidate in September 1972, becoming the diocese's only parishioner to join the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers.

He received a B.S. in Behavioral Science from Mercy College in New York, an M.A. in Theology at the Maryknoll

Seminary and pursued pastoral counseling studies at Loyola University in Baltimore, Maryland, where he received his Masters Degree in Counseling.

Brother Wayne took his First Oath to the Society at Maryknoll, New York, on May 13, 1973 and his Perpetual Oath on April 28, 1979.

While at Maryknoll, Brother Wayne has promoted an understanding of the vocation and charism of missionary Brotherhood in the Society. He was instrumental in securing General Council approval for the formation of the Brothers Coordinating Team that later became the Brothers Service Team.

He has been an active participant in the promotion of the Brotherhood vocation in the United States, working

closely with the National Assembly of Religious Brothers and serving as a member of its National Board from June 1985 to June 1988.

Brother Wayne also has worked actively with the Retirement Success Profile for Religious that helps religious prepare for the later stage of life through fifteen factors.

He is part of the Maryknoll Society team that provides Aging and Retirement Workshops to Society members both in the United States and overseas.

Brother Wayne currently is Director of Life Long Formation and Continuing Education for the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. He also serves as the Assistant Regional Superior for the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers in the U.S. Region.

M Fathers and Brothers
MARYKNOLL



**Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers are celebrating
100 years of missionary service to the world.**

We would like to thank all of the supportive, generous and prayerful people, clergy, religious, and especially Bishop LaValley, of the Ogdensburg Diocese for all you've done for Maryknoll and for the mission of Jesus throughout the years.

In thanksgiving for this wonderful support, and in gratitude for 100 years of mission service through Maryknoll we'd like to extend our invitation to join us for the 11 a.m. Mass and a light reception afterwards on August 28, 2011 at Notre Dame Church, Malone.

**Please RSVP to PBork@Maryknoll.org or to
Maryknoll Buffalo Mission House
73 Adam St., Tonawanda, NY 14150**

Diocesan grants aid parishes in projects for the disabled

Bishop Terry R. LaValley has announced that \$10,000 has been disbursed to St. Bernard's Church, Lyon Mountain; and St. John the Baptist, Plattsburgh to assist them with projects to improve accessibility to their facilities for the disabled.

The funds are made available from the annual contributions of the New York State Knights of Columbus to the Diocese of Ogdensburg and are distributed by the Diocese on the recommendation of Catholic Charities and the Department of Education.

In announcing the grants to this year's recipients,

Bishop LaValley noted the generosity of the Knights which "assist our diocesan institutions in their efforts to make Churches, schools and parish centers accessible to all people.

"I am most grateful to the Knights of Columbus for their generosity in this area and in the many ways in which they support the work of the Church in our Diocese," the bishop said.

Announcement of the availability of these grants was made last April by Catholic Charities and the Department of Education. The criteria for acceptability

of a request cover several factors.

Improvement in already existing programs or facilities is considered as well as program development and the purchase of special equipment.

The grants awarded this year will assist Father Theodore Crosby, pastor in Lyon Mountain, with the needed repair of a handicap ramp for the Church.

Father Timothy Canaan, pastor at St. John's in Plattsburgh, will use the funds to construct a handicap accessible ramp for the parish rectory.

IHC announces hiring of new elementary school principal

WATERTOWN - The Immaculate Heart Central Education Council approved the appointment of Gary F. West as principal of Immaculate Heart Central Elementary School, effective July 1

He succeeds Gail Baker-Graham retired as principal effective June 30.

Mr. West has a Certificate in Educational Administration from St. Lawrence University

and a Masters of Science in Counseling and Psychological Services from SUNY Oswego.

Michael Alteri, president of the Education Council noted, "In addition to his education credentials, Gary has extensive experience in teaching and administration. We look forward to his leadership within the IHC system, particularly at the Elementary

level."

Mr. West has ten years of teaching experience at the elementary level and has served as an Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment in the Gouverneur School District, Principal of Fowler Elementary School and Supervisor for Instructional Services for the Jefferson-Lewis BOCES.

Bishop LaValley's Schedule

July 24 – 7:30 a.m., Mass for Founder's Day Weekend at Fort de la Présentation in Ogdensburg.

July 25 – 4:00 p.m., Mass at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake.

July 26 – 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg.

July 27 – 12:00 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

July 28 – 4:00 p.m., 50th Anniversary Mass of St. Mary's Academy at the Deacon Winter Chapel in Ogdensburg.

July 29 – 12:00 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.; 5:00 p.m., Evening Prayer and BBQ with the Seminarians at St. Mary's Church in Canton.

July 30 – 10:30 a.m., Jubilee Mass for the Sisters of St. Joseph at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Watertown.

July 31 – 11:00 a.m., Installation of Fr. Kevin McEwan as Pastor of St. Mary's, Ticonderoga and Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Crown Point at St. Mary's Church.

Aug. 3 – 8:00 a.m., Mass at the Precious Blood Monastery in Watertown.

Rest in Peace

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

July 20 – Rev. Francis Leo Desrosiers, 1956; Rev. J. Carlton Dewey, 1963

July 21 – Msgr. John H. O'Neill, 1938

July 23 – Rev. Pierre Casenave, O.M.I., 1884; Rev. Francis J. Casey, O.S.A., 1958

July 24 – Rev. George Burke, 1897; Rev. James Joseph Gainor, 1946; Rev. Bartholomew Aloysius O'Connell, 1963; Rev. Henry Wilcott, 1965; Rev. Francis Edic, O.F.M.Conv., 1975

July 25 – Rev. Simon Wallace, M.S.C., 1941

July 26 – Rev. J. Owen Barry, O.S.A., 1978

July 27 – Rev. John B. Chappel, M.S.C., 1884; Rev. Matthew J. Sweeney, 1935; Rev. Daniel A. Harron, O.S.A., 1942; Rev. Harold J. P. McCabe, 1976; Rev. Daniel F. Lyddy, 2002

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Aug. 2 – Rev. Zephyrin Jutras, 1919

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:

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NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

The next issue of the *North Country Catholic* Will be dated Aug. 3

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PRO-LIFE 'MEET AND GREET'



PHOTOS BY COLLEEN MINER

Pro-life representatives from parishes across the diocese met at the Guggenheim Lodge July 7 to pray together and share ideas. Bishop LaValley celebrated Mass for the program that was organized by John and Colleen Miner, diocesan directors of respect life ministry. Some of the pro-life leaders shown above during lunch are Karen Smith, Plattsburgh; Mary Sovie, Ogdensburg; Dorothy Hobbs, Potsdam; Josie Garrant, Plattsburgh; Bette Hartzell, Sackets Harbor; Bernard Duffy, Champlain; Jamie Burns, Canton; Carolyn Pierce, Heuvelton; and Gib LaRose, Dannemora. At right is Mary Dillenbeck, parish representative from St. Mary's in Clayton won the gift basket of prolife materials for her parish.



COLLABORATIVE MINISTRY AT WORK



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE WARD

Leaders of the diocesan offices of young adult ministry, Lorraine Turgeon; youth ministry, Deacon Brian Dwyer; marriage preparation, Dayna Leader; evangelization, St. Joseph Sister Mary Eamon Lyng; and family life, Gayle Frank met in late June to discuss ways to collaborate in ministry. The result was a flyer outlining diocesan programs that can support families, which is being sent home to every participant at Camp Guggenheim this summer.

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St. Mary's Cathedral
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"A time to gather and celebrate marriage"

Understanding God's plan for married love

By Angelo and Suzanne Pietropaoli
Diocesan NFP directors

During NFP Awareness Week, Bishop LaValley encourages the members of our diocesan family to "learn more about Natural Family Planning and come to understand and embrace what the Church has always taught."

How does the Church understand God's plan for married love? What does Natural Family Planning have to do with this teaching?

These are important questions because God's design, rooted in the dignity of the human person and respect for the life-giving power of sexual love, encourages the development of strong marriages and healthy families.

Made in God's image, human persons are created in love and for love. Having made us male and female in his own image, God enlists our participation in his great plan of creation: he makes us co-creators with himself of new human beings.

In so creating us, God made possible the deepest and most mysterious kind of human love: that total gift of husband and wife in a one-flesh union which is powerful enough to bring forth a new person. This is the mystery at the heart of marriage, this sexual union created by God to be

both love-giving and life-giving.

Since these two meanings have been written into married love by God himself, they must be respected by his creatures.

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week July 24-30

The Church challenges us to live as good stewards of God's gift of married love. We are challenged to reject the errors of our age, to turn away from the falsehoods of contraception, sterilization, and those forms of technological reproduction that attempt to separate the life-giving and love-giving meanings of human sexuality.

Marriage itself is about unity, a sacrament in which two become one. Every aspect of a couple's life needs to honor this truth: nothing must divide their love, nothing - including their procreative potential - must be withheld from their union.

Natural Family Planning is an invitation to a way of life that reverences the creative power of God and his presence in the couple's relationship. Learning to observe and interpret the physical signs of fertility empowers couples to know when conception is possible and when it is not. The couple then uses this knowledge to

achieve or to avoid pregnancy.

While NFP has a method effectiveness of 99% in postponing pregnancy, it is also highly effective for couples seeking to achieve conception. The comprehensive science of Natural Family Planning makes it effective for all women, irrespective of age or cycle length.

Although it is free from the health risks of contraceptives, Natural Family Planning can have some powerful side effects. Husband and wife gain new appreciation for the power and wonder of their sexuality; men are amazed to learn the intricacies of the female cycle; wives are amazed that their husbands love them enough to respect, rather than repress, their fertility.

Husbands and wives learn new ways to be attentive to each other when abstaining from intercourse to avoid conception during the fertile time; knowing when they are most likely to conceive often deepens their awe at the mystery of creation.

With the Psalmist, they give thanks for being "fearfully, wonderfully, made!"

Anyone interested in learning Natural Family Planning, or learning more about the method, is encouraged to contact Angelo and Suzanne Pietropaoli at the Diocesan NFP Office. Email: apietropaoli@dioogdensburg.org. Phone 518-483-0459. Visit www.dioogdensburg.org/nfp.

Church teaching: rich and full of common sense

By Janet E. Smith
Contributing writer

The Church's teaching on contraception is not just a doctrine that states what not to do. Many people would benefit from knowing that it is a doctrine that explains how extraordinarily important is the act of having children.

One reason that modern culture has trouble understanding the truth of *Humanae vitae* is that it fails to appreciate what a profound good children are.

It is true that most parents love their children beyond belief and frequently even acknowledge that they are great gifts from God. Many parents will testify that when they held their baby for the first time, they experience a rush of love matched by little else.

But they do not always realize that in having children they are "co-creators" with God. This is not a term used by *Humanae vitae*; it is

a term used by John Paul II in his writing.

Humanae vitae does speak of the "extremely important mission of transmitting human life" that God has entrusted to spouses. A human life is of inestimable value; a human soul is destined to share a blissful eternity with God, the angels and saints.

Only God can create a new human soul but he needs the help of human beings to bring forth a new person.

When engaging in sexual intercourse spouses are inviting God to perform his creative act of bringing a new human soul into existence: they supply the sperm and egg; God provides the soul. He then entrusts that soul to the parents to guide and educate and ultimately to help get them to heaven.

Our culture does not really focus on helping people to realize that some day they will likely be parents and how tremendously important a task that is.

We do not often think that we should be spending much of our youth preparing for the responsibilities of being parents.

Contraception enables us to think of sexual intercourse as a casual and to some extent as an insignificant act rather than an act that can change the universe - for the coming to be of a new human being truly changes the universe. Someone who did not exist before comes into existence and will remain in existence forever.

If people were conscious of the extreme significance of the sexual act, they could not possibly be as cavalier about it as they now are. They would choose their spouses very very carefully - and use as a foremost criterion the suitability of that person to be a parent.

Those who succeed in marrying someone who will be a good parent - someone who is patient, generous, responsible, kind, other directed, and reliable also are

nearly guaranteed to get a terrific spouse - for who wouldn't want a spouse with those virtues?

Our sexually out of control culture and divorce culture has led 68% of children born in the U.S. to being born out of wedlock or born into households that will fragment through divorce. One out of four pregnancies is aborted.

Those who understand the Church's teaching on sexuality know that to a great extent it is shaped by a concern for the well-being of any children who may result from acts of sexual intercourse.

Children born into families where their parents are sexually self controlled, where they are faithful, stable, and desirous of children are predictably much better off than those born to single parents, to the unfaithful, to those open to divorce or divorced.

The Church's teaching is also shaped by a knowledge that those who become par-

ents generally become much better people; they need to develop quite a set of virtues in order to be good parents. Those virtues also help them be good spouses, good co-workers, good citizens.

Those who use natural family planning to plan their family size develop the virtues needed to be good parents; they develop sexual self-control and patience and generosity - and they almost never divorce.

Catholics who have not heard a defense of the Church's teaching on contraception might be surprised how rich and full of common sense it is.

Nationally known speaker and author, Janet E. Smith, PhD, teaches at Sacred Heart Seminary in the Archdiocese of Detroit. This article was originally produced for California Association of NFP's newsletter, CANFP NEWS, 1877-33-CANFP. reprinted here with permission from CANFP Association.

YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

Deepening a sacramental love

By Amanda Miner
Contributing writer

My fiance and I had both decided that we'd like to practice Natural Family Planning once we're married so as preparation for our marriage, we registered for a diocesan-sponsored program which operates out of the local Catholic hospital right outside of Philadelphia. I started to get both nervous and excited as our first day of class approached. Many thoughts had been running through my head. Is it going to be difficult to learn? Will it work if I have an irregular cycle? Is it going to be difficult to get used to?

My fears subsided as we walked into the classroom and I saw several young people around our age begin to trickle in. As we went around the room to in-

troduce ourselves I started to smirk. Not only were all of the couples young adults but there were 9 couples in all and ALL were engaged to be married. Seeing things like this gives me great hope for the young Church. The classes were very interesting and informative and our instructors suggested that we start charting right away to get the hang of making observations for a couple months before the wedding. They also reassured us that NFP, when done correctly, can work for everyone, even if you have an irregular cycle.

One thing that struck me during our classes was the beauty of the human person. God has a specific, unique plan for the female body that makes perfect sense! NFP is an amazing method that allows us to naturally monitor our body

to both achieve and avoid pregnancy. When used correctly, NFP is 99.6 percent effective. Many people think of NFP as a "Catholic birth control." This couldn't be farther from the truth. When practicing NFP one must always remain open to the possibility of life, as this is one of the four vows that we agree to within the sacrament of marriage. NFP helps many couples who are struggling to conceive. By simply coming to observe and record our body's "signals," many couples are able to achieve pregnancy with the help of NFP.

A concern I've often heard voiced from Catholics is the worry that NFP is immoral because it is a means of avoiding conception as well. Although NFP can be used to avoid pregnancy, the Church stresses that this should only be in serious

circumstances. Some examples include, serious financial inability to raise a child, or serious mental, emotional or physical difficulties. (*Humanae Vitae*)

Lines of communication close when using artificial contraception. It has the danger of focusing the conjugal act inward, in a selfish way as each party holds back part of themselves. Birth control pills are classified as a class one carcinogen. NFP is a healthy option for everyone, not just Catholics. In a society that is so concerned with buying organic foods grown without pesticides, why then do so many put the poison contained in birth control pills into their bodies? NFP is natural with no side effects.

Another great benefit of using NFP is that it increases communication in a selfless loving way between

husband and wife. When a couple is trying to avoid conception during fertile times due to a serious circumstance, the couple has to work together and must sometimes say no to personal desires while keeping their spouse in mind. This is a great lesson that can be applied to all of life as there are many times when we must sacrifice our own desires for another.

I would recommend that all engaged couples seriously look into NFP. Even those who are married and might be using artificial contraception can start using NFP at any time. My fiance and I are still beginners when it comes to NFP but it has opened up our communication even more already and I know it will be a beautiful way to deepen our sacramental love once we are married in Christ.

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Ongoing debate over debt limit brings calls for preserving safety net

By Patricia Zapor
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - As congressional and administration negotiators played out their game of debt-limit stare-down, advocates for and recipients of federally funded services for the poor, elderly and disabled began raising their voices in protest of proposals to solve the fiscal crisis by cutting social service budgets.

Sarah Watkins, a member of a disabilities activist organization called Adapt, said that the help she gets through Medicaid - one of the programs named often as likely to face major budget cuts -- makes the difference between whether she is able to live independently or must be institutionalized.

Watkins was among hundreds of participants in a July 12 rally in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, where users of Medicaid services, providers of those services and other advocates for the poor held signs touting "Medicaid Matters" for seniors, people of faith, children, America and parents.

The government must formally raise its debt limit by Aug. 2 or the country will face unknown, but potentially dire, financial circumstances.

Government and private economists warn that if the United States fails to raise the limit on how much it can borrow and stops paying its bills, the economy will face a dramatic crisis.

As the Associated Press explains: "Democratic and Republican congressional leaders agree on the need to avert that outcome, but that hasn't been enough to get Republicans to agree to the tax hikes on corporations and the wealthy sought by

Obama -- or to convince Obama and Democrats to sign on to the steep entitlement cuts without new revenue that Republicans favor."

In a July 15 news conference, President Barack Obama said while cuts to social safety net programs are on the negotiating table, he's unwilling to cut services to existing recipients but that he would consider steps such as raising the amount that wealthier seniors have to pay for their Medicare services.

Among participants at the Care Congress event who were giving their personal stories of reliance on Medicaid, Watkins described the many types of care she gets daily.

Aides come to her home for six hours a day, she said, beginning early in the morning, "to help me get out of bed, dress, bathe, prepare meals, get everything I need done so I can get on with my day." Later, they return to help her get ready for bed.

"Without these 40 hours a week of Medicaid-funded services, I wouldn't be living on my own. I wouldn't be volunteering in my community. I wouldn't be working full time and I wouldn't be paying taxes," said Watkins, who uses a motorized wheelchair.

"I would be in a nursing home, unnecessarily using additional public dollars for care that I do not need and that I do not want," she said.

The organizers said 7.6 million people receive in-home and community-based long-term care.

They noted in a press release that by 2030, an estimated 20 percent of the U.S. population will be made up of people over age 65, adding to the need for such services.

The rally was among numerous efforts being waged

to try to convince negotiators that cutting funding for Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare will have dramatic and disastrous effects on the poor people who rely on those programs.

A July 13 letter to Obama and members of Congress from Catholic leaders said they are deeply concerned that a budget compromise will be struck "that sacrifices the poor and most vulnerable on the altar of deficit reduction. Such a solution would be flawed public policy and a moral failure."

The letter was signed by Catholic religious and lay leaders, including Sister Simone Campbell, a Sister of Social Service and executive director of Network, a social justice lobby; Jesuit Father T. Michael McNulty, justice and peace director for the Conference of Major Superiors of Men; Franciscan Sister Marie Lucey, associate director for social mission at the Leadership Conference of Women Religious; the five-woman leadership team of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas; and Jesuit Father James Hug, president of the Center of Concern.

"We must address our nation's fiscal crisis," they wrote. "The crisis is the result of unsustainable tax cuts, deficit funding of two wars, and the financial crisis. In this context it is gravely immoral to balance the budget on the backs of the middle class and poor by slashing Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security and other bedrock safety-net programs that support pregnant mothers and infants."

"In years past, political leaders from both parties have reduced the deficit without hurting our most vulnerable neighbors and increasing poverty," the Catholic leaders said. "We must do so again."

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Chinese officials ordain another bishop without papal approval

SHANTOU, China (CNS) -- Chinese officials ordained a bishop without papal mandate, just 10 days after the Holy See excommunicated another newly ordained bishop. Father Joseph Huang Bingzhang was ordained July 14 at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Shantou, in southern China's Guangdong province. The Asian church news agency UCA News reported that Bishop Johan Fang Xingyao of Linyin, president of the government-sanctioned Chinese Catholic Patriotic Association, was the main celebrant. He was one of eight Vatican-approved bishops at the ordination. On July 4, the Holy See excommunicated Father Paul Lei Shiyin of Leshan, who was ordained a bishop without papal mandate. The July 4 statement also stated that the consecrating bishops, including Bishop Fang, have exposed themselves to serious canonical sanctions. Earlier, UCA News reported that a bishop in Guangdong said he was en route to Shantou, accompanied by government officials. Some other bishops who tried to avoid going to the ordination were taken to guesthouses by officials. In Shantou July 14, police sealed off all roads around the cathedral. Nobody could get near without an entry card. Only designated photographers were allowed to carry cameras or video recorders inside the cathedral, UCA News reported. About 30 priests and more than 1,000 people were present. However, church sources said fewer than half of the 20 diocesan priests attended. The source told UCA News that many priests went into hiding days before the ceremony, but some were found by government officials and had to attend to the ceremony.

Order accuses Fr. Corapi of sexual, financial wrongdoing, falsehoods

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Father John A. Corapi was involved in "years of cohabitation" with a former prostitute, repeated abuse of alcohol and drugs and "serious violation" of his promise of poverty, according to a fact-finding team appointed by his religious order. Father Corapi, who recently announced he would leave the priesthood because he could not get a "fair hearing" on misconduct allegations against him, has been ordered by the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity to return to live at the order's regional headquarters in Robstown, Texas, and to dismiss a lawsuit against the woman whose accusations prompted the investigation. A July 5 news release from Father Gerard Sheehan, regional priest servant for the order, said although Father Corapi's ministry "has inspired thousands of faithful Catholics," he is "now misleading these individuals through his false statements and characterizations." There was no immediate response to the announcement from Father Corapi. The order said its three-member fact-finding team had gathered information "from Father Corapi's emails, various witnesses and public sources" and had concluded that the priest had a long-term sexual and cohabitation relationship with a former prostitute; "repeatedly abused alcohol and drugs;" "Has recently engaged in sexting activity with one or more women in Montana," and "Holds legal title to over \$1 million in real estate, numerous luxury vehicles, motorcycles, an ATV, a boat dock and several motor boats, which is a serious violation of his promise of poverty as a perpetually professed member of this society."

HONORS FOR A NEIGHBOR



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Pope Benedict XVI presents a pallium to Archbishop Gerald Lacroix of Quebec in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican June 29. During Mass the pope gave 41 archbishops the woolen pallium as a sign of their communion with him and their pastoral responsibility as shepherds.

With new abortion laws in effect, questions loom

WASHINGTON (CNS) - As two Kansas abortion clinics prepared to close their doors because of new licensing requirements that took effect July 1, a federal judge blocked enforcement of a South Dakota law mandating a 72-hour waiting period and setting several informed consent provisions.

The two actions came amid a flurry of activity on abortion in various states, with much of it focused on defunding Planned Parenthood in the joint federal-state Medicaid program.

The federal Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services told the Indiana government in June that its restrictions on Planned Parenthood funding with Medicaid dollars would violate the "free choice of provider" provisions under Medicaid and thus put all Medicaid

funding to the state in jeopardy.

In a 44-page opinion June 24, U.S. District Judge Tanya Walton Pratt ruled that because "the federal government has threatened partial or total withholding of federal Medicaid dollars to the state of Indiana," it was in "the public interest" to continue funding Planned Parenthood.

The Indiana law prohibits any state health care contracts with or grants to organizations that perform abortions or operate a facility where abortions are performed.

Similar laws directing state family planning funds away from Planned Parenthood have been passed in Tennessee, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Kansas, New Jersey, Texas and New Hampshire.

Bishops praise Illinois injunction continuing Catholic foster care

By Nancy Frazier O'Brien
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Two Catholic bishops praised an Illinois judge's ruling late July 12 that the state's termination of its contracts with Catholic agencies providing foster care and adoption services risks causing "irreparable injury" to the nearly 2,000 children involved.

Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of Peoria, Ill., said he was encouraged by Sangamon County Circuit Judge John Schmidt's "recognition today of the grave harm that would result if Catholic Charities was forced out of its long-standing mission of serving children in foster care and adoption."

Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki of Springfield said he was grateful "for the sake of the children in our Catholic Charities foster care program" that the services will be allowed to continue.

Schmidt issued a temporary injunction allowing Catholic Charities agencies in the dioceses of Peoria, Springfield, Joliet and Belleville to continue providing state-funded foster care and adoption services, despite July 8 letters to each agency from Erwin McEwen, director of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, effectively canceling those contracts as of June 30.

McEwen said the contracts would not be renewed because each agency "has made it clear that it does not intend to comply with the Illinois Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act."

The law, which took effect July 1, permits civil unions for same-sex couples and stipulates that they would have the same rights and benefits as married couples in the state, including the right to adopt and provide foster care.

July 1 also marked the beginning of fiscal year 2012, when the new contracts would have begun.

The Catholic agencies only place children with married heterosexual couples or single people who are not cohabiting. State officials have said the law would not allow the agencies to refer same-sex couples to other agencies, as they have done for decades.

The decision will affect 1,997 children in foster care -- including some in the process of being adopted -- under the supervision of the four Catholic Charities agencies, said Kendall Marlowe, spokesman for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

But the change will only be in the agency supervising their care, not the home in which they are placed, he added. He said approximately 15,000 children are presently in foster care in Illinois.

"We cannot enter into a contract with anyone who has publicly, affirmatively stated that they will not follow the law in performing services under the contract," Marlowe told Catholic News Service before the judge's decision July 12. "These agencies have made their

choice, and we must now plan to transition these cases with the least disruption possible for the kids."

But Bishop Paprocki said in his statement that "it is the state of Illinois that is violating ... the law by seeking to force us to act against our religious beliefs."

The law specifically says that "nothing in this act shall interfere with or regulate the religious practice of any religious body," he noted.

"If these services of religious organizations like Catholic Charities are terminated, it would be the children who would suffer because some politicians have put their political agenda ahead of the best interest of the children, who have been served by the top-quality, nurturing care of Catholic Charities since 1921," Bishop Paprocki said.

In issuing the injunction, Schmidt said in his Springfield court, "We're not going to be removing children from homes. I can't be any clearer. ... We're going back to June 30."

The judge set the next hearing in the matter for Aug. 17.



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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

SO... what's so great about wisdom?

Have you ever spent hours looking for something, searching every possible nook and cranny, going through drawers and boxes and piles of things, only to find it right under your nose?

This Sunday's readings are all about searching for the Kingdom of heaven and finding that it's right out in plain sight.

Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, knew that.

When God invited him to ask for anything at all,

Solomon asked for the gift of wisdom - and God gave it to him.



Monsignor Paul E. Whitmore

Later in life, he foolishly let wisdom slip through his fingers, and so his kingdom split apart.

But, oh, how glorious it was with even the fabled Queen of Sheba traveling all the way to Israel just to meet him.

So what's so great about wisdom?

Wisdom shows us what is really important in life, and what is worth living and dying for, and what is not.

In a couple of weeks, I'll

have the privilege of being at a celebration of the Jubilees for the Sisters of St. Joseph in Watertown.

What wisdom those consecrated nuns had in choosing to pursue the Kingdom of God from their teenage years all the way to the present!

And how happy and fulfilled those sisters are - they have found love in the love of their Spouse, Jesus.

They are surrounded by care and attention in their later years, and they have the assurance of a heavenly reward when God calls them home.

They are wise virgins, indeed!

The kingdom of heaven is like.....a pearl of great price, a treasure hidden in a

July 24

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Readings

1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52

possession now.

And how do each one of us "take possession"? That all follows after we

have had the wisdom to make a right decision in the first place, to let that decision open up for us a thousand and one little, daily decisions to seek what really matters.

Will I spend time with the Lord in prayer and reflection and good reading for a while each day, or decide to waste it on more TV, more shopping, more running around just for the sake of getting rid of my boredom?

If we really want wisdom for all this, we'd better start praying today that God will grant us that gift. Solomon asked for wisdom, and then God gave it to him.

Some of us may say, "But if I ask, and God gives it to me, then what? It would be like winning the lottery. It could change my life, and I'm kind of frightened."

Don't worry. Wisdom will show you the way for each succeeding decision, and they'll be the right ones if you let God take over. You can't lose!"

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WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

PRAYER SUGGESTION

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

Replace him with yourself. Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving; pray in and through him. Let him live in you and keep him in this intimate union always. O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Mother of Jesus and Mother of priests, pray and intercede for (...) Amen.

August

Immaculate Heart

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AT THE MOVIES

HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS: PART 2

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

One of the most successful movie franchises of all time goes out in style with "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" (Warner Bros.).

Though this eighth installment in the series that began with 2001's "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" may bewilder newcomers - if there are any of the uninitiated left, they will not find themselves mollycoddled by patient exposition - director David Yates provides a gratifying wrap-up to a decade of blockbuster adaptations.

Based, like its immediate predecessor, on the last volume of J.K. Rowling's run of phenomenal best-sellers, Yates' fantasy is too intense for the youngest viewers. But scenes of combat, although frequent, are mostly bloodless, while the dialogue is marked by only one

mildly improper turn of phrase, making this climatic adventure acceptable for most other age groups.

As the titular wizard (Daniel Radcliffe, needless to say) continues to battle his nemesis, evil Lord Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes), the epic struggle brings Harry's innate courage to the fore but also tests his willingness to sacrifice himself on behalf of others.

At Harry's side once again are pals Ron (Rupert Grint) and Hermione (Emma Watson) -- friends acquired, of course, during his student days at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Once the scene of happier proceedings, during the tenure of its late headmaster, Albus Dumbledore (Michael Gambon), Hogwarts is currently under the apparent misdirection of Dumbledore's enigmatic successor, Severus Snape (Alan Rickman).

Many of symbols deployed and themes high-

lighted in Rowling's narrative echo Scripture and comport with Judeo-Christian beliefs. Voldemort, for instance, is constantly accompanied by his pet snake Nagini, a slithering embodiment of wickedness.

Similarly, Voldemort's ambition to obtain immortality though illegitimate means parallels the serpent-inspired temptation to which Adam and Eve gave way. And here, as in salvation history, a path to redemption is opened by self-rendering love.

As with many a time-honored tale -- ranging from "The Wizard of Oz" to "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy penned by devoutly Catholic novelist J.R.R. Tolkien -- the element of sorcery in Rowling's story serves merely as a fictional device and a stimulant to the imagination.

Even impressionable audience members are as unlikely to think that the wands and spells they see in



CNS PHOTO/WARNER BROS.
Emma Watson, Daniel Radcliffe and Rupert Grint star in a scene from the movie "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows -- Part 2."

use on screen are things to be dabbled with in the real world as they are to believe that they may someday graduate from Hogwarts.

Like a poignant graduation ceremony, this final chapter in the adventures that have taken Harry -- and many of his fans as well -- from childhood to full maturity manages to strike notes both elegiac and exciting, thereby bringing to an apt

conclusion one of the iconic sagas of recent years.

The film contains much action violence, brief gory images and a single crass term. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II -- adults and adolescents.

The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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COMMUNITY FUND RAISER

Lake Placid - St. Agnes Church is joining other churches and community organizations to assist Tom Angulot of Lake Placid Rental and Supply, who was injured in an accident and is currently paralyzed from the neck down is accepting monetary donations as well as donations of building materials and labor to complete a home addition that will allow Tom more mobility in his home.

Benefit Dinner: Aug. 5

Time: 4 p.m. to 8

Place: St. Agnes Church

Donations: Checks may be made payable to St. Agnes Church – Tom Angulot Fund. Monetary donations can be dropped off at the St. Agnes Rectory, Monday – Friday from 9 am – 4 pm, or mailed directly to Rev. John Yonkovicg, St. Agnes Rectory, 169 Hillcrest Ave., Lake Placid, N. Y. 12946. Persons wishing to donate materials or time should contact Jim Morganson at 523 – 9518 or 524 – 8159. Volunteers for the community dinner should contact Marcia Pilawa at 523 – 2200, ext 18 or religious.director@gmail.com.

IRONMAN BLESSING, BREAKFAST

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

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

CLINTON

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

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

Date: Every Sunday

Time: 1 p.m. to 4

Place: Immaculate Conception Church.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

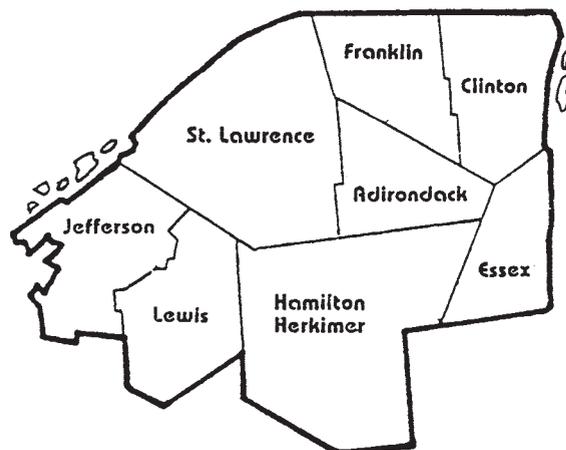
Plattsburgh - Eucharistic Adoration is held throughout the year every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

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

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

Theme: "St. Mary Magdalene was no closer to You when she sat at Your feet at Bethany than I am here at the foot of this altar." (Bl. Charles de Foucauld)

Contact: For more information about spending a special hour with Jesus weekly, or becoming a substitute, please



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OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Port Henry - Are you a Young Catholic Adult between the ages of 18- 39? Worried about the future of our Church? Do you have hopes and dreams for your faith life and the faith of your family? Come and join us in the conversation of our Catholic Faith at an after dinner coffee and dessert gathering.

Date: July 24

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: St. Patrick's Church

Speaker: Lorraine Turgeon, diocesan director of Young Adult Ministry will lead in prayer /reflection and discussion.

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.

LEWIS

K OF C BRUNCH

Lyons Falls – South Lewis Knights of

Columbus will be having a brunch.

Date: July 24

Time: 8 a.m. to Noon

Place: St. John's Church Hall

Cost: Adults, \$6; Children 5-12, \$3; under 5, Free

ST. LAWRENCE

GOLF BALL DROP

Ogdensburg – St. Joseph's Foundation is holding a golf ball drop fundraiser

Date: July 31

Time: 1 p.m.

Place: Father Martin Field

Features: A helicopter will drop the balls on a target and the ball closest to the pin wins \$1000.00, second, \$200 and third prize is \$100. The golf balls will be sold at North Country Savings Bank and NBT Bank, by board members and can also be purchased at the reception desk and they will be selling them on weekends at Kinney's and Walmart. The donation will be \$5.00 a ball. The proceeds benefit St. Joseph's Home.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Massena - St. Mary's & St. Joseph's has 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.

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

GOLF BALLS FOR ST. JOSEPH'S



The law firm of Carlisle, Carrothers and Clough in Ogdensburg is one of the sponsors of a fundraiser to benefit St. Joseph's Foundation. A Golf Ball Drop will be held during Seaway Festival week on July 31 at 1 p.m. A helicopter donated by Richardson and Sons will drop golf balls over Father Martin Field, Ogdensburg. The ball closest to the pin will win \$1000. Second prize of \$200 and third prize of \$100 each will also be awarded. Golf balls will be sold for \$5 each at NBT Bank, North Country Savings Bank, Kinney's, Walmart or from board members and at the reception desk at St. Joseph's Home. Shown in the picture above is Preston Carlisle, presenting Joyce Kelso (second from left), Director of Development, with a check for \$1000 along with attorneys Mindy McDermott (far left), Molly Clough and Alice Carrothers.

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

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.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

MARYKNOLL ANNIVERSARY

Malone – In honor of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers 100 years of missionary service to the world, a special Mass and reception will be held at Notre Dame Church, home parish of Maryknoll Brother Wayne Fitzpatrick.

Date: Aug. 28

Time: 11 a.m.

Place: Notre Dame Church

Contact: RSVP to PBork@Maryknoll.org or to Maryknoll Buffalo Mission House, 73 Adam St., Tonawanda, NY 14150

SERRA CLUB PILGRIMAGE

Lake Placid - Bishop Terry R. LaValley will lead a Fall pilgrimage to St. Agnes' Church. The trip is sponsored by the Serra Club and the Diocesan Vocation Office of Ogdensburg.

Date: Oct. 4

Schedule: Bishop LaValley will celebrate the Mass at 11 a.m. A buffet luncheon at the Crowne Plaza Hotel will follow Mass and a Holy Hour at 2:30 p.m. will end the pilgrimage.

Features: Bus pick-ups will be in Watertown, Ogdensburg, Potsdam and Plattsburgh. The cost for the pilgrimage including bus travel is \$90 per person. For pilgrims arranging other transportation, the cost is \$50 per person. Registration forms available in all parishes

Contact: For further information, contact John or Sondra Castle at (315) 265-3578.

NEIGHBORING DIOCESES

SAINT ANNE'S SHRINE

Isle la Motte, Vt - The 2011 schedule at St. Anne's Shrine has been set.

Schedule: Daily Masses Which began on Monday, July 4th at 11:15 a.m. Mass offered Monday through Friday at 11:15 a.m. Also this week we begin our weekly Reflection Series. This Wednesday, Father Richard O'Donnell will be with us. Mass begins at 11:15 a.m., followed by lunch and presentation in the Boucher Building at 1:00 p.m.

Upcoming event: An Italian Dinner, featuring chicken Parmesan, will be served in the Shrine Café on July 30, from 4 p.m. to 7.



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Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg

From the Director's Desk,
Sister Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ,
Diocesan Mission Director

The annual appeal for the Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg is set for July 30-31. Deaneries participating this summer are: Franklin, Clinton, Adirondack, Essex, and Hamilton/Herkimer.

How exciting it is to share the gift of faith in Jesus Christ to the world. Sharing our faith in action is the call of our parishioners to improve the life of our sisters and brothers in developing countries.

Response to the call is the challenge of the 2011 Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg Appeal (MPDO). Your generosity in the past has followed Jesus' call to reach out in advancing peace and social justice – all in the name of Jesus through the following missionary endeavors:

- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishop's Collection for the Church in Latin America
- St. Martin de Porras, Mollendo, Peru
- Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Community, Columbia & Papua New Guinea
- Augustinian Friars, Africa
- North Country Mission of Hope, Nicaragua
- Working Boys Center, Ecuador

Therefore the Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg appeal will be used for the following purposes:

- 1) To provide continued financial support of our former mission parish in Mollendo, Peru;
- 2) To support the U.S. Bishop's annual appeal for Latin America;
- 3) To help any other missionary projects throughout the world that the Diocese of Ogdensburg might deem appropriate as part of its evangelization effort.

We continue to hear from parishioners in St. Martin de Porras parish, "Ogdensburg is so very good to us". May the Lord bless us all through this diocesan endeavor, which on a worldwide level, has produced much fruit. Thank you and be assured of my prayers.

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

Adams – Nancy E. (Fillhart) Misczuk, 86; Funeral Services July 5, 2011 at St. Cecilia's Church; burial, parish cemetery.

Au Sable Forks – William "Bill" G. Nolan, 88; Funeral Services July 14, 2011 at Holy Name Church; burial in parish Cemetery.

Au Sable Forks – Frances M. (Rhino) Smith, 94; Funeral July 9, 2011 at Holy Name Church; burial, Fairview Cemetery.

Bloomington – Helen Marie (Blechar) Olmstead, 93; Funeral Services July 8, 2011 at St. Paul's Church; burial in Merrierville Cemetery, Loon Lake.

Brasher Falls – Allen J. Carvel, 90; Funeral Services July 7, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Brasher Falls – Edith Searles Monica, 91; Funeral July 8, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Cape Vincent – Marian Drexel Lanzatella Benvenuto, 89; Funeral Services July 12, 2011 at St. Vincent of Paul Church.

Carthage – Roger G. Lawton, 70; Funeral Services July 14, 2011 at St. James Church; burial in Felt Mills Cemetery.

Champlain – Cleophas J. "Smiley" Willette, 86; Funeral July 12, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial, parish cemetery.

Clayton – Laura H. (Hoppel) Barlow, 97; Funeral Services July 12, 2011 at Cummings Funeral Service, Inc.; burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery, Cape Vincent.

Colton – Louise F. (Fallon) Morrow, 97; Funeral July 15, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Croghan – Mary Kathryn (Fey) Demo, 78; Funeral July 15, 2011 at St. Stephen's Church; burial, parish cemetery.

Dannemora – Curtis H. McCasland, 72; Funeral July 11, 2011 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Ellenburg – Laura A. (LaBarre) Besaw, 97; Funeral Services July 14, 2011 at St. Edmund's Church; burial in Immaculate Heart Cemetery, Churubusco.

Harrisville – Raymond Richer, 81; Funeral July 6, 2011 at St. Francis Solanus Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Hogansburg – Stanley P. Francis, Sr., 72; Funeral Services July 6, 2011 at St. Regis Catholic Church.

Hogansburg – William G. Oakes, 66; Funeral Services July 12, 2011 at St. Regis Catholic Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Hogansburg.

Hogansburg – Stanley "Bo" Ouimet, 76; Funeral July 15, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial, Carville Cemetery, Helena.

Keeseville – Richard J. Robare, 73; Funeral Services July 16, 2011 at St. John's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Lake Placid – Antoinette "Anne" M. (Maddalone) Langlois, 81; Funeral Services July 13, 2011 at St. Agnes Catholic Church; burial in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Lake Placid – Norma Jean (Wargo) Thompson, 84; Funeral Services July 15, 2011 at St. Agnes Church; burial in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Lowville – Doris A. (McGrath) Petrovitz, 87; Funeral July 8, 2011 at St. Peter's Church; burial, Lowville Rural Cemetery.

Lowville – Anthony L. Proulx Sr., 76; Funeral Services July 2, 2011 at Isenecker Funeral Home; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery, Croghan.

Lowville – Shirley A. (Murphy) Terrillion, 72; Funeral July 8, 2011 at St. Peter's Church; burial Beaches Bridge Cemetery.

Lowville – Regina (Brown) Wallace, 97; Funeral July 14, 2011 at St. Peter's Church; burial Lowville Rural Cemetery.

Massena – William J. Dobbins, 75; Funeral Services July 6, 2011 at Donald Funeral Home; burial in Fairview Cemetery, Brasher Falls

Massena – Martha J. Kopecky, 75; Funeral Services July 8, 2011 at Church of the Sacred Heart.

Massena – John A. LaBrake, 85; Funeral July 11, 2011 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Pine Grove Cemetery.

Massena – Veronica M. (Cox) Piché, 82; Funeral July 11, 2011 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena – Joan M. (Christian) Russell, 72; Funeral Services July 6, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial I Calvary Cemetery.

Massena – Gail A. (Firman) Stahl, 73; Funeral Services July 16, 2011 at Church of the Sacred Heart.

Morrisonville – Margaret (Carson)

Weaver, 80; Funeral Services July 7, 2011 at St. Alexander's Church.

Norwood – Arnold G. Hall, 85; Funeral July 8, 2011 at Buck Funeral Home; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Potsdam.

Ogdensburg – Jacqueline A. (Riley) Dority, 75; Funeral Services July 11, 2011 at Allen-Nichols Funeral Home; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Margaret A. (LeBoeuf) Mayes, 59; Memorial Services July 26, 2011 at Notre Dame Church.

Plattsburgh – Sandra Ann Perry, 71; Funeral Services July 14, 2011 at Our Lady of Fatima Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery, Malone.

Plattsburgh – Frances M. (Rouveau) Snide, 70; Funeral July 12, 2011 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Joseph T. "Joe" Whalen, 83; Funeral Services July 14, 2011 at St. Peter's Church.

Potsdam – Jane F. Yaddow, 62; Funeral Services July 14, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Redford – John "Whitey" Keese, 78; Funeral July 14, 2011 at Church of the Assumption; burial in parish cemetery.

Saranac Lake – Anna Irene (Svacak) Delancett, 93; Funeral Services July 7, 2011 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in Pine Ridge Cemetery.

Sciota – Delia M. (Duprey) Trombley, 91; Funeral July 2, 2011 at St. Louis de France Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Watertown – Mary (Bastrella) Baytos, 88; Funeral July 7, 2011 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Mausoleum.

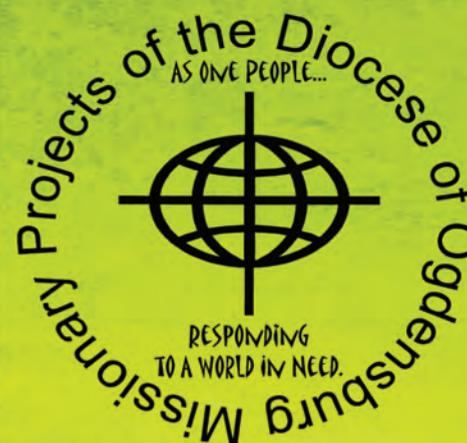
Watertown – Louise M. (Giordanelli) Devine, 68; Funeral July 12, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial parish cemetery.

Watertown – Jason T. LaClair, 36; Funeral Services July 5, 2011 at Cummings Funeral Home Service, Inc.; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Evans Mills.

Watertown – Roland R. Marshall Sr., 70; Funeral July 2, 2011 at Reed & Benoit Fun. Home; burial Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – Carol H. (LaRose) Mothersell, 70; Funeral Services July 13, 2011 at Reed & Benoit Funeral Home.

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