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Celebrating Life

More than 200 residents of Ithaca joined for an ecumenical picnic titled "Celebration of Being Alive -- A Day of Joy and Gladness" on Sunday, May 6, at Stewart Park. The celebration included participants of all ages and faiths singing, dancing and playing games, and culminated in an interfaith worship service and supper. More photos on Page 2.

Bishop Clark Named To U.S. Bishops Unit For Women's Pastoral

Washington (NC) -- Bishop Joseph L. Imesch of Joliet, Ill., will head the committee of U.S. bishops drafting a national pastoral letter on women.

The formation of the committee was announced May 7 by Msgr. Daniel F. Hoye, general secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Besides Bishop Imesch, who called for the pastoral letter last November as chairman of the NCCB's Ad Hoc Committee on Women in Society and the Church, the drafting committee will include:

- Bishop Matthew H. Clark of Rochester, N.Y.;
- Bishop Thomas J.

Grady of Orlando, Fla.;

- Auxiliary Bishop Alfred C. Hughes of Boston;

• Auxiliary Bishop William Levada of Los Angeles; and

- Auxiliary Bishop Amedee J. Proulx of Portland, Maine.

Even before the nation's bishops approved the project last November, the pastoral provoked controversy. Some women opposed the idea of a pastoral on women written by an all-male hierarchy.

Bishops defending the project argued that the role of women in church and society is an issue with serious moral and pastoral dimensions which the bishops have an obligation to con-

front. They rejected the idea of a joint statement issued by the bishops and women, saying that the pastoral was a responsibility of the NCCB, and it was not within the NCCB's competence to issue such a joint statement.

The pastoral is not scheduled for completion until 1988, and in the meantime consultation with women is expected to be a major part of the drafting process.

The U.S. bishops have also suggested the issue of women in church and society as a possible topic for the 1986 Synod of Bishops, a triennial meeting in Rome of representatives of the world's bishops to discuss major questions facing the church.

Bishop Returns To Diocese from Peace Conference

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Bishop Matthew H. Clark held a press conference, Monday, May 14, regarding his recent attendance at a symposium on peace in Loccum, West Germany.

Thirty-eight members representing various eastern-block, western Europe and United States denominations gathered to discuss peace as a mission of the Church.

Bishop Clark termed the conference "satisfactory" and "worthwhile."

He said the meeting offered the

members an opportunity to gather; and, through "open and frank discussion," discern the common points in the question of peace.

He also stated that a conference goal was to have the churches become a source of unity in the quest for peace.

In meeting with his colleagues, Bishop Clark found that the National Catholic Conference of Bishops' pastoral letter, "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response," now a year old, is better understood.

Bishop Will Ordain Richard T. Farrell

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will ordain Rev. Mr. Richard T. Farrell a priest of the Diocese of Rochester 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 18 at St. Pius Tenth Church in Chili.

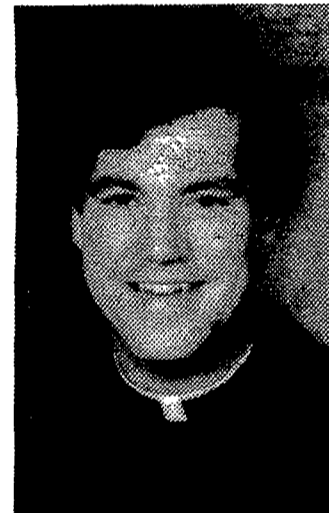
The 32-year-old native of St. Augustine's Parish has been working as deacon intern at St. Pius. Rev. Mr. Farrell is the son of Dorothy and Earl Farrell, both deceased.

He is a graduate of St. Augustine's School, Edison Technical High School, St. John Fisher College and Catholic University of America and Theological School. He also attended St. Bernard's Seminary for the two years prior to its closing.

Before entering college in 1979 he worked five years in printing at Colonial Lithographic and Cohber Press in Rochester.

His ministerial experience includes serving as spiritual director at Lourdes Camp in Syracuse; Clinical Pastoral Education at Hawaii State Hospital, a psychiatric institution; as a staffer at Old St. Mary's Church; and as deacon at St. Martin's Church in Gaithersburg, Md.

Father Farrell will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving, 3 p.m., May 20 at St. Pius Tenth, and a second



REV. MR. FARRELL

Mass of Thanksgiving, 9:45 a.m., May 27 at St. Augustine's.

Bishop Receives Thanks

Bishop Matthew H. Clark this week received a note of thanks from the Catholic University of America.

The letter, signed by Father William J. Byon, SJ, president of the university, said:

"Thank you for the contribution of \$20,192.24 from the Catholic people of the Diocese of Rochester to the Catholic University of America.

"The annual collection remains a very important source of revenue for CUA. It is essential for the good order and running of the university. I am extremely grateful for your generous support.

"Again, my thanks and the thanks of the entire Catholic university community for your generous support. Be assured of my prayers for you and your people of Rochester."

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Pope Takes Gospel to Far East

By Fr. Kenneth J. Doyle
NC News

Pope John Paul II has flown around the world and across several punishing changes of climate to preach the gospel in the Far East.

In the process, he met U.S. President Reagan in Alaska's freezing weather and barefooted native warriors in the South Pacific's tropical heat.

From May 2-12 the pope flew 24,000 miles to read Christ's message in South Korea, Papua, New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Thailand.

It was, by the consensus of Vatican officials, who accompanied him, the most grueling of the 21 trips outside Italy which the pope has taken during the

five-and-a-half years of his pontificate.

The voyage took him to Mount Hagen in the western highlands of Papua, New Guinea, where a stone age culture was unknown to the rest of the world until 1934 when three gold prospectors from Australia found a population of 1 million people isolated by mountains.

On May 8, the pope celebrated Mass at Mount Hagen, surrounded by an honor guard of warriors with painted faces holding spears and arrows, warriors who sometimes use those weapons to battle neighboring tribes and each other over land, pigs or women. And the pope was speaking to those people in simple words of the pidgin language they speak, telling

them that the love of Christ unites them all in one community which should be marked by love.

At the beginning of his trip, the pontiff said that he was going to strengthen the faith and sanctify the lives of the Catholics visited.

In Papua, New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, he praised the development of Christianity in so short a time. Only a century ago in the Solomons, missionaries were often eaten by cannibals.

In South Korea, he placed his stamp of approval on a Church which, from the earliest days, has had lay people playing a vital role, and he honored one of Catholicism's fastest growing populations by making saints of 103

martyrs at the first canonization to take place outside of Rome in the Church's modern history.

In Thailand, he urged Catholics to regular sacramental practice in a land where Catholics make up less than 0.5 percent of the 48 million population and where becoming a Catholic takes a courageous decision which places a person outside the mainstream of Thai life.

But the pope also acts knowing that he is influencing others besides Catholics. According to the priest in South Korea who was the promoter of the martyrs' cause, one of the reasons the pope canonized them locally was so that non-Catholic Koreans could become more

aware of the faith of Catholics.

South Korean newspapers obliged. In a nation where 4 percent of the 38.7 million people are Catholic and half the people profess no religion, newspapers were filled for days with accounts of the lives of the new saints, of their faith and heroism.

Similarly, in Thailand, where Catholics constitute such a small Catholicism in an overwhelmingly Buddhist society, on the morning after the pope's arrival in the capital of Bangkok, a newspaper ran a giant front-page headline: "Pope Wins Thai Hearts."

An additional benefit of such a trip is the effect it can have on Catholics

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