Closeness to God…

The church’s first martyr found the strength to face his accusers because of God’s love. Pope Benedict XVI said, “Jesus has picked you” he said. "Our love must be set on high things, it must be set upon higher things." He said, upon holiness and truth, grace and obedience, commitment and love. In being receptive, trusting and surrendering, we allow ourselves to be entirely open to the consci- ciential tail knowing omnipotent tail power full and omnipotent tail pres sure God who calls us to love.

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He went on to tell the 300 plus teenagers and their youth group leaders, "God intends for you to be here today. He loves you and wants you to be closer to one another.”

Ephesians 3.5, these words, the youth of our diocese looked for a path to find, to build the faith and give witness to Christ as the righteous son proclaimed by the prophets, the pope said during the general audience May 2.

Continuing his catechesis on Christian prayer, the pope focused on St. Stephen today. He was “accused of saying that Jesus would destroy the temple and the customs handed down by Moses.” The saint told his accusers the body of Jesus is the new temple of God; it is Jesus in whom humanity are in true contact, which makes real communion with God and transformation possible, the pope said.

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God’s love is for everyone. He shows no partiality. He longs and desires that everyone be saved. The Easter message of Jesus’ resurrection is meant to point us toward the Church.

We all know that Jesus offered a profession of love to one another. The intimacy of love compels us to share the truth of the Gospel.

More than 100 women and men responded to the needs of the homeless.

The events of the past week in July by the Diocese of Ogdensburg were life-changing.

We continue the mission of Jesus to preach the Good News.
ST. PETER’S ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Lowville – St. Peter’s Annual Festival has begun.

Date: May 19-20
Place: grounds of St. Peter’s Church
Features: Various events including a special Saturday matinee with unlimited IMAX tickets for $5 per person. Sandwiches and homemade food for sale will be available. There will be “The Girl from Ipanema,” an Italian Bake Sale, and Games for all ages. Bingo will be held following the fair opening at 7:30. The fair concludes on Sunday with a Chicken Barbecue with all the fixings. Take-outs available, at 4 p.m. the drawings begin for major prizes totaling $3,000.

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Contact/Site Reserved at St. Mary’s Irish Society

REUNION MEETING

MAY CROWNING

Brentville – The Altar and Society Society will be holding the May Crowning in honor of the Virgin Mary May 13.

Date: May 13
Place: Brentville Church
Features: Take-outs available by calling 518-622-5330.

HOMELAND ROSARY CRUSADE

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The North County Catholic welcomes contributions to “Around the Diocese.” Please send information and to see all past paint- ers to 74x49@lifewright.org.

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Grace, the Catechism of the Catholic Church (Catechism) reminds us, is a participation in the divine life.

It was grace that drew 106 women to a retreat structured for this unique encounter. The retreat was sponsored by Women of Grace, a ministry started by Johnnette Benkovic, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration of La Crosse, Wisconsin.

The retreat was held at Wadhams Hall April 20-22. There, in word and sacrament, grace reached deeply into the hearts of those gathered from all parts of the world. By Sazanne Pietropaoli

Wadhams Hall April 20-22.

‘Fathers and Daughters’ program, left, Women of Grace founder, author, and host of EWTN’s “Abundant Life” program, is shown with Mary Dillenback of Fishers Landing, regional coordinator. Complementing these was Mrs. Benkovic’s presentations, which were largely framed by Ephesians 1,3-4: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has bestowed on us every spiritual blessing in the world.” Though obedience is difficult, it is essential, Ms. Benkovic assured respondents that “Nothing you do can atone for what Jesus has done.”

“God wants to heal us; God wants to help us,” said Mrs. Benkovic. “Heaven is not a place we go to when we die, it begins right here on earth, the beginning of our sanctification.”

Her interiority and sacredness of life can help us to see the wisdom in the commandments and the teachings of the Church. This is Ms. Benkovic’s message to the parents of some of the nation’s most troubled children.

“God wants you to help him bring greater than the love of God,” she said. “He is present; walk with him before the world began, he chose you, wept for you, suffered for you, offered himself for you, died for you, to bring us healing and set us free to radiate his presence and love.”

"There is no turmoil greater than God’s mercy." Mrs. Benkovic assured retreatants that “Nothing you do can atone for what Jesus has done.”

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We honor mothers as ‘shepherds’ of little ones

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This year, the Diocese has chosen to focus on three separate areas:

1. Confirmation Preparation
2. Confirmation Retreat
3. Confirmation Mass

These areas will be addressed in the months leading up to the Confirmation Mass in May. 

The purpose of this project is to provide a comprehensive and effective preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation, ensuring that young people have a deep understanding of the meaning and significance of this sacrament in their lives.

Rites held for Sr. Christine Denesha, OSU

On April 17, 2012, Sr. Christine Denesha OSU, 89, a native of Constable, was laid to rest at the age of 94 after a long and fruitful life.

Sr. Christine entered the Ursuline Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1937 and was assigned to work in the dioceses of Antwerp and New Rochelle, NY. She taught at a school in New York and engaged in religious work in that city for many years. After her retirement, she continued to serve as a volunteer in hospitals and other institutions.

Sr. Christine passed away peacefully in her sleep on April 17, 2012, at her home in Ogdensburg, NY. She is survived by her sisters, Margaret and Marie, both of whom she cared for many years.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on April 21, 2012, at the Church of the Holy Cross in Ogdensburg. The interment will take place at the Ursuline Cemetery in Ogdensburg.

The family requests that donations be made to the Ursuline Sisters of the Holy Cross, 997 South Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669, in memory of Sr. Christine Denesha.
Don’t let fear, search for the superficial deafen God’s call, pope says

By Carol Glatz

VATICAN CITY — God is always calling people to dedicate themselves fully to serving him, but they often don’t hear because they are either too distracted or afraid they would no longer be free if they answered the call, Pope Benedict XVI said.

“We let say that all young people pay attention to the voice of God, who speaks to their hearts and calls them to detach themselves from everyday life in order to serve him,” he said April 29 — the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Before praying the “Regina Coeli” with the faithful gathered in St. Peter’s Square, the pope said, “The Lord is always calling us, but very often we are not attentive.”

“We are distracted by many things, by other voices that are more superficial and become we are afraid to listen to the Lord’s voice because we think it can take away our freedom.”

The pope asked that the voice of the Lord be heard “in all the vocations of life,” “in the beautiful garden in which the seeds of vocations that God sows in abundance can germinate and ripen.”

He asked that everyone help cultivate this garden so that those who desire God’s call can follow through with joy and generosity.

Earlier in the day, Pope Benedict ordained nine new priests for the Diocese of Rome.

“Let us pray that all young people answer the call can follow through with joy and generosity,” the pope added.

One of the newly ordained men, Father Piero Gallo, 42, worked as a lawyer and magistrate for the Italian government for eight years.

Another, Father Marco Santarelli, 29, used to pilot private aircraft with the dream of someday flying a Boeing 747.

Before reciting the “Regina Coeli” prayer, the pope said these men “are not any different from other young people.”

The only thing that sets them apart is that “they have been profusely touched by the beauty of God’s love and could not do anything but respond to it with their whole lives,” he said. They encountered that love in Jesus through the Gospel, the Church and people in their church community, Pope Benedict added.

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Catholic Charities Mother’s Day Appeal

May 13, 2012

Lord, When Did I See You?

Please help us reach our GOAL - $175,000

Dear Friend of Catholic Charities

When we look into the face of another, we are looking into the face of Christ. Each person is precious and worthy of our respect. That is what Catholic Charities is all about. Catholic Charities’ mission is to assure that people have access to the support services they need to rebuild their lives. We are building a future in which a person or family can build a life with the dignity they deserve. It is heartening to know that to be in need is to be among the noblest of people. We are being marginalized, falling into poverty or are just one crisis away from homelessness or hunger. Depression and anxiety are lurking issues for many people. Economic difficulties cause a vicious effect of problems for individuals and families. As a Church, we are called to be people who care. We are invited to be people who can see Christ in our brother or sister who is in need.

Catholic Charities serves over 18,000 people every year in all of our services and programs. In the North Country, our staff and volunteers believe in the dignity and the worth of human life at all stages. They are always ready to go the extra mile for a person in need.

In order to maintain our programs and services, we need your help. The goal of the 2012 Mother’s Day Appeal is $175,000. Catholic Charities is committed to keeping administrative expenses as low as possible. This means that your gift will make a difference in the lives of the people who come to us for help.

This past year, we helped Beth when she was leaving an abusive relationship. She needed counseling and financial assistance to help her and her children escape unsafe housing. Catholic Charities was able to be there for Beth and her children because of the funds raised during the Mother’s Day Appeal.

Thank you for your support in the past. Remember, in considering your gift, you are being a light in the darkness for every woman, man and child who will receive services. You will be able to confidently say, "Lord, when did I see You?"

Sr. Donna M. Franklin, DC
Disbursement Director

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NEW YORK City Pope is always calling people to dedicate themselves fully to serving him, but they often don't hear because they are either too distracted or afraid they would no longer be free if they answered the call, Pope Benedict XVI said.

"Let us pray that all young people pay attention to the voice of God, who speaks to their hearts and calls them to detach themselves from everything in order to serve him," he said April 29 - the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Before praying the "Regina Coeli" with the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square, the pope said, "The Lord is always calling us, but very often we don't listen. We are distracted by many things, by other voices that are more superficial and by others we are afraid to listen to the Lord's voice because we think that it can take away our freedom."

But when we listen to the voice of God's love, which is deeply loved by God, and as soon as people become aware of that love, they often don't detach themselves from their hearts and calls them to serve in the Church."

The bishops added, "Our sustained recessions and painfully slow recovery have left many of these workers - often people of color and frequently the newest immigrants to our state - with not enough in their paychecks to pay for the most basic necessities, like food, medicine or clothing for their children."

On May 3, 2012 - the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Benedict XVI ordained nine new priests for the Diocese of Rome in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. The pope asked that everyone pray that those who do hear God's call can follow through with their intentions or motives of our good friends in the legislature who oppose an increase in the minimum wage. But it is our hope and our prayer that the two sides could come together for some sort of action to address the grave problems facing minimum-wage earners in our state."

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The bishops took note of the disagreement between the two political parties over the issue.

"We are aware that there are many in the legislature who firmly believe such action would have a negative impact on the very people it seeks to help. Perhaps just as many believe the opposite is true," they said.

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These principles are:

- The protection of all human life and the promotion of human dignity
- The call to participate in family and community life
- The promotion of those who suffer and are excluded
- The preferential option for the poor
- The safeguarding of workers' dignity and rights
- The protection of global solidarity and the common good
- The care for God's creation
- The universal destination of goods

The Catholic Church would remain our best kept secret forever. The prophetic documents titled Challenge to the World, God's Promise and Our Response, and the entire work of the United States bishops, and of the U.S. bishops, using encouraging resources, cannot have the courage to believe that God wills it for us to believe that a new world is possible. The first world, we Christians believe, is beyond the horizon in an endless distance which God will go on to make a new world, where wealth and power are not the standards that must be made. Catholic social teaching could become an incredibly powerful tool in the hands of those who believe in the Gospel to the social, economic and political problems facing modern human life. The call to be peacemakers

The official compilation of Catholic social teaching can make a difference in how a world is made.
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RECEPTION MEETING (Wednesday) - An economical assessment meeting will be held. Date: May 20. Time: 7 p.m. Place: Holy Name Hospitality Center. 

SPAGHETTI Supper (Friday) - St. Anthony’s Church. St. Anthony Catholic School Principal will be holding a Spaghetti Supper. Date: May 18. Time: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST (Saturday) - St. Wenceslaus & St. Mary’s Church. Breakfast will be held in the St. Wenceslaus Parish Hall. Date: May 19. Time: 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Cost: Adults, $5; Children 12 and under, $2.50; Under 5, Free.

LIFE CHAIN (May 20) - Local. Date: May 20. Time: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Place: Along Market and Main Streets.

MAY CROWNING (Friday) - Bethlehem. The Bailey and Rosary Society will be processing the May Crowning in honor of the Virgin Mary. Date: May 18. Time: 5 p.m.

MAY DAY (Friday) - Saratoga. Place: JOY at the Gateway. Time: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.}

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April was a month filled with works of grace in the North Country Church as Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday were followed by powerful Good Friday and Easter Masses. More than 100 women gathered at Watertown’s St. Peter’s Church for a unique retreat April 20-21, and more than 100 teenagers traveled to Ogdensburg for a week long retreat for the diocesan youth rally.

This week’s NCC feature is about an experience with faith. In an interview with a sister about her own spiritual journey, she said that she was not without questions, that there were many times when she was asking for God’s help, and that it was only in the light of faith that she could respond to God’s call. She shared how she continued to grow in faith and trust in God, even when she was facing difficulties and challenges. She also emphasized the importance of prayer and the need for a faith community to support and encourage one another in their spiritual growth.

The Letter from the Editor is a thoughtful reflection on the importance of friendship and community. It highlights the value of having a community of believers who can offer support and encouragement, as well as the importance of offering love and compassion to others. The editor encourages readers to reflect on the power of community and the impact it can have on our lives.

The Obituaries section pays tribute to those who have left this world, including Kathleen M. Beaudette, 83; Funeral Services May 2, 2012 at St. John the Baptist Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

The Religious Gifts for All Occasions section offers suggestions for gifts that can be given on various occasions, such as birthdays, anniversaries, and religious occasions. The section provides images and brief descriptions of items such as rosaries, crucifixes, and other religious paraphernalia.

The Church: A Family of Faith section features an article titled “Times of grace” by Mary Loy. The article focuses on the importance of feeding the hungry, giving water to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless. The article emphasizes the need for compassion and service to others, and encourages readers to reflect on the ways in which they can contribute to making a difference in the world.

TheOTHOR KmARTER section includes an article titled “The Propagation of the Faith” by Mary Loy. The article explores the topic of missions and the need for continued support for the work of evangelization. It highlights the importance of prayer and the need for ongoing support for missionaries and their work.

The Diocese of Ogdensburg, N.Y., is a Catholic diocese covering 37 towns in 12 counties in Northern New York State. The diocese includes a segment of the North Country region, a region known for its scenic beauty and diversity. The diocese is led by Bishop John E. Noonan, who has been serving as bishop since 2012. The diocese has a rich history, dating back to the early 19th century, and is home to many communities with deep roots in the Catholic faith.

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"Do whatever He Tells You" and "Listen to His Voice" — these themes of past two weekends. Women of Grace Retreat at Wadhams Hall and the Youth Rally at IHC. I continue to re- sound in my heart and mind as I try to live out God's plan for my life.

This is the plan, though, and what is my mission, why am I here, are we going.

As we are going, are we prepared to do what He tells us? How do we feel we are progressing to the action and will of God, must we trust in His never failing providence in spiritual circumstances and we must surrender to His will in all things. She reassured us that God's love would radiate into the depths of our hearts if we made a conscious choice to be open to the Lord. This is an inter- nal act of our will to be open to His, for it is in this love that He shows us who we are, why we are and what purposes our is. This call to love, he said, is shown by us through actions, Advocacy (fight- ing for those who cannot fight for self), Sacrifice (the gift of self), and through service. This love is intrinsically connected to God through the celebration of the Eucharist.

"Jesus has picked you" he said, "He prepares you and protects you. He wants you on his team."

As ArtHuR PAdgett, the keynote speaker at the Youth Rally, shared a similar theme.

"We must seek after holiness, be holy, if we are to be the Church He calls us to be, if we are to become His temple, His house of prayer, a tabernacle of the Lord."

The love that He shows us who we are, why we are and what purposes are. Our Lord also said, upon holiness and truth, grace and obedience, commitment and love. In being receptive, trust- ing and surrendering, we are going to become His temple, His house of prayer, a tabernacle of the Lord. This is an internal act of our will to be open to His, for it is in this love that He shows us who we are, why we are and what purposes our are. Our Lord also said, upon holiness and truth, grace and obedience, commitment and love.

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