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Bishop Matthew H. Clark jokes with Margaret Hall, LPN, left, and parishioner Jean Dealy who is giving blood at the St. Ambrose drive last Monday, Aug. 17.

## DONATING ESSENCE OF LIFE

Blood donors at St. Ambrose Church last week had a visitor they didn't expect. Bishop Matthew H. Clark, who stopped by to encourage donations to the Red Cross blood drive.

Bishop Clark, unable to give blood because of a rule which states that those who have undergone recent surgery are ineligible, nevertheless expressed his

pride at the contributions made area parishes to the effort.

This summer alone, ten parishes have sponsored Red Cross drives. They are St. Theodore's, St. Lawrence, Good Council, St. Boniface, St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Pius X, Holy Cross, Holy Name and St. Cecilia's.

In addition to donating at

blood drives, potential donors may visit the Red Cross Blood Center, 50 Prince St. on Monday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Anyone between 17 and 66, weighing at least 110 pounds, and in good health, is eligible to give blood every two months, up to five times a year.

## St. Bernard's Institute Is Officially Born

Bishop Matthew H. Clark today signed an affiliation agreement linking St. Bernard's Institute with Colgate Rochester Divinity School-Bexley Hall-Crozer Theological Seminary.

According to Father Sebastian Falcone, the affiliation is unique in the country in that it joins such diverse religious traditions as Baptist, Episcopalian and Roman Catholic on the same campus.

Bishop Robert Spears, representatives of the respective boards of trustees, and administrators of the schools also signed the agreements.

Father Falcone noted that the affiliation brings to fulfillment moves made by the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, while Bishop of Rochester, to move St. Bernard's Seminary to the Divinity School in 1968.

Father Falcone said that student unrest at the time foiled those plans. However with today's agreements and the presence of the archbishop's library on the campus, the move has been made "unwittingly after his death."

St. Bernard's Institute is the successor of St. Bernard's Seminary which was closed earlier this year by Bishop Clark.

The institute will continue the Master of Divinity and Master of Arts degree programs previously offered by the seminary. The institute will also offer continuing

education courses for lay persons and members of religious congregations.

The institute will not enroll candidates for the priesthood, however. Such candidates will prepare at seminaries in other cities.

The Divinity School will also house such diocesan programs as the permanent diaconate, continuing education for priests and the Ministry to Priests program.

The Divinity School, served by one faculty and a single curriculum, enrolls a majority of its students from among Baptists and Episcopalians, but also serves substantial

numbers of Methodists, Presbyterians, and members of the United Church of Christ and more than a score of other Protestant denominations, Charles Lockett, Divinity School spokesman, said.

Registration for the fall semester at the institute and at the Divinity School will be Aug. 31 to Sept. 2. Classes begin Sept. 3.

The institute's core faculty consists of Father Falcone, Father Joseph A. Hart, Father Robert J. Kennedy, Dr. Joseph Torma; and, next year, will include Fathers Joseph P. Brennan and George H. Hill.

## 3 Regions Get New Coordinators

Three new regional coordinators have been appointed by Bishop Matthew H. Clark.

Father Robert C. Bradler will be the coordinator of the Northeast Region, succeeding Father Stephen Kraus; Father Ronald Stacey will replace Msgr. William M. Roach in Yates-Ontario-Wayne, and Father Otto Vogt will assume the Southeast from Father Roy J. Kiggins.

Father Bradler is pastor of St. James parish in Rochester. He has previously served at Immaculate Conception in Ithaca and Holy Family, St. Anne's, St. Augustine's and Holy Rosary, all in Rochester.

He has been the chaplain of the Rochester Fire Department and has been active in regional affairs as Family Life coordinator in the Northwest.

Father Stacey is associate pastor of St. Michael's in Penn Yan. Previous assignments have been at St. Mary's, Auburn, and St. Monica's and St. Stanislaus in Rochester. He was a member of the Priests Council in 1976-77.

Father Vogt is pastor of St. Paul of the Cross in Honeoye Falls. He served as assistant

pastor at St. Boniface, Rochester; Immaculate Conception, Ithaca; Holy Cross, Ovid; St. Patrick's, Elmira and St. Mary's, Dansville.

Before assuming the pastorate at Honeoye Falls, he was pastor of St. Joachim's, Canisteo, and St. Mary's, Rexville, from 1968 to 1975.

Father Vogt was on the task force for the Permanent Diaconate, the Diocesan Conciliation Board, the Priests Council and is chaplain to the Honeoye Falls Fire Department.



FATHER BRADLER



FATHER STACEY



FATHER VOGT

## Charities Board Slams Prison Bond Issue

By John Dash

The board of directors of Catholic Charities last week expressed its disapproval of the \$500 million prison bond issue, due, before voters in November, to finance the addition of 4,078 cells to the state's prison system.

In a 9-5 vote last week, the board accepted a statement that Charities is "basically opposed" to a bond issue of such a size for such a purpose, Maurice Tierney, executive director of the organization, said.

"Essentially," Tierney said, "the Charities organization feels the addition of cells does not solve the problem of overcrowding nor increased incidence of crime."

He said the board expressed concern over "the real cost of the bond issue, when you take into account inflation and interest." He said that \$500 million will become \$1.5 billion over the next 30 years.

"Also, experience says that prisons pursue Murphy's Law in that as new cells are created, new prisoners fill them up."

The board's vote indicated that there are alternatives that "in fact can partially reduce the prison population," Tierney said.

Among those alternatives, he listed early release programs, review of long mandatory sentences, developing community alternative programs such as crime deterrent programs, half-way house services, intensive probation for non-violent offenses as examples.

"Our probation and parole system needs strengthening," he said.

The Charities organization is not the first religious body to question the prison bond issue.

The Judicial Process Commission of Genesee Ecumenical Ministries is actively organizing against the issue.

Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministries, headed by Sister Barbara Moore, RSM, has also registered its opposition.

In addition, Sister Barbara said recently that the Diocesan Sisters Council is

expected to debate the question. Sister Barbara is president of that body.

According to a report earlier this month by Richard J. Meislin in the New York Times, "Proposals for bond to build prisons have been circulating since 1978, but they gained sudden acceptance in the Legislature this year as the shortage of prison space reached crisis proportions."

Meislin also said, "Supporters of the prison bond issue are counting on the growing public fear of crime to overcome the recent resistance to major new public spending projects."

However, according to a leaflet published by the Rochester Area Committee Against the Prison Construction Bond, Thomas Coughlin, head of the state prison system, has said:

"I'm not going to tell you that if you build me 4,000 new cells we're going to reduce crime. It's going to keep increasing at 10 to 13 percent a year. We're not going to change reality, only the perception of reality people have."

## Pope Shows Good Humor

Castel Gandolfo (RNS) — Pope John Paul II, returned to his customary Summer residence here, doesn't seem to have lost any of his famous sense of humor over his wounds suffered May 13 and the long convalescence period.

Before coming here, he visited the tombs of the popes at St. Peter's Basilica and told cardinals present, "I wanted first of all to thank St. Peter for wishing to keep alive his latest successor. I thought there might have been one more tomb."

Then speaking to well-wishers here, he said, "I will begin my apologizing, as a fellow citizen of Castel Gandolfo who should have been here Aug. 15, while today is the 16th. You need a justification. But for that you would have to listen to a special delegation from Gemelli Hospital."