Re-Elect Judge John A. Lahtinen to the New York Supreme Court

Judge Lahtinen is running for re-election to the Supreme Court in the Fourth Judicial District this year. After 28 years of private practice, concentrating in civil litigation, Judge Lahtinen has served the people of the Fourth Judicial District for the past 14 years as a Supreme Court Justice. While on the trial bench, he tried and settled many cases in this district and New York City and always did so with integrity and fairness. In 2000, he was appointed by Governor George P. Pataki to the Appellate Division of Supreme Court for the Third Judicial Department which is comprised of the 3rd, 4th and 6th judicial districts. Since his appointment to the Appellate Division as an Associate Justice he has written in excess of 1500 decisions and participated in more than 9000 appeals. His judicial opinions have helped to shape the law of this State.

Judge Lahtinen also has served as Chair of Continuing Education, New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department from 2001-2007 and is a member of the New York State Judicial Benefits Committee. In the past two years, Judge Lahtinen will have presided over a total of 13 Naturalization Terms in Clinton, Schenectady and Washington Counties. In 2004 he was honored by the Finnish-American Lawyers Association with a Special Award for Public Service.

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The Office of Young Adult Ministry, headed by Lorraine Turgeon, plans to offer a Metanoia Retreat for 12 young adults Nov. 18-19 at Wadhams Hall.

The 24-hour retreat will bring committed, spiritually minded young adults together to help them experience the necessary conversion of the heart to become effective leaders of the Church.

Turgeon plans to offer these retreats every 12 weeks for different groups of young adults.

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IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

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Regular readers of the North Country Catholic know that, in addition to the publication of the weekly printed newspaper, the ECC staff pull all of our others out before maintaining a website for the North Country Catholic (North Country Catholic) and Facebook (North Country Catholic). Work on the Facebook page is particularly enjoyable because it provides a platform for sharing compelling videos, lots of photos and even an occasional “elevator pitch.” It also offers our visitors the opportunity to “like” our posts, ask questions and even comment on our material with others who share our interests.

Over the past few months, we’ve been able to build a relationship with other Christians who care about the Church in the Diocese of Ogdensburg and its future. For me, one of the best parts of our work online has been the opportunity to “be-friend” many of the Catholic youth throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg. I have communicated with many of these youth myself, and many of them have written on our Facebook page. That’s why I’m so excited about the plans announced by diocesan Office of Young Adult Ministry this week. (See page three) Lorraine Turgien, director of the Office of Young Adult Ministry, said that 12 young adults will be chosen to participate in the first Metanoia retreat held at Watertown High School last Friday. The goal is to offer them spiritual tools to help them become “disciples” our church needs.

Twelve weeks later, this group of sixteen will be offered continuing education in “Maniforld Chatting” as part of a ten-week program which experience the Metanoia. Twelve weeks ago, when this group of sixteen was brought together, it happened again, slowly but surely, we find ourselves building up a group of committed and enthusiastic young evangelists for our church. Those of us who, sadly, can no longer call themselves young adults, have a responsibility too. “Liturgy exists...for anyone who doesn’t fall into the ‘Young Adult’ category,” please pray for those who may be hearing the Gospel for the first time, for the youth preparing to participate, spread the Word to those of your parish or group, encourage participation, and invite young adults into the body of Christ. I will pray for you all. God will get the right 12 to the right table at the right time. In the meantime, please remember “The Society for the Propagation of the Faith” when writing or changing your Will. The Missionary Union of Priests and Religious is a spiritual apostolate. Unlike the other three Pontifical Mission Societies which were established by the Church in the late 19th century (The Christian and Missionary Alliance and the Society for the Propagation of the Faith), the Missionary Union of Priests and Religious was founded by the Jesuits in Belgium in 1886. It is a worldwide apostolate of priests and religious working in the missions, and the primary goal of its mission is the furtherance of the kingdom of God in the mission lands.

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For anyone who doesn’t fall into the “young adult” category, please pray for those who may be hearing the call to participate, spread the word to those of your parish or group, encourage participation and ask young adults to the table.  

With your help, God will give the right hand to the right adult at the right time.
Death Penalty: The Death of a Society

By Randal J. Smith
Catholic News Service

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The conclusion can only be that the death penalty is a failed attempt to provide justice for the victim, and it does more harm than good. This is why the Catholic community opposes the death penalty and advocates for the nonviolent resolution of conflicts.

The Catholic Church has a long history of opposition to the death penalty. In 1975, the Catholic Bishops of the United States issued a statement entitled “The Catechism of the Catholic Church,” which states: “The death penalty contradicts the deeply ingrained sense of the dignity of the human person and the principle of the sanctity of human life.”

The Church teaches that all life is sacred and that the death penalty is never an appropriate means of punishment. The Church has consistently advocated for the nonviolent resolution of conflicts and for the protection of human life.

In conclusion, the Catholic Church strongly opposes the death penalty and encourages the peaceful resolution of conflicts. The Church believes that the death penalty is a failed attempt to provide justice and that it is more likely to perpetuate evil than to prevent it. The Church continues to advocate for the nonviolent resolution of conflicts and for the protection of human life.
Scripture Reflections

Priesthood: necessary but dangerous vocation

Priesthood is a necessary but dangerous vocation. On this Sunday designated as Priests Sunday, we find the readings filled with admiration and respect for the men of the Priesthood of the Old Testament. God had made a covenant with Levi, and so the term laverical priesthood. Unlike the other tribes, they received their sanctuaries during Temple offerings. This is a direct reference from Malachi, written for the Is-
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Regional infections

Easter Sunday during the month of March, the Department of Worship is providing messages of under- standing, reflection and prayer on the changes to the liturgy for those who live in the remaining 11 Regional Diocesan Worship Centers.

Oct. 21 – Rev. June Francis, Schalm, Our Lady of the Flowers, Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Letter in Peace

This week marks the 50th anniversary of the death of the following deacons who served in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Oct. 20 – Rev. John Heron, 1918

A '11 limbs' change means no als bishops meet privately with pope

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In a spate of modifications to a traditional format, the Vati- can has begun the process of changing its 131 bishops from a semi-secretive meeting to an open dialogue and with a greater inclusion of women. 

The process will make the diocesan prelates appear at a table for every meeting of the Synod of Bishops, which is scheduled to convene on Oct. 30 for its four-week spring session. 

The change was instituted earlier this year, apparently in an effort to reduce the average of “ad limina” visits, which are supposed to be made every five years for every five years of diocesan priests. 

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The pope added that, in accordance with his instructions, “I wish the new nuncio to the United States to be named in time for the U.S. bishops’ assembly general session Nov. 14.15. Event.

The bishop said he had heard a perfect welcome to the new archbishop in Rome, Francesco, “pontifical and magician” to the United States.

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Being a nuncio, he said, is “a call to know this people, this country and come to know it very deeply.”

To me for the take place of someone who was so loved, so committed, it makes an important, greater challenge for church, for me. 

The archbishop said he knew a U.S. presidential elec- tion is coming up, but he has no preoccupation that the church in a given country, which includes the search for and vetting of candidates to become bishops.

New York Archbishop Timothy Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, sent a mes- sage of welcome to the new archbishop and said the bishops looked forward to meeting them at their November assembly in Baltimore.

Archbishop Dolan said that, as the pope’s repre- sentative in the U.S., Archbishop Vigano would “serve as a continuing sign to us of that source of renewal and hope that Pope Benedict brought to our country during his April 2008 visit. Arch- bishop Dolan said the new nuncio’s variety of experiences would enable him to “see the inter- ciples around the world.

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Sister Adorers of the Precious Blood reflect on their lives of contemplation

‘A most rewarding life’

By Joan Washburn

Four years later, she took advantage of the GI Bill, enrolled in nursing school and then re-enlisted... in the Navy. As a Navy nurse, Joan worked in Vancouver and discovered that this was a life she needed to explore. Marilyn, whose life of prayer was never eclipsed by high school fun, was convinced as a teenager that God was calling her to religious life. Her parents weren’t so sure and only gave permission after she spent a year in the working world. Rose Mary wanted to be a Sister right after grade school and always found time for prayer groups and retreats while building her career. She finally answered the question “What don’t I really want to do in my life?” and began the call to religious vocation at the age of 14. And Martha Emery knew she had to be a Sister – she began her formation as a Sister of Good Shepherd near her home in Old Orchard Beach, Maine, and left a year later to enter the Sisters of the Precious Blood. On the outside these women were leading active, fulfilling lives. On the inside, they each knew that something was missing. While in Washington, Joan was invited to join a friend on a visit to a monastery in Vancouver and discovered that this was a life she needed to explore. Marilyn, whose life of prayer was never eclipsed by high school fun, was convinced as a teenager that God was calling her to religious life. Her parents weren’t so sure and only gave permission after she spent a year in the working world. Rose Mary wanted to be a Sister right after grade school and always found time for prayer groups and retreats while building her career. She finally answered the question “What don’t I really want to do in my life?” and began the call to religious vocation at the age of 14. And Martha Emery knew she had to be a Sister – she began her formation as a Sister of Good Shepherd near her home in Old Orchard Beach, Maine, and left a year later to enter the Sisters of the Precious Blood.

The sisters of the Precious Blood is a contemplative community of pontifical right. This year, they join Precious Blood sisters in Tokyo and Singapore, and spend time in meditation before Mass at 8 a.m. Paul Whitman, chaplain for the past two years, celebrates daily Mass for the Sisters of Good Shepherd in Toronto, Canada. Breakfast follows before the Sisters spend two hours in the work of the monastery. This includes the distribution of hosts to parishes across the area and answering religious articles and cards. The Sisters gather for midday prayer at 11:10 a.m. followed by dinner. Breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. They enjoy personal time for private prayer, exercise or rest. In addition, each Sister participates in special diocesan liturgy, trips to the doctor and a yearly home visit.

A rewarding life

In September, the Sisters elected Sister Marilyn to serve as superior of the local community and Sister Marthe as the assistant superior. In the coming year, they expect a young woman from San Bernardino, CA, to enter the community. Another plans to come in April, Sister Marilyn said. Together, the Sisters will continue to “direct all their energies toward a deepening of their relationship with God, knowing that their life together as community reflects God’s life here on earth.”

To Learn More...
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Her dreams for the future included a career as a reporter for the U.S. News and World Report.

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The Sisters of the Precious Blood is a contemplative community of priests and nuns whose religious vocation began in France in 1856 and came to the United States in 1890. It is one of the oldest and largest Catholic religious orders in the U.S., with the Women in the local community devoted to a life of contemplation, following the motto: “Adoration, Reparation and Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.”

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A typical day

The community newsletter. “But a day in the Water-town monastery begins at 5:30 a.m. when the rising bell...in addition to daily Mass, the Sisters spend two hours...in the monastery. This includes the distribution of hosts to parishes across the area who...for the past two years,...Mary Rossi and Sister Martha as the assistant superior. In the coming year, they expect a young woman from San Bernardino, CA, to enter the Sisters. Another plans to come in April, Sister Martha said. Together, the Sisters will continue to “direct all their energy toward a deepening of their relationship with God, knowing that their life together in community relates to the Presence of God here on earth.”

Sisters

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The translation that began in the 1960s would not be the last. Liturgists agree.

By Dennis Sadowski

WASHINGTON (CNS) - When the new English translation of the New Roman Missal was approved in 1984, it was aimed to be the last, liturgists agree.

But long before the first missal was promulgated, a desire for consistency and clarity in Latin worship began to emerge. Ever since Mass prayers were first translated to the vernacular in the 10th century, the desire to have language that the peoples of the Church could understand prevailed.

In a series called “Welcoming the New Roman Missal,” the Litanies, the Sacramentary, the Novus Ordo Missae, the Divine Office and the Sacraments’ prayers were all translated to the vernacular.

But even in Rome it’s important to recognize that the first several hundred years you could see there was this concern to have the language be in the language of the people,” he said.

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Priesthood: necessary but dangerous vocation

Priesthood has neglected to teach well the traditions and laws of former days, and had been lax in correcting foreign customs brought back to Jerusalem from pagan masters. Because of this, God threatened to let them lose their call.

In today’s second reading, St. Paul presents the models for the priests of the New Testament. He quotes the Thessalonians who “were as gen- uine among you as a mother cares for her chil- dren.”

I was because of his love for them that he labored night and day among them, both preaching the word of God, and earning his own living so as not to burden them.

Through the writings of the other Apostles and early Church Fathers we find the ideal of priesthood put forward, and Jesus did not question their authority to teach, and urges his followers to follow them, but not to follow their examples.

Throughout the entire hour of this Good Friday Collection, “remains special to us,” according to Father John Yonkovig, pastor in Lake Placid, because it is the day when the Holy Land uses the money you and I give through the Good Friday Collection to support the ordinary and indispensable means of promoting the life of Christians in the Holy Land.

We have a similar model of Christ, the High Priest. He gives it over and over again, offering hisBody and Blood, for our salvation, so He gives it over and over through the Mass.

And He does this through the exercise of this ministry.

What greater privilege can be given to a man? In return, He demands that this ministry and this burden, this mirror of Jesus love, freedom, holiness, and mercy be taken up and carried by the people of God.

At the same time, He will hold those accountable for any neglect of their sacred vocation.

On this Priesthood Sunday, may all of us remember this promise: “Through our prayers for them, may God forgive their sins and weaknesses. May our prayers be instruments for their grace.”

May God keep watch over us—in this life and in the next. Amen.

ST. PETER’S, PLATTSBURGH RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE COORDINATOR P. J. ORLANDO is in the process of organizing a “Life Chain” for the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. If any of you are interested, please feel free to contact me at kristenmcharters@hotmail.com or through my phone Karen Smith (518) 566-6229.

Thank you to the Life Chain at St. Peter’s Plattsburgh for their contributions to the 2011 Good Friday Collection.

To run 14 schools open to all students regardless of religion or nationality, the Catholic Board of Education for the State of New York, including the Bishop’s of the New York Diocese, together with the New York City Department of Education fund the New York Catholic Schools.

Our Litle Church held Oct. 23. Pioneers drew many college students who spent an hour in silent witness against abortion.
Death Penalty: The Death of a Society

by Randal Smith

Death Penalty News

"The Death Penalty is not merely an issue of right and wrong; it is an issue of life and death. It is an issue of whether we as a society are willing to make a conscious choice to end the life of another person. As we consider this issue, we must ask ourselves: What do we value most in life?"

The Catholic Church has consistently opposed the death penalty, stating that it is a violation of the sanctity of human life. In 1975, Pope John Paul II issued a encyclical titled "Dives in Misericordia," in which he declared that the death penalty is a violation of the dignity of the human person and is therefore not justifiable.

The Church teaches that every person, regardless of his or her guilt or innocence, is entitled to the rights of the human person, including the right to life. The Church also maintains that the death penalty is not an effective deterrent to crime and is, in fact, counterproductive, as it often leads to the death of innocent persons and does not prevent future crimes.

In conclusion, the death penalty is contrary to the principles of justice and mercy that are at the heart of the Catholic faith. As such, we as Catholics must continue to work towards the abolition of the death penalty and towards building a society that is truly founded on the values of compassion, forgiveness, and reconciliation.
**AT THE CARITAS DINNER**

**Metanoia Movement begins for young adults**

By Carmen Legram

**Franklin**

The Office of Young Adult Ministry will be sponsoring a Metanoia Retreat Nov. 18-19 at Wadhams Hall.

Is Jesus inviting you to the table?

The Metanoia Retreat is a 24 hour retreat experience based on the Last Supper and the call to, and cost of, discipleship.

The Church needs committed, spiritually minded young adults to take responsibility for the Church. Without them, the Church cannot be everything God intends it to be. John Paul II wrote in his Apostolic Letter “To you, all you who are Christ’s, he is addressing, is incontestably true and beyond the path of the Cross. For a discussion of the path of the Cross, see note 7. We need moments in which we know that we are not in a different relationship with Jesus.

Therefore, this retreat experience is designed to explore the relationship between each of us and Jesus Christ, to discern the path we are on, and to discern the path we would like to be on. For anyone who doesn’t fall into the “Young Adults” category, please pray for those who may be hearing the call to participate, spread the word to those of your parish or group, encourage participation and be ready to invite young adults into the circle.

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Work on the Facebook page has been especially popular and enjoyable because it has allowed us to post compelling videos, lots of photos and even an occasional comic strip. It also offers our visitors an opportunity to post, ask questions or share their own material with others who are interested in faith questions and issues.

Over the past few months, we’ve been able to build a relationship with other Catholics who care about the Church in the Diocese of Ogdensburg and its future.

For me, one of the best parts of our work online has been the opportunity to be ‘friends’ with many of the Catholic organizations that work live and in community with us. We are connected with the nuns, World Youth Day organizers and others engaged in the work of the Church helping to ‘animate the faith’ of young adults.

That’s why I’m so excited about the plans announced by diocesan Office of Young Adult Ministry this week. See page three for Lorraine Turgoise, director of the office, said that 12 young adults will be chosen to participate in the first Metanoia retreat at Vlad, Md., Nov. 19. 19.

The goal is to offer them the spiritual tools to familiarize themselves with the ‘disciples’ our church needs.

Twelve weeks later, this group of 12 will be invited to join a “Metanoia Gathering” as a means of continuing to experience the Metanoia.

Twelve weeks ago, that it happens, slowly but surely, building up a group of educated and enthusiastic young evangelizers for our church. Those of us who, sadly, can no longer call themselves young adults, have a responsibility too. “Loretta write.” For anyone who doesn’t fall into the “Young Adult” category, please pray for those who may be hearing the ‘call to participate,’ spread the word to those of your parish or church group, encourage participation and invite young adults into the “circle of those about you. God will get the right 12 to the right table at the right time.”

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

CHURCH:A FAMILY OF FAITH

Humility and Truth

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time - Oct. 29-30

(Up Until You Come Again—Eucharistic Prayer)

By Deacon Mary Lou (p.13)

As a family of faith, we are called to see one another in humility and truth. This is what Jesus commanded His disciples to be—to a witness of His through the way of faith.

Both Malachi’s and Jesus’ messages were strong. As a community of believers, whether as individuals or corporately, we are to reflect and communicate God’s love to one another with compassion, justice, and mercy, not just gossip.

The Church is the family. It is the family that adorns us to see the coronation of all in truth and humility. We all have a responsibility for bringing new life, we are to participate, and even to communicate that to others.

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As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, let us give special recognition to our brothers and sisters who, in the spirit of the four gospels, take this task of spiritual work as a duty and carry it to all.

In humility and prayer, we gather together with the ‘Young Adult’ category, one family, to be the voice of God’s plans in the proper and just manner and to participate at the Lord’s Table. Together we prepare for the future glory by celebrating the human banquet.

In the second reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians, Paul’s community was expecting Jesus’ return soon. But Jesus Sender’s teaching had not come to the Throne’s time and so Paul exhorted them to be ready to be found by the faith to his other listeners, not only to be present in the Roman presence, but to be the world where the Mystery of Faith (Memorial Ascension) of the Real, in proclaiming the mystery of the faith, we proclaim the core of our faith.

It is who we are as a people and how we present ourselves to the world. Jesus has done so for us. ‘We proclaim what we will do for our own lives in love what we do not drink and reverence in the form of our faith to the ancestors of Christ, “Well come again. This is the formula for achieving greatness in the world, a world where Jesus will return, but He will return in all his glory and power.

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From the Director’s Desk, Sister Mary Ellen Brett, S.S.J., Diocesan Mission Director

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Judge Lahtinen is running for re-election to the Supreme Court in the Fourth Judicial District this year. After 20 years of private practice, concentrating in civil litigation, Judge Lahtinen has served the people of the Fourth Judicial District for the past 14 years as a Supreme Court Justice. While on the trial bench, he tried and settled many cases in this district and New York City and always did so with integrity and fairness. In 2000, he was appointed by Governor George E. Pataki to the Appellate Division of Supreme Court for the Third Judicial Department which is comprised of the 3rd, 4th and 6th judicial districts. Since his appointment to the Appellate Division as an Associate Justice he has written in excess of 1500 decisions and participated in more than 9000 appeals. His judicial opinions have helped to shape the law of this State.

Judge Lahtinen has also served as Chair of Continuing Education, New York State Appellate Court, Appellate Division, Third Department from 2005-2007 and is a member of the New York State Judicial Benefits Committee. In the past two years, Judge Lahtinen will preside over a total of 13 Naturalization Terms in Clinton, Schenectady and Washington Counties. In 2004 he was honored by the Finnish-American Lawyers Association with a Special Award for Public Service.

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FOR DEVOTED AND UNSELFISH SERVICE

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SISTERS OF PRECIOUS BLOOD

Lives of contemplation

PHOTO BY MARY LOU KILIAN

On the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Sister Adorers of the Precious Blood, members of the local Precious Blood Community in Watertown reflect on their lives of contemplative prayer. The sisters have served as a prayerful presence in the Diocese of Ogdensburg since the opening of their monastery in 1963. Sister Martha Emery is shown above preparing a meal for the community.

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