



Bishop Matthew H. Clark, center, celebrates the annual Red Mass last Friday at Old St. Mary's Church, downtown. Guest homilist was Bishop Thomas C. Kelly, right, general secretary of the United States Catholic Conference and a Rochester native. More than 250 diocesans attended.

Bishop Kelly at Red Mass: 'Rights' Come from God

Are the traditions of the Declaration of Independence fading in American life? If they are, then it is the job of all to breathe new life into them.

Thus was the theme of the homily Bishop Thomas Kelly delivered at last Friday's annual Red Mass, sponsored by the St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild at Old St. Mary's Church. Bishop Kelly, a Rochester native, is secretary general of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark celebrated Mass at the annual event marking the resumption of court activity after summer recess.

Bishop Kelly had his topic, "A Fading Heritage?" He

recited the phrase from the declaration, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

"As we reflect on these words," Bishop Kelly told the congregation of lawyers, judicial officials and law enforcement agents, "we cannot fail to observe that these are not sentiments universally shared by Americans in our day. What was 'self-evident' two centuries ago is no longer so."

"... In our day, for many, the very concept of God-given rights is simply arcane language for a claim a citizen accepts from his government,"

a franchise he is privileged to exercise. Some of our staunchest defenders of 'human rights' would be shocked to think of these rights as the endowments of the Creator."

Referring to the "pursuit of happiness," Bishop Kelly said: "Life in our world is not merely threatened and often destroyed in its adult as well as pre-natal stages, but the U.S. Congress this very year seeks to reinstate the death penalty. Meanwhile, the environment in which life is lived becomes with each passing day more and more hazardous — there is 'acid rain' and pollution, 'brown lung' workers, and all the endless dangers of radiation."

"At the same time, nuclear armaments (not to mention nuclear waste) put in jeopardy the very existence of humanity on this planet."

Continuing in his defense of life theme, Bishop Kelly said, "Most of us can remember... when words like abortion and euthanasia were hardly spoken among us; clean water and fresh air were accepted as routine. How can we explain how careless we have become of life and its protection? Have other concerns — comfort, profit, pleasure, freedom — lessened the priority we have traditionally attributed to human life?"

He decried the servitude binding "the impoverished mill worker, the migrant farm worker, the abandoned mother of children, the aged in tenement ghettos, the alone and the deprived."

He said that the "vision of the fathers of the republic seems to be growing dim as time separates us from them... men and women in this generation, (must) breathe life into it, limn again its true shape and colors, and one day hand it proudly to those not yet born."

He challenged the members of the legal and allied professions: "Let us recognize this task as ours, and let us shoulder it!"

Deadline

The deadline for submitting news to the Courier-Journal is noon on Thursday preceding the following Wednesday's publication.

Religious Ed Office Names Two Staffers

The Office of Religious Education announced last week that Sister Mary Lynch, S.S.J., has been named field consultant for the Southern Tier Religious Education office, and that James F. Mulcahy has been named consultant for religious education personnel.

Sister Mary has served as consultant from 1978 to this year. Mulcahy has been director of religious education at St. Patrick's in Mount Morris, a position he has held since 1975.

Business in Diocese

Pamela M. Brown of St. Paul's parish, Webster, has joined Wolff Associates as agency executive assistant. Wolfe Associates is a full-service advertising, marketing and public relations agency which will move into new corporate headquarters at 250 East Ave. later this month.

Dr. Anthony Barraco has been promoted to assistant to the provost at Nazareth College — a new academic administrative post. He will serve as liaison officer for federal programs and with the State Education Department and Board of Education on teacher certification. He has been chairman of the college's Education Department since 1966.

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BACKGROUND
Chuck and his wife, Marge, reside at 236 Larkspur Lane. A graduate of RIT, Chuck operates his own accounting firm at 1780 Ridge Road East, Irondequoit. He has served the Town as Court administrator from 1973-1980 and was the first Parade Marshal for the Town's 4th of July Parade. He is a member of the Irondequoit Rotary Club and the American Legion.



Ronald Schiefen
IRONDEQUOIT • TOWN COUNCIL
DEMOCRAT • CONSERVATIVE

BACKGROUND
Ron Schiefen lives at 169 Kearney Drive with his wife and their two younger daughters. He is a graduate of RIT and is President of his own Schiefen Construction Company, located in Irondequoit.

INVOLVEMENT
Ron is a Director of the American Society of Real Estate Appraisers and is a member of Eastridge Kiwanis, Christ the King Church Parish Council and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.



William J. MacDonald
IRONDEQUOIT • TOWN JUSTICE
PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL

BACKGROUND
Bill MacDonald resides at 519 Barry Rd. with his wife Carol and their three children. A graduate of Aquinas Institute and Brooklyn Law School. Completed a Masters program in public administration. Now an experienced practitioner in matrimonial, juvenile and criminal law; formerly senior administrator with the N.Y. City Department of Finance. President of the Barry Road-Longacre Neighborhood Association; Member of Irondequoit Athletic Association and St. Margaret Mary's.



Virginia DiNoto
IRONDEQUOIT • TOWN COUNCIL
DEMOCRAT

BACKGROUND
Ginny DiNoto and her husband Fred, a City firefighter, reside at 143 Ransford Ave. A Town resident for 15 years, she is a registered nurse for a pediatric physician.

INVOLVEMENT
Ginny has been very active in community and civic affairs — primarily in youth activities at the St. Cecilia Parish. She has been a Cub Scout den mother for many years.

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AQ Parents

Officers for the 1981-82 season of the Aquinas Parents Association (left to right, seated) Mrs. Carol Coletti, secretary; Mrs. Pat Bell, president; (standing) William Consadine, treasurer; and John Hoover, vice president, will be installed at the first general meeting of the group at 8 p.m. Sept. 22, in the Aquinas auditorium. First on the social calendar is the annual card party, Nov. 14, hosted by Bill and Margie LaDue.

PAs Hear Teen Ministry Report

The first meeting of the season for the diocesan pastoral assistants' organization featured a report from Father Raymond Booth on teen ministry. Sister Doretta Rhodes, S.S.J., said last week.

DeChantal Fortune, RSM; Elaine Ryan, S.S.J.; and Sister Doretta.

Focusing on continuing education will be a committee headed by Sister Marie Martin Quinn, RSM.

The meeting, held Wednesday at the Motherhouse of the Rochester Sisters of Mercy, also saw seated the association's executives: Sisters Marie Albert Alderman, S.S.J.; Mary

Although the organization is considered "unofficial," it meets regularly throughout the year and reports its views through an advisory group of pastoral assistants chaired by Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey.



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