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GUGGENHEIM: YESTERDAY AND TODAY



PHOTOS BY COLLEEN MINER

More than 150 former Guggenheim staff members and their families gathered at the diocesan camp in Saranac Lake June 29-30 for a 40th anniversary celebration. Above are staff members from 1972, the year the camp opened. From left are Deacon Mark Bennett of Plattsburgh; Father Art LaBaff, Clayton; and Dan Benware of North Bangor. Father LaBaff, who served as diocesan youth director in the 1970s was co-founder of Camp Guggenheim with Father Peter Butler who died in 1973. The 2011 staff members are shown below: Front, Erin Miner, Saranac Lake; Samantha Fazioli, Saranac Lake; MaryCatherine Jadlos, Plattsburgh; Meadow Hackett, Lake Placid; Rachel Daly, Peru; and Brian Boback, Grand Island, NY; back, Zack Leader, Gouverneur; Michelle Paquette, North Haven, Conn.; Eliza Zalis, Plattsburgh; Wil Neves, Massena; Jeremy Boback, Grand Island, NY; Katie Sloan, Silver Spring, Md; Regina Kessler, Whitehall, Penn.; Gregory Andrews, Fort Drum; Michael Knapil, Grafton, Wis.; Sam Racette, Saranac Lake; and Alison Gratto, Morrisonville, camp director. See page 5 for more photos.



Missionary Projects Appeal

This summer, the Missionary Cooperation Appeal is planned for the eastern side of diocese.

The Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg Appeal will be taken up in the St. Lawrence, Jefferson and Lewis Deaneries on the weekend of July 28 and 29.

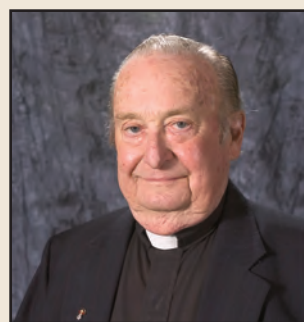
This appeal will be used: to provide continued financial support of the former diocesan mission in Molendo, Peru; to support the

U.S. Bishop's annual appeal for Latin America; and to help any other missionary projects throughout the world that the Diocese of Ogdensburg might deem appropriate as part of its evangelization effort.

"Please consider giving this summer to our appeals that will be held in your parish, but will help those far away and in need," said St. Joseph Sister Mary Ellen Brett, diocesan mission director.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Rest in peace, Father

One more time, I am saddened and privileged to devote this space to the memory of one of the priests of our diocese.

Father John ("Jake") Crable died at the age of 84 July 2 in Plattsburgh. Since I knew little about Father Crable beyond his wonderful sense of humor, I asked Msgr. C.J. McAvoy to share the words he spoke at Father Crable's funeral at St. John's Church July 5.

Excerpts from the homily follow:

(It) is a great mystery that God should call ordinary men to share in his plan for the world's salvation. Those of us who are called, like the first apostles, stand in awe of this mystery. Configured to Christ the priest is expected to stand in the person of the savior himself. Yet, at the same time he remains a man like other men.

To heed such a call - a call that comes from the very will of God, a man needs a daring and generous heart. Jake Crable, it seems to me, was that kind of man.

I first came to know him when I came to be pastor at St. John's. He had then been chaplain at CVPH for ten years. He didn't talk much about himself but was very open about the value of AA and those weekly AA meetings. He had a wonderful sense of humor. The morning paper was always

opened first to the comics and "Mother Goose and Grim".

When he came home from his evening rounds at the hospital he loved to share some of the day's experiences including humorous incidents. In those years he was very dedicated to hospital ministry and his dedication often touched the lives of staff as well as patients....

Father Crable found strength in his ministry to the sick. For the sick person, he was not a doctor, he was not a counselor. He was "a priest" who could stand at the bedside and assure the sick person that God loved them and was very, very near...

As a young man, John Crable was called by God to be a priest. Today, fifty nine years later, we thank God for his vocation. With our Bishop, we do something here today that Father Crable loved to do and did hundreds of times throughout his life. With bread and wine we offer the sacrifice of the Mass.

However, today is different. Today, along with the bread on the paten we place the life of Father Crable. That is why what we do here is called a celebration. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace. AMEN

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CHURCH: A FAMILY OF FAITH

The Shepherd's Call to Rest
and Be Refreshed

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time - July 21-22

By Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSJ
Director of Evangelization

The Shepherd King is Jesus the Good Shepherd. He is the peace and the source of reconciliation that breaks down the hostility that divides families and nations.

The prophet Jeremiah warns the people that their leaders, who should be shepherding their flock, have allowed them to stray from justice and peace. Jeremiah says that God will raise up a king who will do what is right and just. His interest will be the people, not the selfish demands of self-preservation.

What God promised through Jeremiah was fulfilled in the ministry of Jesus. Jesus is the Good Shepherd promised by God. With His teaching, He satisfies the spiritual hunger of His people and offers them direction through love and compassion. The message that is laid out for us is not only about the religious crises that the Israelites were experiencing before the Exile or the Jews at the time of Jesus. There is a spiritual crisis that is happening within our culture.

We are living in a time of great confusion and uncertainty. The principles and freedoms of right conduct and religious liberty that everyone used to take for granted are now being questioned!

As a Church, A Family of Faith, it is increasingly difficult to maintain a sense of purpose and direction in a world which stresses selfishness and comfort, self-determination and individual personal security

Each of us finds himself or herself called to wander afield by attractions that are not in harmony with our ultimate best interests. Trustworthy teachers and leaders are hard to identify in our culture of constant noise and constant distraction. The campaign ads that float across the TV screen add more to our confusion and frustration. Who do we listen to?

Are the messages worth listening to? Are our leaders authentic guides or they merely expressions of superficial self-interest—either on the part of the one who leads or the one who follows?

Jesus, the Good Shepherd knows that the ministry of evangelization at this time in our Church is not an easy ministry. Paul, in the second reading, speaks of Jesus' work as reconciliation. He broke down the barriers of hostility that divided us from each other. The Good Shepherd is our peace and we have to be active participants in that peace and reconciliation. To be an active participant calls for a "time out"!

He calls forth a time for rest and renewal. He is the only one who can refresh and strengthen us to continue our mission. Taking the time for daily prayer, a weekend retreat, or special time with the family to rest and to be together is essential for our ministry to be fruitful. Without it our work will dry up, and we will be unable to bring people to the kingdom of God because we have ceased to experience it in our own lives. Our ministry becomes "a job" rather than a call to service.

Resting in the presence of the Good Shepherd helps us to listen attentively to His voice. Listening to what He has to say, and faithfully following Him, we must know His voice. Learning to know the voice of the Good Shepherd, and looking to His example, will help us to discern when to do the good works and when to take rest.

This "restful time" or "moment" gives us new energy to go back out to the people renewed and refreshed. How do you maintain a balance between ministering to others' needs and taking the necessary time for rest and prayer? What happens to you when that balance is not met?

What will you do this week to be more attentive to Jesus' voice?

After more than 100 years of service in Champlain

St. Mary's Academy closes doors in June

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In his letter to Father Delbel granting permission to close St. Mary's Academy, Bishop LaValley noted the school's rich history in the Northern Tier of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. He also acknowledged the efforts to

save the school, led by St. Joseph Sister Marie Cordata Kelly, principal.

"I know that many, including you, Sister Cordata, the faculty and staff, school families and parishioners have labored heroically to maintain the school. Know of my deep gratitude for your efforts..."

"I had hoped that St. Mary's Academy would see a bright future for the children of the area," Bishop LaValley said. "Unfortunately, circumstances have necessitated that you reach the decision to close the school."

Historical records indicate that the school began in a private residence behind the rectory and moved to various locations until the "new" school was built in 1909.

For a number of years St. Mary's Academy offered a first grade through high school education. Some students resided in the boarding school annexed to the

convent of the Daughters of Charity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The boarding school was closed in 1959. Ten years later the high school and grades 7 and 8 were closed. In recent years St. Mary's Academy added pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs as well as a universal pre-K and a 3-year-old preschool program.

The Catholic Directory indicates that at its peak year, 1964, there were 335 students in the grade school and 174 high school students.

"St. Mary's Academy provided a Catholic school education for well over a century," said St. Joseph Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, diocesan superintendent of schools. "While we lament its closing, we ask God's blessings on the many who have labored and sacrificed on behalf a Catholic school education in the Northern Tier."

Bishop's Fund reaches record-setting total

By Valerie Matthews
Diocesan Bishop's Fund director

"Many hands make light work." This old saying rings true for the 2011 Bishop's Fund Appeal.

More than 10,400 households came together in support of the Bishop's Fund Appeal. This collaborative effort raised more than \$1,259,000 which is the most ever raised in the Appeal's 52-year history.

About this achievement, Bishop LaValley said, "This Family of Faith continues to live its faith so generously. I join all of the beneficiaries of the Bishop Fund Appeal in expressing words of profound gratitude for such a wonderful response to this year's record-setting Appeal. In the midst of such economic uncertainty, the people of our diocese continue to support the important ministries of our Church that touch the lives of so many throughout the North Country."

Donations to the Bishop's Fund Appeal support the vital ministries of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. These ministries allow us, as a diocesan family, to respond to our family, friends and neighbors in their time of need through education, spiritual support and financial assistance. When we each give a little of what we have, together we can do great things, all for the glory of God!

The 2012 Bishop's Fund Appeal will begin in September. Please consider becoming part of this extraordinary effort and support the Bishop's Fund Appeal with your prayers and financial support. Please visit the Bishop's Fund website at www.dioogdensburg.org/development.



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"A time to gather and celebrate marriage"

Funeral held July 5 for Fr. John M. Crable, 84

PLATTSBURGH—A Mass of Christian Burial for Father John M. "Jake" Crable, 84, was held July 5 at St. John's Church with Bishop Terry R. LaValley presiding. Msgr. C. John McAvoy served as homilist while priests of the diocese concelebrated.

Father Crable died July 2 at Meadowbrook Nursing Home. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery.

The son of the late John



Father Crable

and Ruth Kane Pernal Crable, he was born in Schenectady, N.Y. on Jan. 31, 1928. He was educated at the LaSalle Institute in Troy, and graduated from Niagara University.

He studied for the priesthood at Our Lady of Angels Seminary in Niagara and was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg at St. Mary's Cathedral by Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart on May 30, 1953.

Following his ordination, Father Crable was appointed pastoral associate at St. Patrick's in Watertown. In

1957, he was appointed associate at St. Patrick's in Brasher Falls.

He also served as associate at St. Bernard's in Saranac Lake and later at St. Mary's in Clayton.

In 1962, Father Crable was appointed pastor in St. John the Baptiste in LaFargeville. This was followed by brief pastorates at St. Lawrence in Louisville, St. Vincent DePaul in Rosiere and St. Rita's in Deferiet.

In 1969 Father Crable was made associate pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Newton Falls. That same year, he was named administrator of St.

Elizabeth's in Elizabethtown. He was appointed as pastor of St. Elizabeth's in 1971.

In 1973, Father Crable worked as alcohol rehabilitation assistant with the Division of Alcoholism of New York State Department of Mental Hygiene.

In 1978, he was made associate pastor of St. John's in Plattsburgh and in 1979 he was appointed as chaplain at CVPH Medical Center, a position he held until he retired in 1998.

In addition to his parents, Father Crable was predeceased by a sister, Jean Sullivan.

He is survived by a nephew, Thomas Sullivan of Indiana and nieces, Mary Armstrong and Margaret Hill of Missouri. He is also survived by cousins, Joseph Malone, Cornelius Malone, and Jean McQuide of the Albany area, and Brian Warner of N.H.

Contributions can be made to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg, 622 Washington St., Box 369, Ogdensburg, NY, 13669.

A reflection on the life and ministry of Father Crable appears on page 2 of this Week's *North Country Catholic*.

St. Mary's Parish in Clayton plans summer gala, raffle

By Donna W. Orvis
Parishioner, St. Mary's, Clayton

CLAYTON - St. Mary's Church Summer Gala and Raffle returns for the 10th year Aug. 7 at Cerow Recreation Park Arena.

Tickets for \$100 include dinner for two, hors d'oeuvres, two drink coupons, coffee, dessert, music and eleven chances to win up to \$14,100.

Doors open at 5:30 with hors d'oeuvres, 50/50 raffle tickets, and silent auction. Tickets are available at St. Mary's Parish Office 521 James Street, Christensens Realty USA, Reinmen's Dept. Store, LaFargeville Agway or by calling 315-686-3398.

This annual community event sells out early and tickets are limited to 370. Pur-

chase ticket before July 4th to be entered into the \$100 Early bird drawings. First prize is \$10,000, two 2nd place prizes of \$2,000, two prizes of \$500.00 and two prizes of \$250.00, along with five \$100 prizes.

This annual event began as a grass roots partnership between Clayton Knights of Columbus and St. Mary's Parish as a fund raiser to decrease the parish debt, in addition to meeting the original intent, it has become the social event of the summer.

Members come from across the community to enjoy an evening of fellowship and community. This event now encompasses not only St. Mary's parish community but many other parishes, Knights of Columbus and other organizations

throughout region.

The funds raised from this event are returned back into the community from the Knights of Columbus and St. Mary's Church through a variety of church activities and organizational needs. The many community people that dedicate their time and talents to bring this annual event include members of St. Mary's Parish, Knights of Columbus, and a special thank you to Savory Café for their expertise in catering. This year's menu will consist of grilled chicken, grilled pork tenderloin, fried rice with vegetables, bowtie pasta, and tomato and cucumber salad.

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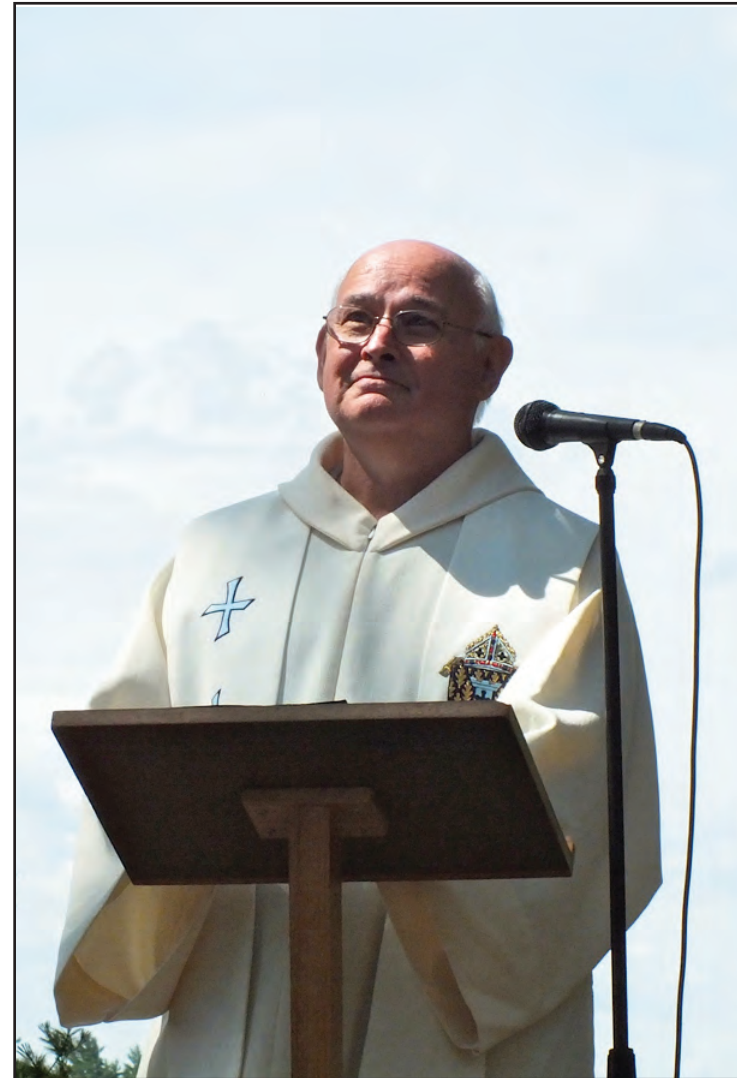
'OUR HOME ON THE WATER'

Former staff members of diocesan summer camp gather in Saranac Lake for a weekend celebration June 29-30



PHOTOS OF COLLEEN MINER

Michelle Watkins of Croghan who spent 15 years on the Camp Guggenheim staff, including 12 as camp director, was honored for her work in planning the 40th anniversary celebration. Above, she accepts a plaque from Bishop LaValley, who presided at the anniversary Mass, and Deacon Brian Dwyer, diocesan youth ministry director.



Father Art LaBaff, co-founder of Camp Guggenheim in 1972, was the preacher at the anniversary Mass. About 150 former staff members and their families attended.



Representing the staffs of the 1990's were Eileen Wargo, Calvin Company and Terri Langstaff Cuoto. At least one staff member from each year, 1972 to 2012, came to Guggenheim for the celebration.



Providing the music ministry for the liturgy were Nate Drollette, a staff member from 2003 to 2005; Tom Schneeberger, 1974 to 1976, Drew Benware, 2000-2005; Chuck Ormsby, 2002 to 2005 and Alex Pacelli, 2009-2011.



Rose Ann Hickey, director in the late 1980's read from the scriptures during the Mass.

YOUNG CATHOLIC VOICE

Beauty in Conflict

By Tracy Leonard
Contributing Writer

When was the last time you thanked God that you could breathe freely, brush your hair, chew, or walk without pain? A lot of times we don't really appreciate what we have until we lose it, especially our health. This is something you don't often think about too much when you're young and healthy or even old and healthy. When we lose something we often suffer, become despaired and sometimes even turn from the Lord. That lack of gratitude or full understanding that we are made in the image and likeness of Christ keeps us from uniting our sufferings with the sufferings of Jesus.

By His passion, death and resurrection, Jesus gives us new meaning to suffering. The trouble, frustration, hopelessness and fear brought about by the evil one becomes a means of healing and restoration through Christ Jesus.

Just as a beautiful diamond, pearl or stone become what they are because of heat, pressure, time and continuous beatings, we too become beautiful through our trials.

Our wounds and ailments do not hurt anymore; rather they become transfigured and glorified in the resurrection.

Over the past seven years, I've been blessed to witness the Lord take something objectively evil, scary and painful and transform it or bend it into something holy and good. God looked at my sister Katie and said, "This is very good." He has taken her wounds and used them for a better plan.

Sure, scripture, tradition, the sacraments and creation are means by which God reveals His mystery, His love and His presence, but it has been through Katie that His majesty has been clearly revealed to me most recently.

Since 2005, my sister has been battling Alopecia Areata, an autoimmune skin disease resulting in the loss of hair on the scalp and elsewhere on the body. It usually starts with one or more small, round, smooth patches but can progress, resulting in total scalp hair loss (Alopecia Totalis) or complete body hair loss (Alopecia Universalis).

Katie is one of the approximate 2% from the population overall who has been affected by this terrible disease. This skin disease is highly unpredictable and



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Tracy Leonard, left, are her sister Katie

cyclical, thus profoundly impacts the individual psychologically. Although not life threatening, it is most certainly life altering.

Alopecia affects all individuals and families differently, yet there are some common experiences among those affected: feelings of loss, grief, frustration, anger, hopelessness, embarrassment, guilt, self-blame, helplessness, sadness, depression or fear.

Perhaps similar to others, yet very unique for Katie, this disease has also brought about feelings of trust, hope, faith, courage, confidence and receptiveness.

Katie begins each day with a positive thought, often times inspired by a quote or

scripture. This thought remains with her throughout the day as does her personal motto: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Because of Katie's charisma and complete receptiveness to the Holy Spirit, the Lord has become master in her life and has transformed her battle with this disease into her trophy of victory and evangelization. Katie has prayed for the eye of her soul to see more clearly Jesus' hand in this experience. In faith, God has led her one step at a time to cope with and share this personal struggle with others... the students she teaches at IHC, her co-workers, her friends, her husband, her family and the

community in which she lives.

It has taken incredible courage, yet as Katie has shared, it is the same courage that was portrayed by David when facing Goliath. Like David, Katie has reached new levels of faith and has gained confidence and courage. This isn't always easy, but it isn't meant to be. If it was, we would never learn to recognize the seed of greatness God has placed inside of us. Our seeds would lie dormant and we would not grow.

Katie's seed has surely grown! God has tapped into her and has begun to work in and through her and she with Him. He has transformed her trial into something beautiful and admirable. Because of Katie, many have come to know the healing powers of Christ and have been inspired to face their giants. Don't think it can't happen to you!

Next time you are faced with a giant, let the confidence and courage of Katie inspire you to turn to Christ; for God sometimes comes to us in the mystery of a masquerade which can prevent us from recognizing the mystery of His presence. Like Katie, pray for the eye of your soul to see right. Pray for Him to reveal His presence and holy masquerade. He will always put inside you whatever you need to move forward.

If you need strength, it's inside you. If you need hope, it's inside you. If you need joy, determination, encouragement- God has placed them within you.

So tap into your God given resources by faith, because He will never ask you to do something that He hasn't already prepared you to do. Be open handed and open minded to what God is doing in your life today and seek the beauty that is being revealed through your trials.

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MAKING SENSE OUT OF BIOETHICS

The embryo that grew up

By Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk
NCC columnist

Those who seek to justify abortion often try to minimize or deny the humanity of the embryo.

In a recent online forum, for example, one participant wrote: "I became a human being at the point that my senses functioned as those of a human being. Before that I was just a mass of cells."

Another followed up: "A pile of cells in a woman's uterus is not a human being. It lives off of and is part of that woman's body." The implication, of course, is that a woman ought to be able to do what she wants with her body, including the removal of any particular "pile of cells" that might pose a threat to her freedom. Yet those cells are not posing a threat in the same way that cancerous tumor cells might.

Instead, the cells of the embryo will upset her lifestyle by demanding that several months hence, she focus her attention on a bubbly, gurgling baby, and then a few years later, on a young child who needs an education, and then on a boisterous and strong-willed adolescent transitioning into adulthood, and then, possibly, on grandchildren, and so on.

The cells of the embryo are not "just" a pile of cells, but an orchestration of living humanity known as a human being, marvelously complex, highly-ordered and structured, growing, expanding and developing in precise ways with each passing hour of intrauterine life.

Embryos, of course, do not spontaneously transform into human beings at the moment that their senses start to function, any more than they spontaneously transform into

human beings at the moment that their kidneys start to purify waste, or their intestines start to process nourishment, or their heart starts to beat, or their limbs start to move, or their brain begins to function, each of which occurs at different timepoints along the embryo's normal path of growth and development. The embryo's growth and development involves carefully choreographed biochemical steps and



Father Tadeusz
Pacholczyk Ph.D.

physiological changes that can be partially derailed by certain drugs.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s, for example, the drug thalidomide was prescribed to pregnant women as a cure for morning sickness, but was quickly found to cause severe developmental defects and malformations in the newborn.

Thalidomide's devastating effects resulted in the drug's being banned worldwide, after more than 10,000 children had been born with major thalidomide-related problems, including shortened or missing arms, hands extending from the shoulders, missing thumbs, and similar problems with the lower extremities, as well as abnormalities in the eyes, ears, heart, genitals, kidneys, and other organ systems.

Philosophers and politicians will sometimes argue that an embryo prior to eight weeks of gestation is not yet a human being, and suggest that early abortions, embryo experimentation, etc. should therefore be acceptable.

The thalidomide drama of the late 1950's and early 1960's makes it clear that if women were not pregnant with a human being prior to eight weeks of age, then taking a teratogen (causing embryo malformations) like thalidomide would not raise

any concerns, since no human being would be present to be harmed by the drug.

If there was no being that was human during the first trimester, then no disabilities would have occurred. But it is well known that the most drug-susceptible time during a pregnancy is the first trimester, specifically between the 4th and 7th week of gestation.

Most of the children born without limbs were exposed to thalidomide during this time, when abortion advocates like to dissimulate and pretend that no human being is actually present.

Each human being arises at fertilization and exists as a biological continuum thereafter: at the joining of the sperm with the egg cell's membrane, a measurable depolarization occurs across that membrane that sets in motion a cascade of biochemical events and changes that will continue in a stepwise, uninterrupted fashion leading to the adult taxpayer.

Meanwhile, the egg, if simply left to itself in the absence of sperm, will manage to live but for a few hours, and then die. Upon fusion with a sperm, however, the egg qua egg no longer exists, and an embryo, a human being at the earliest stage of his or her existence, genetically distinct from his or her mother, will be simultaneously engendered and launched onto the trajectory of "growing up," representing a new entity that can live for more than a hundred years.

Such embryos are first nourished in the maternal womb, then at the maternal breast, then at the family dinner table and at fast food restaurants. Each of us is precisely such an embryo who has been allowed to grow up.

(Father Pacholczyk is the Director of Education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. See www.ncbcenter.org)

GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

On Father's Day

By John Jablonski
President, Clinton Community College, Plattsburgh

There was plenty for me to think about on Father's Day this year. Of course, my thoughts were on my own father and the positive and lasting influence that he had on my life. My thoughts were also on my two daughters, who are now amazing young women. I hope that my influence on them is positive and lasting, too.

**Rest in peace, Father Frank Coryer,
Father of the CCC Alumni Association**

But this Father's Day, was also laced with a touch of sadness. I attended the wake of Father Frank Coryer. Father Frank was a Roman Catholic Priest and a member of Clinton Community College's first graduating class, the Class of 1971. Father Frank was proud of his roots here at Clinton -- so proud, in fact, that he founded the Clinton Community Alumni Association. His signature appears on the Articles of Incorporation, dated July 31, 1992. The play on words is too tempting to resist, so we often refer to Father Frank as the "Father of the CCC Alumni Association."

The Alumni Association may have started from humbled beginnings, but it has grown into a thriving organization today. Clinton Community College has more than 10,000 alumni across the country and throughout the world. Many of them are prominent members of the community right here at home, and some have made their mark elsewhere in the world. The Alumni Board coordinates the Alumni Association's activities in support of the College. It's a great group of people who are "giving back" to the College by sponsoring special events, promoting the College in the community and even helping to raise funds for the College Foundation.

Although Father Frank was not a member of the Alumni Board at the time of his death, he was still active in Alumni Affairs, and he was not shy when it came to expressing his opinions on College Affairs in general. He and I didn't always agree, but I respected him, and I think he respected me. He educated "new comers" like me on the College's past. Father Frank especially loved the historic character of the Clinton Campus, especially the former Hotel Champlain (now the George Moore Academic and Administration Building). When the first floor of that building was scheduled to be remodeled last year, Father Frank was worried that we would ruin the character of the 100-year-old building. Despite my reassurances, he was skeptical -- that is, until he saw the finished product. When he walked through the new Coolidge Student Support Services Center for the first time, he was pleased and relieved to see that the new areas were not only more functional, but also architecturally coherent with the original parts of the building. Despite his initial concerns, he realized that this "new comer" really had paid attention to his history lessons.

Father's Day will always be a time for me to reflect on my immediate family relationships, but this year, the passing of Father Frank Coryer reminded me that there are father figures that appear elsewhere in our lives. Just as my father's influence on me has outlived him, and just as my influence on my daughters may outlive me, so too, is the impact of Father Frank Coryer going to outlive his time here on earth. Rest in peace, Frank Coryer, Father of the CCC Alumni Association.

Port Leyden native was a long-time teacher

Funeral held for Dominican Sr. Agnes William Croneiser

NEWBURGH NY — A Mass of the Resurrection for Sister Agnes William Croneiser, 81, of the Dominican Sisters of Hope was held July 10 at St. Mary's Church.

She died July 6 at Kaplan Hospice. Burial was in Dominican Sisters Cemetery at Mount St. Mary's College.

A native of Port Leyden, she was born on April 19, 1931, the daughter of William Joseph and E. Agnes Cavanaugh Croneiser.

Sister Agnes William entered the novitiate of the Dominican Sisters of Newburgh, in September, 1949, making her First Profession in June, 1951, and her Final Profession in August, 1954. Sister Agnes earned her BS in Elementary Education from Seton Hall University and her MA in Administration from Fairfield University.

Sister Agnes William taught elementary level at Annunciation School in Tuckahoe, NY

(1952-60), at Holy Rosary School, Hawthorne, NY (1960-71), at Bishop Dunn Memorial School in Newburgh NY (1971-73), and at Assumption School in Fairfield, CT (1974-76).

She was teacher and vice-principal at St. Thomas of Canterbury School in Cornwall-on-Hudson NY (1976-99).

Since 1999, she has served as transportation coordinator at Newburgh Center of Hope. In 1992, Sister Agnes William was listed in the "Who's Who Among America's Teachers."

Sister Agnes William is survived by two sisters Olive Elizabeth Rudd, Whitesboro, NY; Jane Marie (Earl) Axtell, Port Leyden; and a brother, Willis Joseph Croneiser and Sharon Baker, Boonville. She was predeceased by three brothers, Burt J., Alvin L., and Raymond W. Croneiser.

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Bishop LaValley' Schedule

July 18 -19 - National Tekakwitha Conference at the Airport Holiday Inn in Albany.

July 20 — 4:30 p.m., Theology of the Body Roundtable and Mass at Camp Guggenheim Lodge in Saranac Lake.

July 21 — 4 p.m., Mass at Holy Name Church in AuSable Forks.

July 23 — 5:30 p.m., Evening Prayer and Gathering with the Seminarians of the Diocese of Ogdensburg at the Bishop's Residence in Ogdensburg.

July 24 — 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg; 4 p.m., Mass at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake.

July 25 — 12p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

July 26 — 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg; 4 p.m., Mass for the 50th Class Reunion of St. Mary's Academy at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

July 27 — 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg.

July 28 — 4:00 p.m., Tour of St. Joseph's Addiction Treatment and Recovery Centers followed by 40th Anniversary Dinner at the Crowne Plaza Resort in Lake Placid.

July 29 — 11:00 a.m., Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

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July 18 — Msgr. Joseph Domina Brault, 1966

July 19 — Rev. Francis E. Gilbert, 1939; Rev. James Dewey, 1963; Rev. Arthur J. Trudel, 1967; Msgr. Donald M. Kelly, 1969; Rev. Thomas A. Moody, 2010

July 20 — Rev. Francis Leo Desrosiers, 1956; Rev. J. Carlton Dewey, 1963

July 21 — Msgr. John H. O'Neill, 1938
July 23 — Rev. Pierre Casenave, O.M.I., 1884; Rev. Francis J. Casey, O.S.A., 1958

July 24 — Rev. George Burke, 1897; Rev. James Joseph Gainor, 1946; Rev. Bartholomew Aloysius O'Connell, 1963; Rev. Henry Wilmott, 1965; Rev. Francis Edic, O.F.M.Conv., 1975

July 25 — Rev. Simon Wallace, M.S.C., 1941

July 26 — Rev. J. Owen Barry, O.S.A., 1978

July 27 — Rev. John B. Chappel, M.S.C., 1884; Rev. Matthew J. Sweeney, 1935; Rev. Daniel A. Harron, O.S.A., 1942; Rev. Harold J. P. McCabe, 1976; Rev. Daniel F. Lyddy, 2002

July 30 — Rev. Francis Smith, 1902; Rev. Patrick Majock, O.S.A., 1922; Rev. Jeremiah P. Murphy, 1925; Rev. Moses Minnie, 1935

July 31 — Rev. Napoleon Brisson, 1950; Rev. Michael O'Reilly, 1980

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

The *North Country Catholic* summer schedule has begun. The next issue of the *NCC* will be dated Aug. 1

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Bishop Terry R. LaValley is shown with members of the staff of SportsCamp 2012 after he presided at a Mass July 9 at Wadhams Hall. In front are Shannon Tooley, Beth Crowley, Mary Burns, Allison Crowley, Conor Hannan and Aaron Peo, all of Ogdensburg; middle, Ron Gingerich, Michele Gingerich and Eric Yancy, Lowville; Megan McNamara, Ogdensburg; Peter Cincotta, Long Island; and Mary Rische and Al Rische Jr., Ogdensburg; back, Bishop LaValley, Shelley Rosteck, SportsCamp director, Lowville; Zach Dodge, Tom Luckie Jr., Owen Luckie, Brenton LaRose, Cavan LaRose, Joshua Rische, Shannon LaFave and Jacob Rische, Ogdensburg; and camp chaplain Father Christopher Carrara, Lowville. Missing Dickie Marcellus, Lisbon.



Ron Gingerich and Michele Gingerich lead the music at the opening Mass of SportsCamp 2012



Caden Larabee from St. Peter's Church in Lowville reads during the July 9 Mass.



Kiera Johnson of St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg, was another reader.



The soccer players: back row includes CITs (counselors in training) Beth Crowley and Aaron Peo, staffers, Mary Burns and Eric Yancy and coaches, Al Rische, Dickie Marcellus, Jacob Rische and Joshua Rische. The campers are Mollee Ahrens, Tim Beese, Trevor Brouty, Alex Compeau, Shannon Canavan, Jamel Clark, Maggie Crowley, Nicholas Duffy, Katelyn Kennedy, Caden Larabee, Laura Morelock, Lizzy Peo, Maggie Peo, Nate Peo, Keegan Poste, Samantha Rische, Matt Snell, Will Tompkins, Isaiah Turner and Wesley Whalen.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING WEEK, JULY 22-28

NFP, the Theology of the Body, and our marriage

By Michael and Alysha Chambers
Contributing Writers

Many will tell you that the responsibility of being permanently faithful to one person is too great and that being open to life is too much of a burden.

They say contraception brings with it freedom and life; however, we have found that it is in openness to God, to each other, and to new life that true freedom is obtained.

This is what living Natural Family Planning (NFP) can

help couples to experience.

Alysha was in college when she first heard NFP mentioned. All she knew then was that it existed and the Catholic Church considered it a good thing.

Michael, a convert to Catholicism, grew up believing that contraception was good and that all couples should use it.

Our first real understanding of what NFP is, and what the Church teaches came during our marriage preparation program. We learned that NFP at its core is simply knowledge of the physical

changes one can observe in the woman's fertility cycle.

It gives couples a way to measure and chart their fertility signs.

We also learned how responsible parenthood is the virtuous application of this fertility knowledge.

One unexpected aspect of NFP that impressed us was how it fosters communication between spouses. Couples practicing NFP discuss the future of their family with every cycle.

Knowing how to discuss such important matters has proven a great blessing to many marriages.

Michael decided that blessing, by itself, was enough of a reason to learn NFP.

Another theme we discussed in marriage preparation was the Theology of the Body. It helped us understand who we are and how God created us. It is through

our bodies that we express who we are spiritually.

Also, because we were made in the image and likeness of God, our bodies are supposed to reflect who God is which means we are to act as He acts.

How does God act? He loves. God's love is a total gift of self. God's love is life-giving.

As husband and wife one way we love like God is through our sexuality.

If NFP is studied in this context, our appreciation of each other as man and woman increases because the uniqueness and dignity that God has imprinted in our bodies is revealed.

It was at this point that Michael realized NFP was not moral birth control; rather, it is a complete way of life honoring one's spouse's sexuality and fertility.

It is loving naturally - the

way God designed it.

In studying NFP in the context of the Theology of the Body, both of us have become more open to each other, to God, and to children.

We truly believe that "children are the crown of marriage" and we pray that God will bless us with children someday.

Until then, we will "make our plans but hold them lightly." For us, that means planning to use NFP both when we are attempting or delaying pregnancy, all the while striving to hear and do God's will!

Michael and Alysha Chambers, Diocese of Arlington, Va., were married September 24, 2005. This article first appeared in the Couple to Couple League's Family Foundations (Jan/Feb. 2006). It has been edited to fit this publication and is printed with permission.

NFP Awareness Week begins July 22 in U.S. dioceses

WASHINGTON - "Faithfully Yours" is the theme of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, July 22-28, a national educational campaign of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) on the Catholic teaching on married love and the gift of human life.

The annual campaign, which began in 2002, promotes awareness of Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods.

"NFP Awareness Week is an opportunity for married couples and Catholics everywhere to better understand and embrace the Church's uniquely positive and liberating message on the truth of married love," said Bishop Kevin Rhoades of Fort

Wayne-South Bend, Indiana, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth.

"The theme for 2012, 'Faithfully Yours,' highlights the beauty of how husbands and wives are called to live out their total dedication to one another," Bishop Rhoades said.

The dates of NFP Awareness Week overlap with the anniversary of the 1968 papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, in which Pope Paul VI reaffirmed the Church's teaching on human sexuality, married love and responsible parenthood.

In the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Angelo and Suzanne Pietropaoli of Malone are di-

rectors of the NFP Office.

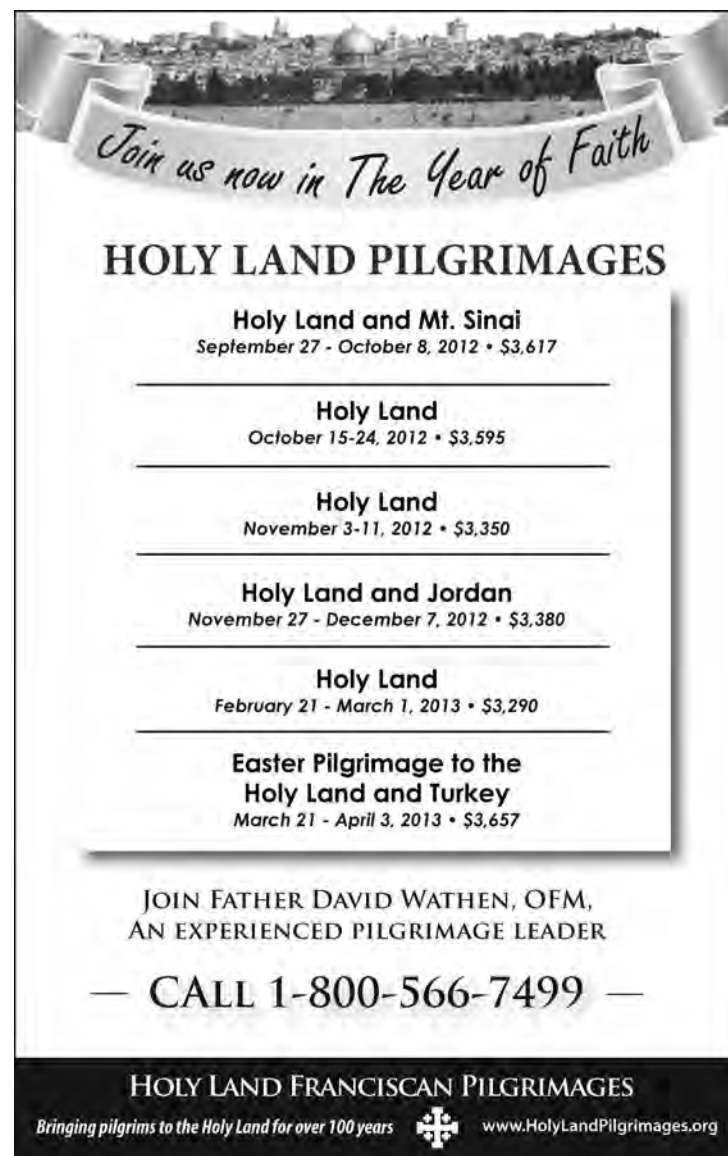
Information about local programs is available from the Pietropaolis at 36 First St., Malone, NY, 518-483-0459; email, apietropaoli@diogdensburg.org; or from the Website, diogdensburg.org/nfp.

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Natural Family Planning (NFP) is an umbrella term for certain methods used to achieve and avoid pregnancies. These methods are based on observation of the naturally occurring signs and symptoms of the fertile and infertile phases of a woman's menstrual cycle.

Because NFP respects the twofold nature of sexual intercourse, it can enrich the bond between husband and wife

NFP is not "Rhythm." The Rhythm (or Calendar) method was developed in the 1930s. It was based on the scientific theory that ovulation could be predicted by calculating previous menstrual cycles. This method was often inaccurate because it did not take account of the unique nature of a woman's menstrual cycle.

Today's methods of NFP do take account of such variations. Based on observable signs and symptoms of the fertile and infertile phases of the menstrual cycle, NFP methods track the changes associated with ovulation and not only treat each woman as unique, but each cycle as well.

The accuracy of women's observations has been validated by scientific research.*

NFP is a holistic approach to family planning. Both husband and wife understand their fertility, emotions, and family planning intention (whether to have a baby or not).

Its successful use to avoid pregnancy relies upon a couple's following what they know about the method and one another.

Successful use of NFP requires a couple to communicate.

In the daily charting of their fertility signs, couples quickly appreciate their shared responsibility for family planning.

Husbands are encouraged to "tune into" their wives' cycles, and both spouses are encouraged to speak openly to each other about their sex-

ual desires and their ideas on family size.

Couples using NFP to avoid pregnancy abstain from intercourse and genital contact when the woman is fertile and can conceive.

The total days of abstinence will vary from woman to woman and even from cycle to cycle.

Whatever the length of the fertile phase, no barriers or chemicals are used at any time to avoid pregnancy.

To achieve pregnancy couples have intercourse during the fertile time of the cycle.

NFP is not a contraceptive. It does nothing to suppress or block conception.

Instead, couples adjust their behavior according to their family planning intention using the naturally occurring signs and symptoms of a woman's cycle

NFP promotes openness to the transmission of human life and recognizes the value of children.

Sexual relations are understood as love-giving as well as life-giving. It is true family planning.

Because NFP respects the

twofold nature of sexual intercourse, it can enrich the bond between husband and wife.

Indeed, it can be said that NFP promotes the understanding of "self donation" between spouses.

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VATICAN LETTER

Taking stock of papal year

By Francis X. Rocca
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)— Every year about this time, American legal journalists review the recently ended Supreme Court term, trying to identify trends and themes that cut across the court's most important rulings.

What can the 2011-12 papal 'term' tell us about where Pope Benedict XVI is leading the church?

As it happens, the court's October-through-June term coincides almost exactly with what we might call the papal year, which starts when the pope returns to the Vatican each fall and ends when he leaves for the papal summer residence at Castel Gandolfo (where he relocated this year July 3).

Almost all of the Vatican's important business gets done in this span, making it the most relevant unit of time to use when analyzing the papacy's activity and its implications for the church as a whole.

So what can the 2011-12 papal "term" tell us about where Pope Benedict XVI is leading the church?

If there was one message that the Vatican's agenda and statements this year seemed designed to convey, it was that the world needs the Catholic Church's help to solve its most urgent social and economic problems.

In five speeches over the course of six months to U.S. bishops on their "ad limina" visits to Rome, Pope Benedict said that the health and prosperity of American society as a whole require the engagement of its Catholic citizens, in fidelity to the church's teaching on contentious matters, including marriage, abortion, euthanasia, immigration and education.

On a November visit to the West African country of Benin, the pope said that a "church reconciled within itself can become a prophetic sign of reconciliation in society," on a continent divided by often violent ethnic and religious conflicts.

Conceding no realm of human activity as beyond the church's scope, the Vatican delved into the highly technical field of international finance with a controversial October document blaming the world's economic crisis on a "liberalism that spurns rules and controls" and proposing global regulation of the financial industry and international money supply.

Pope Benedict made it clear that the church's appeals to secular society should be made not in terms of faith but in terms of the "natural moral law" accessible to all through the use of reason. He notably included prominent agnostic "seekers of the truth" alongside prominent religious leaders at an October meeting to promote peace and justice in Assisi, Italy.



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Pope Benedict XVI sits in a chair that displays his coat of arms at the cathedral in Leon, Mexico, March 25. A review of Pope Benedict's accomplishments during the past year shows his conviction that the Catholic Church has a role to play in solving the world's most urgent social and economic problems.

Yet the pope also insisted that the church's commitment to social justice must never be separated from a faith that transcends this world. During a trip to Mexico and Cuba in March, the pope said that the "church is not a political power, it is not a party," and told a crowd of more than 600,000 at an outdoor Mass that "human strategies will not suffice to save us" from war and injustice.

The following month, the Vatican published a "doctrinal assessment" of the U.S. Leadership Conference of Women Religious. The document, which had been expressly approved by Pope Benedict, recognized the LCWR's adherence to Catholic teaching in its promotion of social justice, but concluded that the group's neglect of the church's doctrine on a number of important moral issues, including abortion and euthanasia, reflected a crisis "characterized by a diminution of the fundamental Christological center and focus of religious consecration."

Pope Benedict also emphasized a link between

the church's contributions to society and its right to freedom of religion, which he championed against varying degrees of restriction in communist Cuba, Mexico with its legacy of anti-clericalism, and the U.S., where the Obama administration seeks to make private Catholic institutions provide insurance covering sterilizations and contraception, in violation of the church's moral teaching.

As always, of course, the Vatican made some of its biggest news this year in ways that it had not planned at all.

The biggest such story was undoubtedly the so-called "VatiLeaks" affair, the publication of dozens of confidential correspondence and reports, including letters to Pope Benedict himself, and the subsequent arrest of the pope's butler on charges of "aggravated theft."

While the documents themselves fuel an image of the Vatican as plagued by infighting, Pope Benedict has said that he expects his collaborators to work together as a family.

In October, the pope removed Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, author of several leaked letters accusing specific Vatican officials of corruption and incompetence, from his job as secretary-general of the governor's office of Vatican City. In an apparent sign of esteem for the archbishop's ability and integrity, however, the pope appointed him to the key post of nuncio to the U.S.

After months of furor over the leaks, in July, Pope Benedict defended Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, the Vatican secretary of state, against "unjust criticism" in the Italian media, thus showing his appreciation for his longtime lieutenant, who had served under the future pope as secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, when then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was the congregation's prefect.

The papal "term" marked another chapter in the ongoing narrative of the Vatican's relationship with the breakaway traditionalists of the Society of St. Pius X, who reject some teachings of the 1962-65 Second Vatican Council and subsequent modernizing changes to the church.

In September, the Vatican presented the traditionalists with a "doctrinal preamble" outlining certain teachings, presumably including those of Vatican II, which the breakaway group would have to accept as a condition for reconciliation. In June, the Vatican presented them with a draft document proposing that a reintegrated society would hold the canonical status of a personal prelature, in effect an international diocese under the direct authority of the pope.

As the Vatican awaited the traditionalists' final response to these overtures, in late June, Pope Benedict named U.S. Archbishop Augustine Di Noia to focus personally on the SSPX negotiations. The appointment of Archbishop Di Noia, a distinguished theologian and longtime collaborator of the pope, underscores Pope Benedict's extraordinary determination to bring a group of separated brethren back into the Catholic family.

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

House panel's food aid cuts in farm bill called 'unjustified and wrong'

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- A proposed \$16 billion cut in the nation's Supplemental Nutritional and Assistance Program is "unjustified and wrong," said a joint letter from the chairman of the U.S. bishops' domestic and international justice committees, leaders of Catholic Relief Services and the National Catholic Rural Life Conference. The cuts in SNAP, once known as food stamps, "will hurt hungry children, poor families, vulnerable seniors and struggling workers," said the July 10 letter, addressed to Rep. Frank Lucas, R-Okla., chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, and Rep. Collin Peterson, D-Minn., the committee's ranking Democrat. "At this time of economic hardship and continued high unemployment, the committee should protect essential programs that serve poor and hungry people. To cut programs that feed hungry people in the midst of economic turmoil is unjustified and wrong," the letter said. "A just farm bill requires shared sacrifice by all but cannot rely on disproportionate cuts to essential services for hungry, poor and vulnerable people," it said. The letter was signed by Bishop Stephen E. Blaize of Stockton, Calif., chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development; Bishop Richard E. Pates of Des Moines, Iowa, chairman of the USCCB Committee on International Justice and Peace; Carolyn Woo, president of Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops' international relief and development agency; and James Ennis, executive director of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference.

Mission work requires Gospel joy, living God's love, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Bringing God's word to mission lands is successful only when missionaries live the Gospel with joy and share the love and goodness they receive from God, Pope Benedict XVI said. "What is good has the inherent need to be conveyed, to give itself; it cannot stay closed up in itself (because) something good and goodness itself are essentially 'communicatio,'" that is, sharing with others, he said during a brief visit to a center belonging to the missionaries of the Society of the Divine Word. The pope, who began his vacation July 3 at the papal summer villa of Castel Gandolfo, took a short trip July 9 to the center in the nearby village of Nemi, in the Alban hills southeast of Rome. He used his cane when entering the center's chapel and when walking the grounds. The pope said he had fond memories of the center where he spent a week in the spring of 1965 working with three dozen other prelates to draft the Second Vatican Council's Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity ("Ad Gentes"). Then-Father Joseph Ratzinger was a theological consultant during Vatican II and was appointed to an editorial commission, led by Verbiter Father Johannes Schutte, to help prepare the draft document of the decree. Father Schutte's invitation to be part of the commission came as a surprise to 37-year-old Father Ratzinger, as "I was a very young theologian of no great importance," the pope said during an informal talk to Verbiter fathers attending their general chapter meeting. Being in the company of so many eminent theologians and charged with "such an important and beautiful task to prepare a decree on mission" represented "spiritual enrichment and a great gift for me," the pope said, adding that it was "perhaps the most memorable" time he had during the whole council.

Masses, devotions, rallies mark 'fortnight for freedom'

By Maria Pia Negro
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - When the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops asked Catholics to dedicate 14 days to the preservation of religious freedom through prayer, education and public action, they listened.

Catholics in dioceses across the United States participated in Masses, devotions, holy hours, educational presentations and rallies during the June 21 to July 4 campaign to support the nation's "first and most cherished freedom" and draw attention to actions Catholic and other religious leaders say are weakening religious liberty, including the federal contraceptive mandate.

The U.S. bishops' campaign began on the vigil of the feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More with Mass June 21 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore celebrated by Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Freedom.

He held up the two martyrs as a source of inspiration for American Catholics, saying "their courageous witness of faith continues to stir the minds and hearts of people yearning for authentic freedom, and specifically, for religious freedom," he said.

The fortnight closed on Independence Day with Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington and the tolling of bells at churches across the country at noon Eastern time.

Fortnight events in dioceses around the country included an Independence Celebration Walk & Picnic in Des Moines, Iowa; a motorcycle "Rosary Ride for Religious Freedom" in Colorado Springs, Colo.; nonpartisan

voter registration drives after Masses in Atlanta parishes; a religious liberty conference in Covington, Ky.; an outdoor Faith and Freedom Mass in a park band shell in Savannah, Ga.; and a prayer service with special petitions for the fortnight in the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma, Ohio.

In the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Bishop Terry R. LaValley led a Holy Hour for religious freedom June 21 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

In the Diocese of Brooklyn, N.Y., Catholics participated in a 12-hour marathon of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at the Church of St. Joseph in Brooklyn.

Jocelyn Rodriguez, a teenager from St. Elizabeth Parish in Ozone, N.Y., organized youth groups to lead the faithful during the vigil.

In upstate New York, parishioners in the Rochester Diocese participated in a 14-day-long Festival for Freedom at a retreat house in Canandaigua.

The free events include a speaker series on the topics of ethics, justice and natural law; Masses and prayer services; and plays and other activities.

Organizers described the festival as "a time and place to renew our commitments, to learn about our country's founding principle of religious freedom and to join with others who feel strongly that, unless current trends and mandates are reversed, the core principle of freedom of religion will be eroded."

At Holy Family Catholic Church in Orlando, Fla., students in grades 6 to 12 participated in an obstacle course and a scavenger hunt to find items representing faith and liberty.

From Bishop Barbarito

"We are blessed to live in a great nation founded on religious freedom in which all of our natural freedoms are protected," Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito of Palm Beach told

the Florida Catholic diocesan newspaper.

"That is evident as we legitimately and respectfully gather today to join in prayer and make our voices heard in regard to the protection of religious freedom," Bishop Barbarito said.

Morning rains did not stop 700 people from attending a June 23 rally where Archbishop George J. Lucas of Omaha, Neb., spoke on religious liberty issues.

Across the archdiocese, parishes sponsored movie nights and "Faithful Citizenship" presentations.

In the nation's capital, more than 2,000 Catholics from all over the Washington Archdiocese prayed and sang patriotic hymns at a June 24 rally at George Washington University's Smith Center.

The event highlighted the Catholic heritage of the United States. Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington recalled Blessed John Paul II's first public Mass as pope when he called the faithful to put aside fear and to express their beliefs.

"The call is not just for priests to preach, but for the laity to respond. The response is threefold: prayer, education and action. The most important is prayer," Cardinal Wuerl said.

The Catholic bishops of Kansas sponsored a statewide rally for religious freedom in front of the state Capitol in Topeka June 29. Catholics in Iowa and Illinois also had marches to their respective state capitols in Des Moines and Springfield.

The Diocese of Allentown, Pa., sponsored a campaign called "Let Religious Freedom Ring," which included five catechetical talks presenting USCCB documents on religious freedom and public seminars at universities.

The Little Sisters of the Poor in Scranton, Pa., held a daily holy hour during the fortnight in the chapel of their Holy Family Residence.

A NEW AMERICAN ARCHBISHOP



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Pope Benedict XVI presents a pallium to Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore during a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican June 29. The pope gave 44 archbishops the woolen pallium as a sign of their communion with him and their pastoral responsibility as shepherds.

Weather woes around the world

Midwest corn farmers pray for rain

SEYMOUR, ILL. (CNS) -- The desperation of drought-stricken farmers in the Midwest was evidenced by what topped Mary Margaret O'Connor's "day's best memory" list as the July 8 celebration of her parish church's centennial came to a close.

"It looks like we're going to get rain," said O'Connor, eyeing dark clouds approaching the grounds of St. Boniface Church, where a tent had been erected for a parish luncheon.

Prayers to keep rain away from an outdoor parish celebration months in the planning and including a visit from the diocesan bishop would usually be the norm. But not this summer at St. Boniface Church, a Catholic landmark rising above the fertile corn and bean fields of Champaign County.

As in much of the Midwest, farmers in Seymour are on the edge of disaster from scorching heat and lack of rain. "Hopefully, it will come," Father Robert Lampitt, parochial vicar of the rural parish, said of the rain before leading the meal blessing.

"It would be a godsend," agreed Bill Klein, a fourth-generation farmer whose great uncle willed the rural parish an 80-acre tract of land upon his death in 1954. The field north of the church is planted in soybeans this year. Klein, O'Connor and other farmers of St. Boniface Parish compared the current drought to one in 1988.

The region is 10 inches or more below normal rainfall for the year.

Irish bishop appeals for a break in the rain

DUBLIN (CNS) -- An Irish bishop has appealed to parishioners to pray for a break in the rain.

Bishop Denis Brennan of Ferns asked local churches to offer prayers for farming families struggling under a severe loss of income due to the weather conditions.

The Irish Farmers' Association warned that farm families across the country have been hit by a loss of 100 million euros due to higher feed costs and a loss of output as a result of the poor weather conditions.

Bishop Brennan said many farming families in the area are "experiencing real strain and anxiety as they grapple with the prospect of a continuation of the current poor spell and its threatened adverse effects on the annual harvest." He also expressed the fear that the poor weather could hinder the wider national economic recovery.

Bishop Brennan said many parishes in his diocese have received requests for prayers for fine weather. "In truth, they range from the very heartfelt of the farming community to those of parents whose children are looking to get outdoors and enjoy the best of the summer holidays," he told Catholic News Service.

"Our real thoughts and prayers are with the farming community at this time. I am very conscious of the vital role it plays in our society and our economy. This persistently poor weather is a real threat to crops and livelihoods."

Says new particle may unlock new discoveries

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The discovery of a new sub-atomic particle - the so-called Higgs boson - may help scientists discover how the hidden structure of all matter in the universe works, a Vatican astronomer said.

"It indicates that reality is deeper and more rich and strange than our everyday life," U.S. Jesuit Brother Guy Consolmagno told Catholic News Service.

When people go about their everyday business working or relaxing, they don't think about the tiniest building blocks of physical matter, but "without these underlying little things, we wouldn't be here," he said.

Physicists working with the Large Hadron Collider at CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research laboratory in Geneva, announced July 4 that they were 99.999 percent certain they found evidence of a new particle that might be key to the structure of the universe and to a more complete understanding of nature.

British physicist Peter Higgs first hypothesized the existence of the particle in the 1960s as the final missing element in a framework called the Standard Model, which explains how sub-atomic particles and forces interact.

Over the decades, with the help of increasingly powerful and sophisticated high-energy particle accelerators, scientists have been searching for what atoms are made up of, what the smaller components of atoms are made up of, what the nature of those smaller components is, and so on, Brother Consolmagno said.

But it wasn't clear why some materials, such as protons and electrons, have

mass and therefore are attracted to each other by gravity, while other materials, such as photons, have no mass, he said.

"Higgs, 50 years ago, worked out a model called the Standard Model, that would provide reasons for attraction and why there is mass," the Jesuit said.

Higgs predicted that if a particle that produced the effect of mass existed, it should be "visible" after two atoms were smashed together at high enough speeds.

Experiments at CERN have revealed that "there is something that looks something like the Higgs-boson," Brother Consolmagno said. The new data "will be used to test the Standard Model and how sub-atomic particles work," he said.

The Higgs-boson had been nicknamed "the God particle" as "a joke" in an attempt to depict the particle as "almost like a gift from God to help explain how reality works in the sub-atomic world," he said. Because the particle is believed to be what gives mass to matter, it was assigned the godlike status of being able to create something out of nothing.

But such "God of the gaps" conjectures are not only bad reasons to believe in God, they are also bad science, Brother Consolmagno said.

"You'll look foolish, in say 2050, when they discover the real reason" for a phenomenon that was explained away earlier by the hand of God, he said.

However, another kind of faith and hope do exist in the scientific community, he said.

"No one would have built this enormous experiment," tapping the time and talents of thousands of scientists around the world, "without faith they would find something," he said.



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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Time out for Jesus makes us better shepherds

This Sunday, it's all about shepherds, and what God expects of them.

God is really angry with the kings of Judah for neglecting the Law, for ignoring the prophets, and leading the people astray.

He is so frustrated that through Jeremiah he threatens to fire them all! He Himself will shepherd the people.

For the first time, the people hear God's promise to one day send a Messiah-

King. Shortly after this warning, both king and people are led into seventy years of exile in Babylon.

Because of their neglect, only a "faithful remnant" will ever return.

In the second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians, we hear that this Messiah, Jesus Christ, has come to unite both Jew and Gentile.

"You who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ".



Monsignor Paul E. Whitmore

He has come to bring peace to those whom He has united in His own Body through the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel is about the apostles first venture out as missionaries. As they gather around Jesus to report on their success, Jesus can see how tired they are. He tells them to "take the day off".

They plan to go away to a quiet place. Unfortunately, the crowds get wind of this, and arrive at that same desert place ahead of them..

Instead of being angry, Jesus has pity on them, for they are "like sheep without a shepherd."

JULY 22

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Ephesians 2:13-18

Mark 6:30-34

In these days of summer vacations, we, too, need to renew ourselves. We'll be much more effective if we follow Jesus' advice.

Especially do we need "quiet time", time to put ourselves back together from frantic, stressful liv-

ing. Even if it's not possible to go far away from home, we can spend some time each day in prayer and reading. A quiet time at morning Mass can really refresh and invigorate us.

Leisure time can give us perspective on who we are as followers of Jesus, and if we're faithfully caring for the needs of those in our care.

We might think of ways of doing a better job of peace-making and reconciling.

Time out with Jesus makes us better shepherds. It also makes for happier sheep!

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OUR READERS WRITE

And Then There Were None

No, it isn't about an Agatha Christie spy novel. It's a new and exciting opportunity for a new life.

It began when a friend of mine was working at Planned Parenthood (PP). She truly believed that she was helping women make the best choices for their lives. She thought that a legal abortion was much better than an illegal one.

She also thought that PP really believed in reducing unintended pregnancies, hence reducing abortions. She was a true advocate of "choice" and even received PP Employee of the year.

She remembers many of the women she helped. You know what else she remembers?

She remembers a day watching a 13-week old fetus fight for its life during an abortion procedure, looking at the bodies of aborted babies while accounting for their arms, legs, and head, determining if the baby was a boy or girl.

How did she justify her work for so long? How are PP workers doing it?

She tried to really believe that she was doing the right thing... the right thing for those women. But what about

those babies? What about those lives that she was a part of terminating? Didn't they matter?

Was it really ALL about the woman and her rights?

She has learned now that it is NOT just about women. Abortion affects many people.

It affects you as a clinic worker. You are witnessing things that are permanently damaging your mind. You are saying things to yourself and others that you will never be able to get out of your head. You will dream about the work you are doing and what you have seen. It will not go away... not until you receive real healing.

Healing can happen, but it won't until you take that first step and leave. I know it is scary. I know you may feel secure there. You may be a single mother, or you may depend on the insurance benefit... whatever your reason is, there is something better.

You have to trust in yourself and know that you are better than the work you are doing now.

NO ONE GROWS UP WANTING TO HAVE AN ABORTION. NO ONE GROWS UP WANTING TO WORK AT AN ABORTION CLINIC.

Follow your real potential. Let us help. Let my friend help. - Abby Johnson, Founder of ATTWN

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O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live in (name a priest), act in him, speak in and through him. Think your thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Give him your own dispositions and feelings. Teach, lead and guide him always. Correct, enlighten and expand his thoughts and behavior. Possess his soul; take over his entire personality and life.

Replace him with yourself. Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving; pray in and through him. Let him live in you and keep him in this intimate union always. O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Mother of Jesus and Mother of priests, pray and intercede for (...) Amen.

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AT THE MOVIES

THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

By Joseph McAleer
Catholic News Service

The legendary web-slinger is back, battling teen angst by day and catching crooks at night in "The Amazing Spider-Man" (Columbia), a 3-D reboot of the classic Marvel comic book character.

While the bones of the familiar story remain intact, the style and vision of this version, directed by Marc Webb ("(500) Days of Summer"), are darker, bordering at times on horror and lacking the charm and fun of the recent "Spider-Man" film trilogy. Still, amid the action and thrills lies an inspirational tale about accepting responsibility and using one's gifts for the greater good.

Peter Parker (Andrew Garfield) is your basic science geek, trying to avoid the bullies in high school and wondering how to catch the eye of his comely classmate, Gwen Stacy (Emma Stone). He lives with his kindly Uncle Ben (Martin Sheen) and Aunt May (Sally

Field), who took him in as a toddler when his scientist parents, Richard and Mary Parker (Campbell Scott and Embeth Davidtz), mysteriously disappeared.

Foraging in the basement, Peter discovers his father's briefcase, put there for safe-keeping. Inside are clues to his father's top-secret work at OsCorp, a genetic engineering laboratory. Desperate for answers regarding his parents' fate, Peter looks up dad's former partner, the brilliant Dr. Curt Connors (Rhys Ifans).

The one-armed scientist is obsessed with "cross-species genetics," combining human and animal DNA to regrow tissue; in his case, an entire arm. Connors has no qualms about playing God. "I long to fix myself," he says. "Imagine a world without deformities, without weakness. Why be human at all when we can be so much more?"

Poking around in Connors' lab amid genetically-engineered critters, Peter gets bitten by a spider, and before long is crawling up walls and tingling with "spider-sense."

As Peter gains confidence -- and arrogance -- from his new powers, he neglects his family and schoolwork. When Uncle Ben is killed by a gunman Peter could have stopped, Peter becomes a vigilante in search of the killer. Along the way, he embraces Uncle Ben's advice to do good - and help others in need.

Meanwhile, Connors decides to test his new reptile-based serum on himself. Poof! He grows a new arm -- as well as a whole lot of scales in a transformation straight out of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

Clearly, it's not nice to fool with Mother Nature, and Connors -- aka "The Lizard" -- goes on a rampage, chewing up the sewers and suspension bridges of Manhattan. Peter, now sporting the moniker "Spider-Man," finds his inner hero as catastrophe looms.

At times "The Amazing Spider-Man" takes itself too seriously, feeling like a Shakespearian drama on steroids. Fortunately, however, there's enough levity on hand to bring it back down to size.



CNS PHOTO/COLUMBIA
Andrew Garfield stars in a scene from the movie "The Amazing Spider-Man."

"What am I, the mayor of Tokyo?" cries Gwen's father, the chief of police (Denis Leary), as "The Lizard" stomps its way through the city like the petulant son of Godzilla.

The film contains intense action violence, including

gunplay, and some rough language. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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Ellenburg - Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer have soaking prayer.

Date: Every 3rd Monday.

Time: 10 a.m. to 11

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MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

Ellenburg – Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer will be having a monthly prayer meeting.

Date: May 26(every last Sunday)

Features: Please bring a dish to pass and RSVP to olaplayerhouse@gmail.com or 518-594-3253

PRAYER MEETING

Plattsburgh – A weekly prayer meeting will be held every Wednesday (except the first Wednesday).

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: St. Peter's Church, St. Brother Andre' Chapel.

Features: Prayers and songs of praise followed by devotional prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet/Novena, as well as prayers for individual, community, state, national and global concerns. Facilitated by Living Waters Healing Ministry. Open to all

LECTIO DIVINA

Ellenburg – Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer will be having *Lectio Divina* (Divine Reading), every Friday.

Time: 1 p.m. to 3

Features: Meditation on the following Sunday's readings and Rosary

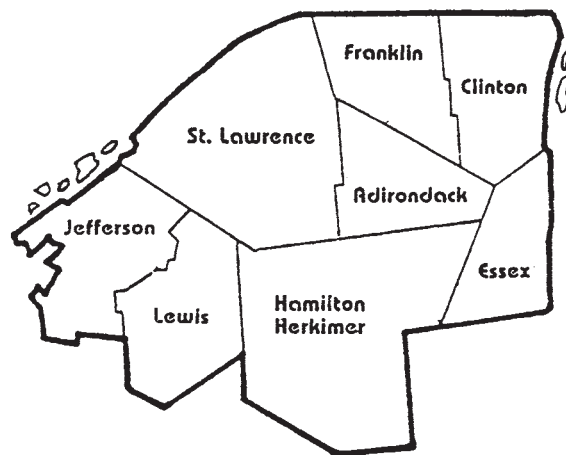
SOAKING PRAYER

Plattsburgh – Soaking Prayer is offered every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month under the direction of the Living Water's Healing Ministry.

Time: 10 a.m. to 11:30

Place: Upper room at St. Peters

Features: A quiet prayerful environment, allows participants to be immersed/soaked in God's love



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ESSEX

ST. MARY'S SUMMER FESTIVAL

Ticonderoga – Vendor space is still available at the St. Mary's Summer Festival.

Date: July 20-22

Place: St. Mary's Church and School

Features: The festival will include carnival rides, arts and crafts, chicken barbecue, food, entertainment, a \$10,000 raffle, semi-formal dinner and dance with auction, and more. The fee is \$50 and the space is a 10'x10'space under a tent, available from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Contact: Anyone interested in a vendor space should contact Kristina Wells at 518-585-3420.

Information: Visit the web site at stmarysfestival.com

FRANKLIN

RELIC OF BLESSED MOTHER TERESA

St. Regis Falls - Saint Ann's Parish received a First Class Relic of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta for a shrine. The public is invited to visit the church to pray at the shrine to view the reliquary that contains the relic.

Schedule: The church is opened Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 8:45am with Mass at 8am, Saturday's from 3:30pm to 5:15pm with Mass at 4:30pm, and Sunday's from 9am to 10:15am with Mass at 9:30am.

JEFFERSON

LIFERIGHT MEETING

Watertown - Liferight of Watertown will hold its monthly meetings on the third

Wednesday of the Month.

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: 312 Sherman St.

Features: Liferight is a pro-life educational organization. The office has videos, books and educational materials which may be borrowed. Topics covered: infanticide, assisted suicide, euthanasia and chastity.

Contact: Phone 315-788-8480; website: www.liferight.org.

AN EVENING OF SACRED MUSIC

Clayton – St. Mary's Church presents An Evening of Sacred Music.

Date: July 29

Time: 6 p.m.

Features: Classical and contemporary sacred works. There will be a free offering to support St. Mary's Music Ministry.

Performers: Kathryn Amore- Ingerson, Soprano; John-Paul Brabant, Composer and Harpist; River Winds; Cathy Harruff, Organ; Sweet River Flutes; Turning Point, Men's A'Cappella Chorus; Mary Brabant, Soprano; Corri Dartnell, Soprano; Cayla Haycock, Soprano.

LEWIS

AUGUST DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Houseville -Divine Mercy Devotions for the month of August will be held.

Date: Aug. 5

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Features: Vespers (Evening Prayer), Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Homily, The Divine Mercy Chaplet (sung), and Benediction.

ST. LAWRENCE

RUMMAGE SALE

Canton – Rummage and Bag Sale to be held.

Date: July 27, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. & Bag Sale July 28, 7:30 a.m. to 11

Place: St. Mary's School Gym

PRAYER RALLY

Ogdensburg – The Northern Conference K of C will hold a Prayer Rally.

Date: Aug. 12

Time: 2 p.m. to 4

Place: Monument to the unborn outside the Cathedral

Schedule: Begin with a gathering for prayer and some remarks by Bishop and others, afterwards we will then go inside the Cathedral and recite all 4 mysteries of the Rosary.

Features: The Rally will be dedicated for Pro-Life issues that we face and for the protection of our Conscience Rights and Religious Freedom. After the Rally all are invited to the K of C Hall for refreshments which will be served on a donation basis.

SURVIVOR SUPPORT GROUP

Canton – The Surviving Spouse Friendship and Support Group meets the first Thursday of the month.

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Best Western University Inn

Contact: Lita Maroney at 379-1650 for more information and for restaurant planning purposes.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Massena - St. Mary's & St. Joseph's holds Adoration every Friday.

Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Church.

Features: First Friday of each month is preceded by Benediction.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Ogdensburg – St. Mary's Cathedral holds a monthly Holy Hour to pray for Vocations.

Date: Thursday before the First Friday

Time: 8 p.m. to 9

Place: Deacon Winter Chapel

Features: Nocturnal Adoration continues through the night

DIOCESAN EVENTS

FAMILY ENRICHMENT DAYS

Saranac Lake - The offices of Family Life, Natural Family Planning and Pre-Cana are offering two days of enrichment at Guggenheim Lodge

Friday July 20, "Theology of the Body Roundtable" – If you would like to con-

tinue the discussion started last fall with Christopher West, and explore ways to implement Theology of the Body in our parish programs, this day is for you. Join us for Speakers, Group Forum, Fellowship and Mass with Bishop LaValley.

Contact: For information/registration: Angelo and Suzanne Pietropaoli, Diocesan NFP Directors. Email: api-etropaoli@dioogdensburg.org . Phone 518-483-0459.

Saturday, July 21 "Invitation to a Passionate Marriage" is being presented by authors John and Kathleen Colligan as a marriage enrichment and training for those in pre-cana ministry, as well as those who are considering becoming involved in marriage preparation. Join us as we explore and discover this comprehensive, theology of the body based marriage preparation program.

Contact: To register contact Dayna Leader dleader@dioogdensburg.org 315-287-2874

AT ST. ANNE'S SHRINE

Isle La Motte, VT – Several events have been planned in upcoming weeks at the Shrine of St. Anne.

Reflections Series: The Summer Reflection Series to be held every Tuesday beginning with Mass at 11:15 a.m. followed by lunch and Presentation at 1 p.m. Contact Shrine Office for presenters and topic at 802-928-3362

Feast of St. Anne – will be celebrated July 26. Masses at 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mass is followed by the traditional Candlelight Procession.

Italian Night - The Shrine Café will serve a Lasagna Dinner July 28 from 4 p.m. to 6:30.

PRO-LIFE TEEN CAMP

Utica – New York State Right to Life in partnership with the Good News Foundation of Central New York and the New York State Ancient Order of Hibernians presents Camp Esther, their fourth pro-life teen leadership weekend.

Date: Aug. 17-19

Place: Good News Center, Utica NY

Cost: Tuition, rooms, meals, speakers, and a t-shirt for weekend is only \$100 (\$150 after June 30).

Features: Camp Esther is an intensive weekend-long pro-life "boot camp" that trains students to be effective advocates for Life. With presentations on issues from abortion to euthanasia to stem cell research, games, and opportunities to practice presenting the pro-life message

Contact: Natalie at 518-434-1293 or natalief@nysrighttolife.org.



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This summer: try to give back!

From the Director's Desk,
Sister Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ,
Diocesan Mission Director

As we look ahead to the summer months, we plan and anticipate such wonderful gatherings as graduations, weddings, festivals and reunions. We often take for granted how easy it is to make such plans and know that they will be enjoyable for all.

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However, it's not always that easy for those in the Missions. The children in places like Peru, Nicaragua and Ecuador do not have the luxury of knowing that tomorrow will even include a meal or necessary medications.

Every summer the Missionary Cooperation Campaign introduces parishioners to a real – life missionary who represents a mission cause from a faraway place.

The missionary makes the needs of the missions more real and more personal, as the faithful become personally involved in learning about the missions and in responding to their needs.

It has been an appeal that has been worth cultivating and nourishing in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

This summer, the Missionary Cooperation Appeal is planned for the East Side of our Diocese at the end of July.

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Please consider contributing with your prayers and sacrifices.

So, as you can see, the Society For the Propagation of the Faith too has summer plans.

Please consider giving this summer to our appeals that will be held in your parish, but will help those far away and in need.

Please remember "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" when writing or changing your Will.

OBITUARIES

AuSable Forks – William J. Killiher, 59; Funeral Services July 7, 2012 at Holy Name Church.

Brasher Falls – Neil Michael McLaughlin, 86; Funeral Services July 6, 2012 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Cadyville – Larry E. Woodward, 64; Funeral Services July 3, 2012 at St. James Church; burial in Assumption Cemetery, Redford.

Canton – Patricia H. (Harttington) Carson, 84; Funeral Services July 11, 2012 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Potsdam.

Champlain – Keith Morton Joseph Favreau, 45; Funeral Services July 10, 2012 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Chateaugay – Timothy J. Tolosky, 57; Funeral Services July 2, 2012 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Chaumont – Robert L. Grunert, 63; Funeral Services July 10, 2012 at All Saints Church; burial in St. Vincent of Paul Cemetery, Cape Vincent.

Colton – Joseph H. Brockway, 85; Funeral Services July 9, 2012 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Holy Name Cemetery, Tupper Lake.

Colton – Francis E. Hatch, 80; Funeral Services July 13, 2012 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Harrisville – Robert J. Clement, 69; Funeral Services July 12, 2012 at St. Francis Solanus Church; burial in St. Francis Cemetery.

Hogansburg – Theresa Ann Square, 51; Funeral Services July 6, 2012 at St. Regis Church; burial in Kateri Cemetery.

Keeseville – Hilda B. (Rock) Gioiosa, 102; Funeral Services July 6, 2012 at St. John the Baptist Church; burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Plattsburgh.

Lowville – Pauline Marie (DuFlo) Johndrow, 92; Funeral Services July 7, 2012 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery, Croghan.

Lowville – Mary Evelyn (Cormier) Kotary, 90; Funeral Services July 10, 2012 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery, Port Leyden.

Lyon Mountain – Lorraine Madeline (Haneault) Farrell, 94; Funeral Services July 10, 2012 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Malone – Dorothy M. (King) Hammill, 82; Funeral Services July 7, 2012 at Notre Dame Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Malone – Joan M. (Langdon) Yando, 79; Funeral Services June 28, 2012 at Notre Dame Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Massena – Darcie J. (French) Arquette, 39; Funeral Services June 30, 2012 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena – Keith B. Benedict Jr., 28; Funeral Services July 7, 2012 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Pine Grove Cemetery.

Massena – Scott A. Borsellino, 43; Funeral Services July 11, 2012 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena – Janine K. Neilson Howard, 32; Funeral Services July 11, 2012 at the Church of the Sacred Heart.

Massena – Mary M (Malark) Rowe, 84; Funeral Services July 11, 2012 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Mooers – Clifford Archie Bulriss, 79; Funeral Services June 30, 2012 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in Whispering Maples Memorial Mausoleum, Ellenburg Depot.

Mooers – Ronald G. Roberts, 75; Funeral Services June 30, 2012 at St. Joseph's Church.

Morrisonville – Mary C. "Sis" (Conners) Bullis, 78; Funeral Services July 12, 2012 at St. Alexander's Church; burial in St. Alexander's Cemetery.

Morrisonville – Anne (Turner) Coppola, 73; Funeral Services in Fall at St. Alexander's Church; burial in St. Alexander's Cemetery.

Ogdensburg – Robert Heaton, 74; Funeral Services June 29, 2012 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Ogdensburg – Christopher Kaden Reynolds, Infant; Funeral Services July 3, 2012 at Frary's Funeral Home; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Peru – Robert R. "Bob" McGee, 78; Funeral Services July 12, 2012 at the Hamilton Funeral Home.

Plattsburgh – Frank A. Bushey Sr., 78; Funeral Services July 6, 2012 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Chazy.

Plattsburgh – James "Jimmy" P. Chaskey, 53; Funeral Services July 9, 2012 at St. John's Church.

Plattsburgh – Dorothy Elizabeth (Fuller) Gertsch, 90; Funeral Services July 10, 2012 at Brown Funeral Home; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Clarence J. "CJ" Soper, Jr., 84; Funeral Services July 11, 2012 at St. Peter's Church.

Port Henry – Chester "Chuck" Langlais, 77; Funeral Services July 9, 2012 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Moriah.

Redford – Eva H. (Sulek) Rascoe, 59; Funeral Services July 12, 2012 at Church of the Assumption; burial in parish cemetery.

Saranac Lake – Robert F. Carey, 60; Funeral Services July 14, 2012 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in Harrietstown Cemetery.

Saranac Lake – Holly A. (Hoyt) Strack, 58; Funeral Services July 5, 2012 at the Fortune-Keough Funeral Home.

Ticonderoga – Geraldine Ida Gibbs Morett, 82; Funeral Services July 7, 2012 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Treadwells Mills – Delores L. (Shinafelt) Jarvis, 80; Funeral Services June 30, 2012 at St. Joseph's Church; burial in St. Augustine's Cemetery, Peru.

Theresa – John F. Murphy, 40; Funeral Services July 11, 2012 at Frederick Bros. Funeral Home.

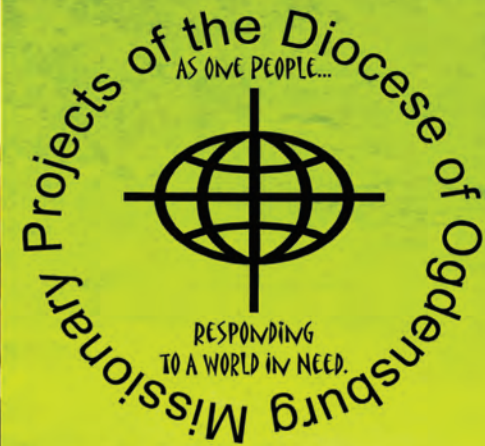
Watertown – Rose J. (Pepe) Fragione, 86; Funeral Services July 6, 2012 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Mausoleum.

Watertown – Gregory A. Marsala, 61; Funeral Services July 15, 2012 at Cummings Funeral Service, Inc.; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

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Mission Clinic - St. Martin de Porras, Mollendo, PERU



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