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Bishop Clark Attends His 1st DPC Meeting

By Martin Toombs

Waterloo — Bishop Matthew H. Clark and the Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) got an opportunity to get to know each other Saturday at the DPC meeting at St. Mary's School.

The DPC elected officers and set itself several tasks at the year's first meeting, the first regular business meeting since Bishop Hogan's retirement.

Bishop Clark told the DPC that "I have been looking forward to" the DPC meeting. He said that since becoming bishop he has been trying to get to meet as many people as possible, and he considers the three consultative bodies "valuable sources of my own education about the diocese."

With the other councils, he said, he will "count this as a privileged forum," as the group includes representatives from many diocesan groups and from each area.

Bishop Clark offered what he called "expressions of thought" on the consultative process for the DPC members

to consider, asking them to "work on it with me."

The consultative process should be "as simple and direct as possible," he commented.

And, he said, delegates should consider the question: "Is what we do finally helping people to be free in the faith?" Members should always be asking themselves, "How are we helping people by what we're doing?"

Brother Brian Walsh, principal of Bishop Kearney High School, was re-elected chairperson, the first time that has occurred. Elected to serve as vice-chairperson was Marilyn Muench, Northeast Region delegate.

Elected to serve on the Executive Committee were Ronald Keller, Northeast Region; Beth Stefano, Tompkins-Tioga; John Dollinger, Southeast; Thomas Rosica, representing youth, and Shirley Toole, Yates-Ontario-Wayne.

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Clergy Growth Is Their Aim

By John Dash

Last week the Diocese of Rochester joined about 40 other dioceses across the country with the full-fledged



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establishment of a Ministry to Priests program.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark named Father James Schwartz, the former chaplain of Rochester General Hospital, to head up a team of 20 priests whose work is aimed at encouraging the physical, emotional/relational, intellectual and spiritual growth of their fellow ministers.

Father Schwartz, and his team-mate and successor at Rochester General, Father Donald Schwab, in an interview last week both described the program in terms reminiscent of the statements made about Marriage Encounter, ministry to priests is designed to "make good priests better."

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Would St. Thomas Believe It?

At the annual St. Thomas the Apostle parish picnic, Msgr. Richard K. Burns, pastor, was honored on his 25th anniversary as pastor and surprised with a gift of a moped, complete with helmet and jacket. A pair of "easy riders," Father Thomas Celso, far left, and Father Daniel Holland, in light colored shirt just behind Msgr. Burns, were largely responsible for the gift.

Pope's Mass Tickets Distributed

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Each parish in the diocese will receive two tickets to the Mass Pope John Paul II will celebrate the evening of Tuesday, Oct. 2 at Yankee

Stadium in New York City. The tickets will be in the mail this week, according to Father Joseph Reinhart, diocesan director of the missions.

"We have only a limited number of tickets," Father Reinhart said, "and we are distributing them in the same way as the Archdiocese of New York is."

Bishop on TV

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will celebrate the Mass for shut-ins at 8 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 23, over WHEC-TV, Channel 10.

Bishop Clark also will deliver the homily which will concern the collection for St. Bernard's Seminary being taken up that day throughout the diocese.