

# Bishop Installs New SSJ Team

Bishop Matthew H. Clark last week championed the practice of attentiveness to the Word of God as he presided at ceremonies installing the new five-member Central Administration Team of the diocesan Sisters of St. Joseph.

The ceremonies, held at the Motherhouse of the sisters on East Avenue, drew more than 500 religious, laity and clergy.

The bishop, in the course of his homily, challenged those present to "live in such a way that anything never claims our attention more than that Word."

"If you give yourselves to hearing," he said, "the Lord will take the lead in

strengthening of what we share... and the future of religious life will be assured."

The ceremonies which formally installed the team of Sister Jamesine Riley, superior general, Sister Mary Jean Smith, assistant superior general; and Sisters Elizabeth Anne LeValley, Ruth Agnes Kesselring and Louise Weber, had as their theme "Humbly welcome the word that has taken root in you," a quotation from the epistle of St. James.

In her acceptance of the position of superior general, Sister Jamesine told the congregation that "the service of leadership is not easy." She even cited "mental anguish"

over some decisions which need to be made. She said however, that because of Faith, love of the Church, and the trust and support of the congregation, as well as

## Class Reunion Set Oct. 19

Members of Our Lady of Mercy High School's Class of '34 have slated a dinner commemorating their 45th anniversary for Oct. 19 at the Burgundy Basin Inn 1361 Marsh Rd. in Pittsford. A cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will follow.

A class of '34 spokeswoman explained that all of the grads had been contacted about the dinner with four exceptions. They are trying to locate

shared responsibility, the service of the team will be accomplished. Sister Jamesine, beginning her second term in the top post, spoke for the team.

Dorothy (Blanchete) Emerick, Rose Marie Frank, Dorothy (Hall) Spitzer and Ruth (Henner) Moore.

These classmates are asked to contact Helen Austin (716) 266-3745 or Rita (Quigley) Groden at (716) 293-2265, evenings.

## Insights in Liturgy

By Msgr. William H. Shannon

### The Eucharist Makes The Church

Part III

We must not make the mistake of thinking that the Eucharist is concerned only with the specifically "religious" acts that form a part of our lives. The Eucharist is a sign of our life in its totality. One of the great Latin poets said: "Nihil humanum alienum." Nothing human is alien or foreign to me. We may truly say that nothing human is foreign to the Eucharist. The Eucharist gathers up our total humanness, joins it to the humanity of Jesus and offers a total humanity to the Father.

The Eucharist, therefore, reaches into our social life, our life with others. It expresses the love and compassion that we bring to our lives with others. The Eucharist ritualizes the sense of community and solidarity we strive to achieve with

other men and women. The Eucharist ritualizes the love of lovers, the compassion of the compassionate, the concern of the concerned. But the Eucharist does not, normally, produce these sentiments in us. It presupposes their presence in our lives; and by expressing them it deepens them. The Eucharist will make us more loving if we are already loving, more compassionate if we are already compassionate, more concerned if we are already concerned. But it is doubtful that the Eucharist can make us loving, compassionate and concerned if these qualities are non-existent in our lives when we come to the Eucharist.

Thus the Eucharist raises the level of our social consciousness, though it does not by itself produce that social consciousness. This distinction is important and not always sufficiently realized. When Archbishop Sheen was Bishop of Rochester, he often asked me: "What are you-liturgists doing about concern for the poor?" All that I could

answer was that I hoped that concern for the poor was an on going reality in the lives of all liturgists. But I insisted that liturgy itself cannot produce concern for the poor. That concern must be a part of our lives, if we are striving to live the Gospel. Liturgy can only articulate the concern for the poor that is already operative in our lives. It can deepen that concern. It can open up new areas of that concern. But unless that concern is already operative to some degree in our lives, any liturgies we celebrate centering around the theme of concern for the poor will be operating in a vacuum. They will not be expressing anything that is actually going on in our lives.

The celebration of the Eucharist can deepen our concern for the poor and the needy, only if that concern is already somehow present and active in our lives. If it is already present, the Eucharist will intensify it and make us more loving, more compassionate and more concerned. Thus we can say again: "Eucharistia facit ecclesiam." The Eucharist makes the Church. It makes us a more loving, a more compassionate, a more concerned Church.

## On the Right Side

By Father Paul J. Cuddy

### Chaplain to Chaplain

To Father John Hempel, VA Hospital, San Francisco:

I am writing to you from your old charge, St. Ann's Home and Heritage. This last month has been Hospital Month for me.

Fr. Jim Schwartz wanted two weeks off to sharpen and shape his new assignment, viz. "Ministry to Priests." So I supplied at General Hospital with its 550 beds. Then on to Genesee Hospital for Fr. Larry Murphy for a week. He went off to pray with the Trappists at Spencer, Mass, and finished up in Boston to urge the Red Sox on to greater things. Now I am at St. Ann's Home and Heritage for 18 days, filling in after Fr. Tom Nellis, who succeeded you as interim chaplain here.

Father John Glogowski will take over Sept. 12 from Ithaca, and live at St. Stanislaus rectory with Fathers Jankowiak, Stacy and Stec. Despite his name, I don't think he knows any more Polish than "dzien dobry" and "dziekuje." But he will be wonderful here. He is full of energy and organization and kindness.

I do think that our diocesan Priests Personnel Board members should each take a two-week stint at RG Hospital. It would result in a reshuffling of responsibility for night calls. I had 9 calls in 13 days, mostly at 2 a.m. It is hardly reasonable for one priest-chaplain, after a full day's work, to take emergency calls 6 nights out of 7. The same applies to Strong. Genesee Hospital is busy, but the pressure is less. Chaplain Hooten at Genesee had just returned after three months' bout with sickness and surgery. He is always a great help to me, as indeed are all the hospital personnel. Without their good will and help, our chaplains' work would be greatly stifled.

One nice bonus from this hospital work is living with different priests in different rectories. There certainly is little homogeneity of personality either among the priests or among the whole staff: the cooks, housekeepers and all the church workers. But all are one in making me feel welcome.

St. Ann's Home with its 354 beds is full, with a waiting list for admissions. The Heritage's 237 apartments are all occupied excepting a half a dozen. When one considers the attractive apartments, the spacious lounge, the recreation program, hair-dressing salon and the companionship of many nice people, anyone who can live there is fortunate. Best of all is the beautiful chapel.

St. Ann's folk still miss you and keep you in grateful memory. They were happy with Fr. Nellis, and they are happy with me. But I think that they would be happy with anyone graced by the Priesthood, wearing the livery of the clergy, who can smile with them and who is obviously happy in his work.

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