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## Pope: prayer is never in vain

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Praying for peace is never a useless exercise - it keeps evil at bay and helps people not give in to violence, Pope Francis said. In response to "tragic events" unfolding in the Middle East in early July, the pope delivered "a heartfelt appeal to continue to pray with persistence for peace in

the Holy Land." Fighting between Israelis and Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and rocket exchanges with southern Lebanon have escalated since Israel launched airstrikes against Gaza July 8. More than 150 Palestinians have been reported killed by the airstrikes, which, Israel

has said, are targeting the homes of militants. The pope made his appeal July 13 after reciting the Angelus from the window of the papal studio in the apostolic palace with tens of thousands of people gathered below in St. Peter's Square. He recalled the gathering for peace at the Vatican June

8 in which he brought Israeli President Shimon Peres, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople together to pray for "the gift of peace" and to listen to "the call to break the spiral of hatred and violence."

### IN RESPECT FOR CREATION

#### Solar panels at bishop's house

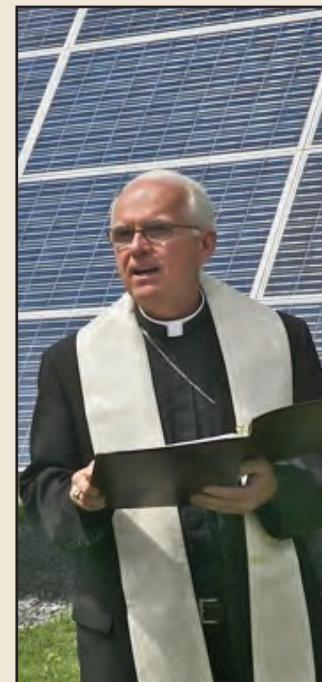


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## Foundation Day for St. Andre Parish

The four parishes which had comprised the Malone Catholic Parishes - Notre Dame, St. Joseph's and St. John Bosco in Malone as well as St. Helen's in Chasm Falls - were combined to form one parish - St. Andre' Bessette Parish - July 1. The Foundation Day celebrations included a pilgrim walk from Chasm Falls in Malone, a Mass at Notre Dame and a Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Malone to St. John Bosco and St. Joseph churches.

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## NCC summer schedule

The bi-weekly summer publication schedule of the North Country Catholic continues; the next issue will be dated Aug. 13

## 70 YEARS....AND COUNTING!



Bishop Terry R. LaValley celebrated a 70th wedding anniversary Mass at St. Joseph's Church in Mooers for Leon and Viola LaMere June 29. They were married June 28, 1944 by Father Alfred Boulterice at Holy Angels Church in Altona.

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

## Renewing, nurturing faith, hope &amp; love

One of the best parts of working for a diocesan news-  
paper is that I get to enjoy a taste of nearly every Catholic ministry of the Church in the North Country.

A couple weeks ago, for example, I had the privilege of:

- visiting Guggenheim, our jewel of youth ministry, on a Tuesday;
- sitting down with one of our diocesan missionaries on Wednesday;
- and sharing in the blessing

of solar panels, showing our commitment to preserving God's creation, on Thursday.

The depth and breadth of our Catholicism is also on display in this week's *North Country Catholic*.

We offer a window into the joy of religious vocations (as the Sisters of St. Joseph celebrate jubilees) and the powerful bond that parishioners have to each other, their pastor and patron saints (as St. Andre Bessette Parish celebrates its

Mary Lou  
Kilian

founding.)

This week's pages also show diocesan support for family life and life in its end stages.

We salute a couple married 70 years (!) and welcome our new director of family life ministry.

And, we are reminded that our church has a role to play in easing suffering around the world in places where Christians are being expelled, innocent people are killed and migrant children are languishing.

In recent issues, the *NCC* focused on the growth of vocations, service to the poor and

natural family planning.

In the coming weeks, Catholic schools, religious education and unique ministries undertaken by young adults will receive much deserved attention.

Phew... it's a bit overwhelming just thinking about it all!

But, every so often, it's good to take stock of the vitality of our diocesan church.

This year, we are all being urged to "find our home in Christ" by renewing faith, nurturing hope and discovering love.

I think we are making great strides in the right direction!

## A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

## Parables of Jesus: parables of our lives

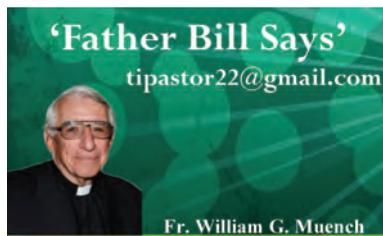
You have probably noticed that the Sundays of July have been all about some of the parables of Jesus, so, I would like to share a bit of my own fascination with those parables.

Each week as I have prepared my homily, I noticed that there was a constant theme. For me, these parables strive to deal with the question, "What is the Catholic Church?" So, to begin with - what do you say in answer to this question, "What is the Catholic Church?" What is your personal understanding of your Church, of your Catholic Church?

The first parable that we heard this July was the Sower and the Seed. I know that you remember this one. Jesus' story is about a man spreading seed - some falls on good soil - but some also falls on rocky soil, some among the thorns, and some on the foot path. Jesus uses this story as an image of how the Word of God is received by people.

Some are like good soil - open and ready to live in the spirit of Jesus. When we are good soil we as church demonstrate to all that we understand how to make this world a better place because we are the Church of Jesus.

This parable also speaks of



negative influences. Some people are like soil with thorns, that is, distracted by the lure of riches and so do not nothing for Jesus. Also, some are like soil filled with rocks, choked by the problems and tribulations of life, and so they are distracted from the way of the Lord. Finally, some are like the seed on the foot paths; in the parable, the seed is grabbed by the birds. Jesus says that this describes those who do not understand so the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. What is taken away from those who receive the Word like a foot path? I think that what is taken away is the realization that they are able to do so much to make the world a better place and so they do nothing in following Jesus.

The next parable is the Wheat and the Weeds.

In the story, the Master tells his servants to allow the Wheat and the Weeds grow together, to be separated at reaping

time. Jesus explains this parable in that we belong to a Church that is open to all, saints and sinners. There are many who seem to be scandalized that there are sinners in our Church. Yet, we know from the Gospels that Jesus openly welcomed sinners - he hung out with them and was criticized for having meals with them. Jesus made it clear that he did not come to condemn but rather to lead all to conversion.

This touches us all. We know only too well that we are each a mixture of good and bad, yet, we are all important to the Lord. We are all important in the Church. We are striving to become saints, by overcoming our sinfulness through conversion. Jesus makes it very clear that being the Church of Christ means that the Church welcomes sinners to lead them to the Lord.

Many of the great saints of our Church required conversion from a life of sinfulness. So, all sinners are welcomed and challenged to find conversion, to become saints. The Catholic Church is not a museum for saints - rather it is a school for sinners.

One more thing to add here. Something I feel very strongly about. Many times - sadly but

true - some of what we would call rather important people in our Catholic Community fall into sin, sometimes rather public sin. Because of their position many seek to have them removed - not just from the community - but from the Church. I would hope that we would all understand and accept the message of Jesus, Our Savior: we as Church must be willing to welcome them and pray that they will find conversion.

Finally, there are the parables of the buried treasure and the pearl of great price, a story that suggests that when we discover the joy and peace and love of the Kingdom of God that we would truly give up everything to make ourselves part of this Church.

And finally, a story that now makes sense to us - Jesus tells the story that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a net thrown into the sea which collects fish - some good and some bad - and then sorts them out at the end of the day.

So, not until the end will the angels of the Lord sort us out, the wicked from the righteous. I would hope that some interesting miracles will happen before that end of the ages - that some of the bad fish will become good.

## FOLLOW ME

# We celebrate your 'yes' to the Lord

Homily for SSJ Jubilee  
Mass at Our Lady of the  
Sacred Heart Church  
Watertown on July 12

Putting everything in its proper historical perspective, 50 and even 65 years isn't a long time, not really, particularly when you are right in the middle of living it. Nevertheless, Sisters, the years in which you have ministered so faithfully as a Sister of St. Joseph have seen events that have had truly seismic implications for our world and for our Church.

Review with me, for just a moment, some of what's happened over the years of your consecrated life as a Sister of St. Joseph.

We've been through: 9/11, Watergate, the Cold War, the clergy sex scandal, the resignation of a pope, the introduction of Internet, I-phones. We've celebrated the 1980 Lake Placid *Miracle on Ice*, suffered through Vietnam, AIDs, welcomed the microwave oven. We've seen six Popes and we are on our sixth Diocesan Bishop, and then there were the hoola-hoops.

We've seen the legalization of abortion and same sex "marriages," enjoyed the Beatles & Rolling Stones & Elton John, witnessed the closing of Mater Dei College, watched (on color TV, no less) everything from Bonanza to Saturday Night Live to Oprah to NCIS.

During the last half century that college football team from South Bend, Indiana has won I think at least one national championship. Then there's the Common Core curriculum, Facebook & Twitter, and the death of Elvis, we think.

In the midst of such happenings, and so many more, and while some of you struggle with your own serious health concerns and



PHOTO BY SISTER JENNIFER VOTRAW, SSI

Bishop Terry R. LaValley, along with 24 priests, celebrated the Jubilee Mass of the Sisters of St. Joseph at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Watertown July 12. Pictured with the bishop are, from left, St. Joseph Sisters Maureen Sweeney, 50 years; Yvonne Therese Cusson, 50 years, Mary Christine Taylor, 65 years; Mary Eamon Lyng, 50 years; Mary Helen Hermann, 50 years; and Annunciata Collins, 50 years.

those of your loved ones, your love of Christ has impelled you (2 Cor. 5:14) to faithfully proclaim the Gospel. Such enduring love has taken your mission to our Catholic schools as educators and administrators.

Such faith has led some of you to a deep commitment to serve the unique needs of our Native American sisters and brothers and our military families.

One among you has studied and written an invaluable history of the Church of the North Country and others have gifted your congregation as its Superior.

You continue to evangelize and so lovingly minister to those who are spiritually, educationally, and economically marginalized - the rural poor. You have prayed for and worked to protect the unborn.

In all of this, each one of

you has, and continues to be, a witness of hope and true inspiration for all of us. Thank You, Sr. Christine! Thank You Sr. Helen! Thank You Sr. Annunciata! Thank You Sr. Yvonne! Thank You Sr. Eamon! Thank You Sr. Maureen!

While acknowledging the truth of your faith-filled and self-less ministry, you know that it hasn't been and is not about you, but about the One whom you have committed your whole life to: it's all about Jesus Christ. God's ever-abiding Spirit and Eucharistic Presence have been your staple.

Christ-led, Christ-fed and hope-filled you celebrate your identity and find your mission at Holy Eucharist.

And so, on this festive occasion in which we gather to celebrate your daily "Yes" to the Lord, it is fitting that we feel all of our hearts beat

with profound joy before God's Altar of Thanksgiving

In his Apostolic Exhortation on the Consecrated Life, *Vita Consecrata*, St. John Paul II wrote that "The consecrated life is a precious and necessary gift for the present and future of the People of God, since it is an intimate part of her life, her holiness and her mission." (VC, 3)

My dear Sisters, hear again these powerful words from one of our most recently canonized saints: your life "is a precious and necessary gift for the present and future People of God."

Each of your lives is *precious*, is *necessary*, a *gift* for all of us. I'm sorry for the times the Church's behavior doesn't reflect your giftedness to us all.

Sisters, your own personal relationship with Jesus

Christ and generous response to His call helps us all on our journey of faith.

After all, as the exhortation goes on, "the first missionary duty of consecrated persons is to themselves, and they fulfill it by opening their hearts to the promptings of the Spirit of Christ. Such witness helps the whole world to remember that the most important thing is to serve God freely."

God has the fulfillment of His plan for us at heart, and for the last 50 years plus, dear Sisters, He has been achieving it with your consent and cooperation.

No vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people, within the experience of a community, a family of love.

Your vocation continues to blossom as a Sister of St. Joseph within your religious community and within the larger Church community.

Everything comes from God and is His gift: the world, life, death, the present, the future, and you; you are Christ's and Christ is God's. Christ continually summons us by His word to place our trust in Him, loving Him with our whole being. Every vocation, even within the variety of paths, always requires an exodus from oneself in order to center one's life on Christ and on the Gospel. It is an exodus that leads us on a journey of adoration of the Lord and of service to him in our sisters and brothers. (Pope Francis, *World Day of Prayers for Vocations*, 11 May 2014)

I believe that you have learned three particular needs over these last 65 and 50 years to facilitate that exodus from self:

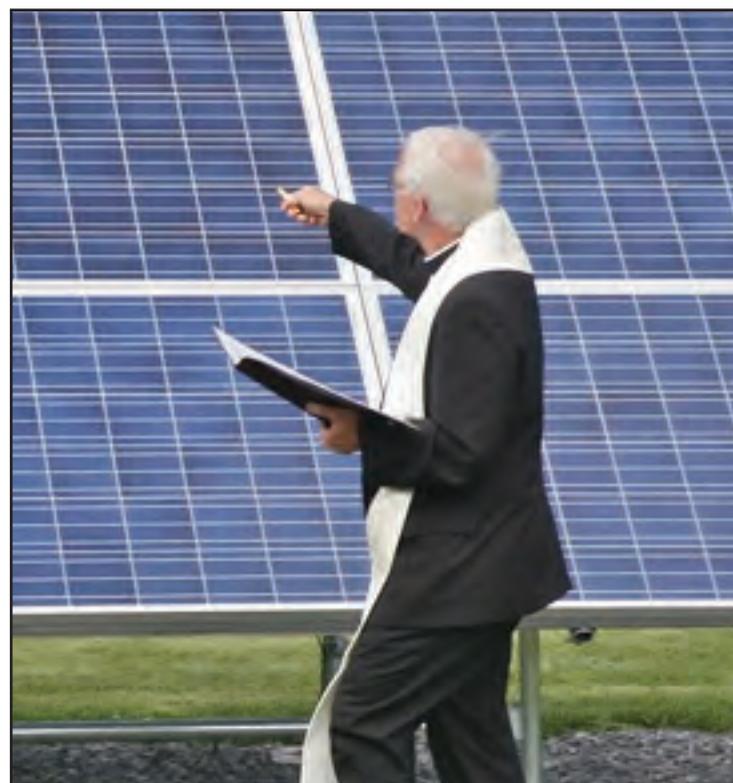
First, the need for *forgiveness*. A failure to give or to seek forgiveness burdens us and obstructs our spiritual growth.

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PHOTOS BY BETTY STEELE

Bishop Terry R. LaValley blessed solar panels that have been installed in his backyard during a July 17 ceremony. Above, he is shown with Father Paul Beyette and members of the diocesan Faith and Ecology group who encouraged the bishop to pursue the alternate energy system.



## Solar panels show 'respect for God's creation'

By Mary Lou Kilian  
Editor

OGDENSBURG — As Catholics, “we should foster a deep respect for the sacredness of God’s creation,” said Bishop Terry R. LaValley July 17 as he blessed an array of solar panels that have been installed in the back yard of his residence.

The solar panels, set up by Triangle Electrical Systems, Inc., Plattsburgh, are expected to produce approximately 11,300 kilowatt hours of electricity to the house.

The panels will reduce the electric bill to the residence, reduce the building’s carbon footprint and utilize renewable energy.

“The solar panels are good economically, environmentally, and spiritually,” explained Bishop LaValley, but the savings on the electric bills are just a “minor motivation” in installing the solar panel system.

“The major motivation for going green is to give witness to what can be done to create a more sustainable future that is consistent with God’s intention for a world that can

be judged to be ‘very good’ by present and future generations,” said Bishop LaValley.

Caring for the world and being good stewards of God’s gifts is central to Catholic spirituality, he said.

### Faith and Ecology group

Bishop LaValley credits Father Paul Beyette, a retired priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg who now lives in Loon Lake, and the diocesan Faith and Ecology Group for bringing solar power to his attention.

“Father Beyette invited me to meet with the Faith and Ecology Group to discuss alternative energy sources and our Christian responsibility to care for our environment,” the bishop said. “They were very knowledgeable and passionate about alternate energy, and convinced me that I could and should model sound environmental and spiritual leadership by going green.”

The Faith and Ecology group was well represented at the solar panel blessing.

Father Beyette, who says he has lived “off the grid since 1972,” called the day “one of the most joyful and fulfilling days of my life.”

“The role of the Church is

crucial in the care of creation,” the priest said. “Pope Benedict in 2008 made possible solar energy for the Vatican State. Now Bishop LaValley is drawing attention to the care of creation by his actions today.”

“I hope this will start a revolution of solar projects in the Diocese of Ogdensburg and the North Country,” Father Beyette said. “I hope there will be thousands of installations in the near future.”

### The solar panel benefits

Triangle Electric designed the solar panel project, obtained approval from National Grid and prepared a grant application to secure partial funding for the project from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.

With the capacity to generate 11,308 kilowatt hours of electricity, the electrical bill at the house is expected to be reduced by approximately \$1,500 per year, saving about \$37,307 in electrical costs over the warranted lifetime of the solar panels.

The solar panel system will allow the diocese to benefit from all the electricity it produces, even if it is not used right away.

The electric meter which accommodates the solar panels runs forwards and backwards.

When the house is drawing electricity from the grid, the meter runs forward creating a charge from National Grid, the electrical supplier in Ogdensburg.

When the house uses all the electricity produced by the solar panels and does not draw from the grid, the meter does not move at all.

When there is more electricity produced by the solar panels than the house needs at any given time, the meter turns backwards as the electricity is put into the grid which creates a credit from National Grid for that electricity.

“I am excited about the solar panels,” stated Bishop LaValley. “It is one way of responding to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI’s call for the Church ‘to take care of creation and to share its resources in solidarity.’”

“I hope that this is just the first step in helping us as a Church give witness to our respect for the environment and our stewardship in preserving the resources of God’s creation for future generations,” he said.

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# Strengthening faith formation in family life

By Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, SSJ  
Director of Catholic Education

In graduate school I had a professor who began every class with, "We are moving right along!" I thought of that expression as I reflected on what has been happening since the Chrism Mass when Bishop LaValley proclaimed our mutually shared vision expressed in the diocese's three priorities: Creating a Culture of Vocations, Strengthening Faith Formation in Family Life and Building Parishes with Living Stones.

Each priority has two goals tasked with a number of objectives to meet within the next two years. The committees have met, established meeting dates, timelines and started to address the tasks related to their respective goals.

The goals for Strengthening Faith Formation in Family Life include specific

objectives for parish youth ministry and family catechesis for the Seven Sacraments. It was obvious during the envisioning process, especially during the listening sessions, that these two areas are vital components that need to be addressed as the Church of the North Country renews faith, nurtures hope and discovers love.

Pam Ballantine, Assistant Director of Christian Formation for the Plattsburgh Region, chairs the family catechesis goal: provide family catechesis for the seven sacraments for every parish by February 1, 2016.

Members of the committee represent a number of people from across the diocese who have expertise and experience in parish and Catholic school catechesis: Deacon Mark Bennett, St. Peter's Church, Plattsburgh; Jamie Burns, teacher at St. Mary's School, Canton; Father Daniel Chapin, pastor,

## Bringing Vision to life

The pastoral vision for the Diocese of Ogdensburg, delivered by Bishop LaValley at this year's Chrism Mass included three priorities with two goals each. This is the second in a series of articles describing the work towards realizing each of the goals.

St. Stephen's Church in Croghan; Christina Corey, Catechetical Leader in Brownville/Sackets Harbor; Karlene Gonyeau, teacher at St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga; Sister Helen Herman, SSJ, Principal at Seton Academy, Plattsburgh; Rose Anne Hickey, catechist, Lake Placid; Father Chris Looby, pastor at St. Mary's, Brushton and Sister Diane Marie Ulsamer, SSJ, Director of Special Religious Education Program in Watertown.

To accomplish their goal the committee has been tasked to write a position

statement that describes family catechesis, recognizes family catechesis as a vital component of sacramental preparation of children and young people and identifies the parents' role in sacramental preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation and Penance.

Specific objectives for the committee also include the development of "best practice" models for family catechesis and faith formation programs, comprehensive catechesis for marriage preparation and a resource guide for each of the seven sacraments; review and implementation of certification process for parish catechists and catechetical leaders; assistance to pastors in recruiting appropriate candidates for the ministry of catechesis.

Vatican II revived the ancient image of the family as functioning like a "domestic church." Indeed, the family cooperating with God's

grace is the primary agent in the transmission of faith to our children and young people. Personal experience confirms that children and young people receive and grow in their faith when faith is lived within the family. When there is no real connection between what is taught in formation classes and lived within the family, faith seldom matures.

The five year vision for the diocese is summed up in the statement: Find your home in Christ: Renew Faith, Nurture Hope, Discover Love. Strengthening Faith Formation in Family Life is one of the ways that our diocesan family can make its five year vision a reality. "We are moving right along" in this process.

All can contribute to the accomplishment of the vision by continued interest and prayerful support of the committees responsible for the implementation of the priorities and goals.

## New family life director is named

Rochester native Stephen Tartaglia, who most recently served as principal of St. Francis-St. Stephen School in Geneva, N.Y., has been hired to serve as diocesan director of Family Life Ministry.

He succeeds Deacon Gary and Gayle Frank who retired from the position in December, 2013.

Tartaglia earned a bachelor's degree from SUNY Oswego and also studied at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg and St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore.

Tartaglia began his career in Catholic education as a teacher at McQuaid Jesuit High School and at Siena Catholic Academy both in Rochester.

He completed a master's

degree in educational administration at the University of Rochester and began working as a vice-principal at All Saints Catholic Academy in Gates, NY.

Tartaglia went on to become director of pupil personnel services, and director of marketing and development at Seton Catholic Central in Plattsburgh, and later as assistant principal in Sacred Heart School in Glyndon, Maryland, before taking the position in Geneva.

He will begin work for the Ogdensburg diocese in August.

Tartaglia and his wife Christina are the parents of five children. In his free time he enjoys playing chess, playing the piano, reading and working on computers.



Stephen  
Tartaglia

## We celebrate

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As we just heard from Colossians "bear with one another, as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do..." Forgiveness must be an integral part of every one of our lives. Live forgiving lives!

A second need: the need for joy: As Pope Francis noted, "You should be real witnesses of a world of doing and acting differently. Religious should be men and women who are able to wake the world up." You promote growth in the Church by way of attraction—joy-filled witness.

Again, the author to the Let-

ter to the Colossians writes of "singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God." Live joy-filled lives!

And a third need: the need for persistent, honest prayer: the language of love is a grateful heart

. So, dear Sisters, continue to "dedicate yourself to thankfulness...and over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection." Live prayer-filled lives!

*Forgiveness, Joy and Prayer* are ingredients you have combined well these many years as a Sister of St. Joseph. Through the grace

of God, you continue to serve as inspirational women for me personally, and for all those whose lives you continue to touch.

Because of your "yes" every day for the last handful of decades, because you have "put on Christ," untold number of souls have been sanctified and families blessed -- and the numbers continue to increase! You make such a difference.

Congratulations and God bless you and all the Sisters of St. Joseph abundantly for making such a sacred impact on each of us! St. Joseph pray for us all.

**St. Jude Novena**  
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored and glorified throughout the whole world, forever and ever, Amen. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude helper of the homeless, pray for us. Say prayer 9 times a day for 9 days. KM

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NCC columnist to present workshop

# Fr. Pacholczyk to address end of life issues Sept. 6

**OGDENSBURG** - Father Tad Pacholczyk, director of education for the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia, Penn., will present a workshop "Death, Dying and Decisions at the End of Life" Sept. 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 at Wadhams Hall.

The event, sponsored by the diocesan Respect Life Office, will include a morning and afternoon presentation by Father Pacholczyk as well as a question and answer panel with Kathleen Gallagher, director of Pro-Life Activities for the New York State Catholic Conference;

Bishop Terry R. LaValley

will celebrate the closing Mass.

Catholic lawyers be in attendance to assist with health care proxy forms.

Father Pacholczyk, a priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Mass., earned a doctorate in neuroscience from Yale University and completed post-doctoral research at Harvard Medical School.

He has also completed advanced studies in theology and bioethics in Rome, Italy, and earned undergraduate degrees in chemistry, philosophy, biochemistry and molecular cell biology.

The priest has testified be-

fore Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Virginia and Oregon state legislatures on stem cell research and cloning.

Father Pacholczyk's media appearances include CNN International, ABC World News Tonight, NBC Nightly News and National Public Radio. His monthly column on timely life issues is published throughout the United States, including in the *North Country Catholic*; in England, Poland and Australia.

In addition to being director of education at the NCBC, Father Pacholczyk oversees the organization's national certification program in health care ethics. Those attending the conference will receive information about the program.

Colleen Miner, diocesan director of respect life ministry, said, "I've had the pleasure of attending two presentations by Father Tad - Stem Cell Research and End of Life Decision making. He is an extremely knowledgeable educator but he communicates his knowledge in a way that is understandable"

"We are pleased to be able to offer this workshop about a topic that affects everyone," she said.

The \$20 registration fee includes lunch and workshop materials. Forms are available from pastors, at the diocesan website's pastoral documentation or respect life pages: [www.rcdony.org/pro-life](http://www.rcdony.org/pro-life).

Payment and registration can be completed online or through parishes.

### The Miraculous Prayer

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked for many favors. This time I ask you this very special one. Take it Dear Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in our merciful eyes it will become your favor, not mine. Amen KM

### Bishop's Schedule

**July 28-31** - Catholic Leadership Institute Workshop in Charlotte, NC

**Aug. 2** - 4 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

**Aug. 3** - 11 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

2 p.m., Family and Marriage Prayer Rally at St. Mary's Cathedral

**Aug. 4-7** - Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention in Orlando, FL

**Aug. 9** - 11 a.m., Mass at Our Lady of the Adirondack's House of Prayer in Ellenburg Center

4:30 p.m., Installation Mass of Rev. Kris Lauzon as Pastor of the Roman Catholic Community of Keeseville

**Aug. 10** - 8:30 a.m., Mass at Church of All Saints in Mineville

10:30 a.m., Mass at St. Patrick's Church in Port Henry

**Aug. 11** - 5 p.m., Essex Deanery Bishop's Fund Reception at St. Patrick's Parish Center in Port Henry

**Aug. 12** - 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg

5 p.m., Adirondack Deanery Bishop's Fund Reception at McKenzie's Grille in Saranac Lake

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

**July 30** - Rev. Francis Smyth, 1902; Rev. Jeremiah P. Murphy, 1925; Rev. Moses Minnie, 1935

**July 31** - Rev. Napoleon Brisson, 1950; Rev. Michael O'Reilly, 1980

**Aug. 1** - Rev. J. Everett Denesha, 2013

**Aug. 2** - Rev. Zephyrin Jutras, 1919

**Aug. 4** - Rev. Alexandre Soulerin, O.M.I., 1892; Rev. Adolphe Saurel, 1925; Rev. Willie Caron, M.S.C., 1972

**Aug. 5** - Rev. Gerald A. Sharland, 1973

**Aug. 7** - Msgr. Edmund H. Dumas, 2000

**Aug. 8** - Rev. David N. Burke, 1913; Rev. Donald E. Seguin, 1976

**Aug. 9** - Rev. Edward B. May, O.S.A., 1953; Rev. James N. Flattery, 1997

**Aug. 10** - Rev. Walter J. LaRocque, 1936; Rev. Joseph Bolduc, O.M.I., 1956; Rev. Cornelius Vullings, M.S.C., 1971; Msgr. Anthony A. Milia, 2010; Deacon Bruce C. Wadsworth, 2013

**Aug. 11** - Rev. Gilbert Monroe, O.F.M., 1958; Rev. John M. Kennedy, 1979

**Aug. 12** - Rev. John M. Varrily, 1913

### 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 preregister at [www.virtus.org](http://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 is available from Atonement Sister Ellen Donahue, 315-393-2920, ext. 1440.

Upcoming programs:

**Aug. 20** - 6 p.m., Holy Name School, AuSable Forks

**Sept. 4** - 8 p.m., Wakefield Recital Hall/SUNY Potsdam

### NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

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## D.O.V.S. Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Cape

Join Bishop LaValley, Father Bryan Stitt, members of the Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocations Society (D.O.V.S.), and Catholics young and old from across the Diocese for an overnight pilgrimage to Cap-de-la-Madeleine.

**Thursday and Friday, September 11-12, 2014.**

The Shrine, located less than 2 hours northeast of Montreal, will provide a perfect location to pray for and support vocations.

The itinerary includes: Mass at the Basilica, Candlelight procession, Holy Hour, meals, and bus from Schroon Lake/Plattsburgh or Watertown/Potsdam.

All inclusive cost is \$195 for a double or \$222 for a single room.

For more information or to register contact Connie Randall at (315) 265-2762. Sign up by August 4th.

Non-refundable payment due by August 4th.

Any proceeds from the trip will be used for the promotion of vocations within the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

# A People on the Move:



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The July 1 Foundation Day celebration at St. Andre Bessette Parish in Malone opened with a 9.5 mile pilgrim walk from St. Helen's in Chasm Falls to Malone. Father Joseph Giroux is shown at right during the walk. The

day closed with a Eucharistic procession through the streets of Malone. Bishop LaValley, left, led the parish-ioners from Notre Dame Church where the Foundation Day Mass had been celebrated, to St. John Bosco Church and then to St. Joseph's for benediction and a reception.

## Foundation Day at St. Andre Bessette Parish

By Suzanne Pietropaoli  
Staff writer

**MALONE** - The threatened thunder storms did not materialize, but the very air was electric.

The historic day began and ended with people on the move as Malone's Catholics celebrated the establishment of the new St. Andre Bessette Parish July 1.

From the 7 a.m. pilgrim walk from Chasm Falls to Malone, to the solemn Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Malone 12 hours later, it was a day to rejoice and be glad.

It was also a day, as Bishop Terry LaValley reminded the congregation at Mass that evening, to remember that "We are all pilgrims on a journey on this earth. Our faith urges us to follow Jesus... This is a parish that is both literally and figuratively on the move!"

The bishop's words resonated with the several hundred people gathered for the 5:30 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving at Notre Dame Church.

Homilist and principal celebrant, Bishop LaValley was joined by two deacons and more than a dozen priests, including St. Andre Bessette pastor Father Joseph W. Giroux and parochial vicars Father Thomas J. Higman and Father Justin Thomas.

A special guest for the occasion was Holy Cross Brother Jean-Paul Pearson, representing St. Joseph's Oratory, who addressed the gathering and announced the gift to the new parish of a relic of their patron saint.

Later in the ceremony, Bishop LaValley blessed new statues and images of St. Andre which will grace the church buildings of the new parish.

As Mass ended, many participants joined the solemn Eucharistic Procession led by Bishop LaValley, the priests of the parish, and other priests who were present.

Along a 1.5 mile route through downtown Malone and environs, Bishop LaValley carried aloft, beneath a traditional canopy, the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance.

Those walking in procession joined in the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary enroute to St. John Bosco Church, and then in a chanted Litany of the Saints enroute from there to St. Joseph's Church. There, Bishop LaValley celebrated solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A reception followed the ceremony.

### 'The day was wonderful'

Enthusiasm ran high among parishioners, who were quick to appreciate the beauty and the significance of the Foundation Day events.

Jim Coughlin, a trustee of the new parish, saw the day as the culmination of many long months of planning. "Preparation for this change was excellent," he noted, "and I salute the pastor and the parish council for their wisdom and hard work in moving us forward. The day was just wonderful!"

"The walk from St. Helen's (in Chasm Falls) to Malone was a rich opportunity to see people you see in church but don't really know," Coughlin

said. "Ambling along together, we really got to talk and know each other better. The Mass and procession with the Bishop made it a very special and beautiful day; it really touched the heart."

Father Thomas, recently arrived from his native India to serve as parochial vicar in the new parish, described Foundation Day as "very good, very amazing. Everything here is new to me, and I am still learning, though already I am at home."

Three years ordained, Father Thomas remarked that, "This is the proper time for me to come to Malone, this time of new beginnings, and I thank God that I am a part of it."

The priest had never heard of St. Andre Bessette before being assigned to this parish, but he is learning quickly and hopes to visit the Oratory "before winter!"

"I have read the book of all his miraculous deeds, and watched the story of his life," he said. "How bold he was! What deep faith he had! How beautiful that he said so

often: It is St. Joseph's project, not my project. That is good for all of us to remember—to have a deep faith and to remember that this is God's project, not our own."

### 'Historic time in our parish'

"This was a historic time in our parish," noted Brittany Duso, who walked the 9.5 miles from Chasm Falls to Malone in the morning with her four-year-old son and two-year-old daughter, and herself returned in the evening for the Mass and procession.

"I wanted the children to be part of this big change—and even though they won't remember it," she said. "I will be able to tell them that they were there for an amazing event."

"I thought the whole day was beautiful," Mrs. Duso said. "I especially loved the Mass and the Eucharistic Procession. What an experience that was, to walk through Malone following the Blessed Sacrament. What a wonderful way to bring all the parishes together!"

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# Foundation Day

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Pam LeDuc, trustee of the new parish, likewise found the Eucharistic Procession “very impressive, very beautiful!”

“Our four-year-old, Naomi, walked the whole distance—right after sitting through the whole Mass,” she said. “That Mass was so moving! The Holy Spirit was there with us from the moment everyone first responded to the Bishop at the beginning of the ceremony; it was very heartwarming.”

“There was an amazing feeling in the church that night that continued into the procession,” she said. “How awesome: people in the community looking and watching, kids coming out of their houses to get a better look—and commenting that, ‘We didn’t know people did church walking through the neighborhood this way.’ Our new parish is off to a great

start, and I am excited to see how everything unfolds.”

“There was deep symbolism in what we did on Foundation Day,” Kathleen Marceau explained. “The pilgrim walk from Chasm Falls to Malone not only mirrored our faith journey—it was a faith journey all its own! For nearly 10 miles, we prayed, walked, rested, talked, and ate together, all the while learning about each other.”

“We helped each other (with wheelchair and baby stroller), pushed on and sweated together when the ‘way’ got long, and received help (food and water) from others not on pilgrimage,” she said. “We did all these things together, and together accomplished what we didn’t really know we could do!”

“If the pilgrim walk was a symbol of our earthly journey, then the evening Eucharistic Procession was a faint reflection of our heav-

enly destination,” Mrs. Marceau said. “The silence (mostly!), incense, candles, chant, and rosary, the beautiful vestments and canopy

all reminded me of the beatific vision—the goal of our earthly pilgrimage. Even our clothes were changed from those we wore earlier in the

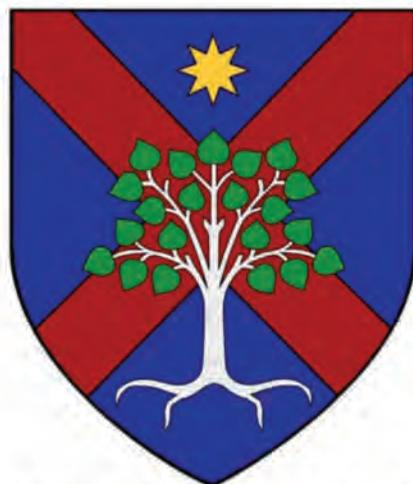
day. That change from sweaty shorts and Tee-shirts to clean formal clothes reflected also our change of heart.”



PHOTO BY PAT HENDRICK

During the Foundation Day Mass, Bishop LaValley blessed new images of Saint André Bessette to be placed in the four worship sites of the new parish.

*Thank you Fr. Joseph Giroux  
for your leadership, guidance and pastoral care  
during the transition from the four legacy parishes to  
St. André Bessette Parish.*



*“Though many, one body”*

*From the people of St. André Bessette Parish*



# Malone Catholics at the Oratory

## A parish on pilgrimage honors its new patron saint

By Suzanne Pietropaoli  
Staff writer

“Amazing!” “Just incredible.” “A day to remember.”

Such comments were heard often among the hundreds of Malone Catholics who went on the parish pilgrimage to St. Joseph’s Oratory in Montreal June 1.

**The humble man who visited Malone also built the Oratory and his prayers brought healing to countless people. That man is now a saint, and the patron of our parish**

Steve Marceau

Parishioner, St. Andre’ Bessette Parish

While the Oratory is not an unusual destination for parish groups, this event was rather unique: on July 1, the four Catholic parishes of Malone would become the new St. Andre Bessette Parish, named for the holy and humble lay brother through whose faith and effort St. Joseph’s Oratory came into being.

At a special afternoon Mass in the Basilica, pastor Father Joe Giroux reminded the pilgrims why they had come.

“We Catholics are a people with sturdy roots,” he said. “But we’re also a people who, by our very nature, are meant to stay on the move. As we come to the tomb of our new patron, it’s worth reflecting on what it means to be on pilgrimage... A pilgrimage is a journey to a holy place... Our English word ‘parish’ comes from the very same word that the New Testament uses to mean ‘pilgrimage.’”

Father Giroux explained that, rather than a group attached to a particular building, a parish is actually “a collection of pilgrims, a peo-



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In front, Father Thomas J. Higman, parochial vicar; Father Joseph W. Giroux, pastor; and Deacon Bryan J. Bashaw are shown during a June 1 pilgrimage from Malone to St. Joseph’s Oratory in Montreal. The Malone Catholic Parishes became the St. Andre Bessette Parish one month later, named for the lay brother who brought the oratory into being.

ple on the move.

“Pilgrimage differs from other sorts of travel,” he said, “not only in the sanctity of its destination, but in the change that is meant to take place along the way: tourists go out to see something, pilgrims head out to become somebody.”

The pilgrim-parishioners who were present that day bear witness to this truth.

For Elaine Gadway, “June 1st was a truly great day. I had been to the Basilica before, but this trip was different; everything about it was special. So many people came, and everyone seemed very happy to be there.

I was honored when Sister Barbara (Grey Nun Sr. Barbara Schiavoni, pastoral associate) asked me and two other women to lead the Rosary before Mass,” she said. “The Mass was just beautiful.

“It was amazing to be there in the Basilica with our own priests celebrating Mass, with so many parishioners

joining in,” Mrs. Gadway said. “From beginning to end, I enjoyed the trip. It was a good day—everything went right. I felt so blessed to be a part of it, and I hope that we can do it again.”

Mary Hart echoes that assessment.

“I had not been to the Oratory since I was a teenager,” she said, “and this trip was totally different. The day had been very well thought out, and was completely organized: Father Tom Higman (parochial vicar) is to be commended for his outstanding efforts!

“The excellent planning made it possible for us to really enter into the spirit of our pilgrimage,” she said. “Confessions were offered, and I was able to go. The Stations of the Cross, larger than life, were very beautiful and very moving. Mass was wonderful, the music was beautiful, and there was something awe-inspiring about being there with so

many from our parishes.

“It was nice to be in the company of so many others who wanted to be there,” she said. “there was a joyful sense of purpose in the group. We could really sense the presence of God that day, and were thankful for his blessings.”

“On a pilgrimage that included young children and elderly people, and everybody in between, everyone was very peaceful,” Mrs. Hart said. “It was a day to pray to both St. Joseph and St. Brother Andre, and it was easy to feel close to our new patron saint there.

“To see that tiny room where he lived helps you to focus on what is important,” Mrs. Hart said. “The whole day had that effect, and people really showed their enthusiasm. I think everyone wants it to happen again!”

Steve Marceau, too, had visited the Oratory before: “It was part of seeing the sights, part of experiencing Mon-

treau with family and friends.”

This pilgrimage, though, was an entirely different experience.

“It was a perfect day,” he says of the trip he shared with his wife and children. “The family wanted to be there, and we all had an excellent experience. This trip was more focused than earlier ones, more comprehensive. The Oratory was busy, but not congested; it was easy to really enter into the spirit of the place, and of the group.

“The group had something that is very hard to get—a sense of unity, a sense of community,” he said. “The people who were there wanted to be there. Uniting people is very hard, but this group really wants the new parish to fly. They want to see the new church grow.”

The pilgrimage, Marceau says, brought home to him the depth of connection between the new Malone parish and the Miracle Man of Montreal.

“He was in Malone and traveled around the area as a regular person,” Marceau said. “Malone has few claims to fame, but we do have connections with a saint.

“Knowing that St. Andre had family here and visited often across many years makes it totally appropriate that he is the patron saint of our new parish,” he said.

“Now we have a history, and it goes somewhere,” he said. “The humble man who visited Malone also built the Oratory and his prayers brought healing to countless people. That man is now a saint, and the patron of our parish.”

“We are so grateful for this pilgrimage,” he concluded. “It was a wonderful day. Everything went so smoothly, like it was just meant to be. There was so much peace, so much joy. I have no doubt: God made the day.”

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Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, second from left, and Supreme Knight Carl Anderson of the Knights of Columbus, far right, pose July 14 at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum with leaders and athletes of the 2015 Special Olympics World Games, scheduled next summer in Los Angeles. The Knights of Columbus has pledged \$1.4 million to help cover costs for the games.

## At Theology of the Body congress

PHILADELPHIA (CNS)-- Christopher West's overarching message to attendees at the 2014 International Theology of the Body Congress was that man is created by God and for God, and thus only God can satisfy the deepest desires of the human heart.

"Man has this insatiable desire for something. God put it there, and it's a desire for God," he told a crowd of hundreds.

More than 700 people gathered in Philadelphia July 9 to 11 for the congress. Laypeople, clergy and religious attended panels, discussions and keynote addresses that examined the meaning and relevance of St. John Paul's theology of the body, and how to incorpo-

rate it into a new evangelization.

Drawing from that theology, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the words of Pope Francis, West's evening keynote speech July 9 addressed how to proclaim the joy of the Gospel with theology of the body.

St. John Paul's first major teaching project of his pontificate was a series of short talks given between September 1979 and November 1984 focusing on the meaning of the human body, authentic love, sexuality and marriage in light of biblical revelation.

West co-founded the Theology of the Body Institute in 2004 and has written numerous books on the topic.

## Study: College choice can steer man to priesthood

By Mark Pattison  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - The college experience - and the Catholic college experience, especially - can influence a young man's decision toward considering a priestly vocation, according to a study issued in early July by Boston College.

Among the factors that have helped sway a man's decision to enter priestly life are access to clergy at the college as well as access to the Mass and other elements of Catholic life.

"College Experience and Priesthood" distills a Boston college-hosted summit last year on priestly vocations, as well as research conducted in 2012 by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University in Washington. Both Boston College and Georgetown are Jesuit-run institutions.

In January 2012, Boston College and the Jesuit Conference USA commissioned CARA to assess the impact of Catholic higher education on

the vocational discernment of men entering the seminary and religious life in the United States in an effort to identify what led them to the seminary and/or eventual ordination.

At the summit, attended by about 90 people, including bishops and university leaders from around the country, participants were urged to develop a consistent framework for inviting young men to consider the priesthood.

"It really starts with us who are clergy and vowed religious," said Jesuit Father William Leahy, Boston College's president, in an address during the summit. "There is nothing as powerful as happy, fulfilled priests and religious. That is contagious. That attracts. If we are not happy, fulfilled, ready to recruit others, they will not follow us. We know that as a group, priests are happy in their ministry."

Father Leahy urged the establishment of priesthood support groups on Catholic college campuses.

"These are often led by the president, lending certain seriousness to the effort, but

they could also be led by a campus minister or a faculty member," he said. "Students who are thinking about priesthood often feel isolated. If they can be part of a group that meets once a month, have time for prayer and conversation, and hear the vocation stories of others, they will feel encouraged, and can confirm a sense of direction."

Like baseball scouts, Father Leahy said, "we need people who will identify individuals who have talent, inclination, and desire, who can be pointed in the direction of priesthood and religious life."

Seminary enrollment peaked 50 years ago at about 47,000, took a steep dive in the decade that followed, and continued a steady decline until the mid-1990s and appears to have leveled off since then to just over 5,000 students.

Not all who are enrolled at seminaries, though, are ordained to the priesthood. "We need about 200 more ordinations per year to return to stability," said Mark Gray of CARA at the summit.

While about 7 percent of the U.S. Catholic population attended a Catholic college, 44 percent of ordinands did, according to research by CARA.

Gray profiled those who pursue a priestly vocation as having been active in a parish youth group, attended a Catholic high school, encouraged to consider vocation by one or more people, personally knew clergy and religious, and attended a World Youth Day or a National Catholic Youth Conference. He added high school is the period when many young men report thinking seriously about priesthood, and that college seems to be an "amplifier" to these earlier experiences.

Priests who went to Catholic colleges engaged in more of every kind of spiritual practice than those who went to non-Catholic colleges except for Bible study. Majorities of those attending Catholic colleges reported participating in the rosary, eucharistic adoration, other individual prayer, the Liturgy of the Hours, Bible study and Holy Hours.

According to CARA, 91 percent of ordinands who went to Catholic colleges had daily Mass easily available to them, compared to 49 percent of those who had attended non-Catholic colleges. "Many at non-Catholic campuses had to go off campus to attend Mass," Gray said. "Those who attended Catholic colleges were much more likely to encounter priests, brothers and sisters. Of particular note is that 88 percent of them had a priest as a professor, in contrast to only 18 percent of those at non-Catholic colleges.

"Friends and roommates are also reported to be influential in vocational discernment," said the Boston College report, which also included past CARA research conducted on priestly vocations for the U.S. bishops. "Those who attended a Catholic college are substantially more likely than those who attended a non-Catholic college to report being influenced and supported by their roommates and friends in their vocation discernment and choice."

# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Pope urges Israeli, Palestinian leaders to end Holy Land hostilities

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Expressing his serious concerns over the escalating violence in the Holy Land, Pope Francis telephoned Israeli President Shimon Peres and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, urging all sides to end hostilities and build peace. The morning after Israel launched a ground invasion of the Gaza Strip, the pope personally telephoned the two leaders July 18 to express "his very serious concerns about the current situation of conflict." The pope told the leaders that the conflict was creating "numerous victims and was giving way to a state of serious humanitarian emergency," the Vatican said in a written communique July 18. The pope told the two presidents, whom the pope "considers to be men of peace and who want peace," that constant prayer was needed. He also urged them to "work hard at making sure all interested parties and those who have political responsibilities on the local and international levels dedicate themselves to bring an end to all hostilities, striving to foster a truce, peace and a reconciliation of hearts," the Vatican said.

## Plight of unaccompanied minors at forefront of Mass in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (CNS) -- Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles and several other bishops and priests from Southern California concelebrated Mass July 20 to honor immigrants and focus attention on the humanitarian crisis of tens of thousands unaccompanied migrant children surging across the U.S.-Mexico border. "We celebrate the immigrant spirit that gives life to our great country and our great city," the archbishop said in his homily during the Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. "As we all know, this land was built by the blood and sacrifice and the vision of missionaries and immigrants from every race and language and every nation," he said. "Today we give thanks for all those men and women who left the places where they were born -- to bring their faith and values, their talents and gifts -- to create a new life and a new world here in America," he added. "We thank God also for the spirit of our new immigrants -- those who are joining us every day to be our neighbors and friends and family members."

## Pope: Stop throwaway culture now before another generation is lost

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis urged a group of economists and financiers to help reverse the current "throwaway" culture and put people at the center -- not the fringes -- of monetary strategies and policies. Children, the elderly and young adults are all being rejected "because they're not useful," he said. "Who's going to be disposed of next? Let's stop ourselves in time, please," he said July 12. The pope spoke to a group of experts participating in an international seminar organized by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. About 70 people, many of them leading economists, central bankers, heads of international and intergovernmental organizations and church leaders, came together July 11-12 to discuss ways economic systems and policies could work toward "a more inclusive economy" and the common good. The pope thanked participants for meeting to discuss such important issues and urged them to reflect on the current situation "without fear and with intelligence."

# Expulsion of Christians a 'crime against humanity,' Mosul bishop says

By Carol Glatz  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Backed up by death threats and property seizures, the expulsion of the entire Christian community from Mosul is "a crime against humanity," said an archbishop from Mosul.

Chaldean Archbishop Amel Shamon Nona said the Islamic State, which took control of Iraq's second-largest city in early June, is carrying out "religious cleansing."

"It's an ugly word, but it is what happened and is happening," he told Vatican Radio July 22.

Iraq's Christian leaders are tired of people making appeals and declarations about their plight without backing up their words with real action, the archbishop said.

"Words do nothing today," he said.

Support and prayers are needed, he said, but "we also expect all Christians to show solidarity with concrete action" and "without being afraid to talk about this tragedy."

Chaldean Auxiliary Bishop Shlemon Warduni of Baghdad said: "We need action first. The world is not bothering with what is happening to Christians in Mosul."

The world's leaders, including those of the United States, must live up to stated commitment to promoting what is good, he told Catholic News Service by telephone July 23.

"They must do something, because they can," he said.

The international community must help those being displaced, not because they are Christians, but because they are human beings, he said. Because it overthrew Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, the United States in particular must be asked:

"Where are the human rights? Where is the democracy?" he said.

Bishop Warduni called for a complete end to selling weapons to Islamic State fighters.

"There are no words to describe them," he said. "They have no conscience, no religion. Even though they talk about God, they don't know God," he said of the militant group that has declared a caliphate -- a state governed by a religious leader.

The militants forced thousands of Christians from their homes, seizing their property and then robbed them of their belongings at checkpoints as they fled the city.

Bishop Warduni said, "They take everything, even a wedding ring from a widow, medicine from the hands of a small child, they just (pour) it on the ground."

The militants confiscated the cars people were fleeing in, he said, forcing the occupants, including "small children, old people, sick people, to walk on foot in 48-degree (118 Fahrenheit) heat."

Bishop Warduni was one of a number of Iraqi Christian bishops who gathered in Ankawa, a northern town near Irbil, July 21-22 to talk about the crisis unfolding in Mosul with representatives from the United Nations, UNICEF, Caritas and local government leaders.

At the end of the two-day meeting, Chaldean Patriarch Louis Raphael Sako and bishops from the Chaldean, Syriac Orthodox, Syriac Catholic and Armenian churches called on the Iraqi government to "stop the catastrophe" and guarantee the "necessary protection" needed for Christians and other minorities being targeted by the fighters.

"A crime is a crime, and it cannot be denied or justified.

We expect concrete actions to assure our people, not just press releases of denunciation and condemnation," the statement said.

The bishops also called on the Iraqi government to provide basic services, housing, schools, aid and financial support to those who have been forced from their homes and livelihoods. They thanked the regional Kurdish government for its hospitality and willingness to protect fleeing families.

Meanwhile, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, representing 57 Muslim countries, condemned the displacements in Mosul and called the action "a crime that cannot be tolerated."

"The practices of the Islamic State have nothing to do with Islam and its principles that call for justice, fairness, freedom of faith and coexistence," the organization said in a press release July 21.

According to a recent report by the Christian Aid Program, CAPNI, all churches and monasteries in Mosul, numbering around 30 structures, were confiscated and are under the Islamic State's control. Crosses were removed from Christian places of worship, which, in many cases, were then looted, burned, destroyed or occupied by the militant group.

Shiite mosques also were demolished and all Sunni, Shiite and Christian tombs in the city were destroyed, too, the report said.

Such destruction was endangering many of the nation's ancient historical, cultural and religious sites, including the tomb of Jonah, which reportedly was broken into in mid-July, the report said.

All non-Sunni communities living in Mosul were being targeted, it said, including Shiite Muslims.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# Reflecting on the questions we have about God

We all have questions about God. What thoughts go through His mind when He thinks about us?

If God suddenly appeared in front of me, of course I'd be startled and a little afraid. I might even ask, "Lord what do you want of me?" What do you want me to do?" He'd probably say, "I want you to love me more, Do you realize how much I love you?"



Monsignor Paul E. Whitmore

how much. If we would only just be honest with ourselves and with others, we wouldn't have to do a thing more. God would search us out. He would enter our hearts and flood them with His life, and fire them with His love.

What is God's love like? God's love is a sacrificing love. He was raised up on the Cross that He might draw all people to

share in the beauty and strength of that love.

Today's Gospel is one of the clearest events in the life of Jesus to describe this great truth. Jesus came to feed and nourish the world.

The multiplication of the loaves and fish is the prelude to Eucharist. What is Eucharist? The continuation of the greatest act of Love the world has ever known.

When we give God just a little, He changes it and pours it back into hearts a hundred-fold.

Just as for the hungry crowd on the hillside, at Mass, we bring to the altar our very small gift, and Jesus changes that gift into

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Himself, then pours Himself into our hearts at Communion. Unfortunately, as the miracle is repeated over and over again, our appreciation is dulled.

We believe, of course, that Jesus redeemed the world from Satan's power, but we often neglect our role in being "God-bearers".

If we really understand

that we must be "bread for others", then we will share in Jesus' yearning to transform the world, to make every person holy?

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### OUR READERS WRITE

#### Response to Planned Parenthood

Tess Barker's letter-to-the editor (Ogdensburg Advance News) July 13, 2014 entitled, "Supreme Court Hurts Women's Health," continues to demonstrate the complete absurdity and absolute fraud of Planned Parenthood and all it stands for. Planned Parenthood believes that telling the "lie" long enough and loud enough will eventually attract a few believers.

Such is the case with Ms. Barker's false allegation that the recent Supreme Court ruling "will take birth control out of the hands of north country women who need it... allowing bosses to force their personal beliefs on employees."

She should have scrutinized her assertions before writing such a bogus letter.

News Flash!!! All birth control that was legal before this decision remains legal today. The high court simply found that a religious freedom law sometimes protects corporations from

being forced to violate their religious beliefs. Making your complaint even more ludicrous is that it was Nancy Pelosi, Planned Parenthood's most vociferous advocate, who co-sponsored the law that gave them that right! Oh, my goodness.

You should be aware that Hobby Lobby already provides health care for its employees. The company's insurance covers 16 of the 20 contraceptives required by the HHS mandate. The four contraceptives that Hobby Lobby refused to pay for are known abortifacients – two forms of the morning-after pill and two kinds of the intrauterine device (IUD's).

Don't be deceived. Planned Parenthood's mission has always been and continues to be "abortion- full steam ahead." It's all about the money. Make no mistake. Right-to-life and religious freedom won big in the Hobby Lobby decision.

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## AT THE MOVIES

# AND SO IT GOES

By Kurt Jensen  
Catholic News Service

The indignities of romance in one's 60s entwine with a mortifyingly weak and implausible script for two aging actors in "And So It Goes" (Clarius).

Michael Douglas, who plays grumpy widower and real estate agent Oren, and Diane Keaton as lissome widow and aspiring singer Leah, are engaging as they go through their paces. It's just that director Rob Reiner and screenwriter Mark Andrus have nothing new to say about either the vicissitudes of aging or the need to connect with family members.

It's a mostly moral story told in the style of a "family" film, although so weakly, its intended audience isn't even clear. Adults won't mind it. Anyone under the age of 20 probably won't be interested.

In leafy Fairfield, Connecticut, Oren, whose wife died 10 years ago, has been trying to sell his mansion for \$8.6 million, but has

found no takers, in part because of his occasional racial insensitivity. He's staying in a small apartment building he owns, along with Leah, whose late-life singing career stalls because she bursts into tears whenever she mentions her dead husband and the love they shared.

Into this comes Oren's son, Kyle (Austin Lysy), with a granddaughter, Sarah (Sterling Jerins), that Oren didn't even know he had. Kyle fathered the girl, who's about to turn 10, back in his drug-addiction days. He's about to serve a jail term -- not for narcotics, but on a trumped-up charge related to his boss being investigated for insider trading.

Oren makes a single attempt to return Sarah to her junkie mother, an episode that seems tacked on. More troubling, Oren makes no attempt to get the woman into any kind of rehab program. Once her addiction is evident, he simply takes Sarah away.

Formula takes over after this. Sarah teaches her caustic granddad the importance

of compassion. This, in turn, helps him come up with a way to set Leah's singing on a more lucrative path, and Oren and Leah both stumble into the perils of a physical relationship.

Ambling, philosophical stories about adult romances in pretty settings can be enjoyable. But here, the philosophy is reduced to wisecracks and the ambling obstructs reality. Fairfield, however, has never looked lovelier.

The film contains implied premarital sexual activity, a scene of childbirth, and fleeting crass language. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned.



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Michael Douglas and Diane Keaton star in a scene from the movie "And So It Goes."

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## REDFORD PICNIC

**Redford** – The 159th Annual Redford Picnic to be held.

**Date:** Aug. 17

**Place:** Grounds of the Parish Center at Church of the Assumption

**Schedule:** Events start at 11:30 a.m. beginning with "Replay"; "Roy Hurd" from 2 p.m. to 4 followed by "Back Road Band" from 4:15 p.m. to 6:15. Drawing for the \$5000 cash prize will be at 6:15 p.m. You need not be present to win.

**Features:** Ham and Roast Beef dinners will be served in the gym. Games, including Skilo, Pie Wheel, Fancy Booth and rides on one of the oldest merry-go-rounds in North America. There will also be a rummage sale starting at noon and numerous other events. Free admission to the grounds and free parking.

## ADULT SUMMER RETREAT

**Saranac Lake** – A summer retreat in the Adirondacks has been planned

**Date:** Aug. 22-24

**Schedule:** begins with supper on Fri and concludes supper on Sun.

**Place:** Guggenheim Lodge

**Speakers:** Paul Gibaldi, wilderness guide for 25 years, nature photographer, and Sister Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ, spiritual director and adult faith educator.

**Cost:** \$150 Register no later than August 20. (Limited to 10 adults - first come basis) Registration fee of \$25 is due with registration.

**Contact:** call 315-212-6592 or email sr-beth@cit-tele.com.

## FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATION

**Ellenburg Center** – Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of prayer will be having a Foundation Day celebration.

**Date:** Aug. 9

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Speaker:** Father Jack Downs on the Mercy of God

**Features:** Confession, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Bishop Terry LaValley presiding at Mass. Lunch provided. Donations appreciated.

**Contact:** RSVP by August 1 by email to olaprayrhouse@gmail.com or call 518-594-3253.

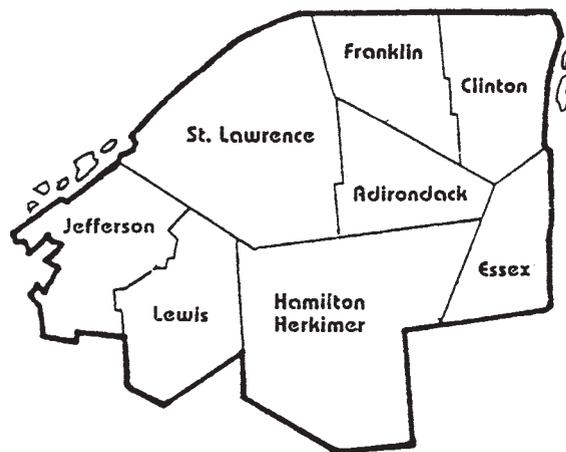
## DAY TRIP TO MONTREAL

**Moors Forks** – The Ladies of St. Ann's Society are sponsoring a day trip to Montreal.

**Date:** Aug. 20

**Cost:** \$41.50

**Features:** The focus is St. Joseph's Oratory, Brother Andre (Saint Andre) and



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Kateri Tekakwitha Shrines.

**Contact:** Gloria LaFountain at 236-5509 or Betty Ashline 236-7416 by July 30.

## INORABRASS CONCERT

**Plattsburgh** – Inorabrac concerts to be held.

**Schedule:** Aug. 14 at 7 p.m. Waitsfield Union Church, Waitsfield Village, VT; Aug. 24 at 3 p.m. St. John the Baptist Church, Plattsburgh.

**Features:** InoraBrass, named for the Goddess of Mountain Snow, celebrates the parallel between the majesty of brass music and the natural beauty of Vermont and Northern New York. Free admission, donations welcome!

**Contact:** (518) 846-3211 destino-brass@twcny.rr.com

## ESSEX

## PIANIST TO GIVE RECITAL

**Westport** – Award winning pianist, composer, writer and teacher, Jessica Roemischer will perform.

**Date:** Aug. 9

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** St. Philip Neri Church

**Features:** In this multi-dimensional performance Roemischer will play selections from her just-released CD, "Light is Born of Light", as well as share inspiring stories, dialogue with the audience and improvise in spontaneous duet with a volunteer. Adults, families and children of all ages are welcome. Roemischer will be signing piano CDs after the performance, with proceeds benefitting the Westport Ecumenical Food Pantry

## JEFFERSON

## SUMMER CONCERT

**Alexandria Bay** – St. Cyril's Church proudly presents its 6th Annual Summer Concert,

**Date:** Aug. 16

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** St. Cyril's Church

**Features:** The choir will be performing a program of sacred, jazz, and patriotic music The concert is being billed as "Now for something completely different" and features traditional American songs including Simple Gifts, My Lord What A Morning, and Witness. Other selections to be included will be Beyond the Sea, The Blue and the Gray, selections by John Rutter, and more. P

## FOR HOMESCHOOLERS

**Cape Vincent** – Homeschoolers are invited to Mass and pot luck lunch.

**Date:** Aug. 24

**Features:** Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Vincent of Paul Church followed by a pot luck lunch at the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart at Dablon Point.

**Contact:** RSVP to Delores at 315-654-3932 or rtyler11@twcny.rr.com

## HOLY HOUR

**Adams/Henderson** – Parish holy hour to be held.

**Schedule:** Aug 6, 6:30pm – St. Cecilia; Aug 28, 5:30pm – Queen of Heaven; Sept 3, 6:30pm – St. Cecilia; Sept 25, 5:30pm – Queen of Heaven

**Features:** Praying for vocations and the needs of our Church.

## LEWIS

## DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

**Houseville** – Divine Mercy Devotions for the month of June to be held.

**Date:** Aug. 3

**Time:** 3 p.m.

**Place:** St. Hedwig's Church

**Features:** Vespers, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. All are welcome. Contact 348-6260.

## ST. LAWRENCE

## SUMMER FESTIVAL DINNER

**Brasher Falls** – Knights of Columbus Council 2176 will be having a summer festival dinner.

**Date:** Aug. 1

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 7

**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Children under 12, \$6; under 5, free

**Features:** Ham and Turkey Dinner. For take outs call 389-5492

## SUMMER FAITH FUN

**Potsdam/Colton** – Registration is ongoing for Summer – Faith – Fun at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Church.

**Date:** Aug. 4-8

**Theme:** A Wilderness Adventure through the Sacraments: Jesus in My Heart.

**Features:** The program is for ages 4 through 13 and includes a faith lesson, craft, games, snack, music and more, with a wilderness adventure on Friday! For more information, please contact the parish offices at 265-9680 or 262-2871.

## GOLF BALL DROP

**Ogdensburg** – St. Joseph's Home annual Golf Ball Drop to be held.

**Date:** Aug. 16

**Time:** 1 p.m.

**Place:** Father Martin Field

**Cost:** \$5 per golf ball

**Features:** Each year St. Joseph's drops up to 2,000 numbered golf balls from Frank Richardson's helicopter onto Father Martin Field. The ball closest to the hole wins 1st prize of \$1,000. Second closest receives \$200 and third place received \$100. The numbered golf balls correspond to the numbers on the tickets you can buy. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets can be purchased at St. Joseph's Home, its board members and staff or from team members who will be set up at Kinney Drugs, WalMart and St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union Thursdays & Fridays from 11-1 and 4-6 each day.

**Contact:** For more information please call Foundation office at 394-0463

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Massena** – A summer kids' event called Weird Animals Vacation Bible School.

**Date:** Aug. 4-8

**Place:** Emmanuel Congregational Church.

**Features:** Children entering Kindergarten to grade 6 participate in Bible-learning activities, games, e Bible adventures and make unique crafts. Kids at Weird Animals VBS will join an international mission effort to share God's love by providing water for school children in India.

**Contact:** For more information, contact any of these participating churches: St. Mary and St. Joseph Church; Sacred Heart Church and St. Lawrence; Emmanuel Congregational Church; First United Methodist Church; Grace United Methodist Church; St. John's Episcopal Church and City Reach Church Massena

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

## PRAYER RALLY

**Ogdensburg** – The third annual prayer rally to show support for life, traditional marriage and other Catholic Values has been planned.

**Date:** Aug. 3

**Time:** 2 p.m. to 4

**Place:** St. Mary's Cathedral

**Features:** Speakers, including Bishop LaValley, a prayer service and recitation of the Rosary. We will also have a small ceremony at the Monument of the Unborn on the grounds of the Cathedral. A reception will follow at the cathedral.

## JOURNEY TO EASTERN EUROPE

Father Amyot will be leading a pilgrimage visiting the land of St. John Paul II.

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Father Donald Robinson, will be hosting a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

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**Contact:** 782-1190 for brochure



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# Gratitude for religious educators

By Molly Ryan  
 Diocesan Mission Office

We are now half way through summer vacation in the North Country for our children who are not in school at this time but are hopefully swimming, camping, playing at the park and oh yes, sleeping in. These lazy days of summer are so needed by our children so they can regroup and focus for the upcoming school year. Hopefully their teachers are getting a good break too!

I'm reminded of how educators of religion have joined with parents to share the commitment of bringing to the world the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Religious educators have been leaders in helping the youth here at home to reach out in prayer and generosity to the suffering in our country and in the third world countries.

The Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) offers young Catholics an opportunity to grow in faith through mission education, sacrifice and service for others. A Pontifical Mission Society, MCA focuses entirely on "children helping children" throughout the world. MCA's young members have participated in our apostolic mission for almost 170 years!

For the recent 2013-2014 school year, MCA's educational materials focused on the theme, "Open the Door of Faith". At this time, the Mission Office is starting to gear up for another school year and preparing to help our parishes and catholic schools implement the Missionary Childhood Association program.

Children may also visit this site by visiting [www.hcakids.org](http://www.hcakids.org) to learn more about the Missionary Childhood Association and read stories about the children they help. Let us pray for each other in our missionary efforts. The missionary work of the church depends on each one of us. God Bless!



Celina Burns and children from St. Marguerite D'Youville Academy in Ogdensburg display their letter of thanks for their support of the Missionary Childhood Association.

## OBITUARIES

**Adams** - Betty Jeanne (Barrett) Grieco, 86; Funeral July 22, 2014 at St. Cecilia's Church; burial in St. Cecilia's Cemetery.

**Adams** - Frances Irene Stickel; Memorial Aug. 29, 2014 at St. Cecilia Church.

**Alexandria Bay** - John N. Russell, 83; Funeral Services July 22, 2014 at St. Cyril's Church; burial in Point Vivian Cemetery.

**Carthage** - Michael Allen Morgan, 45; Funeral Services July 19, 2014 at the Lundy Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Inc.; burial in Berryville, VA.

**Chazy** - Zofia (Osajda) Glanc, 94; Funeral Services July 21, 2014 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Constable** - Shirley R. (Colburn) Robinson, 79; Funeral Services July 15, 2014 at St. Francis of Assisi Church; burial in St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery.

**Croghan** - Dawn M. Houppert Gascho, 53; Funeral July 25, 2014 at St. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery.

**Cumberland Head** - Thomas A. Anderson, 81; Funeral Services July 15, 2014 at St. Mary's of the Lake Oratory.

**Elizabethtown** - Malachy "Mal" Thomas Hackett, 61; Funeral Services July 19, 2014 at St. Elizabeth's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Hogansburg** - Viola E. (Cook) Rourke, 88; Funeral July 18, 2014 at St. Regis Mission; burial in Rourke Family Cemetery.

**Malone** - Heath W. Landry, 47; Funeral Services July 25, 2014 at the Brusno-Desnoyers Funeral Home.

**Malone** - Gary James Mageean, 68; Funeral Services July 16, 2014 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**Malone** - Carol Theresa Hogeboon Patnode, 54; Funeral Services July 15, 2014 at St. Joseph's Church.

**Massena** - Isabelle M. (Calabrese) Levac, 86; Funeral July 16, 2014 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Mooers** - Elizabeth "Betty" Leggett, 88; Funeral Services July 23, 2014 at St. Joseph's Church.

**Mooers** - Grace C. (Bosley) Petteys, 91; Funeral Services July 16, 2014 at the

Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in St. Ann's Cemetery, Mooers Forks.

**Morrisonville** - Edward W. "Bill" Darrah, 88; Funeral Services July 18, 2014 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in St. Alexander's Cemetery.

**Morristown** - Winnifred M. (Boulia) Perretta, 91; Memorial Services Aug. 23, 2014 at St. John the Evangelist Church.

**Ogdensburg** - David M. Bevins, 52; Funeral July 18, 2014 at Fox & Murray Funeral Home; burial St. Mary's Cemetery

**Ogdensburg** - Emma (Risher) Gauthier, 100; Funeral July 15, 2014 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** - Mary Susan Payette Papa, 52; Funeral July 19, 2014 at St. John's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** - Desmond Clifford "Red" Racicot, 74; Funeral Services July 22, 2014 at Our Lady of Victory Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Rouses Point.

**Port Henry** - Joan Wyrocki; Memorial July 12, 2014 at Harland Funeral Home.

**Redford** - Nathan A. "Nate" Wood, 18; Fu-

neral Services July 24, 2014 at Church of the Assumption

**Sackets Harbor** - Christiane A. Jung Branche, 74; Funeral Services July 19, 2014 at St. Andrews Church; burial in Lakeside Cemetery.

**Watertown** - Geraldine (Marsala) Beck, 84; Funeral Services July 19, 2014 at Cummings Funeral Service, Inc.; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** - James V. Coleman, 73; Funeral Services July 23, 2014 at St. Patrick's Church.

**Watertown** - Carleton H. Lamica Sr., 82; Funeral Services July 21, 2014 at St. Patrick's Church.

**Watertown** - Garry T. McGivney, 75; Funeral Services July 25, 2014 at Holy Family Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Malone.

**Watertown** - Vincent A. Petrillose, 88; Funeral July 19, 2014 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Watertown** - John M. Ryan, 73; Funeral July 26, 2014 at Cummings Funeral Service, Inc.; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

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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 (...)  
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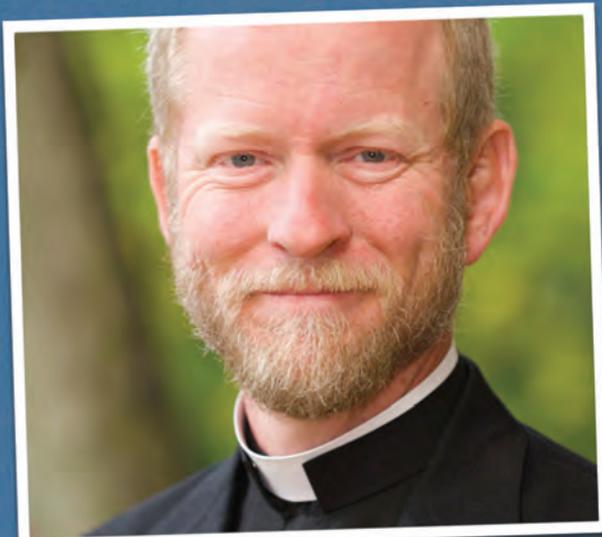
Father J. Roger McGuinness, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Chazy, presented a papal blessing to Brendan Ryan. Brendan, who graduated from high school June 27, has served as an altar server at Sacred Heart Parish since third grade.



John Alden and Luke Dalton test out their potato sack racing skills at the 2014 Vacation Bible School held July 14-17 at the Catholic Community of Burke and Chateaugay. The theme of the camp was *Weird Animals*. Valerie Dalton, one of the organizers of the program said, "The kids enjoyed games and activities celebrating God's love. God has filled the world with a lot of crazy creatures...including us! When kids feel weird, different, or even lost in a crowd - nothing compares to the extraordinary love of Jesus."

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