

Along The Way

With Bishop Matthew H. Clark



Deadlines for the Courier-Journal this week have been advanced for the holiday weekend.

That change finds this writer slightly breathless because it leaves me with three days less than normal to prepare this column.

The change puts a bit of pressure on but the bright side is that the weekend will not be as rushed at the end as it usually is.

I am looking forward to this long holiday weekend. Several months ago I asked Father Lou Vasile to keep it as free as possible.

We have just finished the Spring confirmation schedule which is an unusually busy time of the year. These weeks have not allowed much time for the kind of quiet I need to read and write and think and pray as I should

These days offer a chance to do that. And I have an agenda for the weekend which includes:

- preparing my homily for the Eucharistic liturgy at Harvest a Hundredfold our exciting evangelization event to

be held at Hobart College on Saturday, June 11.

- working on a talk which I will be giving to our priests in June in preparation for the Thanks Giving Appeal.

- spending the best part of one day in prayer.

- reading a good section of a new book, "Rome and Antioch" by Raymond Brown and John Meier.

- taking a couple of very slow five mile runs.

- experimenting tonight on some linguini with white clam sauce. Frs. Tom Mull and Lou Vasile will be in for supper and have agreed to try it.

- enjoying a beach chair I have but seldom used at a place like Durand Eastman Park or the Charlotte Beach.

My hope is that the overriding theme of the weekend will be thanksgiving. That is the spiritual movement closest to me at the moment.

The immediate reason for that, I believe, is that today I celebrate four years as bishop. I have said to you at another time that I consider this ministry the greatest grace of my life; that remains true today.

Each day - whether it is particularly smooth, exceptionally difficult or totally normal - is filled with signs of God's love through and for His people.

One of our priests put in wonderful words what I want to say about being a bishop when he received an experience of the Lord he had recently on a directed retreat:

"I am 55 years old and I feel like a young boy at Christmas. There are so many gifts around I don't know which to open first. I have been graced with a new appreciation of Jesus because I have come to realize the depth of His humanity."

It is the presence of the Lord in you which is consistently the source of my delight and whatever growth I have experienced as a bishop.

And so, although this won't be a normal weekend on the road, you will be very much a part of this holiday time.

You'll be in the reading, writing, praying, cooking and relaxing. Most of all - you'll be at the heart of the thanksgiving.

SSJ Will Make Final Profession

"You are the potter, I am the clay" is the theme chosen by Sister Patricia McDermott for her ceremony of final profession of vows as a Sister of St. Joseph of Rochester.

Sister Patricia's family, community and friends will join in the celebration of the Eucharist at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 5 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Spencerport. Fathers Robert Winterkorn, Thomas Selso and Rene Phillips will concelebrate for the occasion.

Sister Patricia teaches first grade at St. John the Evangelist School in Spencerport. She has taught

third grade at St. Jerome's School in East Rochester. Sister Patricia's work with young children continues into the summer months when she is the director of the Kiddie Kare program sponsored by Nazareth College for children of college students who are attending the summer session.

Sister Patricia, the daughter of Elvira McDermott of Canandaigua and William M. McDermott of Rochester, is a 1974 graduate of St. Agnes High School, and a 1979 graduate of Nazareth College where she received her BS in religious studies.

Sr. Christine Slated for Final Vows

Sister Christine Wagner will make her final profession of vows as a Sister of St. Joseph at 2:30 p.m., on Saturday, June 4 at the congregation's motherhouse chapel on East Ave.

Monsignor William Shannon will be the celebrant of the Eucharist for which Sister Christine has chosen the theme "Come and see" Sister Christine considers her commitment a response to "come and see" and for her "that is a call to be at home with those among whom I live and minister," she said.

Sister Christine is presently the education secretary at St. Joseph's Villa Campus School. Previously, she worked for four years at the School of the Holy Childhood, teaching for two years in the adult program and teaching home economics for two years. She has also taught junior high social studies at St. Patrick's School in Seneca Falls.

Sister Christine is chairperson of the Diocesan Task Force on Nuclear Disarmament and a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph Social Justice Committee.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Wagner of St. John the Evangelist parish in Spencerport, Sister Christine is a 1969 graduate of Nazareth Academy High School and a 1974 graduate of Brockport State College where she earned her BA in English.

Golf Outing Is Set

The Fred and Jean Purchase Memorial Golf Tournament (formerly the Cardinal Mooney Scrambler Golf Outing) will be Saturday, June 18 at Shore Acres Golf Club. Cost per person is \$10 and includes refreshments, greens fee, cocktails and a buffet. All Cardinal Mooney parents and friends are welcome.

Except for the change in name, to honor Fred (former golf pro at Lake Shore for many years) and Jean, who when alive, were active in staging the semi-annual event, the tournament format will be the same. For further information call Jack Timmons at 663-6207 before June 7.



Office Know-How

Cardinal Mooney Office Procedures students dressed for "a day at the office" on May 10 and met with professionals who updated their awareness of the modern office. The program included a word processing demonstration by Charles Costitch (above) of REM Western Office Equipment, Inc., a presentation on word processing applications and procedures by Betty Puleo of the Business Systems Group, Inc., and a summary of interview techniques by Edwina Janecki of the Barbizon School. Refreshments were served by CMHS Business Club officers Lori Dooley, president; Val Chamber, vice president; Debbie Allen, secretary; Michelle Speranza, treasurer.

CFC Plans Meeting to Aid Jobless

The Catholic Family Center Unemployment Committee has scheduled an open meeting at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 1, at Annunciation Parish Hall, 1760 Norton St.

The center hopes that unemployed people and their friends attend from such surrounding parishes as St. Cecilia's, St. Philip Neri, Christ the King, St. Andrew's, St. Ambrose and St. Salome's.

The purpose is threefold -- to identify the unemployed and to understand their needs, to identify those who can help, and to determine what action steps are to be taken.

Deadline

Items intended for publication must be typed and in the Courier-Journal offices by noon Thursday before the Wednesday publication. The Courier-Journal is located at 114 S. Union St., Rochester, N.Y. 14607.

Diocese Thanked For Mission Gifts

The national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith has written Bishop Matthew H. Clark to thank the diocese for its contributions to the "prop" office and to the Society of St. Peter Apostle for native vocations.

Msgr. William J. McCormack told the bishop, "Your contributions from the Diocese of Rochester in the amount of \$483,636 for the Society for the Propaga-

tion of the Faith, and for the Society of St. Peter Apostle of \$14,025 together with the contributions of the other dioceses in the United States, enable us to make available for distribution the sums of \$39,525,319 and \$2,121,228 to the respective general funds of these two organizations."

Msgr. McCormack said his office will send this assistance "directly to the young churches in the missions."



Those Far Away Places

Kirsten Pederson, Susan Angotti, and Silvana Tasillo in front of the Milan Cathedral. The girls were part of the Nazareth Academy group who spent Easter vacation in Italy. The trip included visits to Venice, Florence, Pisa. Most exciting event was hearing "Your Holiness, we introduce the student group from Nazareth Academy in Rochester, New York" proclaimed across St. Peter's Square.

Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting

The Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting will be on Saturday, June 4 at St. Thomas More Church. Following is the agenda:

9-9:30 a.m. - Opening Prayer, Validation of the Membership, Minutes, Agenda, Priests' Council Report, Sisters' Council Report, Directors' Report.

9:30-9:45 a.m. - Chris Felo's Proposal on Young Adult Membership.

9:45-10 a.m. - Coffee Break.

10-10:15 a.m. - Parish Project Film.

10:15-11 a.m. - First Discussion Group.

11:05-11:50 - Second Discussion Group.

Noon-1 p.m. - Lunch - brown bag, drinks will be provided.

1-2 p.m. - Peace and Justice Education Item.

2-2:20 p.m. - Mrs. Toole - Looking Back.

2:20-3 p.m. - Bishop Matthew H. Clark - Going Ahead.

3-3:15 p.m., Break.

3:15-4:30 - Election of Chairperson, Vice chairperson, five members of the Executive Committee - each candidate for office will give a 3-5 minute speech on why she/he should be elected. Balloting will follow the speeches.

5 p.m. - Liturgy in St. Thomas More Church followed by cocktails and dinner in the gym.