

Along The Way

With Bishop Matthew H. Clark



Wednesday, Oct. 10

Twenty-five years ago at this time, Tom Powers and I arrived at the North American College in Rome to begin our study of theology in preparation for the priesthood.

We were studying for the Diocese of Albany and were joined in that first year class by another 94 students from all parts of the United States.

In those days trans-Atlantic ocean liners were much more available than they are now. We sailed from New York on the S.S. Constitution, and arrived in Rome delighted with the voyage, for the opportunity it afforded to begin friendships which have lasted until this day.

The excitement continued since we arrived in Rome shortly before the College was to celebrate the 100th anniversary of its foundation. John XXIII was our Holy Father at that time and graciously agreed to spend the afternoon at the seminary to mark the special occasion. He graced the occasion with his easy charm but also created special memorials of the day by speaking English in public for the first time.

I think of those events each year at this time, but in a special

way today. In a few hours I shall meet Bishop Hubbard in New York. From there we will fly to Rome to join many alumni in celebration of 125 years of priestly formation carried on at the college.

Tom Powers will be at the Leonardo DaVinci airport tomorrow morning to greet us since for the last four years he has been director of the graduate department of the seminary.

Much has happened in those 25 years. Of the 96 students who were part of that beginning class, 68 were ordained in December of 1962. Three members of the group have died since then — one by accident and two by illness. Of the remainder, some 30 have left the active priestly ministry, of those a few have discontinued active association with our faith community.

They will all be very much a part of our gathering in Rome over the weekend. One does not easily forget the bonds of friendship forged during those years even when paths diverge and there is little contact for long periods of time.

You will also be very much a part of that gathering. My

custom is to offer Mass for all of you whenever I am away and in Rome I make a special effort to do that at the tomb of St. Peter.

There will also be some friends from home to remind me of you. Presently studying where I shall be staying with Tom Powers are Fathers Ted Metzger of St. Francis, Geneva; Gerry Connor of St. Pius, Chili; and Bill Laird, preparing for work in our Marriage Tribunal.

In addition to those friends already there some fellow alumni from our area will also be attending the reunion: Monsignori Richard Burns, Emmett Murphy and John Maney, and Fathers John Reddington, Tom Reddington and Charlie Bennett.

Finally, Bev and Mike Tomaino of St. Thomas More, Rochester, are in Europe to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. They are friends from college days so we're hoping to meet for a bowl of pasta tomorrow night.

Thanks for all of your goodness and prayers.
Peace,

Urban Ministry Evangelization Workshop Set

A workshop on Urban Ministry Evangelization, featuring Father Raymond Kemp will begin 8:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 10 at Blessed Sacrament School.

Father Kemp, a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., director of RENEW, secretary for Parish Life and Worship, and nationally known as a

lecturer on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, will be the keynote speaker for the event, the theme of which is "Actions Speak Louder than Words."

The event will feature eight workshops:

- "Parish Presence in the Neighborhood," led by staffers of Corpus Christi Parish;



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Justice and Peace," Father Charles Mulligan;

- "Person to Person Evangelization," Sister Barbara Moore RSM;

• "Catholic Grammar Schools: Still a Chance for Evangelization," Sylvia Kostin;

• "Catholic High Schools: Still a Chance for Evangelization," Sister Carol Cimino SSJ;

• "Evangelizing through Sacramental Preparation Programs," Sister Marie Brown SSJ.

Father Kemp is also the author of "Journeys in Faith," and several articles appearing in national publications.

The registration fee is \$3.50 per person before Nov. 1, \$4.50 after. The fee does not cover lunch which participants are asked to

provide for themselves. Refreshments will be provided. A special group rate of \$20 is offered to parishes wishing to register six or more persons.

Further information is available by calling Teresa Snell, 28802634; Shelley D'Agnolo, 328-2442; James Ramerman, 325-2424.

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Project SEED Needs Piano

Project SEED, the diocesan Catholic Charities-administered social and recreational program for disabled adults, is in need of a piano for music class and sing-alongs.

According to Adele Carlson, director of the project, a piano student at the Eastman School of Music has

volunteered to teach music appreciation lead sing-alongs.

She also said that Catholic Charities "will be happy to provide an income tax credit to anyone willing to donate a useable piano" to the program.

Project SEED has use of a pickup truck and will move any piano donated.

Further information is available by calling Project SEED, 458-7994.

Deacon Joins Conference

Deacon Claude Lester, diocesan director of Parish Services, will be among the presenters at the ninth annual Western New York Conference on Religious Education, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19-20, in Niagara Falls.

The conference is being hosted by the Department of Catholic Education of the Buffalo diocese.

Deacon Lester's presentation is entitled "Family Education: From Theory to Practice."

Gary Peters SSCC Ordination Slated

Harlingen, Tex — Brother Gary Peters, a member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, will be ordained to the priesthood of that congregation Friday in Queen of Peace Church here.

Rev. Bro. Peters is a native of Rochester, and former parishioner of Ss. Peter and Paul Church.

He will be ordained by Bishop John J. Fitzpatrick of Brownsville.

The son of Raymond and Evelyn Peters of Greece attended P.S. 29, Madison High School and SUNY Brockport, where he earned a bachelor's degree in History and Art.

Following graduation, he worked in private business in Rochester, maintaining also an involvement at Ss. Peter and Paul Church, staffed by the congregation he joined in 1978.

Following entry, he studied at Washington Theological Union.

Among his assignments in the congregation have been stations in New York City, Tewksbury, Mass.; Harlingen, Tex.; and Washington, D.C. In addition he has also studied Spanish in Washington and Cuernavaca, Mexico.

Father Peters will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving, 11 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 28, at Ss. Peter and Paul Church.

Woman's Role: Wife and Mother -- Mother Teresa

Vatican City (NC) -- A woman's role is as a "wife and mother," but not as a priest, Mother Teresa of Calcutta said during a press conference at the Vatican Oct. 9.

"Be a woman first," she said, when asked what advice she would give to those who fight for women's rights. "Be a wife and mother; that's the most sacred place for a woman."

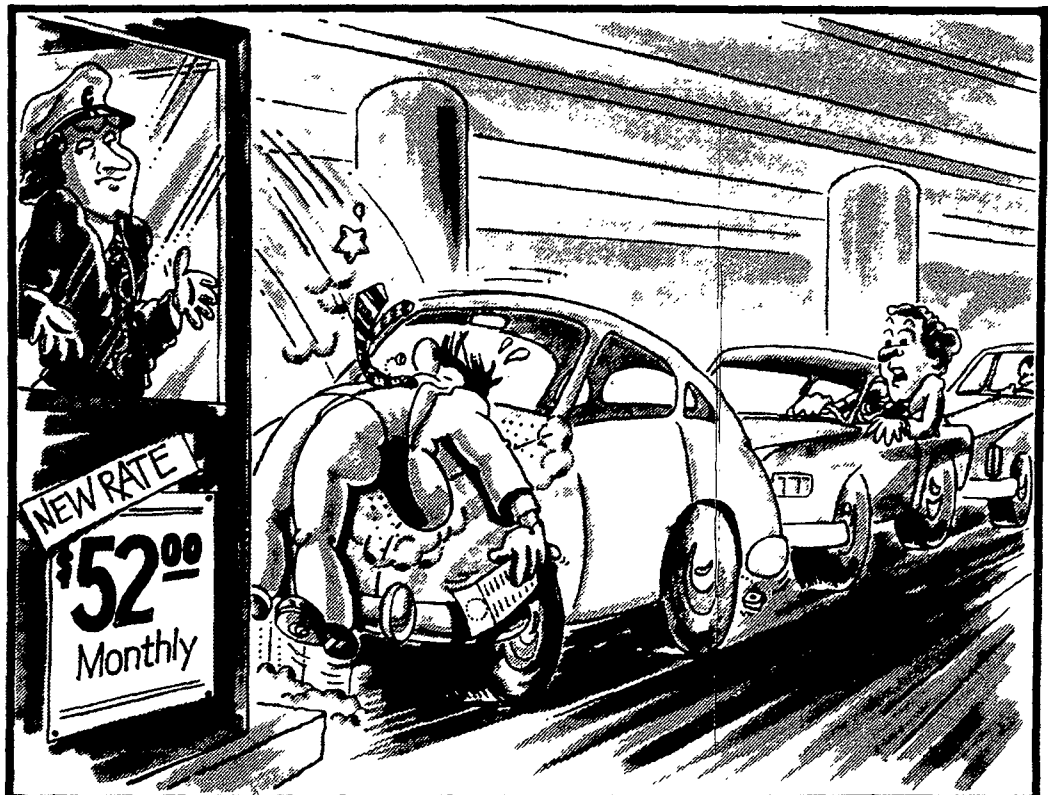
Mother Teresa met with the media after her talk to about 6,000 priests making an international retreat at the Paul VI Audience Hall in Vatican City.

She said that "God has given women the gift of tenderness, compassion and love" and that women's call is to make their homes full of love.

The missionary, noted for her work among the destitute of India's cities, said that although many women want to be ordained, the priesthood is not their role.

"No one was worthier of the priesthood than Our Lady," she said, "and she remained only the handmaid of the Lord."

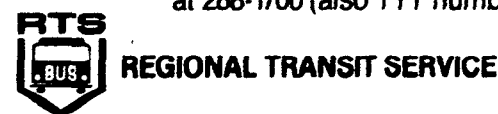
To be a handmaid, she explained, "that's the place of the woman."



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