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Who's That with Willie?

Bishop Matthew H. Clark, who has described himself as a "human sieve" when it comes to playing baseball, chats with Willie Stargell of the Pittsburgh Pirates, co-winner of the 1979 Most Valuable Player award in the National League. They met at the annual All-Sports Banquet at Elmira College last week. Also on hand were Phil Simms of the New York Football Giants; golfer Penny Pulz; professional football referee Jim Tunney; Jack Hamm, linebacker for the football Pittsburgh Steelers, and sports broadcaster Jim Simpson.

Fr. Vincent P. Collins Dies

Father Vincent Paul Collins, pastor of St. John of Rochester Church, was laid to rest this morning in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. He died Sunday, Feb. 3, 1980, at Strong Memorial Hospital, after an illness of several months.

He was widely known as a counselor and writer.

"His priestly life was an example of compassion and hope," Msgr. John E. Maney said at the Mass of Christian Burial. "Compassion for

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Father Vincent P. Collins

Family Fights Few At Buffalo Hearing

By John Dash

Amherst — By 5 p.m. last Saturday the temperature inside the Capen-Talbert-Norton halls complex at the State University of New York here had noticeably dropped, as had the tensions between two opposing groups, in the crowd of more than 1150 attending the fourth hearing in the Governor's Conference on Families.

The chill was commented on, and groups of people, bundled in winter clothing, were also congratulating each other on the slate of delegates elected to the White House Conference on Families, as well as the "fairness" and "impartiality" shown by workshop leaders who assembled the crowd's concerns to be forwarded to Washington.

Earlier in the day, Secretary of State Basil A. Paterson had directly challenged the assembly:

"The ideas of the people in this room about what a family should be like would probably be astonishing, not only in their variety, but in their intensity. When we talk about families we are talking about something that touches basic and profound emotions. If we allow ourselves, though, to become enmeshed in debating those private visions, I fear we will do a great disservice to the families of this state who are in real need of assistance. If we talk about what should happen in families, what families should do — and should be able to do — then we'll be talking about something that we can agree on as a guide for government action."

The two groups, one sporting yellow stickers labeled "Pro-Choice," the other a red, white and blue tag of an eagle astride the flag, had published lists of delegates and had set up information centers at the conference.

When the ballots for delegates were counted and the final list published, about 3:40 p.m., it appeared there was about an even division on the slate.

Although earlier in the week there was concern voiced in the diocese that not everyone who wished to



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Secretary of State Paterson



Angelina Boella of Catholic Family Center was one of the workshop resource persons.

attend from the diocese would be able, because of registration restrictions, it was discovered early in the morning of the conference that all who came could be accommodated.

Russell Dejarnette of the Office of Children and Families, the state's administrative agency for the conference, was able to say, by 8:30 a.m., all who registered that morning would be allowed in.

The day consisted of a plenary session in the morning, hours of workshops, and day-long voting on delegates. The elections were conducted by Honest Ballot, described by Ilene Margolin, chief

executive of the conference, as a non-profit organization, "really well known for the fairness of their operations. We've used them before. They've been called in to do labor voting and other difficult elections. I don't think they've ever been challenged."

The delegates from the Buffalo region to the White House conference are:

Miriam J. Barth, a teacher of deaf and learning disabled teens; Margaret H. Baum of Planned Parenthood of Rochester and Monroe County; Geraldine Butler of Buffalo's St. Augustine's Center; Judith S. Clair, an

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