Riley Clark, a senior at Immaculate Heart Central School in Watertown, is this year’s recipient of the Dick Doe Memorial Scholarship, presented to an IHCC senior who has excelled in athletics and has shown great sportsmanship both on and off the playing field. The award has been given out annually since 2005 in the name of Dick Doe of Watertown, a graduate of IHCC and an exemplary athlete. The money for the yearly scholarship is obtained from proceeds from the annual Dick Doe Memorial Golf Tournament which will be held this year at Highland Meadow Golf and County Club of Watertown July 13. Pictured with Riley is Kathy Doe Johnson, who was the late Dick Doe’s wife and daughter Lisa Doe Bowhall.

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Bishop LaValley is shown with the young people he confirmed this spring at St. Andrew’s Church, Sackets Harbor. In front are Brandon Boulton, Dominick Chiodi and Father J. Michael Gaffney, pastor; back, Drew Sneddon and Luke Townsend.

Lauren Richter and Alyse Clark of Seton Catholic Central in Plattsburgh took second place at the Section 7 Girls Doubles Tennis Championship May 28.

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Reaches its goal for 2012

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM
Catholics of the Diocese of Ogdensburg will participate in a second Fortnight for Freedom June 21 to July 4. Bishop LaValley will celebrate a Mass June 21 at St. Mary’s Cathedral for the intentions of religious freedom. See page 7 for more photos from this day.

MATTHEW KELLY: Prominent writer, speaker is coming to cathedral... p. 9

FACES OF YOUNG FAITH

Lay ministry commissioning set for June 30

Bishop LaValley will commission 43 lay ministers who have completed the two-year Formation for Ministry program June 30 at St. Mary’s Cathedral.

NCC summer schedule
The bi-weekly summer publication schedule of the North Country Catholic has begun: the next issue of the paper will be dated July 3.

We ask you to go if they seek to be known primarily for their love of God and neighbor, Pope Francis said. The first task governing the church as the “People of God” is love, he said, which means “recognizing God as the only Lord of life and, at the same time, welcoming others as true brothers and sisters, overcoming divisions, rivalries, misunderstandings and selfishness.” At his weekly general audience June 12, Pope Francis continued his series of audience talks about the creed, looking at what Catholics believe about the church. With more than 50,000 people gathered for the weekly audience in St. Peter’s Square on a hot spring day, the pope lamented that brotherly love does not reign in the world, and often not even in Catholics’ communities, neighborhoods, workplaces or even their homes, because of jealousy and envy. “We must ask the Lord to help us understand his law of love,” he said. “How good, how beautiful it would be if we loved one another as real brothers and sisters,” Pope Francis said.

Pope: Catholics must grow in love
**Editors Notes**

The Pontifical Missionary Societies of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Inc.

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*May 5, 2013* - OGDENSBURG, N.Y. — The Pontifical Missionary Societies, also known as the Opus Dei, said May 5 that they have a new formation program for Ministry classes. The formation program is intended for those who have completed the diocesan program and will be commissioned through the years. The program is open to priests, deacons, seminarians, and lay persons.

**Important Dates**

- **Application Deadline:** June 23, 2013
- **Application Window:** June 23 to July 31, 2013
- **Notification:** August 1, 2013
- **Program Start:** August 26, 2013

**Eligibility**

- **Applicants** must be members of the Pontifical Missionary Societies.
- **Application** must be submitted online by the deadline.
- **Contact Information:**
  - **Phone:** 315-393-6597
  - **Email:** kilian@northcountrycatholic.org

**Co-Patron of the Diocese**

**Our Lady of Sorrows**

**Preparation for Ministry**

The program will begin with a retreat at Camp Guggenheim and will continue through the following courses:

1. **Orientation and Retreat**
2. **Theological Foundations**
3. **Pastoral Practice**
4. **Moral and Ethical Challenges**
5. **The Future of the Church**

**Program Benefits**

- **Scholarship Opportunities**
- **Networking Opportunities**
- **Professional Development**
- **Leadership Training**

**Program Objectives**

- **To provide a comprehensive program** for those who have graduated from the diocesan program.
- **To equip them with the skills** needed to serve in the Church.
- **To foster a sense of community** among the students.

**Program Requirements**

- **A minimum of 40 hours** of community service.
- **A minimum of 10 hours** of mandatory readings.
- **Attendance at all sessions**

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Churches in the North Country are preparing for the 2nd Fortnight for Freedom, a time to show solidarity with religious freedom in the United States. The North Country Catholic welcomes contributions to “Around the Diocese.”

Diocese of Ogdensburg will participate in 2nd Fortnight for Freedom, June 21 to July 4. If you are a religious freedom supporter, please participate in the activities below.

- **On June 21:**
  - Wear red to show solidarity with religious freedom in the United States.
  - **On June 29:**
    - Email a message (at least 35 words) to_INFO@northcountrycatholic.org to *eighteenforty@northcountrycatholic.org*

The North Country Catholic welcomes contributions to “Around the Diocese.” Contact: Phone reservations are required by June 27 if interested in playing golf. Contact: Galon Eldridge at (315) 842-7158 or Joyce @ 713-4457.

**School Openings**


Applications should be submitted to the principal or the office of student registration. Application deadline is August 31.
Corpus Christi celebration

Bishop LaValley's homily for the Corpus Christi celebration

Today's Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi is a renewal of the mystical marriage of Christ with His Church. It is a reminder that we are a pilgrim Church, a people of faith on a journey. The Corpus Christi celebration is a shining reminder of the Eucharistic mystery, a eucharistic procession as we walk the streets of Ogdensburg, we would have given physical expression to a spiritual truth, a family seeking to follow Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Corpus Christi is a day on which we take time to reflect on the gift of the Eucharist, to express our love for the Eucharist and our desire to give glory to God from the heart. Bishop Terry R. LaValley opened a day long celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi here on June 17, with choral praise, adoration, a homily by Bishop LaValley, printed prayers, and much more. It was a beautiful celebration and a joyful one.

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This is a hard saying and many of his disci- plines wonder how we can be so sure of the words of eternal life (Jn.6:68). I pray that the Great Love of the Eucharistic Christ be a habitual practice in all our parishes in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Precious prayers, vocation to the diaconate and consecrate. It will stem from this meeting with Christ in the tabernacle. Here the apostolic spirit of the Church, the struggle of living, is nourished and energized.

Like the manna for the people of Israel, in its giving we provide for a need of Christ. Frenetic activity can no longer fulfill this need. The tabernacle is an inex- changeable treasure for us as we offer the Eucharist to the poor, to those in need, to those who are sick, to those who are absent, outside of Mass. As faith in the tabernacle dwells, the Eucharist be a habitual practice in all our places of worship.

The obvious corollary is that, as faith in the tabernacle deepens, our promise to create a better world. We are called to face the challenges of the world with faith. As you know, the tabernacle was first intended as a reminder that we are a pilgrim Church, a people of faith on a journey. The Corpus Christi celebration is a shining reminder of the Eucharistic mystery, a eucharistic procession as we walk the streets of Ogdensburg, we would have given physical expression to a spiritual truth, a family seeking to follow Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

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Paying the price of discipleship: suffering

Enduring pain from ill-ness, accident, or loss can transform us to a higher level of living.

In the first reading, Zechariah tells the people of Israel that God will give them a “spirit of joy and piety,” especially when they repent of past sin and infertility, and turn their hearts to God. Pope Francis has been currenting urging us to revise out economic and social structures for justice towards our stewardship of God’s world.

The Gospel shouts out this message of total acceptance of Christ’s teaching. How we all long for prosopopey and peace.

The suffering involved with discipleship and repentance will lead to God restoring those blessings to individuals and nations.

How can we possibly measure up to this kind of living? We know the answer very well. It’s our decision inspired by prayer and God’s grace to live Him more and more.

Of course, that means we must love our neighbor more and more as well. Seeking justice must over- come the barrier for man and power. Often, that in itself quali- fies us to be a saint.

We all really want to be loved, but we also want to be fussy to pay the price of disci- pleship. There is no free- dom in that.

If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.” Jesus tells us today.

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The diocesan celebration of Corpus Christi included participation in the international Holy Hour called for by Pope Francis from 11 a.m. to noon. Shown in prayer at Notre Dame Church are, from left, Father F. James Shurtleff, pastor; seminarian Matt Conger, Bishop Matthew J. Harkins; Bishop Tony J. McCarthy and Deacon Greg Kowal, pastor of the cathedral prayer service.

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Sessions scheduled across the diocese. The sessions have been held as part of a 13-month envisioning process led by Bishop LaValley and an Envisioning Leadership Team. The goal of the process is to discern priorities and goals for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Scenes from a Listening Session

The church cares about you, cares about your children, cares about your family, and cares about digital safety.  

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Rites held for Sr. Gertrude Lauzon

Sr. Gertrude died May 30 at St. Catherine of Siena Convent in Caldwell, NJ. Her funeral Mass was held June 4 at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Caldwell, NJ. Burial was at St. Catherine of Siena Cemetery in Caldwell, NJ.

Sr. Gertrude, 82, was a member of the Dominican Sisters of Hope, a religious order with more than 200 members and associates in the United States, Canada and South Korea. She was born March 4, 1920 in Lynn, Mass.

Sr. Gertrude entered the order in 1944 and graduated from girls' high school in Plattsburgh, N.Y. She received a BA in History/Philosophy in 1944. Sister Gertrude earned her MA in History/Philosophy and Theology from Regina Dominican College in River Forest, Ill., before returning to the Dominican Sisters in Fall River, Mass., in 1950. In 1956, she earned her PhD in philosophy from St. John's University, Queens, N.Y., and finally to St. Catherine of Siena Convent in Caldwell, NJ.

Sr. Gertrude is predeceased by her parents, Alfred J. and Arthimine Guay Lauzon, and five sisters: Regina Dawe, Eva Kirwan, Lillian Asselin, Claire Gilbert and Alfred Jr., and her brother, Fred J. and Arthimine Guay Lauzon, who was born April 4, 1920 in Lynn, Mass.

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Sr. Gertrude’s memory can be honored by charitable donations. She was an ardent supporter of the Poor in body and spirit and was a noted advocate of workers’ rights, particularly of the janitors and clerical workers who labored in the convent complex, the school and the diocesan offices.

Sister Gertrude taught at St. M. Agnes School in Malone.

Grants from 2013 Respect Life collection announced

Bishop Terry R. LaVallee has approved 20 grants from the 2013 Respect Life collection held in May. The collection total was $7,205, a slight increase from last year. Recipients of this year’s grants include:

• Five Gabriel Projects: Gouverneur, Port Arthur, Brasher Falls, Massena and Plattsburgh.
• Malone Catholic Charities.
• Three Youth Buses for Life and more for Life Fair help.

A Respect Life Collection grant committee reviewed the applications before submitting its recommendations to the bishop. The committee members are Father Kris LaVallee, Father Kevin Cline, Deacon Gary and Angela Ebel, Deacon John Dechiaro, Deacon Frank Gang, Angelo and Susan DeSener, Father Chris McManus and John and Colleen Miller.

Further information on the process for applying is available on the diocese’s pro-life website: www.rcdony.org/pro-life.
Native of South Colton to be honored in his hometown

Franciscan Brother to celebrate 50th jubilee

By John Fagot
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Women of Grace

Reflections from the facilitator of new group in Morristown, Hammond, Rossie

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Those to be commissioned follow:

- St. Mary’s Church, Brushton: Jane Boyea, liturgical ministry; Patricia Brannan, youth ministry; Gayle LePage, parish life and outreach; Ernest Russell, pastoral ministry; and parish life and outreach.
- St. Mary’s Church, Chautauqua: Janet Burns, pastoral ministry; and parish life and outreach.
- St. Patrick’s Church, Colton and St. Mary’s, Potsdam: Dorothy Hobbs, parish life and outreach.
- St. Mary’s Church, Fort Covington: Cassie Pulsifer, parish life and outreach; Angela Bashaw, catechetical leadership.
- St. Peter’s Church, Lowellville: Thomas Yoos, youth ministry; and parish life and outreach.
- St. Anthony’s Church, Watertown: Carol Walti, parish life and outreach.

The people of St. Patrick’s in Colton and St. Mary’s in Potsdam send prayerful congratulations to our newly commissioned lay minister Dorothy Hobbs.

Congratulations to Carol Walti
On her completion of the Formation For Ministry Program and her commissioning.
St. Anthony’s Church, Watertown

We congratulate... Jeanine Bashaw + Brent Charland + Maureen Dumont + Robert Main + Neil Seymour...as they are commissioned as Lay Ministers.

The priests, the staff, and all the faithful of the Malone Catholic Parishes

May many follow in your footsteps.

St. Mary’s and St. John’s is proud to congratulate you as Commissioned Lay Ministers.

You have joined a fine group of Commissioned Lay Ministers who have served our parishes.

Cab Burns - Jan Burns - Neil Fuller

St. Mary’s and St. John’s Church, Hermon

Congratulations
Phil Rogan
On his commissioning as a Lay Minister for the service of the Church.

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Steven K. Burky, liturgical ministry

St. Mary’s Church, Clayton
Charles Burns, parish life and outreach
Janet Burns, liturgical leadership
Neil Fuller, liturgical ministry

St. Patrick’s Church, Colton and St. Mary’s, Potsdam and
Dorothy Hobbs, parish life and outreach

St. Mary’s of the Fort, Fort Covington
Cassie Pulsifer, parish life and outreach

St. Peter’s Church, Lowellville
Thomas Youssef, parish life and outreach

Our Lady of the Fort, Fort Covington
Catherine Feeley, parish life and outreach

Malone Catholic Parish
Robert G. Main, parish life and outreach
Maureen DuMont, catechetical leadership
Jeanette Basset, catechetical leadership
Brent A. Charland, parish life and outreach
Neil Seymour, parish life and outreach

Church of the Sacred Heart, Massena
Mary LaGarry, parish life and outreach

St. Mary’s & St. Joseph’s, Massena
Marilyn Duda, liturgical ministry
Cathryn Greube, liturgical ministry
Peter Winkler, parish life and outreach

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You have the ongoing support of our parish!
Native of South Coton to be honored in his hometown

Franciscan Brother to celebrate 50th jubilee

By Hubie Hagert
For The Record/standard of Grace

Vatican II asked women to accept the "vocation to all intimacy in family life as a vocation to all intimacy in life," to follow "the Church's teaching on the promotion of solidarity in family life as a vocation to all intimacy in life," and to be "a vocation to all intimacy in life." The day will center on a presentation by Matthew Kelly to lead retreat day at cathedral. Matthew Kelly, author of "Passion and Purpose," is a dynamic leader who helps people to explore their God-given purpose in life.

Women of Grace Reflections from the facilitator of new group in Morristown, Hammond, Rossie

For 25 years, women celebrated the completion of the Women of Grace program while receiving medal with a blessing from Father Lawrence M. Murphy, bishop of the Diocese of Camden. The medal is awarded annually by the Catholic Women's League of America and is presented to the most outstanding woman in the diocese.

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Bishop’s Schedule
June 19 – 10:00 a.m., Diocesan Envisioning Listening Session with Chris- tof Harvey at St. Bonifacius Academy in Plattsburgh.
June 22 – 3:30 p.m., Mass at Franklin Correctional Facility in Malone.
June 23 – 11:15 a.m., Mass for the Diocesan Envisioning Listening Session with Franklin- Adirondack Deanery at Holy Name School in Malone.
June 27 – Primary speaker at the Catholic Schools Principals’ Institute at St. John’s University, Queens.
June 27 – Dropout at the War Award Dinner at the Knights of Columbus in Plattsburgh.
June 28 – 11 a.m., Mass for Feast of the Immaculate Conception at St. Mary’s Cathedral.
June 28 – Commissioning of Lay Ministers at St. Mary’s Cathedral.
June 28 – 5:00 p.m., Mass at Camp Copahee in Saranac Lake.

Protecting God’s Children
The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled two upcoming Events: (1) Adultery and Incest Awareness Webinar on Friday, June 28th at 5:00 p.m. and (2) a two-day Retreat for Adults on Friday, July 5th at the Visitation, Norfolk.

Environmental Stewardship
Petrol the Floor You Breathe…
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• No plastic bags
• No single-use plastic

Rites held for Sr. Gertrude Lauzon
Sr. Gertrude was a Sister of the Dominican Sisters of Plattsburgh, Middletown, NY.

Sr. Gertrude died May 30 at St. Catherine of Siena Convict in Caldwell, NJ. Buri- led was in the Dominican Sisters cemetery at Mariandale. She was the daughter of Fred J. and Arthimine Guay Lauzon, she was born April 3, 1920 in Lynn, Mass.

Sr. Gertrude entered the Dominican Order at the age of 30 on May 2, 1950. She spent 6 years in the Sisters of Fall River, after which she served as Prior of the Dominican Sisters of Fall River in Aug- ustd. During this time she served as Prior of the Sisters of Fall River from 1961-62 and 1970-71.

After 3 years, Sr. Gertrude was transferred to the Dominican Sisters in Plattsburgh, NY. On March 5, 1961 she entered into the Dominican Order and finally to St. Mary’s Convent in Caldwell, NJ.

Sr. Gertrude is prede- ceased by her parents, Alfred and Arthimine Guay Lauzon, three brothers Paul, Gilbert and Alfred Jr., and two sisters Mrs. Elizabeth (Dorothy) Kirtm, Lillian Asselin, Claire Starkey and Eva Kirwan. She is survived by many nieces and nephews and grand- nieces and grandnephews.

Donations in Sr. Gertrude’s memory can be made to The Dominican Sisters of Plattsburgh, Middletown, NY; the Dominican Sisters of Plattsburgh, Wall, NJ or St. Catherine of Siena Convict in Caldwell, NJ.

Sr. Gertrude taught at the elementary level at Dominican Academy in Fall River, MA. She was also in Fall River at Minican Academy in Fall River, at the elementary level at Do- minican College, Mass.

Sr. Gertrude received her BA in History/Philosophy from Regis College, Mass. in 1944-45, her MA in History and Philosophy from Regis College, Mass. in 1945-46, her Ph.D. in Philosophy from Regis College, Mass. in 1946-47.

Sr. Gertrude’s memory can be cherished by her 11 nieces and nephews and grand- nieces and grandnephews: Catherine Lopez, Deena Barron, Tami Barron, Dorothy Bear, Cathleen Godbold, Denise Mahaler, Peter Winkler and Clinton County.

St. Mary’s Cathedral
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We congratulate our newly commissioned lay ministers:
Clare Murdock, Celina Burns, Mary Burns, Virginia Duda, Helen T. Parish, Brenda Trivillino

Grants from 2013 Respect Life collection announced
A Respect Life Collection grant committee reviewed the applications before sub- mitting its recommendations to the bishop. The commit- tees members are Father Kris LaValley, Marie St. Onge, Gayle Frank, Angela and Sean O’Connell, Pierre Dupuis, John and Colleen Miner.

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To Report Abuse
If you have a complaint of suspected wrongdoing involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volun- teers, contact the Diocesan Sexual Abuse Response Team at 315-393-2920 or the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 315-393-2920 or via email at abuse@rcdony.org. Visit our website www.rcdony.org/pro-life.
Plan B would remain behind

Two-pill generic versions of the product, which it described as an emergency contraceptive, must make emergency contraception available until the appeal was determined whether Plan B or a one-pill version would be approved.

The official said the Food and Drug Administration officials expressed disappointment when the agency decided to drop their appeal. The agency will submit a plan for continued access at all stages of gestation." We invite all women and men of good will to entrust this decision to the Queen of Heaven, who is the Virgin who knew the celebrated hierarchy of the world to enhance the dignity of women. The direct taking of the life and dignity of all human beings from the moment of conception is a moral evil

N O R T H C O U N T R Y C A T H O L I C

We support the first nine points in the Governor’s agenda that enhance the true dignity of women. The direct taking of the life and dignity of all human beings from the moment of conception is a moral evil.

We are often guided by the arrogance of domination, possession, manipulation, and entrench the contraceptive industry through a moment of crisis,” the pope said June 5. “We see it in the environment, in the violence of our world, in the screaming of our children, in the isolation and loneliness of many of our old, lifeless church that neglects the true treasure of God’s free gift of grace and life. Our position on these issues will be consistent with the teachings of the Church throughout the world to enhance the dignity of women.

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About 130 parishioners from across St. Lawrence County gathered at Trinity School in Massena June 6 for one in the series of Listening Sessions scheduled across the diocese. The sessions have been held as part of a 13-month envisioning process led by Bishop LaMorte and an Envisioning Leadership Team. The goal of the process is to discern priorities and goals for the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Above, the Bishop is shown mingling with the participants before the Massena session began. For more information on the diocese about the strength of the diocese as well as what needs to change. The final two listening sessions will be held June 19 at Seton Academy in Plattsburgh for Catholics in the Clinton Deanery and June 25 at Holy Family School in Malone for those in the Franklin and Adirondack deaneries.

Launch online-safety website

By Mark Patton
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Catholics and Greek Orthodox in the United States have joined the Catholic Communication Alliance and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America have launched FaithAndSafety.org, a resource for adults to help children safely navigate online. The website and complementary real-world resources offer advice for use of internet, mobile devices and other technology while emphasizing the positive use of technology to support faith.

The site was two years in the making. Its genesis was during a brainstorming session at a meeting of the Religious Alliance Against Pornography attended by Catholic and Greek Orthodox leaders.

“We were challenged to come up with actionable items as a result of the summit,” said Theo Nicolaikis, chief information officer for the Greek Orthodox Church in the United States.

“One of the items I came up with was that we were going to come up with an initiative that would give the voice of faith in regard to online and technological safety,” he said.

“It’s primary audience is intended to be parents and others who are concerned about online and technological safety,” said Helen Osman, secretary of communications for the U.S. bishops, adding that the Catholic Communication Campaign helped bring about the site’s launch with grant funding.

“It’s intended to share that idea that parents that are probably the first ones to understand new areas. It focuses a lot on helping them understand the world where their kids are more comfortable but they are but they really need to be there to help their children understand the potential and also the risks: how to deal with bullying, how do you deal with pornography,” Osman said.

“We try to provide some of the technical advice but also provide it through the understanding that Catholic teaching, the Greek Orthodox teaching is that all of creation is good.” Nicolaikis said the process of launching FaithAndSafety was a “herculean effort that took almost two years from the point of conception until today: identifying what the hot-Sexton topics are going to be, finding strategic partners with common areas of interest, being able to build the technology on the platform to move forward.”

FaithAndSafety is also on Facebook and Twitter. To keep the site fresh, “we’re trying right now to expand our partnerships,” Nicolaikis said. “We don’t pretend that we’re going to be experts in every area. We want to be a good clearinghouse of information, being able to build the platform and allow the platform to move forward.”

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The Communications Department of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America have launched FaithAndSafety.org, a resource for adults to help children safely navigate online. The website and complementary real-world resources offer advice for use of internet, mobile devices and other technology while emphasizing the positive use of technology to support faith.
Perversions and purposes in human sexuality

Many of us have probably heard single women talking among themselves about how one of them ended up saying, “That guy’s just a pervert – he’s only interested in sex.”

Real interpersonal harms and significant possibilities for selfishness and exploitation arise whenever individuals choose to act in this instinct in a context apart from marriage.

When women detect that a man’s focus has become the pursuit of pleasure, and that unbridled sex has become an end in itself, they tend instinctively to back away. Women often instinctively understand that sex can become reduced to mere pleasure serving as an end in itself, they tend instinctively to be more and more resistant to it. Many of us have probably heard single women talking among themselves about how one of them ends up saying, “That guy’s just a pervert – he’s only interested in sex.”

A very significant jump of 19 percent in approval over the past 12 years for “gay or lesbian relations” was highlighted in the same 2013 Gallup poll.

Culturally, sex is seen as a form of personal expression, acceptance of one’s own sensuality, and a right to decide for oneself and his body. The suffering involved in this acceptance of words like love, family, children, and marriage.

Without the self-sacrificing dimension of self-giving and generosity, the meaning and purpose of marriage is changed. The marriage of love and sharing is transformed into a union of convenience and mutual advantage.

Father Tadeusz Paczkowski Ph.D.

A 2013 Gallup poll reported that 91 percent believe birth control should be morally acceptable. Professor Robert George of Princeton University has noted that marriage is increasingly coming to be understood as an emotional union for the sake of adult satisfaction that is served by mutually agreeable sexual play.

As parents and friends who understand young people’s quest for truth and love, we also pray that they will turn to the source of the Holy Spirit and follow the discipline of His law.

The Gospel shouts out this message of total acceptance of Christ’s teaching. How we all long for prosperity and peace.

The suffering involved with discipleship and repentance will lead God to restore those blessings to individuals and nations. How can we possibly measure up to this kind of living? We know the answer very well, very clear: This decision is inspired by prayer and God’s grace to love Him more and more. Of course, that means we must love our neighbor more and more as well.

Enduring pain from illness, accident, or loss can transform us to a deeper level of living.

In the first reading, Zechariah tells the people of Israel that God will give them a “spirit of joy and peace” in place of their past sin and infidelity, and turn their hearts to God.

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Bishop LaValley’s homily for the Corpus Christi and adore Christ’s Eucharistic Presence. Eucharist expression to such a people on the move, a faith generated, and we were able to participate in the Eucharist and the saints since then, the day when, in the synagogue at Caper- naum, Jesus and his disciples were able to come to give us His Flesh and His blood as food for eternal life.

This seems a hard saying and many of His dis-Ciples withdrew when they heard it. Then, as you know, the tabernacle was first intended to be a place of frenetic activity had been able to achieve. The Church became conscious of the mean- ing of this tabernacle, the Eucharist in the tabernacle. Here the apostolic spirit, that is, the spirit of the first Christians, that is, the spirit of the disciple of the Lord, is nurtured and ener-gized.

Like the manna for the people of Israel, for Christians, the Eucharist is the nourishment we receive in order to fulfill our vocation. Each time we receive the Eucharist, we are able to see Christ one day face to face, in the sacrament of the Eucharist. Here the apostolic spirit, that is, the spirit of the first Christians, that is, the spirit of the disciple of the Lord, is nurtured and energized.

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Metaphorically, we proclaim, “Let us not refuse the time to go to God. The Church and the world have a great need for this Eucharist.”

The band Towne Meeting presented its fourth annual benefit concert for the North Country Mission of Hope June 8 at St. Augustine’s Church, Peru. That evening, close to 100 people gathered to hear inspiring messages of compassion, peace, and hope. In the spirit of generosity, Towne Meeting donated their time and talent and raised money to support the North Country Mission of Hope.

This annual event was organized by the family of the late Father John J. MacClellan, who was a prominent figure in the community. The mission is dedicated to serving the poor and vulnerable in the region, providing assistance with food, shelter, and other basic needs.

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The Man of Steel

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Dialogue reveals in passing that he is a broken man, broken and desperate in his efforts to achieve the image of the Superman he has dreamed of his entire life. Yet, there is hope for this man, for the Superman is not simply a symbol of justice and strength, but also of compassion and mercy.

The Man of Steel is a powerful and thought-provoking exploration of the themes of identity, power, and responsibility. It is a film that encourages us to reflect on our own values and beliefs, and to consider the role that we play in shaping the world around us.

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The Man of Steel is a film that we can all relate to, for we all have our own Superman, whether it be a superhero, a teacher, or a friend. The Man of Steel is a film that reminds us of the importance of courage and selflessness, and the power of love and compassion.

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BOOKS

1. **Diocese of Ogdensburg**
   - Will participate in the 2nd Fortnight for Freedom, June 21 to July 4.
   - Bishop Terry R. LaValley requested that all Catholics of the Diocese of Ogdensburg join in a call to 14 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.
   - The goal is to support the diocesan committees in understanding the issues associated with their diocese in the United States.
   - The diocesan website (fortnight4freedom.org) has information for individuals, parishes, and groups to participate.

   **Catholic Social Teaching**
   - Emphasizes the importance of human dignity, justice, and peace.

   **Justice, Dignity, and Peace**
   - “Justice is a habit of heart that corrects our understanding of the world and our behavior in it.”
   - “Dignity is the condition of being worthy of respect as a person.”

   **Bishop LaValley’s Message**
   - Encourages Catholics to participate in the 2nd Fortnight for Freedom as a way to support the cause of freedom.

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**Boys Scouts**

Bishop LaValley’s statement on recent developments regarding the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), June 19, 2013.

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**2012 Bishop’s Fund Appeal reaches goal**

Through the support of more than 140,000 households, the Bishop’s Fund Appeal has reached its goal.

“Thanks be to God, what we started in January, with a call to prayer, has continued even in difficult economic times,” said Bishop Terry R. LaValley. “And we are blessed to thank our everyday donors, our members, and members of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the North Country for their generosity during our 30th year of existence.”

A total of $3,025,109 was raised in support of the appeal.

In addition, the Bishop’s Fund has scheduled $50,000 to be set aside for the renovation and blessing of the new Rose Window at St. Mary’s Church in Ogdensburg, N.Y. This is the first new Rose Window in the diocese in 18 years and the first for St. Mary’s Church.

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**School Openings**

Trinity Catholic School in Malone, N.Y., is opening for the new Physical Education and two-elementary-level classes on Wednesday, August 21.

Applicants should be Catholic and possess a NYS State certified teaching certificate.

Application by July 5 to Kathy Belhume, 188 Main Street, Malone, N.Y. 12953.

Applicants can be picked up at the school office or found online at trinitycatholicschool.net
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Bishop LaValley will commission 43 lay ministers who have completed the two-year Formation for Ministry program June 30 at St. Mary’s Cathedral.

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WEAR OFF END - Christians have “far to go” if they seek to be known primarily for their love of God and neighbor, Pope Francis said.

The first law governing the church as the “People of God” is love, he said, which means “recognizing God as the only Lord of life and, at the same time, welcoming others as true brothers and sisters, overcoming divisions, rivalries, misunderstandings and selfishness.”

At his weekly general audience June 12, Pope Francis continued his series of audience talks about the creed, looking at what Catholics believe about the church. With more than 50,000 people gathered for the weekly audience in St. Peter’s Square on a hot spring day, the pope lamented that brotherly love does not reign in the world, and often not even in Catholics’ communities, neighborhoods, workplaces or even their homes, because of jealousy and envy.

“We must ask the Lord to help us understand his law of love,” he said. “How good, how beautiful it would be if we loved one another as real brothers and sisters,” Pope Francis said.

Bishop LaValley is shown with the young people he confirmed this spring at St. Andrew’s Church, Sackets Harbor. In front are Brandon Boulton, Dominick Chiodi and Father J. Michael Gaffney, pastor; back, Drew Stedman and Luke Townsend.

FACES OF YOUNG FAITH

PHOTO BY ANN CHARLEBOIS

Riley Clark, a senior at Immaculate Heart Central School in Watertown, is this year’s recipient of the Dick Doe Memorial Scholarship, presented to an IH C senior who has excelled in athletics and has shown great sportsmanship both on and off the playing field. The award has been given out annually since 2005 in the name of Dick Doe of Watertown, a graduate of IH A and an exemplary athlete. The money for the yearly scholarship is obtained from proceeds from the annual Dick Doe Memorial Golf Tournament which will be held July 13 at Highland Meadow Golf and Country Club of Watertown.

Pictured with Riley is Kathy Doe Johnson, who was the late Dick Doe’s wife and daughter Lisa Doe Bowhall.

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