



harvest a hundredfold

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS IN THE 80'S

Evangelization Event June 11

In a letter to pastors this week, Bishop Matthew H. Clark urged each parish to send 10 delegates to a convocation on evangelization titled "Harvest a Hundredfold: Sharing the Good News in the 80s." The day-long event will take place on Saturday, June 11, at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva.

"This convocation has four goals," explained Father John Mulligan, general chairperson. "to celebrate who we are and who we are to become, to motivate sharing among parishes, empower participants to respond to others' needs and to mission them to love and share the Good News."

A thousand persons are expected to attend. "It will be our first major coming together as a diocese since Bishop Clark's installation in 1979," Father Mulligan said. "We hope that everyone will get the beautiful sense of unity and hope that the installation generated."

Three principal addresses will highlight the event. The keynote, "Calling the Church to Life," will be delivered by Dr. Nathan Jones, a religious educator from Chicago. His address will be followed by nine workshops addressing various aspects of evangelization.

Following a second series of workshops, Father Anthony

Bellagamba, executive secretary of the U.S. Mission Association, will speak on "Evangelization: Stretching beyond the Parish."

A third series of workshops treating challenges calling participants beyond the parish will follow Father Bellagamba's talk.

Bishop Clark's homily at the concluding Eucharist, "Sharing the Good News in the 80s," will cite hopeful signs of progress and also offer challenges for new directions during the decade.

In his letter to pastors, Bishop Clark said, "Practically every one of the 45 workshops included in the convocation reflects a successful evangelization effort already under way in our diocese." These workshops will be conducted by couples, deacons, parish and diocesan ministers, Sisters and priests from our diocese.

Parishes have until May 1 to submit the names of delegates. Sister Mary Ann Binsack and Father Bob Kennedy are co-chairpersons. Anyone desiring more information should contact their parish or write to Harvest a Hundredfold, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624.

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Infertility to Be Subject of Meeting

Coping with pregnancy loss and infertility is the topic at the next Resolve for Rochester Meeting. Rhonda Klorman, Ph.D., will present "Waiting and Losing: Losing and Waiting" at 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 23, at Brighton Town Hall, 3200 Elmwood Ave.

A clinical psychologist, Dr. Klorman will discuss feelings during a grieving process

following pregnancy loss and during infertility and how to cope with these feelings.

Infertility is defined as the inability to conceive a pregnancy after a year or more of active trying, or the inability to carry a pregnancy to birth. Resolve for Rochester provides informational meetings on timely infertility subjects, a support network of persons who have "been there," and a guide to medical

personnel who have an interest in infertility. The meeting is free and open to the public. Further information is available from Jan Higgins at 671-4110.

Warming Development

Washington — Thousands of backers of a nuclear weapons freeze were among the first to know that the House Foreign Affairs Committee approved the nuclear freeze resolution now before Congress. Rep. Jim Leach of Iowa, a member of the committee and a co-sponsor of the resolution, told participants at an anti-nuclear rally in Washington March 8 that the Foreign Affairs Committee had just approved the measure, 27-9.



Father Bruce Ritter

WHEELS OF FORTUNE

taught me a lot about sex and, I guess, he put me to work. ...I didn't mind it so much after a while. I was young and pretty so he sent me out to my customers dressed like a girl—a transvestite. His face twisted a bit. I lived with 14 other boys in this big house. We were all pretty young and pretty scared. He made all of us watch a kid get beaten with a hanger. It was bad. That's what happened when you tried to leave. The next time you're dead.

"I saw you on TV and had to talk to you so I hitchhiked 2,000 miles."

Mark lit his tenth cigarette of the hour. His hands were shaking slightly. When I turned 17 and got some muscles and my beard began to grow, I went butch—I didn't have to wear girls' clothes anymore. Then I got too old and they made me join another group—Man-to-Man. It was a call service. Pretty high-class customers...His voice trailed off...Then they sold me to the Corporation.

He suddenly appeared a lot older than 19. I had a company car and an apartment and took care of the Corporation's clients. They would fly me all over the country...The Corporation had a representative that would take a portfolio of the kids in their stable, both boys and girls, to their clients. We didn't have any clothes on in the photographs. The clients could pick anyone they wanted. I was pretty popular...they would come to my apartment...

"They made me join Man-to-Man—a call service."

Mark named the Corporation. It's one of the Fortune 500. I'm afraid, he said. They don't like you to leave them. I left the car and just started hitchhiking. What can I do? I don't even know if you can help me or would want to. His voice trailed off again. He tried not to cry but couldn't manage it very well.

I can help you alot, I said. Stay around for awhile. We'll

work something out. I took Mark over to Carl who was the Supervisor-on-duty that night. This is Mark, I said. Let him stay as long as he likes. I grabbed Mark's hand and held it for awhile. Just stay around, I said. You'll be safe here. I'll talk to you tomorrow.

He was gone the next morning. Nobody knows where or why. Probably because he just couldn't trust anybody that much, that soon. I never got a chance to use any God talk on him. I pray alot for Mark. I don't think he'll come back.

Thanks for helping us love and care for all our kids. This month's group of kids are especially good. We managed to get a whole bunch of them back home. And work on our new UNDER 21 Centers is coming along fine, thanks to you.

Pray for all of us: my kids, and Mark especially. We pray for you daily.

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