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Proud Moment

Christine M. Remillard was one of 20 graduates of Our Lady of Mercy grammar school who received their diplomas from Bishop Matthew H. Clark, June 27. Father Charles Latus stood by while the bishop offered a few private words of congratulation to each of the graduates. Fathers William Amman and Charles Manning assisted at the ceremony that marked the last graduation at the school.



Refugees

After spending the last month going through processing at Fort Chaffee in Arkansas, the Andres Patino family from Cuba is pleased to be among Rochester's newest residents. From left, Andres, 15-year-old son Gregory Rodriguez, daughter Zenaida (age 5) hiding behind her mother, Ekira, and Andres, Jr. (age 4) on his mother's lap. The family spent last week living at Holy Angels Home on Winton Road as guests of the Sisters of Charity while waiting for permanent housing in the city. The Patino's are sponsored jointly by the Catholic Family Center and by the Cuban Lyceum. Groups interested in sponsoring refugee families are asked to contact Refugee Resettlement at the Catholic Family Center. The phone number is (716) 546-7220.

Altier Lauded

Theodore Altier, president of the Urbanarium, Inc., was presented with the Law Enforcement Council Award during commencement ceremonies for the Regional Criminal Justice Education and Training Center at Monroe Community College.

The award cited Altier's efforts on a special task force on Central Police Support Services, which was appointed by the County Legislature to develop an implementation plan for services to be provided to all County law enforcement agencies.

Meeting

Continued from page 1 that the pope was accompanied by the president, Rosalyn Carter and Amy, Zbigniew Brzezinski, U.S. Secretary of State Edmund Muskie and Mrs. Muskie, and the Wagners. It is the first time that the pontiff has appeared in audience with any chief of state.

During the beatification Mass on Sunday, Bishop Clark said, Bishop Howard Hubbard of Albany, in whose diocese, Kateri was born, presented the petition that she be declared blessed. Also at the altar was Rev. Mr. Joe Bush, a deacon of the Diocese of Albany, who served as deacon for the Mass.

In the congregation were several hundred American Indians in traditional ceremonial garb.

The following day, Bishop Clark related, the cardinals and the bishops celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving for the pilgrims. Bishop Hubbard preached at the Mass.

On Tuesday, the pontiff held a special audience for the Indians who journeyed not only from the U.S. but also, from Canada, the country of Kateri's death. Again dressed in ceremonial garments, the Indians sang a Eucharistic hymn for the pontiff. "The pope took special delight in that," Bishop Clark said.

The pilgrims again attended an audience with the pope the next day, the general Wednesday audience, during which the pontiff speaks at some length on questions concerning the universal Church.

On Thursday morning, Bishop Clark celebrated Mass at the Tomb of St. Peter in observance of his first anniversary of installation as bishop. The

Refugees

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He is maintaining close contact with the Miami center for Haitian refugees, he said.

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intentions of that Mass were priests, religious and laity of the Diocese of Rochester.

In a lighter vein, Bishop Clark related an unusual observance of a birthday.

As it happens, Father Charles Latus turned 38 on the day of Kateri's beatification. After the ceremonies at St. Peter's, the U.S. prelates and clergy retired to a reception at the North American College. Cardinal Krol, well known for his fine singing voice — and for seizing opportunities to demonstrate it — began to entertain the assembly.

On learning of the coincidence of the birthday and beatification, the man who sings with the pontiff provided a special concert for Father Latus, by singing "Happy Birthday."

In the U.S., the center of pilgrimages to venerate Kateri is at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville. She was born in Ossernenon in 1656, the site of Ossernenon is believed to be on the grounds of the shrine.

The beatification rites were not solely for Kateri. Four others were elevated to the status of blessed. They include Joseph De Anchieta, a 16th century Jesuit in Brazil; Peter De Betancur (1619-1667) from Guatemala; Marie de l'Incarnation from Canada, and Bishop Francois de Laval, Canada's first bishop.

Father Norris To Fairport

Father John Norris, president of the Priests Council and pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, has been named the new pastor of the Church of the Assumption in Fairport, the Pastoral Office announced this week. Father Norris steps into a pastorate formerly held by Father Joseph Beatini, who died of cancer some weeks ago.

Ordained in 1946, Father Norris has held associate pastorates at St. Mary's, Auburn; St. Charles Borromeo, Rochester; Holy Family, Auburn, and St. Boniface, Rochester. From 1961 to 1968, he served as chaplain at the State School at Industry. He was named pastor of Blessed Sacrament in 1968.

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