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Diocesan Knights of Columbus prepare for pilgrimage

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BISHOPS GATHER TOGETHER



PHOTO BY USCCB

Bishop Terry R. LaValley prays with other bishops from around the country at the annual USCCB Plenary Assembly, held this year in Louisville, Kentucky.

YOUTH HONORED FOR ESSAYS



Trinity Catholic School student Aubrie Cameron was the winner of the sixth-grade Christ is Alive! national essay contest held by Comcenter, a publisher of Catholic educational materials for her essay about a time she felt close to Christ. An essay by fifth-grade student Nevada King-Borsellino also drew praise from the judges.

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Pope Francis: 'Keep your homilies short'

By Courtney Mares
Catholic News Agency

Pope Francis has again appealed to priests to keep their homilies short, this time warning that homilies should be no longer than eight minutes or "people will fall asleep."

Speaking in St. Peter's Square for his Wednesday catechesis on June 12, the pope explained that the goal of a homily is to "help move the Word of God from the book to life."

"But the homily for this must be short: an image, a thought, a feeling. The homily should not go beyond eight minutes because after that time you lose at-

tention and people fall asleep," he said.

It is not the first time Pope Francis has stressed the importance of short homilies. In 2018, the pope urged priests to "be brief" and ensure homilies are "no more than 10 minutes."

The pope made the comments on homily length off the cuff during a reflection on how the Bible is "inspired by God and authoritative."

"The Holy Spirit, who inspired the Scriptures ... also makes them perennially living and active," the pope said. "It can happen that in a certain passage of the Scripture, that we have read many times without particular

emotion, one day we read it in an atmosphere of faith and prayer, and then that text is unexpectedly illuminated, it speaks to us, it sheds light on a problem we are living, it makes God's will for us clear in a certain situation."

"The words of the Scripture, under the action of the Spirit, become luminous; and in those cases, we touch with our own hands how true is the statement in the Letter to the Hebrews: 'The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword' (Heb 4:12)."

Pope Francis urged Catholics to take time every day to read and reflect on Scripture, recommending that Christians carry "a

pocket Gospel" to read during free moments.

"But the quintessential spiritual reading of the Scripture is the community reading in the liturgy in the Mass," he said. "There, we see how an event or a teaching, given by the Old Testament, finds its full expression in the Gospel of Christ."

"Among the many words of God that we listen to every day in Mass or in the Liturgy of the Hours, there is always one that is meant specially for us. Something that touches the heart. Welcomed into the heart, it can illuminate our day and inspire our prayer. It is a question of not letting it fall on deaf ears."

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You can't put a price on it

"They say, 'money can't buy you happiness,'" I told my friend. "But it's ridiculous how much joy I'm getting from two purchases that totaled \$20 – and that's for both of them, not \$20 each."

I was so excited about these items that I showed one or both to over a dozen friends and family members.

So, what are they?

The first purchase was a vinyl decal I bought to cover a brand logo on my favorite water bottle. The text on the decal says, "when

life is a dumpster fire, be a dumpster phoenix," and it has an image of exactly that – that mythical flaming bird flying out of a dumpster fire. I purchased it from the artist who created the image via Etsy.

**Darcy L.
Fargo**

The second purchase was a purple cane I'll need after an upcoming medical procedure. I own a cane already, but it's a boring, black cane. Boring isn't my style. It excited me because the color is a darker, prettier purple than it appeared in the

photo included in the online listing, and purple is my favorite color.

When I talk about either item, I get excited, almost giddy.

My friends' reactions to my excitement varied, but most people said something like, "you're so weird" or "simple strokes for simple folks."

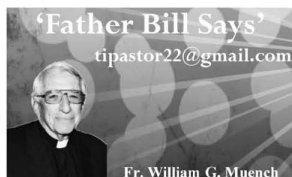
At the end of the week, after sending a picture of the cane to my mom, who also loves purple, it struck me that my joy is a beautiful gift from God.

While I take a lot of joy from the big life moments, like my son, Jake, winning a significant award this

week, those big moments tend to be few and far between. Because God gifted me with this ability to find a pile of joy in seemingly little things, I spend a relatively high percentage of my life joyful, and I'm so grateful for that. Also, when I show others my excitement over small things, those people generally laugh or at least smile. I get to share the joy God gives me.

While money brought those two items to my doorstep, it was God who gifted me with this ability to find absurd joy in the smallest things. You can't put a price on that.

A time of gratitude

**Fr. William G. Muench**

Let's talk about gratitude today. I know that I bring gratitude up often, but it seems that gratitude has been on my mind lately. I have been personally very grateful to God these days. For me, the perfect way of expressing my gratitude is always through the Holy Mass, the celebration of the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. I am certain that you will remember that the word "Eucharist" means from the Greek, "thank you." Each Mass that I offer is a unique opportunity for me to offer my gratitude to God for so much. Jesus did so much for me – he lived, died and rose from the dead; he saved me. I will always be grateful.

I speak of gratitude each time I celebrate the sacrament of penance – confession – with someone. I believe it is important for each person to begin celebrating this sacrament by remembering in gratitude who they are. I want them to remember that each one of us has been saved by the Lord. I want them to remember that God

forgives. We must begin confession by remembering in gratitude that our God never gives up on each one of us. So, when we acknowledge our failings, our sins, we are approaching a loving, forgiving Lord. This sacrament challenges each person to change. It's a time of conversion so that we restore our relationship with our God.

The sacrament of marriage is all about love and gratitude also. These months of spring are the times when many couples will be celebrating the anniversary of their marriage. An anniversary is a time for gratitude – gratitude to God who has called so many to the vocation of marriage, gratitude to God for bringing these two together to be married – to be a couple – and gratitude to God

for leading them as they formed a loving family. These anniversaries are a time of gratitude as they remember and share their days together, whether it's been a few years or for many years.

Now, I want to add here that many priests are celebrating their anniversary of ordination as a priest during these months of spring. Personally, I can tell you that my anniversary each year includes a time of offering gratitude to God for the joy and happiness that has been mine in this vocation. I must admit I really don't know when I was called by the Lord. I do think of many who were certainly a part of that, and I am grateful to them all. I think of a religious sister way back in high school release-time religion class who introduced me to reading Thomas Merton. I also remember the summer I spent with Father George Whittaker as a seminarian. He became a friend. He showed me the joy of being a parish priest. I do thank him and remember

him often at Mass.

As a priest, I have learned the blessing that comes when I realize the joy of being allowed to stand in the place of Jesus and bring the message of love and peace of Jesus to many. I have learned the joy as a priest of being empowered to stand at the altar and say the very same words of Jesus to consecrate bread and wine to the Body and Blood of Jesus, my savior. Each anniversary, I remember with gratitude the many assignments that I have had – all good. I remember with gratitude the many people, the many families who have been part of my ministry. I am so grateful for each experience, each opportunity in which I could serve the Lord as his priest.

So, I hope that your days are filled with gratitude. The Lord Jesus promised to be with us always to keep us alive in the Holy Spirit. So let us join together as we gratefully turn to our God and do all we can to make our world a better place.

'This is the time I felt Jesus was with me'

Trinity students' essays receive accolades

By Keith Benman
Contributing Writer

Aubrie Cameron made welcome-home signs, even one out of balloons. She set up Jenga blocks so she and her sister Sadie could play their favorite game. She got a movie ready to go in their bedroom and brought out some books she had bought.

It's what you do when your older sister comes home from more than a week in the hospital, including spinal surgery that took 18 hours to complete. Aubrie remembers the joy of that day in May two years ago. It was a joyful day also for her parents, Karen and Charles, and brothers, Chase and Easton.

It was not so joyful for everyone before the surgery.

"Everyone in my family was very nervous," Aubrie would write down a year later in recounting that time. "We knew that it might not work to fix the problem. ... I was trying to be positive, but I could not help but think something could happen. If something bad did happen, then I would really be alone, because she shares a room with me and I would be sleeping by myself, and would lose my best friend."

Aubrie also wrote she felt sad and alone. But she felt something else as well. "This was the time I felt Jesus was with me," she wrote. She began to pray. She asked Jesus to protect Sadie and herself. His answer came in a little voice, telling her everything would be alright.

Aubrie wrote all that after her teacher at Trinity Catholic, Michelle Bombard, gave her fifth- and sixth-grade students an assignment. It was to write an essay on a time when they felt close to God. The best essay in each class was submitted to the Christ is Alive! national essay contest put on by Comcenter, a publisher of

Catholic educational materials.

In May, national winners were announced. For sixth grade, it was Aubrie's essay on how she felt Jesus' presence as her sister underwent surgery.

"It was a beautiful essay," Sadie said on a recent afternoon in the library of Trinity School. "It moved my heart."

That brought a big smile from Aubrie. Smiles and laughter are frequent between the two girls, who describe each other as best friends - and friends with each other's friends.

"All my friends love to hang out with her," Aubrie said. "They always will give her a hug when they see her."

Sadie uses a wheelchair to get about. She was born with spina bifida, a spinal abnormality that can impact everything from motor skills to cognition to organ function. In Sadie's case, it also affected her speech. She was non-verbal when she started school. Now, she speaks fluently, but with a speech impediment. Her family members understand her and can translate for anyone not used to it. Sadie is an eighth-grade honors student at Massena's J.W. Leary Middle School.

Her surgery was undertaken two years ago because Sadie's spine had bent so much she couldn't sit up straight. It was affecting her breathing. It took time to see the full results of Sadie's surgery, but ultimately it was successful.

But Aubrie's winning essay didn't mention that. Instead, it simply ended with a sentence about Sadie's own generosity and Aubrie's own acceptance: "My sister came home the next day, with a present because it was my birthday, and I loved the present, and I love her just the way she is."

That's what impressed other teachers who read Aubrie's essay, said teacher Bombard.

"They were so impressed Au-

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Photo by Keith Benman/North Country Catholic

Trinity Catholic sixth-grader Aubrie Cameron, far right, watches as her sister, Sadie, reads Aubrie's prize-winning essay (pictured below) on a cell phone. Aubrie wrote about how she prayed for Sadie as she underwent surgery. Also looking on are teacher Michelle Bombard, far left, and Sadie's and Aubrie's mom, Karen.

I remember a special time that Jesus was with me. This special time was when my sister was in the hospital for a surgery. My sister has had spina bifida since she was born. Spina bifida is a condition where the spine is crooked and sometimes it causes some parts in your body to stop working. My sister needed a wheelchair because she is unable to walk, but she can talk but she talks a little differently because of the way her spine bends.

Last spring my sister needed a serious surgery. This surgery would make her back a little stronger, and would make her sit up right. Everyone in my family was very nervous. We knew that it might not work to fix the problem. We also knew that, as with any surgery, the person under anesthesia might not wake up. This was the time I felt Jesus with me, because I felt sad and alone. I was trying to be positive but I could not help but think something could happen. If something bad did happen, then I would really be alone because she shares a room with me and I would be sleeping by myself, and would lose my best friend.

That is when I began to pray. I asked Jesus for protection over my sister, and to protect me until she got back. This is when I felt him. I was having a rough time going to sleep without her there, and I was worried, but the night of the surgery I heard this little voice. The little voice was telling me everything would be all right, and I would no longer be alone. That one night I finally fell asleep feeling safe. My sister came home the next day, with a present because it was my birthday, and I loved the present, and I love her just the way she is.



PHOTO BY JOHN RYAN

Knights of Columbus and their families will make their annual pilgrimage to St. Anne's Shrine in Isle LaMotte, Vermont, on July 14. As part of the pilgrimage, Bishop Terry R. LaValley, pictured here at last year's pilgrimage, will celebrate the Mass.

Knights to make 76th pilgrimage to shrine

By John Ryan
Knights of Columbus

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Bishop Terry A. LaValley will celebrate Mass at the shrine at 12:15 p.m. Following Mass, the Peru K of C Council will serve a luncheon on the shrine's grounds.

The site's religious history dates to 1666 when the French erected a fort and chapel there. Dedicated to St. Anne, the mother of Mary, the chapel was blessed in 1893, and a beautiful statue of St. Anne was erected.

Later, in 1893, nearly 2,000 people attended the shrine's first organized pilgrimage, with several people traveling there by steamboat.

Today, knights and their families look forward to the Mass, the music, the picnic, and the friendships made and renewed on Lake Cham-



PHOTO BY JOHN RYAN

Bishop Terry R. LaValley greets Knights of Columbus and their family members after celebrating Mass at last year's pilgrimage to St. Anne's Shrine in Isle LaMotte, Vermont.

plain's shores.

The Society of Saint Edmund, the founders of St. Michael's College, has developed and maintained the shrine for over 100 years. Father Brian Cummings, SSE, is its current spiritual director.

For more information, please call Pilgrimage Coordinator Gordon Burdo at 518-563-2796

Essay accolades

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brie was OK with putting this in the hands of God, as young as she was, and afraid as she was," Bombard said. "She felt her prayer would be answered no matter the outcome."

There were a dozen essay winners named in the "Christ is Alive!" essay contest for grades third through eighth. Those winners spanned the nation from the East Coast to Hawaii. Winners and their teachers each received a \$100 prize. The class also gets \$100 for a celebration. And \$200 was awarded to each winner's school/parish. Winning essays

can be found at this web address: <https://www.comcenter.com/christisalive/>

In addition to Aubrie's essay, an entry by Trinity fifth grader Nevada King-Borsellino was submitted. That essay drew praise from contest judges. She wrote about feeling the presence of Jesus through a special person, her grandmother, Ann Borsellino.

After seeing both girls' essays on the Trinity Catholic School Facebook page, an anonymous community member felt both should've received prizes and donated \$50 to honor King-Borsellino, as well.

I feel the presence of Jesus everyday through a very special person in my life. I know Jesus is with us all the time but some people make him feel very close all the time. That person is my grandma. My grandma's name is Ann Borsellino. No one brings Christ closer to me than she does.

My grandma is kind but strict. She tells me if she signs me up for a sport she expects me to follow through with that sport and not to quit. These things she insists I do might not be what I feel like doing but I know they are for my own good. She is always thinking about my future and ways to help me be a better me.

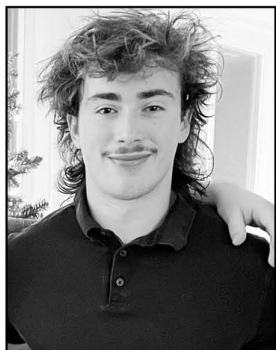
Jesus is so generous. He gave people fish when there was no food and wine at the wedding when they ran out. My grandma models herself after his generosity. She doesn't have a lot, she works two jobs and takes care of an older woman and also works at my school. Even though she doesn't have a lot she puts the most work she can into helping kids and other people. For instance, she brings me and my siblings places like restaurants, shopping and more. She donates to the Church and takes food to houses when people die, and prays for people. She gives her time and money everyday. Clearly Jesus lives in her. Because Jesus lives in her, I get to be with him every day.

This essay written by Trinity Catholic School fifth-grade student Nevada King-Borsellino was also submitted to the "Christ is Alive" contest and received praise from the judges.

Meet this year's camp staff

Mateo Reilly Counselor

Age: 20
Hometown: Thousand Oaks, California
Parish: St. Paschal Baylon
What are your hobbies/talents/interests? I love going to the beach with my friends, wrestling, and the movie Cars.
Why did you want to work at Camp Guggenheim? I wanted to work at Camp because I had such an amazing experience as a camper in previous years and as a counselor last year that I wanted to share the joy I found there with as many campers as possible.



Kathryn Samperi Counselor

Age: 20
Hometown: Saranac Lake
Parish: St. Bernard of Montjoux
What are your hobbies/talents/interests? Running, lifting weights, swimming, music, hiking
Why did you want to work at Camp Guggenheim? Going to camp was always the highlight of my summer as a camper! I think the faith-filled community is so important for young people, especially when it's not always so easily accessible. The people within this community have always been a source of great joy for me, and I want others to have the same experience! Being around so many wonderful people at Guggenheim, to me, is the best way to spend my summer!



Seth McDonald Counselor

Age: 18
Hometown: Howes Cave, NY
Parish: St. Kateri Tekakwitha
What are your hobbies/talents/interests? I enjoy playing volleyball and disc golf. I also enjoy board games with my family. Most of all, I love spending time at camp!
Why did you want to work at Camp Guggenheim? I have been a camper every year since I was 12. It's always been a dream of mine to be on staff and I'm so happy to say that I'm getting the chance. Camp is such a special place and I can't wait to share that with the campers this summer!



It's not too late to register for camp! For more information, or to register, visit rcdony.org/youth/camp

Look for more staff profiles in future editions

Students help Mission of Hope

Each year, Dale and Anne Selkirk visit the Faith Formation program in the Catholic Community of Burke and Chateaugay to talk to students about North Country Mission of Hope.

The Selkirks put jars in the students' classrooms to collect change throughout the school year, and additional jars are placed in business locations.

This year, the confirmation class decided to take it a step further and have a lemonade stand and bake sale during Memorial Day Weekend.

Through their fundraising efforts, the students were able to raise \$1,000 for the Mission of Hope's mission trip to Kentucky this summer.

The Faith Formation class jars and community jars raised \$500. That money will go to help feed a family for an entire year!

As a spiritually-based humanitarian organization, North Country Mission of Hope is committed to fostering hope and empowering relationships with the people of Nicaragua through sustainable programs in education, healthcare, community and ecological development, and supporting local, national or global areas impacted by disasters and poverty.

For more information about Mission of Hope please visit <https://www.ncmissionofhope.org>



After hearing about Mission of Hope from Dale and Anne Selkirk, pictured at left, confirmation students from the Catholic Community of Burke and Chateaugay held a lemonade and bake sale to raise funds for the charity. Pictured with the Selkirks are confirmation students Jack Rendon, Drew Crawford, Deacon James Carlin, Bentley Parmeter, John Decosse and confirmation teacher Valerie Dalton.

Environmental Stewardship

Have you noticed?

Have you seen a sign announcing a "Monarch Waystation?" The sign might be in someone's front yard or along the country roadway as an indication of a place where milkweeds and wildflowers are encouraged, where mowing is limited, where chemicals are not used and where monarch butterflies – pollinators – will find a source of nectar and a place to continue their lifecycle.

Of course, monarchs are not the only pollinators, but they are recognizable. The hope is that by becoming aware of them, attention will be brought to the plight of all pollinators – bees, butterflies, moths, bats, beetles, ants and birds. Spaces must be maintained to encourage their proliferation for their benefit as well as ours.

Crops require pollination to produce fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds and hay for livestock, as well as fibers like cotton and flax. According to USDA, approximately 80% of our food and plant-based products require pollination by insects or animals.

The decline in numbers of pollinators due to loss of habitat and chemical usage causes concern. We can help by planting flowers with rotating bloom times and making welcoming spaces. In creating and protecting habitats for monarchs, other pollinators are aided as well, and we help ourselves.

As Pope Francis continues to remind us, all of God's creations, plants and animals, are connected and dependent on each other in order to continue in a balance conducive to all creation.

Of course, monarchs don't need waystation signs; they are reminders for us. Monarchs and other pollinators simply respond when their required habitats are available. We need to do what we can to help God's creation. God's plan is a good one.

By Susanne M. Arens, member, diocesan Faith and Ecology Group

'The best-kept secret in the Church'

Editor's note: The following is a guest column written by Tracey Cheever, OSF, minister of Saint Joseph of Cupertino Secular Franciscan Fraternity.

Psst! I am going to let you in on a "secret." Did you know there are people growing their faith as professed Franciscans and who are also mothers, fathers, workers in the community? Some of us have children, grandchildren. Some of us are single. We are teachers, tradespeople, industrial workers, retirees, even military personnel. We are secular Franciscans who are brothers and sisters in the Franciscan tradition, and we also live and participate in regular community life. There are Franciscan

fraternal groups in the North Country. One fraternity is located in Watertown, and another is in Croghan. Our Watertown group is named in honor of Saint Joseph Cupertino and meets monthly at St. Patrick's Church in Watertown. We have monthly Adoration on the day before our meetings. We pray together, conduct business, plan activities and socialize at our meetings.

Those of us who have time and are able are members of other church organizations, ecumenical groups, Legion of Mary and Knights of Columbus. Those who are limited by work schedules and time constraints still participate and do charitable works when possible. We all, of course, attend Mass regularly.

We pray for vocations, support Catholic Charities and support our parishes and priests.

It has been said that the existence of our fraternities is the best-kept secret in the Church. So, this letter lets the "Cat out of the bag." Now that you are in on the "secret," we invite you to contact us if you're interested. There is a period of inquiry and then a period of candidacy before final profession. Those times are meant to give a person time to discern if Franciscan charism and membership is a "good fit." It is good to have time to discern, because profession to an order is a life commitment. All of us who have professed feel that the commitment was worthwhile and has been beneficial

to our spiritual growth. You may ask how long does it take to discern? It can be up to two years from inquiry to candidacy to final profession.

We usually meet Saturday of the fourth weekend of each month for Adoration at 10 a.m. and have a general meeting on Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. You are welcome to come in and introduce yourself and listen in and participate. Also, for Watertown, you can contact me on my cell phone at (315) 783-9223. If I don't answer, leave a message with a phone number so I can contact you. For Croghan, I suggest you contact St. Stephen's Church office for contact information and meeting times.

As Jesus said, "come and see."

Bishop's Public Schedule

June 19 – Noon – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

June 20 – 9 a.m. – Mass at the Federal Correctional Institution in Ray Brook

June 21 – Noon – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

5 p.m. – Annual Knight of the Year Banquet at Martin Field Club in Ogdensburg

June 22 – 10:30 a.m. – Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting followed by Lunch at the Lodge at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake

June 23 – 8 a.m. – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

11 a.m. – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

June 24 – Noon – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

June 25 – 9:30 a.m. – Mass at Adirondack Correctional Facility in Ray Brook

June 26 – Noon – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Rest in Peace

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

June 19 – Rev. Gerard Chouinard, O.M.I., 1955; Deacon David F. Moltz, 2011

June 20 – Rev. James O'Hara, 1949

June 21 – Rev. Joseph T. Moriority, O.S.A., 1905; Msgr. Joseph F. Luker, 1972

June 23 – Rev. Edward Chevalier, O.M.I., 1894; Rev. Donat Morrisette, O.M.I., 1976

June 24 – Rev. John Simard, 1943; Msgr. Timothy P. Holland, 1948; Rev. Joseph P. Ryan, 1968; Rev. W. Cyril Rapin, 2006

June 25 – Rev. J. Rodrique Lauzon, 1944

To Report Abuse

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact Victims Assistance Coordinator, Terrienne Yanulavich, Ph.D., LMHC, 5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955; terriannyanulavich@yahoo.com Phone: 518-358-3145, Ext. 7179 days; 518-569-0612 evenings; or Father Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy; 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

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled Protecting God's Children training sessions. This required training addresses child abuse, the methods and means by which abusers commit abuse, and the five steps to prevent abuse from occurring and stop it from continuing. Pre-registration is encouraged at www.virtus.org. Upcoming sessions:

June 22 – 3 p.m. – Camp Guggenheim, Saranac Lake

June 24 – 1 p.m. – Diocesan offices, Ogdensburg

Vatican publishes papal primacy document

By Courtney Mares
Catholic News Agency

The Vatican published a 130-page study on papal primacy on June 13 containing suggestions from Orthodox and Protestant Christian communities for how the role of the bishop of Rome might look in a future “re-united Church.”

The study document, titled “The Bishop of Rome: Primacy and Synodality in Ecumenical Dialogue and Responses to the Encyclical *Ut Unum Sint*,” is the first Vatican text since the Second Vatican Council to outline the entire ecumenical debate on papal primacy.

In addition to identifying the theological questions surrounding papal primacy in ecumenical dialogue, the document goes a step further to provide suggestions “for a ministry of unity in a reunited Church,” including “a differentiated exercise of the primacy of the bishop of Rome.”

The end of the text published on June 13 includes a section of proposals from the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity on “the exercise of primacy in the 21st century,” including recommendations for “a synodal exercise” of papal primacy.

The dicastery concludes that “growing synodality is required within the Catholic Church” and that “many synodal institutions and practices of the Eastern Catholic Churches could inspire the Latin Church.”

It adds that “a synodality *ad extra*” could include regular meetings among Christian representatives at the worldwide level in a “conciliar fellowship” to deepen communion.

This builds off of dialogue with some Orthodox representatives who have asserted that “any restoration of full communion between the Catholic and Orthodox Churches will require, on both sides, a strengthening of synodal structures and a renewed understanding of a universal primacy — both serving communion among the churches.”

At a Vatican press conference on June 13, Cardinal Mario Grech, the secretary-general of the General Secretariat of the Synod, said that this study document is being released as a very “convenient time” as the Church prepares for the second session of the Synod on Synodality in the fall.

A representative of the Armenian Apostolic Church, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, who joined the press conference via video link, underlined that “the synodality of the Catholic Church is an important criterion for the Oriental Orthodox churches on our way to full communion.”

Defining responsibilities of the pope

The Catholic Church holds that Jesus made Peter the “rock” of his Church, giving him the keys to the kingdom and instituting him as the shepherd of the whole flock. The pope as Peter’s successor is the “perpetual and visible source and foundation of the unity both of the bishops and of the whole company of the faithful,” as described in one of the principal documents of the Second Vatican Council, *Lumen Gentium*.

The new study document proposes “a clearer distinction be made between the different responsibilities of the pope, especially between his ministry as head of the Catholic Church and his ministry of unity among all Christians, or more specifically between his patriarchal ministry in the Latin Church and his primatial ministry in the communion of Churches.”

It notes the possibility of “extending this idea to consider how other Western Churches might relate to the bishop of Rome as primate while having a certain autonomy themselves.”

The text notes that Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox Churches emphasized the importance of regional leadership in the Church and advocated “a balance between primacy and primacies.” It adds that some ecumenical dialogues with Western Christian communities also applied this to the Catholic Church by calling for “a strengthening of Catholic episcopal conferences, including at the continental level, and for a continuing ‘decentralization’ inspired by the model of the ancient patriarchal Churches.”

Invoking the principle of subsidiarity, which means that no matter that can properly be dealt with at a lower level should be taken to a higher one, the text describes how some ecumenical dialogues argued that “the power of the bishop of Rome should not exceed that required for the exercise of his ministry of unity at the universal level and suggest a voluntary limitation in the exercise of his power.”

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

Southern Baptist Convention oks resolution opposing IVF

The Southern Baptist Convention, the largest Protestant denomination in the U.S., on Wednesday voted to approve a resolution opposing the use of in vitro fertilization (IVF) and called on Christian couples to “consider the ethical implications of assisted reproductive technologies as they look to God for hope, grace, and wisdom amid suffering.” The resolution, which is a statement of belief and is nonbinding, comes following a landmark ruling by the Alabama Supreme Court in February that found that frozen human embryos are children under state law. The ruling sparked a national debate, and Alabama lawmakers have since passed a bill that grants immunity to IVF providers in cases of death or injury to unborn babies during the IVF process. IVF is a medical procedure that fuses sperm and egg in a lab environment to conceive a child outside of the sexual act. The live embryo is then later implanted into a uterus to continue developing until birth. The Catholic Church opposes the use of IVF on the grounds that it separates the marriage act from procreation and establishes “the domination of technology” over human life. The use of IVF, which necessarily includes a selection process of the “best” embryos, has led to millions of rejected human embryos being discarded and millions more frozen and stored in a state of limbo.

VT sued after pulling foster care licenses over gender ideology

Two Vermont families who were inspired by their faith to foster children in their homes have filed a lawsuit against the state’s Department for Children and Families after the agency revoked their licenses for refusing to embrace gender ideology. The foster parents, who are represented by the legal advocacy group Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), have provided foster care to children for several years. However, their licenses were revoked because they did not agree to a policy that would require them to support a child’s decision to identify with a gender that is separate from his or her biological sex or to bring the child to events that promote homosexuality if he or she identifies as homosexual. In both cases, neither set of parents was caring for a child who identified as transgender or homosexual. However, Vermont’s policy requires the foster parents to affirm that they would support a child in his or her self-asserted gender identity and sexuality — if the hypothetical situation were to occur. “Vermont’s foster-care system is in crisis: There aren’t enough families to care for vulnerable kids, and children born with drug dependencies have nowhere to call home,” ADF Legal Counsel Johannes Widmalm-Delphonse said in a statement. “Yet Vermont is putting its ideological agenda ahead of the needs of these suffering kids.” The foster parents who filed the suit are Protestant Christians: Brian Wuoti, a pastor, and his wife, Katy; Bryan Gantt, who is also a pastor, and his wife, Rebecca. Both couples argue in the lawsuit that complying with this policy would violate their religious beliefs and their rights to free speech.

ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Ticonderoga – Join for a Women's Ministry, a place of fellowship, faith and friendship.

Date: Every third Friday of the month.

Time: Immediately following the 9 a.m. Mass

Place: St. Mary's Church

Features: Light breakfast will be served. In addition to weekly fellowship, there will be a summer Book Club beginning in June.

CLINTON NORTHERN FRANKLIN

HONORING FATHER MURRAY

Malone – The Pastoral Staff and the People of St. André Bessette Parish cordially invite you to join them in honoring, and thanking, Father Steven Murray upon his retirement from active priestly ministry in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Date: June 22

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: Notre Dame Church

Features: Bishop Terry R. LaValley will preside at a farewell Mass of Thanksgiving. A reception will immediately follow at the St. André Bessette Parish Outreach Center. All are welcome to join the parishioners of St. André Bessette for this occasion of prayer, refreshment, and fellowship.

Contact: For further information, please contact the parish office, Susan Perkins, at 518-483-1300.

HOLY CROSS FESTIVAL

Plattsburgh – Holy Cross Parish to have their summer festival.

Date: June 30

Time: 12:30 p.m. to 3:30

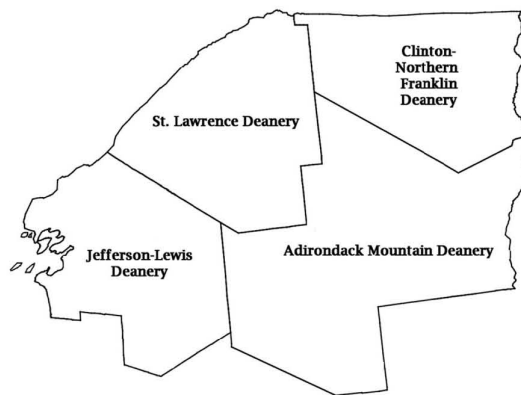
Place: St. Peter's Church grounds

Features: Children's games are free. New this year, arts and crafts fair. Festival Food. Big Raffle item, Zero-Turn Mower and Snowblower.

Contact: For more information call, 518-563-0730

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Morrisonville – The 19th Annual St



The North Country Catholic welcomes contributions to "Around the Diocese".

Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:

North Country Catholic, PO Box 326,

Ogdensburg, NY 13669

e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

Items must be received in the NCC office by the Wednesday before publication.

Alexander & St Joseph Golf Classic Tournament will be held,

Date: July 12

Time: Shotgun start 2 Flights One at 8 a.m. and one at 1:30 p.m. Team choice

Place: Harmony Golf Club

Cost: 4 Person Scramble, \$65 per person Includes. Green fees, cart, awards & BBQ chicken meal between golf flights.

Features: Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. Prizes for longest drives, closest to the pin, closest to the line, skins and putting contests.

Contact: Register by July 5th by contacting Bob Robare at 518 420-3854 or Jacki Black at the Church office at 518 561-5039.

JEFFERSON-LEWIS

ST. JAMES FAIR

Carthage – St. James to have their 50th Annual Fair.

Date: June 20 and 21, 5 p.m.

to 9 p.m. and June 22, 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Features: Raffles, Amusement rides, food and entertainment to be held each day.

Contact: For more information call the rectory at 315-493-3224

MT. CARMEL FEAST

Watertown – The 106th Annual Mt. Carmel Feast to be held.

Schedule: June 28, 5 p.m.

to 10; June 29 1 p.m. to 10 and June 30, 1 p.m. to 10. Religious procession at 5 p.m., fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

Place: St. Anthony's Church

Features: Join us in sharing food, faith and fun.

HOLY HOUR AND DIVINE MERCY

Houseville – Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be observed the first Sunday of the month.

Date: July 7, Aug. 4, Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1

Time: Following 11 a.m. Mass

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Contact: 315-348-6260

ST. LAWRENCE

ST. JAMES RAFFLE

Gouverneur – St. James School to have a summer raffle with a chance to win \$10,000. Only 350 tickets will be sold.

Cost: Donation price of \$100 each

Features: Grand Prize, \$10,000; 2nd Prize, \$5000; 3rd Prize, \$2500; 4th Prize, \$1500, 5th Prize, \$500. Plus, there will be 5 early bird drawings for \$100 each on June 30. Grand Prize drawing will be held Sept. 8 at the chicken BBQ held at the school. All tickets remain in the drum and are eligible for every prize drawing.

Contact: Tickets are available by calling the church office at 315-287-0114.

DAY OF MERCY

Canton – St. Mary's will hold a Day of Mercy.

Date: July 3

Time: 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Features: Confessions will be heard in the Divine Mercy Chapel.

Contact: Please visit their website at www.CantonCatholics.com/events-1 for a schedule of confessions

CHOSEN 4

Ogdensburg – Come watch season 4 of "The Chosen" is now available on DVD over the summer.

Date: Starting Thurs. July 11 until Aug. 29th.

Place: Brzana Hall at the Cathedral

Time: Two options to watch on Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Features: Each week we will watch an episode and end with refreshments and discussion. Come join us, one and all! We have had a great time sharing this amazing show for the past 3 seasons!

Contact: There will be sign-up sheets at the doors of both Notre Dame Church and St. Mary's Cathedral so you can sign up, or, you may easily email Deacon Bill O'Brien at billlob315@gmail.com or call him at 315-528-0461.

Either way, email or leave a message with your NAME, which SESSION- MORNING OR EVENING you wish to attend and a phone and email for contact information.

MONTHLY BRUNCH

Norfolk – Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond's will have their monthly Knights of Columbus Brunch.

Date: July 14 (Second Sunday of each month)

Time: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Place: Father Amyot Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$10; under 12, \$5; under 5, Free; Omelets, add \$3;

Take-outs available

Contact: For more information contact Grand Knight Gil Gonthier 315-212-5166.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

DOVS RAFFLE

The Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocation Society (DOVS) is having a Raffle from Sunday, April 21-June 20, 2024 to support promoting the culture of vocations in the Diocese. On June 20, the DOVS will be making a Pilgrimage to St. Anne's Shrine, Isle la Motte, VT to pray for vocations.

Cost: The cost of the tickets is \$5.00 or 5 tickets for \$20.00.

Features: 1st Prize--\$500.; 2nd Prize—Quilt and Rocking Chair; 3rd Prize--\$50 gift card, \$25. Visa Gift Card, \$25.00 Gift Card to Walmart.

Contact: For any questions, contact Constance Randall, connierandall47@yahoo.com (315) 783-0574.

GUGGENHEIM VOLUNTEERS

Saranac Lake – Summer Camp Volunteers needed.

Features: If you would like to volunteer at Summer Camp Guggenheim for an hour, a day or a week, please complete the Volunteer Application on our website: rcdony.org/youth/camp/ volunteer-application We'd love to have you. Alumni - please submit your apps soon so we can plan! Thank you.

CAMP GUGGENHEIM

Saranac Lake – Registration is still open for Camp Guggenheim.

Schedule: Session 1: June 30 to July 3 (11-13 yrs old); Session 2: July 7 to July 12 (12-15 yrs old) \$425; Session 3: July 14 to July 19 (12-15 yrs old) \$425; Session 4: July 21 to July 26 (12-15 yrs old) \$425; Session 5: July 28 to Aug. 2 (12-15 yrs old) \$425; Session 6: Aug. 4 to Aug. 9 (16-18 yrs old) \$425

Cost: Session 1, \$200 per camper. Session 2-6, \$425 per camper

Features: Are you ready to

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GET THE POPCORN

On the Waterfront

We have all been to very forgettable movies, movies that perhaps entertain, but don't say anything, movies without meaning in our lives, or even movies that don't relate to life itself.

Then, we also have memorable movies that can capture us as we watch because we relate to the movie's action or theme. Then, beyond these two categories, people can relate to extraordinary movies because the films speak to their lives. In addition, the extraordinary movies stand the test of time with content and themes that resonate with people from one age to the next.

"On the Waterfront" ranks among the extraordinary. Marlon Brando as Terry Malloy and Karl Malden portraying Father Barry bring viewers into the reality of mobs, labor unions, corruption, and crime found among dock workers in New Jersey and elsewhere.

Terry has proven himself to be a future major contender in the world of boxing. His skill could provide him

with a decent life. However, the evil brought about in his life by the lure of money, when he is paid to throw a fight, haunts him throughout the movie until he finally changes his life's direction.



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Father Barry witnesses the unjust working conditions on the docks for the men in his parish.

Corruption, unfair selection of men to work each day on the docks, and even murder have infiltrated the lives of these workers. Father Barry compares their situation to Jesus on the cross when he says: "Some people think the Crucifixion only took place on Calvary. They better wise up." The men recognize his wisdom, but the fear of reprisal from the bosses prevents them from taking action.

The character of Father Barry is based on a real-life Jesuit, Father John Corridan, who was known as "the water-

front priest." As enacted in the movie, Father Corridan helped the dockworkers understand our Christian understanding about the dignity of human life. With his guidance and leadership, the workers revolted against the injustices that the men faced every day and eventually led them towards just labor conditions.

Father Barry acted like a prophet to arouse people to improve themselves and change their lives and living conditions. Terry, realizing the wisdom of Father Barry's message, morphed his physical strength into moral strength in order to make good emerge from evil.

Viewers cannot help but sense the feelings of the unjustly treated workers and their sense of helplessness. Terry becomes the human

weapon and catalyst to bring about change.

"On the Waterfront" was on the billboards in 1954. It is devoid of special effects, but it abounds in human turmoil and in the slow movement of going from an unjust situation to justice for all. As Christ suffered on the cross for our salvation, so the people in this film suffered, and, like Jesus, ultimately achieved new life. As was typical for movies of that era, the music sets the tone of the action and reflects the feelings among the people involved.

The movie garnered eight Oscars including

best picture, best actor (Marlon Brando), best supporting Actress (Eva Marie Saint) and best director (Elia Kazan). The movie is available to rent from Prime and other resources. I was not able to find any free streaming. "On the Waterfront" is definitely a movie to remember and an unforgettable experience.

Our next film to consider will be the 1966 movie "A Man for All Seasons," the dramatic story of St. Thomas More who confronted the infamous King Henry VIII and his desire to divorce his wife and re-marry.



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SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE

Finding calm in the storms

High winds, tornadoes, hurricanes, and other natural phenomena have pummeled portions of our country this year. Even a few times in the North Country, unexpected winds and heavy downpours have ruined or cancelled some summer fun events. Definitely, in the winter we will always brace ourselves for the unexpected especially in our notorious snow belt areas.

Raging seas, strong winds, and a squall frighten the apostles, but Jesus sleeps comfortably on a cushion through it all seemingly unaware of what is happening around him and especially out of touch with the fear experienced by the others.

Storms are a wonderful analogy for life itself. Things happen. The "things" may unravel some people, while other people could care less. So, we might sometimes wonder: what is worse? The event or the person experiencing the event?

Probably, we have all suffered moments or events or situations in our lives that seemed beyond our ability to cope. Like the disciples in today's gospel, we panic, we look for solutions, we wonder what will happen to us. The storms in our lives may not be on the high seas, but are in our homes, places of work, schools, or institutions.

Our storms come in all shapes and sizes. A spir-

June 23

Twelfth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

READINGS

Job 38:1,8-11

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Mark 4:35-41

itual storm may threaten to blow out the spark of faith that we rely on daily or that we hope leads us on through our daily life. An emotional storm might loom in the background threatening to harass our marriage or an important human relationship with someone we care deeply about. The psychological storm may leave us totally baffled about ourselves especially in relationship with others.

All of these storms converge in making us realize that they can bring us closer to God

or drive us further away almost like using the wrong or the right end of a magnet.

So, what should we do or how should we react when a storm confronts us? Well, the apostles had it right. They prayed. Does that sound too simple? Too magical? Well, prayer is too simple and too magical when we reduce prayer to: "God, give me what I want."

Perhaps, we should think in terms of prayer that should accompany us as we live each day. Remember Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, he prayed, "Not my will...but your will be done." After all, God knows much better than we do what is best for us. (Luke 22:42). Don't forget Jesus' words making a promise: "Ask, and you will receive." (Mt 7:7). We

may not receive in the way we prayed, but our prayer will always be answered, and that answer will always reflect God's wisdom and love for us.

God made a promise in the Old Testament through his prophet Isaiah. "I will turn their darkness into light and make rough country smooth before them. These are my promises, and I will keep them without fail." (Is 40:31).

People of faith reach out to God daily in good times and in bad, when all is right and when all seems bad. In turmoil, we may not feel like singing, but try these words which we have all sung many times: "Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see."

Msgr. Robert
H. Aucoin

CALLED TO SERVE

The power of prayer

Has someone asked you to pray for him or her recently?

Monsignor Paul Whitmore, of happy memory, would sometimes conclude the prayer of the faithful at Mass with "and for those who have asked us for our prayers."

That was a wonderful catch-all for the dozens of prayers we clergy and others are asked to send to God.

I'll bet you have offered to pray or two for an individual who is sick or dying, someone who needs help with a relationship or is looking for a new job.

Do not shrug off the

opportunity. Prayer works.

Case in point. One of my grandsons was involved in an accident recently. He suffered head and torso injuries. Things were iffy for a while. We were not sure if he had a brain injury that would require surgery or not.

Telephone prayer trees or electronic prayer lines help organize large groups of people in prayers for a common cause immediately. We requested prayers in the parish and in the deacon community through separate prayer lines.

The wonderful thing

about electronic prayer lines is that you can reach a couple of hundred prayer warriors with one click of the keyboard.

Some of those prayer requests are then repeated on the prayer lines of others.

Once the prayer line request is received, God is immediately bombarded with intercessory prayers for one cause or another. In this case, the prayers were for him to watch over our grandson.

The Catholic Cate-

chism says "Prayer of intercession consists in asking on behalf of another. It knows no boundaries."

It is fair to question how God keeps track of all those prayers from people around the world for a plethora of reasons.

Here's my take. God doesn't have a staff of prayer keepers who track each request on a massive spread sheet. He is God. He hears our prayers. He answers our needs. He can do anything.

Deacon
Kevin Mastellon

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells his disciples, "Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive."

I have seen the power of prayer at work. You probably have too. Do not hesitate to join a prayer line and when asked, offer a prayer to God for the cause requested.

I think your prayers were answered in Jack's case. He is doing fine. Thank you.

Deacon Kevin Mastellon ministers in Watertown. He is the director of permanent deacons for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.



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Prayer and community

Chinese Catholic communities throughout the country took part in the processions on the feast of Corpus Christi, at the end of the three days that closed the month of May, dedicated to Mary, and opened the month of June, in which the people of God revive the traditional devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

From Beijing to Shanghai, the numerous celebrations began with the liturgical feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 31 May. In Shijiazhuang, in the province of Hebei, thousands of Catholics gathered in the cathedral dedicated to the Immaculate Mother of God and walked through the streets surrounding the church with lit candles to pray the Rosary.

The Catholic community of Anhui Province began the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart at the Shuidong Shrine of Our Lady, which is now the oldest church in the province (built in 1869).

Throughout the month of May, pilgrims from all over China came to the shrine, praying for world peace, for lonely people, for the unemployed, for the baptized who have drifted away from the Church, for victims of domestic violence and for families in crisis.

The parish of Jiujiang (Jiangxi Province) prayed for all students preparing for exams, especially those taking university entrance exams, during the solemn celebration of Corpus Christi.

After the procession and the Eucharistic blessing, Father Pang Rui administered anointing of the sick to the elderly present, wishing them "to continue to be those who transmit the faith."

In the same province, the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was solemnly inaugurated at the Marian Shrine of Lushan, dedicated to the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Together with the faithful present, Father Wang Leizhen thanked Our Lady "for her protection" and asked her to "preserve and rekindle in us the virtues of faith, hope and charity."

The priest also recalled the traditional practice of "vows," as "small gestures of love with which we can delight the Heart of Jesus every day and remain in intimate union with Him."

Article from FIDES missionary news service of the Pontifical Mission Societies.

OBITUARIES

Brushton — Allen White, 68; Mass of Christian Burial June 13, 2024 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Clayton — Capt. John Gonzales, 91; Mass of Christian Burial June 11, 2024 at St. Mary's Church; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Colton — Andreas Y. "Andy" Eschmann, 63; Funeral Services June 14, 2024 at the Buck Funeral Home.

Heuvelton — Rosemary A. (Den-

ny) Montpetit, 89; Private Services

Long Lake — John W. Mullikin, Jr., 85; Memorial Mass June 8, 2024 at St. Henry's Church; burial in Long Lake Cemetery.

Lyon Mountain — Lee Matthew DuBrey, 52; Mass of Christian Burial June 14, 2024 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Morrisonville — Robert J. Light, Sr., 96; Mass of Christian Burial June 12, 2024 at St. Alexander's

Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Ogdensburg — Beatrice Ann (Valois) Conger, 84; Funeral Services June 11, 2024 at Frary Funeral Home.

Plattsburgh — Clarence Richard "D.A." Ayotte, 94; Mass of Christian Burial June 10, 2024 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Tupper Lake — Whitney Marie Kerry, 32; Funeral Services June 12, 2024 at Frary Funeral Home.

Around the diocese

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have a week of summer camp like no other? Located on the shores of lower Saranac Lake, Camp Guggenheim is a great place to make friends, draw closer to Christ and have fun in a natural setting.

Contact: For more information or to register go to www.rcdony.org/youth/camp by June 1

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT

Discernment is a call, listen with others. Are you a single Catholic man, of high school age or older, who is hearing the Lord's call to the Priesthood? Join fellow discerners and Father Howard Venette for prayer and discussion.

Schedule: St. Bernard's Church, Saranac Lake July 27; St. Mary's Church, Canton Sept. 21

Features: Lunch will be provided.

Contact: For more information, contact Father Howard Venette — hvenette@rcdony.org

YOUTH SERVER

APPRECIATION DAY

Saranac Lake - Parish youth altar servers, lectors, greeters, music/choir members, greeters, ushers and faith formation assistants with their families are invited to a Youth Server Appreciation Day. Sponsored by Youth and Vocations Offices.

Date: Aug. 12

Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: Camp Guggenheim

Contact: Registration required by Aug 5th at rcdony.org/ya. Questions, contact Anita Soltero, Youth Director at asoltero@rcdony.org

FAMILY GUGGENHEIM

Saranac Lake — Family Guggenheim to be held with the theme "Trailblazers for Jesus".

Date: Aug. 22-25 or Oct. 11-13

Features: Come join us for a rootin' tootin' good time at Family Guggenheim, a place to play and pray together as a family.

Contact: For more information and to register, go to <https://www.rcdony.org/newsevents/family-guggenheim.html>. Questions? Call Steve Tartaglia at 315-393-2920.

DIVINE RENOVATION

Lake Placid — Day long workshop to be held to help "Unlock" your parish and help it to be fully alive and renewed.

Date: Aug. 23

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: St. Agnes School

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Features: Learn the keys to unlocking your parish; be equipped for mission; connect with a growing community. This is a joint project of St. Agnes in Lake Placid, St. Peter's in Massena, and the diocesan Office of the New Evangelization.

Contact: For more information contact the Office of Evangelization at mdonders@rcdony.org or Gin Shaw at renewal@stagnesp.org

MARRIAGE JUBILEE

Ogdensburg — Marriage Jubilee to be held.

Date: Sept. 8

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's Cathedral

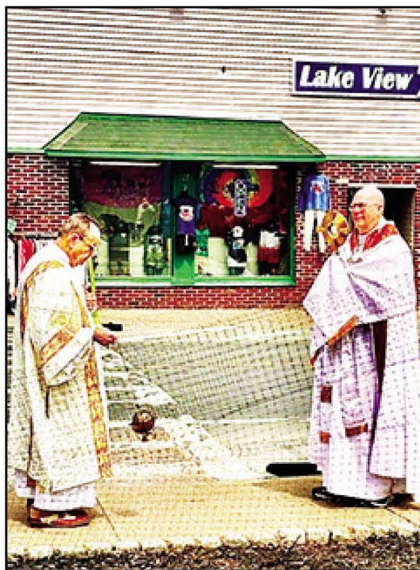
Features: Bishop Terry R. LaValley will celebrate the Mass.

Contact: To register, go to www.rcdony.org/jubilee. For more information, contact Steve Tartaglia at 315-393-2920 or startaglia@rcdony.org.



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FACES OF FAITH



On Sunday, June 2, St. Bartholomew's Church hosted two events focused on the Eucharist. Second-grader Brielle Wolff was privileged to receive her First Communion. Afterwards, Brielle, her family and 70 other parishioners accompanied Father Thomas Kornmeyer on a traditional Corpus Christi procession from the church to the park in the middle of the town and back. Brother Ed Bick and others lead the traditional songs. A reception followed.



(Left) St. Bernard's Parish in Saranac Lake held a Eucharistic procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi led by Father Martin Cline, pastor, Knights of Columbus and crucifix bearer Leif Rozon. Deacon John and Dr. Maura Fehlner led the Rosary during the procession for those unable to participate. (Right) Bishop Terry R. LaValley was the keynote speaker at the ceremony held on Memorial Day at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in Plattsburgh.



Paul Maroun of Tupper Lake recently had an opportunity to meet author and speaker Bishop Robert Barron when attending Mass at the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist while visiting family in the area.



Lauren Dwyer, Brynn Parmeter and Elliot Hodges made their 1st Communion on Sunday June 2 at St. Patrick's Church in Chateaugay.