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A Busy First Week For Our New Bishop

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Vatican City - Although his ordination as bishop was undoubtedly the highlight event of the week and of his life, it was still only one event in a busy few days for Bishop Matthew H. Clark here.

Most of the happenings surrounding the ordination last week were of a spiritual or religious nature and they began with a prayer service the Saturday evening before the day of ordination.

The ordination itself lasted four hours and must have taken a bit out of even an athletic 41-year-old who runs almost daily. Then it was followed by a reception at the North American College for the new Rochester bishop and for Bishop H. John O'Connor, a Navy admiral who will become auxiliary bishop to Cardinal Terence Cooke who is Roman military vicar of the U.S. armed forces.

While the reception was informal it provided the occasion for many of his friends and associates to

receive private blessings from Bishop Clark.

The next day, Monday, Bishop Clark offered his first Mass as bishop during which

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A heavy demand has been reported for tickets to the installation of Bishop Matthew H. Clark as the eighth ordinary of the Rochester diocese, Tuesday, June 26.

Installation officials have stressed that there will be no admission without tickets which must be obtained through individual parishes.

Any parishes needing additional tickets must contact Father Douglas Hoffman at the Pastoral Center on Buffalo Road. The requests will be dated when received and tickets distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

Other installation developments:

Bishop Clark will arrive by plane at the Monroe County

Father Latus To Continue As Secretary

Father Charles J. Latus will be the secretary to Bishop Matthew H. Clark.

Father Latus has most recently served as secretary to Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, apostolic administrator of the diocese and its former bishop.

Father Latus will be 37 years old on June 22. He attended Public School 11, St. Ambrose, Albany's Vincentian Institute (where Bishop Clark once taught), St. Andrew's Seminary and St. Bernard's Seminary. He was ordained in 1968 by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen.

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Bishop Matthew H. Clark just before his first Confirmation last Tuesday in Rome.

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