

Along The Way

With Bishop Matthew H. Clark



This last week of Lent has been a happy, if busy, one. The meeting in Chicago which I mentioned at the end of last week's column was a productive one. It was difficult as all first organizational gatherings are difficult but we were able to accomplish a good deal. Though pen has yet to be set to paper, work on our pastoral letter on women in the Church has begun. Once again, I ask for your prayers as this effort continues.

Instead of returning to Rochester from Chicago, I flew into Syracuse and drove to Skaneateles to attend a joint session of our Priests Council and Diocesan Sisters Council. The two groups spent Thursday evening and Friday morning in prayer and conversation about experience of ministry, ways of collaboration and mutual support.

The session this week was the fruit of a long-standing dialogue between the two groups. It was a graced time in my judgment. Not only were important ideas and experiences shared but we were all reminded that it's good for us to know personally and to understand other persons who are so much a part of our lives. Sometimes the most productive thing we can

do is to stop all activity and talk with someone we love about things which really matter to us.

On Friday at St. Alphonsus in Auburn, I celebrated the Eucharist with the community of Blessed Trinity School and with many in the city who support its work. The freshness and enthusiasm of the very young is always an encouragement; their prayer is a particular boost. The young people of Blessed Trinity prepared with care for the celebration and exercised their ministries with distinction.

A consolation of a different kind came later in the day during a visit to Mercy Rehabilitation Center. Sister Aquin, the administrator, kindly introduced me to many of the residents of this cheerful facility. They are persons of long years whose witness of faith and prayer is extraordinary and whose hospitality is gracious.

Although they are not able to be physically active as they once were, they make immeasurable contribution to our common life by the power of their prayer.

I have mentioned to you in the past that running is a topic which many of you raise when we meet here and there. That

always pleases me because running provides an informal and easy theme around which to become acquainted. Now, "Along the Way" has been serving and more as the theme for get-acquainted conversations. It pleases me very much that you take time to read this each week -- and, doubly so, that you so kindly encourage me in the effort.

In Auburn this week both came to the fore while I was taking a run on Friday afternoon. Jean Donnelly, who that morning was a reader at Mass, spotted me chugging along. A moment later, she, two sisters and a brother, joined me for a good part of the run. We got to know one another a little better through that shared activity.

A little earlier in day, I had the joy of visiting the home of Bertha Nangle who paid me the compliment of telling me she looks forward to reading these words each week.

I was glad for the column as a conversation starter. Mrs. Nangle will soon celebrate 101 years of life and is no longer deeply interested in running!

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Nangle died Sunday, after this column was written.)

Easter peace to all.

SALT, Intern Leadership Changing



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The leadership of the Diocesan Intern Program and its ancillary service, Supervisor and Leadership Training (SALT), will pass from Father Edward E. Steinkirchner, pastor of St. Michael in Newark, to Father Michael Conboy, pastor of St. Patrick in Seneca Falls.

Father Steinkirchner has led the program for the past 13 years, and introduced SALT into the diocese.

"There comes a time..." Father Steinkirchner joked, explaining that he had looked to hand over the reins for some time. He described his successor and himself as the best of friends, and expressed his hope to work in the program and to assist the new leader, but "there comes a time when it's good to move on."

In the intern program, deacons and newly ordained priests establish contracts with their supervisors in the ministry, and have frequent evaluative contact with them.

SALT, on the other hand, trains supervisors in a number of techniques to help them establish goals and contracts with the interns.

This year will see the conclusion of the 12th diocesan SALT series, Father Steinkirchner said.

Diocesan Chancellor To Take Parish Duty

Father William Flynn, diocesan chancellor, will step out of that role next Fall to become pastor of the dual parishes of the Bloomfields, St. Bridget in East Bloomfield and St. Joseph in West Bloomfield. He said last week, "I couldn't be happier" with the impending move.

Father Flynn will take over from Father Elmer A. McNamara, a former mentor, who will celebrate 50 years in the priesthood this year and will retire.

Father Flynn has worked in the Pastoral Office for 15 of the 24 years of his priesthood.

His first title there was assistant vicar of Pastoral Planning, under Bishop Fulton J. Sheen. Eleven months later, under Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, he was named assistant chancellor, and, in 1974, chancellor.

While still holding that title, Father Flynn also served as pro-synodal judge, vicar general, diocesan consultant, and director of the diocesan Division of Support Ministries.

In addition, the priest is a licensed real estate broker and insurance broker.

He is no stranger to parish duty. He has served assistant pastorates at Immaculate Conception in Ithaca, St. Louis in Pittsford, and Our Lady of Victory in Rochester. While working at the Pastoral Office, Father Flynn also served at St. Rose of Lima in Lima and St. Mary - Our Lady of the Hills in Honeoye.

Among his other duties, Father Flynn has served on the Diocesan Building Commission, the Diocesan Finance Committee, St. Bernard's Seminary Board, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Board, and the Becket Hall Board.

Born in 1933, Father Flynn attended Sacred Heart School, the diocesan seminaries (where he was taught by Father McNamara), and has done graduate work at Rochester Institute of Technology, St. John Fisher College and the University of Rochester.

He said last week, "I don't

regret a minute of my work here, but it's going to be very good to go to a parish."

In addition to Father Flynn's move, the pastoral office announced other pastoral appointments by Bishop Matthew H. Clark.

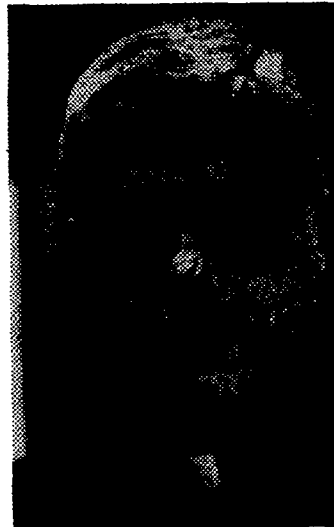
Father Joseph Jankowiak, pastor of St. Stanislaus in Rochester, will become pastor of St. Mary Our Mother in Horseheads.

He will replace Father Bartholomew J. O'Brien who is retiring this year.

Father Jankowiak's place will be taken by Father Andrzej Grzela, a Polish-born priest who is now associate pastor.

Msgr. John Duffy, pastor of St. Francis in Phelps, will become pastor of St. Philip Neri in Rochester, succeeding Father Charles B. Connell, who also is retiring.

Father Frank Falletta, associate pastor of St. Michael in Newark, has been named pastor of St. Lawrence in Rochester, suc-



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ceeding Father John A. Murphy who also is retiring.

All of the latter appointments are effective June 26.

Bishop Names Layman Development Director

Bishop Matthew H. Clark has appointed David W. Scholl, a Certified Life Underwriter, development director of the Diocese of Rochester. Scholl's appointment was effective April 1.

A graduate of Holy Cross College, Scholl was previously employed by Unionmutual Life Insurance Company and Procorp Ventures Incorporated. His background is in merchandising, store management, estate planning and insurance.

No stranger to diocesan activities, Scholl served on the parish council at St. Louis Church in Pittsford; and he, his wife Mary and four children, are active parishioners at the Church of the Transfiguration.

In making the appointment, Bishop Clark emphasized that the focus of the development director's responsibilities would be the current and future temporal needs of the parishes and the diocese.

The appointment culminated several years of research and study by several consultative bodies of the diocese, as well as by a special steering committee for long-range giving.

The development office will be responsible for facilitating increased giving within the diocese. A major emphasis will be to encourage donations through planned and deferred giving: utilizing wills and bequests,



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beneficiary designations and various other tax advantage techniques.

"We not only have to heighten the awareness of our people as to the great financial needs of our parishes, of our social and educational programs and of the diocese, we must take steps forward in the area of more adequately informing our parishioners as to the methods of satisfying their true charitable inclinations, while in many instances, even creating personal economic benefits to themselves," Scholl said.

He will be available to pastors and parishes for presentations of educational seminars, such as "wills seminars," and will be responsible for the development and format of such seminars.

Father John Walchars Leads Cenacle Events

Father John Walchars, SJ, will lead several events at the Cenacle Renewal Center in May.

The popular Jesuit retreat leader will direct a retreat for women, May 4-6.

The program includes presentations, small group sharing, time for reflection and opportunity for private consultation with Father Walchars or a Cenacle Sister.

In addition, the priest will also lead an evening of prayer, 7:30-9:30 p.m.,

Monday, May 7. An offering of \$4 is asked.

The day following Father Walchars will lead a day of renewal starting at 9:30 a.m. and concluding at 3 p.m. The day will include celebration of the Eucharist. Participants are asked to bring bag lunches, and beverages will be provided. A \$5 offering will be asked.

Details or reservations for any of these programs are available by contacting the Cenacle, (716) 271-8755.

St. Mary's Readies Antique Show, Sale

Waterloo - St. Mary's Church will present its sixth annual antique show and sale, Saturday, April 28 in the school gymnasium on Center Street.

Thirty five dealers will display and sell their wares. A wide variety of furniture, primitives, glassware, books and pictures will be shown this year.


The show this year is chaired by Alice Wadhams. Lorraine Holmes is dealer chairman; Linda Wadhams,

treasurer; Kathy Lansing, secretary

Other principals are Sue Gallagher, Sandy Oyler, Gertrude Trainor, Frank McDonald, Bob Oyler, Marion Gross, Nancy Smith, Fran Wadhams and Beryl McDonald.

In addition, a lunch will be offered and a baked goods sale. Further information on the program is available by calling Ms. Wadhams, 781-2859; Ms. Holmes, 539-3327.

Diocesan Appointments



Bishop Matthew H. Clark has appointed:

- Father William Flynn, chancellor, to pastor, St. Bridget in East Bloomfield and St. Joseph in West Bloomfield, effective in the Fall.
- Father Joseph Jankowiak, pastor, St. Stanislaus Church, to pastor, St. Mary Our Mother Church, Horseheads.
- Msgr. John Duffy, pastor, St. Francis, Phelps, to Pastor, St. Philip Neri.
- Father Frank Falletta, from associate pastor, St. Michael, Newark, to pastor, St. Lawrence.
- Father Andrzej Grzela, from associate pastor, St. Stanislaus, to pastor.
- Father Michael Conboy to director, Diocesan Intern Program.

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