

Bishop Presides At 'Town Meeting'

By Martin Toombs
Southern Tier Editor

Dryden — Bishop Matthew H. Clark fielded questions for nearly an hour following a Mass he concelebrated with the priests of the Tompkins-Tioga Region at Holy Cross Church Oct. 17.

A variety of issues was raised, from respect for life to Bishop Clark's running program.

Seventeen priests concelebrated with Bishop Clark: Father Albert Cason, regional coordinator; Father Eugene Weis, Priests Council delegate; Fathers Charles Latus, Douglas Hoffman, Bernard Carges, Thomas Cleary, Peter Clifford, John DeSocio, Edward Foy, John Maloney, James McIntyre, OFM Cap., Joseph McNamara, Varghese Panagatt, Elmer Schmidt, Richard Stanton, Thomas Streb, and Thomas Watts.

Before answering questions, Bishop Clark expressed his support for regionalism, noting its value to "keep us aware at a level smaller than a diocese and broader than a parish." He noted that he saw a richness in the area, and that regionalism provides a way for that to be shared across parochial lines.

Camp Benefit Slated

A special Dinner/Dance celebration to benefit Camp Stella Maris is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 9 at the Burgundy Basin Inn on Marsh Road.

Money raised during the event will be used for capital improvements and repair work in preparation for next year's camping season.

The festivities will begin with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 8. Tickets are available at the camp office, 3052 East Lake Rd, Livonia, 14487; telephone number is 716/346-2243. The cost will be \$25 per person. All friends of Camp Stella Maris are cordially invited.

Housing Workshop Held

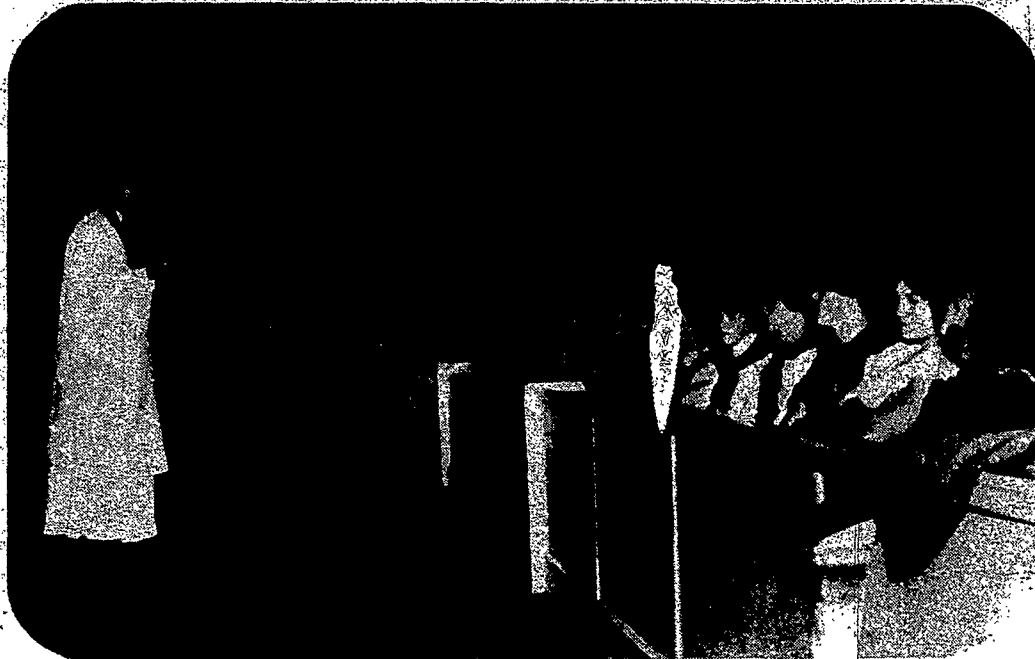
The Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation held its annual housing day last weekend at Blessed Sacrament School. The workshop dealt with housing related issues that included Housing Assistance Programs, Zoning, Building Code Enforcement for Abandoned Homes, and the Community Reinvestment Act.

Father Joseph Jankowiak was the keynote speaker. Father Jankowiak spoke of the theological reasons for the Church's involvement in housing issues.

The Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation is a member agency of the diocesan Division of Social Ministries.

Seton Sale

The 23rd annual Seton Sale to benefit St. Mary's Hospital will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at Nazareth College's Otto Shults Center.



Bishop Clark during his talk.

He also emphasized that each region is different, and that he would expect them to "articulate that difference."

He also called on them to re-dedicate themselves to regionalism, and to let him know when he can help with their efforts.

Bishop Clark also was asked his impressions of Pope John Paul II when he met him in New York City and Chicago. He related the incident at the airport, when the pope called him and Bishop Howard Hubbard, bishop of Albany "baby bishops," and noted that he also had an additional experience when vesting at Yankee Stadium in the Yankee dressing room. "What could be a greater thrill for a Yankee fan," he said, "than to be a priest vesting in the Yankee dressing room."

He commented on the pope's stamina, noting that after attending events in just those two cities, "I was tired. I don't know how he did it."

Responding to questions by Emily Stuhmiller of Newark Valley, Bishop Clark noted that he still runs, although the demands of being bishop have changed his pattern. "I enjoy being bishop very much," he said, calling it "a unique opportunity to tap the gifts"

God has given to the people he meets.

He added that when in Rome, he asked Archbishop Jean Jadot, apostolic delegate in the United States, for his advice for a new bishop. The archbishop advised him to be a "smiling bishop," he said, something he is trying to do.

Bishop Clark answered questions concerning order of First Eucharist-Firmament of Reconciliation and the age at which Confirmation is done by saying that he expects current practice to continue until he has time to study the issues.

A member of the Ithaca College Catholic Community asked about programs to attract new members to the Church. Although he said that he had no programs to offer at the time, Bishop Clark reported that he will be meeting soon with the college chaplains, and plans on visiting all the Catholic high schools. He also hopes to meet with students who don't attend Catholic schools, he noted.

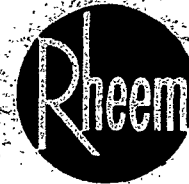
Norbert Schickel Jr., of Holy Cross, Dryden, asked about religious training for youth, and Bishop Clark said that it is important to "give them the best we have," and "honor them by challenging

them" beyond the expectations of society.

Three moral issues were raised, and the bishop's support on each was asked. Bill Sullivan of Immaculate Conception, Ithaca, noted that the community has "more than our share of live-in arrangements," which is setting a bad example. Frank Baker of St. Patrick's, Owego, noted the problems caused by pornography and reported that a group he works with has been successful in cutting down outlets for pornographic magazines. And Bob Rangle of St. Margaret Mary, Apalachin, sought support for respect for life work in parishes.

Bishop Clark expressed his support for efforts on them.

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