Judge Lahtinen is running for re-election to the Supreme Court in the Fourth Judicial District this year. After 26 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. "It was 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 1300 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 Supreme 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 have presided over a total of 19 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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**Celebration of Priests**

Vocations thrive in parishes with "spiritual soil," pope says.

**VATICAN CITY** (CNS) — Parish communities where the Gospel is "at home" are places where vocations to be missionary priests and religious thrive, said Pope Benedict XVI.

"Vocations to the ministerial priesthood and to the consecrated life can only flourish in a spiritual soil that is well cultivated," he said in a message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations in April.

In his message, Pope Benedict insisted that the task of explicitly proclaiming the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus Christ is still at the heart of the vocation of every Christian. In following Jesus, the pope said, some men are called to the priesthood to carry out the missionary task in a special way by preaching and teaching, caring for the poor, sick and weak, and administering the sacraments. "To respond to the Lord's call means facing in prayer and simplicity every danger and even persecution, since a disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master," the pope said, quoting the Gospel of St. Matthew.

**An issue of appreciation for priests**

This Week's North Country Catholic is filled with features about priests of the Diocese of Ogdensburg:

- Bishop LaValley thanks God "for all of our priests who show us a shepherd's tender care and love" in his Follow Me column.

- A former parishioner remembers Msgr. Dumas.

- This week's Young Catholic Voice columnist shares how special priests become part of our families.

- A writer from the east side of the diocese expresses gratitude for priests who serve a Plattsburgh nursing home.

**Annual Harvest Mass is set**

Bishop LaValley will provide at Harvest Mass of Thanksgiving.

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# Rest in peace, Msgr. Phillips


His funeral arrangements follow: Reception of the body will be at St. Andrew's Church in Norwood on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 5 p.m., followed by calling hours until 9 p.m. Calling hours will end with night prayer. There will also be calling hours from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 2, at the Church on Wednesday, Nov. 2, with the Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Bishop Terry R. LaValley will provide the main eulogy with photos of the diocese considering: Father E. James Chartier's Choice of Eight Bishops Church in Ogdensburg with the family.

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A Harvest of Catholic news from around the world and
the Diocese of Ogdensburg, delivered to your home with
his subscription to the “North Country Catholic”

Letter From the Editor

A week for heartfelt thanks

It’s always a joy to publish our annual Priest Appreciation issue because it gives the church the celebration of Priesthood Sunday. This year, we’ve heard of too many sad stories about bad news priests have heard this week as we share many of our priests in our parish, we can be thankful to have插写 models who see how much they care about the people who serve them. Our priests have the greatest priest – check him out. The parishioner doesn’t mention Father Ted Crosby by name but Father Ted Crosby it is. It’s also fascinating to read about the priests who inspired Bishop Laliberty in the early years of his own priesthood. Certainly, Msgr. John Pendergast and Father Edward Wright would be honored to know that they modeled a priesthood – that a bishop now knows how much they cared. We’ve been pleased to feature a profile story about a priest who served the people of Tupper Lake for nearly four decades as well as heartfelt tribute to one of the young priests of the diocese from a young writer.

These messages, of course, only scratch the surface of the gratitude that the people of the diocese have for their priests. For every sentence published here there are thousands of similar sentiments in hearts across the North Country. It’s sad, therefore, that this issue also features the obituary of a priest who truly was one of the greatest of good shepherds. Msgr. George Phillips died on November 1st at the age of 72. He continued to be a true minister of God long after his “retirement” in 1990. We’d like to give more attention to the life and ministry of this special priest in next week’s North Country Catholic but in the meantime we express our sentiments in hearts across the North Country.

Thank God for Msgr. Phillips and for all the Faithful Servants in our midst. Well done, Good and Faithful Servants!

CHURCH: A FAMILY OF FAITH

The Wisdom of God
12nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Nov. 5-6

Psalm 145:1-3, 8-19, 20-24

“The Lord is good to all,
And his goodness is to all generations.”

The first reading from the Book of Wisdom concerns itself in singing praises in touch with God as a spiritual world. God cares about how people perceived his love and his presence to human beings. The people who reaped what they had sown to the glory of God by the knowledge which they had received from others and by the process of their own experience. This short passage can be interpreted as a form of prayer and a meditation on the turn of life’s events and the wisdom and love of God. The God who created the whole world and all that is in it is a just God who understands the world and its people. We need to be humble and acknowledge that God is in control of every aspect of our lives and the world. We need to trust in God, acknowledge our limitations, and rely on his wisdom and guidance.

The second reading is from Romans 8:18. The Apostle Paul writing to the Gentile Christians in Rome, wrote: “The whole creation is groaning in pain as it is born into the glory of God.” This passage is used to explain the excitement of God’s creation and the world. In this passage, Paul is expressing the idea that the world is waiting for God’s glory to be revealed. The passage is often used to encourage people to have hope and faith in God’s plan. The passage also emphasizes the importance of patience and trust in God’s timing.

The first verse of the Gospel is from Matthew 19:15. Jesus is teaching about the importance of being humble and recognizing our limitations. He says, “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good grain but while people were sleeping the enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat.” Jesus then goes on to explain that the weeds represent the evil in the world and the good grain represents the good people. The farmer is powerless to separate the good grain from the weeds, and the weeds will grow among the good grain.

The second verse, Matthew 19:16, is about the rich young ruler who comes to Jesus with a question. Jesus asks him, “What good shall I do to inherit eternal life?” The rich young ruler responds, “Teacher, I will keep all the commandments.” Jesus then tells him that he must sell all his possessions and give them to the poor in order to inherit eternal life. The rich young ruler is shocked and goes away sad because he had many possessions.

The third verse, Matthew 19:17, is about Jesus teaching about the importance of love and charity. He says, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” This passage is used to encourage people to love and care for others. Jesus is teaching about the importance of kindness and compassion.

The fourth verse, Matthew 19:18, is about Jesus teaching about the importance of prayer and faith. He says, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.” This passage is used to encourage people to have faith and to believe in the possibility of change. It emphasizes the power of faith and the importance of having confidence in God.

The fifth verse, Matthew 19:19, is about Jesus teaching about the importance of being humble and recognizing our limitations. He says, “If you want to enter life’s kingdom, sell everything you have and give it to the poor.” This passage is used to encourage people to be humble and to recognize their limitations. It emphasizes the importance of giving and sharing with others.

The sixth verse, Matthew 19:20, is about Jesus teaching about the importance of being humble and recognizing our limitations. He says, “Jesus looked at him and loved him. ‘One thing you lack,” he said. ‘Go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come and follow me.’” This passage is used to encourage people to be humble and to recognize their limitations. It emphasizes the importance of giving and sharing with others.

The seventh verse, Matthew 19:21, is about Jesus teaching about the importance of being humble and recognizing our limitations. He says, “Jesus looked at them and loved them. ‘You do not know what you are asking,” he said. ‘Can you drink the cup I am about to drink, or will you be able to share in my sufferings?’” This passage is used to encourage people to be humble and to recognize their limitations. It emphasizes the importance of giving and sharing with others.

The eighth verse, Matthew 19:22, is about Jesus teaching about the importance of being humble and recognizing our limitations. He says, “Jesus looked at them and loved them. ‘Whoever accepts my word,” he said, ‘and follows me,” the Father will recognize him as a child of the living God.” This passage is used to encourage people to be humble and to recognize their limitations. It emphasizes the importance of giving and sharing with others.
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An exceptionally intelligent and well-read man, Father Dumas has a talent that includes more moral lessons than a Sunday sermon. He would often start this by asking, “What would Jesus do in this situation?”

Father Dumas would often say to his altar boys how to clean and polish the church pews when he was a young boy. He was a faithful readers, having a love for books and a commitment to always being well-read.

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**Scripture Reflections**

**We need wisdom to bring faith into focus**

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**1st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

King David is the epitome of a man who always chooses the right path. He faced many difficulties and challenges in life, but he never regretted his decisions. If you have been to Israel, you have probably seen the well at Gibeon. This is the well that David and his men used to drink from. A marble slab from that well is now on display inside thebez Din Museum in Jerusalem. It is said that those who wash their hands in this well will be protected from evil. This is the faith of the Jews. Joshua understood the importance of faith in the Christian message. He said, “If a man speaks in the name of God, it is done with God’s power.”

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**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Brother Anthony of Padua (1225-1231) was a Franciscan friar who lived during the thirteenth century. He was known for his simplicity and his love for God. He often said, “If I were to choose one thing above all others, I would choose to love God.”

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Think about the high school senior. For years people have presumed that he would be heading to college after graduation. The whole system feeds this presumption - everything from the posters in the guidance office at school to society’s never satiated desire to get into a good college, to get a good job, to make lots of money, to have all the comforts of life.

Our society presumes that any talented high school senior’s next step is to go off to college.

But now think, if you will, of the young man who is being called to the vocation of the priesthood.

How dare he choose something other than what everyone else presumes? Where does he go for support? Which of his friends have blazed this trail? What does his guidance counselor know about seminary? That’s one of the many reasons that the Vocations Office is so important for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

One of the jobs of the Vocations Director is to help a young man who believes he is being called by the Lord to the priesthood respond to that call - in the midst of a world that is less than supportive of such a response.

In April of 2010, Bishop LaValley made a bold step to help this ministry. At that time our Bishop asked me to become the full-time Vocations Director for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

This was bold for two reasons. First is because it meant that one of his precious few priests would not be serving primarily in a parish. (Although I do help out at the Cathedral and other parishes). Secondly (and more to the point of this article) this was bold because it meant that Bishop LaValley had to find the resources to pay for a priest’s salary and benefits plus all the regular costs of running the work of the Vocations Office.

Where does that money come from? Well, to put it bluntly, it comes from you. The monies that you donate each year to the Bishop’s Fund Appeal provide funding to support the many ministries of the diocese, one of which is the Vocations Office.

We in turn support that high school senior that we’re all worried about along with all our other work. The Vocations Office is here for all those discerning the vocation to which the Lord is calling them.

From the classrooms of our Catholic schools to the college campuses, from one-on-one conversations about religious life at Camp Guggenheim to postings on Facebook, from discernment events in our North Country to the annual March for Life in D.C., the vocations office is striving to overcome the pressures and presumptions of our society. And this is greatly helped by your support of this year’s Bishop’s Fund Appeal.

Donations can also be mailed to: The Bishop’s Fund Appeal, P.O. Box 150, Ogdensburg, NY 13669. To learn more about the Appeal and to view the 2011 Bishop’s Fund video, please visit the Appeal website at www.dioogdensburg.org/development.

To learn more about the Vocations Office go to www.myvocation.net.
Amid Assisi participants, a sense of crisis in society

By John Thavis

A NEWS ANALYSIS

The pope said this discord was captured by Holy Father Rowan Williams, the head of the Anglican Church of England, when he said people’s relationship with nature was increasingly distorted.

The world is a one-time opportunity. When we see the crisis of our modern world, we can’t wait for a new generation to solve it. We need to act now.

The pope was elected in 2005. The visits also give Pope Benedict a platform for commentary, and Vatican sources say the leitmotif of papal talks to the bishops will be "peace." The pope has already addressed the 2012 election year campaign in the United States.

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Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Joseph’s Church in Watertown, Nov. 9, 1:30 p.m.

A Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated each fall in the Diocese of Ogdensburg since November 1981.

In November 2010, the Mass was offered at St. Augustine’s in Peru, and the previous year at St. Cecilia’s Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

The location varies year to year based on the time of the Mass, the time of year, and any conflicts with other events. The Mass is offered in many different parts of the North Country to accommodate the annual Harvest Mass celebration.

The celebration of the annual Harvest Mass is strongly encouraged to take place in many different parts of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, its affiliated institutions and parishes. The Diocese of Ogdensburg strongly encourages the celebration of Thanksgiving Mass throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg, its affiliated institutions and parishes.

The Diocese of Ogdensburg encourages the parishes to articulate the meaning of the Mass and the diocese and the meaning of Thanksgiving Mass activities. Applicants must have a bachelor’s degree in or related field. Each person may apply for a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science degree in any of the above fields.

The annual Harvest Mass is offered to all diocesan members at the Bishop’s discretion, with the Bishop of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

For more information, contact the Bishop’s Office at 315-268-2400.

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A reception will follow at the Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

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Elderly residents still cared for by local priest

Father Larry Marullo, The Parishioners of St. Martin’s and St. John’s in Port Leyden and Lyons Falls

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GOD BLESS YOU

Thank you Father Frank for your ministry to the Catholic Communities of Morristown, Harwood & Keeseville.

We honor Father Joseph Morgan, our Rector, and ask God to shower his manifold blessings upon him for his 50 years of dedicated priestly life.

Your pastoral visit to St. Mary’s Cathedral

Thank YOU!

Father Riani, We are blessed by your presence!
St. Philip Neri Catholic Community

To Jim Sherrill
Jesus wanted his disciples not to call any man father for we have one Father in heavens (Mt 21:19).
And yet you are father to us in so many ways.
You who have been and baptized.
You who have fed and nursed.
You who have married and joined.
You who have forgiven and loaded,
kept prayer and stood vigil,
with us from blessing and joy
and tears and last breath.
You show us the Father’s face.
You love us with the Father’s love.
You shower us with the Father’s life.
You are father to us in so many ways.
From the babies, the young and middle and old.
the mothers and fathers, uncles and aunts and good folk.
The religious and single, those now old in years has young in wisdom and grace.

From all of us who are Notre Dame Parish in Ogdensburg, NY.
We love you, our father, our pastor, our shepherd, our friend.

Bishop Terry R. LaValley invites you to join him for our annual Harvest Mass of Thanksgiving dedicated to farmers and their co-workers.

Sunday, November 13, 2011 1:30 p.m.
St. Peter’s Church Lowville, New York

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. (Ps. 118)
Bishop Terry LaValley is shown with Father Sony Pulickal outside St. Ann’s Church in Wells after Father Pulickal’s Aug. 7 installation as new pastor of St. Ann’s Wells and St. James Major of Speculator. Knights of Columbus came from as far away as Whitehall, Indian Lake and Blue Mountain Lake to march in procession at the celebration.

PHOTO BY KATE CURRY

Father Timothy Caanan, pastor of St. John the Baptist Church in Plattsburgh, preached a three day parish mission. In August at St. Mary’s in Indian Lake, above, he greets parishioners at the close of the mission.

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NEW PASTOR INSTALLED

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ON A MISSION

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St. Mary’s School & Parish are grateful for Fr. Doug Lucia, our shepherd on and off the court.

- Rev. Joseph Giroux, Pastor
- Rev. Bryan Stitt
- Deacon Bryan Bashaw

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Father Scott, Continued appreciation for your unswerving efforts.
- Anna Myers
- Father Murray
- Thanks for the Friday Masses — 26th graders at BHC
- We appreciate and thank you — Sacred Heart (Edwards)
- I know that God sends his best — Father John
- Lisa Arena
- Father Dobel
- Thank you for your support and for being the presence of God in our lives.
- St. Mary’s Academy, Champion
- Hi Father Ted,
- We are blessed to have you as our pastor!
- Love Deacon John & Melody

Father John Yonkovig, we appreciate all that you do to support St. Agnes School and Parish. Your vision is helping us create a stronger future for our community. A big thank you from the students, parents, and staff.

The Rachel’s Vineyard retreat team would like to thank Fr. Mark Reilly and Fr. Bryan Sitt for their dedication, compassion and spiritual leadership. You are a gift to this ministry.

The dioceses of Massena & Louisville, Jim Hone & Tom Ponds, want to thank Fathers Don Manfred, Joe Elliott, & Mike Gaffney for all that they do for the community.

Thank you Bishop LaValley and to all of the priests of the Diocese for the gift of your priesthood.
- Sr. Mary Simon, SSJ
- Director of Evangelization
- Father Bill Remer,
- Thank you for sharing, caring and serving our community.
- Deacon Jack: Our Lady of Victory

We have the greatest priest. Check him out in Elizabethtown - St. Edmond’s at our weekend Masses.
- Christine and Daryl Gregory
- Pape and Loyola Gregory
- Fr. John Laidly,
- Thank you for your presence and blessing in our lives.
- We are most grateful to have you as our pastor.
- Deacon Brian T. Dwyer & Family.
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Annual Harvest Mass set

North Country Catholic

Bishop Terry R. LaValley will celebrate the annual Harvest Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Peter’s Church on Nov. 13 at 1:30 p.m.

Each fall in the Diocese of Ogdensburg since November 2001, the Harvest Mass of Thanksgiving has been held in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg is seeking an Executive Director/Development Director/Executive Director of the Foundation.

The Executive Director works to enhance the financial strength of the diocese. To learn more about the position and the Diocese of Ogdensburg, its affiliated institutions and parishes, please contact Bishop Terry R. LaValley, who is also the CEO of the Foundation.

The position involves articulating the mission of the Diocese and ensuring the integrity and effectiveness of the Foundation. Applicants must have a Bachelor Degree in Fundraising or Business Administration and at least five years of experience in professional fundraising. Knowledge of the Catholic faith and belief is required. Excellent written and oral communication skills are essential. Applicants must be proficient in professional fundraising software. Submit letter of interest, resume and three professional references to Human Resources Office, Diocese of Ogdensburg, 130 John St., Ogdensburg, NY 13660, or e-mail to kenevis@hbk.org. Deadline for applications is Nov. 23, 2011.

A copy of the job description is available on the diocesan website at www.dio.ogden.org.

Bishop Terry R. LaValley

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About Bishop Terry R. LaValley

Bishop LaValley, who has served as Bishop of the Diocese of Ogdensburg since November 2001, was born on Jan. 13, 1950, in Gouverneur, N.Y. He is the son of the late George W. Phillips LaValley and the late Susan Haley Phillips. He was educated in the Watertown public schools until 1969 when he entered Watertown Central High School. After graduation from Syracuse University in 1981, he was awarded a master’s degree in Religious Studies from Fordham University in 1983. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 9, 1990 after serving as a priest in the Diocese of Ogdensburg since November 1986.

Bishop LaValley serves as the Bishop of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, a 250-square-mile portion of the eastern portion of New York State. He entered Fordham University in 1983 and was awarded a master’s degree in Religious Studies from Fordham University in 1983. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 9, 1990 after serving as a priest in the Diocese of Ogdensburg since November 1986.

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He cited the illegal drug to show how desire for happiness today can degenerate into "an unbridled, insatiable craving." Twenty-five years ago, the success of the Assisi prayer summit was measured in part by how many wanting parties rejected Pope John Paul's call for a one-day truce. 

Pope Benedict XVI, addressing the 300 participants, echoed the points of concern in his own analysis of the state of global peace 25 years after Blessed John Paul II convened the first Assisi meeting. 

In the 11th edition, there was no trace call and no opposition by participants, with the exception of a brief reference to Jerusalem as a contested city. 

That's not because wars have disappeared from the horizon, but because world security is now threatened in alarming new ways. 

The growing risk of cultural conflicts was high-lighted by Ja-Seung, a Korean Buddhist. 

Other speakers warned that globalization has sometimes prompted a backlash among those who fear the weakening of moral values and the spiritual erosion that has swept the world. 

Benedict XVI addressed the gathering in the Italian pilgrimage town of Assisi on Oct. 27, ad-dressing the 300 participants, echoed those points in his own analysis of the state of global peace 25 years after Blessed John Paul II convened the first Assisi meeting. 

In 1986, he noted, the world was caught up not only in simmering armed conflicts but also in a cold war between two opposing superpowers. 

Today, the Cold War is over and there is "no threat of a great war hanging over us," but " nevertheless the world is, unfortunately, full of discord," he said. 

The pope said this discord has taken on "new and fright ening guises," and he singled out two new forms of terrorism, including acts of violence that are religiously motivated and the spiritual erosion that has swept the world.
Think about the high school senior. For years people have presumed that he would be heading to college after graduation. The whole system feeds this presumption—everything from the posters in the guidance office at school to society’s never satiated desire to get into a good college, to get a good job, to make lots of money, to have all the comforts of life.

Our society presumes that any talented high school senior’s next step is to go off to college. But now think, if you will, of the young man who is being called to the vocation of the priesthood. How dare he choose something other than what everyone else presumes? Where does he go for support? Which of his friends have blazed this trail? What does his guidance counselor know about seminary? That’s one of the many reasons that the Vocations Office is so important for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

One of the jobs of the Vocations Director is to help a young man who believes he is being called by the Lord to respond to that call—in the midst of a world that is less than supportive of such a response.

In April of 2010, Bishop LaValley made a bold step to help this ministry. At that time our Bishop asked me to become the full-time Vocations Director for the Diocese of Ogdensburg. This was bold for two reasons. First is because it means that one of his precious few priests would not be serving primarily in a parish. (Although I do help out at the Cathedral and other parishes). Secondly (and more to the point of this article) this was bold because it meant that Bishop LaValley had to find the resources to pay for a priest’s salary and benefits plus all the regular costs of running the work of the Vocations Office. Where does that money come from? Well, to put it bluntly, it comes from you. The monies that you donate each year to the Bishop’s Fund Appeal provide funding to support the many ministries of the diocese, one of which is the Vocations Office.

We in turn support that high school senior that we’re all worried about along with all our other work. The Vocations Office is here for all those discerning the vocation to which the Lord is calling them.

From the classrooms of our Catholic schools to the college campuses, from one-on-one conversations about religious life at Camp Guggenheim to postings on Facebook, from discernment events in our North Country to the annual March for Life in D.C., the vocations office is striving to overcome the pressures and presumptions of our society. And this is greatly helped by your support of this year’s Bishop’s Fund Appeal. Donations can also be mailed to: The Bishop’s Fund Appeal, PO Box 150, Ogdensburg, NY 13669. To learn more about the Appeal and to view the 2011 Bishop’s Fund video, please visit the Appeal website at www.dioodensburg.org/development.

**Bishop’s Fund supports work of Vocation Office**

For more information about the Vocations Office go to www.myvocation.net.
We need wisdom to bring faith into focus

If God were to give you one wish, what would you wish for? Wisdom? And then the person’s next wish is for something else. 

Wisdom is pictured as a law of life.

education and the application of the law. This law and its application are two of the values that God has instilled in us. To learn to live by these values is to learn how to live a good life.

The law of life is not a legal code, but a moral code of conduct. It is a code of conduct that is based on the teaching of Jesus Christ. It is a code of conduct that is based on the teaching of Jesus Christ and the teaching of the apostles.

In their latest newsletter, a heading titled "Morality in Media" is conveyed. The newsletter encourages young people to join their church community. It also suggests that they can make a more positive change by being attentive to back Christian ideals.

The goal of this article is to raise awareness of the evils of pornography in society. The author invites readers to take action, to join their church community, and to be more aware of the evils of pornography.

Morality in Media is the heading that appears in the article. The article is about the evils of pornography and its impact on society.
A priest remembered

By Jeff Jensen
Catholic News Service

An exceptionally intelligent and curious person, Father Edmund H. Dumas was a priest who spent his life serving the community. He was a man of the first rank who inspired me to want to be like him. A man of the first rank.

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A time to re-affirm love and support for our shepherds

By Bishop Tony J. M. Valley

Family members and friends often ask me, “What do you do on retreat anyway? Is it just a short vacation where you get to sleep without church duties? What about answering the door or the phone?”

For me, a retreat is time I have set aside to refresh my personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Typically, I go on retreat armed with tools that I hope will facilitate an increase in my faith, a strengthening of my priesthood and a deepening of my love for God and His Church.

I set out on retreat with great hope, carrying my Bible, breviary, and some spiritual reading. A couple of weeks ago I went on retreat with the intention of spending some time reflecting on St. John’s Gospel where we are presented with the description of the Good Shepherd for me, particularly with regard to my responsibilities to my brother priests.

These two priests’ love for Jesus was reflected in their tender care for those entrusted to their ministry. I invite you to reflect on the priests who haveosed and those who continue to care for you and your loved ones.

Let us pray that the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the stations of the cross may receive a warm welcome in our parishes, so that our people may henceforth be present at the foot of the Cross, that our prayers may be heard, and that Jesus will smile at us for our love and our support.

The sheep is a rich image for all priests. Archbishop Sheen once wrote, “The priest is not only the shepherd who cares for his sheep, he is also the lamb who is offered for their care in them.” This caring is what distinguishes the hireling from the good shepherd.

It is so fitting that this Priesthood Sunday 2011 we reaffirm our love and support for our shepherds who lead our parishes in pastoral charity and solid service. The priest is important and unique to the faithful because he is a regular guy, another “Joe”, but because he is another “Jesus.”

I was privileged and blessed to have been a part of the faith family of those two priests, who truly reflected the Good Shepherd for me in my youth as I grew in my devotion. Monsignor John Pendergrass and Father Edward Wright.

These two priests’ love for Jesus was evident in the lives of these two shepherds in the way they embraced death and not have an increase in my faith, a strengthening of my priesthood and a deepening of my love for God and His Church. One way or another, each one of them has an increase in their faith, a strengthening of their priesthood and a deepening of their love for God and His Church. One way or another, each one of them had a good story to tell. For me, this pastoral care for the faithful was especially evident in his role as the Judicial Vicar. It was not a regular guy, an increase in my faith, a strengthening of my priesthood and a deepening of my love for God and His Church. One way or another, each one of them had a good story to tell. For me, this pastoral care for the faithful was especially evident in his role as the Judicial Vicar. It was not a regular guy who would donate funds for someone who can attend, please send your check to St. Peter’s Church. The cost of the bus is $25 per seat. Contact: 518-594-3253.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Mary’s Church to have a Harvest Dinner.

Date: Nov. 6

Cost: Adults, $5; Children 5-10, $4; under 5, Free; Eat in or Take Out.

Features: Raffle and Country Store.

Take-outs available; no disasters. Please bring your own containers.

EASTER

Features:  Explore Mark and the Gospel of John.

Place: St. John’s Adoration Chapel, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Cost:  $8; children $4.50; under 3, free; $10 Sr. living in the Archdiocese. ‘

Day and Friday

Merchandise:  Silent auction. 

Place: Msgr. Sechi Hall

Place: St. Raphael’s Parish Center

Take-outs available; no disasters. Please bring your own containers.

EASTER

Features:  Ellie Hudson's Church will have a Harvest Dinner.

Date: Nov. 13 to 13:30; Nov. 13 to 11:30 a.m.

Cost: Adults, $10; Children $5, under 5, Free

Features: Raffle and Country Store.

LaFargeville – St. John the Evangelist Church will hold a Harvest Dinner.

Date: Nov. 13

Cost:   $8; children $4.50; under 3, free; Call 518-594-3253.

FRANKLIN

Date: Nov. 23

Features:  By Night St. Joseph’s Church will have a Harvest Dinner.

Cost: Adults, $7; Seniors, $6; Children under 12, $5; under 5, Free

Features:  Take-out orders begin at 4 p.m. Please bring your own containers.

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Place: St. Raphael’s Parish Center

FEATURES: Take-outs available, finished arrangements, handcrafted jewelry and baby goods, rhubarb. Small items 10 to 15 cents.

K OF CRUINCH

Date: Nov. 4

Cost:  $3.00 per hour

With the available.

Features:  Take-outs only. May be pre- ordered starting Nov. 7 by calling 518-529-6580

Contact: Joann Fitch for deliveries at contact: 518-529-6580

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Massena- St. Mary’s & St. Joseph’s has EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Place: St. Mary’s Church.

Date: Nov. 12

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Features:  Exploring Gospel of Mark.

Contact:  563-1692; sign up by Oct. 28

Speaker:  Claire Hogue-Reid

Date: Nov. 6

Features: Take-outs will be available.

Date: Nov. 3

Features:  Take-outs from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Date: Nov. 13

Features: Exploring Gospel of Mark.

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HARVEST DINNER

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Date: Nov. 13

Cost:   $9; children 6-12, $5; Children under 5 Free

Features: Raffle and Country Store.

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A week for heartfelt thanks

It’s always a joy to publish our annual Priest Appreciation issue in honor of the Church’s celebration of Priesthood Sunday. Over the past couple of years, we’ve received many kind and bad news priests and their families. This week we share lots of heartwarming stories from priests in our part of the world.

The parishioner doesn’t mention Father Ted Crosby by name but Father Ted Crosby it is. It’s also fascinating to read about the priests who inspired Bishop Ludden in the early years of his own priesthood. Certainly, Msgr. John Pendergast and Father Edward Wright would be known to more than a few parishioners who read this column. Msgr. George Phillips died on Friday after giving 71 of his 91 years of life to the people of God as a priest. He continued to be a true minister of God long after his “retirement” in 1990. We give more attention to the life and ministry of this special priest in next week’s North Country Catholic but in the meantime we offer our prayers, joy and support to his family and the people— that a bishop now welcomes us faster than a priest who truly worked with them.

A Harvest of Catholic news from around the world and the Diocese of Ogdensburg delivered to your home with this issue of the North Country Catholic Magazine.

A week for heartfelt thanks

The Wisdom of God

12nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Nov. 5-6

By Mary Jane Game (Ord., S.J.)
Director of Evangelization

The first reading from the Book of Wisdom concerns itself in a special way with love in God and a special relationship between God and his people. It is a love that is not only characterized by the support of the people of God, but by the love of God, his ways, and his will. This love is the love of God in the Wisdom of God.

The second reading from the Epistle to the Philippians concerns itself in a special way with love in God and a special relationship between God and his people. It is a love that is not only characterized by the support of the people of God, but by the love of God, his ways, and his will. This love is the love of God in the Wisdom of God.

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Judge Lahtinen has also served as Chair of Continuing Education, New York State Supreme 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 have presided over a total of 19 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.

PLEASE VOTE ON ELECTION DAY: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

Vocations thrive in parishes with ‘spiritual soil,’ pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Parish communities with a real sense of obligation to spread the Gospel are places where vocations to be missionary priests and religious thrive, said Pope Benedict XVI.

“Vocations to the ministerial priesthood and to the consecrated life can only flourish in a spiritual soil that is well cultivated,” he said in a message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations in April.

In his message, Pope Benedict insisted that the task of explicitly proclaiming the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus Christ is still at the heart of the vocation of every Christian. In following Jesus, the pope said, some men are called to the priesthood to carry out the missionary task in a special way by preaching and teaching, caring for the poor, sick and weak, and administering the sacraments.

“In respond to the Lord’s call means facing in preference and simplicity every danger and even persecution, since a disciple is not above his master,” the pope said, quoting the Gospel of St. Matthew.

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