

Along The Way

With Bishop Matthew H. Clark



You have read the story of our trip to Germany in another part of this week's paper. Here let me share a few impressions and memories of these days:

- Loccum, the village in which we met, has a population of 3,000. It is neat and clean and altogether a quiet place. The homes are made of red brick. People work for industries in surrounding cities but most also do some part-time farming on plots of land surrounding the town.

The only indications that conditions are anything but idyllic in this lovely place are 1) signs on bridges indicating the speed limits for tanks and 2) a radar installation a mile or two beyond the village limits.

- Close by the Evangelical Academy where we stayed there is a 12th century monastery now used by a Lutheran congregation. We were invited there for a reception by the local Lutheran bishop who hosted us in the handsome library of the monastery.

The six at our table had a wonderful discussion. We spoke a little about the theme that had brought us to the place but more about the life of the Church, directions we are taking or

ought to take and our experience of Christian life in the contemporary world.

It was all good natured and hopeful even though some of the matters we discussed are not easy ones.

I remember especially two aspects of that conversation. First, what we do in this country is of great interest to our European friends. Secondly, Europeans are well informed about the United States — in particular about our political processes and about our foreign policy.

- Father Henze, a pastor in Hildesheim, expressed in a few words what weighs so heavily on the minds of the people of West Germany.

As he drove Bishop Joe Sullivan and me to visit his parish we complimented him on his ability to speak English. He thanked us and added in response to our question that he also spoke French. Bishop Sullivan asked further if Father spoke Russian. Our host answered "no." Looking to the East he added, "And I hope I never have to learn it."

There is no question that secure borders and adequate defense are prime concerns of our West German brothers and sisters. They know well that peace as we experience it today is

fragile.

I do not know if our rate of travel related to Father's concern about danger from the East. But I remember glancing at the speedometer at that moment. We were moving at 96 miles per hour!

- As the days passed and the persons at our table struggled with the issues before us I was much aware of and grateful for the similar work so many of our parish communities have engaged in during the past year. You and they are all encouraging reminders in this Easter season that we rightly place our confidence in the Risen Lord as the source of our true and lasting peace. Your generosity and theirs also keep alive the challenging realization that that gift bears no fruit apart from our graced response.

- It is very good to be home again. I look forward to seeing many of you before the summer comes. May I ask you to pray especially for the newly baptized and for all who prepare for Confirmation, First Communion, Ordination, and Marriage in the coming weeks.

Please pray also for me and I shall pray for you.

Peace to all.

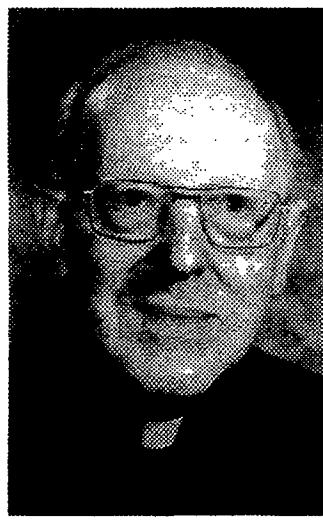
College Gives Degree To Diocesan Archivist

Father Robert F. McNamara, archivist for the Diocese of Rochester and retired professor emeritus of St. Bernard's Seminary is among three prominent writers who will receive honorary degrees during the 30th commencement ceremonies at St. John Fisher College, 1 p.m., May 20 in the Student Life Center.

Father McNamara will receive an honorary doctorate in Humane Letters, as will Richard J. (Dick) Schaap of ABC News.

Schaap will also be the commencement speaker.

In addition, Henry W. Clune, novelist, historian and former columnist for the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, will receive an



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honorary doctor of laws degree.

Schaap most recently cov-

ered the Winter Olympics at Sarajevo for ABC, and he will cover the Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.

Clune's non-fiction works include "The Genesee," "The Rochester I Know," and "I've Always Liked It Here: Reminiscences of Rochester."

Father McNamara, a Corning native, was on the faculty of St. Bernard's Seminary from 1938 until it closed in 1981. He taught church history, Christian art, liturgy, Italian and patristics. He has been diocesan archivist since 1976.

Among his books are "A Century of Grace," "The Diocese of Rochester 1868-1968," and "St. Bernard's Seminary 1893-1968."

Aquinas, Principal Linked By Progress

By Joan M. Smith

Father Joseph J. Moffatt, CSB, has been principal of Aquinas Institute for five years. He sees those years for the school as a time of progression; a progression made possible "because of the people who worked with me and brought about changes and a new dimension of life," he said.

And the new dimensions and changes certainly hit with an impact. Perhaps the word change doesn't quite describe the dramatic reversal of Aquinas, during Father Moffatt's tenure, from an all-male school to a co-educational facility. The transition occurred when St. Agnes High School closed in 1982 and Aquinas threw open its doors to those girls who wished to continue their Catholic education at the Dewey Avenue school.

Father Moffatt coming from co-educational Andean High School, Merrillville, Indiana, had no apprehensions about the transition. "It was a good thing, a natural thing," he said, and although noting the economic benefits of such a move he nonetheless maintained that co-educational secondary schools are important in today's society.

"I don't understand why we want to adhere to separation," he argued, pointing to the reality that males and females do share a world where they have to compete and relate with each other.

Pros and cons regarding segregated or co-educational facilities aside, Father Moffatt was optimistic about Catholic secondary schools. "They can't do anything but flourish," he said but warned it will take careful economics and a clear defining of programs offered to students.

"There is a need for Catholic education," he said and added that parents will continue to pay for their children to attend Catholic schools.

Father Moffatt, ordained in 1961, spent the next 17 years teaching chorale, English, theology and psychology at Andean High School. The Aquinas principalship was his first front office administrative position. Asked how he liked the



Photo by Joan M. Smith

Being principal isn't all serious business. Fr. Moffatt enjoys a good laugh especially with friends Nipper (lifesize replica of the RCA recording label mascot) and Sylvester & son who were given to him, in appreciation for successful magazine drives, by Bill Howell, director of the annual drive.

job, he admitted that like most jobs it had its distasteful aspects; but "I found a certain joy in seeing a place being alive and knowing I had a hand in making it so." He cautioned, however, that a person has to realize he can't do it alone; and mentioned his administration council, a loyal alumni, "parents who have faith in sending their children to Aquinas," and "a dedicated lay faculty," as those helping him at the helm.

According to Father Moffatt he is going to a "slower pace" in his new assignment with the Archdiocese of Detroit where he will be involved with liturgical music in the parishes; a field he knows well. Besides an MA in English from Wayne State University in Detroit he holds an MM in music from Valparaiso University in Indiana. While in Rochester he directed the St. Ambrose choir and has been an organist since eighth grade.

Resurrection Parishioners To Hear Boike on Marriage

Fairport — The Church of the Resurrection is hosting a presentation entitled "The Ups and Downs of Marriage," given by Mary Boike, 8 p.m., Tuesday, May 29 at the church, 63 Mason Road.

According to Carol Stark, spokesperson for the program, Ms. Boike "will reflect on communication, priorities, stress, joy, struggles, changes, disillusionment, expectations and romance in marriage."

Ms. Boike has a private practice concentrating on individual, family and marital counseling in addition to crisis intervention, group work and child psychotherapy.



The Champs!

Members of St. Rita's cheerleading squad that captured first place in the CYO Diocesan Tournament are: (in first row) Michelle Johnson, Dina Apostolou, Sandra Arena, Stephanie Krupnick. In second row are: Donna Graham, coach, Pam Buddendeck, Sherri Sofia, Kaly Stahl, Amy Zicari, Rita Johnson, coach, and Lisa Johnson, mascot.

Pope, UNICEF Confer on Plight Of Hungry Kids

Vatican City (NC) -- The suffering of so many children in the world because of disease and malnutrition is "one of the great scandals of our society," said Pope John Paul II April 26 to 500 members of the UNICEF executive council.

"The scandalous imbalances which exist within our society are reflected in a particular way amongst our children: While in one sector of our world children are suffering the lack of the most elementary human necessities, in other sectors children from the earliest age are being inserted into a society based on consumerism, possession and even waste," said the pope.