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In nominating Ms. Bombard, Kathleen Behrens, Trinity Catholic principal, stated: "Michele Bombard possesses all the qualities one looks for in an effective and outstanding teacher. She has selflessly served students, colleagues, parents and parishioners; not caring about money, promotions or personal adulation. "Michele chose a teaching vocation, not a career, only wanting to share the hope and love of Christ in the best way she knows how – as a Catholic school teacher," Mrs. Behrens wrote.

Ms. Bombard was joined at the bishop's luncheon by the Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, Joan Rufa Eamon, former principals at the Bishop's House; Sister Shirley Anne Brown, assistant superintendent for Christian Formation and Education; and Kathleen Behrens, current Trinity principal.

Ms. Bombard named the 2014 Outstanding Catholic School Teacher for the diocese of Ogdensburg. It is the perfect place for me to begin my teaching career, as I believe that the Catholic school inspires students to Christ and life-long learning. Ms. Bombard currently teaches fifth and sixth grade ELA and Social Studies. In previous years, she has taught Math, ELA, Social Studies and Religion in a self-contained fifth grade classroom. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Ms. Bombard has demonstrated her capacity for leadership. She is a presenter at that annual Diocesan New Teacher Orientation program and regularly shares her expertise with the members of the Trinity faculty. Since 2012 she has served as the assistant principal at Trinity. She also plays an integral role in the life of her parish serving as a wonderful role model for her students. Ms. Bombard graduated from SUNY Potsdam with a BA in History/Education. She has a Master's Degree in Elementary Education and is permanently certified in N-6 Elementary education with a Social Studies extension for grades 7-9.
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Father Bill Says:

There is no better way to serve Christ than to serve the poor. Our Church has a long history of working to end poverty. In 1986, Pope John Paul II created an agency called Catholic Charities to assist the poor. Since then, Catholic Charities has provided assistance to millions of people worldwide.

In New York State, for example, over 15 percent of our children live in poverty. In some neighborhoods, the poverty rate is even higher. This is a serious problem for our society.

As a Catholic, I believe in a loving, caring God. I believe that we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves. This means that we must work to end poverty and help those in need.

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Bishop’s column is honored by CPA

Bishop Terry C. Croteau’s column “Follow Me” received an honorary column award from the “Rogue” Regular Column by a Bishop or Arch Bishop in the 2014 Catholic Press Association awards of the Catholic Press Association attending the Fortnight for Freedom celebration in North Carolina.

The judges comments follow:

“Bishop Donald Robinson, pastor St. Anselm Parish in Durham, N.H., will host a pilgrimage to the Holy Land this summer. Bishop Croteau is everyday priestly inspiration and an example of what every priest is capable of doing to help others. His attributions to Pope Francis remind us of the Church’s ancient teachings and virtues to the Gospel. His attributions to Pope Francis continue to widen, we are all called to restore the social condition of individuals and families to do something, big or small, to serve our sisters and brothers. Help a family member or a neighbor. Be a peacemaker by seeking reconciliation with someone with whom you have relation or have been estranged. Organize a wine or food collection for a local soup kitchen or food pantry. Be a peacemaker in a difficult project that brings people together. Be a peacemaker and a peacemaker in your local community. Advocate policies that support the dignity of all people at all stages of life and all aspects of the workplace. The prophetic faith summarizes well the prophetic role and responsibility of religious freedom, “Act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8). Together we must exercise our freedom to change the world with mutual respect and charity for others, and in happy and deep respect because of religious freedom, Christ led and Hope filled.

For a brochure and more information contact: Fr. Andrew Arndt at (315) 384-2664 or for reservations contact Br. James de Faye at 315-384-2667 e-mail: brojames.defaye@sbcglobal.net Space is limited. Call today!
St. Agnes Parish lives out Catholic social teaching

...We are convinced that the local parish is the most important ecclisial setting for sharing and living our faith on our Catholic social heritage.

Thinking about Lake Placid brings to mind images of the Olympics, lively and thrilling events, and picturesque views. Along with great restaurants and intriguing shopping opportunities this area evokes an impression of picturesque life.

Father John Vokory, and the parish community of St. Agnes are always looking for new positive aspects of our parish community and we applaud the efforts of the local church. Lake Placid is home to individuals and families who live on the margins.

The challenge to meet their daily needs challenges these low income households.

A parent of one of these students, a parishioner, joins the mission trip with the Missionaries of Charity.

Lisbon parishes serve the poor and vulnerable

Pat Knight
Pat Knight is from Peru, NY, and attends Franciscan University of Steubenville. A Guggenheim camper since he was 12, this is his first year on staff. "I'm excited that the campers learn to spread more love than they receive to those around you." 

Everyone needs to work on being kind at camp. We hope to be able to bring the best and brightest faces to the parishioners actively participating in the Lights of the Poor to the annual scholar- ship drive for Freedom that has given us the chance to reflect on us the chance to reflect on our actions in favor of those who are poor and vulnerable.

There may, no doubt, be circumstances that would justify a film having a run- ning time close to three hours. Some lavish adaptation of a Dickens novel, perhaps, or a sweeping historical epic might be expected to sustain a lengthy production span. A set of hurtful black toys come to life, on the other hand, not so much.

Still, that's what audi- ence, and perhaps for them in the interminable 3:25, is able to bring the "Transformers: Age of Extinction."
Keeping hope for God’s dream of peace

It wasn’t any better when the Prince of Peace actually became a man in the land of Israel. In Jesus’ time, it was a time of newness. The announced promises of the.loved one and the Lamb of God were both then and now. As we approach Christmas and the holiday season, it is a time for joy and celebration. The newness and light of the world. It is a time for hope and optimism. However, the reality of the world is that there is still much work to be done. The dream of peace and justice is still not realized. But hope remains, for the Prince of Peace teaches us to have faith and trust in His teachings.

In service to the poor

His encyclical letter Caritas
in Vitandis (Charity in the
Time of Crisis) was issued in
1987. This document is a
response to the needs of the
times, including the
recovery from the aftermath
of the two world wars.

In the face of the

Benedict’s vision of a world

that is marked by peace

and justice, it is important to
join the struggle for human
rights and peace.

Fresh look at Pope Benedict’s valuable gift to us

given to the church and world by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Justice and peace. In it is a love that has its origins in the love of God and Absolute Truth.

Benedict insists that any
discussion of charity
must build on the
assumption that there is a
need for assistance. The
assistance should be
provided with respect for
the needs of the person
receiving it.

The cause for peace
has three main elements:

1. Active participation of
individuals and communities
in the promotion of peace
through education, dialogue,
and non-violent action.

2. The promotion of
understanding and respect
for cultural diversity.

3. The support of
international institutions
working towards a
community of nations.

In order to achieve these
goals, education is crucial.

It is important to
educate ourselves and
educate others about the
need for peace and justice.

Pope Benedict’s insights
are relevant today more
than ever.

By Tony Magliano

Our local Catholic Charities
organization is a consistent
source of assistance for
catholic parishes in many
cities throughout the
area.

Catholic Charities provides
support for the works of the
catholic community.

We are all called to be
carriers of hope and
strength, to help build a
world in which all people
are respected and valued.

There are multiple
resources available to
people who need
assistance.

Food Pantries

Catholic Charities partners
with parishes

It is all about
dignity and hope

Our parish communities
serve the “least of these” in
our parish and beyond its
boundaries – the hungry,
the homeless, the sick,
those in prison, the stranger, the
marginalized, those who are
unemployed, the refugee,
and the unborn.

Eucharistic Communion
is a consistent source of
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Being Christ-led, Christ-led and Hope- based on faith, we commit ourselves to building the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. Jesus Christ taught with His words and witnessed to God's plan by His actions. And words repeated the two sides of the same coin. One makes an impact, and the other is an effective action. Visit the New York State Catholic conference website: www.nyscatholic.org and join the Catholic Action Network, Raise your voice for public policies that respect the sanctity of human life, support fami- lies and build the common good. • Establish a service group for the youth in your community. Teach them how to be advocates for the sanctity of life and use their talents and time to help others. • Plant a couple extra rows of vegetables in your garden. When shopping buy items when you can buy one and one for the poor. Donate the extra item to a food pantry, soup kitchen • Plant a tree to match your building or in a park. • Be a peacemaker. Seek reconciliation with a person or group from you. • ideas of putting our faith into action. 

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By Patricia Marie

PHOTO BY LINDA ROSS

Father Lee celebrated his 50th ordination of life as a deacon and priest at Massena and Louisville; Father Donald Manfred, pastor of Sacred Heart and St. Lawrence is behind him. Father Justin Thomas, who is currently vicar of St. Andre’ Bessette Parish in Malone, is shown with Father Joseph Giroux, pastor, at right. The appointment is effective July 9.

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In service to the poor

His encyclical letter Car-
titas in Veratis (Charity in Truth) is a deep dive into our core beliefs about charity and about how we should serve the poor. In this letter, Pope Benedict states that charity is a deep-seated component of our faith. It is a belief that must be lived out in our everyday lives. In this letter, Pope Benedict writes: “Charity is the heart of the Gospel. It is the heart of the Church. It is the heart of God’s love for humanity.”

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Keeping hope for God’s dream of peace

This is not an easy task. It requires courage, faith, and a commitment to the mission of the Church. It requires us to be willing to face the challenges of our world and to be willing to work towards a better future. It requires us to be willing to be the change that we want to see in the world.

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The parish is also involved with the Inter-faith thrift Shop. This community distributes over 300 full holiday dinners to 190 families each month. At Thanksgiving the parish collects food for families who live on the margins. The struggle to meet their daily needs challenges these low-income households.

Thinking about Lake Placid brings to mind images of the Olympics, lovely resort areas and phenomenal mountain scenes. Along with great restaurants and intriguing shops, Lake Placid is home to individuals and families who live on the margins.
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Church of the poor

The Pontifical Missionary Sisters of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Inc.
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This summer we will help people who are in need

By Holy Mary Ripa

You can call in July. The summer months are here, finally. Logically it starts. Two weeks later, the Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg Appeal for the Eastside of our Diocese during July-August. The Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg will be an appeal for the whole of the State of New York, to help any other missionary projects throughout the world.

The purpose of this appeal is to raise funds for the support of missionary work in foreign countries. The appeal will be used to provide continued financial support for missionaries throughout the world.

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