

# Along The Way

With Bishop Matthew H. Clark



**Sunday.**

It's been an active weekend. Some notes about that and then a word about next week:

● We minister and communicate the God we experience. These words express the theme developed by Father John Haughey, SJ, when he addressed those gathered for the Church in Dialogue program.

Father's call was a gentle urging to include the rest of the Sabbath in our lives so that we would be freer to meet and cherish the love of a provident God.

This rest for him is not merely a distraction from activity but an experience of that leisure which is a pre-condition for prayer. It is also an opportunity to appreciate oneself as a whole person after what for so many is the hectic activity of daily living.

I appreciated very much Father's words because I judged them to be offerings rising from a heart genuinely seeking to be what he was encouraging us to be.

My gratitude may also have found its origin in my

realization that I need very much to attend to his message. How about you? What kind of a God do you minister and communicate to those who know you? A busy God? A gentle and provident God? A harsh, stern one? Not bad questions to have in mind as we approach Advent.

● Tonight over three hundred religious men and women gathered at Bishop Kearney High School. They came at my invitation to speak about religious life, their efforts at renewal during this post-conciliar period and their hopes for the future.

The evening was a grace for me. In part that's because our speakers, 14 in all, were women and men who spoke of religious life, the Church, pain, growth, searching, love, gift, sacrifice and care in a way which moved this listener and, I think, all who heard them.

All of this was occasioned by the study of religious life in the United States called for by our Holy Father. Archbishop John Quinn asked all of us bishops to do what we could to hear our religious prior to our annual Bishops Conference

meeting in Washington next week.

Last evening's gathering was a beginning step on a journey which I hope will bring many blessings to all of us. Allow me please to commend the effort to your prayer.

**From Monday to Thursday.**

● The National Conference of Catholic Bishops meets in Washington next week to deal with an agenda which appears to be quite full. You'll read about that in other parts of this paper.

I do want to add here that I'll be going to Washington on Saturday to participate in a two-day meeting on women in the Church. Some 50 bishops have responded to an invitation to this event which is sponsored by the committee of our conference which works in this area.

I shall be thinking of you during those days. Please pray for all of us that what we do will serve all of God's people and that our ministry will bring us to a deeper knowledge and love of God.

Peace.

## Bishop Kenny, Jim Wallis Headline Parish 'Hope Fest'

Bishop Michael Kenny of Juneau, Alaska, and Jim Wallis, the pastor of Sojourners community in Washington, D.C., and editor of its magazine, will be featured at Corpus Christi Parish's Festival of Hope, Nov. 17-19.



JIM WALLIS

"The purpose of the festival is to encourage and renew a sense of hope and faith during these troubled times. We hear daily about rising unemployment, broken homes and war-torn nations as we deal with the concerns of day-to-day living. This festival will help give the people of Rochester and the surrounding area a sense of community as well as hope," a parish news release stated.

The festival will open at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Fri-

day, and will run 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday.

Thursday's program includes a discussion on the

richness of the black community and worship, featuring Drs. James and Estella Evans. Dr. Estella is professor of social work at Nazareth College. Dr. James is professor of theology at the Divinity Schools.

Jim Wallis, known across the country for his evangelical analysis of social issues, will speak on Friday. Last year Wallis was named one of the 50 most influential men in America by "Time" magazine. He is the author of several books including "Revive Us Again," "The Call to Conversion," and "Agenda for Biblical People."

Bishop Kenny will speak 11 a.m., Saturday.

Bishop Kenny has been an

outspoken critic of the national nuclear arms buildup and is known for his support of the Christian pacifist position. He was ordained a bishop by Pope John Paul II at the same time as Bishop Matthew H. Clark.

Thursday's activities also include a performance by an 80-voice Gospel choir under the direction of Alvin Parris.

A children's show, "Hope for the Children," will be staged on Friday, as will performances by Las Diamantes, a Puerto Rican dance group; and the youth choir of Immaculate Conception Church. Members of the Corpus Christi folk group will also perform.

Child care will be provided through the event. Further information is available from John Engels, (716) 288-8360.



### Candidate Accepted

Gary Tyman, a seminarian of the Diocese of Rochester, is officially received as a candidate for ordained ministry by Bishop William E. McManus of Fort Wayne-South Bend at the American College of Louvain, where Tyman is a third year student.

## Miami Archbishop Urges Federal Refugee Action

Miami (NC) — The federal government must deal more effectively with refugees and establish control of its borders, Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy of Miami testified Oct. 28 before a Senate subcommittee hearing on immigration and refugee policy.

According to Archbishop McCarthy, the biggest factor contributing to the Mariel boatlift crisis three years ago was "the failure of the federal government to respond effectively to the crisis."

Immigration and refugee policy is the reserve of the federal government, the archbishop testified. "This does not mean that the local community has no responsibility or that its interest can be ignored," he said.

"We, as a community, have reason to be outraged at the treatment meted out to us by the federal government," Archbishop McCarthy said. "The refugees are in our midst and on our streets as a result of federal policy or its absence. One of the principal marks of a sovereign nation state is its ability to control its boundaries. While we affirm that the earth is the patrimony of all mankind

and reject the notion that the sovereign nation state is absolute, even when it comes to its boundaries, we want to make it clear that in no way do we support the idea that any nation can allow open, unrestricted, unregulated migration across its boundaries."

Archbishop McCarthy, whose archdiocese bore the brunt of the Cuban refugees exodus in the early 1960s before any federal aid program was established, pointed out that almost 1 million refugees have entered the United States through south Florida and more than two-thirds of them have remained there.

"Not one job has been created here as a result of federal initiative and as our Florida senators well know, welfare, medical care and public education have received relatively meager reimbursement," he said.

Archbishop McCarthy urged the Senate subcommittee to delete sections of the Immigration Emergency Act that deny judicial review. He said Section 4, which leaves decision-making regarding asylum cases to the immigration officer's discre-

tion, is "too much discretion for any one man or woman."

Archbishop McCarthy added that the proposed legislation fails to establish clearly the responsibility of the federal government for the care and sheltering of refugees in such an emergency. "This should not be the burden of the community which happens to be the port of entry," he said. "The federal government must accept responsibility for all refugees who are admitted or whom the government fails to deport."

**OPEN HOUSE**

Elmira -- An open house has been scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 20, at the Dunn Memorial Building of the St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing. Prospective students and their families are invited for career information and tours.

**CORRECTION**

In a Courier-Journal story of Nov. 2, concerning shelter being provided for the homeless and transient this winter, an incorrect telephone number was listed for those wishing to volunteer to help staff such shelters. The correct number is (716)328-6400.

## Robert Scott Bourcy Ordination Scheduled

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will ordain Rev. Mr. Robert Scott Bourcy to the priesthood for the diocese, 7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 11, at St. John of Rochester Church, where the ordinand served his deacon internship.

The theme of the rites is taken from Psalm 139: "If I take the wings of the dawn, if I settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall guide me, and your right hand hold me fast."

Born Aug. 12, 1955, the son of Paul and Elizabeth Bourcy is a native of Holy Ghost Church in Coldwater. He will be Holy Ghost's first parishioner ordained to the priesthood, and will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving there 12:15 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 13.

The ordinand attended Holy Ghost School, Churchville-Chili High School, Rochester Institute of Technology (from which he earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts), Becket Hall, St. Bernard's Seminary and Immaculate Conception Seminary in Mahwah, N.J. He

holds a master of divinity degree from St. Bernard's.

While at St. Bernard's, he served in the Office of Educational Designs for Justice. He completed Clinical Pastoral Education at Beverly Hospital in Beverly, Mass. While there he served at St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish, also in Beverly.

In Darlington, the ordinand worked at Mt. Carmel Church in Tenafly, and at St. Elizabeth Church in Wyckoff.

The public is also invited to a prayer vigil for him, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 10 at St. John of Rochester.



REV. MR. BOURCY

### Auxiliary Plans Christmas Sale

Elmira -- The St. Joseph's Hospital auxiliary plans an expanded version of its annual Christmas sale, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday, Nov. 10-11, in the lower classrooms of the Dunn Memorial School of Nursing Building.

Featured will be baked goods, crafts, sweaters, scarves and mittens. This year, there will be attic dolls

and a giant doll house. Also available will be a wide variety of wreaths and decorations, toys and ceramics. A silent auction and lunch will take place both days.

Free parking will be provided on the Madison Avenue side of the hospital in front of the School of Nursing and on the north side of Church Street opposite the hospital.