

Along The Way

With Bishop Matthew H. Clark



Monday, July 16.

I am in Waterford, my hometown, today. It is six o'clock in the morning and I have been up only long enough to shower, heat the coffee, pick up my book of the Liturgy of the Hours, paper and pen, and come out into the yard.

It is pleasantly cool and breezy and very quiet at the moment. The only sounds are of the day's first traffic and of the birds, long before the neighborhood on a summer morning.

I am sitting under a huge maple tree which my Uncle Al and I transplanted here from his yard in the spring of 1953 when I was finishing 10th grade. Typical of my uncle, who still lives about 70 yards away just across the Amtrak line, he gave me major credit for the work even though it properly belonged to him.

This is a favorite place of mine because the memory of the tree planting always flows into other memories wakened during quiet moments here.

I remember endless hours of practice fielding ground balls on this lawn and the million excuses I invented for not mowing it when I was supposed to.

It was a place where family and friends gathered, especially when the last light of summer days faded and it was time to tell one another what happened that day and what we hoped for tomorrow.

Several who came together in those years are gone now. My father, many aunts and uncles, and neighborhood friends have gone to God. Most of my old friends live elsewhere and because I do too, I rarely see those who have remained in town.

Here is a place where by the gift of memory we can all reassemble. That is always good for me because it is a reminder of how much of others we carry within us and how much we owe them for their kindness.

In a shorter range, I remember with great gratitude a two-week vacation with Bishop Howie Hubbard and Father Tom Powers. I don't ever remember a more relaxing,

restoring vacation than this one. Since I went to the same places with the same people and did about the same things we've been doing for about 20 years, I can only attribute the extra measure of peace and relaxation to the fact that for the first time we went for two weeks instead of one. We have already agreed to try that again next year.

Tomorrow I return to Rochester and am looking forward to that. One of the delights of the vacation was the opportunity to be away from daily demands. A grace which flowed from that was the ability to remember and to reflect in peace on how much I love you and my ministry among you.

There is no doubt that we face great challenges and difficult questions these days. That's true of the whole Church. But it is also true that if we rely on the Lord's fidelity and keep faith and trust in one another these challenges and questions will be occasions of new life for us all.

I am grateful for these summer moments in which to remember all of that.
Peace to all.



Volunteers Needed

The Refugee Resettlement Office of the Catholic Family Center sponsored an information booth for passers-by last week in Midtown Plaza. According to resettlement director James Delaney, the purpose of the booth was to attract more volunteers for the program. Those interested should contact the USCC Refugee Resettlement Office, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, 14604; or call 546-7220, ext. 53.

Augsbury to Leave Corpus Child Care

Julie Augsbury, co-founder of Corpus Christi Child Care, will leave after four years as director of the center.

Corpus Christi is the only Catholic church to run a day care center in the city.

Sister Margie Henninger, pastoral assistant, will serve as director until a new person is found to fill the post, for whom a search is presently

underway. Sister Margie has taught grammar school and has been a principal.

According to a parish news release, the parish day care center, "with the help of its experienced teachers, helps to create a loving environment for children three to five years of age, and helps them develop a spiritual base from which to reach their full potential.

"Prayer is important at the center, as well as scheduled time allowing for large motor activity, outside play, arts and crafts, and some structured activities to help ready them for school. Fees are \$40 for a 40-hour week and part time care is available."

The parish noted that Ms. Augsbury has defined the center's goals as: "to be sure that the center retains its sensitivity to children with special needs such as behavioral, speech, hearing problems and the like, and to be sure that they get the help they need as early as possible; and to continue gearing the center to low-income families, while remaining open to all."

NFP Slates Info Sessions At Hospitals

Natural Planning Family Information Sessions will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Monday, Aug. 6, at St. Mary's Hospital, and Friday, Aug. 10, at Rochester General Hospital.

Sponsored by NFP Education of Rochester, the sessions are free and open to the public.

Anyone interested in learning more about this family planning method should call NFP at 464-8705. Information session pre-registration is required.

CDA Honors Mrs. Myers

Geneva — Mrs. Margaret Myers, a 50-year member of Geneva Court Annunciation of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, was honored at a dinner recently.

Mrs. Myers was made a life member of the court and presented with a gift. Mrs. Myers worked at St. Francis de Sales rectory for 20 years, retiring in 1978.

Mrs. Mary Scott of Penn Yan, district deputy of the court, was a guest at the dinner. Jane McElroy, regent, was toastmistress. Patricia Dinan was in charge of arrangements.

Reappointed

Rufus K. Dryer II and Larry J. LoMaglio have been reappointed by Gov. Cuomo to the Board of Visitors of the Rochester Psychiatric Center. Dryer has been a member of the board since 1979, and has served as its president since 1982. In addition, he is chairman of the New York State Association of Boards of Visitors for Region I. LoMaglio has been a board member since 1981. He had previously served as a member of the board of directors of the Mental Health Chapter.

SSJ Federation Seminar Draws 150 to Rochester

More than 150 Sisters of St. Joseph from 15 different congregations gathered at the motherhouse of the Rochester group for a week-long seminar sponsored by the Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

The federation is a world-wide organization of religious congregations who trace their common origin to 1650 in Le Puy, France.

Fifty Sisters from California, Massachusetts, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Minnesota, New York and Canada, participated in the event which focused on "what it means to be a Sister of St. Joseph today, as we strive to build a world of justice, peace, and reconciliation," a brochure for the event stated.

Presenters for the general session were Sister Patricia Byrne of Baden, Pa., and Sister Elizabeth Anne LeValley, superior general of the Rochester congregation.

Sister Patricia spoke on the role of the past in the congregation's search for truth and in establishing an authentic identity.

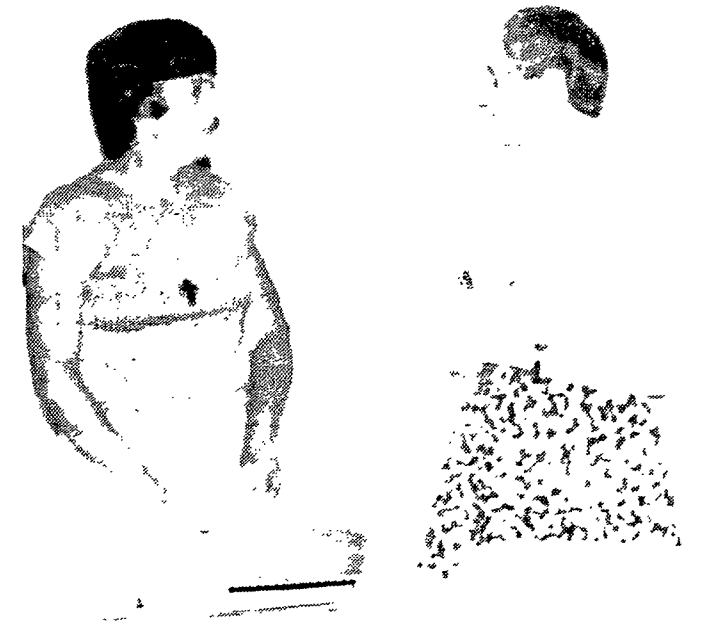
"Memory," she commented, "provides the continuity of knowing who we are." The discovery of the common history of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Sister Patricia said, has been "for us the biggest event of recent years."

In response to the call of Vatican II, religious researchers their histories in order to discover the essential charism or gift which each congregation could bring to the Church.

The Sisters of St. Joseph made surprising and inspiring discoveries about their predecessors of the 17th century, said Sister Beatrice Ganley, congregational spokesperson.

"These discoveries, the result of a thorough and painstaking research process, recovered a history long buried and distorted. The history in turn has influenced the constitution rewriting process in each SSJ congregation, resulting in a firm sense of identity as apostolic religious," she said.

Sister Elizabeth Anne's talk, "The Identity of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Relationship to the Evolving Mission of the Church in the



Sister Elizabeth Anne, left, confers with Sister Maris Stella.

United States," complemented several items in Sister Patricia's address, particularly the adaptive nature of the congregation's charism.

This charism, not defined by a common external work, prompted a French countess to write of the Sisters in the 1830s, "this order accommodates itself to times and circumstances... they are ready for anything."

Sister Elizabeth Anne suggested this readiness should enable Sisters today to be persons of peace and gentleness, striving to work out their lives in right relationships, unfazed by the societal faults of consumerism, utilitarianism and materialism.

"For us who are publicly vowed to the Church," she said, "we need to say out loud, 'I struggle to live this Gospel!'"

She urged the Sisters to "trust the center of power of the Gospel within and to

now our bishops in contemplating the societal centers of power with the proclamation of a continued Pentecost."

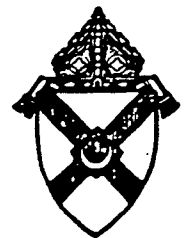
Finally she encouraged the group to realize its call to be "instrumental in justice and compassion for the entire planet Earth."

The federation was formed in 1966 and its U.S. membership numbers 12,500, with a world-wide membership of 25,000.

Major superiors from each of the 31 congregations form a governing board which selects an executive committee, staff, and an executive director. Three committees exist: archives, common formation, and a research team on origins.

The purpose of the federation, according to Sister Maris Stella Hickey, current executive director, is to "share the Sisters of St. Joseph common heritage and to promote their common mission."

Diocesan Appointments



Bishop Matthew H. Clark announces Father John Hemptle has been granted early retirement for reasons of health.