

Along The Way

With Bishop Matthew H. Clark



Monday, August 6. The feast of the Transfiguration.
Some notes on summer activities.

● My main, continuing project during the month of August will be a series of eight meetings with the priests of the diocese.

We will meet to talk about this year's Thanks Giving Appeal, but will be touching upon many themes of common interest in priestly ministry.

Four of our sessions will be in the greater Rochester area and there will be others in Sacred Heart in Auburn, Saint Mary Our Mother in Horseheads, Saint Mary's in Canandaigua and Saint Mary's in Dansville.

Catholic U. Thanks Diocesans for Aid

Washington, D.C. --The contribution of \$18,500 from the people of the Rochester diocese to the pontifical Catholic University of America was recently acknowledged in a letter from William J. Byron, SJ, university president.

In his letter to Bishop Matthew H. Clark, Father Byron expressed gratitude for the generosity and reaffirmed

Beach Mass

Father Robert Werth will be principal concelebrant for the Holy Cross Prayer Group annual beach Mass, 6:45 p.m., Monday, Aug. 13 at 228 Beach Ave. Participants are asked to bring Bibles.

his commitment to an excellent working relationship with the bishops.

"May I express to you, your people and your priests the deep and sincere gratitude of the entire university community." Father Byron wrote to Bishop Clark. "Your true beneficiaries are the many students who will be enabled by your generosity to take advantage of a university education founded in faith."

Catholic University has 10 schools with about 3,200 undergraduate students and 4,000 graduate students.

Last year, diocesan collections totaled \$3.679 million, representing 6.3 percent of the university's budget.

Our format is a simple one. We meet at noon in the parish hall for mid-day prayer. This is followed by lunch and our meeting. I speak during the first part of the meeting and my presentation is followed by a time for discussion and questions.

I find such meetings to be constructive and very helpful. We are dealing with matters in which all priests have much interest. And the relatively small number at the single meetings allows for a high degree of participation.

In columns in the coming weeks I shall be mentioning our Thanks Giving Appeal. We have made a couple of adjustments this year which will serve us well for the future. I shall try to do my part in explaining those as time moves along.

In the meantime, let me ask your prayers for the success of the Thanks Giving Appeal — and for this round of meetings with the clergy.

● Today marks the first anniversary of our newest community of faith — the Parish of the Transfiguration.

Our sisters and brothers there have worked hard and in a great spirit of joy to meet the challenge of adjustment to new beginnings.

Thanks to all for your prayerful support of their efforts.

I take this opportunity to say a special word of thanks to the parish family of Saint Louis in Pittsford which has been constant and generous in helping our newest parish family sink its roots.

● I look forward very much to the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. On that beautiful feast the parish family of Holy Rosary in Rochester will gather to dedicate the new school building which replaces the one destroyed by fire over two years ago.

It will be a happy occasion for all who gather there that evening. The long months of research, planning, adjustment and reorganization have not been easy ones. Now comes the time when the parish community can celebrate the fruits of their labors and offer them with thanksgiving to the Lord.

Please pray that this sign of growth and new life will be a source of blessings for all of us.

● Have you been inspired to begin or renew your career in athletics during the Olympic Games? This time of year has allowed more opportunity than another would to enjoy the remarkable performances of the athletes gathered in Los Angeles. I must say I am deeply impressed by the grace, agility, strength and speed they have demonstrated.

I am also taken by the discipline in which this kind of achievement is rooted and by the remarkable power of concentration these athletes bring to their endeavors.

They invest themselves deeply in pursuit of what they judge to be worthwhile. Maybe there's something in that for all of us.

Peace.

Names Make News

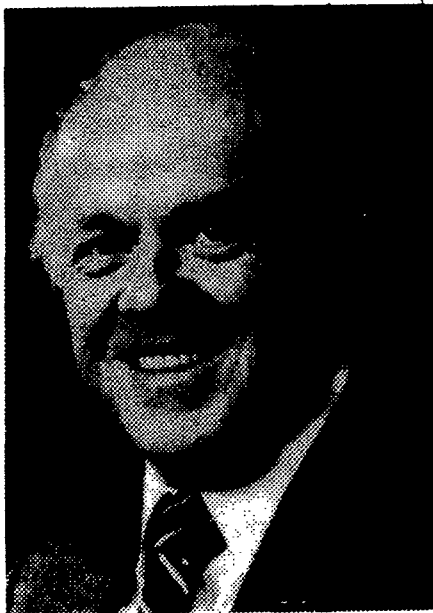
Reports that **Mother Teresa** will undergo eye surgery in Pittsburgh have been denied by the superior of the U.S. branch of her order. Officials at Pittsburgh's St. Francis Medical Center had said a week earlier that Mother Teresa would have cataract surgery there at an undetermined time. ... **Bishop Lech Kaczmarek** of Gdansk, who supported striking shipyard workers in the 1980 revolt which spawned Solidarity, died in a hospital July 31. He was 75. Bishop Kaczmarek, who had been the Baltic port's bishop for 25 years, suffered a heart attack the week before his death. The bishop kept in close contact with Lech Walesa and presided at the baptism of the Solidarity chairman's daughter while Walesa was interned. ... **Michael Kirwan**, described as a friend to the "street people" of Washington, D.C., has been named recipient of the National Catholic Development Conference's Good Samaritan Award. Kirwan, 39, will be honored at a luncheon Sept. 26 during the National Catholic Development and Stewardship Conference in Anaheim, Calif.

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