

# Bishop Urges Hope

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"The hope we read about and reflect upon in the Bible," Bishop Clark said, "is a hope that involves risk. It is rooted in deep and abiding love. To be sustained it requires a constant turning to God in prayer, and to each other in community."

He said that it is that hope to which the U.S. bishops refer in their pastoral letter. In the face of nuclear war, "Hope sustains one's capacity to live with danger without being overwhelmed by it; hope is the will to struggle against obstacles even when they appear insuperable," the bishops wrote.

Bishop Clark said that if Christians will demonstrate their hope in the promise of God, then Christians will have also to wander in the desert, at the same time looking for signs of hope that point to God's promise being fulfilled in their midst.

The bishop told several stories of individuals and groups in the diocese which are for him signs of hope in the promises of God, saying: "These examples of people in the diocese of Rochester striving to be peacemakers combine to draw a composite



Lynn Finton signs for Father Hehir's talk Friday night.

picture of a people daring to hope. I think that this weekend's gathering serves to add to this picture. During the year and a half since the pastoral letter was issued, there has been a remarkable response in the diocese to

"The Challenge of Peace," and I expect that this conference will help give the impetus to a continuing response throughout the diocese. We also must be mindful that we here are not alone, that others in our communities may have different starting points for their concern while nevertheless sharing our hope of a peaceful future."

The bishop further cited Cardinal Joseph Bernardin's articulation of a "consistent ethic of life," as a great sign of hope.

To build a better world, the bishop said, "will require us to place our faith and hope in the Lord, and it will require us to take risks, to wander in the desert. For some this may involve becoming more peaceful within themselves, for others it may mean learning how to deal more peaceably with those with whom we live and work, and for still others it may involve seeking to influence the political decisions that shape our nation's arms policies. In any case, it is important that you go from here to rejoin your faith communities with the commitment to build this future."



## Respect Life

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Bernardin. "The bishops provide parishes and others with comprehensive materials to be used each year, but each parish, diocese and school adapts the materials to meet its own local needs and talents."

The cardinal said priests in the Archdiocese of Chicago will be asked to preach about the themes of this year's program during "Life Education Month," a current state-wide effort in dioceses in Illinois.

Cardinal Bernardin said the Committee for Pro-life Activities continues to look upon establishment of a Respect Life Committee in every parish in the country as a high priority.

"While this goal has not yet been fully realized, it is apparent that the Respect Life Program has become a strong and effective witness of the church's concern for all human life from conception until death," he said.

In a statement on the sanctity of life issued last July, the bishops of New Jersey said:

"We ask our priests, deacons, religious and all our Catholic people to make a special effort this year in the annual Respect Life Program to generate a greater consciousness of the sanctity of human life from conception on. We realize that respect for life is not an easy message to communicate."

"And yet," the bishops continued, "we know that it touches people's minds most effectively when it also touches their hearts. We are moved to concern about children when we hold an infant in our arms. We understand human suffering best when we visit the very sick or those who are dying. We understand the plight of elderly persons when we are face to face with their needs or feelings of abandonment."

"A consistent program of respect for life must always be aimed at helping real persons with serious problems and, where possible, at making these persons a part of the program itself," the bishops said. "For all of us, it must be long-range, persevering, patient and based not solely on political or social programs but on the full force of Christian love."

## Worldwide Encounter Sets Reunion

Worldwide Marriage Encounter will hold its second annual reunion of encountered couples 7:30 p.m., Oct. 19 at Guardian Angels Church. A Mass will be celebrated.

Marriage Encounter started in Rochester in 1971 and is still active. Since its beginning, more than 11,000 couples and 96 priests and religious have participated in the area. The purpose of the movement is to enrich good marriages.

Three more Marriage Encounter Weekends are planned for 1984, Oct. 5-7, Nov. 2-4, and Dec. 7-9.

Further information is available by calling (716) 872-3180, or (315) 597-2159.

## Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is slated to begin at noon, Thursday, Oct. 4 at Blessed Sacrament Church. The afternoon includes rosary at 12:25 p.m., and Benediction at 5 p.m., preceding the regular 5:20 p.m. celebration of Mass. The intention for the monthly rites is "Fervent prayers for the coming elections," according to Wilma Higgs, spokesperson for the event.

## AT YOUR PARISH

### Lady of Lourdes

Elmira — A call for parishioners interested in being altar servers was issued last week by Our Lady of Lourdes Church. The first meeting will be held 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 6. The parish advised that servers must be in the fourth grade.

### St. Ambrose

A charismatic Mass will be celebrated 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 5 at St. Ambrose Church. The event is sponsored by the diocesan Charismatic Renewal Office and St. Ambrose Renewal Group and Prayer Group. Father Donald McCarthy and Father Ron Frederick will concelebrate. Healing prayer teams will be available after the Mass to pray for individual needs and intentions.

### Lady of Lourdes

"Creating Family," a new five-part film series featuring Clayton Barbeau will be shown 7:30 p.m., on five consecutive Sunday nights starting Oct. 14, but excepting the Veterans Day holiday, Nov. 11, at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish hall, 156 Rhinecliff Dr. in Brighton. The series includes such titles as "Husband/Wife Relationships," "Creating Family," "The Male/Female Crisis," "Teens and Singles — Love vs. Sex," and "Parents as Role Models."

### St. Mary's Deaf

At the recent New York/New Jersey meeting of the International Catholic Deaf Association in Binghamton, new officers were elected, including three diocesans. Frank Kimmes, a member of St. Mary's Church of the Deaf, was elected chairperson. Deacon Patrick Graybill, a chaplain at the National Technical Institute of the Deaf, was elected vice chairperson. Mrs. Frank Kimmes (Nancy) was elected secretary.

### Christ the King

A pasta dinner will be served 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 20 at Christ the King Church hall, 445 Kings Hwy. in Irondequoit. Donations asked are \$4 per person; \$2.50 children under 12. Further information is available by calling Anthony Caliri, 544-4367.

### St. Philip Neri

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas meet 7:30 p.m., every third Tuesday of the month at St. Philip Neri School hall. The October meeting will introduce interested persons to the organization. The November meeting will welcome new members. Further information is available by calling Jane Crews 482-0820; Barbara Zaso, 334-8968; or Mary Alice Aikin, 334-6636.

### St. Mary

Elmira — The Golden Age Sub Committee will have a pass-a-dish luncheon, noon, Oct. 9 at St. Mary's Marian Center on Franklin Street. Participants are also asked to bring table service. Beverages and entertainment will be provided.

### St. Salome

The Women's Club of St. Salome Parish will meet for an evening of film, the best entries in the "Movies on a Shoestring" series, 8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 8 in the church hall. Members are asked to "bring a friend."



### St. Mary Our Mother

Sister Nancy Clark, principal of St. Mary Our Mother School in Horseheads, and Sister Marie Alice enjoy dinner with school families during a pass-a-dish supper sponsored by the Home-School Association to open festivities marking the school's 25th anniversary.

### Blessed Sacrament

Blessed Sacrament parishioners will stage a Next-to-New Sale, 1-8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 11; until 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12; and until 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 13, in the school hall. Saturday is half-price day. A soup and baked foods sale will coincide. Featured will be clothing, Christmas boutique items and toys, furniture and household items, according to Ana Lewandowski, chairman.

### St. John Rochester

Fairport — Dr. Mildred Jefferson, internationally known pro-life champion, surgeon and past president of the National Right to Life Committee, will speak at all Masses Oct. 6 and 7 at St. John of Rochester Church. The parish has been chosen as a model parish in the Respect Life Project of the Legislative Task Force of the diocesan Human Life Commission.

### St. John

The Pastoral Office announced last week that Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, auxiliary of the Archdiocese of Detroit, will speak 7:45 p.m., Friday, Oct. 12 in St. John the Evangelist Church on Humboldt Street. Bishop Gumbleton was a major framer of the U.S. bishops' pastoral, "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response." He will speak on that issue.

### Immaculate

Ithaca — Father Murray Bodo, internationally recognized expert on St. Francis, will lead a day of prayer, "St. Francis and the Spirituality of Reconciliation," 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in Immaculate Conception Church Hall. Mass will be celebrated. Participants are asked to bring a bag lunch and dessert to share. Beverages will be provided. The event is free.

### St. Pius Tenth

Word was received last week that the second part of workshop on "Drug and Alcohol Awareness," with a speaker from the Chili Counseling Center, will be held 7:30 p.m., Oct. 17 in St. Pius Tenth School gym. The free program centers on the effects of marijuana, alcohol, and speed; symptoms of drug and alcohol abuse; chemical dependency; and communication techniques used with young people to help deal with drug and alcohol problems.

### Lady of Mercy

Our Lady of Mercy Parish will stage an Oktoberfest 8 p.m. to midnight, Friday, Oct. 12 in the church hall. Tickets at \$8 are available after Masses and by calling 663-3353, or 663-5905 before Oct. 7.

### St. Lawrence

The Rosary Society of St. Lawrence Church will show a new movie on Fatima, 8:30 p.m., Oct. 4 in the hall behind the Church, 1079 N. Greece Road.

### St. Mary Magdalen

Wolcott — The Altar Rosary Society of St. Mary Magdalen Parish will hold its annual fall rummage sale 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Oct. 18 and 19; and 9 a.m.-noon, Oct. 20, in the church hall.

### Good Shepherd

Henrietta — A Charismatic Renewal Mass will be celebrated 12:35 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 14 at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 3264 E. Henrietta Road. Father James Conolly SJ, will preside.

### Holy Family

The Rosary Society of Holy Family Parish will meet 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 10 in the Pine Room. Michael Petromallo, a former police officer and now safety director for the Automobile Club of Rochester, will speak. Hostess for the evening will be Mrs. Frank Haag, assisted by Adeline Mastrella, Fran Noto and Marilyn Wheeler.

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