Preparing for the church of 2021

Today there are 62 resident pastors serving 102 parishes in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. By 2021, the number is expected to drop to 40.

To ensure that Catholic families of the North Country continue to receive the pastoral care they need, the Diocesan Planning Committee has been working to determine the best way to staff parishes in light of the decline in number of priests.

The group has proposed the 40 likely locations in the diocese’s 12,000 square miles where pastors will be in residence.

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Campus minister

Craig Martin, campus minister at SUNY Potsdam and Clarkson University, reflects on his first year.

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Yesterday everyone is called to holiness, which is simply ‘living to imitate Christ, particularly in loving God and loving others,’ Pope Benedict XVI said.

Ending a long series of general audience talks about saints and doctors of the church, the pope spoke about the meaning of holiness and how it is achieved.

Addressing an estimated 12,000 people in St. Peter’s Square April 13, Pope Benedict said there are three simple rules for living a holy life: “Never let a Sunday go by without at least a brief contact with God by prayer. And along the pathway of our lives, follow the road signs that God has given us in the Ten Commandments, read in the light of Christ: they are nothing other than explanations of what is love in specific situations.”

The pope said he knows most people, aware of their limits and weaknesses, think it wouldn’t be possible to be a saint. The doubters, he said, are one of the reasons the church proposes a host of saints ‘those who fully lived charity and knew how to follow Christ in their daily lives.’
In this space last week, I sang the praises of many of the young musicians who are living their faith in a way that inspires us. Believe it or not, I have yet to read a paper by someone who does not drop. The long history of Lenten experiences, like the Missionary Franciscan Monastery friars at Clayton as well as Catholic school kids who create their own Missionary Plays all illustrate the point that Bishop LaValley underscored last Sunday: “We live this season with others.”

I’ve long known Zack Williams, the new Cathedral organist. He is a very gifted organ player, but he is not your run-of-the-mill organist. Zack can be very quiet, but be patient, for he is a very spiritual person. He is a different kind of key.”

Zack actually composed a Pascha Sinfonia, the opening Psalm from the Gospel of St. Luke.

It’s hard to believe but Zac was 15 at the time he composed the work. It was inspired by the events of the week, especially the empty tomb. "I wrote the music and I called it ‘A Pascha Sinfonia’ because I realized that the other disciples only had their minds turned towards the empty tomb," Williams said.

Zack actually composed it in his room in Clayton. "The inspiration came from listening to the Passion readings at Mass. The thought of realizing that Jesus was really dead and then rising from the dead is a powerful scene, and it inspired me to write a piece about the Passion. The idea was to create an environment that mimics the feeling of being in a church and listening to the Passion," added Williams.

The piece is titled “A Pascha Sinfonia” and was written for organ and choir. The piece is divided into three movements.

The first movement, “Risen from the Dead,” sets the Gospel account of Jesus’ resurrection. The second movement, “He Couldn’t Stay Dead,” is based on the story of Jesus’ appearance to the disciples after his resurrection. The third movement, “A New Beginning,” is based on the story of Jesus’ sending the disciples to preach the gospel to all nations.

This composition was one of the highlights of the Passion Play and was well received by the audience. It was a powerful and moving piece that captured the essence of the Easter season. It is a reminder to us all that Easter is not just a day of rejoicing, but a season of hope and resurrection.
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
Saranac Lake – Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at St. Bernard’s Church.
Date: May 1
Time: 3:30
Features: A Way of the Cross will be celebrated at St. Bernard’s Church.
Special prayer for finding your family. The chaplet of Divine Mercy is now being prayed by your own dear ones as a private devotion and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

ST LAMBERT
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
St. Lambert’s Church will be hosting Divine Mercy Services.
Date: May 1
Time: 5 p.m.
Features: You are certainly invited to attend the Divine Mercy Chapel during this time. As we reflect on this first Palm Sunday from the Church’s perspective, we will catch a glimpse into this holy day.
Most Rev. Monsignor Francesco Kelly offers a reflection into this question:

There is a melancholy, but also a way of hope. There is an insight into the heart of Jesus as he rides into Jerusalem surronded by people shouting “hosanna,” cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in His path. Jesus appears completely concern trated on something else. He does not look at the ex cited crowd. He does not wave. He seems to be answering to what is ahead of Him. His eyes see what no one else can see.

Above all, there is love, an endlesss, deep, and far reaching love born from an understanding of the Father and reaching out for Him. “See what I have done, do also what I have done.”

I invite you to come with me tonight, to spend time with Jesus and look at Him through His eyes of love and understanding. We may not be able to see what is ahead of us, but we can be sure that Jesus can.

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TERMINAL ROYALTY

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Note Dame Church, St. Mary’s Cathedral, and SMDA are seeking a Business Manager. A two-year, full-time position with benefits experience is required. Applicant must have working knowledge of Quickbooks including payroll, and have a basic understanding of a position with benefits. Salary is negotiable, dependent upon experience and skill level. Resume with references should be sent to Rev. Joseph A. Morgan, St. Mary’s Cathedral, 415 Hamilton Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669 (telephone: 315-393-3903, email: jmorgan@stmaryscatholic.net).

Resumes should be submitted no later than April 25.
Sister Jennifer said. A plan of planning started 12 years ago, representatives were invited to offer suggestions to develop. Diocese of Ogdensburg seeks committee members made presentations in the number of priests in the diocese.

Ten years from now, the number is expected to drop to 40. The Planning Committee, under the director of St. Joseph Sister Jennifer Votraw, has spoken at deanery meetings throughout the diocese to get input from pastors and parish representatives as the plan continues to develop.

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This map of the Diocese of Ogdensburg features red circles around the names of the communities where resident pastors are expected to be placed when the number of available priests declines to 40. Diocesan officials expect to face this decrease by 2021. Diocesan officials expect to face this decrease by 2021.

Sister Jennifer emphasized that the new plan, "like any plan, is not cast in stone." For example, the process of giving feedback to the director of religious and lay input from pastors and parish representatives as the plan continues to develop.

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Easter has come suddenly, with a burst of light. Now we hear Him say, ‘I come in the name of the Lord!’ We stand by as the Church’s liturgies on the beginning of Holy Week link us to those of Lent and the Passion. We are joined in this journey by Christians throughout the world. In this time of reflection, let us seek to open our hearts to the Good News of God’s forgiveness. Jesus Christ broke through the rock, shattered the power of the devil and His followers, and spread the Good News of God’s love and mercy to all people. Let us seek to do the same, and in our daily lives, to help others who are seeking the true path of love. We need to work together to safeguard against every form of injustice. Faith and action begin with a prayer to meditate and to listen to God and His Church’s guidance. We have so much to do as Catholics. These are critical times, and we must all stand up for justice in faith as He did the apostles and the first Christians of the risen Christ. Now they know the meaning of the Church and of life, and their hope is that they will lead through suffering to their own resurrection.

**Scripture Reflections**

Beginning a new journey... our Easter journey

By Mary Lou Kilian

**Potsdam campus minister seeks ‘huge blessing in work’**

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**DOICESAN LIFE**

Easter Sunday Riteup


has Risen” this Sunday and then settle in for a new time of prayer and reflection for our procession in resurrection for those who were poor and poor who are not of God, who God cared first for people with a burden upon them, for a God who gave government all His relationships. And He taught us not only how to believe in Jesus but to act for justice. And in the lections during these fifty days we see how ordinary people are among the most excited followers of the Church. We give over to “Alleluias” and a joyful shout of “Christ is risen!”

Now, as we make a statement.

Who knows with whom those pollsters are sharing our response?

The mainstream media, after all, is a reality that gay marriage is in the news, and our state leadership on the planet supports the connection of marriage. We are celebrating it, every magazine article that makes us feel guilty for even questioning same-sex marriage is designed for one man and one woman together for life.

Nature and commerce tell us that there is a relationship between a man and a woman. It is a constitutional  unity that we can do nothing to stop. We can’t stop it from being a relationship.

Our laws treat same-sex relationships not as marriage because they are not marriage. When they are not marriage, they are not recognized as marriage. None of us has gay friends or family members. We love and cherish them, they define our respect and the full protection of the law. But marriage can’t be something that it isn’t. New York has a right to define marriage as the union of a man and a woman. The law has made this clear, and we must accept this as the definition of marriage.

Contact your state Senator and our local college students and invite them to a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. Craig Martin

FOCUS is a national organization of Catholic college students and invites students to a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. Craig Martin

The two young men live at the rectory.

Our law defines marriage as meaning same to you, and don’t you dare change it. Then it’s time to stand up and speak for marriage. It appears to be counter-culture and a source for our religious communities and our moral identities.

And if they could say that marriage merely about satisfying personal desires? Where would the tampering stop?

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### GUGGENHEIM: reach out and help us get ready

By Assumption Parish, SUNY Plattsburgh

It is time again for spring cleaning! Camp Guggenheim is no exception and, after a long, cold winter, the facility with its many buildings and activity areas needs loving attention.

**Camp Clean-Up Weekend** to be held May 13-15

This is not a job that can be done by one person. Volunteers across the diocese gather as a community for a common good. To make the diocesan camp a welcoming and clean environment for all who will be present during the summer camping season.

From the Summer Camp program to the Family Life program to the many diocesan organizations and families who also rent the lodge and dorm for retreats, work shops and vacation time, all enjoy and benefit from the hard work and planning that go into the annual cleanup weekend.

This year May 13 at 3 p.m. to May 15 will be the “Camp Clean-Up Weekend” coordinated by Dick Lynch, Youth Director from St. Joseph’s, Dannemora.

If anyone is interested in helping prepare Camp Guggenheim during this time, please contact Dick Lynch at 518-492-7583 or e-mail yogexp@aol.com for more information and to sign up.

So, if you would like an exciting Adirondack experience and do a wonderful service for the community at the same time, please come and join us!

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Abuse audits find most dioceses in compliance, but weaknesses remain

By Nancy Frazier O’Brien

WORCESTER, Mass. (CNS) – Most U.S. dioceses are in compliance with the U.S. Bishops’ “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People,” but some program areas and reports of boundary violations failed to address abuse, so inappropriate hope.

An audit released April 21 and covering the period from July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010, showed that “management letters” had been issued to 52 of the 118 dioceses or eparchies participating in the annual compliance assessments by the abuse audit.

Those letters offered guidance for performance improvement or highlighted areas that needed further evaluation. The bishops, in an April 16 news release, said they believed the audit had been a “western step in the right direction” for the dioceses.

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Budget debate leads to questions on US priorities

Most fundamentally the budget is a moral document...in the sense that it’s going to attack fundamentally what we believe to be priorities. At the top is the responsibility to care for the poorest and most vulnerable in our society.

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Budget debate leads to questions on US priorities

Most fundamentally the budget is a moral document... in the sense that it’s going to attach fundamentally to what we believe to be priorities. At the top is the responsibility to care for the poorest and most vulnerable in our society.

Bishop Stephen E. Blaire of Stockton, Calif., chairman of the bishops’ Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, at Congress in an April 13 letter to defund the agency. “Congress will have to make decisions whether to cut programs that everyone believes are necessary, or whether to fund a few more programs at the expense of funding other programs,” he wrote.

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Resumes should be submitted no later than April 25.
The issues cited, though not at a level to categorize the diocese/spiritual care center as problematic, were considered significant and could be a cause for concern.

Abuse audits find most dioceses in compliance, but weaknesses remain
By Mary Catherine Blau, CNS

WASHINGTON D.C. (CNS) -- Most U.S. dioceses are in compliance with the U.S. Bishops’ “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People,” but an audit of problem areas and reports of boundary violations shows a need for improvement or highlighted weaknesses in safeguarding of children and young people.

An audit released April 2 and covering the period from July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2016, showed that “management letters” had been issued to 35 of the 188 dioceses or churches participating in the annual compliance assessments by the abuse committee.

Those letters offered guidance for performance improvement or highlighted weaknesses, the Catholic Review Service said in a press release.

William A. Gavrin, president of the Gavrin Group, is a letter to Archbishop Timothy Cardinal Dolan of New York and to each diocesan bishop in the United States.

The report also evaluated how successful dioceses and churches have been in providing safe environment training and evaluating the backgrounds of clergy, employees and volunteers who work with children.
Potsdam campus minister serves 'huge blessing in work'

By Emily L. Esch

Potsdam campus minister Sister Dawn Marie Aucoin is in her first year on the job, and Martin says they are both enjoying “every moment of it” ever since he was confirmed as the first-year student. Martin says she has been a huge blessing in the lives of students, colleagues, and friends.

Aucoin is a graduate of Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pa., and holds a master’s degree in pastoral counseling from Seton Hall University in West Orange, N.J.

In January, Aucoin was confirmed as the campus minister at the College of New York Catholic Conference in Baltimore. (see In the Vatican April 19, 2011).

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By John Maley

Catholic News Service

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Preparing for the church of 2021

Today there are 62 resident pastors serving 102 parishes in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. By 2021, the number is expected to drop to 40.

To ensure that Catholic families of the North Country continue to receive the pastoral care they need, the Diocesan Planning Committee has been working to determine the best way to staff parishes in light of the decline in number of priests.

The group has proposed the 40 likely locations in the diocese’s 12,000 square miles where pastors will be in residence.

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Campus minister

Craig Martin, campus minister at SUNY Potsdam and Clarkson University reflects on his first year.

Full story, page 5

To be holy is to love God

Everyone is called to holiness, which is simply striving to imitate Christ, particularly in loving God and loving others, Pope Benedict XVI said.

Ending a long series of general audience talks about saints and doctors of the church, the pope spoke about the meaning of holiness and how it is achieved.

Addressing an estimated 12,000 people in St. Peter’s Square April 13, Pope Benedict said there are three simple rules for living a holy life. Never let a Sunday go by without an encounter with the risen Christ in the Eucharist; this is not an added burden, it is light for the entire week; never begin or end a day without at least a brief contact with God in prayer; and along the path of our lives, follow the road signs that God has given us in the Ten Commandments, read in the light of Christ; they are nothing other than explanations of what is love in specific situations.

The pope said he knows most people, aware of their limits and weaknesses, think it wouldn’t be possible to be a saint. The disciples, he said, are one of the reasons the church proposes “a host of saints – those who fully lived charity and knew how and follow Christ in their daily lives.”

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AXS by Betty Steele

Bishop LaValley preaches at the Chrism Mass April 14 at St. Mary’s Cathedral. He is also presiding at the Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil services at the cathedral this week. In his “Follow Me” column on page 3, Bishop LaValley encourages Catholics of the diocese to come with me this holiest of weeks and look into the eyes of Jesus at key moments of the drama of these next few days. Experience the depth of that far-reaching love Jesus has for you that led Him through this journey of such suffering. Pay attention to the simple words that come from His lips. Focus on His pattern as you live in His daily life.