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## Crossroads Meeting

When Bishop Matthew H. Clark visited St. Agnes in Avon for a prayer service last week, his path crossed with Terry Matthew Pike, at five months one of the younger members of the parish. Terry Matthew is the adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pike of Avon. Crossroads column, schedule, other photos, Page 5.

## Frank Wolfe Eulogized As 'Peacemaker'

Frank E. Wolfe died last week. He was 86.

There were a lot of gray heads at the funeral Mass at St. Thomas More Church; that was to be expected. What was more significant, however, were the many younger people in attendance.

That was because Mr. Wolfe's service to the Church of Rochester spanned the generations, and although he "retired" in 1960 he continued to offer his services and talents to the Church almost up to the very time of his death Monday, March 7, 1983.

Mr. Wolfe was a former vice president and treasurer of Timely Clothes but since his retirement worked as financial consultant to four bishops of Rochester — Kearney, Sheen, Hogan and Clark.

Mr. Wolfe had many talents and he offered them willingly. But in his eulogy last Thursday, Bishop Matthew H. Clark touched on a more subtle one: "Frank Wolfe, in my experience, was a peacemaker — a man of mercy . . . pure of heart as he related to others . . . a gift from God who showed me what it was like to be blessed."

The bishop continued: "He was a man of achievement and of great gifts. Yet he knew that the love of God didn't come all at once in a bucket" to be used ever after but that "it comes each day . . . that the Lord calls us to be available to him."

In a personal reflection, the bishop related, "Frank, just two weeks before his death, was still probing in his heart the mystery of life, very aware

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Mr. Wolfe with Msgr. Joseph Cirrincione. The two worked together to conduct the Family Rosary for Peace.

## Pastoral Office Realignment New Division Formed To Service Urban Needs

Bishop Matthew H. Clark announced this week the first phase of a planned partial realignment of Pastoral Office departments and services.

Citing the growing need for a more coordinated approach to Pastoral Office services to the City of Rochester, Bishop Clark announced the formation of a new division that will have as its primary purpose the facilitation of ministries with and to the city parishes and communities.

Father John Mulligan, pastor of St. Stephen's, Geneva, has been appointed by Bishop Clark to head the new Division of Urban Services (the tentative title of the new configuration). Father Mulligan will be leaving St. Stephen's at the end of June, and will take up his new duties on July 1. In addition to the division directorship, it is expected that Father Mulligan will also be given pastoral responsibilities in the city.

Several weeks ago, Bishop Clark convened a meeting of pastoral staffs of the city of Rochester to explain his thinking, and to invite the observations of those who minister in the city. Subsequent to receiving their written observations, the bishop announced the new division as follows:

- The Office of Spanish Apostolate, the Board and Office of Black Ministries, and the Hermanas Guadalupanas will leave the Division of Special Ministries and be placed in the new Urban Division. While these departments will remain diocesan-wide in scope, it is hoped that this new



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placement will aid in the coordination of their services to the city.

- The Urban Directorate that has existed for several years will be terminated, and its services assumed into the new division.

- The major portion of the time of the new division director will be spent in the coordination function. He will be expected to bring unity and cohesiveness to all city programs originating from all the other divisions: Education, Support Ministries, Personnel, Special Ministries and Social Ministries. To do so, it will be expected that Pastoral Office

staff from any of the several divisions that are planning ministries for the city of Rochester will coordinate those ministries with and through Father Mulligan.

- The new director will also accept responsibility for the Hispanic Convening: that gathering of diocesan and religious personnel that reflect together and plan for the ministry of the diocese to Hispanics.

- Finally, the new director — in addition to his supervisory and coordinative roles — will be expected to be readily available in the "field," for consultation with parish staffs and clusters of parochial ministries.

Bishop Clark stated that this new configuration responds to needs voiced to him often over the years by city parish staffs. He stated that he looks forward to the growth in ministry and in long range city planning that he foresees will come from this new Pastoral Office realignment.

In addition, Bishop Clark stated that within the next few weeks further plans for restructuring, especially within the Special Ministries Division, will be announced.

## Diocese Endorses Relief Program For State Prisons

By John Dash

The Diocese of Rochester announced its support of a program it hopes will alleviate the state's problem of overcrowding of prisoners, and could save state taxpayers as much as \$194,635,000.

The program, developed by the 139-year-old Correctional Association of New York, calls for amending the Second Felony Offender Law, to repeal provisions which require prison sentences even for non-violent repeat offenders.

"Based on past admissions to the prison system, it can be anticipated that at least 1,630 persons will be sentenced under the provisions of this law to prison terms in 1983 for either property or drug offenses," the association's program states. "If 50 percent of this group are sentenced to alternative punishments such as Intensive Supervision Probation, the state will save \$15,485,000 and free up 815 cells."

Diocesan support was announced at a press conference last week by Father Laurence Tracy, a member of the diocesan Division of Social Ministry. Father Tracy also

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noted that Father Charles Mulligan, division director, was instrumental in developing the association's program.

The association also calls on the state to:

"Expand ISP, a program designed to provide special services and strict supervision to non-dangerous offenders who would otherwise be sentenced to prison. If 65 percent of those inmates estimated to be incarcerated in 1983 for non-violent first felony offenses are sentenced to ISP, the state will save \$20,862,000 and gain 1,098 beds;

"Allow parole release for inmates with good institutional records at the end of their court-set minimum terms. There are currently thousands of inmates with acceptable institutional records who are kept in prison beyond their parole eligibility

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