Pope prays for Catholics in China

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Pope Francis asked people to pray for Catholics in China so that they may be able to live their faith with serenity and in full communion with the pope.

The Catholic Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians May 24. In 2008, Pope Benedict XVI established the feast as a world day of prayer for the church in China because Mary is venerated under that title at the Marian shrine in Sheshan, outside Shanghai, China. At the end of his general audience talk in St. Peter’s Square May 23, Pope Francis said the feast day “invites us to be united spiritually with all the Catholic faithful who live in China.” He asked people pray to Our Lady so that Catholics there would be able “to live the faith with generosity and serenity” and so that they would know how to carry out “concrete gestures of fraternity, harmony and reconciliation, in full communion with the successor of Peter.”

Retirement marks end of a Dynasty

Bishop Terry R. LaValley bids farewell to long-time North Country Catholic Editor and General Manager Mary Lou Kilian and reflects on Mrs. Kilian’s ministry and service to the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

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Pope makes new cardinals

Eleven nations represented among the fourteen picked for the position

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Seminarian earns degree

Leagon Carlin, a seminarian from the Diocese of Ogdensburg, receives his diploma from The Most Reverend Frederick Campbell, Bishop of Columbus. Carlin received a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities & Philosophy from The Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. Carlin, a parishioner of St. Peter’s in Plattsburgh, will continue his formation and education at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

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How lucky I am ....

After years of quoting popes, presidents and priests for this little column of mine, today I’m turning to Pooh (Winnie, that is) for some words of wisdom in my final outing:

“How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.”

And, believe me, it’s hard.

All the attention I’ve received over the past couple of weeks - especially this overwhelming issue of the paper - has been a bit disconcerting. After all, I’ve spent nearly four decades asking OTHER people to bear their souls, share their stories and smile pretty. It’s quite strange for the focus to be coming at me and not from me.

But I do appreciate the opportunity to say “thank you,” with a clear understanding that, if I thanked everyone who has supported me in my work for the North Country Catholic, we’d never get this paper to the press. But I can’t say goodbye without expressing myundyng gratitude to some very special people:

First of all I need to thank my first editor and mentor, Father Bernie Christman who was the best teacher of my life. He taught me everything about the Catholic news business, from the proper use of semi-colons to the theology of the Real Presence. He told me about priests and lay people I needed to handle with kid gloves and others who would be great support with everything I needed.

I’m grateful, too, for my three partners who played such different roles with the paper that it felt like I had three different jobs:

- Linda Langstaff who helped me navigate my early years as a working mother and taught a new college graduate so much about working in the real world;
- Scott Wilson whose business acumen was of immense service to the paper and to me, and whose energy and ambition are still a great inspiration to me.
- A nationally renowned credit union CEO, I’m proud to say I knew him when....

And, for the past ten years, I have been blessed with the amazing Christine Ward. Christine taught herself everything she needed to know to make it possible for us to move to the Chancery building and publish the paper without the support we had received for decades from the Ogdensburg Journal. Her motto “we’ll figure it out” has carried us through every challenging situation. I don’t want to admit the number of panicked calls I made to her on Saturday mornings to help me with some technical difficulty. She always figured it out.

These three wonderful people were/are extraordinary employees of the Diocese of Ogdensburg and each became my dear friend.

I also need to thank my reporters and photographers from across the North Country, some who have worked with me since the first day I became editor in 1984, (e.g. Suzanne Pietropaoli and Shan Moore.) My talented “staff” made it possible to give every corner of the diocese the attention it deserved.

I owe so much to my publishers, also known as Bishop Brzana, Bishop Loverde, Bishop Barbarito, Bishop Cunningham and Bishop LaValley. Each offered great support to the paper and to me personally.

...to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.

(And, FYI, as I listened to my friends in the Catholic Press from across the country share stories about their bishops, I learned something important: We have the best one!)

I am also extremely grateful for the diocesan staff with whom I’ve had the pleasure of working since 1978. Our diocese has been blessed with talented, faith-filled employees through the years. I am also grateful for the support of all our priests, beloved religious and faithful Catholics across the North Country.

I cannot sing the praises of Chuck Kelly and the Journal staff highly enough. What a privilege it was to work in a real newsroom with staff we could actually call our own. We still depend on some of these good people today in the printing and mailing of the NCC.

Of course, I would not have survived without the support of my family - my mom and dad who were my biggest cheerleaders, my brothers and sisters, many of whom have been yearly patrons of the paper; and my patient kids who grew up in the eyes of the NCC readers.

The very first column I wrote was entitled “Molly’s First Christmas.” Over the past couple of years you all got to read about the arrival of Annalyn, Patrick, Caroline, Tommy and Charlie. Alas, Baby #6 won’t get his or her official NCC welcome at the end of July.

But the most important thank you I want to offer today is for my partner in life who has been my rock - as well as an invaluable theological resource - throughout my tenure at the NCC. Tom and I will be celebrating our 40th anniversary in a couple weeks which means our marriage has always been colored by my work with the paper.

Our work has often intersected as the NCC kept up with the goings-on at Mater Dei, in the formation of the Formation for Ministry program, the diaconate and prison ministry. But he was also a huge support when I spent weeks on European pilgrimages, attended Catholic press gatherings across the country and spent, oh so many years working every weekend. Believe me, we are looking forward to the next chapter of our lives with great anticipation.

Today, though, is a bitter-sweet moment. I’m one of those lucky people who enjoyed coming to work nearly every single day of these 40 years. But it’s time for me to pass on the reins to a new generation. I am so looking forward to seeing how Darcy and Christine embrace their role in sharing the good news of the Diocese of Ogdensburg in whatever way it needs to be done.

And thank you to all of our loyal readers, so many of whom have become my friends. I am honored and humbled that you have allowed me to come into your homes every week.

I’ll close with the immortal words of Bishop Brzana (who, alas, I remember better than most) - “if I’ve forgotten to thank anyone, I thank you twice.”
Retirement marks the end of a dynasty

By Bishop Terry R. LaValley

For the last forty years, Mary Lou Kilian has worked diligently to strengthen the faith knowledge of the people of the North Country and to tell the faith stories of our sisters and brothers.

In 1984, she became the first lay editor of the North Country Catholic. WOW—1984 when Phil Collins, Kenny Rogers and Billy Joel were household names and when gas was $1.21 a gallon, a first class stamp cost $.20, and a new Dodge Ram truck went for $8,995.

Boy, haven't times changed!

As I was reflecting on certain other popular items of 1984, I remembered the popular TV show, Dynasty, which so many were watching while Mary Lou was beginning her own 34-year Dynasty as editor of our diocesan newspaper.

These years have seen Mary Lou become a premier journalist, winning awards by the Catholic Press Association. In 1996, she received the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Award for World Mission News coverage and, in 1998, Bishop McEntegart wrote that “The present crisis of Christendom and of the world calls for apostolic work by the entire Catholic laity.” He went on to express his hope that the “diocesan paper week after week in every Catholic home would not only strengthen the faith of our people, but also help them to meet the problems and trials of everyday life.”

The bishop’s words seventy-two years ago, ring so true today. There remains a crisis of faith and every one of us has a responsibility to be informed messengers of hope.

Certainly, for the last thirty-four years, Mary Lou Kilian has, as editor of our diocesan newspaper, worked hard to enable our Catholic homes to be strengthened in their faith as we face the many challenges in today’s culture.

On its tenth space shuttle mission, back in 1984, the astronauts aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger led the first mission where the astronauts attempted an un-tethered spacewalk using propulsive backpacks.

Well, Mary Lou, thirty-four years later, has become untethered from working on weekends and freed from all those commitments and sacrifices that she, Deacon Tom and her family have made so that people from across our diocese and beyond could learn more about what has been happening in our Church.

Saying “Thank you” cannot capture the breadth and the depth of gratitude that this bishop, this local Church wants to express to Mary Lou, as her inspiring leadership in our communications efforts comes to a close.

We thank her for making such a positive impact for so many through the years. God keep her healthy and happy as she begins this new phase of her life. God Bless her and her loved ones!

As we wish Mary Lou well, we express many thanks to Christine Ward, her valued partner and friend. Christine continues to be an invaluable member of our diocesan team who is now bidding farewell to a dear co-worker.

Mary Lou: THANK YOU!
Blessings on you and Tom
Enjoy the full time grandparenting gig!

(but let’s schedule a coffee break soon)

The Office for the New Evangelization is grateful for the many years of Mary Lou Kilian’s witness to the Good News in print as well as for her friendship and commeraderie in and out of the office.
Mary Lou,
Thank you and best wishes from the Champlain Valley
Right to Life

From left, Kathy Mastellon, of St. Patrick’s Parish and Elizabeth Ministry, receives items collected at OLSH from Mary Myers, co-director of Lay Missionaries, and Mary Gosier, Lay Missionary, both of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

Shower nets baby products

WATERTOWN – The parishioners of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Watertown assisted needy mothers, babies and young children with a baby shower collection. The shower was organized by the Lay Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in conjunction with the Elizabeth Ministry chapter in Watertown. Items collected included diapers, wipes, pajamas, blankets and outfits. Similar showers are conducted annually at St. Patrick’s and St. Anthony’s in Watertown. The Elizabeth Ministry Chapter is sponsored by St. Patrick’s. Our Lady of the Sacred Heart donates space in the former school for the hundreds of items collected each year.

Mary Lou,
Thank you for your 40 years of dedicated service to the Diocese as editor of the NCC. You poured your heart and soul into your ministry and we have all been blessed because of it!

Thanks too, for your years of leadership at Sportscamp, it was great fun!

Wishing you and Deacon Tom many blessings in your well-earned retirement.

Fr. Christopher Carrara, Deacons Kilian & Lyons, Sister Shirley Anne Brown, SSJ and the parishioners of The Roman Catholic Community of Morristown, Hammond and Rossie
CLEAN-UP CREW

The Catholic Community of Burke & Chateaugay Youth Group participated in the Chateaugay Community Clean-Up Day on May 19. Volunteers helped clean the church grounds and plant flowers. Pictured with the flower bed they planted are, from left, Anna Dalton, Angela Dwyer holding Lauren Dwyer, Ainsley Crawford, Mathew Dwyer, Paul Dwyer, Drew Crawford and Stephen Dwyer.

Mary Lou,

Best Wishes and many blessings on your well-deserved retirement. Thank you for your decades of dedication to the Diocese and the North Country. We are all so lucky to know someone like you who make it hard to say goodbye. God Bless!

From The Pontifical Mission Societies in the Diocese of Ogdensburg
Molly Ryan and Sr. Mary Ellen Brett, SSI

Mary Lou,

The Catholic Community of Alexandria Thanks you for your reporting, your editorializing, your dedication and your love of the North Country Catholic. We have been enriched by you.

Mary Lou,

We are deeply grateful for your many years of service as an editor for the North Country Catholic. Be sure of our daily prayers for you and your family.

The Sisters of St. Joseph

Today in the news...

Congratulations on your retirement, and thank you for your years of dedicated service to the Diocese of Ogdensburg and the readers of the North Country Catholic!

- The Communities of St. Augustine’s, North Bangor & St. Mary’s, Brushton
Rest in Peace

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

May 30 - Rev. J. Heliodore Valois, 1952
May 31 - Rev. John J. Dean, 1930; Rev. Eugene T. Desnoyers, 1993
June 1 - Rev. Tobias M. Glenn, 1907; Rev. Charles B. Cotter, 2001
June 2 - Rev. Antoine Buch, O.F.M., 1927; Msgr. John L. Plunkett, 1950; Deacon Richard T. LaRche, 1989
June 4 - V. Rev. Ferdinand Richard, O.M.I., 1971
June 5 - Rev. Charles Donaher, O.S.A., 1984

To Report Abuse

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact Victims Assistance Coordinator, Terrianne Yanulavich, Adult & Youth Counseling Services of Northern New York, 618 Lake Rd, Chateaugay, NY 12920; terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com Phone: Day: 518-651-2267, Night: 518-569-0612; or Father Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Personnel at 315-393-2920

Bishop’s Schedule

May 30 - 9:30 a.m., Leadership Gift Reception at St. John’s Church in Keeseville
7 p.m., Leadership Gift Reception at St. John’s Church in Keeseville
May 31 - 12 p.m., Leadership Gift Reception at Holy Name Parish Center in Ausable Forks
6 p.m., Leadership Gift Reception at St. Patrick’s Church Hall in Watertown
June 1 - 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral
June 2 - 4 p.m., Confirmation at St. Patrick’s Church in Rouses Point
June 3 - 2 p.m., Mass followed by Corpus Christi Procession at St. Andrew’s Church in Norwood
June 4 - 11 a.m., Pontifical Mission Societies of the Diocese of Ogdensburg Board Meeting at the Bishop’s Residence in Ogdensburg
7:15 p.m., Novena & Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral
June 5 - 10:50 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph’s Home in Ogdensburg
12 p.m., Leadership Gift Reception at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ogdensburg
6:30 p.m., Leadership Gift Reception at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ogdensburg
June 6 - 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral
7 p.m., Leadership Gift Reception at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Watertown

Environmental Stewardship

Planting Seeds of Hope

Do you enjoy the songs of birds and the beauty of the butterfly? Do you enjoy the fruits of the earth polluted by the bees? Do you enjoy watching wildlife? Do you enjoy pets and benefit from domestic animals? If your answer to any of these questions is affirmative, then, another question needs to be asked. What am I (or are we) doing to provide for a healthy environment for all inhabitants on the earth? We know that there is an increase number of species that are becoming extinct or impacted by the overuse of pesticides. There is increasing evidence that one of the major causes of cancer and disease come from environmental contamination as well.

More than 50 years ago one person who planted ‘seeds of hope’ was Rachel Carson, a biologist and author of “Silent Springs,” published September 1962. In it she documented the adverse effects on the environment of the indiscriminate use of pesticides. She stated that overuse of them was counterproductive, because it would create insect resistance to pesticides, making them useless in eliminating the target insect populations. Her research and tireless efforts inspired an environmental movement that led to the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. She was a prophetic voice and a ‘witness of nature’ that is even more relevant and needed, if our planet is to survive into the 22nd century.

Suggestion for lawns and gardens, use Rachel’s quote from the director of Holland’s Plant Protection Service: “Spray as little as you possibly can” rather than “Spray to the limit of your capacity.” Pressure on the pest population should always be as slight as possible. ‘Look for natural alternatives to pesticides.

Let us pray: “All-powerful God… Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty… Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty not pollution and destruction… Amen.” - Prayer for Our Earth in Laudato Si

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St. James Church, Carthage
St. Mary’s Church, Clayton
St. John’s, LaFargeville

Mary Lou,

A beautiful journey from Guggenheim to Retirement! Thank You!

St. Mary’s, Clayton
St. John’s, LaFargeville

Mary Lou,

There was never any “Fake News” under your leadership. Thanks for the Memories.

St. James Church, Carthage
St. Mary’s Church, Copenhagen
Be mindful of the workings of the Holy Spirit

Let me begin with “a tip of my hat” to my editor and friend, Mary Lou Kilian, who is now moving into retirement. Thank you, Mary Lou, for your years of dedication to the North Country Catholic. Ever since I became a priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, I have recognized the importance of the North Country Catholic to the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Thank you, Mary Lou, for continuing that importance of the North Country Catholic. In addition, thank you for your demand for excellence.

At this time, I also want to give a sincere welcome to Darcy Fargo, who will be our new editor. Thank you for joining our efforts, Darcy. I look forward to working with you.

Today, I would like to share some of my thoughts as we continue our celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit in this time of Pentecost. During Pentecost weekend, Bishop Terry R. LaValley came to our parish to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our young people. The Sacrament of Confirmation reminds us of the continuing action of the Holy Spirit in us all. May we all be inspired to live our lives actively involved in our Catholic Church and as good Christians in the Spirit of Jesus.

Each day, I believe, as we remain open to the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, we will truly make a difference in our world. This is not something we can schedule, rather the Holy Spirit presents us opportunities that are often surprises to bring God’s peace and love into our world.

I know only too well that there are other times when I end the day and must honestly say to myself, “I should have...” There were too many times that I have not listened to the Holy Spirit, times when I have missed the opportunity to follow the Spirit’s guidance to help someone, even in a little way. “I should have” talked to someone, “I should have” visited someone, “I should have” spent time with that person, “I should have...” I’ve had so many opportunities to do good, and in so many of those opportunities, I have made a difference. Yet there were still so many times when I refused to listen to the Spirit.

I have told you this story before, yet here it is again: Years ago, a man came to visit me at the rectory on a Saturday morning. He was inquiring about becoming Catholic. As we talked, he explained to me that he was truly impressed by a co-worker who was a Catholic. He was so impressed by the way he lived his life, even in the little things. He told me that “I want what he has.” I knew the man he was talking about. I knew that if I had called up that fellow (I didn’t) – to tell him how he had impressed someone, he would be surprised. He probably would have told me that he was just an ordinary person, an ordinary Catholic, who was just trying to live his faith as well as he could. Obviously, he was someone who took his faith seriously. Can you imagine someone be so impressed with the way you lived your Catholic faith? I hope there are many.

The Holy Spirit has one other task: to convince us, each one of us, that as members of the Catholic Church, as members of the Body of Christ, we are important. God needs us. The Holy Spirit brings us the power to make us truly important in the Lord’s plan to transform our world and make our Church alive. Yes, we are an important part of Christ’s plan.

God bless you Mary Lou!

Thank you for using your talents to build the Body of Christ in our diocese for many years.

The Parishes of Immaculate Conception in Brownville & St. Andrews in Sackets Harbor

Congratualtions Mary Lou on your retirement.
We wish it to be filled with fun & happiness.

The Development Office
Scott, Val & Renee

Immaculate Conception Church
Brownville

St. Andrews Church
Sackets Harbor
Mom, Congratulations on all you have accomplished.

You have set the best example for us and our children in life and in faith. Here’s to your second act, without a Saturday deadline!

Love and God’s blessings to you now and always,
Tom, Ben, Jon, Molly, Jolene, Jill, TJ, Annalin, Patrick, Caroline, Tommy & Charlie
We are so proud of you and blessed to have you for our big sister.

May your retirement be filled with many perfect days on "Our River".

Much love,

Jack, Terri, Tom, Pete, Ed, Joe and Jane
“Goodbye may seem forever
Farewell is like the end
But in my heart is a memory
And there you’ll always be.”

Mary Lou,
Thanks for your years of service!
From St. Patrick’s, Colton
&
St. Mary’s, Potsdam

To Mary Lou Kilian, our Diocesan wordsmith:
Thank you for revealing the Word of God alive within North Country Catholics for forty wonderful years! One suggestion, retire the word ‘retirement’ from your vocabulary.

Look it up: it means to ‘withdraw’ or ‘retreat.’ Words can shape reality!

Will not ‘renaissance’ or ‘graduation’ or ‘transition’ better describe your post career life?

With heartfelt gratitude,
The Catholic Church in the High Peaks
St. Agnes in Lake Placid + St. Brendan in Keene
Pope Francis to create 14 new cardinals on June 29

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Pope Francis announced he would make 14 new cardinals June 29, giving the red cardinal's hat to the papal almoner, the Iraq-based patriarch of the Chaldean Catholic Church and the archbishop of Karachi, Pakistan, among others.

Announcing his choices May 20, the pope said that coming from 11 nations, the new cardinals “express the universality of the church, which continues to proclaim the merciful love of God to all people of the earth.”

Pope Francis’ list included three men over the age of 80 “who have distinguished themselves for their service to the church.”

When the pope made the announcement, the College of Cardinals had 213 members, 115 of whom were under the age of 80 and therefore eligible to vote in a conclave to elect a new pope. Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints’ Causes, was to celebrate his 80th birthday June 8.

Under Pope Francis, the idea that some church posts and large archdiocesan offices are now run by a cardinal is fading, but is not altogether gone. His latest choices included the papal vicar of Rome, Cardinal-designate Angelo De Donatis, and the prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Cardinal-designate Luis F. Ladaria. But other traditional cardinal sees like Venice and Milan in Italy or Baltimore and Philadelphia in the United States were not included in the pope’s latest picks.

With the new nominations, the number of cardinal-electors – those under 80 and eligible to vote in a conclave – will exceed by five the limit of 120 set by Pope Paul VI. But previous popes also set the limit aside without formally changing the limit.

After the consistory June 29, Pope Francis will have created almost half of the voting cardinals. Nineteen of those under 80 in late June will be cardinals given red hats by St. John Paul II; 47 will have been created by retired Pope Benedict XVI; and 59 will have been welcomed into the College of Cardinals by Pope Francis. The new cardinals, listed in the order Pope Francis announced them, are:

- Chaldean Patriarch Louis Raphael I Sako, 69, Iraq.
- Spanish Archbishop Luis F. Ladaria, 74, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.
- Italian Archbishop Angelo De Donatis, 64, papal vicar for the Diocese of Rome.
- Italian Archbishop Giovanni Angelo Becciu, 69, substitute secretary of state.
- Polish Archbishop Konrad Krajewski, 54, papal almoner.
- Archbishop Joseph Coutts of Karachi, Pakistan, 72.
- Bishop Antonio dos Santos Marto of Leiria-Fatima, Portugal, 71.
- Archbishop Pedro Barreto of Huancayo, Peru, 74.
- Archbishop Desire Tsarahazana of Toamasina, Madagascar, 63.
- Archbishop Giuseppe Petrocchi of L’Aquila, Italy, 69.
- Archbishop Thomas Aquinas Manyo Maeda of Osaka, Japan, 69.
- Archbishop Sergio Obeso Rivera, retired archbishop of Xalapa, Mexico, 86.
- Bishop Toribio Ticona Porco, retired prelate of Coro, Bolivia, 81.
- Spanish Claretian Father Aquilino Bocos Merino, 80.

Pope moves 12 sainthood causes ahead

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Pope Francis issued decrees recognizing that 12 candidates for sainthood, including U.S. Sacred Heart Brother Norbert McAluife, lived the Christian virtues in a heroic way. The decrees promulgated by the pope May 19 are the first major step in the sainthood process. A miracle attributed to the candidate’s intercession would be needed before beatification and another miracle would be needed for the person’s canonization. Brother McAluife was born Sept. 30, 1886, in New York. After joining the missionary Brothers of the Sacred Heart, he was sent to Uganda where he founded the order’s first mission in Gulu, in the north of the country. He died there July 3, 1959. Among the other decrees was one recognizing the “heroic virtues” of Polish Cardinal August Hlond, archbishop of Gniezno and Warsaw during World War II. He died in 1948. A Colombian bishop, Bishop Miguel Angel Bulles Gomez of Santa Rosa de Osos, who died in 1971, was also among the candidates whose causes advanced.
Reflecting on the body and blood of Christ

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 is still intact at Orvieto to this day.

Sacrament has been encouraged by recent popes in support of the practice of Holy Hours and Benediction, St. Augustine once said: “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. Why? To help them remember God’s commands. The second reading speaks of Jesus pouring out his blood on all people. This priestly act effectively redeemed the world from the Father’s displeasure. Then, 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 chalice, so too we share 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.

We are so privileged whenever we receive the Holy Eucharist, for we become what we have received. Incredible! That carries with it responsibilities. It is important for us to prepare by prayer before receiving Eucharist, and to make a suitable Thanksgiving after we have received the Eucharist.

Our bodily gestures should reflect faith, fervor, and awareness of what has just transpired. Reflect back several times during the day on this gift God has given us. By this awareness, we may receive some inspiration of just how we will share the Lord this day.
By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) – Veteran filmmaker Wim Wenders respectfully profiles the current successor of St. Peter in the well-crafted, sometimes moving documentary "Pope Francis: A Man of His Word" (Focus). Though Wenders also provides some narration, as his title suggests, he largely lets the pontiff speak for himself.

That approach pays off by allowing the audience to hear Francis' views on a wide variety of topics of interest to believers and nonbelievers alike.

These include the environment, the situation of young people, relations with the Islamic world, economic inequality and the clergy sex abuse crisis. Francis also sets out, in a general way, his vision for the future of the church.

Along with original interviews with the pope conducted at the Vatican, Wenders incorporates footage of his worldwide travels, which have included trips to North and South America, Africa and, closer to home, Greece and the southern Italian city of Naples.

We also see Francis answering questions from youngsters and, in a particularly touching scene, offering encouragement to the inmates of a prison.

While Wenders is unstinting in his appreciation of Francis, he sometimes misguidedly attempts to highlight this pope's qualities by contrasting them, at least implicitly, with what he perceives to be the shortcomings of Francis' predecessors or of some members of the hierarchy.

Thus the lavishly decorated public rooms of the Apostolic Palace are rather naively set out as unspoken evidence that previous popes liked to "live large."

The film contains mature themes and some potentially upsetting images. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II – adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG. Some material may not be suitable for children.
HEALING MASS
Morrisonville – St. Alexander’s Parish will have a Healing Mass.
Date: June 7
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Features: Also included will be Anointing of the Sacrament of the Sick, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession and the opportunity to receive individual prayer with members of Living Waters Healing Ministry.

Bazaar and Car Show
Mooers Forks – St. Ann’s Annual Bazaar & Car Show to be held.
Date: June 3
Time: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Place: St. Ann’s Grounds
Cost: Pre-register $10 or $15 day of show
Features: Top 40 Picky & Special Awards; Craft Show, Big Ticket, Theme Baskets, Free Entertainment; Food
Contact: To pre-register a vehicle call 518-236-5632

Mission of Hope Concert
Peru - Towne Meeting, will perform its ninth benefit concert as the culminating event of the Mission of Hope’s 20th Anniversary celebration.
Date: June 3
Time: 7 p.m.
Place: St. Augustine’s Church
Features: Admission is by donation to support the ongoing efforts of the Mission to build safe stoves for families in Nicaragua.

Golf Tournament
Peru - The 32nd Annual Knights of Columbus Council 7273 Bill McBride Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament will be held.
Date: June 15
Time: 10 a.m. Shotgun start; tournament is dedicated to its former chairman, the late Bill McBride Jr.
Place: Adirondack Golf and Country Club
Features: Four-person scramble
Contact: Obtain entry forms and information from Greg Lombard at 518-643-5444 or email gnetlombard@charter.net.

Garage Sale
Plattsburgh – Donations are being accepted now for the Seton Garage Sale.
Date: Donations accepted now, Garage sale to be held June 2 and 3
Features: Items needed: Furniture, Books, DVDs, Clothing & Shoes, Home Decor, Kitchen Supplies, Holiday Decorations, Electronics (no TVs or printers), Jewelry, Small Appliances, Athletic Items, Toys/Games, etc. Drop off at Seton Academy or Seton Catholic.
Contact: If you need assistance with your donation, call or text Hank at 660-626-7442

Franklin
Thrift Store
Fort Covington – Grand Opening of Mary’s Place Thrift Store to be held.
Date: June 2
Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Place: St. Mary’s Parish Center
Features: Please join us as we celebrate the grand opening of Mary’s Place Thrift Store! Come browse our selection of gently used clothing, shoes, home goods and much more!

Jefferson
Spaghetti Supper
Watertown – St. Anthony’s Altar Rosary Society to have spaghetti dinner.
Date: May 31
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Place: Msgr. Sechi Hall
Cost: Adults, $8; Children, $4; Children under 3, Free; Sauce, $5 per quart; Meatballs, $5.75
Features: Take-out available at 4 p.m., please bring your own containers

Lewis
Plant and Bake Sale
Brownville – Plant and Bake Sale to be held.
Date: June 1 and 2
Place: In front of Immaculate Conception Church
Features: Proceeds will support the programs offered by the Watertown Faith and Ecology Group.

ST. LAWRENCE
Norwood – A Celebration of Corpus Christi to be held.
Date: June 3
Time: 2 p.m.
Place: St. Andrew’s Church
Features: Mass followed by a procession with the Holy Sacrament around the block and back into the church where benediction will conclude the service. Bishop Terry LaValley, will be the principle celebrant. All are welcome.

Trip to Yankee Game
Canton – The Canton Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Yankee Baseball Trip to New York City.
Date: Aug. 10
Cost: $230 per/person double occupancy and includes luxury coach transportation, game ticket, one night’s hotel stay and breakfast on Saturday.
Contact: cantonkofc@gmail.com or call 315-714-2016.

Charity Golf Tournament
Canton – Canton-Potsdam K of C Assembly 707 is hosting a Golf Tournament. Proceeds benefit Special Olympics.
Date: June 16
Place: Partridge Run Golf Course
Features: Captain and crew format (registration appreciated, but not required), please contact Mary Donders at mdonders@rcdony.org

Mary Lou
Best wishes for a long, happy and healthy retirement!
-Diocesan Fiscal Office-
We’ll miss you, Mary Lou

Molly and I will miss our co-worker and friend, Mary Lou Killian, in the office next door to us in the Chancery. Though we are in separate offices and perform very different roles, we work together daily, diligently with a sense of purpose. Observing Mary Lou, it was obvious she loved her work of making Christ and His love better known for all to read in the North Country Catholic. Through her choosing articles and photos, she kept us informed of updates from the Vatican and the impact of the Catholic Church in many cultures throughout the world.

Mary Lou’s stayed true to the purpose of the North Country Catholic as she invited guest writers from around the diocese to help readers understand scripture, writings of Pope Francis and other interests pertinent to our Catholic living. A highlight of Mary Lou’s writing has been her ability to keep us informed of the crucial role of faith communities covering an area of 12,036 square miles. With the arrival of each paper my interest peaked to see the variety of scenes and varying ages of “Faces of Faith.” In moments of great joy and challenges, you can see the power of faith in the diocese and alive in people’s hearts.

Mary Lou’s generous spirit has enabled the Pontifical Mission Societies of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Inc. to publish a weekly column in the North Country Catholic. She made it possible for our articles, advertisements, photographs, information and financial reports to be shared across the diocese. She permitted us to share about life in developing countries, especially through the reflections of our priests who served in Mollendo, Peru. I call to mind my predecessors, Msgr. Anthony A. Milia and Fr. George F. Maroun. They always made sure to show her gratitude for the great avenue she gave them to share their mission stories to arouse interest in justice for the poor around the world through prayers and sacrificial assistance.

As this chapter of your life comes to an end, God bless you and Tom with health as you enjoy time with children and grandchildren. Your missionary spirit and generosity will certainly be missed by one and all, especially by your neighbors in the Mission Office right next door.

Please remember “The Society for the Propagation of the Faith” when writing or changing your will. www.dioogdensburg.org/missionoffice

OBITUARIES


Cape Vincent – John F. Rehm, 92; Mass of Christian Burial May 25, 2018 at St. Vincent of Paul Church; burial in St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery.

Chazy – Rebecca J. (Perry) Laurin, 58; Mass of Christian Burial May 24, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Fort Covington – Anthony H. French, 75; Mass of Christian Burial May 21, 2018 at St. Mary’s of the Fort; burial old St. Mary’s Cemetery.

Glenfield – Jean Frances (McGrath) Reed, 95; Mass of Christian Burial June 25, 2018 at St. Mary’s Church; burial in Old Glendale Cemetery.


Lake Placid – Robert “Bob” Roy Reynolds, 89; Mass of Christian Burial May 26, 2018 at St. Agnes Church; burial in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Lowville – Randy J. Bernat, 61; Mass of Christian Burial May 24, 2018 at St. Peter’s Church; burial in Lowville Rural Cemetery.

Lyon Mountain – Linda Marie (Shanley) Siskavich, 70; Mass of Christian Burial May 24, 2018 at St. Bernard’s Church


Plattsburgh – Richard J. Dubrey, 88; Mass of Christian Burial May 24, 2018 at St. Peter’s Church.

Potsdam – Dr. Gary J. Bennett, 66; Mass of Christian Burial May 25, 2018 at St. Mary’s Church; burial in St. Mary’s Cemetery.

Potsdam – Evelyn Frances Halle Dwyer, 96; Funeral Services May 25, 2018 at Garner Funeral Home; burial St. Mary’s Cemetery.

Potsdam – John Hudson Remington, 88; Funeral Services May 25, 2018 at the Donaldson Funeral Home; burial Hillcrest Cemetery, Parishville.

Ticonderoga – Tara (Gray) Roque, 44; Mass of Christian Burial May 24, 2018 at St. Mary’s Church; burial in Valley View Cemetery.

Watertown – Ruth (Reynolds) Nevin, 82; Funeral Services May 20, 2018 at Cummings Funeral Home, Inc.; burial in Brookside cemetery.

West Chazy – Nancy T. (DuCate) Hobbs, 79; Memorial Mass May 25, 2018 at St. Joseph’s Church.

West Chazy – Stanley Joseph LaPier, 82; Mass of Christian Burial May 19, 2018 at St. Joseph’s Church; burial in parish cemetery.

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WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

PRAYER SUGGESTION

O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live Replace him with yourself. Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving; pray in and through him. Let him live and keep him in this intimate union always. O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Mother of Jesus and Mother of priests, pray and intercede for (…)

Amen.

Support And Pray For Vocations
Court upholds decision on assisted suicide

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. (CNS) -- A California appeals court has denied Attorney General Xavier Becerra’s request for an immediate stay on a lower court ruling that overturned the state’s assisted suicide law.

The decision was handed down May 23 by the 4th District Court of Appeal in Riverside. The court gave Becerra and other interested parties 25 days to provide more arguments as to why the court should grant the stay and suspend the lower court ruling.

The attorney general requested the stay after Judge Daniel A. Ottolia of Riverside County Superior Court ruled May 15 that the California Legislature violated existing law when it passed the End of Life Option Act during a special session dedicated to health care.

The 2015 law, which went into effect in June 2016, authorized doctors to prescribe lethal prescriptions to any patient determined by two doctors to have six months or less to live.

On June 16, 2017, Ottolia ruled that a civil rights lawsuit challenging the assisted suicide law could go forward. Five California physicians and the American Academy of Medical Ethics brought the legal challenge.

In reaction to Ottolia’s May 15 decision to overturn the law, the executive director of the California Catholic Conference called the ruling encouraging because it “was a bad law.”

“Our opposition to assisted suicide is no secret, but this legislation was also opposed by a broad coalition of doctors, nurses, seniors and the disabled community, who fought this bill for many, many reasons,” said Ned Dolejsi in a May 16 statement.

The Sacramento-based California Catholic Conference is the public policy arm of the state’s Catholic bishops.

“Health care professionals were shocked at the cynicism and questioned why the state was embracing doctor-assisted suicide as the standard of care for people who needed respect and support,” Dolejsi said in his statement. “Others were offended at the way Medi-Cal patients -- often refused coverage for palliative care -- were offered coverage for lethal prescriptions instead.

“Still others were truly disturbed by the lack of safeguards to prevent seniors and the disabled from being railroaded into assisted suicide,” he continued.

Last year in arguing against the lawsuit going forward, Becerra said that no one would be required to resort to the law. But he also said that terminally ill patients are different from others and therefore can be treated differently, and that patients who choose to end their lives have the right to have a physician help them do so.

If state lawmakers again take up the issue of assisted suicide, Dolejsi said, “we hope they address the real issue in front of them -- how do we protect the dignity and quality of life of those among us facing a serious or terminal illness, and how do we help our loved ones feel love and support as they contemplate the end of their life.”