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## N.Y. bishops issue pro-life statement

The Catholic Bishops of New York State have released a major new statement on abortion as they anticipate the looming *Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision by the U.S. Supreme Court, and "the gathering societal unrest over the issue of abortion."

In the statement titled, "Toward a Pro-Life Future in the Empire State," the Bishops acknowledge that, regardless of what the Court decides in *Dobbs*, "abortion in New York would continue unfettered." They say that Catholics must respond "in charity and with sensitivity, but with clarity" to those for whom the prospect of an overturning of *Roe v. Wade* has led to "fear and anxiety," and in particular to women facing sometimes overwhelming challenges of unplanned pregnancies.

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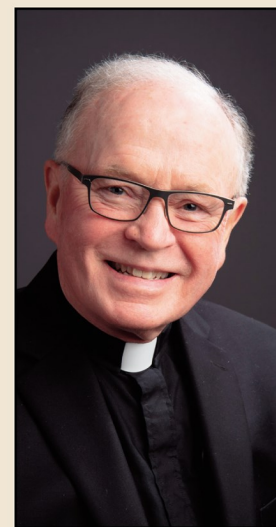
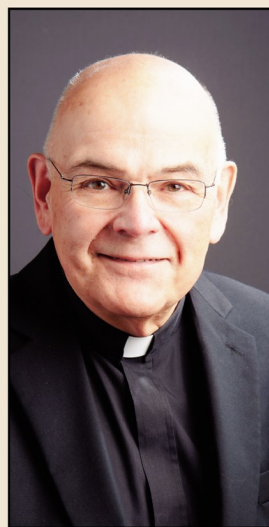
## PREPARING FOR ORDINATION



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**Deacon Leagon Carlin displays the chalice he will be gifted by his parents, Deacon James and Beth Carlin of Plattsburgh, upon his ordination. Deacon Carlin is scheduled to be ordained by Bishop Terry R. LaValley on May 21 at St. Mary's Cathedral. Full story on Page 8.**

## BISHOP LAVALLEY ANNOUNCES PRIEST ASSIGNMENT CHANGES



Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin, left, pastor of St. Mary's Church in Waddington with St. John the Baptist Church in Madrid, concludes his time as pastor effective June 29. Msgr. Aucoin remains Episcopal Vicar for Education and the New Evangelization and Director of Deacon Formation. Msgr. John R. Murphy, right, pastor of St. Bartholomew's Church in Old Forge with St. Anthony of Padua Parish of Inlet and Raquette Lake, retires effective August 31. The changes for Msgr. Aucoin and Msgr. Murphy were among priest assignment changes announced May 13 by Bishop Terry R. LaValley.

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## Pope: Past should be inspiration, not destination

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Wanting to go back to the way things were in the past is not Christian, Pope Francis said.

There is a difference between wanting to go back in time and drawing inspiration from one's roots in order to move forward with Christ, he said.

Looking back to find in-

spiration is good because "without roots we cannot progress," he said. "But to go in reverse is to go back in order to have a form of defense, a safety measure that saves us from the risk of going forward, the Christian risk of carrying the faith, the Christian risk of journeying with Jesus Christ."

The pope spoke May 13 to people taking part in an international conference on moral theology sponsored by Rome's Pontifical Gregorian University and the Pontifical John Paul II Theological Institute for Marriage and Family Sciences.

The conference, May 11-14, focused on "Pastoral

practices, life experience and moral theology: 'Amoris Laetitia' between new opportunities and new paths" as part of a deeper exploration of Pope Francis' 2016 exhortation on the family and how the document can help guide the church's pastoral practice.

He said there is a risk right now, which "does so

much harm to the church," of wanting to "turn back," either out of fear or because of a lack of ingenuity or a lack of courage."

There are "many" people who are part of the church "who crop up like mushrooms, here, there, over there, and they present themselves as a proposal of Christian life," he said.

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# Addressing a tough question

It was a tough question. "What are the areas of your life you are trying to manage instead of letting God manage them?"

That question was posed to me as a friend and I discussed our difficulties in surrendering our lives and wills to God.

My response: "Yikes."

I've thought a lot about my attachment to my will as a generality, but I had never before stopped to consider the specifics in such a concrete way.

Some answers came easily. I

discovered there are some aspects of my life I considered too small or too insignificant to give to God. For example, I can't say I've ever prayed or discerned about which products to add to my skincare routine or what to eat for breakfast.

The deeper answers weren't as easy. As I pondered over and prayed with the question over a period of several days, I found it helpful to reframe it slightly to "what are the things that keep me awake at night or dominate my thoughts in the silence?"



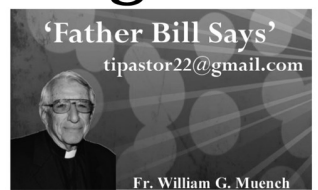
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## Celebrating anniversary, vocation

Each year in the month of May, I again plan to celebrate another anniversary of my ordination as a Catholic priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. So, as I begin to write with a prayer of gratitude to the Lord, my God. I thank God for so many gifts and so many wonderful assignments during my years as a priest. I thank God for calling me to that day of my ordination, which has brought me so much happiness.

I truly believe that the Holy Spirit guided me in my youth to choose the priesthood of the Lord. Truly I was led by the Lord to my vocation. Each year, I celebrate this call on my anniversary, and I realize again how blessed I have been by the Lord.

I still remember the many ways that the Holy Spirit showed me the way – simple and surprising ways to choose the seminary and to accept my ordination. The Holy Spirit brought the right people into my life as a young person and continues to do so now. I remember so many of them; they held up the signposts for my way. I must admit that some of them touched my life for just a few moments – a day or two – and



yet they brought the Lord ever so close to me. They truly showed me the way to follow Jesus.

I have been blessed. My life as a priest has been overflowing with so many unique opportunities for bringing the Lord's message to others. As a priest, I have brought the Blessed Lord to others through the Holy Eucharist as a celebrant at the Holy Mass. In addition, I have had the opportunity to bring forgiveness of sin to so many through the sacrament of penance. I have been blessed to celebrate the other sacraments – baptism, marriage, the anointing of the sick and the dying.

I have stood with so many families in moments of birth, I have been with families around the graves of a loved one. I know that I have been called as a priest to be a member of so many families in so many parishes. I have had the opportunity to bring the

What do I worry about?"

While I won't get into my answers to those questions (those are between me and God), I will note that I thought about that question several times this week as I thought about the changing priest assignments (full story on Page 5), visited with deacons at their annual assembly (photos on Page 9) and interviewed Deacon Leagon Carlin, who is scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood this week (story on Page 8).

While I'm ridiculously attached to my will in certain areas of my life and apparently reluctant to give those aspects of my life to God

completely, these men willingly give up control over large parts of their lives – the type of work they do and where they do it – in favor of following God and His call.

It blows my mind even more when these men discuss how much peace and joy they've found in surrendering their wills and lives to God.

Their example is a gift and blessing in my life. Their service is a gift to all of us here in the diocese, as they work to help all of us grow closer to the Lord and closer to salvation.

They help us improve our answers to the tough questions.

Lord's love and peace to so many families. I realize so well that I have been blessed with such great happiness.

I have been led by the Holy Spirit to a fraternity of priests throughout the world, a brotherhood that continues to enrich my life and give me so many opportunities to bring people the message of the Lord. As I remember at this time of another anniversary, I am continually surprised by the opportunities that have been mine. I have had the joy of helping to transform the lives of many as they find the joy of knowing the love of Our Savior and of discovering the Lord's peace during times of difficulty.

Jesus has allowed me to be his apostle. Often, someone has thanked me for changing their lives. I know only too well it was because I was allowed to bring the message of the Lord to them. I still hear from former parishioners and former students offering their gratitude to me. The Lord put me in the right places with the right words.

So, another anniversary and another opportunity to offer my gratitude to the Lord for his call, my vocation that has given me so many years of happiness. "Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere."



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# NY bishops issue statement on pro-life future

*The following statement was issued by the Catholic Bishops of New York, including Bishop Terry R. LaValley, on May 12.*

Humanity's salvation history was forever changed when a poor, devout Jewish girl from Galilee affirmatively said yes to life and set in motion the birth, ministry, sacrificial death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Mary's fiat ("Thy will be done.") was a gift of love to humanity, given freely in spite of her inability to know all that would entail, but with more faith in the Lord than fear of the unknown. In this month of Mary, we have an opportunity to reflect on her example, even as Americans grapple with gathering societal unrest over the issue of abortion.

Since the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade* effectively opened the door to abortion on demand throughout the land, an estimated 63 million unborn babies across the country have been killed in the womb before they could even draw their first breath of air. As we await a decision on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, the recently argued Supreme Court case that could potentially overturn *Roe*, we pray for a positive outcome even as we acknowledge that abortion in New York would continue unfettered, and even be actively promoted as a social good by many elected officials. Sadly, New York, which legalized abortion three years before the *Roe* decision, has long been the abortion capital of the country, a tragic and sobering distinction.

Through the years, advocates for legal abortion have skillfully framed the

narrative as one of "choice," and "reproductive freedom," completely ignoring the biological reality of what abortion is: the intentional killing of an innocent child in the womb. Even as sonogram technology and advances in neonatal medicine clearly show us the truth that what is being "terminated" is a human life, the pro-abortion movement refuses to address the science. The abortion industry has been so successful in its messaging that the right to abortion has become inextricably linked to the notion of women's rights and equality for a significant portion of the country, which is why the prospect of a nation without *Roe* has led to fear and anxiety for many people.

Millions of our fellow Americans – even, it must be said, many of our fellow Catholics – have succumbed to this false notion, and we must respond to it in charity and with sensitivity, but with clarity. The fears and anxieties of a young woman faced with an unplanned pregnancy are valid. She is likely terrified. She may be overwhelmed with a plethora of legitimate questions: How will she provide for her other children with another baby on the way? Will the father abandon her? Will she be able to continue her education? Where will she and her family live? Who will provide childcare when she goes back to work? For many, abortion seems the only way out.

These feelings are real, and the challenges of an unplanned pregnancy are difficult. This presents a pastoral challenge for bishops, clergy, Church leaders and, indeed, for all faithful

Catholics. Often, the Catholic Church is unjustly accused of being more concerned with the baby in the womb than with the mother and child once the infant has been born. As false as this notion is, it is incumbent upon us as shepherds to acknowledge and address that misperception.

As far back as the 1980s, the late John Cardinal O'Connor, a giant of the pro-life movement, made a pledge that we reaffirm today: Any woman – regardless of age, religious belief or affiliation, marital status or immigration status – who is pregnant and in need, can come to the Catholic Church and we will give you the services and supports you need to carry your baby to term, regardless of your ability to pay. Furthermore, we will not abandon you and your baby after delivery, but, rather, we will see to it that you have the resources that you and your child both need and deserve. No one will be turned away from life-affirming care. If you have had an abortion that you regret, whether recently or in the distant past, please come to us as well, so that we may offer you services to help you to heal.

We ask every Catholic parish, every Catholic Charities program, every Catholic health facility, every Catholic school, every Catholic college and university, and every religious community in our state to proactively engage with us in this pastoral effort. Together, through the New York State Catholic Conference, we have gathered a list of many of the available resources at [www.nyscatholic.org/Help-ForMoms](http://www.nyscatholic.org/Help-ForMoms). You can also find a map to all Catholic parishes, schools and

Catholic Charities agencies in the state at [www.nyscatholic.org/place](http://www.nyscatholic.org/place).

But our state and local governments must do their part as well. Elected officials constantly fall over themselves in rushing to announce new initiatives to ever expand abortion in order to garner votes. New York has long been one of the few states to require taxpayers to fund abortion through Medicaid. Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers have access to endless state funding streams. Perhaps the most egregious piece of abortion expansion legislation anywhere was the 2019 Reproductive Health Act. Championed by our previous governor, this act legalizes abortion on demand through nine months of pregnancy, declares abortion to be a fundamental right, allows non-physicians to perform abortions, and even removes criminal penalties for forced or coerced abortions. This year, our current governor codified a

provision in the state budget requiring all health insurance plans to cover abortion, with virtually no exemptions for religious employers. Most recently, significant taxpayer funds were redirected to increase abortions in New York State.

Meanwhile, programs to support women who make the choice to keep their babies, to the extent that they exist at all, are starved for funding and are not well promoted. Yet many political leaders typically cater more to abortion providers and advocates than to women who might well make a different choice, if only they were aware of and had other options.

We understand full well that no Supreme Court decision will reduce the availability of abortion in New York. With that reality as a backdrop, state government has nothing to lose and everything to gain by working toward reducing the rate of abortion. There is common ground to be found, even in a state like

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New York. The recent state budget provision dramatically expanding post-partum Medicaid eligibility is proof of this. But why not work together to do more?

- We envision a New York

where a woman in a crisis pregnancy is never made to feel that she has no choice but to abort.

• We envision a New York where parents, husbands or partners, as well as society at large, do not put undue pressure on a

woman to abort her child.

• We envision a New York where access to quality prenatal care and healthy birth outcomes are the same whatever your ZIP code, the color of your skin or your country of origin.

- We envision a New York

where employers and educational institutions fully accommodate the needs of pregnant women and new mothers so that they can carry their babies to term without fear of negative financial, professional or academic consequences.

• We envision a New York where public policies promote adoption through tax credits and other incentives for both birth mothers and adoptive parents.

• We envision a New York where tax policies aimed at reducing poverty, like an expansion of the Child Tax Credit, enable single mothers and poor families to provide for the basic needs of their children.

• We envision a New York where no mothers or children fall through the cracks of the social safety net, and quality health care is guaranteed for all.

• We envision a New York where quality childcare is affordable and accessible for all.

• We envision a New York where marriage between one man and one woman is promoted as a societal good geared toward the stable raising of children.

• We envision a New York where boys and men are

taught to respect women and to accept and embrace the financial, physical, and emotional responsibilities of fatherhood.

• We envision a New York where post-abortive women who are suffering emotionally are given the services they need to heal, and the acknowledgment that their pain is real.

• We envision a New York where religious organizations can provide needed services to pregnant women and moms while remaining true to the tenets of their faith.

All of these goals can come to pass, even in a state like New York. Let us not put our trust in mere judges, legislators, governors, or presidents. Rather, let us put our faith in God, for whom nothing is impossible. Politicians can change policies and laws, but only God can convert hearts and minds.

So, in this month of Mary, mother of Jesus and mother of us all, let us pray through her intercession for an end to abortion in our lifetime and let us work toward making New York a state where even if abortion is not illegal, it will one day be unthinkable.

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**Most Rev. Douglas J. Lucia**  
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## Now is the perfect time to volunteer.

With everything that has happened in our community this year, it is more important than ever for volunteers to stand up and support their friends and neighbors. When joining **RSVP**, not only are you helping your community, but you're joining a family who cares as much as you.



The RSVP Program is hosted by the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg and supported by AmeriCorps Seniors, a federally funded agency responsible for building volunteer based programs for over 50 years and counting.

### Upcoming opportunities

There are so many ways you can help your community out that you might not even know about! Here are some examples of what you can do!



#### Be a Friend

Check on friends, share a meal, help around the house, go for a walk or just stop by to catch up.



#### Give a Ride

Drive your neighbors to their appointments, to pick up prescriptions or to the store.



#### Help at School

Volunteer at local elementary schools, tutor students, or be a mentor to those in need.



#### Give a Meal

Support the local food pantry by shopping, organizing, cooking, or anything else.



#### Meals On Wheels

Donate your time to your local Meals on Wheels program and prepare or deliver meals.

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# Bishop LaValley announces priest assignments

After prayerful consideration and consultation with the Priests' Personnel Board, Bishop Terry R. LaValley announced the following priest assignments on Friday, May 13.

- Father Douglas Decker, pastor of St. Alphonsus in Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Tupper Lake, is appointed pastor of The Catholic Community of St. Peter and St. Mary and St. Hedwig in Lowville, Glenfield and Houseville effective June 29.

- Father James Teti, administrator of St. Henry's in Long Lake and St. Therese in Newcomb, is appointed pastor of St. Alphonsus in Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Tupper Lake, St. Henry's in Long Lake, and St. Therese in Newcomb effective June 29.

- Father Tojo Chacko, of the Heralds of Good News (HGN), parochial vicar at Holy Cross Parish in Plattsburgh, is appointed pastor of St. Bernard's and St. Edmund's Parish in Ellenburg effective June 29.

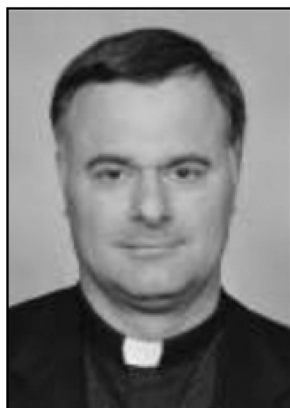
- Father Stephen Rocker, administrator of St. Bernard's and St. Edmund's Parish in Ellenburg, retires to take a teaching post at Magdalen College of the Liberal Arts in Warner, New Hampshire, effective June 29.

- Father Garry Giroux, pastor of the Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond in Norfolk, St. Andrew's Church in Norwood and St. Patrick's Church in Brasher Fall, is appointed pastor of St. Mary's Church in Waddington with St. John the Baptist Church in Madrid effective June 29.

- Father Shane Lynch, pastor of St. Mary's Church in Evans Mills and St. Paul's Church in Black River, is appointed pastor of the Parish of the Visita-



Father Douglas A. Decker



Father James V. Teti



Father Tojo Chacko, HGN



Father Stephen T. Rocker

tion and St. Raymond in Norfolk, St. Andrew's Church in Norwood, and St. Patrick's Church in Brasher Fall effective June 29.

- Father Frank Natale, a Missionary of the Sacred Heart (MSC) and pastor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Watertown, is also appointed pastor of St. Mary's Church in Evans Mills and St. Paul's Church in Black River effective June 29.

- Father Joseph Kanimea, MSC, is appointed parochial vicar at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Watertown, St. Mary's Church in Evans Mills and St. Paul's Church in Black River effective June 29.

- Msgr. Robert Aucoin, pastor of St. Mary's Church Waddington with St. John the Baptist Church in Madrid, concludes his time as pastor effective June 29. Msgr. Aucoin remains Episcopal Vicar for Education and the New Evangelization and Director of Deacon Formation.

- Father Thomas Kornmeyer, VF, pastor of St. Mary's of the Fort in Fort Covington, the Catholic Community of Burke and Chateaugay in Chateaugay and the Catholic Community of Constable,

Westville, and Trout River, is appointed pastor of St. Bartholomew's Church in Old Forge with St. Anthony of Padua Parish of Inlet and Raquette Lake effective August 31.

- Father Medenel Angrand, parochial vicar at Holy Cross Parish in Plattsburgh, is appointed sacramental minister of St. Mary's of the Fort in Fort Covington, the Catholic Community of Burke and Chateaugay in Chateaugay and the Catholic Community of Constable, Westville, and Trout River effective August 31.

- Msgr. John Murphy, pastor of St. Bartholomew's Church in Old Forge with St. Anthony of Padua Parish of Inlet and Raquette Lake, retires effective August 31.

- Father Pedro Edgardo "Jay" de la Rosa, parochial vicar at The Roman Catholic Community of St. Alexander's and St. Joseph in Morrisonville, St. Augustine's Church in Peru and St. James in Cadyville, is appointed pastor of Holy Angels Church in Altona and St. Ann's Church in Mooers Forks effective June 29.

- Deacon Leagon Carlin to be ordained to the Priesthood on May 21st is

appointed Parochial Vicar at The Roman Catholic Community of St. Alexander's and St. Joseph in Morrisonville, St. Augustine's Church in Peru and St. James in Cadyville effective June 29.

**Father Douglas A. Decker** Father Decker, 71, has served as pastor of St. Alphonsus-Holy Name of Jesus Parish since 2010. Prior to that time, he served as pastor at St. Cecilia's in Adams from 1997-2010 and as a chaplain in the United States Air Force from 1988-96.

A native of Hammond, Father Decker studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall and Christ the King Seminary. His twin brother, Father Robert Decker, is also a priest of the diocese.

Father Decker was ordained a priest May 6, 1978, by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana. He served as assistant pastor at St. Patrick's in Watertown, St. Alexander's in Morrisonville, Notre Dame in Ogdensburg, St. Peter's in Lowville, and St. John's in Plattsburgh and Holy Family in Watertown before he entered the Air Force in 1986.

**Father James V. Teti**

Father Teti arrived in the Diocese of Ogdensburg in May and was serving as

administrator of St. Henry's in Long Lake and St. Therese in Newcomb. He is a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark.

A graduate of Yale University, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Pontifical North American College and Pontifical Gregorian University, Father Teti, 51, was ordained May 24, 1997.

Most recently, he served as pastor of Church of the Annunciation in Paramus, New Jersey, and director of Selection and Formation in the Permanent Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Newark.

**Father Tojo Chacko, HGN**

A priest of the Heralds of the Good News Mother Theresa Province, India, Father Chacko has served as parochial vicar of Holy Cross Parish in Plattsburgh since 2020. Prior to that assignment, he was parochial vicar at St. Peter's Parish in Massena.

Father Chacko, 37, made his first profession with the Heralds of the Good News on Aug. 6, 2005, his final profession on July 6, 2008, and was ordained to the priesthood on Jan. 2, 2009.

**Father Stephen T. Rocker**

Currently administrator of St. Bernard's and St. Edmund's Parish in Ellen-

# Assignments announced

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burg, Father Rocker will retire to accept a teaching position at Magdalen College of the Liberal Arts in Warner, New Hampshire, effective June 29.

Prior to his current assignment, Father Rocker served as pastor of St. Mary's in Potsdam and St. Patrick's in Colton, St. Joseph's in Bombay, St. Mary's of the Fort in Fort Covington and St. Patrick's in Hogansburg, and St. James in Gouverneur and Sacred Heart in Edwards; as administrator at St. Peter's in Hammond and St. Patrick's in Rossie; as part-time chaplain at the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility; as a missionary in the diocesan Peruvian Apostolate; and as an assistant pastor at Holy Family in Watertown and St. Mary's in Clayton.

## Father Garry B. Giroux

Father Giroux is Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Ogdensburg and has served as pastor of Visitation and St. Raymond in Norfolk, St. Andrew's Church in Norwood and St. Patrick's Church in Brasher Falls since 2019.

A native of Massena, Father Giroux, 72, received a bachelor's degree from Wadhams Hall Seminary College and a Master of Divinity degree from Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, New York, before his ordination May 1, 1976, by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana.

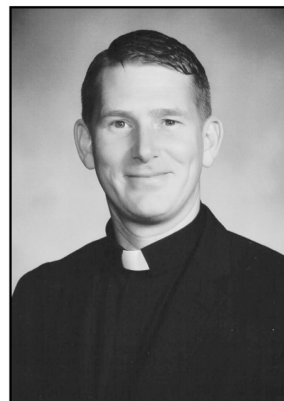
Father Giroux later earned a master's degree in liturgical studies from the University of Notre Dame and a JCL degree in Canon Law from the Catholic University of America. In September 2007, he completed the certificate program in Catholic Social Teaching at the Catholic University of America.



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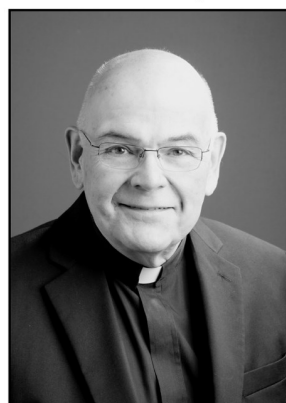
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Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin



Father Thomas E. Kornmeyer

In addition to serving as pastor in Norwood, Norfolk and Brasher Falls, Father Giroux has served at Notre Dame in Malone, St. Alphonsus in Tupper Lake, St. Lawrence in Louisville and at the Catholic Community of Constable, Westville and Trout River.

From 1985-87, Father Giroux served as the director of Diocesan Relations for The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Father Giroux has also served the diocese as secretary to the bishop and associate chancellor as well as executive secretary of the diocesan Department of Worship.

## Father Shane M. Lynch

Currently pastor of St. Paul's Church in Black River and St. Mary's

Church in Evans Mills, Father Lynch has served as pastor of St. James Church in Gouverneur, Sacred Heart Church in Edwards and St. Hubert's in Star Lake, St. Bartholomew's in Old Forge, St. Anthony of Padua of Inlet and Raquette Lake, and St. Ann's in Wells and St. James Major in Lake Pleasant; as parochial vicar at St. Bernard's in Saranac Lake, Notre Dame in Malone, Malone Catholic Parishes and Holy Family in Watertown; and as temporary administrator of St. Stephen's in Croghan.

A Watertown native and graduate of Immaculate Heart Central, Father Lynch, 50, graduated from Wadhams Hall and St. John's Seminary School of Theology in Boston. He

also completed a spirituality year program sponsored by St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

He was ordained by Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito May 12, 2001.

## Father Frank Natale, MSC

Father Frank Natale, A Missionary of the Sacred Heart (MSC), has served as pastor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Watertown since the summer of 2020.

Prior to serving in Watertown, Father Natale, 42, served as parochial vicar at Holy Family Parish in Nazareth, Pennsylvania.

Originally from Ohio, Father Natale was ordained in 2013.

## Father Joseph Kanimea, MSC

New to the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Father

Kanimea, a Missionary of the Sacred Heart, is originally from Fiji and has been serving in the United States since 2014, most recently as pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Bangor, Pennsylvania.

Father Kanimea, 53, was ordained in Fiji in 2001.

## Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin

Prior to his time in Waddington and Madrid, Msgr. Aucoin, Episcopal Vicar for Education and the New Evangelization and director of Deacon Formation, served as pastor of St. Mary's in Evans Mills, St. Paul's in Black River and St. Rita's in Deferiet, along with missions of St. Theresa of Avila in Theresa and St. Joseph's Church in Philadelphia; as pastor of St. Anthony's and St. Patrick's in Watertown; as principal of Seton Catholic School; as pastor of St. Mary's in Potsdam and St. Patrick's in Colton; as rector-president of Wadhams Hall Seminary College; as rector of St. Mary's Cathedral and chancellor of the diocese; as president of Mater Dei College; as principal of Immaculate Heart Central; as chaplain at Fort Drum; as administrator of St. Agnes in Lake Placid; as director of Family Life.

A Massachusetts native, Msgr. Aucoin, 78, studied for the priesthood at St. Joseph's Apostolic School in Watertown with the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. He completed his novitiate with the religious order in Canada and attended Laval University in Canada and Gregorian University in Rome.

Msgr. Aucoin was ordained March 14, 1970, in Rome as a Missionary of the Sacred Heart. In 1973, he was incardinated as a priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. He later

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earned a master's degree in Education from Ottawa University and has completed doctorate course work in theology at St. Paul University, Ottawa. He also holds a New York State Permanent Certificate in School Administration and in School District Administration, as well as one in guidance and teaching.

**Father Thomas E. Kornmeyer, VF**

Father Kornmeyer has served as pastor and sacramental minister at St. Mary's of the Fort in Fort Covington, the Catholic Community of Burke and Chateaugay, and the Catholic Community of Constable, Westville and Trout River since 2015.

Prior to that assignment, he served as pastor of St. Mary's Church in Evans Mills with missions at St. Joseph's in Philadelphia and St. Theresa of Avila in Theresa, as pastor at St. Bernard's in Saranac Lake, St. John of the Wilderness in Lake Clear and St. Paul's in Bloomingdale, as administrator at St. Henry's in Long Lake and St. Therese in Newcomb, and as parochial vicar at St. Bernard's in Saranac Lake, Sacred Heart in Massena and Notre Dame in Malone.

Born in Constableville and raised in Boonville, Father Kornmeyer, 64, graduated from Wadhams Hall in 1980, entered the U.S. Army and served for four years before returning to seminary studies at St. John's Seminary in Boston. He was ordained May 26, 1990, by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana.

**Father Medenel Angrand**

Father Angrand, currently parochial vicar at Holy Cross Parish in Plattsburgh, was incardi-



**Father Medenel Angrand**

nated as a priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg in November 2020.

Prior to his assignment in Plattsburgh, Father Angrand, 49, served as parochial vicar at St. André Bessette Parish in Malone.

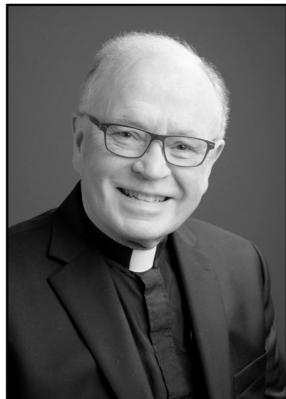
Father Angrand was ordained Aug. 24, 2003, in the Diocese of Fort-Liberté, Haiti. In addition to serving as a pastor of two parishes, he has served as director of Caritas, director of Holy Childhood, a member of the College of Consultors and as an assistant pastor in his previous diocese.

Father Angrand received his bachelor's degree in sacred theology in 2002 and a master's degree in moral theology in 2019. He also has associate degrees in intercultural studies and philosophy.

**Msgr. John R. Murphy**

Msgr. Murphy has served as pastor at St. Batholomew's in Old Forge and St. Anthony of Padua in Inlet and Raquette Lake since January 2019.

Prior to that assignment, Msgr. Murphy, 74, was pastor of Parish of the Visitation in Norfolk, St. Raymond in Raymondville and St. Andrew's in Norfolk, pastor of St. Raphael's in Heuvelton and Saints Philip and



**Msgr. John R. Murphy**

James Church in Lisbon, administrator at St. Mary's in Canton, pastor of St. Mary's in Potsdam, pastor of St. John the Baptist in Madrid, pastor at Our Lady of Grace in Morristown, and as assistant pastor at St. Mary's in Canton and St. John's in Plattsburgh.

In addition to serving in parish roles, Msgr. Murphy served as diocesan vice-chancellor, chancellor, moderator of the Curia and Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Services. He also served as head of the Religion Department at St. John's Central School.

A native of Saranac Lake, Msgr. Murphy, 74, studied for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall and the Gregorian University in Rome before his ordination July 2, 1973, in Rome by Bishop James Hickey.

**Father Pedro Edgardo N. de la Rosa**

Father de la Rosa, known as "Father Jay," has been serving as parochial vicar in the Roman Catholic Community of St. Alexander's and St. Joseph in Morrisonville, St. Augustine's in Peru and St. James in Cadyville since February 2020. He was incardinated as a priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg in November 2021.

Ordained in the Arch-



**Father Pedro Edgardo N. de la Rosa**

diocese of Caceres in the Philippines, Father de la Rosa, 44, Father de la Rosa received his bachelor's degree in Philosophy from Holy Rosary Minor Seminary in 1999 and completed his graduate coursework in Theology at Holy Rosary Major Seminary in 2003. He was ordained June 10, 2004, in the Archdiocese of Caceres.

Father de la Rosa's first assignment was as parochial vicar for St. John the Evangelist Metropolitan Cathedral in Naga City. In 2006, he was appointed as a professor and formator at Holy Rosary Preparatory Seminary. He was next assigned to St. Francis of Assisi Parish as a parish



**Deacon Leagon Carlin**

priest (2011). In 2014, he was appointed to the Presbyteral Council of Caceres. He also served as an assistant spiritual director at Divine Mercy Apostolate before taking on his last assignment before coming to the Diocese of Ogdensburg, parish priest at Divine Mercy Parish in Paolbo, Calabanga, Camarines Sur. He assumed that role in June 2018.

**Deacon Leagon Carlin**

Deacon Leagon Carlin will be ordained to the Priesthood on May 21. A Plattsburgh native, Deacon Carlin, 25, recently graduated from Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

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# Preparing for ordination: 'To serve and love'

By Darcy Fargo  
Editor

PLATTSBURGH – For Deacon Leagon Carlin, who is scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood May 21, receiving the sacrament of holy orders will be both a beginning and an end.

"Getting to ordination has been the goal for all these years," Deacon Carlin said. "My life has been so focused on studying, getting ready, preparing, praying and learning to be the priest Jesus wants me to be. This thing that has been the end goal is really now the beginning of my life."

Deacon Carlin, 25, explained that ordination feels like the ending to what his life has looked like thus far.

"I've been in an academic schedule effectively my entire life," he said. "I don't think I'll fully process the fact that seminary is over and I'm not going back until August. And I've spent eight years of my life – and even before that – discerning the priesthood."

This ending also marks the beginning of the next chapter in his story following the Lord's call, he said.

"It's a difficult mental transition to make – seeing this thing that seems to be an end as a beginning," Deacon Carlin said. "It's also beautiful in a way. With endings, we feel like we need to be perfect to get there – everything has to be right and exactly as it should be. Because this isn't an ending, the only thing I have to do is hope Jesus makes me ready for this next stage. It's difficult to die to perfectionism for me. I know I'm not as perfect as I wanted to be at this point, and I know I can't control my future. I have to say, 'Lord, this is your priesthood that you have called me to participate in. Make me open to the movements of the Holy Spirit, and may I be made ready to do it



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**Deacon Leagon Carlin displays the chalice he will be gifted by his parents, Deacon James and Beth Carlin of Plattsburgh, upon his ordination. The chalice, which dates to around 1912, is still in original condition.**

whether I am now or not."

A Plattsburgh native and graduate of Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, Deacon Carlin served as a deacon in a Virginia parish during his last year of studies.

"Certainly, my life was closer during this year to what it will be as a priest than what it was previously," he said. "Working in a parish, I was celebrating baptisms, talking to people about spiritual matters – it was a little more like what I'll be doing. People were kind and encouraging. On a human level, it seemed to fit. I take encouragement in that. There's beauty to that growing in certainty. I was already sure as best I could be at time of my ordination to diaconate, but the Lord confirmed through those human experiences that it's where I'm supposed to be.

I've grown in appreciation of the people of God."

After he is ordained by Bishop Terry R. LaValley, Deacon Carlin will serve as parochial vicar at The Roman Catholic Community of St. Alexanders and St. Joseph in Morrisonville, St. Augustine's Church in Peru and St. James Church in Cadyville effective June 29.

"There's a certain permanence when one realizes his or her vocation," Deacon Carlin said. "Yes, it's a beginning, but it's also a permanent state of life. Priesthood, marriage, final vows in consecrated life – it's a permanence in state of life. There's always going to be movement and change, but there's that permanence, too. I loved my time in other dioceses as I completed my studies and formation, and I made many

## JOIN THE CELEBRATION

Ogdensburg – You are cordially invited to join in the Ordination Liturgy for the Ordination to the Order of the Priesthood of Deacon Leagon James Carlin.

**Date:** May 21

**Time:** 11 a.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's Cathedral

**Features:** A Reception will immediately follow downstairs in the Brzana Hall. The Ordination Mass will be livestreamed at [rcdony.org/ordination](http://rcdony.org/ordination). The Mass program will be available at the same link shortly before the Ordination.

## New priest, old chalice

It's a chalice with history, but the history is unknown.

"It's sort of an unofficial tradition that parents give a chalice as an ordination gift," explained Deacon Leagon Carlin. "I had been looking for chalices, and I actually found this chalice on eBay."

Deacon Carlin said he messaged the seller to try to learn more about the chalice, and he discovered the seller was a prominent New York City silversmith shop that lists items on eBay for additional exposure.

"The chalice had been on consignment with them for some time," he said. "I worked with them to get some engraving added. The chalice has never been restored or replated. The acquisition was rather mundane, but the chalice is exquisite."

While the maker's mark suggests the chalice was made around 1910 or 1912, likely by a French maker, there's little evidence that the chalice has been used extensively.

"It wasn't worn away in the normal spots," Deacon Carlin said. "I knew I didn't want a new chalice. I wanted something older. To me, it connects to the historical continuity of the Church. The chalice was made and presumably used in the celebration of the Mass and to hold the Precious Blood over 100 years ago, and the Church continues in the mission of salvation and celebrating the sacraments into the future."

The chalice features three small enamel paintings – one of the Blessed Mother, one of the Crucifixion and one of St. Andrew.

"At first, I was a bit confused," Deacon Carlin said. "Usually, it's St. Joseph as the third if there's three images in a series like this. I thought about having it replaced, but it would've been labor intensive, and it seemed unnecessary, and the existing enamels are beautiful. I started looking into St. Andrew and praying with the idea that I love this chalice and thought it was the right one, but why did the Lord want it to be St. Andrew. St. Andrew was the first apostle. It was through him that Peter came to follow Jesus. It's a great model of bringing people to discipleship, brining them to Jesus. He's also a patron saint of singers. I have a great love of singing, and music is one of the ways I love to worship God. He's also the patron saint of Scotland, and my grandfather's heritage was Scottish. It's beautifully connected."

close friends, but I've been studying to be a priest in the Diocese of Ogdensburg because I love this diocese. It's my home. God's put it on my heart that it's time to be home and learn this craft of serving His Church and his people in this diocese."

While he's trusting the Lord with what his future holds, Deacon Carlin says he's focused on deepening his relationships with both God and his people as he

moves forward.

"The whole meaning and reason for the existence of the priesthood is the salvation of souls, bringing people to Jesus and Jesus to the people," he said. "My greatest hope and prayer is that God will use me as an instrument to serve and love people and help them encounter Jesus in their own lives and hearts just as I have had the grace to experience on my journey."



# SHARING FAITH, FELLOWSHIP

Deacons, wives hold Assembly in Alexandria Bay after two-year pause;  
Bishop Douglas J. Lucia is featured speaker

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## Environmental Stewardship

## What are youth doing?

This month's intention for Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network is: *For Faith-filled Young People*. So, we might ask what are some things that faith-filled young people doing to put their faith into action in our diocese?

One way some of the students are making their faith come alive is by participating in this year's Pope Francis Green Apple Awards. Rooted in Scripture and in the long line of popes and faithful Catholics from St. Francis of Assisi all the way to Pope Francis, we find the challenge to take care of the gift of creation. The Green Apple Project, sponsored by the Diocesan Laudato Si' Committee and the Faith and Ecology groups, provides young people an opportunity to share projects they have done to "care for our common home." Below are some of the projects engaged in this springtime:

The religious education classes of the Catholic Community of St. Peter-St. Mary-St. Hedwig in Lowville made posters by using white boards from an earlier parish event to express care for God's creation. Activities included helping at an animal shelter, researching endangered animals and why they are endangered, illustrating small ways in which small towns can make a big difference in helping make the world better on a daily basis.

Projects from students at Seton Catholic School in Plattsburg included planting a herb/vegetable garden, writing a song about the importance of caring for creation, writing their own poems, making a video about our Earth and the need to work together, planting trees and creating a prayer service for our 'common home.'

Students at St. Catherine of Siena Academy in Canton planted a butterfly pollinator garden on the school property. The garden is in the shape of a butterfly. The activity included a prayer service, and information about why butterflies are so crucial for plants to grow our food and flowers and which flowers that attract butterflies.

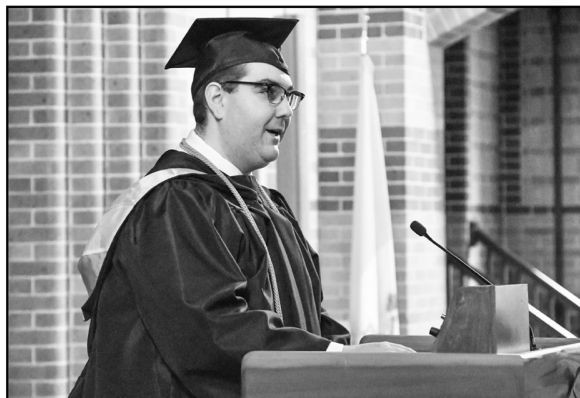
Next week will feature more student projects that demonstrate ways that they collaborate with others in being good stewards of creation.

## Seminarian wins award at graduation

COLUMBUS, OHIO – The Pontifical College Josephinum celebrated its 123rd Commencement Exercises on May 7. The graduating class included seminarians from the (arch)dioceses of Birmingham; Columbus; Lugazi, Uganda; Ogdensburg; and Santa Fe, and the religious order of the Fathers of Mercy.

Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Philosophy, Master of Divinity, and Master of Arts degrees were conferred upon the seminarians by Very Reverend Steven P. Beseau, rector/president.

Commencement remarks on behalf of the Class of 2022 were delivered by College of Liberal Arts graduate Tyler Fitzgerald of the Diocese



The Pontifical College Josephinum celebrated its 123rd Commencement May 7. Tyler Fitzgerald of the Diocese of Ogdensburg graduated magna cum laude from our College of Liberal Arts with a bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Humanities. Fitzgerald was also the recipient of the Pinter Scholar Award and offered the address on behalf of the Class of 2022.

of Ogdensburg.

"Today we celebrate the hard work we have undertaken here at the Josephinum, immersing ourselves in the grand ac-

ademic tradition of this seminary," he said, "but we walk this stage today not for the sole pursuit of a degree, award, or honor – but of the priesthood. Being in formation to the priesthood not only means study and research, but is a time of zeal and falling in love with God and the Truth we learn in the classroom."

Fitzgerald also was named the recipient of the Pinter Scholar Award. The Monsignor Pinter Honor Society was established in 1975 to recognize seminarians for high academic achievement. Named in honor of Rev. Msgr. Nicholas Pinter, PhD, professor of classical languages from 1902 to 1957, the award distinguishes the College seminarian who has excelled in academic formation in preparation for service to the Church.

In his remarks closing Commencement Exercises, Father Beseau spoke to the great gifts of being part of a seminary community. "All four dimensions of formation – human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral – are important in forming the intellect and the heart," said Father Beseau. "Here, combining love of the intellectual life with love of God, the Church, and of the seminarians creates something very special. It is a blessing for us to be here today to celebrate these men as they go forward from the Josephinum."

The Josephinum's 123rd Commencement Exercises marked a defining moment in the vocational journey of the seminarians who received degrees. A majority of College and Pre-Theology graduates will continue their priestly discernment as they undertake graduate theological study. Graduates of the School of Theology return to their respective dioceses for priestly ordination; the Ordination Class of 2022 will join nearly 1,200 ordained alumni who currently serve the universal Church in nearly every U.S. state and in 18 different countries around the world.

## Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God's Children for Adults. Pre-registration online is required. Participants may preregister at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). For more information or to arrange for training, contact Jeannie Grizzuto at 315-393-2920 or [jgrizzuto@rc-dony.org](mailto:jgrizzuto@rc-dony.org).

## To Report Abuse

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Phone: 518-651-2267 days; 518-569-0612 evenings; or Father Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy; [ccarrara@rcdony.org](mailto:ccarrara@rcdony.org) Phone: 315-393-2920 ext. 1340. If you have a complaint of suspected sexual abuse or related misconduct by the bishops, contact the **Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service** at 800-276-1562 or [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org).

## Bishop's Public Schedule

- May 16-19** – Priest Retreat at Wadhams Hall  
May 20 – Noon – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral  
5 p.m. – Dinner with Deacon Leagon Carlin and his Parents at Bishop's Residence  
**May 21** – 11 a.m. – Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Leagon James Carlin at St. Mary's Cathedral  
**May 22** – 8 a.m. – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral  
4 p.m. – Confirmation at St. Bernard's Church in Saranac Lake with St. Agnes Church in Lake Placid and St. Alphonsus-Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Tupper Lake  
**May 23** – 11:30 a.m. – Christian Formation Presentation in Dostie Hall at The Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Watertown  
**May 24** – Noon – Bishop's Heritage Circle and Memorare Legacy Society Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral followed by a luncheon at Bishop's Residence  
**May 25** – 11:30 a.m. – Christian Formation Presentation in the Brzana Hall at St. Mary's Cathedral

## Rest in Peace

*This week marks the anniversary of the deaths of the following clergymen who have served in the Diocese of Ogdensburg*

- May 18** – Rev. John B. A. Legrand, 1891; Rev. Richard J. Cotter, 1928, Rev. Augustus J. Dumont, 1949  
**May 19** – Msgr. Arthur M. Leary, 1968; Deacon Vincent J. Frattali, 2003; Rev. Richard S. Sturtz, 2021  
May 20 – Rev. Eugene Noury, O.M.I., 1961; Rev. P. Andrew L'Esperance, M.S.C., 1962  
**May 21** – Msgr. John Pendergast, 1998  
**May 22** – Msgr. Claudius Gobet, 1961  
**May 23** – Deacon Richard A. Menke, 2003  
**May 24** – Rev. Francois X. Therien, O.M.I., 1902; Rev. Antoine A. Amyot, 1927; Rev. Julien Racette, O.M.I., 1937; Rev. Joseph O. Levesque, 1938; Msgr. George L. Murray, 1942

# Focus on Eucharist at LEAD event series

By **Mary Beth Bracy**  
Contributing Writer

PLATTSBURGH – “What do we do in the Liturgy of the Eucharist? This is meant to be a personal thing for you, so you will know what is happening and become more involved,” began Father Tojo Chacko, HGN, parochial vicar at Holy Cross Parish, Plattsburgh.

On April 30, 2022 Father Chacko presented at an LEAD (Leadership for Evangelization and Discipleship) event on the Holy Eucharist at St. Peter's in Plattsburgh, while Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSJ, diocesan Vocations coordinator, presented at Waddington Parish Center. These events were part of an initiative to further the Eucharistic revival and drew dozens of faithful in the North Country.

“The experience of Christ is a personal relationship, and the experience is just as powerful now as in early Church. The relationship is unique and dependent upon a person's depth of faith and personal maturity,” Sister M. Eamon said. “Repeated celebration of Eucharist is meant for growth into Christ. In the experience of Christ as an intimate friend – intrinsic to Eucharist – it is Risen Lord as self-gift to those who receive Him in faith.”

Father Chacko featured awe-inspiring artwork throughout his presentation, which guided participants through the parts of the Mass from the preparation of the gifts to the concluding rites. He displayed the painting of Jesus and the woman who touched His cloak, reflecting, “Faith alone is not enough, when we cel-

ebate the Holy Eucharist, we need to have faith with love. Is my faith filled with love for Jesus? Do I touch the Holy Eucharist with faith?”

Both presentations reflected upon how the words of the Mass are found in Sacred Scripture, and drew from Vatican II documents, the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), and Canon Law, in addition to reflections from the saints on the Holy Eucharist. They explained that the roots of the Mass are biblical, and the teaching about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and the foundation for the liturgy were laid down even before the Gospels were written.

Father Chacko noted that we “use the same elements that Christ used. And the Communion rite, is the same the disciples received from Christ's own hands.”

Breaking open the elements of the Eucharistic Prayers, Father Chacko revealed how the preface “explains all we believe in Christian life, it summarizes the mystery of salvation history... We have a lot going on in our minds, so these prayers help us. They are from ancient Jewish and Christian prayers.”

“For the early Christians, the Eucharistic meal became the central component of their faith,” said Sister M. Eamon. “Right from the beginning, the assembled people of God became conscious of themselves as a community, there was the experience of the presence of the Risen Lord at the celebration of the Word and their sharing a Communion meal which expresses and deepens their oneness

with Christ – and, in Him, with one another.”

Each presenter also stressed the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

“He is present in a true, real, and substantial way, with his Body and his Blood, with his Soul and Divinity,” Father Chacko said, referencing CCC #1373-1375.

Transubstantiation means “the change of the whole substance of bread into the substance of the Body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of wine into the substance of his Blood” (CCC #1376-1377). Our oldest sacramentaries “express our great reverence for Christ who is present,” Father Chacko related.

“In these words of institution it is the action of the Holy Spirit that empowers the words of Christ, spoken by the priest, to effect the real presence, under the appearances of bread and wine, of the Body and Blood of Christ celebrated in a sacred meal – a true miracle,” Sister M. Eamon added.

By the same token, she explored what is meant by a change in substance.

“Substance’ is the depth dimension of a thing, that lies beneath all the physical properties (e.g. weight and size and shape),” she said. “It’s the ultimate ground of a thing’s reality. What happens is metaphysical change – the ultimate

meaning and purpose of something is changed. Now it exists differently because of that changed purpose and meaning. Accidents of bread and wine remain, it looks like and tastes like bread and wine.”

“The celebration of Eucharist is the continuing celebration of the New Covenant – ‘Do this in remembrance of Me,’” said Sr. M. Eamon. “The presence of Christ in Eucharist comes about by the words of the priest and the power of the Holy Spirit that changes the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. As the Body of Christ, the Eucharist is lived out by Christian discipleship with the presence and deepened experience of the Risen Lord by the power of the Spirit; Christian life lived for others as genuine self-gift is a living sacrifice, just as Jesus gift of self became a living sacrifice offered to the Father for our salvation and redemption.”

“Whenever I used to pray give us this day our daily bread, I thought of the bread we eat. But it specifically means the Eucharistic bread,” Father Tojo noted. “The Eucharist is not irrelevant to daily life. ‘Peace in our day’ is threatened somewhere or other on earth every day . . . prayer for protection from sin is equally relevant.” So too,

“experience teaches us that we humans still are glued to the floor even in the most sacred moments of life, that is, we remain trapped in our daily thoughts and cares. Now, however, we need to free ourselves from all the chains that bind us.”

The Holy Eucharist is a foretaste of Heaven and promise of the life to come.

“We are a communion of saints. We are all praying together with the Church in heaven and the Church in purgatory, mindful of this invisible reality present at each Eucharistic celebration,” Father Chacko said. “What is the focus? Jesus Christ’s Body and Blood. If we’re not concentrating enough, we can lose our focus. It is really important to keep our focus. Non-Christians who are present must recognize that they are in the presence of a deep mystery of faith.”

Sister M. Eamon emphasized that “In the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we receive God’s gift and respond with gratitude. We give our thanks to God.”

She continued, “In memory of his death and resurrection we offer you, Father, this life-giving bread, this saving cup’ – the offering of the faithful – prayers, sufferings, works – are joined to Christ’s offering. Thus the Eucharist becomes our offering too.”



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## Pope will visit Indigenous in Canada in late July

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Pope Francis will meet members of Canada's Indigenous communities in late July, visiting the cities of Edmonton, Quebec and Iqaluit in Nunavut, the country's most northern region.

"Accepting the invitation of the civil and ecclesiastical authorities and the Indigenous communities," the pope will be in Canada July 24-29, returning to Rome July 30, the Vatican announced May 13.

The Vatican said a detailed program would be released later.

"The pope's visit will provide a unique opportunity for him, once again, to listen and dialogue with Indigenous peoples, to express his heartfelt closeness and to address the impact of colonization and the participation of the Catholic Church in the operation of residential schools throughout Canada," the bishops of Canada wrote on a website – [papalvisit.ca](http://papalvisit.ca) – launched for the visit.

The papal visit, the bishops said, would be "a significant step on the road to truth, understanding and healing."

Pope Francis had promised to visit Canada during a meeting April 1 with representatives of Canada's Métis National Council, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and Assembly of First Nations – three groups he also had met with individually. A delegation from the Manitoba Métis Federation visited the Vatican separately April 21 and also met with the pope.

Many of the representatives in the groups were survivors of residential schools – boarding schools the government established to educate and

forcefully assimilate Indigenous children. Many of the schools were run by Catholic religious orders or dioceses.

While survivors shared with the pope their experiences of being torn from their families and often physically or sexually abused at the schools, the elected leaders of the groups asked Pope Francis to travel to Canada to formally apologize for the Catholic Church's role in suppressing their languages, cultures and spiritualities and, particularly, for the church's role in running many of the residential schools.

"For the deplorable conduct of those members of the Catholic Church," the pope told the representatives in April, "I ask for God's forgiveness, and I want to say to you with all my heart: I am very sorry."

He also had told them he would like to join them in July for their annual celebration of the feast of St. Anne, Jesus' grandmother. A major pilgrimage is held each year at the Shrine of St. Anne, on Lac Ste. Anne, not far from Edmonton.

At a news conference broadcast online from Edmonton, Archbishop Richard Smith, the Canadian bishops' coordinator of the visit, said the pope's "advanced age" and "the fact that he's severely limited in his mobility" meant that the Vatican insisted on organizing the visit to only a few cities and using them as hubs to visit Indigenous groups and "meaningful sites," including the site of at least one former residential school and, probably, Lac Ste. Anne.

The Vatican, he said, was "very, very clear: When he comes to a country he can't

get around by helicopter, he can't be in a car for more than an hour, he cannot be in a different place every night."

"We fully expect that the pope will reiterate the apology that he did give in Rome," the archbishop said. "He understands as we all do the strong connection of Indigenous peoples to their land, the land for them culturally, spiritually, historically, in terms of their customs. They are deeply, deeply connected to it, and that's why we have heard the invitations, the constant invitations for the pope to come and to deliver those words of apology here on their lands."

Archbishop Smith said the trip is being planned with representatives of the Indigenous communities, and "it is clearly a priority for all of us that whatever takes place in whatever venue will feature as a priority, as a first concern, Indigenous culture, Indigenous spirituality, Indigenous ways."

The bishops' website provides a few notes about the three cities that were chosen.

Edmonton, it said, is home to the second-largest number of Indigenous people living in urban centers in Canada, and "25 residential schools were located in Alberta, the most of any province or territory in Canada."

"Iqaluit, with a population of 8,000 people, is home to the largest number of Inuit in Canada – approximately 3,900," it said. "Pope Francis was personally invited by the Inuit delegates to visit the North." The pope did, however, insist he would not go to the region in winter.

## CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

### U.S. baby formula shortage hits food pantries

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) – A nationwide shortage of baby formula is hitting home at a number of food pantries, including those operated by the Catholic Social Services in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, said administrators. "We are in short supply everywhere, and in some places there is no supply," said Amy Stoner, director of community-based, housing and homelessness services for the archdiocesan agency. Patrick Walsh, manager of the agency's Martha's Choice Marketplace in Norristown, confirmed both clients and staff have "noticed a shortage" in baby formula, most of which his team sources through the hunger relief agency Philabundance. Lizanne Hagedorn, director of the archdiocese's Nutritional Development Services, said her agency has so far been able to sustain deliveries of baby formula to the child care centers it serves, thanks to its most recent collection drive in January, which amassed "about 10,000 pounds." At the same time, Hagedorn said although her team "(has) not had any issues getting formula, that is not to say we won't in the future." National out-of-stock rates for baby formula soared to 43% the week of May 9.

### Bishops to Congress: Protect women and children

WASHINGTON (CNS) – After the U.S. Senate failed May 11 to advance a "radical" abortion bill, the chairmen of two U.S. bishops' committees urged Congress "to stop pushing abortion as solution to needs of women and young girls" and "embrace" public policy initiatives that protect "both mother and child." The Women's Health Protection Act, or S.4132, did not get the 60 votes needed to end debate on the bill and advance to a vote on the substance of the measure. The vote to end debate was 51-49. The bill, which passed in the U.S. House passed in September 2021 and failed in the Senate earlier this year, was "far more extreme than Roe v. Wade," said Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, and Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, chairman of the Committee for Religious Liberty. It would have "imposed abortion on demand nationwide at any stage of pregnancy through federal statute" and "eliminated pro-life laws at every level of government – including parental notification for minor girls, informed consent, and health or safety protections specific to abortion facilities," they said in a statement released late May 11.

### Report identifies abuses in residential schools

WASHINGTON (CNS) – Hundreds of boarding schools supported by the U.S. government for 150 years sought to forcefully assimilate Native American and Indigenous children into white society, a first-of-its-kind report from the Interior Department said. The report identified 408 schools in 37 states or territories that tens of thousands of children were forced to attend from 1819 to 1969. It also said there are at least 53 marked or unmarked burial sites associated with the schools. Additionally, about 19 of the schools accounted for more than 500 child deaths, the report said. The Interior Department said it expects the number of record deaths to increase. The federal government directly ran many of the boarding schools and contracted with Catholic, Protestant and other churches to operate others. The report said about 50% of the schools received support or involvement from a religious institutions or organizations. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, who is Laguna Pueblo and Catholic, commissioned the report last June by establishing the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative to undertake a comprehensive review of the troubled legacy of federal boarding school policies.

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

# Filled with the Holy Spirit

The readings this Sunday are filled with the Holy Spirit. The Gospel is taken from Jesus' farewell address to his apostles at the Last Supper. Jesus tells them that he's leaving them for a while, but He will return. To quiet their fears, He promises to send them an "Advocate" who will remind them of all He Himself had taught them, and even more. If they really love Him, the Father and Himself will come



**Monsignor  
Paul E.  
Whitmore**

and live in them! What a remarkable comfort that should be!

After Pentecost (which we celebrate just two weeks from today), we know how powerfully Jesus' promise was fulfilled with a thunderous experience which left His followers incredibly changed into bold and courageous preachers of the Word. Our second reading today gives us a glimpse into the work of the Spirit

May 22

Sixth Sunday of Easter

READINGS

Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29

Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23

John 14: 23-29

at the first ecumenical council of the Church in Jerusalem. A momentous decision is made by the apostles gathered there not to impose circumcision on the Gentiles. And the Holy Spirit agrees ("it is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us!..."). Clearly, God is not going to leave this new Church

without divine guidance

Today's second reading from Revelation gives us an encouraging picture of the "end times" when the struggle between Good and Evil has ended, and the new city of Jerusalem came down out of heaven, radiant as jasper, clear as crystal. The "glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb."

In the midst of the present crisis in the Church, we tend to forget Christ's promise that He will be with the Church until the end of time, and that the "gates of the netherworld

will not prevail against it." As the Holy Spirit was with the Church at the beginning, so will it be until the final days of the world. More and more, we see strong positive response from Pope Francis, guided by the wisdom of the Spirit and the continued faithful sacrifice of its priests, sisters, and lay people in carrying out its mission.

In these days of attacks on the Supreme, the war in Ukraine, and division in our Congress, we need to pray ever more for the strengthening of the Holy Spirit.

## CALLED TO SERVE

# Let's gather by the river

Reunions come in all shapes and sizes.

Perhaps we encounter a friend from long ago and reminisce about the "good old days."

There are the official reunions of the class of whatever year you graduated from your high school and/or college. I haven't attended any of mine. I can't put my finger on why, I just have not.

Then there's family reunions. We don't do them anymore, although I have heard some of the younger members of my wife's and my families bring the subject up from time to time.

We used to have an annual thing somewhere on Long Island. Those were the days when folks stayed close to home when they left the nest and started their own families. We were locked into the five boroughs of New York for the most part, so a family reunion was a gathering of the clan from around the metropolis to a place in

the country.

A friend and I were talking about NYC the other day. Here are some fun facts.

The boroughs of New York City are the same as counties in our neck of the woods. So, the borough of Brooklyn is Kings County, Staten Island is Richmond County, Queens and Bronx keep their names but what most people think of as New York City, Manhattan, is New York County.

Most people do not realize that Brooklyn and Queens, two of the boroughs of New York City, are actually on Long Island.

Geographically it is a big island. Closer to the mainland are Brooklyn and Queens. Nassau and Suffolk counties stretch out to the east. This isn't precise, but as the crow flies it is

about the same distance from one end of The Island to the other, from Bay Ridge in Brooklyn to Montauk on the eastern tip of LI is like going from Brownville in Jefferson County to Peru in Clinton County. Roughly three hours.

Of course, traffic is heavier on The Island. Add an hour or two to that trip.

The last fun fact is that four of the five boroughs of NYC are on islands.

Only the Bronx is on the mainland. That's where the old line about cutting the rope and letting New York float out to sea came from.

The friend I mentioned earlier, the one that spurred all this trivia about my old haunts, is Lorraine Giardino, wife of Deacon Phil in Star Lake. They are both New Yorkers. We were with 80 of our friends in the deacon com-

munity of the Diocese of Ogdensburg at our annual Assembly last week.

Each year, since 2014, Bishop Terry LaValley has called the deacons of the diocese, the wives and the widows of deacons, to assemble for an educational and social visit with him and each other.

Bishops of the diocese have been meeting each year with the priests of the diocese for a similar gathering.

The pandemic caused deacons and priests to cancel gatherings for the last two years. That made this reunion extra special.

This year the deacon community gathered at the Edgewood Resort in Alexandria Bay. We were blessed to have Bishop Douglas Lucia of Syracuse as our featured presenter. Bishop Doug, a former priest of this diocese, took us on a journey inspired by the theme of our Assembly, Reflect, Refresh, Renew. Next week, I'll spend a few minutes sharing his thoughts with you.

*Deacon Kevin Mastellon ministers in Watertown. He is the Director of Permanent Deacons for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.*



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## ADIRONDACK

## MERCY CARE FRIENDSHIP VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Lake Placid – Mercy Care for the Adirondacks is recruiting new volunteers and has scheduled a Friendship Volunteer Training Program.

**Date:** May 25

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Features:** There is no cost for the training but registration is required. Complementary lunch will be provided. New Volunteers will join Mercy Care's more than 100 Friendship Volunteers from Lake Placid, Saranac Lake, and Tupper Lake and surrounding areas who are helping their elder neighbors stay connected to their communities and helping to make their lives a little easier and happier. Volunteers of all faiths are encouraged and invited to participate.

**Contact:** To register for the training, please contact Lexi Bevilacqua, Mercy Care's Education & Volunteer Training Manager, at abevilaqua@adkmercy.org or visit Mercy Care's website at www.adkmercy.org or call Lexi for more information at 518-523-5446.

## 5K RUN, WALK, ROLL OR STROLL

Saranac Lake – St. Bernard's School will host their annual Black Fly 5K Run, Walk, Roll, or Stroll.

**Date:** June 11

**Time:** 10 a.m.

**Place:** Dewey Mountain Recreation Center

**Cost:** Adult, \$25; Student, \$20; Family Discounts

**Features:** All proceeds benefit St. Bernard's School Tuition Assistance Program. Whether casual, competitive, serious, or silly, all ages and abilities are welcome to join. Community members can form teams, enter as solo competitors, or even just sponsor a runner.

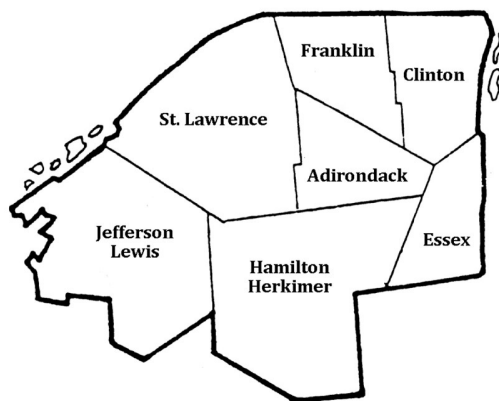
After the event, enjoy some fun and games at the base lodge, a brew or two from Hex and Hop beer tent, and some chow from Freddy B's Grill. Each participant will receive a commemorative performance t-shirt, created by Bear Essentials Apparel of Saranac Lake and a tin of all natural deet-free Bye-Bye Blackfly insect repellent.

**Contact:** For more information call 518-891-2830

## CLINTON

## HOUSE SITTERS

Ellenburg Center – Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer is looking



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for many Volunteer "House Sitters".

**Time:** The responsibility is to arrive by 10 a.m. on your chosen day(s) and remain on premises until 4 p.m. to welcome visitors.

**Features:** Lunch and snack items on hand along with tea, coffee, soda, and bottled water. Training will be provided on the history of the House of Prayer, its mission, and the various ways to carry out this gentle ministry of hospitality for those seeking time in a home of Mary to listen to our Lord, browse in the library, or visit the "Gift Shop". Flexible schedule (and hours) are fine.

**Contact:** If interested in volunteering for one day a month, or week, or more, please call Sarah Anderson at 518-534-9976.

## FRANKLIN

## DEVOTION AND HOLY HOUR

St. Regis Falls – All are invited to the monthly first Saturday Devotion and Holy Hour for Vocations.

**Date:** First Saturday of the Month  
**Time:** Following the 4:30 anti-cipated Mass

**Place:** St. Ann's Church

**Features:** Prayer after Mass, Night Prayer, Prayer for All Souls and the Holy Souls, Novena in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, The Reparation Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary with private meditation on the 15 Mysteries of the Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament reposed in the Tabernacle, and Prayers for the Holy Father and his intentions.

## JEFFERSON-LEWIS

## SPAGHETTI &amp; MEATBALL DINNER

Evans Mills – The Indian River Knights of Columbus to have a Spaghetti & Meatball dinner.

**Date:** May 14

**Time:** 4 p.m. to 7

**Place:** St. Mary's Parish Center

**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Senior Citizens, \$8; Children under 12, \$5; under 5, Free; Sauce per quart, \$5

**Contact:** For more information call 315-629-4678

## ST. PETER'S MAY FESTIVAL

Lowville – St. Peter's May Festival to be held.

**Date:** May 19, 20 and 21

Schedule: Grounds open Thursday evening at 5 p.m. Friday Evening the Allan Scott Band will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday there will be Mass at the fairgrounds at 4 p.m. and Chicken Barbecue starting at 5 p.m.

**Cost:** Admission is a donation of canned goods for the Lowville Food Pantry.

**Features:** Why not stop by and sample some of delicacies we have to offer. We will offer you the opportunity to try skills at a variety of games. Festivities include a Ride Special every day of the weekend. This 'n That booth which features unique and one-of-a-kind items.

## SILENT AUCTION AND BAR-B-Q

Watertown – Silent Auction and Chicken Bar-B-Q to be held.

**Date:** June 4

**Time:** 5 p.m.

**Place:** Our Lady of Sacred Heart Church School Gym

**Features:** Join us for an evening of fun and surprises.

## HOLY HOUR AND DIVINE MERCY

Houseville – A Holy Hour of Adoration with the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be observed the first Sunday of the month.

**Date:** June 5

**Time:** Following 11 a.m. Mass

**Place:** St. Hedwig's Church

**Contact:** 315-348-6260

## HEALING MASS

Clayton – St. Mary's Church to host Annual Healing Mass.

**Date:** June 11

**Time:** 11 a.m.

**Features:** The Sacrament of the Sick will be offered, prayer teams will be available for individual prayers following the Mass, and light refreshments will follow.

**Contact:** For more information, contact St. Mary's Parish office at 315-686-3398 or reception@stmmarysclayton.org.

## HOLY HOUR

## ST. LAWRENCE

Canton – Holy Hour for Vocations to be held.

**Date:** Every Tuesday

**Time:** 4:10 p.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's Church

**Features:** Holy hour followed by Mass at 5:15 p.m. and confessions at 5:45 p.m.

## THE CHOSEN: SEASON 2

Ogdensburg – Come join the fellowship and fun while watching and discussing "The Chosen – Season 2"

**Date:** 8 weeks on Wednesdays starting April 27

**Time:** 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** Bishop Brzana Hall at St. Mary's Cathedral

**Features:** Deacon Bill O'Brien will be streaming the second season of "The Chosen." "The Chosen" is an independent film series on the Life of Christ sweeping the world and told through the eyes of his disciples. It is a unique and a refreshing way of telling the story of Jesus and is unlike anything we have ever seen before. There will be discussion after each episode with light refreshments provided.

**Contact:** There will be signup sheets at the entrances of both Notre Dame Church and St. Mary's Cathedral entrances. Or you can call or email Deacon Bill at 315-528-0461 or

billob315@gmail.com.

## FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY DEVOTION

Massena – Sacred Heart Church to have first Saturday Rosary Devotion.

**Date:** June 4

**Time:** 3:15 p.m.

**Features:** First Saturday Rosary Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. Confessions will be available. Saturday Vigil Mass at 4 p.m.

## ROSARY WITH DEVOTIONS

Ogdensburg – The Legion of Mary will pray the rosary with devotions for First Saturday.

**Date:** June 4

**Time:** 8 a.m.

**Place:** Notre Dame Church, Ogdensburg

**Features:** Rosary with devotions

## USA FLAG RAFFLE

The Bishop McEntegart 4th Degree Assembly 707 of Canton, Potsdam, Norwood and Star Lake are holding a patriotic raffle of a USA Flag.

**Cost:** 1 ticket \$5 OR 3 tickets for \$10. Good news, there are only 500 tickets being sold.

**Features:** 1 grand prize - 15- 21 ft flag pole set (installed); 2nd prize, porch mount heavy metal pole; 3rd prize, porch mount heavy wood pole; 4th prize, porch mount metal pole. Drawing June 14.

**Contact:** See your local Sir Knight to get yours or call 315-714-2016, text 315-244-4455 or contact Scott Niles on Facebook or see https://www.facebook.com/Knights-of-Columbus-Sarto-Council-1059-112451473588863

## ORDINATION TO THE ORDER OF

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

## THE PRIESTHOOD

Ogdensburg – You are cordially invited to join in the Ordination Liturgy for the Ordination to the Order of the Priesthood of Deacon Leagon James Carlin.

**Date:** May 21

**Time:** 11 a.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's Cathedral  
**Features:** A Reception will immediately follow the Ordination downstairs in the Brzana Hall. The Ordination Mass will also be livestreamed at www.rcdony.org/ordination. The Ordination Mass program will be available at the same link shortly before the Ordination.



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## Visiting old friends

*Father Daniel Chapin has been serving as a priest associate of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers for the past six years, five in Cochabamba, Bolivia, and currently in Lima, Perú. Father Chapin continues to share his account of his most recent trip in February the Parish of San Martin de Porres in Mollendo, as well as to Arequipa and to neighboring Ecuador.*

The following day I visited some other friends who were with us from the beginning, Dr. Germán Abugattas and his wife, Diana. They are both retired now; two of their daughters run the clothing store downtown that has been a family business for many, many years. Dr. Abugattas, a pediatrician, acted as our "family" doctor and later volunteered to attend patients at San Martin's health clinic.

That evening, I presided at the Mass in San Martin, offered for the long-serving secretary at the parish, Sña. Nelly Ancieta de Wong, who had just died at the end of January in Lima where she lived for many years following his retirement. A member of the family who still lives in Mollendo was able to participate in the Mass. I hope to visit Nelly's grave here in Lima.

The next day, I spent some time with a widow who had lost her husband to COVID. I had presided at their wedding. She shared with me details of his sudden illness and death, and the grief surrounding his death. This is but one of many stories.

On a happier note, that evening, I and 12 former members of San Martin's youth group, "Juventud Nueva" ("New Youth"), enjoyed a delicious chicken dinner at a downtown restaurant. I had not seen most of them since their youth, so it was most definitely a reunion! There were many more in this group, some now scattered far and wide, including one who lives in La Paz, Bolivia, who reconnected with me during my five years in Bolivia.

The next day, Sunday, I presided at the early Mass in Alto Inclin at the church of "Señor de los Milagros" ("Lord of the Miracles"). Later that morning, I presided at the Mass in Matarani at the church of "Señor del Mar" ("Lord of the Sea"). It is a joy to be present to so many I have known for so long and to be with them on the Lord's Day in their communities, in their places of worship.

Later that morning, a couple met with me; they wanted advice concerning their decision to marry and how to proceed. At midday, I visited another old friend of San Martin, Sña. Magda de Valderrama and her son, Percy, who is a dentist. We saw him grow up and witnessed his early career. He even practiced on us a few times! Years later, we organized with Percy and Dr. Day, a dentist in Gouverneur who came to Mollendo, a day-long, outdoor dental clinic in one of the poor barrios of the city. I will never forget that day, as they labored high on a desert hill under a burning sun, treating hundreds of the poor, many of whom had never been to a dentist before.

## OBITUARIES

**Brownville** – Robert M. Siver, 87; Mass of Christian Burial May 14, 2022 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

**Croghan** – Annis G. (Main) Wolff, 91; Mass of Christian Burial May 14, 2022 at St. Stephen's Church; burial in St. Stephen's Cemetery.

**Fort Covington** – Hector Robert Murray, 59; Memorial Mass July 15, 2022 at St. Mary's of the Fort.

**Gouverneur** – Eldon B. Conklin, 92; Funeral Service May 15, 2022 at the Gouverneur Community Center; burial in Haillesboro Cemetery.

**Henderson** – Rose Mari Pirro, 102; Mass of Christian Burial May 13, 2022 at Queen of Heaven Church.

**Hogansburg** – Wayne Maurice McDonald, 82; Mass of Christian Burial May 12, 2022 at St. Regis Church; burial in St.

Lawrence Cemetery.

**Malone** – Theresa Johnson Marshall, 87; Mass of Christian Burial May 23, 2022 at Notre Dame Church; burial in St. Augustine's Cemetery, North Bangor.

**Massena** – Gary E. Dishaw, 76; Private Services to be held.

**Massena** – Loretta E. LaFountain, 80; Mass of Christian Burial May 12, 2022 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Ann's Cemetery, Mooers Forks.

**Massena** – Richard A. Romeo, 90; Funeral Services May 14, 2022 at Phillips Memorial Home; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – Ethan Andrew Kiah, 19; Mass of Christian Burial May 16, 2022 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** – Lawrence F. Worden,

90; Funeral Services May 21, 2022 at the Fox & Murray Funeral Home.

**Ogdensburg** – Gary A. Wertman, 80; Funeral Services May 12, 2022 at Foxwood Mausoleum.

**Rouses Point** – Margaret "Peg" Spiegel; Mass of Christian Burial May 13, 2022 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Chazy.

**Saranac Lake** – Jean L. (Wojcik) McCann, 84; Mass of Christian Burial May 9, 2022 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in Mt. St. Mary's Cemetery, Fresh Meadows.

**Ticonderoga** – Margaret Diane (Hilton) Bence, 87; Mass of Christian Burial May 7, 2022 at St. Mary's Church.

**Watertown** – Patsy A. Chirico, 72; Mass of Christian Burial May 16, 2022 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

## Around the diocese

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### TWO DAY EVENT CELEBRATING EUCHARIST

Lake Placid – The Department of Faith Formation invited you to a two-day diocesan LEAD event in Lake Placid.

Day 1: June 6, 7 p.m. to 8:30, St. Agnes Church. Theme will be "Music as Prayer: Its Role in Celebrating Eucharist." Speaker will be Sr. Mary Gregory Munger, SSJ. Enjoy an interactive and lively presentation involving singing, prayer and sharing. A social at High Peaks Resort to follow.

Day 2: June 7, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at High Peaks Resort. Theme will be "Eucharist: Remember. Celebrate. Believe." Speaker will be Tim O'Malley, Ph.D. from Notre Dame University Center for Liturgy. Mass will follow at St. Agnes Church.

**Cost:** To attend it is \$30 upon registration. You are responsible for your own room reservations. High Peaks Resort offers a reduced rate of \$169 per night.

**Contact:** To register go to [www.rcdony.org/lead2dayevent](http://www.rcdony.org/lead2dayevent)

### LIFE GIVING WOUNDS RETREAT

Saranac Lake – Retreat to be held for anyone 18 or over whose parents are no longer together either through sep-

aration, divorce, or were never married.

**Date:** June 10 – 12

**Place:** Guggenheim Center

**Cost:** \$100 includes lodging, food and retreat materials.

**Features:** Topics will include anxiety, anger, sin, temptation and forgiveness. All presentations are given by trained, expert speakers who are children of divorce.

**Contact:** To register, go to [www.rcdony.org/lifegw](http://www.rcdony.org/lifegw) For more information about the retreat [www.lifegivingwounds.org](http://www.lifegivingwounds.org) If you are in need of financial assistance to attend the retreat, please contact Steve Tartaglia at 315-393-2920 or [sttartaglia@rcdony.org](mailto:sttartaglia@rcdony.org)

### ORDINATION TO DIACONATE

Potsdam – Through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, the Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg will Ordain to the Order of Deacon Mr. Lukas Hermann Gruber. You are cordially invited to join in the Ordination Liturgy.

**Date:** June 25

**Time:** 11 a.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's Church

**Features:** A Reception will immediately follow the Ordination on the rec-

tory lawn across the street from The Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary. The Ordination Mass will also be livestreamed at [www.rcdony.org/ordination](http://www.rcdony.org/ordination). The Ordination Mass program will be available at the same link shortly before the Ordination.

### FAMILY GUGGENHEIM

Saranac Lake – Online registration is now open for Family Guggenheim.

**Date:** Session 1 Aug. 18-21; Session 2 Aug. 25-28; Session 3 Oct. 7-9

**Place:** Guggenheim

**Cost:** Visit [www.rcdony.org/family-life/fg](http://www.rcdony.org/family-life/fg) for more information

**Features:** Family Guggenheim welcomes families of all dimensions to come enjoy a special weekend in the beauty of the Adirondacks. Expect fun family workshops and activities that will have you working and laughing together. Celebrate Christ's presence in your lives through liturgy (often outside) and special prayer services. Take time for great outdoor activities like paddle boat rides, beach volleyball, and hiking. You are never too young or too old to enjoy being family at Camp Guggenheim!

**Contact:** For more information, please contact Steve Tartaglia at 315-393-2920 or [sttartaglia@rcdony.org](mailto:sttartaglia@rcdony.org)

# STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME



I should no longer say that I have neighbors to help, but that I must myself be a neighbor to others.

—Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 81

The ten counties of southern New Mexico that constitute the Diocese of Las Cruces have a small population spread across an area the size of the entire state of Ohio. Given a population density of only 17 people per square mile, priests often travel long distances over rugged mountainous and desert terrain to serve the faithful in local parishes. Despite the challenge of accessibility and a high poverty rate, the faithful of the diocese assist each other in creative ways to form disciples.

With a diocesan poverty rate ranging from 13% to 29%, parishes of limited means lack resources to provide catechetical textbooks and the other religious education materials that volunteer catechists need so they can provide children and youth with quality religious education. Thanks to the generosity of local parishioners and support from Catholic Home Missions, the Diocese of Las Cruces has implemented a Mission Textbook Fund. Needy parishes and missions can apply for and receive the funds they need to purchase materials for their catechists

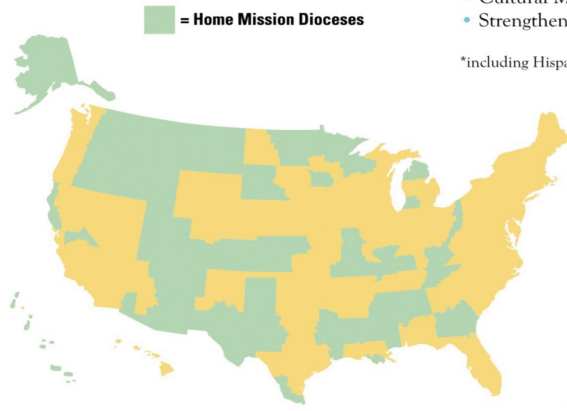
to use in religious education programs. Since 2015, 18 parishes and missions in the diocese have benefited from the program. When you participate in the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, you become a neighbor to Catholics in Las Cruces and other home mission dioceses across the country that benefit from the collection.

For more information about the Catholic home missions, visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

## What Is a Home Mission Diocese?

Home mission dioceses are those Catholic dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and laypeople. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered home missions.

## WHERE DOES YOUR SUPPORT GO?



### Totals by Program Area

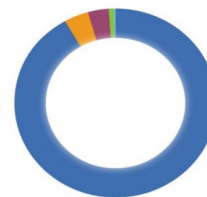
• Diocesan and Parish Assistance	\$3,615,000
• Faith Formation	\$2,430,000
• Priestly and Religious Vocations	\$2,125,000
• Cultural Ministries*	\$940,000
• Strengthening Marriage and Family Life	\$840,000

\*including Hispanic and other ethnic and cultural ministries



• Grants and Donations	91.68%
• Program Costs	3.95%
• Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	3.53%
• Administrative Expenses	0.81%
• Allocations—Internal Grants*	0.03%

\*Internal grants include support for staff from CHM-funded dioceses to attend the national Pro-Life conference.



**Total Expenses: \$10,382,605**

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