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## Charities Focus on Parish Ministry



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### 3 — Count 'Em — 3

The theme might have been "good things come in threes" Sunday at St. John the Evangelist Church when the Adesso triplets were christened by their uncle, Father Leo Lynch. From left, the "stars" of the occasion were Christopher Robert, in the arms of his father, John Adesso; Michael John, held by his brother, Scott; and Kelly Ann, held by Mom (Patti) and being baptized by Father Lynch. Sponsors in photo are, from left, Mary Lou Prestin, cousin Michael Adesso, uncle James Adesso and aunt Mary Lynch. The triplets were born July 29 at Highland Hospital.

## Bishop Clark On Seminaries

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My dear people

Reflect with me, for a moment, on your own journey of faith within the Church. Each of us shares special memories . . . perhaps when you were a child, a teenager, or a parent yourself . . . when your life was touched by someone who ministered in His name.

In truth, those who serve us in so many ways are prepared for ministry through the seminary experience . . . and the grace of God. Their formation, or transformation, is the great gift of the seminaries to all of us in the Church, and especially to us in the Diocese of Rochester.

It is clear why Pope John Paul II wrote to all Bishops:

"The seminaries constitute in the Church an eloquent proof of her vitality and spiritual fruitfulness."

Indeed, what a vital resource we share in our own diocesan seminaries, St. Bernard's and Becket Hall. Here, students can begin their own journey of faith, leading to preparation and ordination for the priesthood. Here, formed in our midst, are those who will lead us, and serve us, in the years ahead.

Just as important, the presence of our seminaries gives

us many other resources to share — resources that reflect the many ways that the Church-at-large has been evolving in recent years.

For example, St. Bernard's offers theological degree programs for religious and laity. The seminary serves the diocesan program for the permanent diaconate, and provides continuing education opportunities for our priests and Sisters. In addition, St. Bernard's offers workshops and seminars for interested laymen and women throughout our diocese.

On Sept. 27-28, I will turn to you, as other Bishops of Rochester have done over the past 100 years, to request your gift toward the work of our seminaries. A gift that will be transformed, through God's grace, to help form those who will minister in His name — in your own parish, in our diocese, and in other ways that only God may know. Your prayers and your gift will open the way for those who respond to the call to minister in His name. He will bless you for it.

Your brother in Christ,

*Matthew H. Clark*

Most Rev. Matthew H. Clark, DD  
Bishop of Rochester

By John Dash

For an estimated 1,600 visitors to Rochester, yesterday marked the close of four days absolutely packed with discussions, speeches and actions which are expected to have wide-ranging effect on social ministry in the U.S.

The visitors were delegates to the 66th annual meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Charities and the 10th biennial meeting of the Association of Ladies of Charity of the United States.

Chief among the delegates concerns was the impact of parish social ministry on the problems of the next decade. The question they debated was the role Charities would play in the development of that ministry.

The meeting was at the Americana Rochester and the Genesee Crossroads Plaza. Because of a labor dispute at the Americana, however, workshops and general sessions were held at the other hotel.

Highlighting the week were speeches by Bishop John E. McCarthy, auxiliary of Galveston/Houston; Hazel Henderson, a futurist; Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, and, expected at press-time, Vice President Walter Mondale. Presidential candidate Ronald Reagan had been invited to address the gathering but declined.

Also among the delegates' tasks was to vote on a policy

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## Keynote:

### Christians Must Convene To Confront Issues

By John Dash

Who serves the poor? "For the last 50 years we have looked to the federal government," Bishop John E. McCarthy said last Saturday. But, he asserted, that is not where people will be served best.

Bishop McCarthy, auxiliary of Galveston/Houston, told more than 1,100 delegates to the 1980 National Conference of Catholic Charities and the biennial meeting of the Association of Ladies of



BISHOP MCCARTHY

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## Future:

### Religious Life Seen Entering Solar Age

By John Dash

It is Hazel Henderson's belief that "ancient faiths are confirmed" by empirical events. All our greatest spiritual leaders throughout history have been the real futurists.

Ms. Henderson is a "futurist," one who studies present developments with an eye toward predicting their outcome. She was the main speaker for the Sunday sessions of the National Conference of Catholic Charities and the biennial



MS. HENDERSON

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