



Charismatic Mass

Worshippers raise their hands in prayer during a Pentecost Mass at St. John the Evangelist in Greece, celebrated by Bishop Matthew H. Clark with more than 800 members of the diocesan charismatic community. With the bishop are Father James Connolly, SJ, diocesan coordinator for the Charismatic Renewal, and Deacon William Mobrey.

Foster Homes Sought

Foster homes are being sought by the Catholic Family Center for nearly immediate placement of six young males now in Indochinese refugee camps.

The six include:

A 16-year-old Vietnamese Buddhist, who speaks no English, who has been in a camp in Thailand since February.

Brothers, one 15, the other 13, also Vietnamese Buddhists, whose parents and seven siblings are still in Vietnam.

A 14-year-old rice farmer from Laos, parents both deceased, a Buddhist with two siblings in still in Laos, who has been in a camp in Thailand for a year.

A 16-year-old Vietnamese Catholic in a Malaysian camp for eight months, whose mother and six siblings are in Vietnam, who has expressed an interest in learning mechanics.

A 17-year-old Confucian, born in Kontum, whose English is described as "fair," studied printing in a private school, and at night learned offset printing, completed grade 11, desires to attend university for engineering, parents and siblings still in Vietnam.

Persons able to provide foster care for the young men have been asked to contact Joyce Daly, Catholic Family Center (716) 546-7220.

St. Mary's Project Gets First Okay

A \$20.2 million renovation and construction project at St. Mary's Hospital has passed its first hurdle, approval from the Regional Review Council of the Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency.

Final approval, however, must come from the state Planning and Review Council, part of the state Office of Health Systems Management.

The proposed renovation includes a three-story addition, replacing the surgical area and expanding the emergency department.



FATHER HOWE

Carmelite Notes 40th

Bath — Father John Howe, O.Carm., chief of chaplain service at the Veterans Administration Medical Center here, is celebrating the 40th anniversary of his ordination this month.

Father Howe has served in Bath for four years.

He has served as chief chaplain at Bellvue Hospital in Manhattan, as president of the National Association of Catholic Chaplains, as chairman of the Standards and Certification for the Mental Health Chaplains, as state chaplain for the Knights of Columbus, and as a member of various religious, social and professional associations.

PLANTS

A demonstration on plant care and a sale and trade of plants will be the highlight of the St. Andrew's Rosary Society meeting, Tuesday, June 23.

Auriesville Celebrates 50th Year

Auriesville — Bishop Howard J. Hubbard of Albany will preside at the Thanksgiving Mass for the 50th anniversary celebration of the Coliseum Church dedication at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, June 21, at the National Shrine of the North American Martyrs.

At the same time, the celebrations will note the first anniversary of the beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha, the 17th century Mohawk maiden.

St. Agnes Summer School

St. Agnes High School is providing summer school in two sessions: academic classes from June 29 to July 31 and Regents review classes from Aug. 3 to 18. All classes will be from 8 to 9:30 a.m. and from 9:45 to 11:15 a.m.

Academic classes will include English 9, 10, 11; Math 9; Remedial Math; Social Studies 9, 10, 11, and Theology. New classes in Sewing and Health will be offered.

Regents review classes will be conducted in Math 9, 10, 11; American Studies, and Comprehensive English.

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Looking for the Lord

Friendship And Intimacy

The death of Father Rollie Star, at 49, prompts some thoughts on friendship and intimacy. But this will not be a eulogy for a friend whom I loved. I've done that elsewhere.

We worked together at Ave Maria Press for 10 years, we remained in close touch after he left for another assignment six years ago.

As far as I can judge, we were vastly different in personality, though we shared values, commitments, labors.

He was far more open and warm — to all corners. He tended to be more enthusiastic and emotional in his likes and dislikes. A huge man, (six feet, four, and normally about 250 pounds) he had a boy's delight in fun.

Not long ago, he rode on his high school float, dressed as the Big Bird from Sesame Street. I don't think any of my friends could ever imagine me in that costume.

Originally, we worked together simply because we were assigned to do so. We got along well, were friendly as I am friendly with a lot of people whom I find congenial.

Over a period of time, however, this friendship deepened. We frequently visited here in my office after the business day ended. We could talk about people and projects in our publishing work, about the community life and commitments we shared.

Gradually we opened up more and more to each other, talking about family experiences, about our efforts to pray, about failures in our lives.

But the most significant change in our relationship came when we shared the other's pain and hurt. He was present with me and shared my grief during a difficult time. I made a point of being with him during his moments of sorrow and suffering.

There were some things we didn't put into words, at least not directly. Either because of a natural reserve we shared or because we carried the emotional restraints of most middle-aged American men, we communicated some things indirectly, by signals which we both understood — or in writing.

The last time I saw him, we went out to dinner. He had been going through a very difficult time, with physical pain and emotional strain.

Our evening together was warm, pleasant, relaxed. We didn't speak very directly about all that he had been going through. It wasn't necessary. He knew that I was aware of it. He knew that, in many ways, I was saying, "Rollie, I'm sorry for your suffering; I want to be with you while you're enduring it."

The next day I received a note from him telling me how much he enjoyed the evening, telling me, again with some indirection, how much our friendship meant to him.

As I think about it, I realize that for me, at least, this intimacy, this love, isn't given or received easily. It takes time; it requires presence. There is a gradual opening and a discovery that the friend can be trusted in the more sensitive areas of our lives. And that trust is confirmed, the relationship seems to be sealed, in the sharing of suffering.

It's not difficult for me to establish more casual friendships with many people whose company I enjoy. And with many of these friends, the relationship does share the quality of love.

But for me, at least — and because it reaches deeply into that sense of loneliness which we all encounter — it is something precious, something to be treasured.

And it is, I believe, a sign, a sacrament of God's love for us which was revealed by Jesus. My sense of loss is eased by my confidence that my friend is now sharing directly that love offered by God, a love far richer than either of us could know in this life.

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