

### Special Visit

The crowd fills the church for a concelebrated Mass when Bishop Matthew H. Clark recently visited St. James Parish in Waverly, during a tour through the Southern Tier. Priest concelebrants at St. James included Father Edward Foy, pastor; Father Joseph Gaynor, Father Charles Latus, Father Thomas Watts, Msgr. Thomas Jordan, pastor of Epiphany Church in Sayre, Pa., Father Vincent Langan, pastor of St. John's Church, South Waverly, Pa., Father Cyril Guise, OCD; and Father Timothy McGough, OCD.

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sister stated, as it was the result of his vision of Church.

The strength of the four chairpersons and their executive committees also has been important, she noted.

During the four years, the DPC recommended a policy on handicapped access to diocesan buildings; gave its approval to standards for nursing home ministry; recommended establishment of the diocesan International Justice and Peace Commission; surveyed women's role in parish work; conducted the Call to Action consultation; sponsored the Selection of Bishops Committee; and, for the last two years, reviewed the diocesan budget.

The executive secretary's job is part time; during sister's first year, she was religious education coordinator at St. John the Evangelist, Humboldt St., four days a week, and worked at the Pastoral Center one day. For the following three years, she split her time between the DPC and the religious education post at St. Anne's. She has now become full time at St. Anne's.

Holding two jobs was often a problem, she noted, as they

### Ecumenical Coordinator Appointed

Mrs. Margery Nurnberg has been named interim coordinator of the diocesan Office of Ecumenism. She replaces Father Henry Atwell, who resigned the post because of ill health.

Father Gerald Appelby, director of Special Ministries, announced Mrs. Nurnberg's appointment, citing her "wealth of experience in the field of ecumenism on the parish and interparish level."

She is a long time member of the Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, and is active in ecumenism in the Elmira area, where she

each grew toward becoming full time.

After four years of the work, she resigned last February, effective at the end of the DPC year. She noted that the DPC might benefit from a "new vision" that would be brought to it by a new executive secretary.

Active at the regional level, Sister Mary Ann noted that she intends to continue her involvement in the DPC Evangelization Committee, and with the Southeast Region.

Sister Mary Ann's successor brings experience working for the dioceses of New Orleans, Houston, and Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada to her new job. Mrs. Kollar, who has a masters degree in religious education, also has been a consultant for parish education committees for the Rochester diocese.

That involvement should help her with her new job, she pointed out. Working on education committee training programs throughout the diocese, she explained, she gained a broad knowledge of the diocese, and of the workings of parish councils.

Good organization will be important in her new job, she agrees, but that is not all it entails. It will be her job, she explained, to "see that things are not left hanging."

It also is a liaison position, she stated, as she plans to help "agenda items get on the right desk at the Pastoral Center" so diocesan staff are familiar with DPC discussions that affect their work.

The consultative process is important, she said, noting that "the voice of the people is needed by the Church leaders," and that "the DPC is an excellent vehicle for that to take place."

The DPC is an "official forum" for such discussions, she commented.

The forum for the expression of various perspectives is "what I believe the DPC is all about," she said.

As for her relations with the members, she noted, "I'm there to do whatever I can to help them do their job."

She intends to emphasize

the need for delegates to communicate with their constituents. "They have to be true representatives," she explained; the strength of the consultative process "depends on the awareness of the representatives on the DPC of the importance of their work.

Mrs. Kollar commented that she has "nothing but high praise" for Sister Mary Ann both for the quality of the records that are being left to her, and for the personal help in learning about her new job.

### Penn Yan Grad Wins Scholarship

Mary Catherine Barnes, a 1979 graduate of Penn Yan Academy, has received the Rochester Diocese scholarship award, given each year by the State Court, Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

Miss Barnes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Barnes of Penn Yan. The oldest of 10 children, she was graduated from St. Michael's School. She will attend the State University at Cortland in September.

She was sponsored by Court St. Michael 1173 of Penn Yan.



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worked with black Catholics and that he was in need of being educated himself on their needs and aspirations.

On the appointment, Ms. Mullen stated, "We are very fortunate as a community of blacks and Catholics to attract and secure the services of the outstanding quality which John Walker possesses.

"I feel that with him as executive secretary to the board, we will be able to accomplish our outreach to the Diocese of Rochester and to be present in the daily lives of those it serves."

His appointment will "do the diocese a lot of good for its credibility," Father Duah-Agyeman said.

He expects the office to be able to "ask a lot of strong questions on its commitment" to the black community.


Ms. Mullen concurred, saying, "The diocese is cognizant of its responsibilities and the legitimacy of our concerns. We don't expect to do this by ourselves."

Dr. Walker sees the office engaging in questions of criminal justice, economics, education and political empowerment.


By addressing these questions, he said, the office and the diocese will be fulfilling its "social and spiritual responsibilities."

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