

Diocesan Appointments



Bishop Matthew H. Clark announces:

Assistant Pastor in Internship

Father Michael Schramel to be assistant pastor in internship at Holy Trinity, Webster, from assistant pastor in internship at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin in Brockport.

Leave of Absence

Father Robert Doell.



Deacon Workshop

Bishop Matthew H. Clark, left, was among those participating last weekend at a workshop for the Permanent Diaconate at the Divinity Schools. The bishop was on hand to lead a prayer service and attended by the candidates and their spouses, above, and then met with the members of this year's candidates to be ordained later in the Spring.

United Way Sets \$300,000 to Aid Unemployed Poor

The United Way of Greater Rochester last week made \$300,000 available to meet the emergency financial needs of the city's unemployed and poor. An additional \$60,000 from the organization's development fund will be used to support housing services for homeless and transient people.

It is the first time United Way has ever made an emergency allocation of this size to meet basic human needs, an organization release stated.

Natacha Dykman, United

Way chairman, said money came from a reserve set up last year specifically to meet agencies' needs in dealing with the effects of federal cutbacks. She said, however, that local economic conditions, particularly the increasing numbers of unemployed, created more of a strain on agency budgets than did the cutbacks.

She said that the United Way will principally support agencies providing emergency assistance service with the \$300,000.

'Co-Sponsors' Sought for Refugees

"Very special people wanted... who are willing to volunteer a little of their time — not money — to act as co-sponsors for refugees worldwide," the bulletin read.

The author of the bulletin, Jim Delaney, is scouring the diocese for people who are willing to join the United States Catholic Conference and the Catholic Family Center in looking for persons willing to co-sponsor refugees.

Aside from his title of USCC refugee resettlement officer, Delaney carries impressive credentials in the world of refugee relocation, among them the many years he's spent in Asian refugee camps.

"When working in or visiting those camps, and even as a free man, one feels a genuine sense of being cut off from the outside world," he said last week.

"All too often, and owing to political or military considerations of the host government, the refugees are treated as potential insurgents, criminals, and, in general, an annoying intrusion," he said.

"Fear and mistrust run deeply — which merely serves to further cow the already shattered refugee. As a result, refugee camps are really detention camps where refugees can be whimsically detained — interminably."

And it takes the co-sponsor to rescue refugees from this kind of life.

"The commitment of time on the part of co-sponsors involves their assisting the refugees in keeping their scheduled medical, and, if necessary, social services department appointments, taking the refugees shopping, familiarizing them with the city transport system, enrolling the children in school and the adults in

language courses," he explained.

He also said that "in concert with the Catholic Family Center staff, the sponsors continue their search for employment and housing."

"Essentially," he said, "the sponsors get the refugees on their feet."

The Catholic Family Center as an agent of the USCC provides funds to help refugees for about the first three months of initial resettlement. The funds cover rent, housing, food, clothing and other basic necessities, he said.

Despite the gravity of the situation, Delaney remarked, "The refugee flow from camps to third countries of resettlement has markedly diminished. Altruism and humanitarianism have taken a back seat to what is perceived by the industrialized countries to be their own woefully tough economic situation. I don't mean to minimize their or our economic concerns, but we are incredibly rich, and we don't seem to know it. Our wealth can easily absorb refugees who, despite surprising ability, talent and education, invariably take those jobs no one here wants anyway."

Details on co-sponsoring refugees are available by contacting Delaney at Catholic Family Center, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604; (716) 546-7220, ext. 53.

Holy Days

Continued from Page 1 in the United States are the Feast of Mary, Mother of God; Ascension Day; Assumption of Mary; All Saints; Immaculate Conception and Christmas.

The new code allows bishops' conferences to petition the Holy See for permission to abolish observance of some of these days. The code goes into effect Nov. 27.

Aside from that, the first thing that may surprise the ordinary Catholic about the new code is that there are not many surprises. For the most part, the code simply puts into legal form many of the changes in Church practice which have already come into effect since the reforms of the Second Vatican Council in the early 1960s.

In an area that affects daily Catholic life, the new code incorporates the basic updating of penitential practices introduced in 1967 by Pope Paul VI.

Pope Paul simplified the rules of the 1917 code regarding fast and abstinence. He made both universally obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. He made abstinence from meat on the other Fridays of the year the general norm but allowed bishops' conferences to permit alternative forms of penitence on Fridays.

The new code retains these 1967 norms, also allowing bishops' conferences to permit alternatives to Friday abstinence.

Following these norms, the U.S. bishops in 1967 lifted the

obligation of Friday abstinence from meat. Catholics who took advantage of the new freedom were instructed to substitute an alternate penitential practice, such as regular works of charity or abstinence from alcohol or other stimulants.

Perhaps the most striking expansion of the laity's role comes in the permission which a diocesan bishop can now give for lay people to provide pastoral care for a parish in areas where priests are scarce. So designated, the lay person can be empowered to officiate at baptisms, marriage ceremonies or funeral rites if priests are lacking, in addition to performing catechetical and administrative duties.

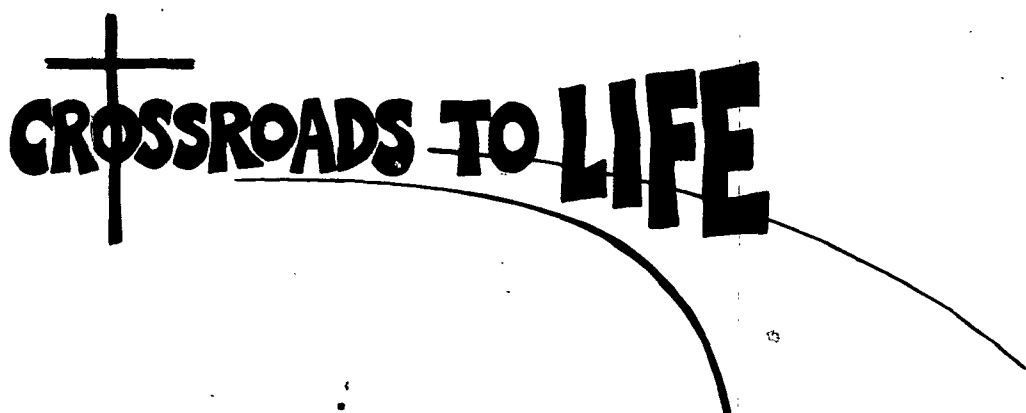
No Change Seen

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Despite their cautions, their agreement in separate conversations regarding the primary principle of interpretation suggested strongly that this interpretation will be the prevailing one.

A decision on whether the U.S. bishops need to take any action if they wish to

retain the present U.S. discipline is to be made by the Bishops' Canonical Affairs Committee, which is to hold its first meeting on implementation of the new code this month. One of the first priorities of that committee is to decide which areas of the new code require immediate attention by the U.S. bishops and to recommend courses of action in those areas.



ASH WEDNESDAY, Feb. 16		
1 p.m.	Monroe County Jail	
	Ash Wednesday Service	
7:30 p.m.	Sacred Heart Cathedral Service	
FIRST WEEK OF LENT		
Feb. 20	2 p.m.	St. Mary's, Canandaigua
21-22		Notre Dame Retreat House
23	2:30 p.m.	Veterans' Hospital, Canandaigua
	7:30 p.m.	St. Francis, Phelps
25	7 p.m.	St. Anne's, Rochester
SECOND WEEK OF LENT		
Feb. 27	2 p.m.	Sacred Heart Cathedral
28	7:30 p.m.	St. Mary's, Elmira
March 1	9 a.m.	Notre Dame High School, Elmira
	1:30 p.m.	Elmira Correctional and Reception Center
	7 p.m.	Ss. Peter and Paul, Elmira
THIRD WEEK OF LENT		
March 6	2 p.m.	St. Stanislaus, Rochester
8	4:30 p.m.	Monroe Community College Newman Community
	7:30 p.m.	St. Agnes, Avon
9	1 p.m.	Livingston County Infirmary
	7 p.m.	St. Mary's, Dansville
FOURTH WEEK OF LENT		
March 13	2 p.m.	St. Mary's Auburn
16	7:30 p.m.	Sacred Heart Cathedral
18	3 p.m.	Visit to Tioga County Rural Ministry
	7:30 p.m.	St. Patrick's, Owego
FIFTH WEEK OF LENT		
March 21	7:30 p.m.	Northeast Region Confirmation Prayer Service
23	1:30 p.m.	Auburn Correctional Facility
	7:30 p.m.	St. Mary's, Auburn
SIXTH WEEK OF LENT		
March 27	11 a.m.	Sacred Heart Cathedral
29	7:30 p.m.	Sacred Heart Cathedral
31	7:30 p.m.	Sacred Heart Cathedral
April 1		Hispanic Good Friday Procession
2	11 p.m.	Sacred Heart Cathedral
3	11 a.m.	Sacred Heart Cathedral

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