VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Couples who are seeking to marry, even those who have lived together, should value their engagement period as a time to grow in mature love and in profound knowledge of each other, said Pope Francis. The pope urged couples not to rush into marriage. Maturaiton in love before marriage is a slow process, in which none of the steps should be skipped, Pope Francis told people at his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square. "The covenant of love between a man and a woman, a covenant for life, cannot be improvised; it cannot be done from one day to the next," he said. There is no such thing as "an express marriage," he added. "Love requires" this work, he said. "The love between a man and a woman is learned and is refined," he said, adding that married love must be understood more as something couples need to work on. Turning two lives into one is also almost a miracle, a miracle of the freedom of the heart, given in faith," he said.

IHC honors alum for service

Tracy Leonard of Watertown was honored at The Immaculate Heart Legacy Gala, held May 2, with the school's Community Service Award.

The Legacy Gala is an annual celebration of Immaculate Heart Academy, Immaculate Heart Central Schools, and the school's founders: the Sisters of St. Joseph of Watertown.

In her acceptance speech, Ms. Leonard credits the example of her parents, Charlie and Diane Leonard, and IHC school community.

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Respect Life grants made

Twenty-three groups receive funds from proceeds of annual diocesan Respect Life collection

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A PATRIOTIC ROSARY

As students of Trinity Catholic School in Massena prepared for a long weekend, they took time to remember the real reason for Memorial Day. The school community took a short walk to Veterans Park where they prayed the Rosary together for every soul in the United States. State by state, they remembered governments, citizens, and all those who have gone before them as they prayed the Patriotic Rosary.

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Embracing the past, present & future

The North Country Catholic gives a nod to the past and to the future of the diocese through the pages of this week's paper. For the historical end, we're presenting the second in our "Living Stones...Foundations of Our Parishes" series with a feature about Martin Shaughnessy, one of the foundational parishioners of Holy Family Parish in Watertown.

We look forward to sharing the stories of historical "faces of faith" from every part of the diocese and would certainly appreciate suggestions! We know that we stand on the shoulders of giants as we make our journeys of faith in the 21st century!

For the future church, we're introducing some of the young people who will serve on the staff of Camp Guggenheim for the 2015 season.

"I'm just teasing these young adults, of course, because they -- and all the campers -- are certainly a vital part of the church of today, not just tomorrow!"

So far, the best news about summer camp 2015 is that Kelly Donnelly, a teacher at Seton Catholic in Plattsburgh, is coming back to serve as the camp director.

A "Guggenheimer" through and through, Kelly says, "Camp Guggenheim has been a huge part of my life, first as a camper, then as a counselor, and now as director.

"It is an absolute joy to be a part of bringing campers closer to Christ at one of the most beautiful, exciting places in the world," she said. "I'm looking forward to a wonderful season!"

Parents and grandparents of young people ages 12-18 would be well advised to register their kids to be part of this wonderful season.

Since 1972, Guggenheim has enriched the lives of thousands of teenagers with a program of faith, fun and adventure in the heart of our breathtaking Adirondack Mountains.

Information about registration is available in every parish office, from the diocesan office of youth ministry at 315-393-2920 or online at www.rcdony.org/ymouth.

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

A wonderfully transforming sacrament

This is the time of year for Confirmation. I have personally attended several Confirmation ceremonies recently. Many parishes schedule Confirmation during the Easter and Pentecost season - it is a perfect time for Confirmation - as we remember and celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles. My own great niece, Anna, will be confirmed this week.

Confirmation is a special sacrament. It is a time for our young people to make a personal decision, a time for them to renew their Baptism.

Many put off Confirmation, thinking, I suppose, that it is not a very important ceremony. But, this is a sacrament - a transforming moment. It is a time of rebirth into the journey of life, a time to discover God in a special way that will truly change a person's life.

I try to make certain that you all realize just how wonderfully transforming this sacrament is. If you have not received Confirmation - no matter how old you are - stop in to visit your pastor so that you can be included in this year's Confirmation ceremony.

Confirmation celebrates our own Pentecost. At that first Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles to fill them with courage and boldness so that they were ready to bring the message of Jesus into this world.

We believe in faith that Confirmation brings upon us gifts - the gifts of the Holy Spirit - just as the Holy Spirit gave to those first apostles on that first Pentecost. Truly, the Holy Spirit brings those very same gifts so that we can truly become disciples of the Lord ready to bring Christ more alive in our lives and through us to our world that we can make this world a better place.

Those who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are asked to learn those gifts so that they may realize that they have been given these gifts into their lives. These gifts are found in the Old Testament, in the Book of Isaiah. I pray that they will all use these gifts well. I pray that those of us who have received Confirmation years ago will continue to realize that these gifts of the Holy Spirit can and must continue to act in our lives - even today - that we truly come alive in the Spirit.

First of all, the Holy Spirit comes to unite us all into the People of God into the Church, into the Body of Christ. As a united people, we must love one another. That is what Jesus teaches us and where the Holy Spirit leads and guides us: to be a loving people.

Each time we gather together at Mass as the Body of Christ we should begin by praying for each other. We are called to pray for everyone in that Mass; they are our family this day. We pray for them and they pray for us as we gather for Mass. I may know all present but I am certain that there is one person there - maybe more - who is in desperate need of our prayers that day.

So we, as the people of God, must take this precious moment to pray for all, especially those with particular needs.

God's first gift to us through the Holy Spirit is love. God loves us first; God loves us unconditionally, even in our sins. God loves us - we do not have to earn God's love - God loves us.

We are a loved person. You are a loved person. May you live like a loved person. That is what it means for us as Catholic Christians, followers of Jesus, to live like a loved person, loved by the Lord God with a love that fills our life through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. People should see in our lives - even in our eyes - that we truly know we are loved by our God, that we truly live in the love of our Savior.

Let me take a moment here to remind you of the gifts of the Holy Spirit that are given us in Isaiah. We are blessed in each of these ways by the coming of the Holy Spirit to us in Baptism and Confirmation:

- Knowledge (we realize who God is and who we are)
- Wisdom (the Holy Spirit gives us the capacity to love spiritual things more than materialize ones)
- Piety (the Holy Spirit guides and leads us to comprehend how we need to live as followers of Jesus)
- Counsel (The Holy Spirit helps us to know the difference between right and wrong)
- Fortitude (the Holy Spirit makes us strong and bold - ready to take risks as a follower of Jesus)
- Charity (the Holy Spirit give us a deep sense of respect for
2015 respect life grants approved

Bishop Terry R. LaValley has approved grants to 23 organizations with funds from the 2015 diocesan Respect Life second collection.

Bishop LaValley approved the grant amounts as suggested by the grant committee members Stephen Tartaglia, Father Thomas Higman, Angelo and Suzanne Pietropaoli and John and Colleen Miner.

Those receiving grants are: six Gabriel Project Crisis Pregnancy Apostolates, four buses to the DC March for Life, the Catholic Charities Teen Pregnancy Counseling Program, Brook Haven Maternity Home, Plattsburgh Pregnancy Center, Lifelight of Watertown, Birthright, Lewis County Right to Life and Champlain Valley Right to Life Fair Booths, 40 Days for Life, Light of Truth Catholic Radio, Natural Family Planning Office for NFP Awareness week materials and video and the USCCB Respect Life month pastor packets.

Colleen Miner, diocesan respect life director, said, “while this year’s collection total was $70,481, lower than last year’s $82,738, many will benefit. Thank you to all who donated so generously to the collection and to all who work every day to build a culture of life in our diocese and in our world.”

Further information on the grant process, is available on the Respect Life website: www.rcdony.org/pro-life

AT NCCL CONFERENCE

Several catechetical leaders from the Diocese of Ogdensburg took part in the May 18-21 National Conference for Catechetical Leaders held in Buffalo. The theme of the conference was “Encounter the Joy of the Gospel” and participants were led to “examine the culture we now live in and learn the many catechetical methods that are available to us - from the arts, to modern technology, to simply living as persons of joy - to guide others to encounter the joy of the Gospel.” Pictured, from left are Deacon Patrick Donahue, Celina Burns, Mary Burns, Jamie Burns and St. Joseph Sister Diane Marie Ulisamer; back, Deacon Brian Owyer, Pam Ballantine, Tina Corey, and St. Joseph Sisters Ellen Rose Coughlin and Noel Chabanel Hentz.

CONGRATULATIONS, JUBILARIANS

Ten Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart celebrated the anniversary of their entrance into religious life at a May celebratory Mass and dinner at the sisters’ Motherhouse in Yardley, Pennsylvania. Grey Nuns have served in diverse ministries in the North Country for many years. Left to right: Sister Mary Denis Woods (70 years), Sister Mary Salvadore (50 years), Sister Rita Frances Brady (60 years), Sister Cecelia Cosgrove (50 years), Sister Mary Karen Kelly (60 years), Sister Mary Dee Smith (50 years), Sister Elizabeth Dawn Gear (50 years), Sister Eileen Spanier (25 years) and Sister Faith Marie McGahan (60 years). Not pictured: Sister Irene Murphy (75 years).

An Evening with Towne Meeting
A Benefit Concert for the North Country Mission of Hope

Sunday, June 7, 2015
St. Augustine’s Church, Peru NY
7:00 PM

Admission by Donation
More information - contact: (518) 225-1902
www.townemeeting.com
www.ncmissionofhope.org

Proceeds will be used to support recent ecological projects of the Mission of Hope.
Sponsored by: NC Mission of Hope
Garment maker and wife blessed by pope

A Watertown couple touring Europe in the summer of 1925 were graced by personally meeting Pope Pius XI in an audience. Surely they could not foresee the day 14 years later when they would receive honors from this same pontiff.

“The Holy Father recognized the worth of this man and his wife. Both took a full share in the life of their communities and their responsibilities to the church,” Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart, Fifth Bishop of Ogdensburg.

As a Knight of the Order of St. Gregory and Mira received the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice.

The series is inspired by Bishop LaValley’s call for “Living Stones” in our parishes, people whose service outside their church reflects “what happens inside the sacred walls.” The subjects are men and women who in effect were “stones” within their parishes.

We hope that all of our parishes will contribute stories to this feature, recognizing outstanding parishioners from their history.

Submit stories and suggestions may be emailed to mmillan@frzony.org or mailed to The North Country Catholic, Post Office Box 326, Ogdensburg, NY 13669.
The gift and power of service

Tracy Leonard of Watertown, a frequent contributor to the NCC, shares her acceptance speech for the 2015 Immaculate Heart Central Community Service Award presented at the school’s annual Legacy Gala May 2.

Good evening and thank you so much for this recognition. There is no greater honor than service. There is no greater reward than service. And today, as all of you know, there is no greater need.

We live in a time when so many are hurting or are in need. When competition for jobs and economic security is increasing, and when for some reason, it seems the pressure simply to survive is growing. The call for us to be servants is great and that against injustice, he sends forth a ripple of hope.”

That's the power of service — of the greatest gifts we can give ourselves. Through service, we discover and live out our values. As Robert Kennedy said: “Each time a man stands up for an ideal or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a ripple of hope.”

That's the power of service — a power I think everyone in our communities.

Service is something we do every day. It is a vital part of our character and it helps define who we are. To me, it's more than an activity to supplement for your daily work or simply to check a box. Rather, it is a lifetime commitment to helping others and being enriched by others.

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The Immaculate Heart Legacy Gala, held May 2, is an annual celebration of Immaculate Heart Academy, Immaculate Heart Central Schools, and the school’s founders: the Sisters of St. Joseph of Watertown. Among awards presented during the evening was the Immaculate Heart Community Service Award given to Tracy Leonard. Ms. Leonard is shown above with her parents Charlie and Diane Leonard and three of her four sisters, all IHC graduates. From left are Julie Valvo, Lisa Wilson, Diane Leonard, Tracy Leonard, Charlie Leonard and Michele Lytle. The missing sister is Katie McCollum who lives in South Korea.

The gift and power of service of just one adult could transform the lives of hundreds of students. Let me try to give you a glimpse of this.

Saturdays building houses for Habitat for Humanity with Mr. Fontana Sr.. Sundays wheel chairing residents at Mercy with Mr. Burgess. Working the Sacred Heart Parish Festival with Sister Yvonne, Sister Bernadette Marie and Fr. Freeh. Praying with Sister Diane in my hospital room when I was hit by a car at the age of 12. Hours with Mrs. Percy in the library to check my spelling, grammar and elevate my vocabulary. Standing up for life at Washington D.C.s March for Life with Father Reilly and Pat Fontana Jr.. Praying, eating and traveling with Mr. Burgess, Mrs. Brady, Father Reilly, Crispin McDonald, Brandon Cooney and Dan Charlebois for Mystery Play. Serving dinners at the Sisters of St. Joseph and walking in the Good Friday cross walk with Lisa Parsons, Sister James Marie and Sister Cecilia Marie. 7:00 am Mass in the chapel before school with Mrs. Carlisle, Mrs. Biedikapp, Sister Cecilia, Mrs. Percy and Fr. Reilly... oh, and how could I forget sorting 1000s of pictures with Sister Mary Anne for the yearbook!

This is only a fraction of how I witnessed and participated in the Gospel truth, yet through these experiences, I internalized the belief that quality education, unity, and works of mercy can literally transform children’s lives and that with real opportunities, supports and guidance, all children can learn and succeed.

These formative experiences have driven me to sustain and/or improve programs, services, and opportunities within the school and our community so that others are afforded that same chance. I applaud my parents, my siblings, the faculty and the administration for the difference your work makes for individuals such as myself and for our community.

I am motivated and inspired by the hope, charity, generosity, commitment and dedication of what I saw growing up, and in turn, am passionate and excited to be of service to others. In expressing the love of God through the pursuit of a closer union with Him and neighbor, I am embodying the ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph — the critical cornerstone of IHC’s foundation.

Regardless of how one chooses to spend their time after leaving IHC, there is one phrase that captures the richness and complexity of what was learned here: That is: life is a calling of service to others. It is in caring for others that you will also find your own life enriched. IHC’s vision and mission speak to the lives of others and committing to social justice and service. As a byproduct — this creates a great life for their students and alumni!
Concert set for Mission of Hope

PERU - Towne Meeting, a five-member vocal ensemble, will be performing an evening of music for the benefit of the North Country Mission of Hope June 7.

The event starts at 7 p.m. at St. Augustine's Church.

Oriented in folk, the music of Towne Meeting branches out into many other genres, from Americana to acoustic rock, and even sometimes flirts with country. Although some members of the band have played together for many years, the current group formed in 2006. Towne Meeting is Dennis Hubbert, vocals and guitar; Miles Moody, vocals and guitar; Gary VanCour, vocals, guitar, ukulele, and percussion; Rich Sutphen, vocals, guitar, and mandolin; and John Kains, vocals and bass.

According to Gary Van-Cour, “three of us were heavily influenced by the folk era of the 1960s, so we like to play some of the old standards of that time along with more recent tunes.” He went on to say, “Towne is an old New England name that is part of the family lineage. Every year there would be a Towne family reunion, which usually wound up with guitars and sing-alongs. It seemed appropriate to name the band Towne Meeting as it symbolizes folks coming together and having a good time.”

Admission is by donation and all proceeds will be used to support the recent ecological project for the people of Nicaragua.

Further information is available from the Mission of Hope at (518) 225-1902 or Towne Meeting’s web site at www.townemeeting.com.

Bishop’s Schedule

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Rest in Peace

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

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To Report Abuse

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact:

Victims Assistance Coordinator, Terri-anne Yanulavich, Adult & Youth Counseling Services of Northern New York, 413 Ryan Road, Churubusco, NY, 12923; e-mail: terrieanneyanulavich@yahoo.com Phone: 518-483-3261; or Father James Seymour, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy at 315-393-2920, ext. 1340

Environmental Stewardship

Ecology is good business

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Consumers want products that are environmentally friendly, and businesses that are not on board are already starting to feel the pinch, said the CEO of the multinational Unilever. Paul Polman, CEO of the company that owns brands like Lipton, Ben & Jerry’s and Suave, told a Vatican-sponsored conference that “the cost of inaction (on climate change) is starting to exceed the cost of action.”

As a small example, he said, people in communities facing regular power outages cannot keep his products in their freezers, and severe water shortages mean they don’t take showers as often, so shampoo sales decline.

Prince Jaime de Bourbon de Parme, the Dutch ambassador to the Holy See and co-sponsor of the conference May 20, described the meeting of business leaders, politicians and ambassadors as the last Vatican-sponsored conference on climate change before the release of Pope Francis’ encyclical on the environment.

Although the encyclical has not been published yet, it has triggered pre-emptive criticism, much of it depicting the presumed text as the work of a naïve pope who accepts the trendy notion that human activity is responsible for climate change.

What is more, some of the criticism expresses fear that the encyclical’s conclusions and call for action will be built upon his supposedly socialist leanings — especially his distrust of the free-market economy. In reality, when discussing capitalism, Pope Francis has condemned attitudes of greed and idolatry that seem to insist economic activity is somehow free from any moral or ethical obligations.

And while he has said he has met many communists who are good people, he adds a firm conviction that the communist ideology “is wrong.”
USCCB plans fourth annual Fortnight for Freedom
WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Threats to religious freedom continue to emerge, making it more urgent for people of faith to take action to defend the full realm of religious practice, said Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore. Speaking during a May 28 webinar announcing the fourth annual Fortnight for Freedom, Archbishop Lori called on Catholics to learn about the importance of religious liberty throughout the history of the United States and to actively promote free religious practice during the two-week period beginning June 21. This year’s fortnight observance will open with Mass at 10:45 a.m. (EDT) June 21 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore. It closes with Mass at noon (EDT) July 4 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. "Religious freedom is not something that stands alone. It’s not simply a legal question for the church. It pertains very much to the new evangelization," Archbishop Lori explained. This year’s fortnight observance theme is the “Freedom to Bear Witness,” stemming from the Gospel message that Jesus came to the world to bear witness to the truth, explained Hillary Byrnes, assistant general counsel for the USCCB, who joined the archbishop during the webinar. She said dozens of local events in dioceses across the country are planned, including prayer services, discussions and charitable works.

Dublin archbishop: Church needs ‘reality check’ after marriage vote
DUBLIN (CNS) -- Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin has said the church needs a “reality check” after Irish voters overwhelmingly supported same-sex marriage. Ireland was the first country in the world to put same-sex marriage to a popular vote and the May 22 poll was backed by 62 percent of the population. Same-sex marriage is now a constitutional right in Ireland. "I think really that the church needs to do a reality check, a reality check right across the board, to look at the things it’s doing well, to look at the areas where we really have to start and say, ‘Look, have we drifted away completely from young people?’" he told state broadcaster RTE as the result became clear. He said the referendum result was “an overwhelming vote in one direction,” and he appreciated how gay men and lesbians felt after the endorsement of same-sex marriage. Ireland was the first country in the world to put same-sex marriage to a popular vote and the May 22 poll was backed by 62 percent of the population. Same-sex marriage is now a constitutional right in Ireland. "I think really that the church needs to do a reality check, a reality check right across the board, to look at the things it’s doing well, to look at the areas where we really have to start and say, ‘Look, have we drifted away completely from young people?’" he told state broadcaster RTE as the result became clear. He said the referendum result was “an overwhelming vote in one direction,” and he appreciated how gay men and lesbians felt after the endorsement of same-sex marriage.

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis said he wants to be remembered as “a good person who tried to do good. I cannot ask for anything more than that.”

The statement, as well as comments about his life as pope and situations that move him to tears, were part of an interview he gave in late May to “La Voz del Pueblo,” a newspaper from Tres Arroyos, Argentina. The Vatican newspaper printed a translation of the interview May 25.

Pope Francis insisted he never dreamed of being pope, “nor of being president of the republic or general of an army. Some people have those dreams. I didn’t.”

Still, he said, he is able to sleep well. “I sleep six hours. Normally, I go to bed at 9 and read until about 10,” when he falls asleep. He wakes at 4 a.m. without an alarm. “But then I need a siesta. I have to sleep 40 minutes to an hour, take off my shoes and lie down.” When he skips the nap, he said, “I feel it.”

The only newspaper Pope Francis said he reads is the Italian daily “La Repubblica,” which he described as a newspaper for “the middle class.”

“I haven’t watched television since 1990,” he said. “It was a promise I made to Our Lady of Carmel on July 15, 1990.”

The reporter asked how he keeps up with soccer, his favorite sport, if he doesn’t watch television. “Every week one of the Swiss guards brings me the results and the rankings,” the pope responded.

Pope Francis has spoken several times about “the gift of tears,” and Juan Berretta, who conducted the interview, asked him what makes him cry.

I am fairly fearless; I act without thinking about the consequences. Sometimes this creates headaches because I’ll say more than I should.”

Dramatic human situations, the pope replied. “Like the other day when I saw what is happening to the Rohingya people (from Myanmar), who have piled on to boats seeking asylum. When they get close to shore, they are given something to eat, some water, then pushed back out to sea.” Thousands of them have been on the seas for weeks.

Sick children also bring the pope to tears, he said, especially those suffering from diseases “provoked by inattention to the environment. This breaks my heart. When I see those creatures I say to the Lord, ‘Why them and not me?’”

Visiting juvenile detention centers and prisons also is emotional, he said. Talking to the prisoners he always thinks, “I could be here.” In other words, none of us can be certain that we would never commit a crime, something for which we’d be imprisoned.

While the pope said such things make him ‘weep inside,’ he said, “I don’t cry publicly. Twice it has happened that I was on the brink of crying, but I was able to stop myself. I was too moved and a tear or two escaped, but I pretended nothing was happening and after a minute I wiped my face with my hand.”

The journalist asked the pope why he didn’t want to be seen crying. He responded, “I don’t know, it just seemed like I had to keep going.”

Asked if he was afraid of anything, Pope Francis said: “I am fairly fearless; I act without thinking about the consequences. Sometimes this creates headaches because I’ll say more than I should.”

As far as his physical safety, the pope repeated what he has said in the past. He has placed himself in God’s hands, but has prayed that if he is attacked, the physical pain won’t be too great. “I am a coward when it comes to physical pain.”

Saying the media reported he came in second in the 2005 conclave to succeed St. John Paul II, Pope Francis said that at the time, “it was clear that it had to be Benedict, who was voted for almost unanimously, and I was very pleased.”

 Asked about his popularity, the pope said: “At first I didn’t understand why it was happening. Some of the cardinals told me it was because the people say, ‘We understand him.’”

“I try to be concrete and what you call magnetism — some cardinals have told me has to do with the fact that people understand me,” Pope Francis said.

Living in the Domus Sanctae Marthae, which is a Vatican guesthouse, spending hours with people at his weekly general audience and inviting a small group for morning Mass four times a week “is good for me,” he said. The people “give me positive energy.”

“I became a priest to be with people,” the pope said. “I give thanks to God that this is still true.”
The Feast of Corpus Christi

The Feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ) was established by Pope Urban IV in 1264. He was probably influenced by a miracle which had occurred in Boslena, Italy.

A German priest, Father Peter of Prague, stopped there to celebrate Mass. It is interesting to know that this priest had been having doubts about the truth of the Real Presence. As he elevated the sacred Host that day, blood poured down on his hands, and onto the altar linens. The blood on the corporal scientifically proved to be human blood.

The ancient practice of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has been encouraged by recent popes.

In support of the practice of Holy Hours and Benediction, our present Holy Father quotes St. Augustine as saying "No one should eat this flesh without first adoring it...we should sin were we not to adore it" (On the Psalms 98:9).

Feasts are established by the Church to strengthen faith. This feast is no exception. The readings for today's Mass describe the ritual actions of Moses' pouring blood on the people. This priestly act effectively redeemed the world from the Father's displeasure.

The Gospel narrates how Jesus established the sacrament of Eucharist as the means of continuing His saving death. "Do this in remembrance of Me", He told His Apostles.

There is tremendous meaning in the word "communion" which describes our reception of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Just as Jesus at the Last Supper passed around the one bread and the one cup at every Mass.

First, we adore, then we receive, then we become the food we have received. We are truly one body in Christ. Strengthened and transformed in love, truth, and joy through the Spirit, we are ready to share the fruits of love, compassion, forgiveness, service, and all the rest of the great fruits of the Spirit with our brothers and sisters.

No wonder that the apostles and early followers were so insistent on joy as the mark of a Christian. If anyone confronts you today with that common remark, "What are you so happy about?" we just might set them on their heels with the reply, "I received Jesus into my heart through Communion today!" If we're not that brave, we must settle for "Wouldn't you like to know?"

VATICAN LETTER

Pope & prisoners: ‘there but for the grace of God’

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis seems to describe his life in the Vatican almost as if he were in prison - at least as far as his freedom of movement goes. But that is not the first thing he cites when he talks about what he and prisoners have in common.

When visiting a prison, he said, ‘I think to myself, ‘I, too, could be here.’ That is, none of us can be sure that we would never commit a crime, something for which we'd be put in prison.’

Pope Francis' comment to a reporter from a newspaper in Argentina in mid-May was just the most recent time he has spoken about how everyone makes mistakes, everyone sins, and if one’s personal history and circumstances were different, he or she could be that convict.

"They haven't had the opportunities that I have had of not doing something stupid and ending up in prison," he told the newspaper, La Voz del Pueblo. "This makes me cry inside. It is deeply moving."

Continuing a practice he began as archbishop of Buenos Aires, the pope has spent plenty of time behind bars: He celebrated Holy Thursday Mass in a juvenile detention facility in 2013 and at Rome’s Rebibbia prison in 2015; he visited the Poggioreale prison outside Naples in March; and in the summer of 2014, visited inmates during trips to both Calabria and Isernia.

Even as pope, he continues to make a phone call every other Saturday to young inmates he used to visit regularly in a Buenos Aires prison.

He was scheduled to spend time May 30 with hundreds of children of Italian inmates, including some children who had lived in jail with their mothers. Italian law encourages house arrest for convicted mothers of small children or confinement with their children in supervised group homes.

However, when that is not feasible, the law allows children to live with their mothers in prison until the age of 6.

When he goes to northern Italy in late June to venerate the Shroud of Turin, he is scheduled to have Sunday lunch with a group of juvenile offenders from the Ferrante Aporti facility. And, during his July trip to South America, he is scheduled to visit the maximum-security Palmasola prison in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

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His talks about prisons always focus on the need to ensure incarceration is designed not only as punishment, but as a process of education and socialization preparing a person to return to society and function as a law-abiding citizen.

In a wide variety of settings, Pope Francis cites the 25th chapter of Matthew and its judgment day list: Did you feed the hungry, clothe the naked and visit prisoners?

During a general audience talk in 2014, when he was explaining how the church is “a mother who teaches us the works of mercy,” the pope said he knew many people feel uncomfortable with the very idea of visiting someone in prison. They think, “It’s dangerous! They are bad people,” he said.

"Listen up," he told thousands of people gathered in St. Peter's Square for the audience. "Each one of us is capable of doing the same thing done by that man or woman in jail. All of us are capable of sinning and making the same mistake in life. They are not worse than you and I!"

Showing mercy to those who have strayed can be life changing, he said. "Mercy overcomes every wall, every obstacle" and can instill new life and hope in others.

While it may be easy to recognize a prisoner’s need for mercy and conversion, Pope Francis assures the inmates he visits that asking for God's mercy and the strength to convert is the lifelong task of every Christian.

Visiting the Isernia prison last year, the pope told inmates, "We all make mistakes in life. And we all must ask forgiveness and make a journey of rehabilitation so we don't make them again."

Some people, he said, are able to ‘do this in their own homes and in their own professions. Others, like you, do this in a prison.

"But all of us, all of us -- anyone who says they do not need to go through a process of rehabilitation is a liar," Pope Francis said.
By Joseph McAleer
Catholic News Service

"Shake, Rattle, and Roll" would be the ideal theme song for "San Andreas" (Warner Bros.), an eye-popping, ear-splitting 3-D chronicle of a California earthquake.

Yes, it’s time for the "big one" - make that big ones - to strike the Golden State, in this update of the star-studded disaster films that Hollywood churned out in the 1970s (including 1974's "Earthquake").

Now it’s director Brad Peyton’s ("Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore") turn to oversee the wholesale destruction of the West Coast, when the eponymous tectonic fault line splits wide open.

The result, meticulously rendered in CGI, is often thrilling, sometimes silly, and frequently preposterous - in other words, your typical summer popcorn movie.

Science takes center stage in "San Andreas." Lawrence (Paul Giamatti), a seismology professor, has invented a detection system which he believes can predict an earthquake before it happens.

His system is put to the test in Nevada, where a previously unknown fault line is discovered. In the blink of an eye, the earth moves, and the Hoover Dam bursts, one of the film's many spectacular disaster sequences.

Turns out Nevada has a connection to the San Andreas Fault. With the help of Serena (Archie Panjabi), a dishy television reporter, Lawrence sounds the alarm from Los Angeles to San Francisco for everyone to "drop, cover and hold on."

"The earth will literally crack and you will feel it on the East Coast," he warns.

But first, domestic drama intrudes. Ray (Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson), a helicopter rescue pilot with the Los Angeles Fire Department, is suffering from empty-nest syndrome. His marriage to Emma (Carla Gugino) has failed, and their daughter, Blake (Alexandra Daddario), is leaving for college in San Francisco.

Fortunately, Ray has little time to fret when the first of several earthquakes strike (a "seismic swarm"), starting in the City of Angels and moving up the coast, toppling everything in its path.

Enter the action hero. Ray pilots his helicopter to rescue Emma, and together they head north to find their daughter.

In the meantime, Blake maneuvers through the ruins of the City by the Bay with the help of two brothers visiting from England, Ben (Hugo Johnstone-Burt) and Ollie (Art Parkinson), all the while watching the sky for Daddy’s chopper.

An epic of destruction and catastrophe, "San Andreas" is not for the young or faint of heart. Nor is it likely to boost tourism to California anytime soon.

The film contains relentless, intense but mostly bloodless disaster-related violence and mayhem, and occasional crude language. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III - adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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Dwayne Johnson and Carla Gugino star in a scene from the movie "San Andreas."
**Clinton**

**Eucharistic Adoration**
Plattsburgh — Eucharistic Adoration is held throughout the year every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

*Place:* St. John’s “Holy Family” Adoration Chapel, downstairs

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

*Contact:* call 518-561-5083 or email sjohnsadoration@aol.com

**First Saturday Devotion**
Ellenburg Center — Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer to begin First Saturday Devotion.

*Date:* through Nov. 2015

*Time:* 10:30 a.m.

*Features:* Mass, rosary

*Contact:* RSVP for lunch to olaprayehouse@gmail.com or 518-594-3253.

**Franklin**

**First Saturday Devotion**
St. Regis Falls — First Saturday Devotion and Holy Hour to be held the first Saturday of each month.

*Time:* immediately following the 4:30 p.m. anticipated Mass

*Place:* St. Ann’s Church

*Contact:* 518-856-9656

**Garage Sale**
Malone — St. Andre’s Parish is holding its GIGANTIC Annual Garage Sale.

*Date:* June 3 - 15 (Closed Sundays)

*Hours:* 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*Place:* Notre Dame Church parking lot

*Features:* Furniture, household goods, tools, baby items, toys, books, bedding.

**Jefferson**

**Holy Hour**
Philadelphia — A Holy Hour at St. Joseph’s on the first Thursday of the month.

*Date:* June 4

*Schedule:* Liturgy of the Hours Vespers will be prayed during Eucharistic Adoration at 6 p.m.; Rosary at 6:30 p.m.

*Features:* Requests for prayers may be sent to Kristina Dean, Kristina-ndeane1970@hotmail.com, or questions can be directed to her at 783-7335.

**Parish Data System Workshop**
Watertown — Jefferson Deaney is sponsoring a two day workshop on Parish Data System (PDS).

*Date:* June 3 and 4

*Place:* Bruce Wright Conference Center

*Features:* This is a follow-up to the Diocesan wide census. Pastors and parish staff will benefit from learning more about the use of census fields, sacramental information and reports. A registration form can be downloaded from St. Patrick’s Watertown web site, http://www.spatrickwatertownny.org/news-and-events/pds-training.html.

*Contact:* Kathleen Mastellon at kbmastelli@twcnrr.com

**Car Wash**
Watertown — The Watertown Special Religious Education will be having a car wash fundraiser.

*Date:* June 6

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

*Place:* St. Anthony’s Church parking lot

*Cost:* Donation

*Contact:* Sr. Diane Marie at 782-0030/3460

**Healing Mass**
Clayton — St. Mary’s Church will have its Annual Healing Mass and Ante- Tetrault Memorial Service.

*Date:* June 13

*Time:* 11 a.m.

*Features:* Celebrated by Fathers Arthur LaBaff and Thomas Kormann. During Mass the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered. Immediately following Mass are prayer teams to pray for individual needs. A social time, with refreshments, will take place in the Parish Center.

*Contact:* call St. Mary’s Parish Office at 315-686-3398 or visit the website at www.stmarysclayton.org.

**Spaghetti Supper**
Watertown — The Altar Rosary Society will be having a spaghetti supper.

*Date:* June 25

*Time:* 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

*Place:* St. Anthony’s Mt. Carmel Church

*Features:* Basin Rent; Take-outs begin at 4 p.m.; please bring your own containers:

**Mount Carmel Feast**
Watertown — St. Anthony’s Church, to have 99th annual Mt. Carmel Feast in honor of our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

*Date:* June 26-June 28

*Place:* St. Anthony’s Church

*Schedule:* Bingo June 26-7p.m. in the school gym; Rides by Thomas Jefferson HS students; Raffle after fireworks.

**Holy Hour for Vocations**
Watertown — Holy Hour for vocations to be held.

*Date:* Mon. -Fri.

*Time:* 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

*Place:* Holy Family Church

*Contact:* 315-782-2468

**Ham Dinner**
Hartsdale — The Knights of Columbus to sponsor a ham dinner.

*Date:* June 10

*Time:* 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

*Place:* St. Francis Church

*Cost:* Adults, $8.50; Children 12-5, $4.50; under 5, Free; Take-outs available.

**Divine Mercy Devotions**
Houseville — Divine Mercy Devotions for the month of June will be held.

*Date:* June 7

*Time:* 3 p.m.

*Place:* St. Hedwig’s Church

*Features:* Vespers, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction.

*Contact:* 348-6260.

**Eucharistic Adoration**
Lowville — Eucharistic Adoration to be held.

*Date:* June 4 and 18

*Time:* 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

*Place:* St. Peter’s Church

*Feature:* The Exposition, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, silent adoration, the luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, and the Benediction.

**St. Lawrence**

**K of C Brunch**
Norfolk — The Knights of Columbus Council will be sponsoring a brunch.

*Date:* June 14

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

*Place:* Visitation Parish Center

*Cost:* Adults, $7, under 12, $4; Under 5, Free; Family, $18; Take-outs available

**First Saturday Rosary**
Massena — First Saturday Rosary Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima to be held.

*Date:* June 6

*Time:* 3:15 p.m.; confessions at 2:45 p.m. and Saturday Mass Vigil at 4 p.m.

*Place:* St. Mary’s Catholic Church

*Features:* Praying the Rosary to our Lady of Fatima for Reparation of our sins and for World Peace.

**Holy Hour for Vocations**
Ogdensburg — St. Mary’s is holding a monthly Holy Hour for Vocations.

*Date:* Thursday before the First Friday

*Time:* 7 p.m. concluding with Benediction at 8 p.m.

*Place:* Deacon Winter Chapel

**Latin Mass**
Potsdam — A Tridentine (Latin) Mass is celebrated each Sunday.

*Time:* 12:30 p.m.

*Place:* St. Mary’s Church

*Celebrant:* Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin

**Bereavement Support Group**
Massena — Sacred Heart/St. Lawrence holds a Bereavement Support Group last Tuesday of each month.

*Time:* 2 p.m.

*Place:* Sacred Heart Convent

*Contact:* 315-769-3137

**Dioecesan Events**

**Catholic Heart Work Camp**
Ogdensburg — Catholic Heart Work Camp has announced that they are putting on a week of camp in Ogdensburg.

*Date:* June 28 to July 4

*Features:* Groups of high school and college students and their chaperones from across the Northeast will be converging at Wadhams Hall to take part in 5 days of service, prayer, fellowship, and fun.

*Contact:* www.heartworkcamp.com

**Family Pilgrimage**
A diocesan family pilgrimage has been planned.

*Date:* July 18

*Time:* 11 a.m.

*Place:* St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle LaMotte, Vermont.

*Features:* A brief introduction will familiarize pilgrims with the site. Following lunch and the outdoor Stations of the Cross, there will be time for families to walk the shrine grounds, swim, and connect with one another. The sacrament of Reconciliation will be available before Mass, which will be celebrated at 4 p.m. by Father Doug Lucia, Diocesan Vicar for Family Life.

*Contact:* Steve Taraglia at the diocesan Family Life Office: sttaraglia@rdeny.org or at (315) 393-2920 Ext. 1420.
Missions: ‘Come and ‘Go Forth’

"Mission is a passion for Jesus and at the same time a passion for his people," Pope Francis said in his message for World Mission Sunday. These two approaches go hand in hand.

Pope Francis went on to say, "just as a Christian knows others need to hear the Gospel, he or she knows Jesus calls all his disciples to share their lives to a missionary vocation. He indicated that following Jesus through the total gift of poverty, " capable of courageous witness and generous deeds, even when these are countercultural. Do not allow others to rob you of the ideal of a true mission, of Jesus who whispers, ‘Come and ‘Go forth.’"

During his address, he requested that missionary orders be open to young people and associates who express their own missionary vocation.

He encouraged young Catholics to consider consecrating their lives to a missionary vocation. He indicated that young people are capable of courageous witness and generous deeds, even when these are countercultural. Do not allow others to rob you of the ideal of a true mission, of following Jesus through the total gift of yourself.

Be a missionary. Following Christ. Serve others. God Bless!

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Kelly Donnelly, camp director
Hi! I'm Kelly Donnelly, the director. I feel incredibly blessed to be directing Guggenheim for my second year. I am a teacher at Seton Catholic in Plattsburgh and a parishioner at St. Peter's. I grew up in Tupper Lake and graduated from Siena College in Albany.

Camp Guggenheim has been a huge part of my life, first as a camper, then as a counselor, and now as director; it is an absolute joy to be a part of bringing campers closer to Christ at one of the most beautiful, exciting places in the world! I'm looking forward to a wonderful season!

Sarah Coyne (pictured with Fathers Tom Higman and Bryan Stitt)
Sarah Coyne is 20 years old, majoring in Communications and Psychology at Regis University located in Denver, Colorado as she is going into her Junior year there. This summer will be Sarah's second year on staff as she has been a camper at Guggenheim since she was 12. Sarah is excited to be returning to Camp Guggenheim because of the amazing campers and such positive environment where she is able to express her love for Christ and see the staff members and campers share their love and being on fire with celebrating their faith.

Hi my name is Matthew Conger I was born and raised in Ogdensburg New York. My home parish is Notre Dame in Ogdensburg.

In May, I graduated from go to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with a B.A. in philosophy.

I am in school to - God willing - one day be ordained a priest.

This is my 3rd year working at camp. I can't wait for this camping season to get stated so we can have lots of fun and get stronger in our faith all at the same time.

The joy and laughter that you get from working at camp make it all worth wild. I hope to see all this summer.

Lillia Woolschlager
Lillia Woolschlager, 19 years old, is from Croghan, where her home parish is St. Stephen's Church. Currently a sophomore at the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam, she studies Music Performance and Musical Studies on oboe and piano.

This will be Lillia's seventh summer at Camp and her first year on staff.

She is ecstatic to work with the Guggenheim team this year and can't wait to be a part of the incredible enriching experience that camp provides.

Joey Izzo grew up in Lake Placid, attending St. Agnes parish. He now goes to Berklee College of Music in Boston and is one semester away from receiving a Bachelor's degree in Music Production and Engineering.

Camp Guggenheim has been a favorite part of his summer since the age of 12 and he feels blessed to be on staff for a third year, as he feels it is the best place on earth for young teens to come together and live their faith within a loving community.

More profiles n next week's ACC

Visit www.rcdony.org/youth for information & registration forms. Weekly sessions begin June 28