Looking back... and ahead

By Rev. Mr. Thomas J. Higman

In keeping with a fund- raising celebration of ordinations at Saint Charles Seminary, as I left the seminary officially on Monday, May 14, I stepped to the end of the seminary driveway before turning left onto Wynewood Road, as I had so many times before, and snapped a picture of my side-view mirror as it captured the image of the seminary buildings as I headed back to our beloved North Country.

Well, my time at home was only brief at best, as Thursday of that same week I got back in the car and boarded to Philadelphia, to begin celebrating with six classmates from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, as they prepared for their Ordination to the Priesthood that Saturday.

Over the past eight years, I’ve learned that the five and half hour trip to Philadelphia affords one a significant amount of time to think and reflect—and this trip was no different.

As I drove, heading back once again to the place I had "officially" left on Monday, I looked over as I shifted back to the right lane and read that little line at the bottom of the right side view mirror, “Objects in mirror are closer than they appear.”

It hit me then, that while I’ll be far away from the routine and structure of seminary life, far away from the writing papers and long hours, the seminary will still be with me.

In the end, the seminary is not just a place of men for the Priesthood of Jesus Christ, but a place for me, as an eight year old boy of life that’s what the seminary has done for me and the ten other boys from my class about to be ordained for their respective dioceses.

As a prepare for my Ordination to the Priesthood, just days away now, I can be confident in my studies and formation I received while attending Saint Charles Seminary.

I pray that through the witness of my life, given over in service to each of you, that I can teach you many things, showing you the rich heritage of our faith, while at the same time looking forward with great hope to all that you will teach me, helping me grow each day in the Priesthood that I have been called to.

While I will miss the frequent conversations with my classmates, the scheduled times for prayer in the seminary, I look with great expectations towards viewing “officially” in the North Country next week, in union with our Priests on retreat in Alexandria Bay and then on Saturday, beginning my life sharing in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ.

COU N TIN G  D A Y S:

No matter how busy my life will be as a priest— and my new pastor has assured me, “We will be busy;—my life must be grounded in prayer, with and for the people of God.” As I promised on the day of my Ordination to the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Benefiting from this prayer, along with the formal study of theology,Sacred Scripture and philosophy, as well as the pastoral experiences I’ve been given throughout my time in the seminary, I have been able to hear the Lord’s call and respond to it confidently—and I find myself now just days away from Ordination to the Priesthood.

For those things I have yet to learn and experience as a parish priest, I entrust myself to each and every one of you; priests, deacons, religious and lay-faithful alike, this now is your task.

I have no idea what I will make of the life I have been called to, but I promise to be faithful in all I do.

Deacon Tom Higman shares the view from his side-view mirror as he left St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Pennsylvania May 14. Deacon Higman will be ordained a priest for the diocese May 26 in St. Mary’s Cathedral.

Help for family life

Work obligations should not harm a person’s family life but should provide support, giving couples the resources they need to have and raise children and for religious and lay faithful alike to be closer than it appears.

In his main audience talk, the Pope thanked those who prayed in the biblical letters of St. Paul. "You are all witnesses: Testaments," he said, include prayers of thanksgiving, praise, petition and intercession, demonstrating how prayer is appro- priate for every occasion in life, not simply as a good work we do for God but as a gift, the fruit of the commitment of the Father and of Jesus Christ within us," the Pope said.

I promise to be faithful in all I do, including the strong foundations laid there, and begin anew journeys, facing with eyes of faith toward the Kingdom of Heaven!

The 2012 Senator Ronald Stafford Public Service Award at St. Peter’s Parish in Plattsburgh was awarded posthumously to Dr. John A. Boule, DDS, during a May 13 ceremony. The award was established by St. Peter’s in conjunction with the Stafford family to honor a parishioner who has given extraordinary service to the community. The recipient’s name is inscribed on a plaque on a large bronze sculpture of Jesus holding the Book of St. Luke, who died in December, was a great supporter of youth, especially Catholic schools and youth community sport programs. In addition he was strong in the pro-life movement, including as a founding member of the North Country Right to Life Committee. In addition he was a leading member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and a strong supporter of the Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg. Boule was predeceased by his wife, Joan, in 2005.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Service with a smile

If this content of the week’s North Country Catholic needed to be described in a single word, it would have to be “service.” On page three, we recognize the children in the diocese who have spent hundreds of hours volunteering in various capacities, and give credit to their years of service.

The children visited nursing homes and made sandwiches at Ronald McDonald House, took part in Operation ‘pennies for patients’ and McDonald House, raised money for Ronald McDonald House, and took part in Operation ‘pennies for patients.’

The weekly column by Deacon Tom Higman welcomes to come to St. Patrick’s Cathedral and lends encouragement in living fully our Catholic faith within the community of faith, the Church of the Acts of the Apostles.

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St. Mary’s Bazaar
Chapel, downstairs

Features: Nocturnal Adoration continues from Saturday. The family of God, to the local church and school and to the communities

White Elephant and Food Sale
Saranac Lake – The Catholic Daughters will hold a White Elephant and food sale.

Dame: June 9
Place: Parish Office at 686-3398.
Contact: Parish Office at 348-6260.

Place: 312 Sherman St.

Contact: For more information or to register for the conference, go to website www.2012lifecareconference.org.

Time: 11 a.m.
Place: St. Anthony’s Church Parking Lot
Cost: Donation

Features: Please bring a dish to pass

Time: 8 a.m. to 10:30
Place: Holy Family School in Malone and president of the student council, presented a chart with the number of service hours for Holy Family School students that have volunteered to be in Albany. Bishop LaValley, Bishop LaValley, showed Bishop LaValley, how many hours of service have been completed during the past year.

Contact: Parish Office at 518-561-5083 or email us at nordiocese@northcountrycatholic.org.

Posting: 302 North Main St.; Fax, 1-866-314-7296; Email news@northcountrycatholic.org.

Time: Thursday before publication

Features: Fast-out orders begin at 4 p.m.

Place: St. Anthony’s Church Parking Lot
Cost: Adults, $7.50; Children 12-5, $5.00; Under 12, free

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The Sisters of Charity of St. Louis
Local Sisters prepare to celebrate the May 27 beatification of their foundress Mother St. Louis Mole

The life of soon-to-be ‘Blessed’ Mother St. Louis

The so-called to be ‘Blessed’ Mother Saint Louis was born in the parish of Le Marais in the city of Paris, France, in 1765. She was the daughter of Jean Baptiste Louis, a justicia, or judge, and his wife, Marie-Anne de Peyster. From early on, she showed signs of compassion and service to others, often troubled by the poor and the sick. Louis had a strong connection to the Church and its teachings, and her religious vocation was evident from a young age.

At the age of 12, she entered the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in Paris. She eventually became the superior of the convent, where she continued her religious work, even during challenging times. In 1789, during the French Revolution, she was forced to leave the convent and had to seek refuge in her family’s country estate, Maison-Mère in Vannes, Brittany. She continued to serve the poor and the sick, often at great personal risk.

Louis’ work was recognized by the Church, and in 1901, she was declared a Venerable by Pope Pius X. Her cause for canonization was opened in 1925, and she was eventually beatified by Pope John Paul II on May 27, 1984.

Today, the Sisters of Charity of St. Louis continue the work of Mother Saint Louis, offering education, healthcare, and social services to those in need. The Sisters of Charity of St. Louis also work to promote social justice and the common good, following the example of their foundress, Mother Saint Louis Mole.

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Celebration of Women

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A St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg

[Text continues with detailed descriptions of events and people associated with the celebration of women, highlighting the roles and contributions of various individuals to the Catholic community.]

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Archbishop Lori installed as 16th head of Baltimore Archdiocese

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The USCCB submitted a statement to the archdiocese's Cardinal Burke, the national director of the Secretariat for Islamic Affairs, and other religious leaders in the United States.

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Local Sisters prepare to celebrate the May 27 beatification of their foundress Mother St. Louis Mole

By Kathleen Gallagher

Mother St. Louis Mole St. Louis joined the Sisters of Charity of St. Louis on July 29, 1825. In recognition of her 192nd anniversary, the Sisters will celebrate Mass in her honor on Aug. 28.

Mother St. Louis Mole was born in Vannes, France, in 1760. She was a member of the noble de Caractere family and was known as Louise-Elizabeth Molé. She was the daughter of Charles de Caractere and Marie-Clotilde de Caractere. Louise-Elizabeth Molé de Champerone, as she was known, was known for her beauty and social graces.

In the early 1800s, the Napoleonic Wars disrupted the lives of many French citizens, including Louise-Elizabeth Molé. She was forced to leave her home and travel to England, where she continued her education and studied music.

In 1825, Louise-Elizabeth Molé joined the Sisters of Charity of St. Louis in France. She was known for her piety and dedication to her work as a nun. She was also known for her ability to teach and inspire others.

In 1867, Louise-Elizabeth Molé was canonized as a saint by Pope Pius IX. She is known as the patron saint of the Sisters of Charity of St. Louis and is venerated as a saint by the Roman Catholic Church.

The Sisters of Charity of St. Louis

The Sisters of Charity of St. Louis is a religious congregation of women who were founded in France in 1825. The congregation was founded by Louise-Elizabeth Molé and is dedicated to serving the poor and sick.

The congregation currently has communities in the United States, Canada, and France. The United States congregation has communities in 11 states and the District of Columbia.

The congregation is known for its work in education, health care, and social services. The congregation has founded schools, hospitals, and nursing homes.

The Sisters of Charity of St. Louis is a member of the International Union of Superiors General, which is a global network of women religious.
By Michelle Beagle

THE DICTATOR

Given the graphically scatological and sexually explicit nature of the humor, Sacha Baron Cohen showed he was not afraid to push the envelope with his second full-length film "The Dictator," which he wrote and directed. Cohen’s "Borat" was a hit with moviegoers, but "The Dictator" is a more traditional style satire that characterizes Cohen’s earlier efforts at a more traditional style satire that characterizes Cohen’s earlier efforts.

The film contains occasional violence, strong sexual content including a sex kiss and an explicit endorsement of abortive acts, and crude language. The Catholic News Service classification is O -- morally offensive. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

Divine Mercy Sunday

By Beate Jain

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ST. MARY’S BAZAAR
Chapel - St. Mary’s to hold Bazaar. Sat., June 23; 10 am to 8
p.m. and May 27, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Features: Saturday – 9 a.m. to 11 Break-
fast Feast, Bridge, Indoor Auction, etc.
Place: St. Bernard’s Cafeteria
Contact: Vicki Figurette

SPAGHETTI Supper
Ellenburg – Our Lady of the Adirondacks
to hold Spaghetti Supper. Thurs., June 21;
10:15am with Mass at 9:30am.
Features: Spaghetti Supper; $5 per plate
Soups, $5 per quart meatballs are $.75
each.
Contact: Parish Office, 518-764-2408.

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT
Plattsburgh – St. Mary’s Knights of Colum-
bus Council 5271 will host its 28th an-
nual golf tournament. Tues., June 19.
Time: shotgun start at 10 a.m.
Place: Adirondack Golf & Country Club.
Contact: Obtain entry forms and infor-
mation by contacting Bill McBride Jr. at
518-594-3253 or call 518-667-7271

SOAKING PRAYER
Plattsburgh - St. Mary’s Church to hold Soak-
Time: 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Place: Deacon Winter Chapel
Cost: Free of charge.
Features: The service includes Scripture
reading, Holy water, immersion in prayer
and prayer. Those interested in being
soaked/meets at 8 a.m. to go to God’s
bath.

Eucharist Adoration
Plattsburgh - Eucharist Adoration will be
held throughout the year every Wednes-
day, Thursday, and Friday.
Place: St. John’s Holy Family”Adoration Chapel, basement.
Features: Mon., Tues., Wed. 9:30 a.m. to
10:30 a.m.; Thurs., Fri. 5:30 a.m. to
7:30 a.m.
Contact: Parish Office, 518-594-3253.

MONDAY PRAYER MEETING
Ellenburg – Our Lady of the Adirondacks.
Church to have a Monday monthly prayer
meeting. Mon., June 4, 8:45a.m.
Place: Our Lady of the Adirondacks Church
Contact: Parish Office, 518-596-3253

LECTIO DIVINA
Ellenburg – Our Lady of the Adirondacks.
Church will be having Lectio Divina (Morning
Reading) every Friday.
Time: 9 a.m.
Place: St. Peter’s Church, St. Brother
Andre’ Chapel.
Contact: Parish Office, 518-594-3253.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS
Massena - Parish Mercy Devotions for the
months of June to be held.
Time: 11 a.m.
Place: St. Andrew’s Church Parking Lot.
Features: Divine Mercy.

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RELIGIOUS LIFE MEETING
St. Mary’s - St. Mary’s Religious Life Com-
mittee to have recollection for members.
Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Place: St. John’s Church. 106 E. Main St.
Contact: Parish Office, 518-594-3253

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS GATHER AT THE CATHEDRAL
CELEBRATION OF SERVICE
Each school pledged hundreds of hours of service for the
global family of God, to the local church and school and to the communities

NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC
NORTHERN NEW YORK CATHERAL
THE GRAPHIC

The service projects completed by the
students were enterprisingly harnessed, as
shared by the schools, including this one
from St. Bernard’s in Saranac Lake.
Service with a smile

If the content of this week’s North Country Catholic needed to be summed up in a single word, it would have to be “service.”

On page three, we recognize the students in the Diocese of Ogdensburg who have spent the past year of their life heading the parish school and local community. Representatives from each of the schools joined Bishop LaValley May 14 to present their “report card” of service, shining the light on the hundreds of hours each student put in to the creditable variety of projects.

The children visiting nursing homes and making cards for McDonald’s, taking part in the “Family Day” in May, and participating in Relay for Life all contributed to the community and are an example of what service is.

The theme of service extends to older members of our community as well. Each year, live-in missions contribute to the life of the parish communities. And in the “back pew” of this week’s NCC, we feature a young woman who so readily pledge his life to the service of the rest of us.

Deacon Tom Higman shared a reflection on his final days of seminary life before his ordination to the priesthood on Saturday, May 19th.

“I pray that through the witness of my life, given over in service to each of you, that I can teach you many things, showing you the rich heritage of our faith,” Deacon Higman wrote, “at the same time looking forward with great hope to all that you will do, helping me grow day by day into the Priest the Lord is calling me to be.”

The events of the First Pentecost took place in an exclusive context of Judaism. The people were from all over the world, but they were all Jews. That would soon change as the Apostles went out to preach the Gospel message beyond the Jewish world. The Church was universal that is, one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. It is still universal—catholic.

The first public proclamation given by Peter was an exercise of the ministry of teaching and proclamation of the Word and celebration of the Eucharist. Pentecost Sunday - May 26-27

“Thank you so much for the recent gift for our work here in Quito. Saturday begins all the festivities of Holy Week. We have our palms ready….mixed with a little Rosemary. The Working Boys Center in Quito assists those Quiteño children with medical and basic educational needs of those members. Both Centers will be together for “Palm Saturday” since we are not open on Sundays. Word has it that the famous bunny rabbit will be visiting the daycare centers next week. The little ones can view this really neat bunny. Holy Thursday we will have the re-enactment of the Last Supper and then a sit down special candlelight meal with all the families. There will be grapes and special bread. Holy Saturday we will have the resurrection service at 6:00 Am. Holy Sunday a combination of Holy Saturday and Easter. A Holy service will be held in Quito. Both Centers will be together for “Palm Sunday” since we are not open on Sundays. Word has it that the famous bunny rabbit will be visiting the daycare centers next week. The little ones can view this really neat bunny. Holy Thursday we will have the re-enactment of the Last Supper and then a sit down special candlelight meal with all the families. There will be grapes and special bread. Holy Saturday we will have the resurrection service at 6:00 Am. Holy Sunday a combination of Holy Saturday and Easter.

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Looking back... and ahead

By Rev. Thomas J. Higman
Combining Words

In keeping with a fond tradition of seminarians at Saint Charles Seminary, as I left the seminary "officially" on Monday, May 14, I stopped by the end of the seminary driveway before turning onto Saint Wynnewood Road, as I had so many times before. I snapped a picture of my side view mirror, which captured the image of the seminary driveway before driving back to our beloved North Country.

Well, my time at home was only brief at best, as Thursday of that same week I got back in the car and headed to Philadelphia, to begin celebrating with six classmates from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, as they prepared for their Ordination to the Priesthood that Saturday.

Over the past eight years, I've learned that the five and half-hour trip to Philadelphia affords one a significant amount of time to think and reflect—and this trip was no different. As I drove, heading back once again to the place I had "officially" left on Monday, I looked over as I snapped a picture of my side view mirror. "What is it like to experience an Ordination to the Priesthood, as I have prepared for the Ordination to the Priesthood, just days away now, I can be confident in my studies and formation I received while attending Saint Charles Seminary."

I pray that through the witness of my life, given over to service to each of you, that I can teach you many things, showing you the rich heritage of our parish, while at the same time looking forward with great hope to all that you will teach me: helping me grow each day into the Priest the Lord has called me to be.

WhiI'll miss the conversations with my classmates, the scheduled times for prayer, the daily Mass, the seminary, I look with great expectation towards living "officially" in the North Country next week, in line with our Priests on retreat in Alexandria Bay and then on Saturday, beginning my life sharing in the Priesthood of Saint Charles Seminary.

For those things I have yet to learn and experience as a parish priest, I return my prayer to each and every one of you, priests, deacons, religious, and lay faithful alike, this now is your task. In my interactions with each of you in the coming months and years ahead, I will show you what it's like to be a Priest in the North Country! I pray to be faithful in celebrating the sacraments, and leading you in worship, and being present to you in all situations of life—but you will show me how to balance a parish budget, how you will allow me how to fix a broken boiler or furnace or put a new roof on a Church, you will show me what it's like to experience winter in this part of the United States again with all the tricks and challenges that come with it...I pray I will be far away from the rough and tumble of the seminary driveway before turning onto Saint Wynnewood Road, as I had so many times before, and I'll be closer than it appears."

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