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Humility in prayer is rewarded

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Humility and perseverance in prayer is rewarded by a true encounter with God, Pope Benedict XVI said.

At his weekly general audience May 25 in St. Peter's Square, Pope Benedict said God's blessing cannot be won by force but rather "must be received with humility from him."

The pope continued his series of audience talks about prayer, using the story of the biblical patriarch Jacob, who was challenged by an unidentified foe.

After a struggle that lasted all night, Jacob, who appeared to be winning, demanded that his opponent bless him. The man turned the tables by asking Jacob

his name, which the pope said was like appropriating "the deepest reality of the individual, revealing secrets and destiny."

The challenger gave Jacob the name Israel, the pope said, which showed that even though the patriarch won the fight, he finally recognized that he had been battling with God, who gave

him a new, honest identity.

The pope said the story "speaks to us of a long night in search of God, of the struggle to know his name and face."

It describes "the night of prayer that with tenacity and perseverance asks God for a blessing and a new name, a new reality that comes from conversion and forgiveness."

Jubiliarians honored for 65,40,25 years

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'SING A NEW SONG UNTO THE LORD'



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The choir at St. John's Church in Plattsburgh leads the music during a special Mass at the church during which four girls received their First Communion. From left are Theresa Hammett, Marie Richard, Kathy Racette, Barbara Ludwig, Jann Shambo, and Dawn McDonagh. See "Sunday at St. John's" on page 9 for more photos.

PRESBYTERAL ASSEMBLY

Brings priests of diocese together



PHOTO BY FR. SCOTT FOBARE

Father Dan Keefe of Plattsburgh, a retired priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, presents a candle as part of a memorial service held during the annual Presbyteral Assembly. Priests from across the diocese gathered in Lake Placid May 16-18 to hear a presentation on preaching, celebrate priest jubilarians and, as shown above, remember the clergymen who died during the past year.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

One with the world
AND one-of-a-kind!

To mark this very "sacramental" time of year, this week's *North Country Catholic* features pages of pictures with smiling eight-year-olds receiving Jesus for the first time.

Bishop LaValley's schedule lists one Confirmation ceremony after another.

And, last weekend, the bishop presided at his first ordination.

Our 40 days and 40 nights of rain (at least it seems that way!) have not diminished the joy inside our parish walls.

These celebrations unite us with every Catholic in the world. By our sacraments we will be recognized everywhere.

But, in so many ways, our diocese is a one-of-a-kind place to be Catholic as well.

There aren't many other dioceses, for example, which can claim our experience as "bishop-trainers." And we're good at it, aren't we? We've welcomed and sent off some extraordinary ordinaries over the past 15 years or so.

I would guess that our diocese is also unique in the collegiality among our clergy. We hear so many comments from priests who thoroughly enjoy their annual time together at the Presbyteral Assembly. Certainly their

widely shared experience as Wadhams Hall alumni keeps them close even years after its closure.

How else are we different?

I imagine that there are few dioceses which offer the clip-clopping of Amish buggies in front of the Chancery offices and sadly, few indeed which offer 45 issues of a diocesan newspaper each year.

But no list of the "stuff that makes our little diocese great" would be complete without a nod to the summer camp programs we offer our young people.

For more than a decade, young Catholic athletes have enjoyed SportsCamp, sharpening their basketball or soccer skills while

learning about what it means to be a good Christian teenager.

And then there's Guggenheim, a place called "home" by thousands of campers who have built a relationship with Jesus and with other young people who share their values and North Country roots, for nearly 40 years!

There's still some time to register for these camps (see page 6 for information).

A week of faith and fun just might be a life changing experience for the children or grandchildren in your lives.

Mary Lou
Kilian

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CHURCH: A FAMILY OF FAITH

Prayerful Waiting for the Holy Spirit

7th Sunday of Easter

June 4-5

By Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSJ

Director of Evangelization

Jesus' priestly prayer is a prayer of consecration because He consecrates Himself to His Father as He approaches His death.

Actually, this prayer of Jesus is His aspirations and thoughts of what He must do to complete His mission.

This intimate prayer with His Father is heightened by His awareness of being loved by His Father. Jesus' whole being is involved in His prayer as "He raises His eyes up" to the Father.

This action is a sacred space in which Jesus, the Incarnate Word, is in deep communion with His Father.

This communion of oneness is expressed in the number of times Jesus uses the name "Father." The Father loves the Son and the Son loves the Father in return. Love begets love that is mutual and reciprocal.

Another word that Jesus uses is "give." To give to another is also an expression of love. The Father is the one who "gives" to His Son - His words, His name, His glory, life-giving power, His mission.

The "gift" that the Father has given to His Son is now given to His disciples, that is, His mission to bring the Father's love to the world.

This was the "work" given to Jesus by the Father. This work means that the disciples are now given the mission to reveal the Father's name. This means they are to reveal the person of God in so far as He manifests Himself and communicates His life.

This work that Jesus has completed perfectly on the Cross has been accomplished in loving obedience to His Father. Jesus had formed and shaped His disciples with the work that the Father had given to Jesus.

The disciples had come to believe and understand the mystery of Jesus that He was sent by the Father, and that He received all that He had from the Father.

And now Jesus would pass on the same work to the disciples.

Just as we express our deepest longings and concerns to God in prayer, so did Jesus voice His hopes to the Father. His greatest interest was for the welfare of His disciples and all believers.

His prayer for His glorification was not out of self-concern. He desired that His disciples come to "know" the Father, just as He knew the Father.

He wanted them to experience an ongoing, loving and life-giving communion with the Father and Jesus through faith and love.

And so He prayed in petition and in earnest and in deep communion to the Father to keep them in His name.

His prayer becomes our prayer to carry out His aspirations, His mission of bringing the Gospel message to others.

The mission is not easy.

As the Lord prayed in the difficult hours of His life, we should do the same, especially during this week of prayerful preparation for Pentecost.

How will you be the Spirit of Christ for someone who feels alienated from the Church?

It is the Spirit of the Risen Lord that will give us the strength and courage to bring God's love to His people.

Congratulations, jubilarians

This year, the Diocese of Ogdensburg honors five priests who are celebrating significant anniversaries in 2011.

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Profiles of the jubilarians follow:

Msgr. Robert J. McCarthy

Msgr. McCarthy, celebrating 65 years as a priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, spent 21 of those years as pastor of Holy Family Church in Watertown.

A native of Potsdam, he was born July 1, 1918, graduated from Potsdam High School and attended Potsdam State Teachers College for one year before beginning studies for the priesthood.

He studied at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg and St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester before his ordination Oct. 19, 1945.

Early in his priesthood, Msgr. McCarthy served as assistant pastor at St. Mary's, Canton; assistant pastor at Holy Family, Watertown; and pastor in Old Forge, West Leyden, Colton and South Colton.

He was director of the Catholic Youth Council from its beginning in 1958 to 1966 and named diocesan director of the Apostleship of Prayer in 1966.

On May 19, 1960, Msgr. McCarthy was named a Papal Chamberlain (Chaplain of His Holiness) with the title monsignor.

In 1961, he was appointed pastor at St. James in Gouverneur and, in 1972 pastor of Holy Family, a position he held until his retirement in

1993.

In addition to his ministry within the diocese, Msgr. McCarthy was internationally known as the "Carny Priest." For decades, he provided liturgical and sacramental services to carnival workers across the United States.

In 1970, Pope Paul VI named Msgr. McCarthy to the Pontifical Commission for the Pastoral Care of Itinerant People. He was also named the official chaplain for the 60,000 carnival workers in the United States.

In 1979, he was honored with a private audience with Pope John Paul II who knew of his work with the migrants.

Msgr. McCarthy is credited with bringing the Precious Blood Sisters to the Diocese of Ogdensburg in the 1960s and providing financial support to the contemplative religious order with

contributions from the carnival workers.

The priest also served as chaplain for the State Police Troop B, based in Oneida for many years.

Msgr. McCarthy, who will celebrate his 93rd birthday July 1 currently resides at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Watertown.

Father Peter M. Berg

Father Berg, a 40-year jubilarian has been pastor in Newcomb and Long Lake since 2003.

Previously, he served as administrator in North Bangor and West Bangor and parochial vicar at Notre Dame Malone after completing 11 years of service as chaplain at the Dannemora Correctional Facility.

Father Berg was born in Tonawanda, NY. He served two years in the Navy before

entering the diocesan preparatory Seminary in Buffalo.

He studied for the priesthood at St. John Vianney Seminary at East Aurora, and after working at Kenmore Mercy Hospital in Kenmore, completed his theological preparation at St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester.

He was ordained Dec. 5, 1971 by Bishop Stanislaus Brzana.

Father Berg has served as associate pastor in St. Patrick's in Watertown, St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg; in Lowville, at Sacred Heart in Massena and in Cumberland Head.

The priest has also served as administrator in Cape Vincent, as pastor in Antwerp and Philadelphia and from 1987 until his appointment at the correction facility, as pastor in Sciota.

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We Remember... We Celebrate



Msgr. Robert McCarthy
65 Years



Rev. Gilbert Boisvert
40 Years



Rev. Joseph Elliott
40 Years



Rev. Peter Berg
40 Years



Rev. Steve Kovacevich
25 Years

We give thanks for our Jubilarians who have served us so well!

Jubilarians

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Father Gilbert O. Boisvert

Father Boisvert, observing 40 years of priesthood, has served as pastor in Altona and Sciota since 1991,

Previously, he was pastor in Treadwells Mills from 1984.

A Massena native, Father Boisvert was born Nov. 30, 1945, and studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall and St. John Vianney Seminary in East Aurora, NY.

He was ordained May 22, 1971 at St. Mary's Cathedral by Bishop Brzana.

Father Boisvert's first assignment was an assistant pastor at Our Lady of Victory in Plattsburgh.

He also served as assistant in Morrisonville, West Chazy, Notre Dame in Malone and West Chazy.

Father Boisvert also served as a teacher at Mount Assumption Institute and then Seton Catholic Central in Plattsburgh for several years.

Father Joseph W. Elliott

Father Elliott, another 40-year jubilarian, has been pastor of the Catholic Community of St. Philip of Jesus and St. Joseph, Willsboro and Essex since 2010.

Previously, he had served as administrator in Willsboro/Essex from 2009 and pastor in Morrisonville and Treadwells Mill from 2000.

A native of Massena, the priest was born Jan. 15, 1945. He studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall and St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie, NY, and was ordained May 22, 1971 by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana.

Father Elliott has served as assistant pastor in West Chazy and Peru and was part of the team ministry serving Brownville, Dexter and Chaumont. He was later an assistant pastor in Canton and St. Patrick's in Watertown.

In 1978, he was named pastor in Adams and six

years later pastor in Hopkinton and Parishville before his assignment as pastor at St. Mary's in Canton in 1988.

He was appointed pastor in Brownville and Dexter in 1995, serving there until his 2000 assignment in Morrisonville and Treadwells Mill.

Father Elliott has also served the diocese as director of the permanent deacon formation program from 1985 to 1995 and Dean of Clinton Deanery from 2004 to 2007.

Father Stephen Kovacevich,

Father Kovacevich, celebrating 25 years of priesthood, currently serves as director of pastoral care for the Adirondack Medical Center in Saranac Lake.

A priest of the Romanian Catholic Diocese of Canton, Ohio, he received faculties from Bishop LaValley to

serve in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Father Kovacevich was born in New York City but spent most of his life in Croatia. He earned a bachelor's degree from St. Joseph's College in Whiting, Ind.; a master's degree from Loyola University in Chicago and a doctor of ministry degree from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, Penn.

He was ordained June 12, 1986, and, as a board certified chaplain, has served in hospital and police chaplaincy positions throughout the United States.

Father Kovacevich has held the position at the Adirondack Medical Center since February, 2010.

Father Kovacevich is a member of the National Association of Catholic Chaplains and the International Conference of Police Chaplains.

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PRIESTS TOGETHER



PHOTOS BY FATHER SCOTT FOBARE
 Priests from across the Diocese of Ogdensburg gathered in Lake Placid May 16-18 for the annual Presbyteral Assembly. The speaker for the program was Dominican Father Peter John Cameron, shown above, editor of *Magnificat*. His topic was "Preaching as Generating: Preaching in the light of *Verbum Domini*."



Father Richard Sturtz and Father Chris Looby relax between the sessions of the speaker's presentation.



Bishop LaValley shares the Eucharist with, from left, Fathers Don Robinson, Scott Seymour and Doug Decker.



Each year, the priests hold a memorial service for those priests and deacons who have died during the past year. Here, Father Kris Lauzon passes a candle to Father Dan Keefe in memory of Father George Tobin who died last August.



Father Doug Lucia and Father Kris Lauzon are ready to celebrate Mass with their brother priests of the diocese.



Bishop LaValley congratulates Father Steve Kovacevich who is celebrating 25 years of priesthood this year. A priest of the Romanian Catholic Diocese of Canton, Ohio, he is the director of pastoral care at the Adirondack Medical Center in Saranac Lake.



Msgr. Dennis Duprey and Father John Yonkovig enjoy sharing dinner together.

FIRST COMMUNION SMILES



Students from St. Patrick's Church, Rouses Point celebrated their First Communion on May 22. Pictured, from left, are Deacon Noel Hinerth, Christian Formation Teacher Barbara LaBombard who has been teaching the First Communion Class for more than 35 years, Father Clyde A. Lewis, pastor; Chase Letourneau, Amanda Cayea, Hailey Letourneau, Ryan O'Donnell and Taylor Woods.

Openings remain at diocesan camps

Deacon Brian Dwyer, diocesan director of youth ministry announced that there's still time to register for the two diocesan summer camp programs – Guggenheim in Saranac Lake and SportsCamp at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg.

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

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

The camp director for

Guggenheim is Casey Provost of West Chazy; Michelle Rosteck of Lowville Will be director of SportsCamp.



Casey Provost

Registration may be made through the parishes of the North Country or online at www.catholic-camps.org

Further information is available from the Diocesan Youth Office, 315-393-2920

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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: **July 13** - 6 p.m., Holy Family School, Malone

Bishop LaValley's Schedule

June 2 – 12:00 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. 7:00 p.m., Confirmation for St. Bartholomew's, Old Forge; St. Anthony's, Inlet; St. Paul's, Blue Mtn. Lake; and St. Henry's, Long Lake at St. Bartholomew's Church.

June 3 – 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg; 7:00 p.m., Knight of the Year Dinner at the Knights of Columbus in Ogdensburg.

June 4 – 4:00 p.m., 125th Anniversary Mass for Augustinian Academy at St. James Church in Carthage.

June 5 – 10:00 a.m., Confirmation at St. Andrew's Church in Norwood; 3:00 p.m., Commissioning of Lay Ministers at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

June 7 – 10:00 a.m., Diocesan Department Heads Meeting at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg.

June 8 – 11:15 a.m., Mass at the Priests Retreat at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg.

Rest in Peace

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

June 1 – Rev. Tobias M. Glenn, 1907; Rev. Charles B. Cotter, 2001

June 2 – Rev. Antoine Buch, O.F.M., 1927; Msgr. John L. Plunkett, V.F., 1950; Deacon Richard T. Larche, 1989

June 3 – Rev. Auriemma Veronneau, O.M.I., 1962; His Holiness, Blessed John XXIII, Pope, 1963; Rev. Franz P. Romuald Reiter, 1971; Rev. Bernard W. Desnoyers, 1987

June 4 – V. Rev. Ferdinand Richard, O.M.I., 1971

June 5 – Rev. Charles Donaher, O.S.A., 1984

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YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

Who could ask for a better job?

By Kelly Donnelly
Guest Writer

It finally seems that spring has struck the North Country! The grass is green, the days are warm enough to go for a walk in the sunshine, and the evenings are comfortable enough to sit outside wearing a sweatshirt instead of a winter coat.

'I couldn't' says this Catholic school teacher after her first year on the job

The recent warm weather has been a bit of a paradox for me; while I consciously felt that it was time to welcome the sunshine, it seems incomprehensible that the academic year is almost over, thus ending my first year as an English teacher at Seton Catholic in Plattsburgh.

As any first-year teacher will attest to, the school year is filled with ups and downs. There are the "aha" moments when I feel confident that I have helped guide my students to an educational, personal, and/or spiritual pinnacle, and I feel overwhelmingly proud of their accomplishments!

There were also moments when I question my sanity for entering this profession. It is safe to say that the gratifying moments have overwhelmingly outweighed the frustrations, and those gratifying moments have come together to fill me with a deep sense of gratitude for the year, my students, my colleagues, my career, and Catholic education.

Early in the year, I was blessed with a very concrete moment that contextualized the joys of teaching in the Catholic school from an academic standpoint.

My ninth graders were reading the novella *Anthem*. *Anthem* takes place in a dystopia where the citizens are not allowed to think for



Seton Catholic Central students Elizabeth Fisher, left, and Cara Chapman, right, both submitted poems that were selected in the North Country Schools Peace Poetry Contest. Their poems were published in a calendar and they attended the reading ceremony at SUNY Potsdam April 26 with their English teacher, Kelly Donnelly, center. On this page, Ms. Donnelly reflects on her experiences as a first-year teacher at the Plattsburgh Catholic high school.

themselves or acknowledge differences in individuals.

When we were studying the novella, my classes had a discussion about how various aspects of the government in *Anthem* were hurting the citizens through the society they created.

One of the aspects that we discussed was the fact that it was inhibiting the people from their dignity and nature, which was created in the image and likeness of God.

It was so thrilling to have the freedom to encourage this discussion. How liberating to witness them integrating literature and faith!

One of the things I most appreciate about teaching at Seton is the sense of community.

The yearlong theme for both Seton Academy and Seton Catholic has been "Companions on the Journey" in conjunction with the corporal works of mercy. I believe this theme is exceptionally fitting, as it not only

defined the schools' vision for the year, but in my opinion, the uniqueness of Catholic education as a whole.

The Church is a community of believers, companions who share a universal vision, accompanying one another on our journeys of faith. Any individual church, faith group, youth group, etc. is essentially a microcosm of the Church's community; a Catholic school is no different.

It is a place where students and faculty come together to learn, grow, and support one another as companions on our faith journey.

I am constantly reminded and amazed at my students' willingness to help one another, in and out of the classroom. Whether it is a school-wide Mass, the May crowning, outreach/volunteer opportunities, retreat day, or discussing a piece of literature that students connect to religion, there are constant reminders that we belong to a community of faith.

As a student, I never anticipated how rewarding it is to see your students succeed.

Whether it was having two students win the North Country Peace Poetry contest, having one accepted to Champlain College Young

Writer's Contest, watching their modern interpretations of Julius Caesar, or seeing students excited to participate in a lesson, I am constantly in awe of their enthusiasm and achievements.

I wanted to become a teacher to inspire students. I hoped to help them discover and develop a love for learning, and to know that I value and appreciate who they are as a person.

Being a teacher in a Catholic school has offered me the opportunity to attempt to do this, and so much more.

I not only have the freedom to encourage class discussions and lessons that incorporate faith, but I have the liberty (and responsibility) to guide them in developing their faith.

The excitement associated with a love of learning and education is remarkable, as is the exhilaration associated with living a faith filled life.

The combination of the two is tremendous; who could ask for a better job? I couldn't.

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HONORING MARY



Natalie Jack, a first communicant at St. Ann's Church in St. Regis Falls, crowned the statue of Mary during the May Crowning at the parish.

BIDDING A FOND FAREWELL



PHOTO BY VALERIE MATHEWS

Bessie Flanders, who has worked for the Diocese of Ogdensburg for the past 16 years, at Wadhams Hall and as secretary for three diocesan departments was honored May 24 on her retirement. From left are Msgr. John R. Murphy, moderator of the curia; Mrs. Flanders holding the papal blessing she received; Heidi Macko, program coordinator for Formation for Ministry; St. Joseph Sister Jennifer Votraw, chancellor and director of the Planning Office; and St. Joseph Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, director of evangelization.



Congratulations to our own Rev. Steven Kovacevich on his 25 years of service.

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees:
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

Hymn - How Great Thou Art

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PLATTSBURGH PARISH CELEBRATES FIRST COMMUNION

SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S



PHOTOS BY PAT HENDRICK

The four children who received their First Communion at St. John's Parish in Plattsburgh May 1 are shown with their pastor and teachers. In front are Mary Haley Murnane, Olivia Barnett, Christina Maglione and Angel Bechore; back, Liz Jensen, Mary Skillan, Father Timothy Canaan and Vicky Marking.



Haley Murnane reads from the scriptures during the First Communion liturgy.



Christina Maglione processes into St. John's Church at the beginning of the special Mass.



Father Canaan distributes the Eucharist to Angel Bechore.



"This is the Body of Christ," Father Canaan said to Olivia Barnett

VATICAN LETTER

Pope's journey to Croatia highlights family

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)- The focus of Pope Benedict XVI's trip to Zagreb, Croatia, June 4-5 will be on the family and building a community with Christian values.

In the 84-year-old pope's 19th trip abroad and his 13th to a European country, he also will continue to underline the importance he places on reviving Europe's Christian roots.

Even though Croatia is an overwhelmingly Catholic country, it has undergone hardships that have tested its foothold on faith: two World Wars, a Nazi invasion and then communist rule under the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Today, threats continue, but under a different guise, said the spokesman of the Croatian bishops' conference.

"Croatia is not an island and as such is facing all of the challenges that are prevalent in western countries," said the spokesman, Zvonimir Ancic. First among them is "a rampant secularism whose small, but very vocal proponents, with the backing of the majority of the mass media, are actively trying to deconstruct all elements of Croatia's traditional Catholic identity, he said in an email response to questions.

Major challenges facing the church in Croatia include the country's "very liberal law regulating abortion," and proposed measures to legalize adoption for



CNS PHOTO/NIKOLA SOLIC, REUTERS

A man walks in front of a billboard featuring an image of Pope Benedict XVI in Zagreb, Croatia, May 27. Pope Benedict will meet with politicians and professionals, families and clergy on his first trip to Croatia June 4-5.

same-sex couples, as well as fresh debates over euthanasia, he said.

Twenty years after it declared independence, Croatia is set to join the European Union this year.

Pope Benedict is concerned that as Croatia joins the larger political and economic arena, it does not lose its own religious and cultural identity, but rather bring its Christian values to a wider forum.

Croatia is a different country from the one Blessed Pope John Paul II visited in 1994, 1998 and 2003.

The late pope went at critical moments in Croatia's evolution: first as the country was engaged in its 1991-1995 war of independence from Yugoslavia, and then as it sought to rebuild a

democratic nation that was still scarred by religious and ethnic tensions.

Blessed John Paul told the nation in 2003 that Christianity was the answer to its challenges because it offers nations the solid foundations of universally shared values, such as respect for human life and dignity, religious freedom and solidarity -- a message that Pope Benedict will likely repeat.

Croatia is holding its first national meeting of Catholic families this year and the pope will celebrate Mass on "National Family Day" June 5. The Croatian bishops chose "Together with Christ" as the theme of the visit to underline the importance of creating a community that has eternal Christian values as its foundation.

The theme, according to the official missal prepared for the trip, is meant to help people look toward the future and "the requirements

of the new evangelization, which begins first of all within Christian families."

Ancic said the pope will help "encourage and uplift sometimes-tired spirits," give momentum to the faithful during these challenging times and instill fresh hope in those suffering from the ongoing economic recession.

The pope's 33-hour stay in Croatia's capital will hit the basics: meetings and events with the country's government, academic and business leaders, young people, families and religious. After meeting the country's president and prime minister in the morning June 4 and academic, political, business and religious leaders in the afternoon, the pope will take part in a prayer vigil with young people in the city's Ban Josip Jelacic Square.

A key feature of the youth gathering is meant to be silent prayer -- an unusual expectation when there are

likely to be thousands of young people gathered in one spot on a summer's evening.

Silence "speaks of the divine presence," the missal said, "and to be silent in a city square where normally there is nothing but noise becomes and remains a strong sign of the Christian presence in the world."

The high point of the trip will be the June 5 morning Mass with families in Zagreb's hippodrome, the same giant stadium where Blessed John Paul celebrated Mass during his visit in 1994. The pope also will visit to the tomb of a controversial Croatian cardinal, Blessed Cardinal Alojzije Stepinac. A storm of debate erupted in the run-up to Blessed Pope John Paul's beatification of the cardinal in Zagreb in 1998.

Serbian Orthodox and some Jewish groups have questioned the late cardinal's allegiances during World War II, with many accusing him of being a Nazi sympathizer.

When the Yugoslavian communist government took over after the war, it sentenced Blessed Stepinac to jail for collaborating with the puppet regime. He died under house arrest in 1960 and was declared a martyr of the church in 1998.

For Croats, the cardinal is the symbol of the church's resistance to communist oppression. Blessed John Paul said the cardinal was persecuted because he refused to break the Yugoslavian church's allegiance to the Vatican by setting up a national Catholic Church.

Today, the cardinal is still seen as a powerful example of staying true to God and respecting the dignity of every human being, the trip's missal said. By praying at his tomb,

Pope Benedict will be reinforcing the cardinal as a role model of patient perseverance and trust in God while undergoing great difficulties and hardship.

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CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Pope receives papers for cause of Archbishop Sheen, whom he knew
VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- When Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of Peoria, Ill., presented Pope Benedict XVI with two thick volumes about the life of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, the pope surprised him by saying he had worked with the late archbishop. Pope Benedict "told me something I hadn't known: he worked on the commission for mission at the Second Vatican Council with Fulton Sheen," Bishop Jenky told Catholic News Service. The pope served as a theological expert at the council in the 1960s. At the end of the pope's weekly general audience May 25, Bishop Jenky presented the pope with two leather-bound volumes with golden lettering on the side: "Fultonius Ioannes Sheen." The tomes -- totaling close to 2,000 pages -- are the "positio," the official position paper, outlining why the Catholic Church should recognize Archbishop Sheen as a saint. Archbishop Sheen, who was born in Illinois in 1895 and died in New York in 1979, was an Emmy-winning televangelist. His program, "Life is Worth Living," aired in the United States from 1951 to 1957. Bishop Jenky said, "I hope it helps" that the pope personally knew Archbishop Sheen, who was national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in 1950-66 and attended every session of Vatican II. For the Peoria bishop, the most impressive thing about Archbishop Sheen was his untiring evangelizing effort, which was addressed not just to radio or television audiences, but to taxi drivers and anyone else he happened to meet. "I don't know how many people he brought to the faith; it must be thousands and thousands," the bishop said. "He never passed by an opportunity to bring someone to the faith. He was a hands-on evangelizer."

Tornado survivors in Joplin begin recovery, scene looks like war zone
JOPLIN, Mo. (CNS) -- The devastating scene left by the massive F-5 tornado that hit Joplin the evening of May 22 can best be described as apocalyptic. The tornado cut a swath of destruction three-fourths of a mile wide and six miles long, claiming at least 125 lives with hundreds still missing. Nearly every building in its path was left in total ruin. The powerful winds uprooted trees and tossed cars. They toppled bricks, bent steel, snapped power lines, sheared limbs and stripped bark off trees. In a May 25 news conference for area faith leaders, Missouri Gov. Jeremiah Nixon, upon witnessing the catastrophic destruction at St. John's Regional Medical Center, described it as a war zone. St. Mary's Catholic Church was in the storm's direct path. The sanctuary, elementary school, rectory, parish hall and the St. Vincent de Paul building -- the original church from 1938 -- were all leveled by the storm. "Most people's emotions are still too raw for them to begin processing this catastrophic event," said Father Justin Monaghan, St. Mary's pastor. "I just want to tell them, 'Our prayers are with you and we will rejoin you in rebuilding, healing, and renewal in the midst of the pain you are all suffering.'" Father Monaghan found shelter in the bathtub of the rectory only seconds before the tornado brought the entire building down around him. He was trapped for hours, but parishioners eventually found him safe and dug him out of the ruins. Parishioners retrieved the Blessed Sacrament from the church's shattered tabernacle. Only the large steel cross at what was the church's entrance remains, towering over the wreckage.

Catholics minister to veterans, serving with chaplains of many faiths

By Beth Griffin
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS)-- Catholics who minister to our nation's military veterans help aging soldiers heal from past wars and support men and women trying to resume civilian life after multiple tours of duty in distant outposts.

They work alongside chaplains of many faiths, in multidisciplinary teams that treat the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wounds of people whose relationship with God may have been severely challenged by the sights of war.

Through it all, they strive to bring Christ into the world through their words, deeds and actions, "as imperfect as they are," according to Voluntas Dei Father Andrew Sioleti. He is the chief of the chaplain service and supervisor of chaplain training for the Department of Veterans Affairs New York Harbor Healthcare System.

Father Sioleti is responsible for 15 full- and part-time chaplains who serve patients at two veterans' hospitals in Manhattan and Brooklyn, a long-term care facility in Queens and three clinics in Staten Island, Brooklyn and Manhattan. They also visit homebound veterans.

Among the more than 50,000 patients served each year by the New York Harbor Healthcare System, Father Sioleti said the largest group is Vietnam-era veterans. There also are veterans of the Korean conflict and the Second World War.

He said the fastest-growing and most diverse group is returning from service in Iraq and Afghanistan. They are seeking help with substance abuse and mental health issues, Father Sioleti said in an interview with Catholic News

Service.

"There are younger folks, in their 20s and early 30s, who served two and three tours and there are folks in their 40s, who joined the Reserves and ended up on active duty. We see parents bringing in their adult children as patients and we have veterans coming in for treatment with little children in tow. The staff is getting used to accommodating 5-year-olds," he said.

"There is a misperception that chaplains run around anointing patients and praying with them," Father Sioleti said. "Even if they ever existed, those days are gone." Because of privacy rules and legal challenges by anti-religious groups, he said, veterans must consent to a chaplain's visit and specifically request to receive sacraments.

"We respect each person's spirituality and religious experience. There is a big push in the government to recognize veterans' fundamental rights to request any spiritual or religious rituals."

Father Sioleti said chaplains counsel and can conduct religious services, but do not proselytize. When he celebrates daily Mass at noon in the hospital's nondenominational chapel, volunteers install a large wooden crucifix and set the altar. The faithful in actual attendance are a fraction of those participating via closed-circuit television from patient rooms.

The priest supervises a multifaith clinical pastoral education training program he said blends psychology and religion and is the only one established at a veterans' hospital in New York.

The program is one of 20 at VA facilities and is accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. Father Sioleti said its purpose is to train chaplains to minister to people of "all

spiritualities and religious backgrounds."

You can't go to war and come home the same. Not everyone comes home with problems, but all look at life a little differently

Mercy Sister Maureen Mitchell, the program's director, said: "The training is multifaith, but we want everyone to be rooted in their own tradition."

"We train students to do spiritual assessments on patients to understand what their journey has been. Many of our veterans were raised in religions with traditional talk of a loving God," she told CNS. "War challenges that image of God and we help our students to understand the veteran's journey and be willing to listen to reasons why someone has given up their tradition or may be searching."

Sister Mitchell said pastoral care to veterans requires understanding "veteran culture and the culture of war," with their attendant high rates of post-traumatic stress disorder, suicide, alcoholism and substance abuse. "It's not so much different as more intense," she said.

"You can't go to war and come home the same. Not everyone comes home with problems, but all look at life a little differently."

Sister Mitchell said she has changed in the year since she transferred from a similar job in a civilian hospital to the veterans' health care system. "I know I'm different and the experience itself has been the education -- just walking in every day and seeing the sign over the door. It reads, 'The price of freedom is evident here,'" she said.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

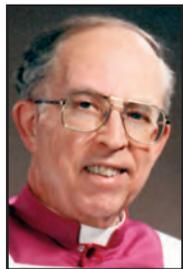
Reflecting on what 'new life in the Spirit' means

As the days passed after the Resurrection of Jesus, the Apostles were getting used to their fleeting glimpses of the Risen Christ, appearing here and there so dramatically.

He had pretty much cured their depression following the horrible crucifixion on Calvary by finally convincing them that he was alive!

They never knew when he would appear next with new commands to preach the Good News everywhere. Now, he suddenly ascends into the air

before their eyes, and is lost to sight in the clouds.



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They must have thought in dismay, "He's left us again!" So what did they do?

It was one thing to label themselves followers of the Christ when he was not too far away.

It was quite another to think of facing the Jewish leaders without his earthly presence.

Still shaken at his seeming abandonment, they withdrew together to that upper room to pray and ponder what He had taught them.

Wisely, they kept near his mother, Mary in those nine days of waiting for the Holy Spirit.

They must have remembered what Jesus had said to them: "If you really love me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father".

In other words, *I have a better way to remain with you. I will live in you and in the Church through my Spirit and in my Vicar.*

And did they remember his wonderful farewell address in that same upper room just a few weeks before at that strange, sacred meal the night before He died?

Did they now understand the reason for his institu-

JUNE 5

Seventh Sunday of Easter

READINGS

Acts 1:12-14

1 Peter 4:13-16

John 17:1-11a

tion of the Eucharist, that He might remain with them always?

On this Seventh Sunday, we reflect with the apostles on what this new life in the Spirit really means.

When we think ourselves alone and abandoned, when the contrary spirit of the world depresses us, Christ is there! When we are tempted to give up, to feel far from God, Christ is there

through the Spirit!

What Christ really wants of us modern-day followers, is concrete, lasting action. We must not act as though he were present. He is present.

His being present in the Spirit is far more powerful than his earthly presence would have been. We must go simply and deliberately into our souls daily-- into the core of our being-- and there listen to Him in silence.

Then, strengthened by His grace, we can confidently go about our Mission. We need that grace more than ever in these days of rebuilding our nation and our world.

OUR READERS WRITE

On Formation for Ministry

In September of 2009 a group of lay people belonging to the Catholic churches here in the North Country became passengers on a train named the Formation for Lay Ministry and so began our journey into deepening our relationships with our inner most being (our heart) and uniting ourselves with The Holy Trinity.

On Tuesday and Thursday nights our train would travel to Brownville and Altona, where messengers of God (our instructors) fed us information to enlighten our sleepy gray matter and transform radiant light into our hearts, to allow us to become like Jesus and his Apostles, to go forth and spread the Good News of the Gospels!!!

During our two year journey on this train each one of us had to choose a specific ministry to go into and we attended

workshops throughout the two years and received instructions from God's Messengers (our instructors), to prepare us to help our fellow man in this world.

We also attended two spiritual retreats at Wadhams Hall and the last retreat was very interesting in that we were presented with four images of Jesus.

1. "Jesus in the Breadline" - showing Jesus standing with everyday people, in which we do everyday, when we partake in the Eucharist, uniting us closer with the Holy Trinity.

2. "Jesus the Suffering One" - Jesus was sitting by himself and his head bowed down and resting on his chest, after being scourged at the pillar, but the image showed him to be very muscular and he was still able to carry on through the rest of his trials and tribulations, the same as we do in everyday life.

3. "Jesus the Happy Fisher of Men" - Jesus is shown with a fishing net and we who came on board this train became caught in his net and have enjoyed every minute of this journey.

4. "Jesus the Good Shepherd" - Jesus is shown holding the lost sheep in his arms, just remember that we are never alone, as long as we believe in Jesus.

I have enjoyed these last two years of getting to know my inner being and have a much closer relationship with the Holy Trinity. The program starts again this September 2011, remember Jesus came to serve, not to be served. Do you part for the benefit of mankind - Get Involved!!!

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AT THE MOVIES

KUNG FU PANDA 2

By John P. McCarthy
Catholic News Service

The summer movie season for kids begins with the lack-luster animated sequel "Kung Fu Panda 2" (DreamWorks).

Perfunctory if unobjectionable, this follow-up to 2008's hit about a rotund bear with martial-arts prowess moves at a brisk pace. Adults have that to be thankful for, along with the absence of inappropriate material.

When we meet up again with the goofy, perpetually hungry Dragon Warrior Po (voiced by Jack Black), he's firmly established as protector of the Valley of Peace, yet curious about his identity. It's finally dawned on the lov-

able oaf that Mr. Ping (James Hong), a goose, is probably not his natural father.

This desire to learn about his origins coincides with the rise of the power-hungry peacock Lord Shen (Gary Oldman). Armed with a new class of mechanized weaponry, Shen seeks to conquer all of ancient China. But a soothsaying goat (Michelle Yeoh) predicts he'll be thwarted by a practitioner of kung fu with whom he has a history.

Indeed, flashbacks to Po's earliest days reveal Shen was responsible for the death of his parents during a raid on their village. With Master Shifu (Dustin Hoffman) counseling him to strive for inner peace, Po and the Furious Five (Angelina Jolie, David

Cross, Seth Rogen, Lucy Liu and Jackie Chan) set out to derail Shen's evil plan.

Director Jennifer Yuh Nelson oversees by-the-numbers visuals, available in 3-D, while imparting an anodyne message concerning the necessity of moving beyond the past and focusing on the present.

The emphasis on pratfalls and breezy jokes will prevent wandering attention spans, but at a price. What felt relatively original and distinguished by fresh aplomb three years ago now seems to lack both flair and substance. Of course that's never stopped the studios. Judging by the ending of "Kung Fu Panda 2," part three is in the offing.

The film contains mild fan-



CNS PHOTO/DREAMWORKS

Animated characters seen in the movie "Kung Fu Panda 2" include Po, voiced by Jack Black, center, Crane, voiced by David Cross, far left, Tigress, voiced by Angelina Jolie, Mantis, voiced by Seth Rogen, Monkey voiced by Jackie Chan, and Viper, voiced by Lucy Liu.

tasy violence. The Catholic News Service classification is A-I -- general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of

America rating is PG - parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

ALSO PLAYING



CNS PHOTO/WARNER BROS.

Bradley Cooper, Zach Galifianakis and Ed Helms star in a scene from the movie "The Hangover Part II." The Catholic News Service classification is O -- morally offensive. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. The Catholic News Service reviewer cites its 'identical plot to its predecessor with a darker tone, considerably more Asian stereotyping in a Thailand setting, and ugly sexual humor. The movie contains nudity, pervasive crass, crude and profane language, considerable drug use, and references to sexual acts.

Musical about Bl. Pope John Paul II kicks off in Spain

By Sara Angle
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS-- "Fear Not," the musical prepared for World Youth Day about the life of Blessed Pope John Paul II, is touring Spanish dioceses in the days leading up to event.

The musical covers the early years of Karol Wojtyla, the young boy growing up in Poland who became the first Polish pope.

It discusses his love for theater, college years, love for his family and friends, experience during World War II and career as a college professor. The show culminates with his election as pope in 1978.

"I believe my life, and the meaning of it, is with God ..." the young actor playing Wojtyla says during the per-

formance.

Through music, dance and spoken word the musical is designed to attract young audiences and teach them about Blessed John Paul's rise to the priesthood and inauguration as pope. It also shares messages of hope, faith and love.

The cast includes more than 70 actors, actresses, musicians and dancers who perform 13 songs during the musical as well as the official World Youth Day song, "Strong in Faith."

The trailer for the show has already received more than 2,000 hits on Gloria.tv, the Catholic video website, and hundreds of views on YouTube.

The final performance will be in the Madrid Arena Aug. 17, during World Youth Day festivities.

ADIRONDACK

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Saranac Lake – The Catholic Daughters of America will be having their Annual White Elephant Sale.

Date: June 4

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

Place: St. Bernard's School Cafeteria

Features: Lunch, Hourly Door Prizes

CLINTON

PEDDLERS POST

Plattsburgh – Peddlers Post is to be held to benefit Seton Academy and Seton Catholic.

Schedule: June 4, 8 a.m. to Noon; June 5, Noon to 5 p.m.

Place: Seton Catholic High School

Features: Inside garage sale With toys, furniture, sporting equipment, books, household items and much more.

HEALING MASS

Ellenburg Center – OLA House of Prayer to have special Healing Mass.

Date: June 4

Time: 10 a.m.

Features: Father Doug Decker will preside.

Contact: RSVP to

olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or by calling 594-3253 if you plan on staying for a light lunch. Donations appreciated.

ANNUAL BAZAAR AND DINNER

Mooers Forks – St. Ann's Parish is to host its 35th Annual Bazaar and Roast Beef Dinner.

Date: June 5

Time: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Features: Parade at 11a.m. Entertainment all day. Noon to 2 p.m. talent up to 16 years old; 2 p.m. to 6 Adult Country Music. Books, games, Large Ticket Drawing at 5:30 p.m.

DAY OF REFLECTION

Ellenburg Center – OLA House of Prayer to have Day of Reflection on the topic Jesus the Harlequin.

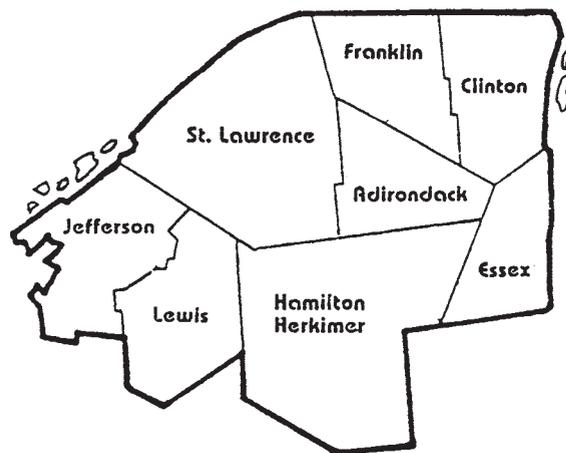
Date: June 10

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

Features: Father Gilbert Boisvert will give a reflection on the many faces of Jesus, incorporating his marionettes into the presentation. Mass, Confessions, the Rosary, and Adoration will be included. Lunch provided. RSVP by June 7 to olaprayerhouse@gmail.com or 518-594-3253. Donations appreciated.

ANNUAL SPRING SALE

Peru – St. Vincent de Paul Society will be holding its Annual Spring Sale.



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 e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

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

Date: June 3 and 4

Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place: St. Augustine Parish Center

Features: Toys, household items, shoes and gently used summer clothing.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Peru – St. Augustine's Knights of Columbus Council 7273 will host its 25th annual golf tournament.

Date: June 17

Time: Shotgun start at 10 a.m.

Place: Adirondack Golf and Country Club

Features: The four-person scramble will feature a "New Car Hole in One" prize sponsored by Bill McBride Chevrolet and other great prizes. The entry fee is \$260 per team until June 10th and \$280 per team thereafter. Spouses are invited to attend the dinner at \$15 each.

Contact: Obtain entry forms and information by contacting Bill McBride Jr. at 643-6678; email Scar6064@charter.net

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

Contact: For more information about

spending a special hour with Jesus weekly, or becoming a substitute, please call 518-561-5083 or email us at Sjohnsadoration@aol.com

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RETIREMENT PARTY

Ticonderoga – Come Join us at father Bill Muench's Retirement Party.

Date: June 26

Time: Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's, Reception Noon to 3 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall

JEFFERSON

CAR WASH

Watertown – The Watertown Special Religious Education Program will be having a car wash.

Date: June 4

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Place: St. Anthony's Church Parking Lot
Cost: Donation

HEALING MASS

Clayton – St. Mary's Church will be celebrating its Annual Healing Mass and Antoine Tetrault Memorial Service.

Date: June 11

Time: 11 a.m.

Features: The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered during Mass. after Mass there will be prayer teams to pray for individual needs. A social time to meet the Tetrault family, and refreshments follows in the parish center

Contact: If you have any questions, call the Parish Office at 686-3398.

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

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Houseville – Divine Mercy Devotions to be Held.

Date: June 5

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Program: Vespers, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet (sung) and Benediction.

Contact: Mary Ann 348-6260

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FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

Massena – St. Mary's Church will pray the Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima in reparation to Her Immaculate Heart for World Peace.

Date: June 4

Time: 2:30 p.m., followed by a 15 minute private meditation on the Luminous Mysteries.

Features: Confessions will be available

END OF YEAR BANQUET

Ogdensburg – The Ogdensburg Ladies Auxiliary will hold its end of the year banquet with a prime rib dinner.

Date: June 5

Time: Cocktails from 6-7 p.m. with dinner immediately following.

Cost: \$8 per person for active participating members and a guest; \$12 per person for non-active members and a guest.

Contact: RSVP to K of C by May 30 at 315-393-7990.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST BUFFET

Ogdensburg – The Ogdensburg Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a breakfast buffet.

Date: June 19

Time: 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Cost: Adults, \$7; Children 6-12, \$3.50; under 5, free

Features: Bring Dad to breakfast and he can register to win one of two \$50 gas cards. Eat in or take-out.

WINE TASTING

Canton – 1844 House and St. Mary's School have set a Wine Tasting Dinner.

Date: June 21

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: 1844 House

Cost: \$100 per person

Features: Proceeds from the event will benefit St. Mary's School, Canton. Dinner will include Hors d' oeuvres, soup, sorbet, fish course, meat course, dessert with four different wines served with meal.

Contact: Reservations required; please call The 1884 House at 286-1844

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Winthrop – Brasher Falls K of C is hosting a golf tournament to benefit handicapped and needy children

Date: June 11

Time: 9 a.m. shotgun start

Place: Meadowbrook Golf Course

Features: Four person, scramble, men, women, seniors and mixed teams welcome. \$15 per person, includes \$5 for skins and \$5 for 50/50 raffle. Green fees and cart are not included.

Contact: Galon Eldridge at 315-842-9277 or e-mail gandumeld@gmail.com by June 7.

K OF C BRUNCH

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

Date: June 12

Time: 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Place: Visitation Parish Center; Take-outs available

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

DIOCESAN EVENTS

MEDICAL DIRECTOR NEEDED

Camp Guggenheim is currently in search of a Medical Director.

Features: This is a 7 week paid position which requires a RN, LPN or EMT license. Included in this position is optional free room and board, and meals.

Contact: Deacon Brian Dwyer at 315-393-2920 or email bdwyer@dioogdensburg.org

SERRA CLUB PILGRIMAGE

The Serra Club of Ogdensburg has announced its Annual Fall Pilgrimage.

Date: Oct. 4

Place: Lake Placid

Features: Bishop Terry LaValley will celebrate Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Agnes Church, lunch will be at the Crown Plaza and a Holy Hour will follow.

Contact: John and Sondra Castle at 315-265-3578.



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Support for CNEWA

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

Below is an excerpt from a letter received by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith from the CNEWA (the Catholic Near East Welfare Association). Each year, a portion of World Mission Sunday's donation is given directly to the CNEWA. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Dear Sister Mary Ellen:

I am deeply grateful to you and to the generous people of the Diocese of Ogdensburg for your contribution of \$7,356.13 to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. We received your check in this amount representing CNEWA's share of the 2010 World Mission Sunday collection.

As always, we will be forwarding your gift to the Congregation for the Eastern Churches to support its operations and efforts on behalf of the Eastern Catholic churches. Permit me to convey to you as well the gratitude and appreciation of Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation, and Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan, Chair of the CNEWA.

God Bless you, your associates, and the people you serve for your goodness and generosity.

Sincerely,

Garbriel Delmonaco, US National Director"

A word about CNEWA: Amidst the upheavals and challenges of the modern world, CNEWA (Catholic Near East Welfare Association) has been a lifeline for those in need throughout the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe for more than 75 years. Founded in 1926 by Pope Pius XI, CNEWA's mandate is:

- to support the pastoral mission and institutions of the Eastern Catholic churches.
- to provide humanitarian assistance to those in need without regard to nationality or creed.
- to promote Christian unity and interreligious understanding and collaboration.
- to educate people in the West about the history, cultures, peoples and churches of the East.

CNEWA does not have inflexible priorities – they are set based upon time, place and urgency of need. We do not compete; if other agencies are doing a good work, we leave it to them. CNEWA addresses those needs that would otherwise “fall through the cracks,” enabling the power of love to reach men, women and children in need.

For more information on the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, please visit: www.cnewa.org

Please remember “The Society for the Propagation of the Faith” when writing or changing your Will. www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice

OBITUARIES

Brushton – Dixie A. White, 64; Funeral Services May 26, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Brasher Falls.

Canton – Robert E. LaClair, 82; Funeral Services May 28, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Brick Chapel Cemetery.

Carthage – Anna M. McMullen, 87; Funeral Services May 27, 2011 at St. James Catholic Church; burial in church cemetery.

Champlain – John Lawrence Turner, 54; Funeral Services May 28, 2011 at M.B. Clark Funeral Home; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Rouses Point.

Chateaugay – Ida Mary (Crippen) LaPlant, 87; Funeral Services May 27, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Ridgeway Cemetery, Burke.

Clayton – Richard S. LoMonaco, 76; Funeral Services May 28, 2011 at St. Mary's Church.

Colton – Madelyn H. (Horton) Pruski, 83; Funeral Services May 27, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Dexter – Vera Helen Kostyk, 86; Funeral Services May 21, 2011 at the Johnson Funeral Home; burial in Dexter Cemetery.

Fort Covington – Martin “Marty” J. Leroux, 45; Funeral Services May 28, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial in the new parish cemetery.

Glenfield – Gerald E. Pominville, 68; Funeral Services May 20, 2011 at St. Mary's Catholic Church; burial in Brantingham Cemetery.

Glenfield – Nellie M. (Matulewicz) Swan, 94; Funeral Services May 24, 2011 at St. Mary's Catholic Church; burial in Old Glendale Cemetery.

Gouverneur – John F. Klock, 89; Funeral services July 2, 2011 at St. James Church.

Keeseville – Sally A. Blaise, 79; Funeral Services May 23, 2011 at St. John's Church; burial in Port Douglas Cemetery.

Malone – Anthony R. “Tony” Barber, 76; Funeral Services May 25, 2011 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – William R. Brothers, 59; Funeral Services May 25, 2011 at Fox & Murray Funeral home; burial in Calvary Cemetery, Massena.

Ogdensburg – Ruth Patricia (Holmes) Shannon, 86; Funeral Services May 26, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Peru – Lawrence F. Pascal, 94; Funeral Services May 27, 2011 at the Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in St. Augustine's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Jean C. Beaubriand, 87; Funeral Services May 28, 2011 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Holy Angels Cemetery, Altona.

Potsdam – Ross H. Logan, 84; Funeral services May 25, 2011 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Tupper Lake – Eva E. (Gale) Bellows, 88; Funeral Services May 23, 2011 at Stuart-Fortune-Keough Funeral Home; burial in Lakeview Cemetery.

Waddington – Elizabeth Mary (Mayette) Baker; Memorial Services May 28, 2011 at St. Mary's Church.

Watertown – Arlene Landon, 76; Funeral services May 27, 2011 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Watertown – Maurice J. Lapointe, 87; Funeral Services May 23, 2011 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown – Mary E. (Brown) McVean, 88; Funeral Services May 27, 2011 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

CELEBRATION IN MOOERS FORKS



Father Gerald A. Cerank, pastor of St. Ann's in Mooers Forks and St. Joseph's in Mooers, is shown with the First Communion class after the May 15 celebration at St. Ann's. “This is our biggest class ever,” Father Cerank said.



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