

Editorials

Community

A magnificent opportunity for community has been presented to the Rochester diocese with the selection of Father Matthew H. Clark as our new bishop.

We all know there are many priests within the diocese fully capable of leading a diocese and it is entirely possible that some of them eventually will become bishops. We realize that some diocesans may feel disappointed that a personal choice may have been overlooked. That is a human and an understandable feeling. But the hand has written and we must proceed.

The fact that our new bishop comes from outside the diocese does have the obvious advantage of giving us a man who has no past involvement with the problems of the diocese and thus who will bring an unbiased perspective to them. He will not be hobbled by the "that's the way we've always done it" syndrome. On top of that advantage which would apply to any new bishop, Matthew H. Clark seems to have the personal knack of separating each issue from the conglomerate pack and turning it over in his hand, figuratively speaking, to take a fresh look at it.

He has an abiding loyalty to the official Church.

And he is also a man of the people who enjoys mixing with people, talking with them, asking their advice, listening to them. He wants to meet as many diocesans as possible at his installation at the War Memorial.

And when he says that, it is not idle talk. He vivifies it by example as he walks his rounds in Rome. He is at home with everyone whether it be the man who works in the kitchen at the North American College or Cardinal Hume, the archbishop of Westminster. He will bring that charisma to Rochester.

He speaks of his "sisters and brothers" and of our "friend" Jesus. All right, we agree, this can be seen as mere rhetoric. We think it is much more. And we feel that when the new bishop arrives in our diocese, all will agree.

The bishop-elect has special thoughts about his fellow priests. "A bishop has a very particular and precious relationship with the priests of the diocese," he said shortly after finding out about his selection. "I look forward to collaboration with those priests."

Bishop-elect Clark seems to have a very special message for us all, that we will find our freedom in Jesus. He wants us to listen to Christ, understand the momentous impact of the news He has brought us, take this message into our hearts and make it a part of

our lives. With that it would be impossible to fall victim to the doubts, worries and problems we all face in our daily routines.

He tells us with his motto, "His love endures forever." We should clutch the realization of that thought to our hearts. With it we escape our mortal bonds.

We propose that every diocesan try to make it to the installation at the War Memorial, Tuesday, June 26. Mark it down. Get there. You will be glad you did. And let the acclamation that will rise there become a sustaining and motivating force to propel the diocese heading in the right direction with the new bishop.

Let divisiveness lose. Let bitterness be diluted into nothingness. Send vindictiveness back into the dark holes. Search for the good.

Let us use this new opportunity not only to look with hope to our new shepherd but also to stop and look at each other with a fresh regard for the individual worth and goodness each possesses.

And most important, let us take this day to look inside our own selves. Search. Find Christ for He is there. Then let's bring Him to the celebration on June 26 and into the months and years ahead.

and Opinions

Pastor Invites All To 'Corporate Resolution'

Editor:

Already I can feel the optimism and enthusiasm in the air over the appointment of our new bishop. Those who know him well have told us that he is a "good man" and who could ask for anything more?

In his first message to the diocese in last week's Courier-Journal, Bishop-elect Clark said, "It is only with all of you that I shall be able to carry out my ministry as bishop." Indeed, because of the complexities of modern life, every bishop is faced with difficult decisions. But just knowing that he has the support of his people will make those decisions that much easier. Surely he will be seeking and receiving the advice of others, but in the end the decisions will be his.

As we await his arrival in our midst, may I suggest that all of us -- priests, Sisters and laity -- make a "corporate resolution" of our own: namely to support our bishop as he begins to settle in and get the feel of this diocese. It's all well and good to sing the praises of a man at the beginning: the real test, and it will be a test for us, will come as the days and months go on.

His ministry promises to be one of love; our response can make it one of great joy as well.

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Issue Lauded

Editor:

As a fellow editor of the Catholic Press, and also as a friend, may I take this opportunity to congratulate you on two significant events.

1) The naming of Bishop-elect Matthew Clark to head the Rochester Diocese. From all indications, the Diocese of Rochester has been blessed again -- you certainly were with Bishop Hogan -- and you have proof again that the Spirit is alive and well.

2) The outstanding way Bishop-elect Clark was introduced to the people of Rochester through the Courier-Journal.

I must confess to having interrupted my work for a good hour as I devoured your May 9 issue. Very,

very well done. You are to be congratulated for you have served the Catholic Press well in the outstanding way you introduced your new bishop to the people of the diocese.

I have never written a letter to congratulate a fellow editor before; but I feel compelled to do so today. The Courier-Journal is always worth reading, but this week's issue was outstanding.

Keep up the good work.

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Enjoys Guitar Music

Editor:

I am writing in response to the May 2 letter from Mr.

Charles G. Mikeltish regarding Guitar Playing in Church.

First, I'll immediately admit to my bias by saying that I play the guitar (at least, I try my best) and have played at Masses in my parish (St. Lawrence) and elsewhere. The introduction of folk music at Mass for me, been a very important factor in increasing my participation in Liturgy. I like folk music and have always enjoyed the songs and parts of the Mass sung in the folk style. And now being able to play and participate that much more in the celebration has further enhanced my spirituality. Just as organ music is Mr. Mikeltish's style, folk music is mine. Isn't there room for both of us? Our church has 6 Masses for Sunday - one is folk, one alternates and the other are silent or with organ accompaniment. Perhaps that is an "inroad", but there certainly is still a choice.

Like Mr. Mikeltish, I, too have limits as to what I enjoy in terms of modern music in our Church. I like rock, with drums and electric guitars etc., a little hard to take in church; but I will not say that it doesn't belong -- it is what some of our parish family, particularly the young, enjoy. They should not be denied the opportunity to celebrate Liturgy that is most meaningful to them. It is the details of, not the substance of, the worship that is different. As with so many other things being re-evaluated since Vatican II, just because organ music was here first (or was it) doesn't mean it is exclusively, or even more right.

Lastly, if he hasn't yet had the opportunity, I would urge Mr. Mikeltish to listen to some of the modern, folk style liturgical music being done by people such as the St. Louis Jesuits. Most would, I believe, be hard pressed not to find at least some of their songs "soothing to the spirit".

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Rights League Endorsed

Editor:

The Courier-Journal of May 2 had an advertising

supplement for "The Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights." I urge strongly that all Catholics join this organization.

For more than 15 years, as a member of Citizens for Educational Freedom, I have worked personally with the president of the league, Father Virgil Blum, SJ, in the fight for true freedom of choice in education. Nearly all of the cases mentioned in the advertising supplement have been taken up by the league since I have been a member.

Many who have not been engaged in the fight for their rights as American citizens, whether in the field of education, in the discrimination against Italians and other groups, or for their religious liberties, are often unaware of the extent of anti-Catholic prejudice -- bigotry. To many it would seem incredible that the Xerox Corporation had to be forced to stop publication of a pamphlet accusing the Pope of "crimes against humanity."

Several years ago, I met Father Theodore Hesburgh, CSC, president of Notre Dame University, after a communion breakfast for parents of incoming freshmen. Luckily, I was able to discuss briefly with him some ideas he had expressed on the necessity

for Catholics to organize to secure their rights. "The Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights" is just such an organization. Everyone should join.

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Tell Chest No to PP

Editor:

Planned Parenthood is engaging in an organized letter writing campaign to create a false impression of community support. They are asking friends and members to state their contribution that they are contributing because of Planned Parenthood (letter dated March 22, 1979).

I believe that the majority of those parents in this community who are aware of Planned Parenthood's actions with our teenagers do not approve of their population control programs, especially those sexually explicit materials supplied to the children without parental knowledge. Their refusal to notify the parents before abortions are performed upon teenagers is also not generally accepted.

The St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild, an organization of responsible and respected attorneys, carefully studied and documented the detrimental

effects of the Planned Programs on teenagers in the Courier-Journal and the Democrat and Chronicle, both on Sept. 27, 1978. Those who oppose such programs with our children, should, instead, advise Community Chest of their refusal to contribute because of Planned Parenthood. Hopefully, this will put a stop to those programs which have been and are so harmful to our children's physical and moral well-being.

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Typo Ruined The Meaning

Editor:

The typographical omission of the word "not" in my article in your May 2 Courier, page 13, made nonsense of two important sentences. Permit me herewith to submit to our readers the correction, as follows:

"It was not in exhausted, frustrated defeat that Jesus uttered his cry (on the cross when he said: It is consummated.) It was the cry of one who shouts for joy because the victory is won at last."

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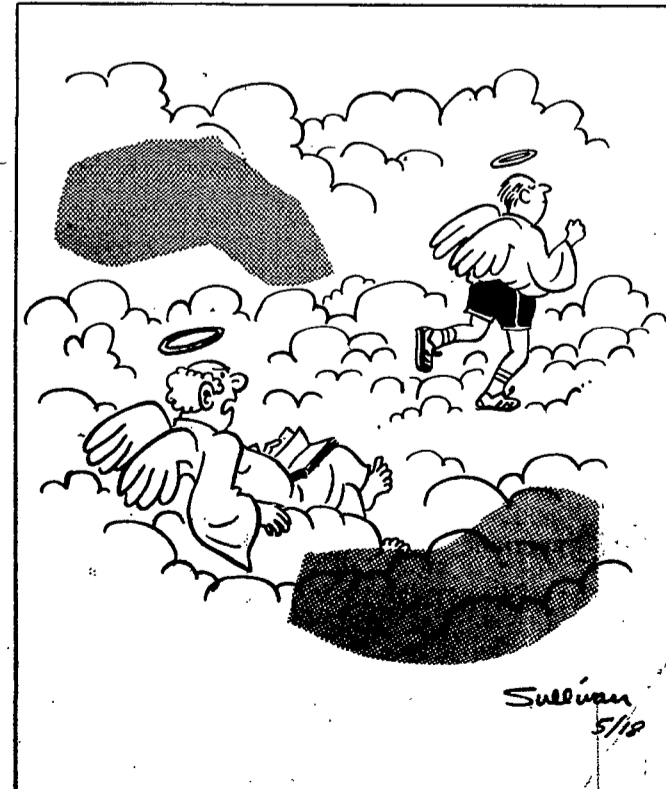
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