

# The New Shepherd Arrives ...



Bishop Matthew H. Clark steps from the airplane onto Rochester soil.



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Bishop Clark's mother, Grace Clark, and Father Thomas Powers traveled with him to Rochester.

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The huge Allegheny 707 swooped slowly and powerfully through the crystal blue air. Its jets thundered as it braked its speed over the west runway at Monroe County Airport Monday morning.

A crowd had massed at the west gate: The Bishop Kearney High School Marching Band, airport management, county sheriffs, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan and Auxiliary Bishops Dennis W. Hickey and John E. McCafferty, pastoral office personnel, priests, religious laity, the press and members of Bishop Matthew H. Clark's family all awaiting the arrival of the eighth Bishop of Rochester.

The Earlys, Helen and James and their children (Helen is Bishop Clark's sister) had arrived the night before by car. They had breakfast at the airport, sausage and eggs, and were among the throng at the gate.

The jet taxied toward the Allegheny terminal and was lost from view. Still out on the runway, for the benefit of the press, the spare, tanned bishop debarked with his mother, Grace Bills Clark, and his close friend, Father Thomas Powers. They were picked up by an airport car driven by Samuel Cooper, superintendent of airport security.

As that car came into view at the west gate, lights flashing, the signal was given and the Bishop Kearney band struck up the rousing welcome song "Hang 'Em High!"

The crowd broke into wild applause as Bishop Clark stepped from the car and walked to greet Bishop Hogan, retired Bishop of Rochester.

Bishop Hogan was lavish in his praise for the band calling it, "the best band in the land." He said that those who gathered to welcome Bishop Clark had prayed for sun, and that he took the sun when it came.



Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, retired Bishop of Rochester, greets Bishop Clark.