

Diocesan Communications Uses a Team Approach

Although there is no diocesan Office of Communications as such, a team is on the job to make sure that that vital role is fulfilled.

Father Louis A. Vasile, secretary to Bishop Matthew H. Clark, serves as the diocesan information officer. In that capacity, he communicates with the media on diocesan and Church issues either himself or by delegating the authority to other spokespersons. He also serves as the diocesan communications office delegate to the State Catholic Conference and is co-chairman of the diocesan Communications Committee.

Sister Roberta Tierney, director of the Division of Education, serves as administrator for diocesan communications efforts. She is responsible for the



Mary Cronin and Sister Roberta Tierney in conference.

management and direction of the communications objectives. She also directs the developing and monitoring of the communications budget and for reporting to the diocese.

Mary Cronin has served for 10 months as communications project assistant, a part-time function providing for the implementation of the Communications Committee's objectives. She has been responsible for staffing projects such as the study of diocesan newsletters, establishing personal contacts with media representatives and maintaining lists of such representatives, preparing press conferences and assisting in the preparations of news releases.



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A Communications Committee, composed of volunteers from various areas of the diocese, serves as an advisory body to the team. This group has assisted in such programs as the cable project for the "American Catholic," media seminars, newsletter evaluation and funding of diocesan projects.

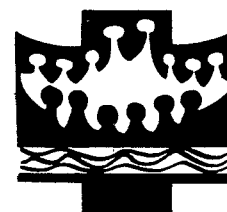
In the immediate months ahead, the team plans to expand efforts in radio and television among other projects which will be described in the Courier-Journal in the coming weeks.

Deadline

Deadline for news in the Courier-Journal is noon on Thursday, preceding Wednesday publication.

Insights In Liturgy

By John M. Kubiniac



Renewed Church: Eucharist

The sacraments of initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist serve to bring men and women fully into the life of Christ. They strive to "...bring the faithful to the full stature of Christ and to enable them to carry out the mission of the entire people of God in the Church and in the world." (RCIA, #2) In Baptism (we are incorporated into the Body of Christ. In Confirmation we are signed with the Spirit and called to build the Body of Christ. In Eucharist we are called to see the unity which exists

in the Body of Christ and to develop this unity more fully.

When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist we are saying publicly what it means to be Church, to be the Body of Christ. When we gather we project what we believe, and we celebrate this belief. This is even more evident during the Easter season as those who were newly initiated into the faith and those who were received into full communion with the Church now are able to celebrate fully with the entire community. These people serve as living symbols of what it means to be the Body of Christ.

When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist we are challenged through the scripture to grow deeper into the mystery of faith, and to move beyond our present grasp of that mystery. The Easter season, the time of Mystagogy for the neophytes (the time of plunging deeper into the mysteries), should be a time for everyone - the neophytes and the entire community to plunge more deeply and celebrate more fully what our life in Christ means to us and to the entire Church.

When we receive the Body and Blood of Christ

at Eucharist we make an affirmation of faith. The minister of the bread addresses us by saying, "The Body of Christ" and we respond: "Amen!" So be it! Yes! In that short exchange we affirm our belief that this is truly the Body of Christ, we affirm that we are the Body of Christ and that we desire to proclaim that reality through our lives.

St. Augustine very aptly described this when he stated, "Be what you see, receive what you are" (Homily 272). Be the Body of Christ, be eucharist for others; and receive the Body of Christ, receive what you are called to become.

"Because the loaf of bread is one, we, many though we are, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf." (1 Cor. 10:17)

Five-Day Retreat Scheduled

An interdenominational "Faith and Sharing" retreat for lay people, clergy and religious is scheduled from 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 19, through 2 p.m., Monday, July 23, at Murphy Hall on the campus of St. John Fisher College.

Donation for the five-day retreat is \$110, which includes four nights lodgings and 11 meals. Accommodations for handicapped are also available.

For further information and to make reservations, contact Jack and Joan McTigue, 889-2134.

Program Rescheduled

The diocesan Liturgy Office has rescheduled its Lector Enrichment Program for 7:30-9:30 p.m., May 30 at St. Patrick's Church in Owego. The program, previously scheduled for Feb. 28, was postponed due to weather. Further information is available through the office, (716) 328-3210. The registration fee is \$2.



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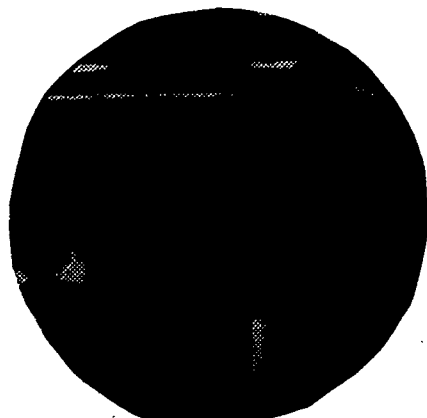
Nazareth Hall



St. Patrick's, Elmira



St. Francis of Assisi



St. Mary's, Rexville



DeSales High School, Geneva

Bishop Matthew H. Clark has traveled the width and length of our diocesan Church this past year (including our diocesan mission in Tabasco).

His journey has made it clear that our "renewed hearts, renewed Church" theme of Lent-Easter-Pentecost should be part of our ongoing pilgrimage throughout the year.

Because of past generosity on the part of diocesans to the Thanks Giving Appeal, many areas of our Church have grown and been touched during the last year.

This diocese is one of 172 nationally contributing to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, which coordinates programming on a national level (Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Communications, etc.)

The NCCB has also recently published the "Challenge of Peace" pastoral and is currently working on pastoral statements concerning economics and campus ministry.

As our ordinary, Bishop Clark serves on several national committees dealing with pastoral practices and the training of seminarians, as well as his recent appointment to a committee of bishops formulating a pastoral letter to women in the Church.

Bishop Clark is also a member of the State Conference of Catholic Bishops which this year published a public policy statement on the dignity of human life and the role of elected officials. On March 5-7, the Diocese of Rochester hosted the New York State Catholic Conference provincial meeting on the sacrament of reconciliation.