Pope Francis: Share the Gospel with zeal

By Courtney Mares
Catholic News Agency

(CNA) - In a world in which there are “so many people who need Jesus,” St. Francis Xavier is an exemplary model of how to live and share the Gospel with zeal, Pope Francis said Wednesday.

The pope dedicated his entire general audience on May 17 to sharing the story of the daring 16th-century saint who risked his life to travel to what was then considered the “unknown ends of the world.”

Pope Francis said that St. Francis Xavier is considered “the greatest missionary of modern times.”

One of the first Jesuit priests, Xavier brought the message of Christ to India, the distant islands of the Indonesian archipelago, and Japan.

“The love of Christ was the strength that drove him to the furthest frontiers, with constant toil and danger, overcoming setbacks, disappointments, and discouragement; indeed, giving him consolation and joy in following and serving him to the end,” Pope Francis said.

“May St. Francis Xavier, who did great things in such poverty and with such courage, give us some of this zeal, this zeal to live the Gospel and proclaim the Gospel,” he added.

“To the many young people today who have some restlessness and do not know what to do with that restlessness, I say, look to Francis Xavier, look at the horizon of the world, look at so many people in need, look at so many people who are suffering, so many people who need Jesus.”

Pope Francis noted that Xavier’s dream was to evangelize China, but he died while on the way to realize his dream.

“In Japan, Xavier, the great dreamer, understood that the decisive country for the mission in Asia was another one: China. With its culture, its history, its size, it exercised de facto dominance over that part of the world,” he said.

“Even today, China is really a cultural hub with a great history, a beautiful history,” the pope added.

However, Xavier died “in total abandonment” on the small island of Shangchuan off the coast of mainland China near Macao on Dec. 3, 1552, as “only a Chinese man stood beside him to watch over him.”

At the time of his death at only age 46, the missionary priest’s hair was already white and “his strength was consumed, given unsparingly to the service of the Gospel,” Francis said.
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‘I’m glad it stuck’

‘I’m glad it stuck’

I am writing this on the

anniversary of my ordina-

tion as a priest of the

Diocese of Ogdensburg. It

is a special day for me,

and, yes, it does seem like

yesterday. As I look back

today, I am truly grate-

ful for the many bless-

ings that God has given

me over the years of my

priesthood. God has been

very good to me.

I remember everything

that happened on that

ordination day. I had just

finished eight years of

seminary study, and now

I would be entering into

the life of a parish priest.

I also thank God for the

great assignments that

have filled my time in the

Lord’s priesthood. They

were all special.

I was ordained a priest

by Bishop James J.

Navagh. During my time

as a priest of the Diocese

of Ogdensburg, there

have been seven other

bishops. In many ways

our present bishop, Bish-

op Terry LaValley, is very

special, because he is one

of us, a priest of our dio-

cese. Here I should men-

tion that another of my

own brother priests from

our own diocese has be-

come a bishop, the bish-

op of Syracuse, Bishop

Douglas Lucia. This rec-

ognizes our Diocese of

Ogdensburg in a special

way. I do want to tell you

that each bishop I minis-

tered with was an excel-

lent, powerful leader. In

addition, I found each of

them to be a friend as

well as my bishop. I am

always happy that I was

a priest of the Diocese of

Ogdensburg.

I was not born or raised

up here in the North

Country. However, I have

grown to love this di-

ocese during my priest-

hood. This is a blessed

area. It is a wonderful,

beautiful place. I have

such great memories of

the lakes and mountains

—as well as of the St. Law-

rence River.

One of the first things

I discovered after my or-
dination as a priest was

the close community of

the priests of the Dio-
cese of Ogdensburg. I

found here a family in this
diocese with the bishop

and the other priests. We

got together often. I was to

find support and friend-

ship among them. I knew

I could find a welcoming

place when needed at any

rectory or church in the
diocese. This diocese

became home.

As a priest, I have been

continually educated

about being a priest. My

teachers have been the

people and the families

of the various parishes

where I served as pastor.

I have been so blessed;

these parishioners and

families have been a true

gift from the Lord.

One more thing: you

may wonder what has

been the best part of be-
ing a priest all this time.

I am certain that you

probably know the an-
swer. The best part of the

priesthood for me is the

gift of being allowed to

celebrate the Holy Mass. I

have been allowed to

bring our Lord and Savior

in the Sacrament of the

Holy Eucharist to God’s

people in so many par-

ishes. I remember so well

that very first time I cele-

brated Mass. I am certain

I am as nervous now as I

was back then.

I suspect that you may

remember my favorite

Mass. I have written

about it often.

My classmate as priest

and also an expert hiker,

Father Phil Allen, took

me for an experience in

the woods, hiking along

the Appalachian Trail in

New England. On one of

those days—a very gor-

geous day—we came to

a section that looked out

into a wide expanse of

the woods.

Father Phil said, “Let’s
do Mass,” so we found

a good place along the

trail. He had brought all

we needed for Mass, and

we prayed the Mass to-

tgether and shared the

Lord’s peace and love—

the Blessed Eucharist.
‘Spending time with Jesus’ before ordination

By Darcy Fargo
Editor

As he prepares to be ordained to the priesthood on May 27, Deacon Lukas Gruber said he’s experiencing “a mix of emotions.” “There’s the feeling of moving on to a new stage of my life, being done with seminary studies and being assigned to a parish full time,” he said. “I’m looking forward to it, but there are those feelings of nervousness that naturally arise when entering a new phase of life. My primary emotion is definitely one of excitement, though. It’s a mix of emotions, but not all are equal.”

Deacon Gruber said his “practical preparation” has included practicing celebrating Mass, but also his preparation for ordination has been mostly spiritual. “I’ve been spending time in adoration, spending more time with scriptures and with the rosary,” he said. “It’s really spending time with Jesus. That’s the best way anyone can prepare for entering into a new stage of their vocation, regardless of what that vocation is.”

Deacon Gruber said he’s looking forward to applying what he’s learned through his seminary studies and formation and sharing it with the people of God. “There’s a certain joy in taking what you’ve prepare for and seeing it working in a meaningful and concrete way with and for the people of God,” he said. “Of course, the learning never ends, and that’s true no matter what vocation we’re called to.”

Specifically, though, he’s looking forward to celebrating the sacraments. “I’m looking forward to celebrating Mass,” Deacon Gruber said. “And I’m looking forward to hearing confessions. That’s always a special encounter with the Lord, experiencing his love and mercy, and encountering him in the Eucharist.”

Deacon Gruber said he feels his pastoral year in the largest parish in the Diocese of Columbus has aided in preparing him for pastoral work. “I learned a lot of things,” he said. “The parish had 3,500 families and a school with 900 kids. The 10 a.m. Mass attendance was around 1,000 people. I often joked with the pastor there that it was like being assigned to the entirety of the Diocese of Ogdensburg in one parish. I learned a lot from the pastor there, Father Wilson. He’s a wonderful pastor and a real mentor. I learned a lot from his example and that of the other priests and deacons there, especially about the things that naturally come up in the life of a parish - attending meetings, discussing budget preparations, and being able to drive one of the retired priests to be with some who needed anointing. It was good to see those experiences.”

Deacon Gruber said he has a lot to learn about that business portion of parish administration. “There are a lot of things that are learned through experience, and one of those is definitely the business side of things,” he said. “One thing I’m going to try and keep in mind is that while learning those things is important, it’s important to keep in mind the big picture and keep everything integrated. The business side shouldn’t be the primary concern. Temporal matters don’t rise above spiritual. I’m hoping to be able to find a balance. These are some of the areas where I need to learn and grow so that one day, God willing, I might be an effective pastor for and with the people of God.”

After ordination, Deacon Gruber plans to celebrate his first Mass using a chalice purchased as a gift by his parents. “I’ve really missed wearing vestments. I’m very grateful to them for their generous gift.”

The imagery on the chalice focuses on the Eucharist. “One thing playing that was in the back of my mind was that this ordination comes within the context of the National Eucharistic Revival,” Deacon Gruber said. “For example, on the front of the holy cards are the window from (St. Mary’s) cathedral depicting the Last Supper. It’s that connection to the Eucharist and priesthood. For my first chalice, I chose a chalice that has images related to Holy Eucharist and also has text of the Lau- da Sion Salvatorem, the sequence Corpus Christi by St. Thomas Aquinas.”

Deacon Gruber concluded by noting how excited he is to begin his ministry with God and the people of the North Country. “Columbus was a great place to be for six years,” said Deacon Gruber, who studied at the Pontifical College Josephinum in that city. “But I’ve really missed being in this diocese. In so many ways, this has become home for me. On a superficial level, Columbus tends to be a lot flatter. I look forward to being in the mountains and being with the people in the North Country, people I’ve et and know so well. I’m looking forward to rekindling old friendships and being up here full time.”
NY Eucharistic Congress speakers announced

Fifteen confirmed speakers have been announced for the New York Eucharistic Congress planned for October 20 to 22 at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville.

To register for the congress, go to https://nyseucharisticcongress.org/registration.

Also, please complete the diocesan Eucharistic Congress survey (information in the inset box) to express interest in attending the Congress.

**EVENT SPEAKERS:**
- Cardinal Timothy Dolan – Saturday Mass Principal Celebrant and Homilist
- Father Dave Dwyer, C.S.P. – Speaker, “Understanding What We Are Doing: Toward a More Active and Prayerful Participation in the Mass”
- Bishop Joseph Espariat II – Speaker
- Father Richard Frangomeni, Ph.D. – Speaker
- Tim Glemkowski – Speaker
- Patrick Kelly – Speaker
- Dr. Peter Kreeft – Speaker
- Father Roger Landry – Emcee
- Sister Mary Grace Langrell, SV – Speaker
- Lisa Lickona – Speaker, “Learning from the Love of Women Saints for the Eucharist”
- Mother Clare Matthew, CFR – Speaker
- Katy Prejean McGrady – Speaker, “Fostering Eucharistic Love Within the Family”
- Father Malachy Naperier, CFR – Speaker
- Mari Pablo – Speaker
- Bishop Edward Scarfenberger – Sunday Mass Principal Celebrant and Homilist

**EVENT MUSICIANS:**
- Franciscan Friars of the Renewal
- Sisters of Life

For more information about the New York Eucharistic Congress, visit https://nyseucharistic-congress.org/

World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests is June 16

By the Diocese of Ogdensburg Office of Vocations

World Day for the Sanctification of Priests takes place every year on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This day is celebrated on Friday, June 16.

On this special feast, let us pray for your parish priest and for all the priests of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. May our prayer be for their continual growth in holiness, their sanctification that configures them to the Person of Jesus Christ.

Every day our priests pray for us and for our intentions as they preside over Mass, hear confessions, baptize, or bury our loved ones. Our priests need our prayers. Take time to tell them that you are praying for them and thank them for their dedication. You never know what your parish priest or pastor is going through, sacrificing out of love for his parishioners.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, protect our priest (priest’s name) in the midst of his work at our parish, (parish name). Comfort him in his afflictions. Give him health of body, assistance in his temporal needs, and your blessing on all that he does.

We ask the Holy Spirit to come down and light his heart anew for the priesthood and help him to grow in holiness. Amen.

DAUGHTERS DONATE FOR LIFE

At the 2022 National Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) Convention, Court Mother Admirable #592 submitted a resolution to the National CDA Board in support of pro-life efforts from conception to natural death via the projects and charities courts support. As a result, Human Life International was chosen as a National Charity to be supported by our state courts. Present and speaker at the recent NYS CDA convention held in Saratoga was CDA National Chaplain Father Shenan Boquet, president of Human Life International. Pictured are (from left) Anna Lucia, regent #592, Father Boquet, and Rita Finizio, vice regent #592. A donation of $1200 was presented to Father Boquet for his works.

FIRST COMMUNION

Three children from St. Elizabeth’s Church, Elizabethtown received First Holy Communion on May 13. Pictured with Father Justin Thomas, pastor, are (from left) Daniel DiBartolomeo, Abigail DiBartolomeo & Keenan Duso
MEET THE 2023 CAMP GUGGENHEIM STAFF

Samantha Poulin – 2023 Camp Director

What are your hobbies/talents/interests?
I love nature photography, baking and going on adventures with my family.

Why did you want to work at Camp Guggenheim?
I am humbled and honored to be the Camp Director this year! Camp has always been a “home away from home” for me and was a cornerstone in my faith formation as a youth attending as a camper and as a young adult serving on staff. I know how just one positive experience at Camp can make all the difference, and I wanted to be able to share similar opportunities with as many young people as possible. If it were not for my experiences at Guggenheim, I wouldn’t be where I am today. I am looking forward to a fantastic summer at our “home on the water”!

Matteo Reilly Counselor

Age: 19
Hometown: Thousand Oaks, California
Parish: St. Paschal Baylon, Thousand Oaks, California

What are your hobbies/talents/interests?
I love wrestling, football and going to the beach with my friends.

Why did you want to work at Camp Guggenheim?
Camp Guggenheim was such a positive influence for me, and I wanted to share the joy that it brought me with others.

Naomi Presler Counselor

Age: 18
Hometown: Milton, Delaware
Parish: St. Edmund’s Catholic Church

What are your hobbies/talents/interests?
I love wrestling, football and going to the beach with my friends.

Why did you want to work at Camp Guggenheim?
I want to work as a counselor at Camp Guggenheim because I was a camper here for a long time and I consider it a second home. To come back and help create a home for others is a passion of mine. I also want to be a counselor because Guggenheim is the best!

Sarah Samperi Counselor

Age: 20
Hometown: Saranac Lake
Parish: St. Bernard of Montjoux

What are your hobbies/talents/interests?
Hiking, exploring, playing outside, painting, learning guitar, thrifting, spending time with friends and family, and talking/learning about the faith.

Why did you want to work at Camp Guggenheim?
Camp was the first place I encountered other young people on fire for the Catholic faith. The friendships I made there in my years as a camper were my strength throughout the years and encouraged me to continue to pursue a personal relationship with Christ. The youth are the future of the diocese, and I know firsthand how important a role Camp Guggenheim plays in fostering their faith. It gives me great joy to play a role in giving the experience that was so influential in my life back to the campers, in hopes that it will do the same for them. I love getting to know each camper and seeing them come out of their shells as each week progresses. I’ve never worked somewhere more fulfilling, faithful, and fun, and I can’t wait for my second summer!

Additional 2023 Camp Guggenheim staff will be featured in future editions of the North Country Catholic

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And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets,
some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the
equipment of the saints, for the work of ministry, for building
up the body of Christ. Ephesians 4: 11-13

Bishop’s Public Schedule

May 21-24 — Presbyteral Assembly at the High Peaks Resort in Lake Placid
- Council of Priest Meeting at the High Peaks Resort in Lake Placid
- Time TBD
May 25 — 4 p.m. — Visit St. Joseph’s Outreach Center in Treadwells Mills
May 26 — Noon — Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral
- 5 p.m. — Dinner with Deacon Lukas Gruber and his Family at Bishop’s Residence
May 27 — 11 a.m. — Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Lukas H. Gruber and Ordination to the Diaconate of Mr. Carter G. Pierce and Mr. Dougals A. Schirmer at St. Mary’s Cathedral
May 28 — 8 a.m. — Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral
- 3 p.m. — Confirmation at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Ogdensburg with Saints Philip and James Church in Lisbon
May 29 — 11 a.m. — Memorial Day Celebration at the VFW Post 125 in Plattsburgh
May 30 — Noon — Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral
May 31 — 9:45 a.m. — Episcopal Council Meeting at Bishop’s Residence followed by Lunch
- 6:30 p.m. — Confirmation at St. Peter’s Parish (at Sacred Heart Church) in Massena

Environmental Stewardship

Got mail?

Several years ago there was a movie, You’ve Got Mail! Well, five people from around the world can answer ‘yes’; they DID get ‘mail’ from Pope Francis. Why did these people receive a personal letter from Pope Francis to make a journey to meet with him in Rome?

Each person was chosen to represent a voice from around the world and share how they are experiencing the rapid change in climate patterns in their area: the voice of the poor from Senegal, Africa, the voice of the Indigenous from the Amazon, the voice of the youth from India, the voice of Nature from Hawaii.

Some say the climate is changing like it has been for millions of years, so there isn’t anything we can do about it. Yet Pope Francis sees the need to hear from the findings of scientists around the world. The vast number of leading scientists attribute the present unprecedented changes in the climate to human activities causing the rising of temperatures in the oceans and air.

After hearing the stories of these frontline leaders about the suffering these changes are causing, the Holy Father responded, “It is like a choir, we have to sing together. We don’t dismiss anyone. Everyone in their own country, town, in their culture, has to find a way to solve this. All together, all together.”

This week celebrates Laudato Si’ Week 2023 (May 21-28). The theme this year is: HOPE FOR THE EARTH, HOPE FOR HUMANITY. Some suggestions for celebrating are: (1) watch Pope Francis THE LETTER: A Message for the Earth on YouTube; (2) spend some time in a favorite place in nature that you find is sacred; (3) noticed if any of your favorite places in nature are being threatened, harmed or destroyed by “development” or climate change? Spend quiet time with the Lord.

Protecting God’s Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God’s Children for Adults. Pre-registration is required. Preregister at www.virtus.org. Upcoming sessions:
June 1 — 6:30 p.m. — St. Mary’s School, Ticonderoga
June 9 — 1:30 p.m. — Diocesan offices, Ogdensburg

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Rest in Peace

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

May 25 — Rev. J. Hector Migneron, 1958
May 26 — Rev. Thomas J. Kelleher, 1889; Rev. Steven H. Gratto, 2012
May 29 — Rev. Herve Racette, O.M.I., 1948
May 30 — Rev. J. Heliodore Volois, 1952

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Report gives voice to Canada’s Indigenous Christians

By Terry O’Neill
Catholic News Agency

A report published by the Ottawa-based Cardus Institute has given voice to Indigenous Canadians frustrated by secular society’s unawareness of – or unwillingness to accept – the fact that almost half of them are Christian.

“I find that insulting to Indigenous people’s intelligence and freedom,” Catholic priest Father Cristino Bouvette said of the prejudice he regularly encounters.

Bouvette, who has mixed Cree-Métis and Italian heritage and now serves as vicar for vocations and Young Adults in the Diocese of Calgary, was one of 12 individuals interviewed by Cardus for the report “Indigenous Voices of Faith.”

Prejudice against Indigenous Christians has become so strong, even inside some Indigenous communities, “that Indigenous Christians in this country right now are living in the time of new martyrdom,” Bouvette said.

Although that martyrdom may not cost them their lives, “they are ostra­cized and humiliated sometimes within in their own communities if they openly express their Christian or Catholic faith.”

Statistics Canada reported last year that the 2021 census found that 850,000, or 47%, of Canada’s 1.8-mil­lion Indigenous people identify as Christian and that more than a quar­ter of the total report they are Catho­lic. Only 73,000, or 4%, of Indigenous people said they adhere to traditional Indigenous spiritual beliefs.

Ukrainian Catholic Deacon Andrew Bennett, program director for Cardus Faith Communities, conducted the inter­views for the think tank last fall. He published his report in March.

The purpose of the report, he writes, “is to affirm and to shed light on the religious freedom of Indigenous peo­ples to hold the beliefs and engage in the practices that they choose and to contextualize their faith within their own cultures.”

Too often, however, “the public nar­rative implies, or boldly declares, that there’s a fundamental incompatibility between Indigenous Canadians and Christianity or other faiths,” Bennett said. “[M]any Indigenous Canadians strongly disagree with those narra­tives.”

Father Bouvette is clearly one of those.

“We did not have Christian faith im­posed upon us because of [my Indige­nous grandmother’s] time in the resi­dential school or her father’s time in the trade school that he was sent to,” Bouvette said. “No, it was because our family freely chose to receive the saving message of Jesus Christ and lived it and had continued to pass it down.”

Bouvette said his “grandmother was not tricked into becoming something that she didn’t want to be, and then tricked into staying that way for 99 years and 11 months of her life. She was a Christian from the day of her birth, and she remained a Christian until the day of her death. And so that was not by the consequence of some imposition.”

Nevertheless, Canadians continue to labor under a prejudice holding the op­posite view. “I do believe that probably the majority of Canadians at this time, out of some mistaken notion of guilt for whatever their cultural or ethnic background is, think they are somehow responsible for Indigenous people hav­ing had something thrust upon them that they didn’t want,” Bouvette said.

“But I would say, give us a little more credit than that and assume that if there is an Indigenous person who continues to persevere in the Christian faith it is because they want to, be­cause they understand why they have chosen to in the first place, and they remain committed to it. We should be respectful of that.”

The executive director of the Catho­lic Civil Rights League, Christian Elia, agrees and says society should grant Indigenous Catholics the respect and personal agency that is due all Can­adians.

“Firstly, I am not an Indigenous person, so I cannot speak for our Indigenous brothers and sisters, but neither can non-Indigenous secularists who choose to ignore that Indigenous people in Canada continue to self-identi­fy as Christian, the majority of these Catholic,” Elia said in an interview with The B.C. Catholic.

He said his organization has heard from many Indigenous Catholics who are “growing weary of the ongoing assumption that somehow they have been coerced into the faith, that it is inconceivable that they wish to be Cath­olic. This condescending attitude must stop.”
BROWN BAG SERIES
The Office of New Evangelization will be running a new Brown Bag Chat Series.

Date: June 14
Time: Noon to 1 p.m.
Place: Via Zoom

Features: This series will be a book discussion on Apostolic Exhortation The Joy of the Gospel by Pope Francis. The document is available online or in book form from the Office of the New Evangelization. The reading schedule (approx. 20 pages per week) will be sent to participants.

Contact: To register, go to https://www.rcdony.org/brown-bag. For more information, contact Marika at mdonders@rcdony.org.

FRIENDSHIP GROUPS
Take part in a Friendship Group that will provide dynamic reading and personalized formation to grow in holiness with others online.

Date: Thursdays starting June 15
Time: 7 p.m.
Place: Zoom

Features: The first book we will read is Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement by popular author Father Timothy Gallagher, OMV. Book summary: With warmth, understanding, and pastoral skill, Father offers a hopeful invitation to all who struggle to overcome the greatest obstacle in the spiritual life — discouragement. Oblate priest Father Bill Brown will join us for the first meeting, share about the liberating spirituality behind this book, lead a discussion and answer participants’ questions. Learn how to enter into the peace and joy that our Lord promises.

Contact: Sign up at https://mailchi.mp/sophiainstitute/friendship-groups. For more information, contact Mary Beth Bracy at mbracy@sophiainstitute.com.

BLACK FLY 5K RUN
Saranac Lake – St. Bernard’s to have their third annual Black Fly 5K run, walk, roll or stroll.

Date: June 3
Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Place: Dewey Mt. Rec. Center
Cost: Adults, $25; Student, $20 (includes t-shirt if registered by May 27). $10 discount for families of 4 or more.

Features: get some exercise in a wooded setting, then grab some grub from ADK Street Eats and a brew from Hex and Hops and enjoy the after-race fun!

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Mooers – St. Ann’s Church to have their 5th Annual Festival of Cars.

Date: June 4
Time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Place: St. Ann’s Grounds
Features: Craft Fair, theme baskets, food and entertainment. Top 40 picks and special awards at 3 p.m. There will be Hot Wheel races for kids and adults (Entry fee, $5 kids; $10 adults, includes car).

Contact: For more information or to pre-register your vehicle call 518-236-5632. Vehicle Pre-Register is $15 or $20 the day of the show between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Craft Table space, $20.

MERCY CARE EDUCATIONAL FORUM
Paul Smiths - Mercy Care for the Adirondacks will hold its annual Educational Forum co-hosted by Paul Smith’s College.

Date: June 7
Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Cost: $25, includes networking lunch

Features: The 2023 Forum will focus on the urgent topics of Ageism and development of the Master Plan for Aging in New York. Speakers will be Ann Monroe, Greg Olsen and Adam Herbst.

Contact: To register for the Forum, please visit Mercy Care’s website at www.adkmercy.org or contact Karen Rodriguez, Mercy Care Project Manager at krodri-guez@adkmercy.org or call her at 518-523-5685.

ST. LAWRENCE
SPAGHETTI DINNER
Watertown – St. Anthony’s Altar and Rosary to have a spaghetti dinner.

Date: May 25
Time: 4 p.m. to 7
Place: Msgr. Sechi Hall
Cost: Adults, $10; Children, $7
Features: Take-outs available, please bring your own containers.

HOLY HOUR AND DIVINE MERCY
Houseville - A Holy Hour of Adoration with the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be observed the first Sunday of the month.

Date: June 4
Time: Following 11 a.m. Mass
Place: St. Hedwig’s Church
Contact: 315-348-6260

HEALING MASS
Clayton – St. Mary’s to have their annual Healing Mass and Antoine Tetrault Memorial Service.

Date: June 10
Time: 11 a.m.
Place: St. Mary’s Church
Features: The Celebrants will be Father Arthur LaBaff and Father Corinne Boyeue. During Mass the Anointing of the Sick is offered. Immediately following Mass will be prayer teams to pray for individual needs. A social time with refreshments will follow.

Contact: For more information, contact St. Mary’s parish office at 315-686-3398 or claytonsec@rcdony.org. Visit www.stmarysclayton.org.

ST. LAWRENCE
ROSY WITH DEVOTIONS
Ogdensburg – The Legion of Mary will pray the rosary with devotions for First Saturday.

Date: June 3
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: June 3
Time: 3:15 p.m.
Features: First Saturday Rosary Devotion to OVR Lady of Fatima. Confessions will be available. Saturday Vigil Mass at 4 p.m.

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

Date: June 3
Time: 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Place: St. Mary’s Church
Features: Coffee and donuts after service in the parish center

Contact: Bob Brothers at 315-842-2886

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

Date: June 11 (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.

CONCERT AT THE CATHEDRAL
Ogdensburg – Please join us for a concert of original music by Ryan C. McNally, to include Mass in D Minor which incorporates piano, organ, orchestra and choir.

Date: June 11
Time: 4 p.m.
Place: St. Mary’s Cathedral
Features: An Ogdensburg native, Mr. McNally is an arranger and performer, with over 60 compositions to his name. We hope you’re able to join us and bring a friend! There is no charge and all are welcome!

Contact: For more information, contact our Music Director, Christine Bookman at ogdensburgmusic@rcdony.org.

USA FLAG RAFFLE
The Bishop McEntegart 4th Degree Assembly 707 are holding a patriotic raffle of a USA Flag.

Cost: 1 ticket $5 OR 3 tickets for $10.

Features: 1 grand prize – Flag Pole Set (installed); 2nd prize, US Capital Flag; 3rd to 5th prizes, 5 Foot Porch Flag Set. Drawing June 14.

Contact: Any Sir Knight of the Canton Assembly or call 315-244-4455

CHICKEN BBQ
Canton – St. Mary’s Church to
By Tina Dennelly
Catholic News Agency

After a one-day-only re-release of “The Way” on Tuesday, May 16, there will be additional opportunities to view the film.

The movie will be streamed again on various platforms this summer, the 2011 film’s director, Emilio Estevez, told Hearst newspapers. No further details were available.

The film stars Estevez’s father, Martin Sheen, as an eye doctor who while playing golf one day at his country club gets a phone call that his estranged son has died while walking the Camino de Santiago – the “Way of St. James.” He drops everything to travel to France to pick up the body – but then finds himself finishing the 500-mile journey his son started, meeting some interesting characters along the way and ending up a changed man.

The Camino is a 1,000-year-old pilgrimage route that starts in France and extends through Spain, ending at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia. According to tradition, the remains of the apostle St. James are buried there.

So why re-release a movie 12 years after it first came out? Actor, producer, director, and screenwriter Estevez – whose credits include “The Breakfast Club,” “St. Elmo’s Fire,” “The Mighty Ducks,” and “Bobby” – called “The Way” his “legacy project.”

“I have never created a motion picture that has had more of an impact on so many people around the world,” he said. “Coming out of the pandemic, ‘The Way’ is more timely now than when we originally embarked on this journey 12 years ago.”

“We were a scrappy lot,” Estevez recalled in a recent interview with Metro Philadelphia. “[It] started out as this very independent production – I mean, we were funding the pre-production on our credit cards and my mom was using her mileage to bring actors over from Los Angeles to Madrid.”

“We rang the bell on a true grassroots level, and then the movie came out and it did okay,” said Estevez, who also wrote the screenplay and played the role of Sheen’s character’s son.

In a May 11 interview on “The World Over with Raymond Arroyo,” Estevez said he and his father even traveled by bus to promote the original release of the film.

“We drove across the country, and it was Martin and I doing two screenings a night, doing Q & A afterwards, one secular, one non,” Estevez told Arroyo.

Estevez noted the film gained a bit of a cult following, with some people buying dozens of copies to give to family and friends. “It was kind of a surprise little Indie movie,” he said in the Metro Philadelphia interview.

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a drive thru Chicken BBQ.

**Date:** June 18

**Time:** 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Place:** Drive thru with picnic seating available on the lawn.

**Cost:** $15 Full meal, $12 half chicken only

**Menu:** ½ Chicken, Coleslaw, Salt Potatoes, Baked Beans, Dinner Roll.

**Contact:** For more information call 315-386-2543

**DIOCESAN EVENTS**

**ORDINATION TO THE ORDER OF THE PRIESTHOOD AND DEACON:**

Through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, the most Reverend Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg will Ordain to the Order of Priesthood Deacon Lukas Hermann Gruber and to the Order of Deacon Mr. Carter Gabriel Pierce and Mr. Douglas Alexander Schirmer.

**Date:** May 27

**Time:** 11 a.m.

**Place:** St. Mary’s Cathedral

**Features:** A Reception will immediately follow the Liturgy downstairs in the Brzana Hall.

The Ordination Mass may be viewed at www.rcdony.org/ordination. The Ordination Mass program will be available at the same link shortly before the Liturgy.

**RACHEL’S VINEYARD**

Saranac Lake - Rachel’s Vineyard After Abortion Healing Retreat to be held.

**Date:** May 26 to 28, Memorial Day Weekend

**Place:** Guggenheim Lodge

**Features:** If you or friend are hurting after abortion loss, please consider attending a Rachel’s Vineyard healing retreat. You aren’t alone, help is available.

**Contact:** Registration is online at www.rcdony.org/pro-life or by contacting the Respect Life office at cminer@rcdony.org. A list of retreat locations outside of our diocese is available at: www.rachelsvineyard.org.

**GUGGENHEIM SUMMER CAMP**

2023 registration is open. New this year is a mini session for youth 11-13 years old along with the annual sleepaway camp weeks for ages 11 to 18.

**Dates:** The season starts July 5th and ends Aug. 11th.

**Cost:** Mini session is $200 and the weeklong sessions is $425 per camper.

**Features:** Arts and crafts, Project Adventure, Liturgy, rappelling, hiking, basketball, or soccer. Guggenheim has its very own beach where you can swim, use watercrafts and play watersports. Evenings at camp are packed with activities like bonfire time, a dance, outdoor movies, and camp games.

**Contact:** To sign up for camp please visit: www.rcdony.org/youth/camp or call, Jeannie Griz-zuto at 315-393-2290 ext. 1413. Deadline is June 21!

**THE MIRACLE OF THE MASS RETREAT**

Saranac Lake - LEAD overnight retreat to be held on the Significance of the Eucharist in our Lives.

**Schedule:** June 9, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 – Praise and Worship with Madonna Champagne and Nate Pultorak of Plattsburgh, campfire and s’mores; June 10, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Panel on the Eucharist: Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, SSJ; Msgr. Dennis Duprey, Anita Soltero and Cathy Russell.

**Cost:** $30, meals included

**Place:** Camp Guggenheim

**Contact:** Register at www.rcdony.org/lead2dayevent

**LIFE GIVING WOUNDS RETREAT**

Ogdensburg – Retreat for adults whose parents separated or divorced and also for those who grew up in single-parent families.

**Date:** Aug. 11-13

**Place:** Wadhams Hall

**Cost:** $200 for a shared room or $250 for a single room.

**Features:** Financial assistance is available...do not let cost prevent you from experiencing the healing you deserve.

**Contact:** For more information or to register for the retreat, please contact Steve Tartaglia at startaglia@rcdony.org or 315-393-2920.

**WOMENS HEALING RETREAT**

Ogdensburg – Our Lady of the Rosary Healing Retreat for Women to be held.

**Date:** Oct. 5-8

**Place:** Wadhams Hall

**Cost:** $275 per person, $100 Deposit

**Features:** Retreat for women 18 years or older. Registrations begin July 1, 2023

**Contact:** For more information call Kathleen Nichols 518-651-6895. Donations accepted to payable to ORLHR and sent to Wadhams hall.
THE UNSTOPPABLE HOLY SPIRIT

By Monsignor Paul E. Whitmore

Tornadoes this year are not popular. They have caused far too much damage and death in our country. However, there is one tornado-like event that never fails to capture our attention, for it changed the history of the world forever in about 33 A.D. In wind and thunder and fire, in the city of Jerusalem, the Holy Spirit of God entered into the twelve Apostles, and the Catholic Church was born. From that day forward, the same Holy Spirit has entered the hearts of millions more.

On the day of Pentecost, the apostles baptized in water and the Spirit about three thousand Jews, and after the Spirit had entered the house of Cornelius, they baptized Jew and Gentile. The power of the Spirit was with these totally changed men, and neither threats nor imprisonments, beatings or stoning, could prevent them from preaching with great persuasion and power.

On May 28, the Feast of Pentecost, we recall the events that changed men, and offer some prayers for the patients. Then I would go to the Bible that was on a stand in the chapel and flip the page to chapter six of the Acts of the Apostle. Then I would leave.

Acts 6 is the paragraph in the Bible that recounts the decision by the Apostles to appoint assistants, subsequently called deacons, to help the Apostles in their ministry.

The next chapter in Acts talks about Stephen, one of the original deacons, and how he became the first martyr of the new church. I reset the Bible each time hoping people would read the chapters and become curious about our order.

The bishops of the Second Vatican Council restored the Order of Deacon. On June 18, 1967, Pope Paul VI issued the apostolic letter Sacram Dictatuus Ordinem, a document that re-established the permanent diaconate for the Latin Church, and the order has grown steadily since.

My intention today is not to take you on a historical journey about the diaconate but to ask you to pray for us and to pray that other men will consider our order as a way to serve Christ and his Church.

We often pray at Mass and other times for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. I'll bet you can even add "Deacon" to your prayers for vocations. It is a simple add. "We pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life." I'll bet you can even add "Deacon." I'll bet you can even add "Deacon" to your prayers for vocations. It is a simple add. "We pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life." I'll bet you can even add "Deacon."
Continuing to remember mothers

A reflection on the great value of mothers in society is proposed in the editorial of the latest issue of the weekly “Desde la fe” of the Archdiocese of Mexico. “Two thousand years ago, a woman said yes to God, to become the mother of God himself and with Him the mother of humanity” highlights the text. “Mary of Nazareth, undoubtedly the most influential woman in history, was a mother, with all the uncertainties that could arise at the time, to live firsthand the uncertainties of any mother in the world, and also to live the courage that only God can instill in a woman who is a mother.”

For this reason, the weekly invites us to remember and recognize all mothers, those who have many children and those who only have one, since “mother’s love cannot be measured, it simply grows and strengthens.” There are mothers who have to raise their children alone, due to life circumstances; there are those who have to become migrants together with their children, leaving the place where they were born and going to unknown lands in search of a better future; there are those who cannot see their children because of the distance; others have to work a large part of the day, “because they have decided to sacrifice that family time for a better future for their family, and for society itself.” Sometimes they have to entrust the care of their children to the other parent, or they have to turn to their grandparents, who thus continue the work of mothers, with so much love for their grandchildren.

In this panorama, there are mothers who have lost their children, unemployed mothers, or those “who have to carry out sometimes degrading jobs in order to obtain daily sustenance,” mothers who have suffered the death of a child, “a pain that remains forever.” “There are mothers who have lost their child in the womb, voluntarily or involuntarily, and there are mothers that society could consider successful in a professional sense, but who have to face the daily sacrifice of not being present in everything they would like to be with their children.” There are an endless number of professions, from the factory to commerce, from transportation to public safety, from medicine to teaching, “in which mothers are involved, not only for family benefit, but to enrich society with their feminine and motherly vision.” We must value and respect them all, “because their work as mothers means that human society does not disappear from the face of the earth.” Entrusting them to Mary Most Holy, the editorial concludes with an appeal. “Let us never forget the great social and human work that a mother does.”

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

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Home mission dioceses across the country face similar challenges: small Catholic populations, great distances between parishes, and economic hardships that make it difficult for parishes to meet the pastoral needs of their communities. In northern Alabama’s Diocese of Birmingham, for instance, one parish is the only Catholic church in its county. Another parish affected by high unemployment and underemployment lacks resources to pay for youth ministry and parish support activities. Despite these economic challenges, the diocese is committed to forming disciples in the parishes and providing quality education to poor and minority students.

Support from Catholic Home Missions makes the day-to-day ministries of these parishes possible through grants to the diocese for parish operations, training of parish catechetical leaders, youth ministry support, and one-on-one attention to help struggling Catholic school pupils succeed in their education.

When you support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, your contribution helps dioceses like Birmingham keep their parishes open and available to meet the pastoral needs of their communities.

For more information about the Catholic home missions, visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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

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*including Hispanic and other ethnic and cultural ministries
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