

Along The Way

With Bishop Matthew H. Clark



Some further reflections about the Thanks Giving Appeal:

It is neither possible nor desirable for a bishop to carry all of the responsibility of the decisions affecting the life of the local church. If it ever existed, the day is long gone when a bishop could handle everything from his desk without benefit of considerable consultation in and expert counsel from the community.

There are, to be sure, many questions and issues in which the diocesan bishop has final responsibility but it is the clear will of the church that he consult widely about issues of importance to the faith community.

It is not always easy to strike a happy balance between these two values. I want, of course, to make the decisions which the faith community rightly asks me to make. At the same time, I want to honor the call I have to draw the wisdom and care of the community into the process leading to such decisions.

In this context, I want to share two points of information about our Thanks Giving Appeal which are important and

which I believe are not always well-understood.

First, the process by which we determine our ministries and the level at which we finance them is as careful and thorough as any I know. It involves literally hundreds of work hours by our Ministerial Review committee, our Financial Advisory Board, our diocesan staff and many others.

These groups consider such factors as the economic climate of our region, the pastoral needs which challenge us and our ability at the present time to respond to those needs in a generous manner.

If the quantity of the work is extensive, its quality is also very high. At every step the important issues receive careful attention and full discussion.

I do not attend all of these meetings but I go to many and stay in close touch with the process. I can assure you that your generous contributions are not allocated or spent without careful justification.

Second, let me assure you that notwithstanding the growth

we have experienced in recent years we are not by any means going in a direction or at a pace which puts us out of step with our sister dioceses in our region. To be sure, each local church has its own history and particular character and so we are not alike in all detail.

But in relation to other dioceses -- both in the ministries we undertake and in the amount we ask for their financing -- we are very much in a common stream as we maintain a healthy and challenging pastoral presence.

All of this does not mean that each part of our pastoral plan draws unanimous approval at every step nor does it mean that all who participate in the process agree that the end product is perfect.

It does mean, however, that when the time comes for me to exercise my responsibility I can do so satisfied that the pastoral program we ask you to support is developed with great care by many persons very much like yourself.

Peace.

Bishop Clark, Father Shamon To Headline Area Red Mass

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will preside, and Father Albert J. Shamon will preach at the 39th annual Red Mass, 12:15 p.m., Friday, Sept. 14 at Old St. Mary's Church.

Sponsoring the event is the St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild, a group founded in 1977 and having a membership of about 125 lawyers in the Rochester area.

The guild also conducts frequent forums on legal, medical and moral issues, and supports retreats for lawyers.

The concept of the Red Mass originated in the 14th century and was begun in the Rochester area in 1945 by Bishop James E. Kearney.

For the past 39 years the Mass has marked the opening of local courts after the summer session.

Area law enforcement and fire prevention agencies as well as the judiciary and



Former guild presidents, Greisberger (left) and Polito (right), congratulate new president McGinn.

attorneys participate in the rite.

A luncheon will follow the Mass and a reception will be held for Bishop Clark and Father Shamon. Father Shamon is pastor of St. Mary's Church in Waterloo, an author and Courier-Journal columnist.

At its recent annual meet-

ing, the guild elected the following officers: William D. McGinn, president; Vincent M. Barone, vice president; Scott C. Smith, secretary; Robert J. Hirsch, treasurer; Msgr. Gerard Krieg, spiritual advisor.

Directors of the group are John F. Burke, Ronald J. Buttarazzi, John J. Conside Jr., Joseph G. DeMaria, Robert J. Edelman, Joseph Fischette, Joseph M. Frantz, Hon. Joseph G. Frantsch, Hon. Domenick L. Gabrielli, John L. Greisberger, Vincent P. Mitranco, William P. Polito, Hon. Alban J. Reichert, Hon. Michael A. Telesca and Andrew J. Weidman.

Still Chance To Play in Elmira Tourney

Elmira -- Some players are still available for the first annual St. Joseph's Hospital Golf Tournament scheduled to begin at 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 16 at the Elmira Country Club.

F. Edward Widman, chairman, said that James E. Graner, an attorney, is providing the permanent trophy which will be inscribed with the winning team's name and prominently displayed in the hospital lobby. The trophy, sterling silver on a wooden base, is valued at \$1,000, according to a hospital release.

Registration forms for the modified scotch mixed ball tournament may be obtained from the hospital development office. The entry fee of \$50 includes the awards, dinner, cart and contribution for the hospital development fund. Non-members of the country club will have an additional greens fee.

U.S. Group Certifies DePaul Clinic

Word was received last week that DePaul Mental Health Services was certified July 20 by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.

According to Joan E. Tannous, associate director of outpatient services, "JCAH is one of the highest national accrediting bodies for community mental health centers as well as for hospitals."

"The accreditation insures the client of quality care and also assures staff of the deliverance of viable, high quality and appropriate programs for those they serve."

Jail Ministry Sets Training Of Volunteers

Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry, Inc., an organization serving pre-trial prisoners in Monroe County Jail, will hold a training program for prospective volunteers, 7-9:30 p.m., Sept. 10, 12, 17 and 19 at Downtown United Presbyterian Church, 121 N. Fitzhugh St.

Participants are asked to attend all four sessions.

Training, which prepares volunteers for jail visiting, includes information about RIJM's philosophy, goals and activities; the jail and the criminal justice system.

Role plays are used to illustrate possible visiting situations and give insights into the needs and concerns of the people visited.

Further information and registration is obtained by calling the ministry office, (716) 325-1942.

RIJM is a 14-year-old not-for-profit agency which trains volunteers who visit prisoners in the Monroe County Jail and advocates for their needs. The ministry is supported by local religious communities.

Sister Barbara Moore, RSM, is executive director.

UNIT-Y Meets

UNIT-Y, a group of never-married Christian singles, will hold its first presentation and discussion session of the season, 2 p.m., Sept. 9 at the Cenacle Renewal Center. The topic for the event will be "Singleness as a Vocation, Gifts of Singles, Goals."

Bishop Maginn Dies, Fought Racism and Religious Intolerance

Albany (NC) -- Retired Auxiliary Bishop Edward J. Maginn of Albany, 87, died Aug. 21 in Albany after a brief illness.

From 1944 until his retirement in 1972, Bishop Maginn was pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Albany. He was named auxiliary bishop in 1957.

He was most remembered in Albany for his ecumenism and had won a local award from a Jewish veterans' organization. He was also the first Catholic bishop to speak in Albany's oldest church, the First Church of Albany Reformed.

Bishop Maginn was named apostolic administrator of the Albany Diocese in 1966 when Bishop William Scully became ill. He served as administrator until Bishop Scully's death in 1969 and Bishop Edwin Broderick was named bishop of Albany.

As administrator he fought racism and supported "street priests" who worked among the inner-city needy instead of tending a parish. He founded a storefront program to help the urban poor, and in 1968 he sparked controversy with a \$100,000 diocesan donation to the black community.

Bishop Maginn was born



BISHOP MAGINN

in Glasgow, Scotland, Jan. 4, 1897. He came to the United States in 1904 and became a citizen in 1917. He was educated at Holy Cross College and St. Joseph's Seminary in New York and was ordained to the priesthood in 1922.

Blue Army

The monthly vigil sponsored by the Rochester chapter of the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima will open at 9 p.m., Friday, Aug. 31 at Holy Rosary Church. Priests leading the rites will be Fathers William Leone, Frederick Bush and Robert Werth.

St. Cecilia's Plans 80th Anniversary

Elmira -- Parishioners of St. Cecilia's Church have been working for several months to prepare for the commemoration of the 80th anniversary of their founding, Rosa Calderon, parish spokesperson, said last week.

A "Ceciliafest" will be held 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 29 in the church hall. The evening will be a homecoming for past and present parishioners, and will feature snacks, beverages, live music and dancing.

The parish has issued an open invitation to the public to share photographs, anecdotes and memories.

A catered banquet for

adults will be served following the 11:45 a.m. Mass, Sunday, Sept. 30. A limited number of tickets are still available. Registered and former parishioners will be given priority.

Persons interested in the availability of tickets, or desiring further information, are asked to contact the rectory before Sept. 15, (607) 732-2426.

In addition, the anniversary committee has made an effort to trace as many persons as possible who have been part of St. Cecilia's history. Information on this is appreciated by the committee.

Diocesan Appointments



Bishop Matthew H. Clark appoints the following priests to sabbatical study at North American College Institute for Continuing Theological Education, Rome, Italy (fall semester, September to December):

Father Gerald T. Connor

Father Edwin B. Metzger

Both will return to their present assignments at the conclusion of the sabbatical.

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