### Town Meeting . . .

Nearly 330 persons gathered at Holy Family Church in Auburn to meet Bishop Matthew H. Clark at the Seneca-Cayuga regional assembly last week. The bishop concelebrated Mass, fielded questions at a town meeting-style conference and shared in the festivities following. An eyewitness described the event as "wonderful."

#### Proposal for DPC . . . . . . 12

The Diocesan Pastoral Council will consider many proposals at its next meeting Saturday, Nov. 17, at Canandaigua. Among them will be one that a diocesan youth convocation be con-

#### Chapel to Be Blessed....21

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will bless a newly constructed chapel in Clifton Springs Sunday, Nov. 18. A Mass will be celebrated at St. Felix Church to commemorate the event. A reception for the bishop and parishioners will follow.

#### Kinship Home Opened ... 19

Kinship Group Homes has opened a third facility for troubled youths. On Oct. 23, the Catholic Charities affiliate began operation of the Steuben County Detention Center, a temporary residence. After two weeks, the program seems off to a good start. And it is estimated to save Steuben County \$30,000 a year.

#### Plea for Refugees

Church Women United heard a plea to help the refugees from Indochina at their World Community Day Friday, Nov. 2, at Oakwood Methodist Church in Elmira Heights. Margery Nurnberg, who has worked with Vietnamese refugees for four years, described some of her experiences and urged those attending to do what they can to help the thousands of refugees now in

#### **Bishops Meeting**

A pastoral letter on racism, "non-inclusive" language in the liturgy, and a report on the Latin American bishops' meeting in Puebla, Mexico, last winter are on the agenda for the Fall general meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and United States Catholic Conference which began Monday. More than 200 bishops from throughout the country will participate in the Nov. 12-15 meeting in Washington, D.C.

## **Councils Reports**

Both the Diocesan Sisters Council and the Priests Council met last week. The priests heard a report on the new Ministry to Priests program in the diocese. were asked by Bishop Clark to observe the guidelines for the administration and reception of sacraments (currently in the process of being drawn up), and formed a committee to establish a means for introducing priests' questions on St. Bernard's Seminary.

The sisters will send a letter of commendation to Mother Teresa of Calcutta, approved a donation of \$150 to Cambodian Relief, will again this year sponsor Sisters Penance Services in areas which request them, and debated the wording and intent of the by-laws to their Constitution.



left, and Scott Ochs

Mrs. Darby shows her award to Daniel Latus,

#### RHCS Award Given

Carol Darby, a registered nurse who has volunteered her services to the Rush Henrietta Catholic School System for the past 15 years, has been awarded the system's Martha B. Allen Outstanding Service Award.

Mrs. Darby is the fourth person to receive the award, and the first in the past five years. She was cited by the system as "truly a shining example of Christian

Dr. Dennis Boike addressed the gathering on Family Communication. Nearly 90 parents and guests attended the event.

#### Early Deadline

Because Thanksgiving holiday, the Courier-Journal deadline for the Nov. 28 issue will be Tuesday, Nov. 20.

# Church

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enlightenment. Ezra, in one reading, brought the Hebrenes together and put them building a temple, he note

And Paul told the hesians to "remember" you are," members "of the communion, one fellowsh p that must work together.

For the St. Mary Our Mother parishioners, the bishop said. This celebration is and will be one of deep and lasting joy."

While noting that he was not part of the preparation for construction or dedication, the bishop said he knew there were times when they were "wondering if it would ever be done, and if it is, how in God's name are we going to pay for it."

He called on them not to forget those times of hard work, and to remember not just past events and people, but also "all those who still need to hear the Good 5 News." He called on the congregation to be aware of those who are unable to be at the table, the ill, the haven't received the Good News. Do not forget, he said, to "invite to this table those. who cannot walk here on their own."

During the dedication



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ceremony that followed, Bishop Clark blessed the altar, the church and the congregation. He then anointed the altar, making the sign of the cross upon it in the center and at the four corners. Father Bartholomew O'Brien, pastor, and Father John Firpo, associate, then anointed the walls of the church.

Several visiting priests participated in the ceremony, as did ministers from local Protestant churches.

Following the two-and-afialf hour ceremony, many parishioners stayed to look more closely at their new church; others moved to the gym for a reception for Bishop Clark.



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