

Along The Way

With Bishop Matthew H. Clark



Rome (Feast of the Birth of Mary) -- On Saturday, Oct. 22, I shall speak on the theme "Religious Leadership in the Quest for Peace" at a rally for peace at the Seneca Army Depot.

I shall be one of several speakers that day at an event sponsored and/or endorsed by a variety of agencies and institutions, secular and religious, in the northeastern part of our country.

I have been given eight minutes for my remarks and shall attempt in that time to draw on two of the deepest calls of our faith tradition: reverence for all life and the need for ongoing conversion.

It is in prayer and in the light of my understanding of what the Church asks of me -- and of what I believe I owe to you -- in my ministry as bishop that I have tried to make this decision. Because of the complexity and sensitivity of the issues involved it is important to me -- and I hope to you -- that I tell why I have so decided.

In keeping with the purpose and format of this column, I shall try to do this by sharing some of my own personal reflections on the matter.

● I am aware that my very presence may be taken by some to express endorsement or support for sponsoring agencies, moral views or lifestyles inimical to the moral values cherished in our community of faith.

Please let me assure such persons that this is not my intention. In addition, the possibility that my intention may be misread does not in my judgment warrant my staying away from the event. On the contrary, it is my conviction that we all need to stand ready to proclaim publicly our deepest moral values and be willing to do the work of bringing their light to bear on the vexing questions of the day -- and we need to do that wherever there are people to listen.

● My acceptance of this invitation in no way indicates lack of regard or personal respect for the men and women who serve our country in military service or for those civilians

employed by the military. They do something noble and deserving of our thanks when they protect our God-given human liberties.

● I intend in no way to communicate by my presence a lack of reverence for the United States. I have great love for my country and desire nothing more for her than that she grow in the strong principles upon which she is founded.

Among those principles are the right to peaceful assembly and the right to stand in public opposition to government policies when they are judged to be not in the best interest of our nation.

As a religious leader and as a citizen present at the Rally, I wish to signal my conviction that our government is the servant of the people and as such needs to take account of their deepest human aspirations and moral convictions in the formulation of public policies which affect their well-being.

● To be there is not to state that I have by some mysterious gift become expert in fields such as weaponry, politics or international affairs.

I shall be there as a religious leader and a teacher to say as closely as I can that there are weapons which must be banned from the earth because their effect is so deadly as to stand in violation of the rights of the innocent and noncombatants to live in a truly human way.

I shall try to say that there are moral limits to what can be done in self-defense and that to exceed them is to lose our very souls.

● I endorse as strongly as I can the position statement submitted by the Holy See at the United Nations in 1976: the arms race is to be condemned as a danger, an act of aggression against the poor, and a folly which does not provide the security it promises.

We spend billions upon billions of dollars for instruments of war and have trouble financing educational institutions.

People starve in the midst of an abundance of material and intellectual resources dedicated to a technology producing ever more terrifying weapons.

To all of this we need to say a strong and clear "NO!"

● The pastoral letter of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response," is a work of which I am very proud. Not because it is perfect, or provides all of the answers or clarifies all of the ambiguity present in the complex questions of our age.

I am proud of it because it stands strongly behind moral principles which keep us human; it calls fearlessly and unequivocally for a halt to the madness of the nuclear arms race; and -- perhaps most important of all -- it proposes an alternative way to work for peace.

That way is not easy. It will require commitment to dialogue and negotiations, patience, wisdom, ongoing conversion of heart and a capacity to experience failure and disappointment and still return to the effort.

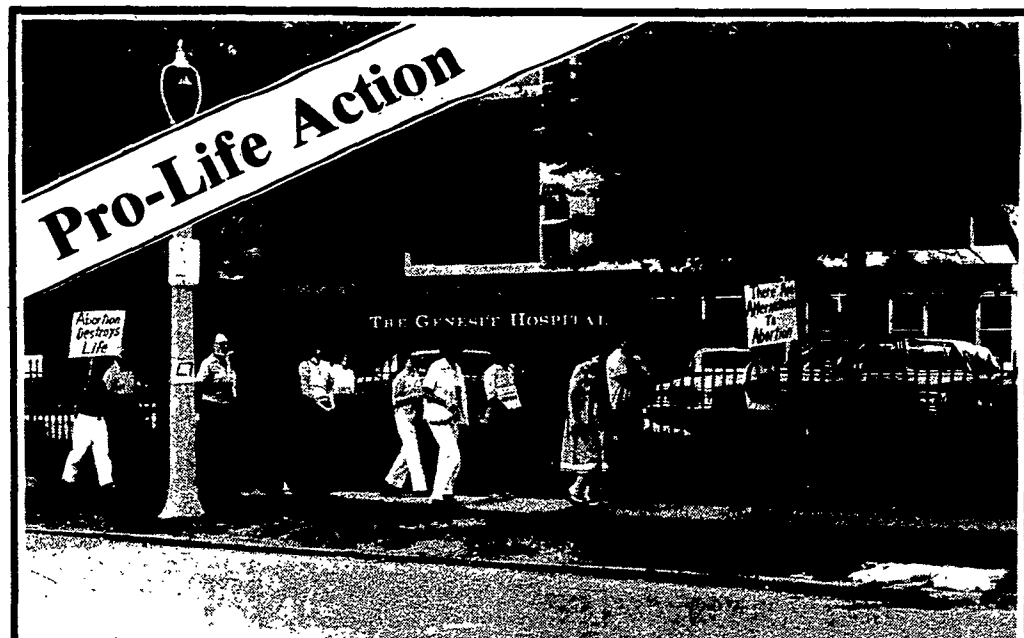
But if we all do what we can do -- and do it in prayer and with respect for those who may differ with us -- then we have a chance to break the vicious circle in which we are now trapped.

It is in that spirit that I have decided to join the Oct. 22 program.

● When I go there I will not say that I speak for all of you because I know that would not be the truth. What I would like to be able to say is that you are giving our pastoral letter your prayerful attention and that you have recommitted yourself to the work of reconstructing a world wherein peace based on justice is enjoyed by all.

Finally, let me invite you once again to pray daily for peace and to make Friday a special day of prayer, almsgiving, fast and abstinence for that intention.

Peace.



Buonemani, carrying a sign which reads, "There Are Alternatives to Abortion," leads a line of demonstrators near the 220 Alexander St. address. Buonemani said that while the negative reactions from the public to the demonstration are occurring, the majority of passersby seem to recognize them and go about their business.

Pro-Lifers Carry Message And Prayer into Streets

By John Dash

Each Saturday morning, Ray Buonemani leads a group of about a dozen Catholic pro-lifers in a recitation of the rosary and a march outside 220 Alexander St.

The address, Buonemani said, houses "several doctors who perform abortions."

The demonstration, he said, lasts about an hour, and he is hoping to draw more pro-lifers into his activity.

Buonemani and others carried on much the same kind of activity outside an abortion clinic at 1800 Hudson Ave. earlier this year.

"One Saturday, about three months ago, we were very pleased to find posted on the

clinic entrance a letter informing patients that the clinic was closed.

"We are convinced that through the power of prayer and action we helped close that abortion clinic," he said.

"Unfortunately, there are other locations in the Rochester area where unborn babies are being destroyed. We need to do the same thing at these locations. Going directly to the place where abortions are being done and praying the rosary is a powerful way to help end abortion."

Buonemani is asking parish groups and the interested public in general to join him and his prayerful cadre. He may be reached by calling 621-3906.

New Location For Renewal Center

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Center has moved across the street to 34 Monica Street effective this month. The new office is on the second floor of St. Monica's rectory and community center.

Among other things, the center provides a monthly

newsletter -- a forum for teaching and communication of programs and resources, and is in the process of developing a variety of ministries in service to the Renewal -- evangelization, healing, music, prophecy, shepherding and teaching.

Father Jim Connolly, SJ, liaison for the Renewal, Tracy Logel, office administrator, and a number of volunteers provide assistance to individuals and groups in the Renewal. The center will continue with the same phone number, 716/436-6252.

Catholic Schools Marathon Sports Hart's 'B.C.' Logo

pledge-per-mile event has raised \$200,000 for Catholic schools here and for the parents' federation at both the diocesan and state levels.

The diocesan event is organized by the Rochester federation and Rochester Council #178 of the Knights of Columbus. The Irondequoit K. of C. council provides a refreshment stand and operates it through the day.

More than 50 schools and 3,000 persons are expected to participate at the main sites.

In addition, many schools conduct mini-marathons for primary age children at their own schools the week prior to the diocesan event.

In the split of the money raised, 75 percent remains with individual schools, and 25 percent goes to the parents federation to offset expenses and to fund the diocesan and state organizations in their advocacy programs.

Latin Mass To Be Sung

A sung Latin mass will be celebrated at 3 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 25, at Corpus Christi Church, 864 E. Main St.

The Mass will provide an opportunity for undergraduate music history students from the Eastman School to sing the traditional Gregorian chants which they are studying at the school.

Father Dennis Bonsignore of Our Mary Our Mother parish in Horseheads will be the celebrant. Except for the readings, the liturgy will be entirely in Latin. A small booklet, however, will be available to members of the congregation, providing translations of the Proper of the Mass plus sung congregational responses. All are invited.



'B.C.' the cartoon character created by Endicott resident Johnny Hart.

Hart originally designed the logo for the Broome County Marathon for Catholic Schools, and then gave permission for it to be used throughout the state for the fund-raiser for Catholic schools.

The fourth annual marathon will be run in the diocese Saturday, Oct. 1 with routes in Auburn, Geneva, Newark, Waterloo and Rochester. Over the past three years, the

The Marathon for Catholic Schools, sponsored by the New York State Federation of Catholic School Parents, has a new logo this year:

Event Goes International

Three high school freshmen are the recipients of the Bishop Matthew H. Clark Oratorical Scholarships. Thomas Nientimp, McQuaid, took the \$1000 first prize. Robert Syzyk, also of McQuaid, received \$750 as second prize, and Rosie Teremy from Bishop Kearney won the \$500 third prize.

Monies for the scholarships are obtained from sponsor donations of Bishop Clark who participates in the annual Catholic Schools Marathon. This year, on Saturday, Oct. 1, date of the marathon, the bishop will be jogging in Israel.

Emergency Facility Tour Set at Hospital

Hornell -- St. James Mercy Hospital will offer an opportunity for the public to become better acquainted with the hospital's Emergency Department facilities during an open house from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 21 (today).

The event is in observance of Emergency Medicine Week, according to William Connors, associate administrator.

Hospital personnel will conduct tours of the Emergency Department; display and explain emergency medical equipment; give cardiopulmonary

and intubation demonstrations; take blood pressure checks, and distribute Vials of Life. Ambulance tours also will be provided and there will be a photographic display, hands-on exhibits, and free Emergency Care Guide packets.

According to Dr. David Nash, certified emergency room director, emergency medicine is the newest recognized medical specialty, having achieved that distinction in September 1979. The first board certification examination was administered by the American Board of Emergency Medicine in 1980.