

Bishop Will Commission Summer Missionary Team

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will commission a summer team of diocesan missionaries to Tamulte, Tabasco, Mexico, during Mass, 11 a.m., Sunday, June 24 at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

The temporary team will link up with the permanent team already present there.

Those to be commissioned are:

Sister Carol Cimino, SSJ, vice principal of Nazareth Academy. Sister Carol was part of the 1981 summer missionary team to Tamulte.

Thomas and Germaine Knapp and their four children, Matthew, Maria, Mark and Elizabeth. Thomas is a teacher in the Highly Intensified Learning Training

program, and is also responsible for the education of culturally diverse students (Asian and Latin) at Edison Technical and Occupational Center. Germaine is a self-employed educational consultant. Matthew attends Day Trail School; Maria, Monroe High School; Mark and Elizabeth, World of Inquiry. Thomas served as a missionary in Bolivia and Chile for six years, and Germaine worked her summers with Mexican migrant workers in Colorado. As a family, the Knapps spent the summer of 1978 in Cuernavaca, Mexico; backpacked through Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia in the summer of 1982; and worked in the Indian village

of Mapiri in Bolivia in the summer of 1983.

Sister Mary Ann Mayer, SSJ, a teacher at Nazareth Academy. Sister Mary Ann was a missionary to Brazil for eight years with her congregation's team there. She also served in the 1982 summer missionary team to Tamulte.

Sisters Carol and Mary Ann will work in Buena Vista rancheria, and the Knapps will work in Caridad Guerrero rancheria. Each summer group will work with one of the permanent missionaries, and will do home visitation for basic census information, identification of leadership person in the community, and training those leaders in catechetics, health and leadership development.



Mercians Head to Spain

Nineteen Mercy High School students will leave on Wednesday, June 27, for a 20-day tour of Spain, Portugal and Tangiers, Africa. The group is directed by Spanish teacher Mrs. Jacqueline Hall de Llach, front row, left. Others are, front row, from left, Michelle Smith, Kim Balsamo, Jean Menz, Donna Grady. Standing, from left, Linda Rouse, Chris Ehmann, Jean Ledsome, Samantha Kraft, Linda Haas, Lea Inglis, Betsy Lynam, Jeannine Witner, Tracy Solarek, Sabrina Nugo, Cheri Cunniffe, Kristin Bernardelli, Pearl Ratunil. Missing: Colleen Sheehy, Stacy Kroeckel.

Insights In Liturgy



By Father Thomas P. Mull

A Christian Walk

Part II

At the Liturgy Institute, conducted on the first weekend of this month, Father Regis Duffy spoke with RCIA enthusiasts throughout the diocese. His message was simple: be people of faith.

One of the largest challenges for an RCIA team is to encourage a group of catechumens (who have spent months working together and becoming enthusiastic in their faith) to become a part of a community which is less than enthusiastic. Ask yourself some simple questions:

1) When the rites of the RCIA are celebrated within your parish community, are you excited? Is the community? Do they look forward to these events? Do their actions show they care?

2) Is there a sense of prayer as the presider invites the community to pray over the catechumens? Or, does the community simply feel like spectators? Are the people encouraged to pray with and for these women and men? Really encouraged?

3) Does the community take an active role in the catechumenate process? It provides catechists, sponsors, hospitality; but, does it feel a part of the whole process or just responsible for providing the necessary "technicians?"

4) When the celebration is ended, do the fully initiated feel that their faith has been encouraged? Do they feel happy that others have decided to walk in their same path of faith? Do they hold their heads a little bit higher -- proud to be Catholic?

As you can well imagine, attitude plays an important part in the rites of the catechumenate process. Paragraph 74 of the Rite states: "The celebrant...speaks to them (catechumens), their sponsors and all present,

pointing out the joy and happiness of the Church. He reminds the sponsors and friends of their own experience and religious attitude, following their own spiritual path, by which the candidates have come to this stage." This obviously implies that there is a sense of joy and happiness already present with the community. They have a message which they are eager to share!

The celebration of the rites, according to Father Duffy, should be real celebrations. The gathered people should be prepared for what is to happen. This preparation should not take place on the same day. By bulletin articles, parish education, homily reference, the people should be waiting expectantly for those opportunities when they can share with the prospective members. The immediate preparation should involve all liturgical ministers. A spirit of hospitality, helped by ushers and greeters, should pervade throughout the whole assembly. The Word should be proclaimed joyfully and effectively. The presider must be able to gather all present into the experience. Music should be appropriate and done well. This may sound like an ideal picture, but it will remain only ideal if people don't reach out and make it real.

The rites are not simply "holy moments"; they are "stepping stones." The celebration should be done at such times as is appropriate and most effective. When it comes time for the "period of enlightenment" -- the immediate preparation leading to an Easter Vigil initiation -- the community coalesces. The bishop celebrates the Rite of Election. The community prays with and for the catechumens. The initiation sacraments are celebrated with holiness and joy. All of these are part of an ongoing process.

Next week, we conclude with reflections on the Rite and the period known as the mystagogia.

Mercy High Sophomore Wins Award

Kristen A. Boehm of Pittsford has been selected as the outstanding physics student at Our Lady of Mercy High School. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Willard C. Boehm.

Mrs. Mary Nickles, Mercy physics teacher, presented the sophomore with a certificate from the American Association of Physics Teachers at an awards ceremony on Thursday, June 7 at the school.

The American Association of Physics Teachers was founded over 50 years ago to encourage excellence in physics teaching and has approximately 9,800 members in the United States and abroad.

CFC Elects New Board

At its recent annual dinner, the Catholic Family Center (CFC) elected the following officers to its board: Paul Zielski, president; Diane Cecero, vice president; Patricia Corcoran, secretary; and Thomas Hanss, treasurer.

The agency of Catholic Charities also announced the re-election of Mary Hannick, Thomas Hanss, G. Peter Klee and Shirley Smith to their second three-year term.

In addition, the agency said Nancy Krenzer, Sheila Prezzano, Mattie Smith and Michael Tobin, relinquished their board membership having served two three-year terms.

Father Joseph Jankowiak, pastor St. Stanislaus Parish in Rochester, was guest speaker of the occasion.

Diabetes Unit Given Grant

The Park Ridge Foundation has made a grant of \$400 to the Rochester Chapter of the American Diabetes Association. The grant provides scholarship funds for two children from low income families to attend a two-week summer camp for diabetics in July.

The grant was made with contingency that the diabetes association match it dollar for dollar. Although the foundation primarily supports the Park Ridge health care corporations, it annually gives 20 percent of its grants from unrestricted funds to other health-related programs within Monroe County.



Mooney Scholar

Striding across the stage during Cardinal Mooney High School's academic awards ceremony, James M. McCann is presented a four-year Air Force ROTC scholarship which he will use to study aeronautical engineering at Pennsylvania State University. In accepting the scholarship, McCann declines an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy, an academic scholarship to Virginian Polytechnic Institute and a New York State Regents Scholarship. McCann is a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish Honor Society and is registered in the Who's Who in High Schools for 1984.

Catholic Vets Elect Officers

Albany -- Frank Muller was elected commander and Gertrude Bianchi, president of the Department of New York Catholic War Veterans, at a recent meeting here. Both are from Middle Village, Queens.

Also elected were L. Cartolano, fist vice president; C. Mescella, second vice president; C. Provenza, third vice president; M. Vey, treasurer; E. Duchman, welfare; L. Gulotta, historian; A. Ciganek, ritual officer; E. Muller and B. Diaczun, trustees, and Father Emeric Szlezak, chaplain.

Holiday Deadline

Because of the July 4 holiday, the Courier-Journal deadline for that issue will be noon, Wednesday, June 27. As is the usual custom, the office will be closed the week of July 1; and no issue will be published July 11.

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