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For New York State, the numbers get worse, with a rate of 37 percent. Abortions in the Empire State represent about 13 percent of all abortions performed in the nation.

In New York City, the statistics are downright alarming: 41 percent of pregnancies end in abortion there, more than twice the national rate. And while the rate in the North Country is not nearly as high, women and children in the northern reaches of our state also suffer from abortion; nearly 1,000 procedures were recorded there in the most recent year data was collected.

The numbers belie the familiar campaign promise to “make abortion safe, legal and rare.” Rare it is not.

The figures should serve as a wakeup call to all of us to intensify the crisis. The New York State Catholic Conference promise to “make abortion safe, legal and rare.”

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In the words of a past series, Bishop LaValley writes: “Ours is an urgent moral challenge. We have been changed by our culture too much, and we have changed it not enough. The progress of society should not be confused with the growth of the Kingdom of God.”

As Bishop Borty S. LeVrai observes the 38th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision allowing women “a right to abortion,” he swears a call for Catholics in the North Country to build a culture of life in the next 100 years.

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– then “talking the talk” becomes equally important.

Here are a few tips for brushing up our pro-life site direction.

1. Jesus used parables to teach. Likewise, we can use stories to persuade.
2. People will remember personal stories long after the statistics are forgotten.
3. A picture paints a thousand words. With the advent of three and four dimensional ultrasound, we have a literal window to the womb. We should focus on the wonder and the beauty of human development.
4. In order to be credible, we must be accurate. Don’t believe or repeat everything you read on the Internet. Do your homework; know the facts.
5. We must be courteous, civil, Christ-like. We should not be confused with the other side of the life centers, praying outside the clinics, counseling young girls in crisis, marching down the life centers, praying outside the clinics, counseling young girls in crisis, marching down the street the life centers, praying outside the clinics, counseling young girls in crisis, marching down the street, or political lobbying. We must believe in the right to life is demonstrated by your life communication skills.
6. Make abortion rare. Fear not. Believe in the right to life is demonstrated by your life communication skills.
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Pro-life persistence

In a couple of days, four buses of pro-life pilgrims from the Diocese of Ogdensburg will begin the 1500-mile journey to the 40 Days for Life campaign, a. time of prayer and fasting that began in 1973. It is my prayer that our young people will be encouraged to join this campaign and to make their pro-life presence known. 

Mary Lou Kilian
General Manager

The Pontifical Mission Societies

The Pontifical Mission Societies are the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Society of St. Peter’s Pence, and the Union of Priest and Religious.

The Propagation of the Faith

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith was founded in 1862 and is headquartered in Rome, Italy. Its mission is to help individuals and the Church in need of financial assistance by sharing the love of Christ. The Society raises funds through collections and donations, as well as by selling religious articles and publications.

The Society of St. Peter’s Pence

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The Union of Priest and Religious

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Obituaries


Catholic – Margaret M. (Ross) Craig, 74, Funeral Services Jan. 11, 2011 at St. Mary’s Church, Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota.

Cumberland Head – Carolyn R. Blevin, 91, Funeral Services Jan. 10, 2011 at St. Mat’s Church, Cranston, Rhode Island.

Feeney – John D. Feeney, 69, Funeral Services Jan. 11, 2011 at St. Mary’s Church, Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota.

Fleming – Dorothy (St.) (Platt) Fleming, 84, Funeral Services Jan. 11, 2011 at St. Paul’s Church, Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota.

LaValley – Joseph D. LaValley, 81, Funeral Services Jan. 11, 2011 at St. Anthony’s Church, Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota.

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LaValley – Mary Lou Kilian, 78, Funeral Services Jan. 11, 2011 at St. Anthony’s Church, Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota.


Potts – John D. Potts, 82, Funeral Services Jan. 11, 2011 at St. Joseph’s Church, Watertown.


To it was your creation. Be with me in your mother's womb. I thank you for your wonder. For the wonders of all your creation.

They were all of them written in your book, every one of my days was decreed

We have, in so many ways, forgotten how to read. Yet, if we have eyes to see and ears to hear, the answers and the guidance and direction of our Lord are there. Please, please persevere in prayer. At Mass, at home, in all humility we will entrust the rest to the Lord. It is God who governs the world, not we humans (35).

Next week: What else can we do to promote a culture of life?
Within the parish and diocesan programs, there are many opportunities for young people to grow in their faith. The Diocese of Ogdensburg offers a variety of programs and initiatives for youth, including retreats, mission trips, and faith formation classes. These programs provide a space for young people to connect with their faith and with one another, fostering a sense of community and support.

Supporting our Parish

To support the work of the parish, you can consider making a donation. Your generosity helps to provide funding for programs and initiatives that support young people in their faith journey. You can make a one-time donation or set up a recurring donation through our online giving portal. Your support makes a difference in the lives of young people in our parish community.
Prospects good for pro-life legislative success

By MaryKathleen Sullivan

WASHINGTON — Despite the worst of times, the spring of 2011 is proving to be a propitious legislative season for pro-life advocates as it is the earliest time in Congress’s history that legislation on major pro-life measures will be introduced. The 112th Congress will see some long-simmering pro-life issues come to a head, allowing for the introduction of measures that previously might have been considered too soon in the legislative calendar.

This year’s efforts to pass pro-life legislation, however, may be the most important to date. The health-care reform law that was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama last year is the single most important pro-life issue facing the current Congress, according to Rep.subj.

Many pro-life advocates believe that the health-care law is a thinly disguised attempt to legalize abortion and that it will lead to a nationalization of abortion services, thus depriving individual states of the right to regulate abortion services. The law also opens the door for federal funding of abortion services.

In the wake of the health-care overhaul, pro-life leaders are working diligently to ensure that the new Congress will pass legislation that will protect the pro-life values of the American people. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has committed to the pro-life cause by vowing to introduce legislation to overturn the health-care law. He has also vowed to introduce legislation to prohibit federal funding of abortion services.

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**The importance of ‘unity’ and ‘light’**

Our readings this week provide us with a much more compelling reason for the importance of ‘unity’ and ‘light.’ How important for us who live in a world that is so fractured and divided in the ways we think and speak on issues such as abortion, marriage, and moral values. Political divisions and the media’s posture, and the media’s influence on these issues, are to deal to those who try to move our nation away from the dark forces that are at work in the world. Our Holy Father has most certainly spoken about an apparent misuse of this truth. How important, then, on the part of all Christians in the middle of the task. There is a concern that the moral話唇 should provide the Christian clergy and laity to work to drive out the darkness that threatens to engulf us. The Church is challenged to be a beacon of light in a world and in nation over-shadowed by dark forces. We need to stand in the discerning light of Christ’s Truth.

**Our Readings This Week**

The importance of ‘unity’ and ‘light’

In the Book of Revelation, we have the picture of the Church as a bride adorned with fine jewels, as a great bride, as the body of Christ. The vision of the Church as a bride is one of the most beautiful and fascinating in the Bible. The Church as a bride is also one of the most difficult to understand. The bride is the Church’s singular identity and symbol. The Church is the body of Christ, the bride of Christ, and the temple of the Holy Spirit.

In the New Testament, the Church is referred to as the bride of Christ. The bride is a symbol of the Church’s union with Christ. The Church is the BODY that is united with Christ, and the BODY that works together with Christ. Christ is the HEAD of the Church, and the Church is the BODY of Christ.

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Our readings this weekend provide us with apriceless opportunity to be moved by the profoundly loving message of the Lord. We are surrounded by so many doubts and questions that we are tempted to航海 in the unknown waters of uncertainty and division. Our Holy Father has most ardently expressed about an apparent lack of unity and the need for us to ensure that we stand united on the part of the Church. Similarly, Jesus in the middle of his passion said there is a need to offer our efforts to drive out darkness from our lives (Mark 9:42). We should not be afraid to be united in our prayer that he enter the joy of heaven.

The Lord had a vision of a house divided into two rooms in the presence of some obscure people. His message of love for all peoples is the true source of unity. The precious persons in this vision is blessed are those who were among the first to follow the light of Christ. Our readings this weekend highlight the importance of unity in our society, particularly in the context of politics and culture. This is particularly relevant given the current climate of division and conflict.

The message of the readings is clear: we need to be united in our prayer and in our actions. We need to strive for unity within our own Catholic communities, and also strive harder for unity among a people who lived in darkness for centuries. We need to seek to mend fences. Much is done through these processes. Respect for the unborn brings a climate of respect for the life given us by God from the beginning of our existence. A member of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Sister Ellen Donahue, phone, 315-793-7630, information is available from Atonement Catholic Church, 2525 Memorial Blvd., Ogdensburg.

At Last

We can intervene with God to heal sickness and disease. This is the reason why we have a day designated to pray for healing, the Sunday of the Divine Mercy. It is a day of reflection and introspection, a day to give thanks and express our faith. On this day, we pray for the renewal of the Church and the world, for the healing of our sins and our relationships.

The Beatification set for Divine Mercy Sunday

Our readings this week provide us with a chance to reflect on the importance of unity and light. They remind us of the need to strive for unity and to seek the right path. The Beatification of Pope John Paul II is an important event in the history of the Church. His life and his message continue to inspire us to seek unity and light in our own lives and in our communities.

Blessings and Prayers:

May the Beatification of Pope John Paul II inspire us to seek unity and light in our own lives and in our communities. May the Beatification of Pope John Paul II remind us of the importance of prayer and reflection in our lives. May the Beatification of Pope John Paul II be a source of comfort and inspiration to all people, especially those who are suffering from illness or disease. May the Beatification of Pope John Paul II be a reminder of the power of prayer and the importance of unity in our lives. May the Beatification of Pope John Paul II be a source of hope and inspiration to all people, especially those who are suffering from illness or disease. May the Beatification of Pope John Paul II be a reminder of the power of prayer and the importance of unity in our lives. May the Beatification of Pope John Paul II be a source of comfort and inspiration to all people, especially those who are suffering from illness or disease. May the Beatification of Pope John Paul II be a reminder of the power of prayer and the importance of unity in our lives. May the Beatification of Pope John Paul II be a source of hope and inspiration to all people, especially those who are suffering from illness or disease. May the Beatification of Pope John Paul II be a reminder of the power of prayer and the importance of unity in our lives.
**Washington Letter**

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By Margaret Sullivan

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Workshop set to focus on being part of a parish

A workshop "Being A Part of a Church Community will be held in the vacant diocesan office in Ticonderoga Jan. 26-27. Anne Scanlon from RENEW International will facilitate the workshop, sponsored by the diocesan Office of Evangelization.

St. Joseph Sister Mary Eamon, diocesan director of evangelization, explained the purpose of the workshop.

"For the next few weeks, the Sunday Liturgies are of Ordinary Time. The Gospel readings from Matthew focus on his early ministry in Galilee. We have the stories of the call of the disciples, their formation into apostles, and how they are to be a living and proclaimer of the Gospel of Jesus on the Mountain," she said.

"All of these stories are told for the early Christian Community of Matthew's time and for us as a Family of Faith in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

"Building a parish community, being a family of faith in the life of the Church is not easy today," Sister Mary Eamon said. "In this Diocese we are faced with the diminishing numbers of priests in our parishes and our parishes are merging and closing. The question asked is, Why my church?" I don't want to go to Mass at that church.

"This may sound like 'shouting and doors, but we are a community of believers who bring hope and joy to a world that appears to be dark and depressed," she said. "We are called to be 'salt of the earth' and 'light to all nations.' We are called to be a people of faith and charity, the kingdom of heaven cannot be fulfilled. We are called to be a people that bring wisdom, joy, courage, and energy and be a community of believers who proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." We have been encouraged to attend, all workshop groups are especially encouraged to attend, all council leaders, parish ministers, and facilitators of small community groups are especially encouraged to attend, all parishioners are invited, Sister Eamon said.

The schedule for the workshop follows.

**Lewis Dreyau**

Feb. 20, St. Peter's Church Hall, Lowville, 1 p.m. to 3

Jefferson Dreyau

Feb. 20, St. Mary's House, Watertown, 6 p.m. to 8

St. Lawrence Dreyau

Feb. 21, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Maxena, 7 p.m. to 9

Feb. 22, Holy Family Church, Malone, 7 p.m. to 9

Chipen Dreyau

Feb. 23-24, Peter's Immaca Hall, Plattsburgh, 1 p.m. to 3 and 7 p.m. to 9

Adirondack Dreyau

Feb. 4, Holy Ghost Parish Center, Tupper Lake, 6 p.m. to 8

Euras Dreyau

Feb. 26, Patrick's Parish Center, Port Henry, 11 a.m. to noon.

**Thank you!**

The overwhelming generosity of the Catholics in the United States has helped Catholic Relief Services move earthquake survivors from destruction and despair to transitional shelter and new hope for a better life.

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It was for us who created this being. Karl Marx wrote: “The noblest work of art is the human being…” Karl Marx and G. W. F. Hegel were two of the most influential philosophers and political theorists of the 19th century. Marx was a German philosopher, economist, sociologist, historian, and revolutionary socialist whose theories of capitalism, class struggle, and the role of labor in societal change were central to the development of 20th-century political thought, and are still influential today. Hegel was a German philosopher whose works profoundly influenced Marx, an influential writer, as well as the Marxists themselves. He is best known for his philosophical system of metaphysics, which is based on the idea of absolute unity and the dialectic of becoming.

On this day, we remember the words of a great poet, John Donne: “No man is an island; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a man left ye best of thy friends. If you die, Europe is the less, this parting is like a limb; the earth less, part of a continent; if thou die and live not, thou mayst live not and die. And if thou live not, thyself besides, thou mayst live not at all.”

This year our Church in the North Country is making a concerted effort to focus on the importance of our families. Tragically, in too many ways, we find ourselves deeply imbedded in a culture of death where the very fabric of our society is coming unraveled. Issues of life mean everything to the family. Who is Jesus? They throw the issues in our face and ask us to judge the good or bad. Our eyes saw all our actions. It's my right to have a life. If I do not come home to a parent who has chosen to have an abortion, or on the abortion providers. We can pray for those who promote a culture of death. We must pray for those who promote a culture of life. We must pray for those who promote a culture of peace.

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In a couple of days, four bus loads of pro-life pilgrims from the Diocese of Ogdensburg will be on their way to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. This will again be an amazing experience for the 300 or so pilgrims from northern New York who make this pilgrimage each year. John and Colleen Miner, the diocesan directors of respect life, have organized a trip that is well worth the price of admission for the 94 teenagers who have signed up.

It will be a spiritual journey as they travel together and “stand up for the babies,” said Mrs. Miner. “And it will certainly be source of great encouragement.” As the young people take part in a pro-life youth rally - with 15,000 or so more teenagers - and then march down Constitution Avenue in matching t-shirts and then march down Constitution Avenue in matching tee-shirts, they will see that they are not alone in their beliefs.

The Pilgrims have been organizing for March for Life youth trips for 15 years and find that the young people become more popular every year. This year, as usual, there’s a waiting list.

For me, the fact that the voices for life has become younger and more resilient is quite remarkable.

When that infamous decision came down in 1973, I was a senior in high school. The issue was personal to many of us because my generation was the first to experience the destruction of human life in our own families. Whenever I hear someone say that it was a decision made by a group of men in a room, I have to shake my head in disbelief. And it is so final, and that it was made by a group of men in a room, I have to shake my head in disbelief. And it is so final, and

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As we prepare to commemorate the January 22 anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade ruling which legalized abortion in this country, new statistics will convince the Governor and the Legislature to drop this radical and gratuitous agenda of the pro-abortion lobby. They need to be moving New York in the opposite direction.

We all do. What more can we do to help reduce the abortion rate? The commitment of those who passionately believe that life is a gift is demonstrated by how well they “walk the walk” volunteering in clinics, counseling women in crisis, marching in Washington, lobbying in Albany.

But if persuasion is the key to pro-life success - whether we are the neighbors, the gas station attendant, the local business person or the elected official, who seem intent on doing all they can to intensify the crisis. The New York City Council is pushing legislation (Intro 371) to allow abortion. Governor Cuomo expressed support for this legislation in his State of the State address earlier this month.

The Bishop of Buffalo, Bishop Terry R. LaValley, observes the 38th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. This year’s March for Life will be held Jan. 24 in Washington, lobbying in Albany.

I am hopeful that a serious review of the latest statistics will convince the Governor and the Legislature to respect the pro-life wishes of the voters who elected them. The data shows that the U.S. abortion rate has risen slightly, to just under 20 percent, with 1.2 million abortions being performed across the country in a single year. That’s more than 100,000 unborn children snuffed out every month.

For New York State, the numbers get worse, with a rate of 17 percent. Abortions in the Empire State represent about 13 percent of all abortions performed in the nation.

In New York City, the statistics are downright alarming: 41 percent of pregnancies end in abortion, more than twice the national rate. And while the rate in the North Country is not nearly as high, women and children in the northern reaches of our state also suffer from abortion; nearly 1,000 procedures were recorded there in the most recent year data was collected. The numbers belie the familiar campaign promise to “make abortion safe, legal and rare. Yet it is not.

The figures should serve as a wakeup call to elected officials, who seem intent on doing all they can to intensify the crisis. The New York City Council is pushing legislation (Intro 371) to harass and attack pro-life pregnancy centers, whose sole mission is to offer women a choice. They do not encourage pregnancy, but rather empower non-physicians to perform abortions, would permit late-term abortion for any reason, and stop the extensive campaign to build a culture of life.

In a letter to the editors of a pro-life paper, Bishop LeVey writes: “Ours is an urgent moral challenge. We have been changed by our culture too much, and we have changed it not enough. For the progress of society should not be confused with the growth of the Kingdom of God.”

As Catholic Christians we must be brave in our work. We must be about the business of informing and forming our culture based on the Gospel and Christ’s teaching, not on the other way around. “It’s not a question of what will the Church get with if and change. It’s a question of when will we, our culture, just with it and change, particularly when it comes to issues that cause us to lose our freedom of speech.”

“Can we do it?” the Bishop asks. “What must we do?”

– Kathleen M. Gallagher

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**Building a culture of life**

**Being Part of a Church Community**

A workshop “Being” A Part of a Church Community will be held in sites across the diocesan Office of Evangelization.

Anne Scanlan from RENEW will facilitate the workshop, sponsored by the diocesan Office of Evangelization.

While all pastors, parish council leaders, parish ministry leaders, coordinators and facilitators of small community groups will be encouraged to attend, all council leaders, parish ministry leaders and facilitators of small community groups are encouraged to attend.

In the first of a two- part series, Bishop LaValley writes:

“We should focus on the wonder and the beauty of human development.

“In order to be credible, we must be accessible. Don’t believe or repeat everything you read on the Internet. Do your homework; know the facts. Be courteous, civil, Christ-like. We are for life, not against abortion. We are for the ethical integrity of medicine, for the protection of the innocent born and pre-born.

“Let everybody do something. Let’s work together to truly make abortion rare.”

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