

### Bishop at Teen Seminar:

# 'I Love Better Because You Love Me'

By Diane Farrell

Canandaigua — "I am able to love better because you have loved me," Bishop Matthew H. Clark said to 40 young adults participating in Teen Seminar Feb. 4-6 at the Notre Dame Retreat House.

Bishop Clark was one of 11 staff members participating in the seminar, which is open to high school juniors and seniors.

Father David Mura, director of Teen Seminar, said the purpose of the seminar is "to give the kids a vision of living Catholic Christianity in their terms — focusing on the sacraments of Baptism, the Eucharist and Reconciliation."

Bob Waldmiller, from Holy Ghost parish, said he decided to attend Teen Seminar because "it was either this or CCD. CCD is sort of cut and dried. I decided to take it this way."

Participants in Teen Seminar meet as a large group, discuss in smaller groups, see films, pray and celebrate the Eucharist, Father Mura said. There are seminars every other week, accommodating up to 40 teens. Thirty diocesan parishes were represented in last week's seminar.

In his homily in the concluding Mass, Bishop Clark said, "I believe that's what a bishop is supposed to do — to do what he can to show God's gifts to His people. You have helped me to do that."



Bishop Matthew H. Clark celebrates Mass at the seminar's end, flanked by Father John DeSocio and some of the 40 high school students in attendance.

Looking at the teens gathered around the altar, Bishop Clark said, "Every one of you, in his or her own way, has loved me. Because you have, I have learned more about Christ."

Joe Drake, from St. Mary Our Mother parish in Horseheads, said, "I learned how to relate to people better. I would recommend it for anybody. You definitely get something out of it."

Doug Prevost, from St. John's parish in Rochester, said, "I got closer to God and met a lot of new people."

Bishop Clark told the teens that "We need you and we want you. And the truth of the matter is we can't get along without you."

He asked them "to be persons who love Christ" and to "walk the same roads as Christ did."

"You can see the changes," said Julie Louisnathan from St. Mary Our Mother parish. "It was a definite spiritual growth."

### Mission Helpers Elect President

The Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart have elected Sister Mary Ita Hayes to be their president. The election took place recently at a General Assembly in Baltimore, Md., where the order was founded 90 years ago.

Mission Helpers have worked in this diocese since 1950. Currently, five sisters staff the Father Leonard A. Kelly School of Religion at

Assumption Parish, Fairport. Sister Jane Geiger, consultant for adult and family education in the diocesan Department of Religious Education, is a member of the order.

Sister Mary Ita, 44, a native of Medford, Mass., lives at the Motherhouse in Baltimore. She is fund-raiser for her congregation and a member of its governing board. Her four-year term as president will begin June 2. Sister has a bachelor's degree in sociology from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland and a master's in religious education from Providence College, Providence, R.I.

## St. Mary's Hospital In HEP Experiment

By John Dash

St. Mary's Hospital is one of a group of area health-care institutions involved in an experiment in curtailing the rise in hospital costs.

The experiment, called HEP by its originators for Rochester Area Hospital Experimental Program, is designed to guarantee hospitals a fixed income from third-party payers, that is the state, the federal government and Blue Cross.

According to Hank Mundorff of St. Mary's, HEP provides a "better environment to budgeting and

planning than under the old systems.

The old payment systems, he said, could be likened to an employee working for a year without a definite wage scale from his employer, being paid solely according to the profits made by the company during the work period.

In the case of St. Mary's, he said, state payment for services recently was computed three years in arrears.

Organizers hope HEP will become a model for national health care planning.

Under the plan, the hospital is guaranteed a fixed income based on revenue during the past year, number of patients treated, the effect of inflation and the cost of state health

care programs.

All the hospitals in Monroe County, as well as Noyes Memorial in Livingston County, are involved in the program.

The association expects to realize \$900 million in the next three years.

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