



Mariner Visit

Bishop Matthew H. Clark visited the residents of the Mariner House last Tuesday where he celebrated Mass and took part in a reception afterwards. Above, Bishop Clark distributes Communion to some of the 100-plus residents that attended. Left, the bishop greets residents in a receiving line after Mass.



Bishops Endorse Stevens Boycott

Atlanta (RNS) — Roman Catholic bishops in the four southern states where the bulk of J.P. Stevens Co. plants are located have endorsed a consumer boycott against the company, saying the firm's "repeated anti-union activities" constitute "a pattern of lawlessness."

In statements issued in 1978 and 1977, the southern bishops had expressed concern over labor tensions at plants in their region and offered to assist in negotiations with the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union.

J.P. Stevens has been engaged in a bitter 17-year struggle with the union over

Purdue, RIT Sponsor Food Seminar

A food service seminar is scheduled at Rochester Institute of Technology on Thursday, March 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The seminar, titled "Achieving Cost-Effective Quality Foodservice in Institutional and Health Care Facilities," is sponsored by Purdue University.

Josephine Maggiore, a dietary consultant, will be the instructor. She has published articles on menu planning, purchasing, food service personnel, and other topics in

organizing the company's 73 textile mills mostly in the South, during which the company has been repeatedly cited in court for intimidating workers and thwarting efforts to conduct impartial union elections. The bishops, representing dioceses in Georgia, Virginia, North and South Carolina, said worsening labor relations rooted in the impasse "compelled" them to endorse the boycott. They said they hoped their action "will serve to promote the worker's right to bargain collectively."

The National Labor Relations Board and the courts have "averaged almost one decision per month

several professional journals. Maggiore received her B.S. degree from New York University and did graduate work there and at Columbia University.

A certificate of attendance from Purdue University's Restaurant, Hotel, and Institutional Management Institute will be given to each participant. For further information those interested may contact John Palmer, Purdue University, Stewart Center, West Lafayette, Indiana, 47907. Telephone (317) 749-2367.

against J.P. Stevens," the bishops said. "These decisions do not relate only to past failures, they're related to very recent incidents that continue to follow what can reasonably be called a pattern of lawlessness."

Citing the words of Vatican II, the bishops said that "Among the basic rights of the human person must be counted the right of freely founding labor unions — Another such right is that of taking part freely in the activity of those unions without the risk of reprisal."

The boycott would continue, the bishops pledged, until "the company can demonstrate that it has eliminated the mood of fear and retaliation from its plants, bargain in good faith in contract negotiations and respond to the rights of the workers to organize."

They said the boycott would be supported by all diocesan offices in their areas of jurisdiction. The statement was signed by Archbishop Thomas A. Donnellan of Atlanta, and Bishops Michael J. Begley of Charlotte, N.C., Walter F. Sullivan of Richmond, Va., and Ernest L. Unterkoefler of Charleston, S.C.

Vocations Day April 26

An ecumenical Vocation Day for Boy Scouts and Explorers over 14 years old, will take place at St. Bernard's Seminary on Saturday, April 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The event is aimed at "those who feel they may be interested in or who wish to find out more about the ordained clergy, as a vocational opportunity," according to a St. Bernard's release.

The ecumenical Vocation Day comes as a result of a survey, taken by the Oretiana Council of the Boy Scouts, of area high schools which indicated a significant number of young people had indicated an interest in ministry, the release said.

Those interested in attending the vocations day or further information may contact Mr. Edward F. Ranalli, Jr. at the seminary 2260 Lake Ave., (716) 254-1020. Registration deadline is April 1.

Parents Retreat Scheduled

A retreat for parents of teens is scheduled for April 18 to 20 at the Cenacle Renewal Center. The retreat, led by Father James Mason of Toronto, will consist of prayer, lectures and private consultation. Registration is at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. The retreat ends at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday. For reservations or further information those interested may contact the Cenacle, 693 East Ave., Rochester, 14607. Telephone —(716)271-8755.

Symposium

A symposium on "Teaching a Foreign Language Today" is scheduled for Saturday, March 22 at Nazareth College. The lectures and workshops will be from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Otto A. Shults Community Center. The symposium, which will emphasize the teaching of Italian, is sponsored by Nazareth's Casa Italiana. It will be free and open to the public.

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