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# NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC

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## No NCC next week

The *North Country Catholic* is now on summer schedule. There will be no newspaper next week. The next edition will be dated July 17.

## Love beyond measure

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## RETIREMENT CELEBRATION



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**Bishop Terry R. LaValley, joined by priests of the diocese, celebrates Mass at Notre Dame Church in Malone, on Saturday, June 22, in honor of Father Steven M. Murray, who retired from active ministry.**

## THE AWARD GOES TO...



Late in the evening on Friday, June 21, Catholic Media Association announced winners of the 2024 Catholic Press Awards, including the *North Country Catholic*.

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# Pope: Drug traffickers are 'traffickers of death'

By Courtney Mares  
Catholic News Agency

Pope Francis called drug traffickers criminals, murderers, and "traffickers of death" during his general audience on June 26.

"We cannot ignore the evil intentions and actions of drug dealers and traffickers. They are murderers!" Pope Francis said in St. Peter's Square. "Drug traffickers are traffickers of death driven by the logic of power and money at any cost." The pope dedicated the entirety of his last Wednesday audience before taking a break for the summer to mark the World Day against Drug Abuse

and Illicit Trafficking.

The United Nations' annual report on drug trafficking, released on June 26, reports that drug use worldwide has increased to 292 million people in the past decade, with cocaine production trafficking reaching an all-time high in 2022.

The U.N. report also details the increase in overdose deaths due to the emergence of nitazenes - a group of synthetic opioids it describes as "potentially more dangerous than fentanyl."

Pope Francis lamented the "plague" of drug addiction in many countries, saying that "drugs trample on human dig-

nity."

"Having known many tragic stories of drug addicts and their families, I am convinced that it is morally necessary to put an end to the production and trafficking of these dangerous substances," he said.

The pope underlined that "a reduction in drug addiction is not achieved by liberalizing their consumption," calling the idea "a fantasy."

Pope Francis also applauded efforts by Catholic ministries around the world who offer assistance and recovery programs to those struggling with addictions, as well as bishops' conferences who have advocated "just legislation and pol-

icies."

He highlighted the efforts of the Latin American Pastoral Accompaniment and Prevention of Addictions organization known as PLAPA for its work to address alcoholism, drug abuse, and other forms of addiction, such as pornography.

"Let us remember ... that every drug addict brings with him a different personal story, which must be listened to, understood, loved and, as far as possible, healed and purified. ... They continue to have, more than ever, a dignity, as people who are children of God. Everyone has dignity," Pope Francis said.

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# Taking the sting out

I let the words sting me for days.

In the heat of an argument, I was told I'm "a fraud."

I didn't need to ask for an explanation. I knew what it meant. I've levied the accusation against myself lots of times. That's why the phrase stayed with me for days; it was consistent with some of my insecurities and fears.

The person was talking about the fact that I share my experiences of God and my Christian faith both in this space and out in the world, but I also behave in ways that are anything but Christlike sometimes.

It's 100 percent true. I do that. My biggest asset - my ability to use words - can also be my biggest liability. While I can use words to share where I see God working in me and in the world, I can also use words to sharply cut down other people.

**Darcy L.  
Fargo**

Using language to cut others down is just one way I sin, one thing I do that's not Christlike. There are others - lots and lots of them.

I'm the person people are thinking of when they're railing against organized religion saying things like, "the people I see praying in Church on Sunday are the same people I sinning

at work on Monday."

It's one of the reasons I struggle with writing this column. I feel unworthy. I regularly think, "how am I qualified to share my relationship with the Lord and efforts to live a Christian life when I'm so bad at it?"

I know others who've told me they feel this way sometimes. They feel unworthy to share their faith and love of Christ knowing they're not always successful at living it.

It was funny to me that I was sitting with this fear of being a fraud, these feelings of unworthiness, when I learned the NCC won a Catholic Press Award for my column (see the story on Page 6).

It was a reminder of something I need to relearn often: It doesn't mat-

ter how I feel. My feelings aren't God's reality.

In God's reality, every one of us - even me - is loved with and through our sinfulness, weaknesses, and feelings of unworthiness. While God loves when we accept his grace and overcome our sins, he can also work in powerful ways through our sinfulness and weaknesses. While we can be excessively tough on ourselves, God is merciful to us.

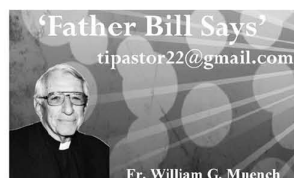
We can't wait for only the perfect Christians/the perfect people to share God's love with others; those people don't exist. God has us, complete with all our imperfections and unworthiness, to do it instead.

God took the sting out of those words.

# With us through the storm

Personally, I don't think they know why we, Catholics, go to Mass on Sunday. I believe this is why many Catholics do not attend Mass on Sunday. I believe that our many young people do not attend Sunday Mass because they do not know why we go to Mass each week. So, you see, this is why we have to get of word out - especially to our young people - about why we believe it is so important for us, Catholics, to attend Mass each Sunday.

I would like to share a story with you. This is about an older, retired sea captain. Now he captains a ferry boat; let's say it's the ferry from Prince Edward Island to the Iles de Madelaine - up north in Canada. It is a sizable trip. This captain likes to take a moment as he begins each voyage to say a prayer over the public address speakers for all to hear. On one voyage, the ship ran into a rather heavy storm, but



they got through it okay. As the people were leaving the boat, one of them asked the captain whether he said lots of prayers on this voyage. He answered, "I pray when it is calm; when it is rough, I attend to the ship"

I like to think that he prays for a strong faith during those calm times. Then he is ready when it is a rough voyage. As a pastor, I have stood with many families or individuals experiencing terrible situations. Often, I have been amazed at just how difficult the situation was and how they were ever able to deal with it all. And often they would tell me, "Father, if I didn't have my faith, I would not have gotten through it at

all."

I want everyone, especially our young people, to know that we can accomplish so much when we have a strong faith in our Lord. I want them all to know that we, Catholics, attend Sunday Mass to make our faith in Our God strong and alive now. We take the time to pray and celebrate the Holy Eucharist to continue to strengthen our faith because this could be the week.

We, Catholics, believe that celebrating our Sunday Mass helps keep us faith filled disciples of the Lord and ready to face whatever this week brings. This could be that I will not miss the chance to help someone who will need me. This could be the week that I will have faith enough to say the right thing to someone - maybe in my own family. You never know. This could be the week when I will be ready to truly do

something magnificent. And, by the way, for us older people, this could be the week.

Some may have the question, "do I need this Sunday Mass every week?" My answer is that each Holy Mass is a powerful event, a necessary experience whenever and wherever I celebrate it. Again, the concern for each of us is simply that this could be the week when my faith will be tested.

Recently, the Gospel at the Sunday Mass was that story of Jesus calming the wind and the sea while on a boat trip with the apostles. Even though Jesus was with the apostles in that boat, the storm still struck. So, just because a storm strikes, it doesn't mean that God has abandoned us. If we have faith, we will not doubt that Jesus is with us, and we should turn to him in prayer knowing that he will help us.



## FOLLOW ME

# 'Supporting God's gift of love and life'

**Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:**

Every day we pray, "...*Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done...*" Jesus was born to do His Father's will. We know that when we discern and then do the will of God it is always in our best interest. God's measureless love guarantees it!

During **Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, July 21-27**, the Church asks us to consider married love and the blessings of children. But first we must spend time reflecting on God's love. This year's theme is *"Love Beyond Measure: Natural Family Plan-*

*ning - supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage."* God is love but not everything today labeled "love" is of God.

Christian marriage, a reflection of the union between Christ and His Church, is fully realized in the union between a man and a woman who give themselves to each other in free, faithful, and exclusive love, who belong to each other until death, are open to the transmission of life and are consecrated by the sacrament.

Responsible parenthood is

the call to discern God's will for one's marriage while respecting God's design for human life and love. The Church's teaching is meant to help couples experience in a complete and conscious way their communion as husband and wife, together with their responsibility for procreating life.

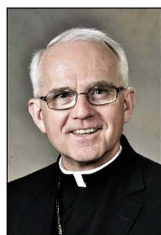
I am grateful to Suzanne and Angelo Pietropaoli, Diocesan Directors of the NFP Office. Through their ministry as directors and educators, we offer assistance to fami-

lies throughout our diocese. Should you like more information about Natural Family Planning, please contact our office. Let us all renew our commitment to respect human life and follow God's divine will for marriages and family life. It's in our best interest!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

*+ Terry R. LaValley*

**Most Reverend  
Terry R. LaValley  
Bishop of Ogdensburg**



**Bishop Terry  
R. LaValley**

## News briefs

### Marriage jubilee planned

The annual diocesan Marriage Jubilee will be held Sept. 8 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral. Bishop Terry R. LaValley will be principal celebrant.

To register, go to [www.rcdony.org/jubilee](http://www.rcdony.org/jubilee). For more information, contact Steve Tartaglia at 315.393.2920 or [startaglia@rcdony.org](mailto:startaglia@rcdony.org).

### Registration still open for Women's Healing Retreat

Our Lady of the Rosary Healing retreat for women will be held Oct. 10-13 at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg.

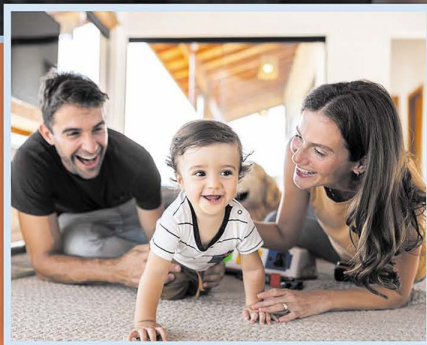
The retreat is open to 45 women over the age of 18. Presenters are from the John Paul II Healing Center. Priests in residence will be Father Joseph Giroux and Father Albert Hauser.

For more information and registration, please visit [www.rcdony.org/ourlady](http://www.rcdony.org/ourlady). If you would like to send a donation to help defray the cost of the retreat, please mail a check to Mr. Bill Seymour, Wadhams Hall, 6866 State Highway 37 Ogdensburg, NY 13669. The committee extends their thanks and gratitude for your prayers and support.



# LOVE BEYOND MEASURE

**Natural Family Planning...**  
supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage


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## LOVE BEYOND MEASURE

# What is NFP and why does it matter?

By Angelo & Suzanne Pietropaoli  
Diocesan NFP Directors

"What if there is nothing wrong with my wife's body?" asks author and speaker Jason Evert. "What if it is perfect just the way it is? What if what needs to change is my behavior?"

In a few words, Evert points to the heart of Catholic teaching on sex and love. Scripture and the constant teaching of the Church open our eyes to the truth of who we are, created male and female in the very image of God. Human persons are blessed to be able to share in God's life-giving love in the free, total, faithful, fruitful union that is marriage.

This beautiful truth can be especially hard to understand in a world where technology focuses on having sex without babies – and babies without sex. But faith says otherwise: God is our Creator, and as creatures we are called to cooperate with nature, not attempt to re-design it according to our preferences.

So how can we live in a way that honors both the love-giving and life-giving meaning of sexual union? Is that even possible? Jason Evert's insight

gives us the key: There is nothing wrong with our bodies. Fertility is not a disease to be "fixed" or fought against with drugs, devices, and surgeries. God did not make a mistake by making us fertile. In fact, he designed human fertility in a way that can be easily understood. That knowledge, and a century of rigorous research into the signs that identify the fertile and infertile phases of the female cycle, have led to modern methods of Natural Family Planning.

NFP focuses on female fertility because it is cyclical and occurs for a very limited time in each cycle; once an egg is released from the ovary, it is viable for only 12-24 hours. On the other hand, barring illness or injury, a man is continuously fertile from puberty until death. Therefore, NFP methods focus on identifying the fertile time in a woman's cycle.

The fertile/infertile times are identified by the presence of certain biomarkers. These physical signs of fertility include changes in basal body temperature and cervical mucus, which are observed and recorded. Couples then use what they have learned and

apply the rules to determine whether they are in the fertile or infertile phase of the cycle, and to adjust their behavior according to their shared family planning intention. To avoid pregnancy, they abstain from intercourse during the fertile time. Though the length of the fertile time can vary from cycle to cycle, the days when conception is possible make up the smallest segment of any cycle.

The ability to identify the fertile time is also helpful for couples wishing to achieve pregnancy. Because it can be used to achieve as well as to avoid pregnancy, NFP is authentic family planning. Rooted in respect for nature as designed by God, NFP stands alone as a healthy, organic, highly effective (98-99%, on par with the Pill) approach to spacing births while being entirely free of side effects. In addition, a woman who charts her cycle has a unique window on her reproductive health. She is aware of what is normal, and so able to identify and address potential health problems.

Understanding their combined fertility develops a sense of shared responsibility

between husband and wife. They can accept fertility as a gift rather than treating it like an illness or a design flaw. This helps bring them into right relationship with one another and with God. The choice of NFP moves couples toward increased communication on relationship and family planning intentions and helps them grow in love for God and for one another.

Such couples discover for themselves the benefits of this way of life, which Pope Francis highlighted in a speech in Rome in May 2023.

"We need to rediscover the beauty of human sexuality by once again turning to the book of nature, learning to respect the value of the body and the generation of life, with a view to authentic experiences of conjugal love."

Respectful of the way people connect and learn, and of advances in technology, there are a variety of NFP methods, and many modes of learning. To learn more about this wonderful way of life, or to share your questions or concerns, please visit [www.rcdony.org/nfp](http://www.rcdony.org/nfp). We welcome your questions/concerns at [apietropaoli@rcdony.org](mailto:apietropaoli@rcdony.org) or at 518-483-0459.

## LOVE BEYOND MEASURE

## How Natural Family Planning changed my life

*Editor's note: The following content was provided by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). It was written by Dawn Farias. Dawn and her husband, Ariel Farias, have four children and live in the Archdiocese of San Antonio.*

As a child I was baptized Catholic, but essentially grew up with no religious practice. As a married adult, I reen-

tered the Church, and soon after felt a tugging at my heart to stop practicing contraception. At that time, I did not know about Natural Family Planning (NFP).

More basic, I did not know about Church teachings on the moral practice of family planning. What I would learn about God's design for my married life and through the practice of NFP would change my life.

**True Freedom and**

### Openness to Life

When my husband, Ariel, and I took an NFP class, I was scared. Giving up control was frightening! It was one thing to be committed to an ideal, but something quite different to follow through on it. It definitely involved a leap of faith! Over time and with some experience, I began to appreciate the gift and beauty of NFP.

In practicing NFP, my husband and I must de-

cide if we, as a couple, are ready to embrace the possibility of a new life in each menstrual cycle. When we had used contraception, we ignored this reality. With NFP we could not ignore how God made us – as a man and a woman.

NFP helped us understand the relationship that God designed between the marital act and procreation. It has made us "open to life." It even brought our last

two children into the family!

### The Gift of Self

In using NFP over the years both my husband and I, now see that we give ourselves to each other fully in the marital act. For us, the idea of contraception has become almost vulgar. It cheapens the marital act. Contraception seems to say: "I love you, honey, but I don't love you THAT much."

NFP also guards

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## LOVE BEYOND MEASURE

**'Be her Joseph'**

*Editor's note: The following content was provided by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). It was written by Tom Mealey. Tom and Misty Mealey have four children and live in the Diocese of Richmond.*

When we first married, my wife, Misty, and I were the typical secular couple. We relied on hormonal contraception. Due to bad side effects, that didn't last long. Misty found out about Natural Family Planning (NFP) through a Catholic friend. Admittedly, I was suspicious of all the "hocus pocus" involving thermometers at o' dark-thirty in the morning and observations written down in cryptic symbols on the NFP chart. That would all change in surprising ways once we got into living the NFP lifestyle.

Before having children,

Misty had been an atheist and I had been an agnostic. With our first child, the miracle of life spurred a spiritual awakening in us. We realized the Holy Spirit had already led us into a Catholic life. Even after our conversion, however, NFP grew our relationship with each other and with God in ways we never expected.

We studied Pope John Paul II's "theology of the body" and became excited about living out our faith and sharing it. It was thrilling to learn the compelling reasons behind the Church's beautiful teachings on sex and marriage.

Much to my surprise, I also learned how grateful my wife was that I was willing to learn how her body worked. Sharing the family planning responsibility, as well as finding non-sexual ways of expressing affection and intimacy when we had good reasons to post-

pone pregnancy, strengthened our marriage and made me a better husband and father.

When we became Catholic, I knew I wanted to be the spiritual leader of our family, but I didn't understand what that entailed besides herding our children to church on Sundays. Through NFP and Scripture, I discovered that I had a choice in the kind of man - the kind of husband - I was going to be.

We often blame Eve for eating the forbidden fruit. But in Genesis, we learn that after taking a bite, she turned and offered the fruit to Adam, who was with her. Adam didn't stop her and say, "This is a bad idea, let's go." He did not protect his wife, but stood by silently while the serpent convinced her to surrender her holiness and damage her relationship with God.

Then there was St. Joseph.

When Joseph obeyed the angel who told him to bring Mary into his home, he was accepting the public shame and embarrassment of a pregnant fiancée. He sacrificed his personal honor and reputation to obey God and protect Mary and Jesus.

The choice for a husband is clear: he can be his wife's Adam or he can be her Joseph. A man can stand by silently and allow his wife to suffer the physical and spiritual consequences of contraception. Or he can defend her virtue, body, and soul by using NFP. Today, contraception is accepted and expected. Any man who forgoes it for NFP will likely be exposed to ridicule and criticism. But as St. Joseph taught us, there are some things more important than the opinion of others. May we husbands choose to be Joseph to our wives!

**Changed my life**

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against the objectification of the woman in the relationship. Contraception often keeps the woman in a defensive position because it allows "intimacy on demand." NFP does not allow this because of the practice of periodic abstinence when not seeking a pregnancy. A deeper equality between husband and wife can be nurtured with NFP. NFP begins the process of this awareness.

**Growing together in holiness**

The sacrifices that NFP entails have only served to make me a better person and more devoted to the Lord. Without knowing it, using contraception promotes the idea that children are a burden.

Children do require lots of work, and pregnancy demands its own set of sacrifices, but NFP has helped me meet these challenges by leading me to the realization that children are God's blessings. I am constantly forced to pray, change, make concessions and find solutions to the selfishness and laziness that come up often when meeting the needs of others.



*Support And Pray  
For Vocations*

Today, I am confident that had I not been open to life in the practice of NFP, I would not have needed to depend on God, and not have grown as a person. This growth benefits my family and the people

I meet in everyday life. Jesus calls us to serve others. Marriage and parenthood are ways we can immediately apply this call in our lives. NFP has led me to be more open to life, more aware of God's design

for intimacy in marriage, more dependent on Him to fulfill these plans. It has strengthened my relationship with my husband and given me personal insight, and it has given our children life!



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## Environmental Stewardship

## A powerful noise

We hopped into the car at 6 p.m. on a Saturday. We had a long drive ahead of us, stopping halfway in Macedonia, Ohio, for a night and morning Mass. Illinois was hours away, but the promise of thousands, if not millions of screaming bugs pulled me on. Cicadas. The rare occurrence of two different "broods" at one time. Little did we know, a storm blew many of these 13- and 17-year emergers off course. You spend over a decade underground, only to emerge and be blown into... Chicago?

The roar of their powerful sides reverberating caught me off guard in Indiana. Was something wrong with my car? But it was just the noise these loud creatures were born to create — a love song like no other.

It wasn't until the last day, when I had all but given up on meeting these insects (they were not where we expected them to be) that we found them. In a fleeting moment of hope, we took multiple exits for these beautiful, bouncing bugs hitting our windshield.

We found a brood in the trees behind a gas station and pizza place. My joy was almost as loud as the cicada noise!

It is hard to imagine what life would be like without these broods. While not vital to the ecosystem, they're not unimportant. Cicadas are hurt by habitat destruction and environmental changes.

There is nothing they can do to change that. They will be born, they will sing, and they will feed the earth. People have the greatest impact on their small-but-loud lives. We can choose to help nurture these critters — and critters even more widely loved than these!

Our noise may seem small when we speak against loud evils, but when our brood harmonizes with us, it is a most powerful voice.

## Bishop's Public Schedule

**July 3** — 1:30 p.m. — Episcopal Council Meeting at Bishop's Residence

**July 5** — Noon — Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

**July 13** — 11 a.m. — Sisters of St. Joseph Jubilee Mass at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Watertown

4 p.m. — Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

**July 14** — 12:15 p.m. — Mass at the 76th Annual New York State Knights of Columbus Pilgrimage at St. Anne's Shrine at Isle La Motte in Vermont

**July 15-23** — National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Indiana

## Protecting God's Children

## The Diocese of Ogdensburg

is able to schedule sessions of the training, Protecting God's Children for Adults. 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. To arrange for training, call 315-393-2920 or email jgrizzuto@rcdony.org

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**If you have a complaint** of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact Victims Assistance Coordinator, Terrianne Yanulavich, Ph.D., LMHC, 5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955; terrianneyanulavich@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

## Not the expected answer

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## Yes, it means everyone

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## He's not done with me yet

"Young me would hate old me."

That realization struck me as I was chatting with my son, Jake, who is 16. I was trying to explain why I thought something he wanted to do was a bad idea.

I refer to my teens and early 20s as my "rebel without a clue years." While I always performed well in

fun, going to parties, attending protests, organizing events, leading crazy adventures and being able to talk my way out of whatever trouble I got myself into. I loved to challenge authority, and I did it whenever an opportunity presented itself.

Now, I frequently enforce rules and see the value and importance

now the kind of person young me would likely write scathing editorials about in the student newspaper, accusing me of killing some sort of creativity or freedom.

While I laughed at the idea of young me disliking old me, it also made me grateful to God for giving us these different seasons in our lives, these opportunities to experience life in so many different ways and to see it from so many varying perspectives.

how they help me serve and glorify God now. Through my experiences in that part of my life, God gave me boldness, a love of the written word, the ability to find fun and joy in the everyday, a desire for community and to be surrounded by the amazing people God has made in His image...

God willing, as I'm looking back in another 20 years, I'll see what foundation God is building upon in this season of my life, and I'll see how



Darcy L. Fargo

Columns written by Editor Darcy Fargo were honored with a third place Catholic Media Award on June 21.

# North Country Catholic wins Catholic Media Award

On Friday, June 21, the Catholic Press Association honored the North Country Catholic during the annual Catholic Press Awards.

Editor Darcy Fargo's column was honored with third place in a Best Regular Column category for three of her columns, "Not the expected answer," "Yes, it means everyone," and "He's not done with me yet."



"These columns are written in a down-to-earth style that makes them highly accessible to the average reader," the judges wrote of the entry. "They cover everyday, relevant topics and thus provide the reader with educational

materials and insights that will allow them to be good teachers and purveyors of the information themselves. This column seems like the sort of offering that would attract readers to the newspaper and which readers would look forward to receiving with each issue."

"While we know here in the Diocese of Ogdensburg that the North Country Catholic is outstanding, I'm proud to see our paper honored and recognized on a national stage," said Bishop Terry R. LaValley. "Congratulations to the North Country Catholic and to the paper's editor, Darcy Fargo!"

According to the Catholic Media Association, the Catholic Media Awards "aim to highlight and honor the efforts of individuals and organizations that excel in portraying Catholic teachings, values, and stories in a compelling and authentic manner."

This is the third time Fargo's column has been honored at the Catholic Media Awards..

## Rest in Peace

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

**July 3** — Rev. E. Leonard Murphy, 1954; Rev. Peter M. Berg, 2022

**July 4** — Rev. Joseph L. St. Jacques, 1952

**July 5** — Rev. Paul F. Lederman, 2016

**July 6** — Rev. Armand Baron, O.M.I., 1936

**July 7** — Rev. Felician Fehlner, O.F.M. Conv, 1952

**July 9** — Rev. John Rogers, 1887; Rev. Joseph H. Emard, O.M.I., 1924

**July 10** — Rev. Mary Ignatius Grom, 1936; Rev. John F. McNamara, 1971; Deacon Victor Fisher, 1999; Rev. James A. Delbel, 2013

**July 12** — Rev. James Salmon, 1835; Rev. John J. Brennan, 1881; Most Rev. Albert Pascal, O.M.I., 1920

**July 13** — Rev. George Garand, 1941

**July 15** — Rev. John Conlon, 1881; Rev. Charles D. Thomas, 1895; Msgr. Armand Dussault, 1963; Rev. Joseph F. Quinn, 1970; Rev. Joseph F. Dowd, 1983; Rev. Joseph L. Quinn, 1970

**July 16** — Rev. Eugene Carroll, 1882; Rev. H. T. Regan, O.S.A., 1937; Rev. James Torsney, 1958



# SCOTUS: Idaho hospitals must perform abortions

By Peter Pinedo  
Catholic News Agency

After mistakenly leaking the decision before releasing the final ruling, the Supreme Court ruled on Thursday that Idaho hospitals must perform abortions in certain emergencies.

The 6-3 decision, issued in *Moyle v. United States*, means that Idaho hospitals are compelled to perform abortions, despite it being illegal in the state.

The decision hinged on the court's interpretation of the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) that hospitals are required to provide abortions "when needed to stabilize a medical condition that seriously threatens a pregnant woman's life or health."

While Idaho law allows abortions only in cases to save the life of the mother, the court now holds that this is too narrow an exception.

"Idaho law prohibits abortions unless necessary to prevent a pregnant woman's death; the law makes no exception for abortions necessary to prevent grave harms to the woman's health, like the loss of her fertility," Justice Elena Kagan wrote in the majority opinion.

"EMTALA requires hospitals to provide abortions that Idaho's law prohibits. When that is so, Idaho's law is preempted. The court's ruling today

follows from those premises," she wrote.

According to the majority, EMTALA "ensures that a woman with no health risks of her own can demand emergency-room treatment if her fetus is in peril. It does not displace the hospital's duty to a woman whose life or health is in jeopardy, and who needs an abortion to stabilize her condition. Then, the statute requires offering that treatment to the woman."

The court's decision dismisses Idaho's appeals as improvidently granted, meaning that the case will return to the lower 9th Circuit Court, which has already ruled to block Idaho's prohibition of abortions in hospitals. The decision also lifts a stay the Supreme Court had placed on the lower court's decision in January.

The majority opinion was written by Justice Elena Kagan with Justice Sonia Sotomayor and Ketanji Brown Jackson concurring. Justice Amy Coney Barrett wrote a separate concurring opinion with which Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Brett Kavanaugh joined.

The three dissenting voices were Justices Samuel Alito, Clarence Thomas, and Neil Gorsuch.

This case could have far-ranging effects on the use of EMTALA and protections for unborn children in Idaho and more than 20 other states that have passed pro-life laws in the past few years.

# CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Residents sue Louisiana over Ten Commandments in schools

A coalition of state residents is suing the Louisiana government to block the display of the Ten Commandments in public schools, arguing that displays would violate the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The coalition – which is being represented by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) – filed the lawsuit against members of the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education as well as State Superintendent Cade Brumley and several local school boards. The challenge comes after Republican Gov. Jeff Landry, who is Catholic, signed legislation that requires K–12 schools and colleges that receive public funding to display the Ten Commandments in every classroom. Per the new law, the Ten Commandments must be displayed on a poster or framed document that is at least 11 inches wide and 14 inches tall. The commandments must be the central focus of the display and the display must include a statement about the history of the Ten Commandments in American public education. Schools and colleges are required to set up these displays by Jan. 1, 2025. When reached for comment, Louisiana Attorney General Liz Murrill said in a statement provided to CNA that the government "cannot comment on a lawsuit we haven't seen [yet]."

## Former Anglican priest ordained a Catholic bishop

In a first, a former Anglican priest has been consecrated as a bishop in the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. Located in Great Britain, the ordinariate was created to give Anglicans a pathway to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. Bishop David Waller received his episcopal ordination in Westminster Cathedral in London on June 22, which is the feast day of the English saints John Fisher and Thomas More. Cardinal Victor Manuel Fernandez, prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, imparted the episcopal blessing. Also presiding over the Mass was Cardinal Vincent Nichols of Westminster and Bishops Stephen Lopes and Anthony Randazzo, heads of the Anglican-Catholic ordinariates in the U.S.-Canada and Pacific-Australia. During the Mass Fernandez spoke on the "treasure" of the Church's apostolic succession, beginning with St. Peter and the apostles and continuing to this day, saying: "What I have received from the Church, I now pass onto you." As bishop, Waller will lead the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, which has parishes throughout England, Scotland, and Wales. Members of the ordinariate participate in a Mass and liturgical tradition that is rooted in Anglican patrimony while still being in total union with the pope and the Catholic Church. Along with its sister ordinariates in the U.S.-Canada and Pacific-Australia, the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham was established by Pope Benedict XVI in 2011 through his apostolic constitution *Anglicanorum Coetibus*. Though open to Catholics of all backgrounds, the ordinariate primarily exists as a way for former Anglicans to be received into the Catholic Church while still retaining many of their English traditions and practices.

# Vatican plans to go solar

By Kristina Millare  
Catholic News Agency

Pope Francis has announced measures to transition Vatican City to using solar energy as its main source of electricity, as outlined in his latest *motu proprio* titled *Fratello Sole*, or "Brother Sun."

The Holy Father has tasked the relevant Vatican governing bodies to collaborate with Italian authorities and build an "agrivoltaic system," which would use land in Santa Maria di Galeria, an extra-territory of Vatican City situat-

ed outside of Rome, for farming and solar energy production.

"We need to make a transition toward a sustainable development model that reduces greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere," reads the *motu proprio*, a decree authorized by the pope.

"Humanity has the technological means necessary to face this environmental transformation and its pernicious ethical, social, economic, and political consequences and, among these, solar energy plays a fundamental role," the

document reads.

Though the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) reports the Vatican's global emissions were around 0.0000443% in 2022, it recognized the state is "committed to achieving a reduction in emissions in line with the goal of keeping global warming below 2 degrees Celsius, as well as to pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels as foreseen in the Art. 2 of Paris Agreements."

## VIRTUAL EVENTS

## FRIENDSHIP GROUP MEETING

Our next Friendship Group meeting will be held. We will be blessed to have Father Bill Neubecker, OMV talk with us about the second half of "Finding Peace in the Storm," by Dan Burke.

**Date:** July 25

**Time:** 7 p.m.

Place: Zoom

**Features:** St. Alphonsus Liguori penned timeless advice in a letter to one of his spiritual daughters, and it became the famous work titled "Uniformity with God's Will." Now Dan Burke breaks open St. Alphonsus's eighteenth-century classic for you. He intersperses relevant explanations and insights within the text of this saint and includes reflection questions for each chapter.

**Contact:** To order the book, please visit [sophiainstitute.com](http://sophiainstitute.com) and enter Friendship25 at the checkout to receive a 25% discount. Sign up for the Friendship Groups at <https://mailchi.mp/sophiainstitute/friendship-groups> Questions? Please contact Mary Beth Bracy at [mbracy@sophiainstitute.com](mailto:mbracy@sophiainstitute.com)

## 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

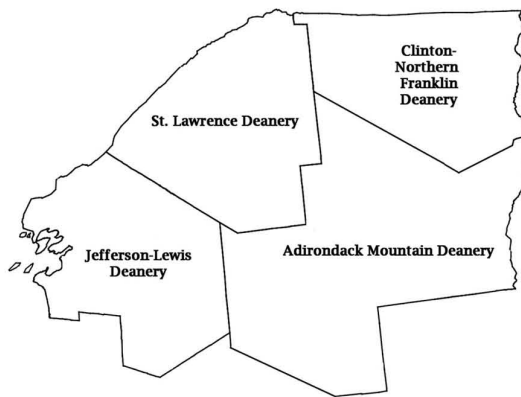
**Features:** Light breakfast will be served. In addition to weekly fellowship, there will be a summer Book Club beginning in June.

## CLINTON NORTHERN FRANKLIN

## OUR LADY OF THE ADIRONDACKS EVENTS

Ellenburg Center - We are pleased to announce the House of Prayer is open during the summer and fall seasons for the following regular activities. All are welcome!

**Schedule:** Wed., Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with Dan Hobbs, Volunteer; 2nd Thurs., Open 10 a.m. to



The North County 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@northcountycatholic.org](mailto:news@northcountycatholic.org).

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

2 p.m. with Volunteers Eve McGill and Lucy Wood facilitating Recitation of Rosary at 11 a.m. and Soaking Prayer from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please bring a bag lunch; Fri., Open Noon to 4 p.m. with Volunteer, Cheryl LaGree, leading Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m. followed by Recitation of the Rosary; First Sat. Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary beginning at 8 a.m. with Deacon Ken Lushia; Second Mon., 6 p.m. Mass followed by Board Meeting.

**Features:** Come and see the House of Prayer, a quiet, simple treasure of the North Country. Are you thinking of a private/group (7 max) overnight retreat or a day meeting (20-30 max)? Call Sarah at 518-534-9976 for more information.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

Morrisonville - The 19th Annual St 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 the longest drives, closest to the

pin, closest to the line, skins and putting contests. Chances to win with a Hole in One sponsored by Shumway Insurance.

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

## INDOOR YARD SALE

Chazy – Sacred Heart Parish will be having their indoor yard sale.

**Date:** July 20

**Time:** 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Features:** We have furniture, appliances, household items, toys, books, games, knick knacks, dishes, collectibles, tools, gardening, holiday, bicycles, and more!

**Contact:** For more info, contact the rectory 518-846-7650.

## HEARTWELL HOMESTEAD GOLF TOURNAMENT

Plattsburgh – Heart Well Homestead to have their First Annual Gold Tournament.

**Date:** Aug. 23

**Time:** shot gun start at 12:30 p.m.

Place: The Barracks Golf Course

**Cost:** \$65 for Barracks members and \$75 for non-members

**Features:** Help us to establish this much needed home for mothers.

**Contact:** Register your team by Aug. 9, sponsor a hole, volunteer or make a donation go to our

website: [www.HeartWellHomestead.org/#events](http://www.HeartWellHomestead.org/#events).

## 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 anticipated 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

## 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 summer raffle with a chance to win \$10,000. Only 350 tickets will be sold.

**Cost:** Donation 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 30th. Grand Prize drawing will be held Sept. 8 at the chicken bar-b-que being 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](http://www.CantonCatholics.com/events-1) for a schedule of confessors

## CHOSEN 4

Ogdensburg – Come watch season 4 of "The Chosen" is now available on DVD

**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.

**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 [billob315@gmail.com](mailto:billob315@gmail.com) or call him at 315-528-0461. Either way, email or leave a message with your name, which session you'll be attending (morning or evening) and contact information.

## ROSARY WITH DEVOTIONS

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

**Date:** July 6

**Time:** 8 a.m.

Place: Notre Dame Church, Ogdensburg

**Features:** Rosary with devotions

## FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

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

**Date:** July 6

**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.



# EWTN earns accolades at Gabriel Awards

By Ken Oliver-Mendez  
Catholic News Agency

The 58th annual Gabriel Awards saw EWTN, the world's largest Catholic media organization, win five awards in multiple categories in recognition of "outstanding artistic achievement in a television or radio program or series that entertains and enriches with a true vision of humanity and true vision of life."

Sponsored by the Catholic Media Association, this year's awards took place on June 20 within the context of the association's annual conference in Atlanta. EWTN News President and COO Montse Alvarado and National Catholic Register Editor-in-Chief Shannon Mullen accepted the awards for Best Feature Film, Best Video, Best Television Special Event Coverage, Best Single News Story, and Best Short Documentary on behalf of their colleagues.

Winning first place for Best Single News Story, "EWTN News in Depth" anchor Catherine Hadro took the top spot for

her story on the life of Sister Wilhelmina Lancaster, foundress of the Benedictine Sisters of Mary, Queen of the Apostles, whose body was exhumed in May 2023 in an unexpected state of preservation.

Winning along with Hadro for the report were EWTN News editor Andrew Spangenberg and videographer Craig Campbell.

Taking top honors for Best Television Special Event Coverage was EWTN's 2023 World Youth Day coverage, led by EWTN News correspondent Colm Flynn along with Eleonora Vescovini and Father Mark Mary, MFVA. EWTN Vice President of Programming and Production Peter Gagnon was also among the network's award winners for his role as executive producer of the network's coverage of the event.

Meanwhile, Season 1 of EWTN's innovative series "James the Less" received the prestigious Best Video award. EWTN Director of Studio Operations Stephen Beaumont worked with EWTN producers Michael Masny and Greg Hen-

drick to develop the scripts for the five-part romantic comedy.

Speaking of the series, whose second season is currently in production, Beaumont told CNA: "The narratives provide an opportunity to attract people who might not otherwise watch Catholic programs. Our hope is that Catholics and non-Catholics alike will find the show entertaining and that atheists will gain insight into what Catholics believe."

The global Catholic network, the parent company of CNA, also took first place in the feature film category for "Faith of Our Fathers," a riveting original film about a Catholic priest defending the faith against the 19th-century English penal laws and the determination of the Irish community to protect him in the face of unrelenting persecution. EWTN President Doug Keck in his capacity as executive producer of the film received the award, along with fellow executive producer Aidan Gallagher, director Campbell Miller, and producer John Elson.

Finally, the network's short documentary "Alive in Christ — The Eucharistic Martyrs" also took top spot in its category. The documentary brings to life the account of the first Christians and their courageous struggle to live their faith in the midst of persecution. Once again, Keck received the award in his capacity as the documentary's executive producer, along with fellow executive producers Elson and David Sipoš, who was also the director.

In addition, EWTN News anchor Hadro also won the Best Podcast — Single Episode award for her role as co-host and producer of the "Purposeful Lab" podcast "Is Extraterrestrial Life Compatible with Christianity?" produced by the Magis Center and co-host Dr. Daniel Kuebler.

The Catholic Media Association notes that "the Gabriel Awards have been a beacon of inspiration since their inception in 1965, encouraging media professionals to create works that serve, enrich, challenge, and uplift audiences."

## OBITUARIES

**Canton** — William Henry Parm, Jr., 82; Memorial Services July 5, 2024 at St. Mary's Church.

**Carthage** — Linda A. Odette, 81; Mass of Christian Burial June 28, 2024 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

**Chateaugay** — Margaret Ann Curtin, 97; Mass of Christian Burial July 6, 2024 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

**Chateaugay** — Molly Anne Flynn, 64; Mass of Christian Burial June 27, 2024 at St. Patrick's Church.

**Colton** — Josephine Margaret Meehan Minchak, 93; Mass of Christian Burial June 26, 2024 at St. Patrick's Church; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**Constable** — Sarah "Sally" Marie (Hosson) Fountain, 93; Mass of

Christian Burial June 28, 2024 at St. Francis of Assisi.

**Croghan** — James B. Dunn, 94; Graveside Services at St. Stephen's Cemetery.

**Ellenburg** — Lester Peets, 93; Mass of Christian Burial June 28, 2024 at St. Edmund's Church; burial in St. Edmund's Cemetery.

**Fort Covington** — Jean (Rouselle) Durant, 99; Funeral Services June 26, 2024 at Cappiello-McKenzie & Cosgrove Funeral Home; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**Lisbon** — Bernard M. McDonald, 88; Services at Oswegatchie Mausoleum.

**Louisville** — Douglas A. Taillon, 80; Memorial Mass July 12, 2024 at St. Lawrence Church.

**Lowville** — Rita (Stoffle) Houppert, 88; Mass of Christian Burial June 26, 2024 at St. Peter's Church; burial in Lowville Rural Cemetery.

**Lowville** — Kathryn Ann (Marriott) Leroux, 75; Mass of Christian Burial June 29, 2024 at St. Peter's Church.

**Massena** — Michael J. Mittiga, 84; Mass of Christian Burial June 24, 2024 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery.

**Mooers Forks** — Sonia Marie (Bertrand) Willette, 76; Mass of Christian Burial July 3, 2024 at St. Ann's Church.

**Ogdensburg** — George F. Bishop, 78; Funeral Services June 27, 2024 at Frary Funeral Home; burial in Hillcrest Cemetery.

**Ogdensburg** — Joseph Paul Moore, 77; Mass of Christian Burial July 1, 2024 at Notre Dame Church.

**Peru** — Warren "Sonny" Brelia, 87; Funeral Services June 29, 2024 at the Hamilton Funeral Home; burial in St. Augustine's Cemetery.

**Plattsburgh** — Lorraine (Trowbridge) Brown, 77; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 2, 2024 at Our Lady of Victory Church.

**Schroon Lake** — Mary Jean (LaRock) Lashway, 88; Mass of Christian Burial July 6, 2024 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church; burial in Severance Cemetery.

**Sciota** — Margaret LaFleur Speranza, 103; Funeral Services June 29, 2024 at St. Louis de France Cemetery.

**St. Regis Falls** — Virginia Catherine (Susice) Durant, 91; Mass of Christian Burial June 27, 2024 at St. Ann's Church; burial in Sand Hill Cemetery.

**Watertown** — Rose E. (Oliver) Frattali, 93; Graveside services at Glenwood Cemetery.

**Westport** — Marlene Marie (LaRock) Westover, 71; Mass of Christian Burial July 1, 2024 at St. Philip Neri Church; burial in parish cemetery.



## SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE

## See something, say something

Here's a quiz for you. What do the famous preacher Bishop Fulton J. Sheen and the authors Ernest Hemingway and Richard Hooker have in common? Bishop Sheen's college debate coach told him that he was the worst speaker he had ever heard. Ernest Hemingway's teachers advised him: "Forget about writing; you don't have enough talent for it." Six publishers rejected Richard Hooker's book, *MASH*, before it was finally accepted and became a best seller.

All three men were told: "Forget about it!" just like the old Geico Gecko in the commercials. All three faced rejection. All three had

gifts others could not or would not recognize. However, all three did not listen to the rejection but moved forward in their pursuits.

The listeners in today's Gospel reject Jesus. He was a local boy. His listeners, people who knew him, scorned him as a teacher of the law. They might have accepted him as a carpenter, one of their own, someone who, as a carpenter, could make good wooden furniture, but certainly not one who could interpret God's message for them or teach them. But their reluctance to accept him did not stop him from speaking.

Would that all Christians had the same ded-

July 7

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Ezekiel 2:2-5

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Mark 6:1-6

ication of spirit as did Jesus. In traveling at airports and train stations and other public locations, we see and hear the public announcement: "See something, say something!" Isn't that what it means to be a disciple of Jesus? If Jesus were here today, perhaps he would have used that same expression: "Hey, you, my followers. If you see something contrary to what I have taught, then please say something."

We are blessed with religious freedom in this

country, at least most of the time. Some would like to curtail that freedom or, at least, suppress its message. But freedom of speech is a foundational value of our country, one that we can use at will whenever we want. Yet do we? Have our Catholic genes become mute in favor of misguided political or religious or some other kind of so-called correctness?

True, if we say something, we might be criticized. Well, my response to that is simple: get over it. At least you're going to be criticized for something worthwhile. We can face criticism for many things in life. Why not use up our criticism credits for something worthwhile?

We may think that silence is golden. That is

true if you are a loudmouth or a very annoying person.

However, faced with behavior or policies or actions that run contrary to the message of Jesus, silence constitutes approval.

If you see something and you don't say something, then you may be complicit in the evil that ensues.

In all of this, we need to remember, too, that we must still love our detractors. Rejection should never keep us from loving just as Jesus never let rejection keep him from loving.

Hopefully, we have seen and understood Jesus' message. Hopefully, we fearlessly live that message. Additionally, hopefully, we are willing to say something when we see something.



**Msgr. Robert  
H. Aucoin**

## CALLED TO SERVE

## RCIA will become OCIA soon

The wheels of change turn very slowly in the Catholic Church. Bishop Terry R. LaValley referred to that recently when he told a group of folks that he had been advised when he was ordained to NOT purchase the four-volume set of the Liturgy of the Hours just yet because a new translation was in the works and would be published soon.

Thirty-seven years later, the U.S. bishops, at their recent meeting in Louisville, approved the translation and now it goes to the Vatican for review and ultimate approval. That could take one to three years. Then the publishers will retool and then sell the new and improved Lit-

urgy of the Hours, and its condensed Christian Prayer and Shorter Christian Prayer.

My advice to anyone with the four-volume set or any of the lesser volumes is, "don't throw it out just yet!"

In 2021, those same bishops approved a new document called the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. The Vatican has now approved that document.

This new book will take the place of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults used throughout this land to serve as the guiding light for people who want to become Catholics or need some further study before receiving the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and/

or confirmation.

The process has become known by its acronym, RCIA.

The new Order will take effect on the first Sunday of Advent this year, December 1, 2024.

With all due respect to the publishing houses, Vatican approval of any new text has to be cause for celebration around the office. It means that every parish in the United States will buy a

new book and discard the old. It is not unusual for a pastor to have a copy in each of the parish's worship site sacristies. All the OCIA team

leaders will want a personal copy. Compulsive characters like me will also add a copy to his or her library.

I checked Amazon. The hardcover edition is about \$60 and will be available November 1, 2024. I see net profit for the publishers.

All this to change Rite to Order? Not exactly, but the name change is a proper English translation of the Latin name for the

process. The rites remain the same in OCIA as they were in RCIA, but the use of the word "Order" emphasizes the contin-

ual development candidates and catechumens go through in the faith formation process.

That means OCIA Teams and pastors are going to have to study the revised process carefully before implementation.

You and I will have to get used to calling the process something else, like Initiation Order or something.

Now you have something else to think about during the summer months.



**Deacon  
Kevin Mastellon**

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





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# A permanent state of mission

In Southern Albania, amidst a backdrop of religious plurality and historical complexities, the Catholic community thrives under the diligent stewardship of 83 missionaries, including priests, religious and lay families. Despite the small number of Catholics – 4,000 and counting – concentrated in a predominantly Muslim and Orthodox region, their faith is burgeoning.

Bishop Giovanni Peragine, a Barnabite missionary and Apostolic Administrator of Southern Albania describes the situation as a “missionary emergency,” a critical period of spiritual reawakening. “From the liveliness of the spirit among our people, it is clear that Southern Albania is experiencing a true missionary emergency. Our small Christian communities, though few, are intensely connected to the Catholic Church. They gather regularly for the Word and the Eucharist whenever possible, drawing strength from each other and their newfound faith,” he explains.

This mission hinges on the transformation of lives through a deep, listening faith.

“The initiation into Christian life here is a journey of listening, which makes those preparing for baptism fall in love with Christ, the Church, and the sacraments,” says Bishop Peragine. This process culminates not just in the reception of sacraments but in fostering a mature Christian mentality that embodies the teachings of the Gospel.

The region’s spiritual revival is significant, yet the number of missionaries and resources are insufficient to meet the growing interest in the Catholic faith. Many young people, moved by the legacy of faith despite past persecutions, are coming forward desiring baptism and a deeper connection with God.

“This past Easter, I had the privilege of baptizing 27 adults, including men over 60, all from Muslim backgrounds, concluding their long journey of catechumenate,” shares Bishop Peragine. “Every prayer, every donation, and every shared story helps bridge the gap between a challenging past and a hopeful future.”

*Article courtesy of the National Pontifical Mission Societies.*

Please remember the Pontifical Mission Societies of the Diocese of Ogdensburg INC. when writing or changing your will.

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## MEN’S PRAYER GROUP

Massena – First Saturday of the month, men’s prayer group to meet for Mass and Adoration.

**Date:** July 6

**Time:** 9 a.m.

Place: Sacred Heart Church

## 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

## 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/](http://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 now open for Camp Guggenheim.

**Schedule:** 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 have a week of summer camp like no other? Since 1972, young

people have called Guggenheim “home away from home.” Located on the shores of lower Saranac Lake, Summer Camp Guggenheim is a great place to make friends, draw closer to Christ and have a whole bunch of fun in a natural setting.

**Contact:** For more information or to register go to [www.rcdony.org/youth/camp](http://www.rcdony.org/youth/camp)

## KNIGHTS PILGRIMAGE

Isle LaMotte, VT – Knights of Columbus Councils from throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg will participate in their 76th annual pilgrimage to St. Anne’s Shrine in Isle LaMotte, Vermont.

**Date:** July 14

**Time:** Bishop Terry LaValley will celebrate Mass at 12:15 p.m.

**Features:** Following Mass, the Peru K of C Council will serve a luncheon on the Shrine’s grounds.

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

## PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT

Discernment is a call, listen with others. It is a journey of faith, traveling with companions. 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 the following gatherings.

**Schedule:** St. Bernard’s Church, Saranac Lake July 27, Nov. 23  
St. Mary’s Church, Canton Sept. 21

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Features:** Lunch will be provided.

**Contact:** For more information **contact:** Father Howard Venette – [hvenette@rcdony.org](mailto:hvenette@rcdony.org)

## YOUTH SERVER

## APPRECIATION DAY

Saranac Lake – ALL 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](http://rcdony.org/ya). Questions, contact Anita Soltero, Youth Director at [asoltero@rcdony.org](mailto: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:** Yee Haw! 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 Parish

**Cost:** \$30 per person or \$25 for 4 or more.

**Features:** Learn the 3 keys to unlocking your parish: Be equipped for mission through practical workshops and resources; Connect with a growing community of learning in the space of parish renewal. This is a joint project of St. Agnes is 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](mailto:mdonders@rcdony.org) or Gin Shaw at [renewal@stagneslp.org](mailto:renewal@stagneslp.org) Register at <https://divinerenovation.org/events/> and register for DR Unlocked: Northern New York.

## Mass of Christian Burial celebrated for Sister Lucille Beaulieu, OSM

A Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Lucille Beaulieu, of the Order of Servants of Mary (Servites), was celebrated on Saturday, June 29, 2024, at Our Lady of Sorrows Convent in Omaha, Nebraska.

Sister Lucille died June 22, 2024. She was 94.

Born July 21, 1929, in Massena, she was the second oldest child of Odilon and Emilienne Beaulieu.

She made her final profession with the Order of Servants of Mary on August 15, 1952.

Sister Lucille began her ministry, which included teaching, faith formation, parish work and ministry to the hospitalized, those in nursing homes and the homebound, in Iowa and then Colorado before serving in Detroit, Michigan, and Omaha, Albion and Scottsbluff Nebraska. She later



Sister Lucille Beaulieu, OSM

served in Massena before spending a year as a Servite foreign exchange sister in France. She then returned to Nebraska before being assigned to Lowville and then St. Augustine's Church in North Bangor, where she retired as pastoral associate in 2014.

Burial will be in the Servants of Mary Cemetery, Omaha, Nebraska.

Memorial donations may be made to the Servants of Mary, 7400 Military Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska 68134.

A complete obituary was not immediately available and will be included in a future edition when released.



## CAPTAIN FR. CONGER

Father Matt Conger was promoted to the rank of Captain with the Jefferson County Sheriff office. Chaplains have honorary ranks. Pictured with Father Conger (second from right) are (from left) Sheriff Peter Barnett, Father Shane Lynch and Father Chris Carrara. Father Lynch and Father Carrara also serve as chaplains in law enforcement and emergency services.

## Meet this year's Camp Guggenheim staff

### Dennis Ombongi, Counselor

**Age:** 37

**Hometown:** Kisii, Kenya, East Africa

**Parish:** St. Peter's Parish, Massena

**What are your hobbies/talents/interests?** Swimming, reading, hiking.

**Why did you want to work at Camp Guggenheim?** This will be my first time to work in Camp Guggenheim this year! I'm looking forward for more experience, and as a seminarian I think it is a witness to young ones. My presence there will bring a full realization a bout priesthood or religious life especially to the campers.



### Heide Purtell, Nurse

**Hometown:** Keeseville, NY

**Parish:** St. Augustine's, Peru

**What are your hobbies/talents/interests?** Volleyball, friendship bracelets, dancing like no one is watching, and spending time with my kids

**Why did you want to work at Camp Guggenheim?** As a teen, there was nothing I looked forward to more than my time at camp. Many of the friendships I formed there are still intact today. I want to work at camp this summer because I think it's more important than ever for teens to be able to have an opportunity to connect with each other through prayer, laughter and adventure.



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