

Bishop Uses Chrism Mass for Message to Priests

By John Dash

Bishop Matthew H. Clark took the occasion of his first celebration of the Chrism Mass to encourage his priests to "fidelity to their mission."

The ministerial priesthood, he said, "is profoundly a call to join Christ as priest and victim in service to the people." He stated that the work of the priest could be summed-up in seven verbs: "To renew, to lead, to nourish,

to strengthen, to give, and to strive." And if the priest indeed gives such service he will inevitably "suffer."

"It's not easy to be a priest today. It's never easy to be one with Christ in his victimhood."

And for that reason, "Our priests need to be supported, strengthened and encouraged in their ministry by their bishop, by their brother priests, and by their people."

The bishop stated that such a message to priests on the occasion of the Chrism Mass is called for by the rubrics of the Sacramentary; an instruction, he said, "I do gladly."

The evening ceremonies at the Cathedral were quite different from those of recent years, which had laid stress on the royal priesthood of the whole baptized Christian people.

While that element was present in the rites, the emphasis was on the renewal of the sacramental priesthood.

About 60 diocesan priests were present, including the 10 regional coordinators who concelebrated in the sanctuary.

More than 175 lay and religious worshippers also witnessed the rites in which the holy oils of the sick and of catechumens are blessed, and Holy Chrism is consecrated.

The oils are used in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, ordination and anointing of the sick.



Bishop Matthew H. Clark pours the perfume into the Holy Chrism during the blessing of the oils at the Chrism Mass last Tuesday. Flanking the bishop are, at left, Father Charles Latus and, at right, Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey. Obscured from view behind Bishop Clark is Father William Flynn.

Ukrainian Rite Leader Named by Pontiff

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope John Paul II. has named a Philadelphia-based archbishop as the eventual leader of the 3.5-million-member Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Archbishop Myroslav Ivan Lubachivsky, 65, head of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, was appointed coadjutor with the right of succession to 88-year-old Cardinal Joseph Slipyi, the major archbishop of the Eastern Rite Church.

The pope himself made the announcement at a special synod of Ukrainian rite

bishops here. The church is outlawed in its native Soviet Union, but flourishes at places throughout the world.

The pontiff called the special session to consult with the prelates about who should fill the shoes of Cardinal Slipyi, who, since his release from a Siberian prison in 1963, has led the Ukrainian Church in the diaspora.

The pope praised Archbishop Lubachivsky's "pastoral zeal, scientific education, and the fine qualities of modesty and humility which adorn his spirit."

United Way Assists 2 Catholic Agencies

Four human service agencies, including two affiliated with the Rochester diocese, have been selected by the Wayne County United Way to receive \$37,129 from the United Way's development fund to start new programs or expand existing ones.

David Breen, Admissions Committee chairman, said two of the agencies are receiving United Way support for the first time.

The new agencies are

Catholic Family Center, which will receive \$10,000 to provide counseling and family life education programs to about 300 area residents; and St. Joseph's Villa, which will receive up to \$18,000 to establish a group home for eight adolescent boys.

The other agencies are the Wayne County Association for Retarded Citizens, \$5,881 for a recreation program, and Family Counseling Service of the Finger Lakes, \$3,298 for a program for unwed parents, and a family life program for high schoolers.

Puerto Rican Group To Perform Here

Haciendo Punto en Otro Son of Puerto Rico, hailed in some quarters as one of the most progressive musical groups in the Western Hemisphere, will perform at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 17, at Franklin High School.

The group, the name of which translates loosely to "making a point in another rhythm," will be sponsored by the Laguerre Theater Project of the Puerto Rican Arts and Cultural Center, a program of the Ibero American Action League.

Ecumenists Share Meal In Marion

Marion — A recent ecumenical gathering at the Marion Elementary School cafeteria drew 140 people, according to E. Christianson of St. Gregory's Parish here.

The gathering was a potluck supper which featured song, Scripture reading and prayer.

Girl Scouts from Troop 517 acted as hostesses for the evening.

"I thought it was a great success and hope that even more people in the community will join in the next one," Christianson said. "It is open to all Christians may not always see eye to eye, but that doesn't mean we can't walk arm in arm."

The group follows the style of the "new song movement" initiated by protest singers of the 1960s with social criticism included.

Since October 1975, Haciendo Punto has been breaking attendance figures in Puerto Rico and has five best-selling records to its credit.

The group is touring the United States for the fourth time. Some of the points they make are to preserve authentic Puerto Rican music; to let the poets be known; to create new music, and to serve as a bridge among Latin American countries.

Back in 1978, Gov. Ella Grasso proclaimed May 6 as Haciendo Punto Day in Connecticut.

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