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The Bishop Goes Visiting And Is Welcomed as a Friend

By Joan M. Smith

"You are important," Bishop Matthew H. Clark told students at Our Lady of Mercy High School. "You are extremely important because you are made in the image and likeness of God."

This message came during the Bishop's homily during the liturgy he celebrated for the Mercy community in October. He has visited two high schools so far (Nazareth in September) in his determination to become acquainted with diocesan high school young adults. He has indicated he intends to visit each of the high schools during the year.

Facing an auditorium full of students for the first time and at 8:30 a.m. can be a traumatic experience, even for a bishop, but within seconds he not only had 700 captivated listeners but had been accepted into their ranks. He showed that he understood them by telling them that he too had times of being afraid, frustrated and anxious, but advised them, "Those are the times to speak with the Father. Begin to know Jesus," he said. "The more you know

Him the better you will know yourself."

He also outlined the goals that he hoped they were striving for: working toward a real life of prayer; taking time to ponder the deep things within their spirit; and committing themselves to the loving service of their brothers and sisters. "Be people of prayer, integrity and committed service," he challenged.

The Bishop, however, wasn't all business. He chided the students for not being awake, and extended hello's to those students he had already met; like those who had knocked on his door during the Mercy Field Day scavenger hunt; Mary Ellen Adams, a Quill reporter who had interviewed him; and Erin Sheehy and Karen Troide whose fathers had been his college classmates — with the Bishop admitting to having almost blown up Karen's father in a physics lab!

After he had given the final blessing, his audience honored him with a standing ovation to which he laughingly replied, "Don't

applaud, sing!" — emphasizing another of his challenges — to join in and be at home with the people around them.

After the liturgy, the Bishop met informally with school leaders for a lively give-and-take information session. He wondered what leadership really meant to them and they were quick to tell him. "You serve others," said one student. "You have to please everyone," answered another. "And you are caught in the middle," agreed another, referring to the final decision making tasks.

He listened to them, and they listened to him, and afterwards, a check on student opinions about their bishop brought these exclamations — "I like him, he's great!" "He's inspiring." "He's cool." "He has lots of charisma." But perhaps the most significant comment was, "He relates to the young people."

And that the Bishop did. How many of us remember or care to recall the trepidations of being freshmen. The Bishop did and even discussed the

anxieties that beset him on that first day in high school. He thoroughly enjoyed recalling that of all things he had wanted on that day was



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a lunch box — so there he was walking into a new school, surrounded by strange faces, carrying a lunch box — needless to say

the only one doing so — but being a perceptive, young man, quickly put it in his desk where it stayed for the rest of the year!

Scene Over at St. Agnes

On Oct. 23, Sister Anne Guerin, St. Agnes principal; Mr. Nadal, president of the Parents Club; and Eileen Naughton, Student Senate president, appeared on the Eddie Meath Show in conjunction with the school's 40th anniversary.

Sister Guerin related the school's history while Eileen outlined student plans for the celebration. According to her, the Senate is coordinating decoration of the school corridors and is scheduling a balloon launch.

The magazine drive ended Oct. 26. Total earnings were \$33,478.93 and reaching this goal has entitled students to an extra week out of uniform, and a holiday, Nov. 21.

Highest selling class was the

junior class with 163 per cent of their quota.

Top salesperson was Joan Geedy, class of '81, who brought in \$1057.72. Other high sellers were Janet Augsbury, senior; Ann Trunfio, junior; Nancy Raustler, senior; Mary Beauchamp, junior.

Human Development is Nov. 13-16 and the highlight of the week over at St. Agnes will be an assembly on Nov. 15. It will focus on the handicapped and will feature guest speakers: Mrs. Mary Bryant, director of volunteers at the Monroe Developmental Center; Ms. Pat Cox, telethon coordinator for the Cerebral Palsy Association of Rochester; and a speaker from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf.

On Nov. 14, Ray Gary from the Red Cross will present workshops on handicapped awareness in health, psychology and theology classes. The Human Development Committee will also be having a blood drive on Dec. 5.

Back in September, Sister Josette Capazzi, SSJ, visited the school and requested clothing for the people on Mon Luis Island who had lost their homes. Student efforts in this project resulted in 300 pounds of clothing being shipped to the islanders.

Winner

Bill Nugent, a sophomore at Bishop Kearney, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of Oct. 24.



Pumpkin Mania

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Nazareth Academy students celebrated Halloween with special projects. Freshmen made halloween cards for children in hospital pediatric wards. Juniors surprised their "little sisters" with pumpkins, and each school homeroom turned a pumpkin into a comic strip or TV character.

On The Go

<p>AQUINAS Friday, Nov. 9 — Bishop Clark celebrates Mass, 8:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 12 — No school. Wednesday, Nov. 14 — Sports Booster Banquet, Gigi's Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BISHOP KEARNEY Thursday, Nov. 8 — Middle States Evaluation assembly schedule faculty meeting, 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9 — Registration deadline for Dec. 8 ACT test; late</p>	<p>registration deadline for Dec. 1 SAT test. Saturday, Nov. 10 — Parents Fall Dance. Monday, Nov. 12 — School holiday. Wednesday, Nov. 14 — Senior boys overnight retreat.</p> <p>CARDINAL MOONEY Thursday, Nov. 8 — Men's Guild general meeting. Saturday, Nov. 10 — Century Club dinner. Monday, Nov. 12 — Veterans Day, no school. Tuesday, Nov. 13 —</p>	<p>Men's Guild Board meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 14 — Dress rehearsal for Follies.</p> <p>DESALES Thursday, Nov. 8 — Parent-teacher interviews, 12:30-3:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12 — Board of Trustee meeting. Tuesday, Nov. 13 — Family Ziti dinner.</p> <p>MCQUAID Wednesday, Nov. 7 — Dismissal, 1:28 p.m.; faculty meeting, 1:35 p.m.; Parent-teacher meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Friday, Nov. 9 — Rally in gym, 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12 — Veterans Day, no school.</p> <p>NAZARETH Wednesday, Nov. 7 — Youth Forum, Nazareth College, 8 a.m.; Ethnic assembly, 1:40 p.m.; department head meetings, 2:45 p.m.; Ethnic tureen supper, 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8 — Senior assembly, 8:30 a.m.; meeting for parents of students traveling to Spain and Italy, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Friday, Nov. 9 — Yearbook pictures; Parents' Board meeting, 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12 — No school. Tuesday, Nov. 13 — Student Government Association meeting; faculty meeting, 3 p.m.</p> <p>ST. AGNES Thursday, Nov. 8 — Glee Club at East View Mall, 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9 — School pictures; baked food sale. Nov. 13-16 — Human Development Week. Wednesday, Nov. 14 — Red-Cross workshops.</p>
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