

Along The Way

With Bishop Matthew H. Clark



Rome (Aug. 26) -- Greetings to all from the Casa Santa Maria, the graduate house of the North American College in Rome. I'll be here until Sept. 25 for a study program with about 90 other bishops from the United States. The program begins on Monday but I thought you might enjoy a word or two before studies begin. And so -- these notes:

● I have enjoyed returning to the chapel in this building where I lived for three years and where I now write.

One reason is its beauty; another is the power of the memories which flood in on me here.

It was here in this chapel, 21 years ago this December, that I celebrated Mass as a priest for the first time. To recall that is to remember the love of my parents and sister, the support and affection of other relatives and friends, and the wonderful associations begun in this city with classmates and other students from all parts of our country. One of them, Bishop Howard Hubbard of Albany, served that first Mass; another, Father Tom Powers with whom I was ordained, is now director of this graduate house.

● In this chapel during the school year 1972-73 I learned a

great deal about prayer, priesthood, the Church and myself.

All of that happened in the year I had for preparation for my new work as spiritual director of the seminary department of the North American College. I had been ordained about 10 years at the time and found the occasion of beginning new work a grace-filled time to raise old questions and to explore new ones.

There were friends here then -- to whom I shall always be grateful -- who guided and supported me through those months. What they were generous enough to teach me stays with me always but I am particularly conscious of them and their goodness when I come here.

● You are also very much with me these days -- not in a strained can't-leave-my-work-behind-me way. But you are here peacefully and easily as friends who in God's loving providence continually call me to new life -- and support me in the sometimes painful growth that requires. I shall be praying for you in this chapel and in all of the other holy places I'll have a chance to visit while I am in this city.

I took a wonderful 40-minute run in the city today. It was a delight because without any particular plan in mind I ran past or through (or around!) the Piazza Venezia, the Colosseum, Arch of Constantine, Circus Maximus, Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Lungotevere, Piazza Farnese, Campo dei Fiori, Piazza Navona and the Pantheon.

This run I took at 4 p.m. but that time will not be possible when classes begin. Then it will have to be early morning, midday, or late in the evenings. I am guessing it will be midday.

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Father Chuck Latus called me earlier today with the sad news of Cardinal Cooke's illness. I know that you join me in prayer for this very kind man and generous servant of God's people. He has been a great witness to the faith among us; may our faithful prayer give him strength for his journey.

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Thank you all for your prayers and good wishes. You can be sure that I remember you.
Peace.

CHD Chief Announces Grants to Local Groups

Father Marvin A. Mottet, executive director of the National Campaign for Human Development, was scheduled to be in Rochester Monday to formally announce a \$28,000 grant to the Spanish Action Coalition of Rochester.

Local CHD grants to diocesan self-help groups totaling an additional \$27,550 were also announced at that time.

The campaign is financed through an annual collection in churches throughout the country. Last April's drive netted more than \$130,600 here. After administrative expenses were deducted, 75 percent was sent to the CHD office in Washington, D.C., for national allocation and educational programs. The remaining money was retained for local allocation.

According to a local CHD release, "Grants are made to projects that enable low-income people of all races, creeds and geographical regions to work together for solutions to the causes of poverty and injustice in economic and social development, legal aid, housing, health, communications and education."

The Spanish Action Coalition was described as "a grass-roots community organization with city-wide membership. SAC is committed to self-determination for Hispanics in Rochester and to participation of the poor in the decisions which directly affect their lives."

"Since its inception in 1978, SAC has provided planning, community organization, training and advocacy to the Hispanic Community. CHD funds will be used to address issues associated with education, housing and the implementation of recommendations made by the United Way Hispanic Services Task Force."

Local funds and their recipients are:

● \$5,427.60 to Farmworker Legal Services of New York, Inc. (Monroe County). This grant will be used for the Alien Rights Project. This project will provide legal education and representation to non-citizen farmworkers who are no longer eligible for federally funded legal services. The

ARP will enable this population to understand its basic legal rights and recourses.

● \$3,618.40 to Chocolate City Neighborhood Association (Monroe County). In order to instill pride and confidence in the neighborhood and to demonstrate that much can be done with few resources and self-reliance, CHD funds will be used for a summer neighborhood rehabilitation project. Eight neighborhood youths and one experienced painter-contractor will paint exteriors and do minor house repairs. The paint and tools will be supplied by the City of Rochester.

● \$7,815 to Project Growing Hope, Inc. (Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry). The Ithaca Community Gardens of Project Growing Hope provides an opportunity for Ithaca residents, particularly those with low incomes, to increase their self-reliance and extend their incomes by growing their own food. For a minimal fee, a community gardener has the use of a plot of prepared soil for a growing season. Inexpensive seeds and gardening instruction are available to all participants, along with access to tools and other resources. CHD funds will be used for staff and related expenses in order to continue to function effectively.

● \$2,161 to Worker Profit-Sharing Janitorial Service (Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry). CHD funds will be used for legal fees and worker transportation for a worker-owned and managed janitorial service. With one major contract assured, transportation is needed to secure other contracts and to haul heavy equipment. The program is designed to train and hire welfare recipients to perform professional janitorial services and to train these individuals to run their own business.

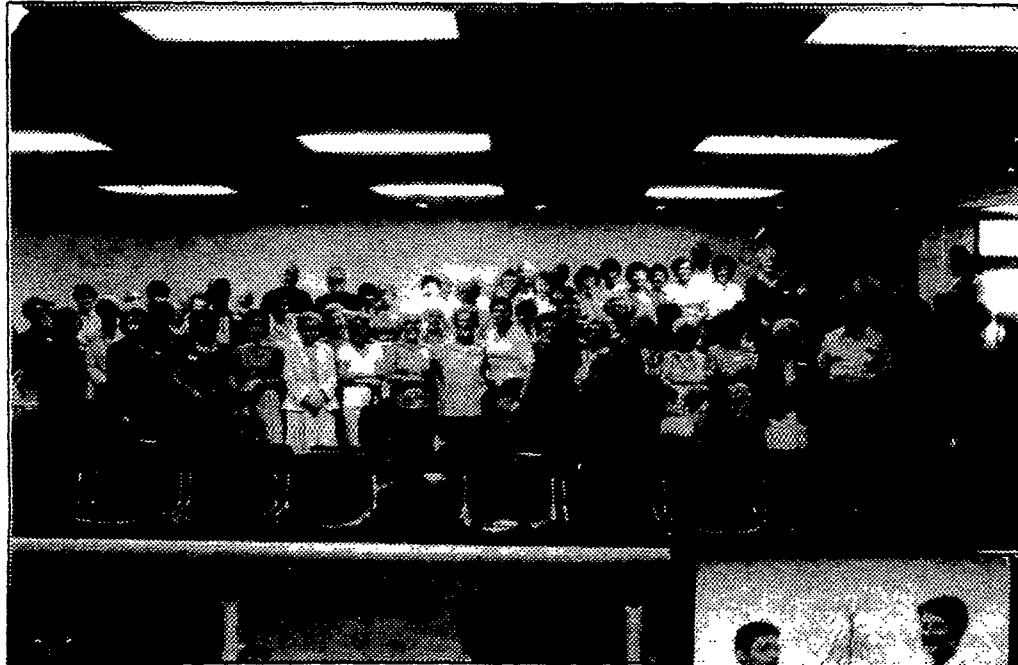
● \$4,128 to Cayuga County Homesite Development Corp. of Auburn (Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry). The purpose of this organization is to provide a wide variety of housing services to low income and moderate income families in Cayuga County.

CHD funds will allow for the expanded availability of the Security Deposit Loan Fund so as to provide these funds to a greater number of people.

● \$2,000 to Friends and Neighbors Storefront in Auburn (Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry). CHD funds will aid in establishing a permanent, self-sustaining network of people (job-club members as well as friends and neighbors) who will be aware of what jobs are available to the unemployed. Specifically, unemployed people will be counseled concerning their immediate problems and skills in finding employment will be offered.

● \$400 to Livingston Area Hotline, Inc. (Livingston County). After federal and state budget cuts, community volunteers formed a non-for-profit corporation to reinstitute a "Hotline" service to residents in Liv-

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Pilgrims Depart

Bound for the Eternal City, 78 pilgrims on the Courier-Journal Holy Year Pilgrimage to Italy, ready to board their plane. In the inset, Father Louis Vasile, secretary to Bishop Matthew H. Clark, greets Sister Mary Louise Heffernan, chairperson of the Diocesan Holy Year Committee. The pilgrims will attend Mass celebrated by Bishop Clark in St. Peter's Basilica tomorrow. The group returns to the United States Sept. 19.



Surprise Planned for Sister Regis

Through the years, the active Father Jim Hewes has been a strong supporter and helping hand for the Courier-Journal. But now he has presented the editorial staff with a stickler. He wants us to announce an upcoming surprise party.

Widely known and re-

spected Sister Regis, the pastoral assistant at Mt. Carmel where Father Hewes is pastor, this month is celebrating her 20th anniversary at the inner city parish. The parish is planning a surprise party for her from 1 to 3 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 18, in the school hall and

Father Hewes wants to invite everybody in the diocese who wants to join Sister Regis for the big day.

"But, Father, how do you announce a surprise party?" asked the editor weakly.

"Just do it, okay?" Father Hewes answered. "I'll take care of the rest. I'll clip the paper before she gets it. Don't worry -- but don't forget to tell your readers that this is a secret."

Mum's the word. Pass it on.

DPC Agenda

September 17, 1983
Guardian Angels, Rochester

9 a.m.	Opening Prayer (prepared by the delegates from the Southeast Region)	11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.	Liturgy and Lunch
9:05 a.m.	Panel: The Challenge of Peace Assent and Dissent in the Church Father Joseph Jankowiak Creative Responses to the Pastoral Letter, Jim Lund Justice and Peace beyond the Pastoral, Mary Heidkamp	1-1:30 p.m.	Recommendations and Motions Based on the Morning Discussions
		1:30-2:30 p.m.	International Justice and Peace Commission Request
		2:30-3 p.m.	Regional and Appointed Reports Evaluation
11:40 a.m.	Vote on Young Adult Proposal from June Meeting		Closing Prayer (prepared by the Southeast delegates)