Six years of faith-filled summers

By Gabriella Haycock

I began going to Camp Guggenheim when I was twelve years old. I knew no one going there and I really did not know what I was getting myself into. Going to camp was no longer a choice for me because my family camp there before. When I got there, I was still not at ease. I did not know what was going to happen during the week that I spent at camp. I was just looking forward to spending the whole week at camp and having fun.

I got to go to the 16-18 year old week. That was six years ago and I have been going to the 16-18 year old week ever since. This week was so much more exciting for me because I knew what was going to happen. I knew that I would be able to go to my favorite church and play in this time of newinky.

Another thank you goes to the priests. I know this year we had the honor of having the newly ordained Father Tom Higman at sixth week, but over the years I have met many priests who are willing to sit down and talk and answer any questions you have. A final thank you to my parents, for giving me the faith that I have learned with those that come to camp looking to grow in their faith or find their faith. As I look back on my time at Camp Guggenheim, I just want to say thanks to all the counselors who were at camp, trained, and helped to guide everyone there on their path to grow in their faith.

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A summertime (sad) farewell

A question for the ages: Why do the days of July and August pass so quickly and quietly than our shorter “winter” months in January and February? How in the world did it get to be Aug. 17?

The “NCC” summer issue is here and ready for you to peruse. With much to say about the unfolding of the faith, we have features on the Pontifical Mission Societies (following page), the Liturgy Committee’s annual report and our regular sections such as the Obituaries, and the Letter from the Editor.

Through its hard work, parishes in the diocese have seen the fruits of “Why Catholics?” and we want to celebrate this in our summer issue.

To reach as many people as possible, she planned evangeli¬ cation workshops in six different places in a week, she traveled to each gathering to offer personal support to Catholics in every part of the diocese.

She reached out further with the weekly column in the North Country Catholic, reflecting on the Sunday scriptures in light of her directive to invite every Catholic to recognize the connection of their Sunday duties to the mission of the Church, and to support our efforts to share the Gospel.

Sister Mary Eamon returned to the Catholic University of Eastern Pennsylvania to pursue her doctorate in pastoral theology.

She was able to work closely with the diocesan offices, miss her family, and even though the hours were long, she had contacts with coffee and donuts. She has not yet announced her appointment to a position with those with whom she is now trying to get to know better.

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Bill Edwards presiding. For those newly

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The Tucker Twins - five months old

By Kevin Mastellon

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It takes real wisdom to believe in God's gift.

by Mary Jean Blum

Wisdom is a gift. It’s one that we may receive this season where we were lying. Rick grasped the little finger on the gurney where she was lying. “I remember holding that little finger and thinking, ‘I hope we have a chance.’”

The Santorums had experienced similar challenges. Karen described how she believed that “I will do. Already some of those challenges turned away and have grown in ‘understanding.”

Wisdom came through lost through teaching. Bella is now a candidate for a career in social work and married to become a father.

Because wisdom leads to recognition where things stand, choosing things that matter, and doing the impossible.

Wisdom is not just “this man”, and seeing what I had said that I had seen more than 40 years ago. Now he’s back again, this time serving as Ogdenburg Regional Director of Catholic Charities.

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By Cindy Wooden

Catholic News Service

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SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN’S

Mgr. Robert L. Lawler celebrates Mass at St. John the Baptist Church in Madrid just before his retirement

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Brendan O’Neill and Anthony Cammato bring the Offertory gifts to Mgr. Robert L. Lawler during the 8:30 Mass at St. John the Baptist Church in Madrid on the feast of St. John the Baptist June 24. Mgr. Lawler retired from parish ministry July 4 and moved to Ogdenburg where he continues to serve the diocese as vicar general.

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Challenges to marriage, religious liberty among Knights’ top concerns

By Rhonda Jefferis
Catholic News Service

ANKARA (CNS) — Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson of the Knights of Columbus has said the Knights had decided to convene a conference in Ankara, Turkey, to discuss the treatment of Catholics in that country. The conference was entitled “The Rights of Religious Liberty in the Twenty-First Century.”

The conference was scheduled to begin on June 10, and was expected to last five days. The conference was to be attended by Knights of Columbus from around the world, as well as representatives from other religious organizations and government officials.

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization with more than 2 million members worldwide. It was founded in 1882 by a group of Swiss-Americans in New York City. The organization is known for its support of the Catholic Church and its members are expected to follow the teachings of the Church.

The agenda for the conference was expected to include discussions on the rights of religious liberty, the role of the Knights of Columbus in promoting those rights, and the challenges faced by religious minorities around the world.

The Knights of Columbus has been a vocal advocate for religious liberty, particularly in the United States. The organization has been involved in numerous lawsuits and legal battles to protect the religious liberty of its members and other Catholic organizations.

The Knights of Columbus has also been active in promoting interfaith dialogue and understanding. The organization has sponsored numerous events and programs to bring together people of different faiths and cultures.

The organization has also been involved in numerous charitable activities, such as providing humanitarian aid to those affected by natural disasters and helping to build schools and hospitals in developing countries.

The Knights of Columbus has a strong presence in the United States, with more than 2 million members. The organization has also branches in Canada, Mexico, and other countries around the world.

The conference was expected to be attended by representatives from various countries, including Turkey, the United States, Canada, and other nations with large Catholic populations.

The conference was also expected to be attended by representatives from other religious organizations, including the Catholic Church, the American Catholic University, and other organizations that support the rights of religious liberty.

The conference was expected to conclude on June 15, with a final summary statement and a plan for future action.

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Diocesan Gabriel Project coordinator is appointed

Kathleen Olsen, a parishioner of St. Mary’s Church in Potsdam, has accepted the new position of diocesan Gabriel Project coordinator.

Olsen, diocesan respect life coordinator, said, “What the Gabriel Project is a real apostolate, and I am very excited about it.”

The new coordinator admits that there are challenges serving as a liaison between the parish and the diocese, but she will help!

“I mean, Mrs. Olsen will assist if matters need to be passed to the Diocesan Projects and will provide opportunities for training and spiritual enrichment for the Gabriel Angels.”

Mrs. Olsen attended Catholic schools and her early years including Troca University in Buffalo for nursing.

She also attended the University of California, Riverside, for a B.A. in Music and Crane School of Music for a graduate degree in Music. After 17 years at SUNY Potsdam and the Community Performance Series, serving as executive director for the ten years, Mrs. Olsen took advantage of an early retirement option, emotional and retired in Sept 2010.

“A special blessing is a result of that decision,” Mrs. Olsen said, “I was able to make an amazing pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Father Scott Farhad and Father John P. הכי. I enjoyed a year of work, travel and travel and time to resume work as an RN,” she said.

She is currently the health director at Cornell Cooperative Extension’s summer camp program for children. She also tutors nursing students at SUNY Canton and courses at SUNY Canton and is a writing coach.

Mrs. Olsen is married and has two grown children and ten grandchildren.

Gabriel Project coordinator is appointed

AUGUST 2000. After completing his philosophical and theological studies at the Regina Apostolorum University in Rome, Italy, Mrs. Olsen was ordained a deacon June 30 at the chapel of Our Lady of Victory in Utica.

She has completed one year of the formation for the deaconate prior to being allowed to complete the program this spring.

Mrs. Olsen is preparing for a gathering of the Gabriel Project coordinators to introduce herself and provide training from experienced Gabriel Project angels. The day will continue to be held in the Potsdam area, in which Mrs. Olsen will lead a discussion of the history and mission of the project and will provide opportunities for training and spiritual enrichment for the Gabriel Angels.

The Gabriel Project was founded in 1996 by the Regina Apostolorum University in Rome, Italy, to assist women with the first trimester of pregnancy. The Regina Apostolorum University is a pontifical university in Rome, Italy, and is the only pontifical university in the world that offers a degree in human sexuality.

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Individual Christians and the saints show all Christians that it’s possible to live holy lives no matter what their state of life.

The saints, Father Molinari said, are not ready, willing and able today to help the church’s members along the path of holiness.

The Second Vatican Council’s “purified” exaggerated practices related to the veneration of the saints, for example, where the faithful would “enter into a church and go to the statue of St. Anthony or St. Rita and touch it, but not even think that the Lord is present in the tabernacle,” he said.

But the council still emphasized the fact that those friends of God are part of the church and will intervene on behalf of those still living on earth, he said.

Veneration of the saints, the Jesuit said, is a sign of the link between the pilgrim church (on earth) and the ones who have gone to God.

Blessed Kateri is, like all the saints, still part of the church. "When the saints talk about the needs of her kin, Father Molinari said, and being with God, she will probably whisper into the ear of God something of what we say to her."
The Bishop's Fund opens Sept. 15. In parishes across the Diocese of Ogdensburg, the theme for his year is “Faces of Faith” and the goal is $1.25 million. Donations may be mailed to the Bishop’s Fund Office at PO Box 156, Ogdensburg, NY 13669 or submitted through the website, www.diosodenburg.org/development.

Among more than 20 ministries supported by donations to the Bishop’s Fund is the work of the Youth Ministry.

Youth ministry is being fueled by so many caring and faith-filled adults who are walking the young people in our world on the path to knowing God.

The guiding principles of youth ministry are to make sure they feel a connection with their parish and desire to grow in their relationship with Christ. We aim to make sure their parishes which have in turn led to many young people finding Christ. Our Diocesan youth office is so generously supported by the donors of the Bishop’s Fund to continue to grow.

Our youth rally has steadily grown for the past five years and each will have a server mass and picnic has been again well re- viewed.

Sports camp is committed to deepening one relationship with God and to work on their sports skills on the field and the court.

The Franciscan Guest House was no itinerary, and no par- ty. It was extra special because I was the 1964 World’s Fair (I grew up in New York City). The Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes is right on the Kennebunk River, with great views of the harbor and the boat- ing activity in and out. It’s acres and acres of walking paths, woodlands, shrines, chapel, grotto, and a Catholic gift shop and daily Mass. It is literally a place for body and soul.

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In the opposite direction, the Guest House is a ten minute walk to the tourist shops in Kennebunkport. We indulged at our favorite homemade ice cream stand and bought such other gifts that we would never have purchased if we had not gone to town or purchased if we had not gone to town or purchased if we had not gone to town.

If you are interested in a relaxing and relatively inex- pensive trip to the coast of Maine, I highly recommend the Franciscan Guest House. I suspect they are full up for this summer, but maybe not…autumn is a lovely time of year. It is a 1 hour cruise from the mainland reached at 207-967-4865 or e-mail: canguesthouse.com.
Many of us have hidden fears and insecurities about our relationships with others. Our expectations of how we should be seen by others can lead to feelings of loneliness and isolation. However, love is not something that we can control or manipulate. It is a gift that we can receive and share with others.

The public often views the family as the central unit of society, and with good reason. The family is where we learn about love and relationships, and where we develop our sense of belonging. The family is also the place where we learn about our identity and our place in the world. The family is a place where we can experience the joy of giving and receiving love.

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The Tucker Twins - five months old

By John Mulderig

The Tucker Family portrait from Shelly, age 2. Greg, Shelly, Allison on the left and Amelia on the right. The girls were born March 1, 2012 conjoined. Since birth they have received over 220 surgeries. They are being readied for separation surgery at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania.

The Tucker Twins, as most of those who have followed the story of Allison and Amelia know, were born March 1, 2012 conjoined. Since birth they have received over 220 surgeries. They are being readied for separation surgery at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania. Shelly and Greg have been living in Philadelphia with them but they live in a Ronald McDonald house with 22 other families.

The twins’ son, Justin, who was born in 2009, is also a member of the family. They maintain their family in Adams. “Things could have been so different. The girls are healthy; all their organs are separate and functioning normally. They are separate and functioning normally. They are healthy. They are healthy. We never felt alone,” Greg continued. “We always knew we have people with people, people behind us to keep us going.”

Shelly, on her blog, is always toasting her friends with news of a ‘celebration’ soon to wellcome the girls to their home parish of St. Cecilia’s in Adams. Allison is a little bit smaller than her sister but “she has the biggest heart,” Shelly says. All the girls love going to the beach but Shelly and Greg do not want to roll with her sister. “Amelia likes to follow all the voices she hears,” Shelly says. “I can’t ever turn around to find someone talking behind her. Allison is very serious but quite easy going. Parents know all too well how difficult those little skirmishes children have can be. When the girls are healthy; all their organs are separate and functioning normally. They are healthy. When the girls are healthy; all their organs are separate and functioning normally. They are healthy. They are healthy.

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At least between married couples on the problems of one spouse’s sexual conduct is also significantly flawed. For example, the frankness with which dir. tors approach marriage intrudes new territory into intimate relationships and looks like it.

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**RICHMOND**

Place: Catholic Women's Conference will be held in the KofC hall as well as fun and games. Following liturgy there will be a picnic at the park. We are looking for more information and for restaurant efforts.
A summertime (sad) farewell

By Mary May Lyon

Mike Lyon

A question for the ages:

Why do the days of July and August pass by so quickly

Then, in only those "shorter" days

Can we possibly reach

The very essence of the faith

Through our hard work,

Parishes in the diocese have seen the fruits of

"What Catholics' and" action in

To reach as many people as possible,

She planned evacuation workshops in six different places in a week,

She traveled to each parish

To offer personal support to Catholics in

She reached out further on the

In the North Country Catholic, reflecting on the Sunday scripture in light of our diocesan mission.

To invite every Catholic to recognize

It is Christ who brings our mission into this world.

We need them as part of this great task

As witnesses to God' s word.

As wisdom and as Eucharist the Lord leads us away from foolishness and

Here is the challenge:

We may not like what we hear from a friend,

Are we not stretched sometimes from our own comfort zone when we

He is anxious to bring to the hungry to share in a banquet that he has pre-

To those without un-

The knowledge of grace, is anxious to bring the hungry to share in a banquet that he has pre-

The Eucharist is meant to quietly yet confidently rebuild and deepen that sense of

The celebration of the Mass by and as St. Joseph's keeps us centered on family, especially during difficult times.

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How have you grown in the wisdom of God through participation in the

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"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord" (Ps. 34). It is God' s wisdom in His

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Six years of faith-filled summers

By Gabrielle Repnik
Parrishioner, St. Mary’s, Clayton

When most people think of summer camp they probably think of spending time outdoors, going swimming and meeting new people. For me, summer camp has become this and so much more. I began going to Camp Guggenheim when I was twelve years old. I knew no one going there and I really did not know what to expect. For me, summer camp has become so much more.

In my last three years at camp I got to go to the 16-18 year old residence. This year was my last year going to camp, but I will be applying for staff next year. I could not believe it and this was six years ago and that first year at Camp Guggenheim changed my life just as much as each of the years to follow. This year was my last year going to camp, but I will be applying for staff next year and I hope to be able to share the faith that I have learned with those that come to camp looking to grow in their faith or find their faith. As I look back on my time at Camp Guggenheim, I just want to say thank you to all the counselors who were at camp, friends, and helped to guide everyone there on a path to grow in their faith. Another thank you goes to the priests, I know you work hard to keep the honor of having the newly ordained Father Tom Higman at sixth week, but over the years I have met many priests who are willing to sit down and talk and answer any questions you have.

A final thank you to my family camp there before. When I got there, I was at a loss before. I did not believe this and it made me a little bit nervous for the week ahead. That was six years ago and that first year at Camp Guggenheim changed my life just as much as each of the years to follow. I sat in the car for a long time that first week and I did not expect this. This week most of the counselors who were at camp, friends, and helped to guide everyone there on a path to grow in their faith.

The final week of Camp Guggenheim was filled with 16-18 year olds from across the diocese. The campers are shown in front of the Marian prayer. An OORDER successul season

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 Faith gives meaning to life

Vatican Letter: why we need saints

The official calendar of saints’ feast days will grow in October when the pope canonizes seven men and women, including Mother Marianne Cope of Molokai and Kateri Tekakwitha. According to Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints’ Causes, the appeal of the saints and their concrete examples of holiness give them “an unambiguously positive message to play in this time of new evangelization,” since they “are living proof that the church is holy.”

Making sense out of bioethics

Father Ted talks with Mike and Karen Santarosa about faith and caring for children with disabilities.

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