Diocesan Family Life Ministry is supported by the annual Bishop’s Fund Appeal

One of the most popular family programs in the diocese is Family Guggenheim, held three weekends each year. This year’s theme “Family Become What You Are!” was described as “a time to look at family life, and see how we can all work together to support and build up the families in our parishes.” In front are Tom and Claudia Sanders, West Chazy Family Forum coordinators; back, Deacon Ed and Louise Mazuchowski of Dannemora, Bishop LaValley and Deacon Gary and Gayle Frank, diocesan directors of family life. The Family Life Office is supported by contributions from the annual Bishop’s Fund Appeal.

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The final victory of love

Speech by Pope Benedict XVI: Believing in Christ’s resurrection means that even when life’s difficult times give one the feeling that love and goodness are far more powerful than hatred and evil, Pope Benedict XVI said, “Yes, in the world there is much evil, there is a permanent battle between good and evil and it seems that evil is stronger, but, as the Lord is stronger,” the pope said Nov. 16 during his weekly general audience in St. Peter’s Square.

“Despite all the things that make us doubt the positive outcome of history, Christ wins and goodness wins. Love, and not hatred, wins,” he said. Just a few days before, the face of Christ the King, Pope Benedict spoke at his audience about Psalm 110, a psalm about a king, which the New Testament repeatedly holds up as a reference to Christ.

Pope Benedict said his reflection would be the last in the series of seven talks he has given about praying with the Psalms. The series began in early September. The pope said he wanted to give Catholics a taste of praying with the biblical psalms which “reflect various life situations and emotional states” in people’s attitudes toward God – from thanking God for a special grace to daring to pray that God’s help.

A Catholic school in mourning

Dat T. Ong, 17, of Vietnam, and Chu Xiong, 18, of China, both international students at Seton Catholic Central School in Plattsburgh, were killed when they were struck by a car Nov. 15 near their host family’s home on Peaikiville Road in Peru.

Brandon Rennert, 17, of Peru was driving the car that struck and killed the Seton students. The car then hit an earthen embankment several hundred feet away and exploded in flames. Rennert and his girlfriend, Samantha Desinah, 17, of Plattsburgh, who was a passenger in the car, also died.

Financial highlights

Diocesan Finance Council meets to review the diocese’ s financial highlights to the annual Bishop’s Fund. P.5, and family ministry, 16.
As we thank God for all the blessings of our lives this week, our diocesan family can certainly remember Father Rolo.

At the age of 64, Father Roland Gonyo seemed far past his prime. As we know, however, Father Gonyo was a true priest for his fellow residents. With a touch of loving irreverence, Father Rolo became known as “Troulo.”

In his early years as a priest, Father Gonyo was a beloved and effective minister. Five years after his 1973 ordination, Bishop Bonoghue named Father Gonyo as diocesan director of youth ministry. Then, as today, the position gave him responsibility for the diocesan youth camp at Guggenheimers from a certain era are better people because of you.

Frola hired me for my first year at Guggy 1982. Changed my life forever. He is home now, • Friend memories of our trip to KFC for the National Catholic Youth Convocation, delayed flights, etc. He was one of us, just try- ing to be the best he could be. You will be missed. • Another legend has passed. Thank you Frola for sharing your life and love of Christ with us.

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We pray today that he is at peace and in the company of his heavenly father. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

This Christmas, as we come to a close to the year and look back on the challenges we have faced, we are reminded once again about the importance of taking our faith seriously. As we prepare for the beautiful season of Christmas, we are invited to be attentive to God’s presence in our life right now. During this First Sunday of Advent, the season of quiet, waiting, treasuring the beautiful prayers of the Mass today, especially the Collect (formally called the Opening Prayer), is a time for active participation that challenges us to put our lives in order. For the next two weeks, Isaiah will point us to the coming of the Messiah. Both St. Paul and Mark affirm that we are enriched in the Potter and we are the clay held and shaped by Him. This watchfulness and alertness calls for an active participation that challenges us to put our lives in order. In the last year of his life, Father Gonyo found a second home at St. Joseph’s Nursing Home in Ogdensburg. Not just a patient, Father Gonyo was a true priest for his fellow residents. With a touch of loving irreverence, Father Rolo became known as “Troulo.”

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Let us pray for the Mission and shows thank you for all those who do so much for so far away.

For all who suffer: the diseased, the poor, those deified dignity, and those who live without hope, grant them the peace of knowing that Christ the King will be with them and may they find their tire of tending to their needs.

For this great country, where our voices do make a different, where the freedom to live our lives in accordance with our beliefs, where our potential is not limited by any means, where we have the opportunity to raise our families in comfort and abundance, we thank you Lord.

For the children of the world, may they be protected from hunger, from harm, from disease, neglect, and violence, and allowed to enjoy lighted carefree childhoods, gently molded in God’s law and loving discipline.

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We thank God for our farmers

Bishop Terry P. LaValley's homily at the 11th Annual Mass of Thanksgiving held Nov. 15 at St. Peter's Church in Lowville.

God's creation is in the process of unfolding. Certainly, farmers know the challenges of the seasons and changes year to year. The movement is constant, but we cannot live in the past or feel safe. Inevitably, the world will be a different world than the one we came into.

A couple married had just bought a new home with the stipulation of a 50th wedding anniversary party. They decided on a very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very beautiful. "You used to kiss me very tenderly," she said to her husband. So he leaned over and tenderly kissed her. "I used to hold my hand," she said. So he reached over and took her hand in his. "You used to gev on your lap, and kiss me," she said.

The husband then remembered a story of his own. In a previous room. "Where are your grandparents?" the wife asked indignantly. "To get my teeth," he replied.

We can't cheat past events that we cannot re-live. We cannot freeze them. We are saying to tie our life in a neat package and say, "This is me." We say, "I'm only 30." It is this: it is the way it always was. By doing so, we lose the value of the past. There are many times when we are called to relinquish the pleasure, comfort and the security of the old, and to risk the emergence of something new. The Lord is calling us to something new. We love our history, but we are not afraid to change, to grow. I am with you. Come, follow Me.”

NORTHERN CATHOLIC DIGEST

LIFE MEETING
Women: 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. at the Redecoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Men: 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Redecoration of the Blessed Sacrament

MYSTERY PLAY
December 18: A Christmas Bazaar will be held at the Immaculate Heart Mary Parish. The performance will be held at 7 p.m.

CRAFT FAIR
St. James School will have a craft fair.

CATHOLIC ADORATION
Every day: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Immaculate Heart Mary Parish

CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST
Write a card (5x7) and drop it at the同业 bank.

GREAT AND THE HOLIDAYS
Christmas Eve: The Annual Christmas Eve vigil will be held at Trinity Catholic Church.

TRINITY’S TASTE OF CHRISTMAS
Mass: An elegant Christmas lunch will be served at the Trinity Catholic Church.

 Prayer: First Friday of each month is observed by the Province.

We pray that as things change on the farm, that your, our farmers hold fast to the spiritual value of the farm and resist the materialism that blinding us to these values.

Jesus' new life worth the risk? Are we willing to invest our entire lives in it? Do you believe in God? Jesus? Is there a Knapsack with a man inside? These questions and more will be answered at a weekly Catholic Scrip- ton Mass of Thanksgiving held Nov. 15 at St. Peter’s Church in Lowville.

NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC
Funeral held Nov. 19 for Fr. Roland Gonyo, 64

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Funeral was held Saturday at St. Joseph’s, celebrating.

The homilist was Father Roland Gonyo, 64, was held at Claxton-Hepburn Hospital, Ogdensburg. Nov. 16, 1947, son of George and Marie Gagino. 64, with Msgr. John Murphy, pastor Plattsburgh and, after graduation, entered Wadhams Hall in Keeseville/Port Kent, fol-

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**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS**

**Advent message: be ready for the Lord**

*The Sunday Gospel for November 24th affirms that the readiness of each one of us is the readiness of the whole church.*

The Gospel from Mark 13:24-37 (The Saturday Mass) and Isaiah 64:1-9 (The First Reading) are the scripture for today. What does the arrival of Jesus mean to us as individuals and for the church as a whole? How do we prepare ourselves to receive Jesus? What do we need to do to bear witness to Jesus? What does the advent season offer us as a time of spiritual renewal and growth? How do we use this season to adjust our lives in order to be more open to the presence of God in our life? How can we convert the good works we do into a practice that becomes a part of our daily life? 

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**Respect Life**

**Finding the hidden blessings of unemployment**

Every one of us, today many families are facing economic unemployment; the State Labor Department reports that the state’s jobless rate continues to climb. Among the many counties in the North Country and across the country, the percentage of unemployment, between about 8 and 12%, are forthcoming, both in the public and private sector work. Unemployment robs a person of more than a paycheck; it robs men and women of dignity, of a sense of dignity. As the U.S. economy crumbles it is more than just a way to make a living. It is a form of continuing participation in God’s Kingdom. Without work, many feel socially isolated, unfulfilled, like they have lost their place in society. 

Twice during our marriage, my husband and I were on unemployment. The first time it happened we were saving on day care, that was a tremendous stress reliever. My husband and I will never forget the expression on Joe’s face each morning as I walked out the door to work – pain, sorrow, desperation...like he was somehow letting me know that he was once again falling down my back door to work from our home. The second time many employers struck, our boys were 3 and 6 years old. Thank God I had a steady income with the added bonus of health care coverage. It was a time for us to depend on each other and our families more than ever. That period began with a lot of fear, apprehension and fear, but turned out to be one of the greatest blessings God has ever given our family.

First, I had no worries about finding a responsible child care provider or what to do with the kids while at work. 

Second, Joe was able to home with the boys during their very impressionable formative years. Most Dads don’t get to watch cowboy TV every Wednesday afternoon as they watch their little boys in their holsters to play wrangle hull in the backyard until dark. Third, Joe was able to add extra numbers and letters, to play with Mercury’s “Me just like Dad” toy, to build and do homework to his heart’s content.

It sounds crazy, but one day I remember realizing this one day when both Joe and I were at home and Joe felt like a big kid. He came running into the house, crying hysterically, screaming for Daddy to bandido his scooter. It turned out he had gotten a wiggly stroll, a little bit of fear, but he was just fine. The good news is they were both gone and it was just the wind. We ended up having a great time laugh and play on this adventure.

In conclusion, it is important to remember that we are all on this Earth together. All of us have been blessed with gifts that we must use to help others. The important thing is to remember the love of God, that love is the only thing that matters. May God bless you all with His presence this Advent season.

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**Peace Dove Books & Gifts**

Dedicated to the message of peace, justice, and social action, Peace Dove Books & Gifts is the perfect place to find the perfect gift for the person in your life. From books to games, we have something for everyone. Whether you’re looking for a gift for yourself or a loved one, Peace Dove Books & Gifts is the place to be.

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Bp’s Fund supports deacon formation

By Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin

Vacation is one of those mean things that separate things for different people. For thirteen men in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, it means a discernment process for them to discover if God is calling them to the vocation of Permanent Deacon. After years of active ministry in their own parishes and after participating in a formal program such as the Formation for Ministry Program, some men feel called to become even more engaged in ministry in the Catholic Church.

So, with the permission and sponsorship of their pastor, the men participated in the Deacon Formation Program. Besides their own spiritual discernment with their spiritual director, they participate in a formal program such as the Formation for Ministry Program.

In addition, during three of those three years, the students will also take five courses per year at Wadhams Hall on one weekend per month. The teachers for these courses are from within the diocese: Father T. Raymond Loring provides instruction in human spirituality; Daughters of Charity Sister Jennifer Votraw provides courses in pastoral practice; and new men already actively minister in their parishes working in catechesis, liturgical preparation, councils, social outreach, and, basically, whatever the pastor needs to have done.

In this whole process, their wives are not left behind. The men’s wives are invited to come monthly to participate in a parallel program for the wives that will assist them in understanding better the new role that their husbands will assume in Church ministry and how they can support their husbands and themselves as they also may become more involved in Church ministry and service.

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VATICAN City (CNS) – Bishops from New England met with Pope Benedict XVI for their ‘ad limina’ visit.

Eighteen bishops from New England met with Pope Benedict XVI and top officials of 12 major Roman Curia agencies Nov. 9-10. The bishops had discussed religious freedom in meetings with several Vatican agencies, including pontifical councils that deal with family and laity issues. He said the bishops are ‘‘very, very concerned’’ because the ‘‘church’s freedom is constantly being eroded’’ in the United States.

The United States is a tendency to interpret religious freedom as a secular right, which does not link to the church’s need to ‘‘live its life and implement its mission,’’ said Cardinal Sean P. O’Malley of Boston, chairman of the Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Religious Liberty. ‘‘That is becoming especially apparent on questions involving family and public policy and coordinate its international relief efforts, including those to help children and their parents, as well as clergy and church volunteers, be- come the large picture and how it sees the large picture and how it sees how the issues have dovetailed very interesting and challenging discussions. ‘‘That makes it an important part of the first ‘ad limina’ visits,’’ said Cardinal O’Malley.

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During the course of the meeting the following key items were reviewed and discussed.

### Audited Financial Statements

Mr. Edward Mucenski, CPA, Partner, Mucenski & Co., CPAs, noted that the audited financial statements followed the standards for audits of financial statements and that the auditors have expressed an unqualified opinion. The financial statements are presented in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Diocesan Finance Council has been advised by the auditors that the financial statements present fairly the financial position of the diocese as of June 30, 2011, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.

### Highlights

- **Investments**: The actual valuation shows the Plan to be underfunded by almost $3.6 million as of July 1, and while this is significant it is an improvement when compared to the previous year. As of June 30, 2011, the Plan is $86,741 underfunded.
- **Income, Donations, and Gifts**: The actual valuation allows for a continued distribution of $470,000, more than enough to cover the year’s required contribution. However, the actual actuarial projection over the next three years projects future required contributions that will range between $400,000 and $600,000, depending upon future investment performance and possible and acceptable pension increases to reposition the future.
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- **Self-Insurance Plan**: New programs have been introduced to reduce claims and premiums, including a "shared savings" program and a "quality mix" program.

### Retirement Plan

The retirement plan increased by $393,506 as compared to the 2010-11 fiscal year. The court-appointed trustee for the Trust Fund approved distributions to the Plan to active employees in the amount of $23,060, with net assets expected to generate $470,000, more than enough to cover the year’s required contribution.

### Appeals

The Bishop’s Fund Appeal reported $1,207,934, due to unrealized gains on investments, an increase of $156,760 to $3,642,044 as compared to June 30, 2010. The program has designed to use the assets in 2011-12 for charitable purposes, as well as reserves for future claims in the amount of $394,820, as of June 30, 2011.

### Diocesan Trust Fund

Mr. Tooley stated that the diocese expected some investments to fund their respective market and believes that the fund is valued at September 30, 2011. Such being the case, it is likely the division will cease to limit distributions to investors in 2011-12, an anticipated rate of return of 2%.

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Vocation is one of those things that mean the difference in the lives of many people. For thirteen men in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, it means a discernment process for them to discover if God is calling them to the vocation of Permanent Deacon.

After years of active ministry in their own parishes and after participating in a formal program such as the Formation for Ministry Program, some men feel called to become even more involved in Church ministry and how they can support their husbands, as well as themselves as clergymen men who have served in the Catholic Church.

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This year’s Advent has had a special reason to be alert for every reason imaginable—Pandemic, Mass payroll, beginning this Sunday, shopping for the new school year, taxes, etc. No longer can we rely on memory. All this fits right into the Advent message: be ready for the Lord.

By Kathleen M. Gallagher

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HAPPY FEET TWO

Penguins are once again tap dancing at the bottom of the ocean in the sequel to the 2006 movie "Happy Feet." Now, "Happy Feet Two" (Warner Bros.), the 3-D sequel to the 2006 animated film, won the Academy Award for Best Animated Film.

Happy Feet Two

In the sequel, an unemployed fisherman embarks on a perilous journey to the remote areas beyond the Adelie Peninsular in Antarctica, where his prodigal son, Ramon, has discovered an underwater paradise — a world filled with penguins. Ramon is an aspiring tap dancer who wants to try his luck in Antarctica and claim this beautiful place for his father, Erik. But Erik, who once was a tap dancer himself, is now an endangered species, the last remaining penguin that can fly.

As Erik returns to Antarctica, he is astonished to find many pesky penguins have taken over the place. There are also other new characters, like a scientist and an emperor penguin named Mumble, and a maverick emperor penguin named Ramon, who are interested in making the place even more fun for dancing, like fireworks, for example.

In addition, Ramon and his dad are joined by a group of oddball penguins, including a rooster named Scrat, a shrimp named Jerry, and a seagull named G globally. They all dance and sing as they are driven by a common passion for the love of penguins. And, in the end, Erik is rewarded for his hard work by finally discovering his true love, Gloria (voice of Hank Williams), who leads the penguins in their tap dance to "Let It Go."

The film also follows the adventures of two tiny krill named Max and Luna, who are inexperienced in the ways of the ocean, and an icebound narwhal named Toothless, who wants to fly with his friends. As the film progresses, Erik learns to appreciate the beauty of the ocean and his own unique talent as a dancer.

The film contains a few intense action scenes, some mild sexual references and minimal, isolated, regrettable language. The Motion Picture Association of America rates it PG for children. The film's content suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

Happy Feet Two

"You, Me, Beautiful Egg, New," he tells Carmen. Before things get too hot and heavy, Mumble finds the runaways, and they start for home. In their absence, disaster has struck the environment. The glaciers begin to melt, destroying their home. Father and son must join forces to save the day, with the help of their new friends and some giant seal pups. A side story follows the adventures of two tiny krill shrimp. Will voiced by (Brad Pitt) and Bill (voice of Matt Damon). Their roles are pure comic diversion, similar to the prior movie's aquatic seal in the "Ice Age" movies.

Environmental issues such as global warming and offshore oil drilling take a back seat to the central story about familial cooperation. What the child could learn about being environmentally conscientious is more than made up for by some stunning visuals and a few catchy tunes.

"It's part of life to find out who you are and what you want. If you want something, you will it, it will be yours," Erik says on his own path through life. This is a lesson that everyone can learn, even though it requires hard work and finding your own path through life. The film is also a celebration of family and finding your own path through life. It is a film that can be enjoyed by all ages and provides a valuable lesson about the importance of family and following one’s dreams. The film is a reminder that everyone has the ability to achieve anything they set their minds to, as long as they are willing to work hard and persevere.
Trinity Catholic School, as she discusses the Miraculous Medal to St. Catherine of Siena.

Our Lady of Guadalupe's Sacrament during the 4 hours, closing at 5 p.m. Contact: Phone 315-788-8590 or visit www.trinitycatholic-school.net to see your menu choices and order tickets.

**LIFETIME MEETING**
Women’s Lifetime Officers will hold monthly meetings on the third Thursday of the month.

### **NEWS**
- **Meeting**:
  - Time: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
  - Place: Trinity Catholic cafeteria
  - Features:
    - Take-overs begin at 4 p.m.
    - Features: Take-homes, baked goods, local artists, local vendors.
    - Contact: TCS at 315-769-5911 or 393•7990 after 3:30 P.M. any day.

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**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**
Lake Placid - St. Anthony’s School will be holding an Annual Christmas Bazaar.

### **RACE**
- **Booth 13**
  - Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  - Features: Menu items, Religious items, Arts and crafts, toys, wreaths, trees, holiday decorations, baskets, etc.

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**Blessed Sacrament Auction**
Beresford - The Blessed Sacrament Rosary Missionaries will be holding a Benefit Auction.

- **Booth 49**
  - Time: 9 a.m.
  - Features: Take-homes, baked goods, local artists, local vendors.

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**SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALL DINNER**
orem - St. Anthony’s Church will be holding a Meatball Dinner.

- **Booth 51**
  - Time: 12 p.m.
  - Features: Menu items, Religious items, Arts and crafts, toys, wreaths, trees, holiday decorations, baskets, etc.

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**St. Anthony’s Altar Rosary**
Watertown - St. Anthony’s Altar Rosary will be holding its Monthly Rosary Meeting.

- **Booth 52**
  - Time: 6 p.m.
  - Features: Menu items, Religious items, Arts and crafts, toys, wreaths, trees, holiday decorations, baskets, etc.

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**La Riva**
- **Booth 53**
  - Time: 3 p.m.
  - Features: Menu items, Religious items, Arts and crafts, toys, wreaths, trees, holiday decorations, baskets, etc.

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**SILENT AUCTION**
- **Booth 54**
  - Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  - Features: Menu items, Religious items, Arts and crafts, toys, wreaths, trees, holiday decorations, baskets, etc.

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**3R’s**
- **Booth 55**
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**CRAFT FAIR**
- **Booth 56**
  - Time: 3 p.m.
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**THANKSGIVING DINER**
- **Booth 58**
  - Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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Family Become What You Are!

One of the most popular family programs in the diocese is Family Guggenheim, held three weekends each year. This year’s theme was “Family Become What You Are… Mission Possible!” Above, the Giacovelli Family from Tupper Lake, Paul and Cyd and their children, Tom and Claudia Sanders, West Chazy Family Forum of Waverly, Bishop LaValley and Diane Burns of Saranac Lake, director of Family Life. The Family Life Office is supported by contributions from the annual Bishop’s Fund Appeal.

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