



Photo by Anthony J. Costello

Among former classmates on hand for the Bishop Clark ordination ceremony in Rome were three from his St. Bernard's Seminary days. From left, Father John O'Connor of Holy Trinity, Webster; Bishop Clark; Father James Lawlor of St. Charles Borromeo, and Father John Quinn of St. Stephen's in Geneva.

## Bishop Remembered By Six Classmates

By Michael Groden

Six members of the class of '63 at St. Bernard's Seminary were asked to describe a fellow classmate recently, Bishop Matthew H. Clark. Bishop Clark attended St. Bernard's during his third and fourth years of college.

Father Winfried Kellner, administrator at St. Boniface Church on Gregory Street, Rochester, remembers Bishop Clark as a "very congenial guy" who was "a good student and a very hard worker."

He noted that before Bishop Clark was named Ordinary some of the class met for a reunion. During discussion Father Kellner said Matthew Clark's name came up as being the most likely of the class to be named to the episcopacy.

Father Kellner added that he is very honored to be a member of the same class, and he "doesn't envy" Bishop Clark for his new assignment. "He was a studious and friendly man who really enjoyed athletics."

Father James Lawlor, associate pastor at St. Charles Borromeo, Rochester, said that he was very surprised and happy upon hearing of Bishop Clark's appointment. Father Lawlor traveled to Rome to witness Bishop Clark's ordination as a bishop by Pope John Paul II.

He talked briefly with him and returned with the feeling that Bishop Clark will offer a "quiet leadership that will continue the work Bishop Hogan started in the diocese."

"He has a vision of the Church that is very much in accord with Vatican II," Father Lawlor said. He described Bishop Clark as a "very friendly, very low keyed person who will not be intimidated."

Father Philip Lioi, currently serving as chaplain at Fort Drum, Watertown, recalled Bishop Clark as a "very ordinary, quiet and friendly" man. He said that Bishop Clark was not at all unusual, and quipped that "bishops don't get unusual until they've had the job for awhile."

He was very happy to be a classmate of Bishop Clark's. Father Lioi feels that the new bishop's age will serve him well. The job "requires a lot of strength," he said.

Father William McCall, associate pastor at St. Cecilia's, Rochester, said that Bishop Clark was "just one of the guys" at St. Bernard's, and that he was friendly towards everybody.

Father McCall feels that Bishop Clark will be a "hard working bishop and would be able to relate to everybody, the way he did in the seminary."

Father John O'Connor, associate pastor at Holy Trinity, Webster' also traveled

to Rome for the ordination. Upon his return he immediately left for National Guard duty in Missouri and was not able to talk at length. In a brief conversation prior to his departure, Father O'Connor echoed the thoughts of his fellow classmates. He remembers Matthew Clark as a quiet, studious and friendly man who really enjoyed athletics.

Father John Quinn, pastor of St. Stephen's, Geneva, also traveled with the Rochester contingent to Rome. He said that Bishop Clark is a "very gentle, open person" and that he was impressed with Bishop Clark's low keyed and informal manner. Father Quinn said that Bishop Clark is a "very people-oriented man."

## Brothers Who Have Served as Bishops

There have been nine pairs of brother-bishops in the history of the U.S. hierarchy.

They are: Francis T. Hurley, archbishop of Anchorage and Mark J. Hurley of Santa Rosa; Coleman F. Carroll present archbishop of Miami, and the late Howard Carroll, of Altoona-Johnstown.

The others, all deceased, were: Francis Blanchet of Oregon City (Portland) and Augustin Blanchet of Walla Walla; John S. Foley of Detroit and Thomas P. Foley

of Chicago; Francis P. Kenrick, apostolic administrator of Philadelphia and bishop of Philadelphia and Baltimore, and Peter Kenrick of St. Louis. Matthew C. Lenihan of Great Falls and Thomas M. Lenihan of Cheyenne; James O'Connor, vicar apostolic of Nebraska and bishop of Omaha, and Michael O'Connor of Pittsburgh and Erie; Jeremiah and John W. Shanahan, both of Harrisburg; Sylvester Espelage, OFM, of Wuchang, China, who died 10 days after the ordination of his brother, Bernard T. Espelage, OFM, of Gallup, N.M.

## College Has Place For US Clergy

The North American College (where Bishop Matthew H. Clark served as spiritual director for seven years) was founded by the bishops of the United States in 1859 as a residence and house of formation for US seminarians and graduate students in Rome. The first ordination of an alumnus took place June 14, 1862. Pontifical status was granted the college by Leo XIII, Oct. 25,

1884. Students living at the college study theology and related subjects in the various seminaries in Rome, principally at the Pontifical Gregorian University.

The college is directed by an American rector and staff and operates under the auspices of a US bishops committee which was set up in 1924.

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