

Along The Way

With Bishop Matthew H. Clark



Sunday evening. It is quiet at Sacred Heart just now. I welcome the opportunity to think about days past and to come out and to share with you a little of my comings and goings.

Thanks so much for your prayers for my trip to Rome. It was a time of joy because it offered: reunion with longtime friends, the opportunity to visit places and relive memories which have become a part of me, the chance to visit St. Peter's to remember and thank the Lord for the gift of episcopal ordination, a delightful audience with our Holy Father who received us visiting alumni and all seminarians and priests associated with the North American College.

The memory of the trip which I think I shall keep longest is that of an evening I spent with Bev and Mike Tomaino, Bishop Howard Hubbard and Father Tom Powers.

We met for dinner at a restaurant which was a favorite of mine during my days in Rome. The evening stays with me because the experience of being with my friends that evening

made me appreciate how loving the Lord has been to me in the three places where I have lived the vast majority of my days -- Albany, Rome and Rochester. Dining in Rome with friends from Albany and Rochester made me deeply aware that our loving God is close to us in all circumstances of life and perhaps no more profoundly than when we are with good friends.

The days since my return have been filled with life. I spent the weekend on the road celebrating the sacrament of confirmation with the parish communities of St. Casimir and St. Mary in Elmira.

Between Confirmations I had the chance to join several hundred school children, teachers, parents and friends in a walk for the benefit of the consolidated school system of Elmira.

We assembled at St. Patrick's and walked to St. Mary's parish for refreshments and the awarding of prizes.

Simply to mention those events again makes me aware anew of the variety and excitement of life I encounter each week.

That ranges from Father Henry Adamski's saying, "You've got a lot to learn, young man!" to the sheer pleasure of being with such an assembly of our young people to the quiet delight of a supper with those who worked with the candidates for Confirmation at St. Mary's.

Closing out the activities of the weekend was a celebration of 150 years of parish life at Holy Family, Auburn.

The Eucharistic Liturgy was prepared with care and celebrated in a moving spirit of thanksgiving. People of all ages assembled to praise the Lord and to thank our loving God for gifts of life and faith and friendship.

Our friends at Holy Family will mark this year of jubilee with other observances. If the enthusiastic participation of the people in today's celebration is any indication of what is to come, my judgment is that this will be a year of notable spiritual renewal for that parish family. And that will be a blessing for us all.

Thank you for spending time with this. Peace.

Ministry Conference Will Draw From All Quarters of Diocese

Representatives of all official ministries in the diocese are expected at the Fall Ministry Conference, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Oct. 30 at the Holiday Inn in Waterloo.

According to Sister Mollie Brown RSM and Sister Anne Maloy RSM, both members of the conference planning committee, the conference

was developed for "all parish staff personnel."

A memo from the Sisters to this office said that the objective of the conference, entitled "Aging and Retirement," will be "to begin to experience one's own aging process as the fullness of growth, and so to be able to be present in ministry to others' aging processes."

Such an experience, Sister Mollie noted, is important not only to ordained clergy, but also to "other ministers in parishes and schools who are themselves aging persons and can teach attitudes toward aging in faith."

The conference program features two special presentations by Msgr. Charles J. Fahey, director of the Third Age Center at Fordham University.

Msgr. Fahey has recently been quoted as saying: "Both in absolute and relative terms, there are far more older people today than at any other moment in history. This is both a gift and a challenge for society in general and specifically for the Church."

In a letter inviting diocesan ministers to the conference, Bishop Matthew H. Clark wrote, "We need to accept and to own our aging process. Further, we need to work with and to minister to others who are growing older with us."

Father James Schwartz is chairing the planning committee for the event. Also on the committee are Deacon Ken Scarciotta, Sister Gratia L'Esperance RSM, Deacon Bill Maune, Nathan Kollar and Father Benedict Ehmann.

The day's agenda includes an address by Bishop Matthew H. Clark; prayer by

Sisters Gratia and Anne; a panel discussion moderated by Sister Mollie and presented by Kollar, Father Ehmann and Frances Nardone, director of volunteers at St. John's Home and workshops.

Among the workshops are: ● A program on a clergy retirement residence, by Fathers Charles Latus and Schwartz;

● A program on priests' retirement, by Fathers Charles Bennett and Thomas Wheeland;

● A program on Clergy Relief, by Fathers Bennett and James Moynihan

● "Aging Parents," by Sisters Anne and Mollie;

● "Midlife Ministries," by Deacon Scarciotta;

● "Young to Old/Old to Young," by Kollar.

A \$5 registration fee for the conference includes the cost of lunch. Checks are made payable to the Diocese of Rochester and are sent to Father Schwartz, 314 Gregory St., Rochester, N.Y. 14620.

Deadline

The deadline for submitting news to the Courier-Journal is noon on Thursday preceding Wednesday publication. Items must be written and sent to 114 S. Union St., Rochester, N.Y. 14610.

Peter Stein to Speak On Nuclear Arms Race

Peter Stein, president of United Campuses to Prevent Nuclear War, and professor of physics at Cornell University, will speak on the arms race, 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 30 in the main auditorium of Nazareth Arts Center.

His address is entitled, "Arms Race — Prospects for the Future — Reagan vs. Mondale." The talk is one of a number of presentations in "Issues in the Nuclear Age," a series sponsored by the college's nuclear study group, its lecture committee, its cultural affairs group and its faculty associates.

Other events include a showing of the movie, "Dr. Strangelove: Or, How I Stopped Worrying and Learned to Love the Bomb," 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 26 in A-14 of the arts center; a showing of the movie "War Without Winners," followed by a student panel discussion, 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 7 also in A-14.

Halloween Party Scheduled

Long Ridge Mall will host its annual "Happy Halloween Party", from 6-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 31. Children are invited to come in costume.

Highlighting the party will be music by the Miller, Dolan and Mulligan Band, and children will be able to have their pictures taken with "Dracula" for \$3.50 each. Also, the Children will be able to "Trick or Treat" through the mall from 6:30-8 p.m. Refreshments will be served at 8 p.m.

The annual party is sponsored by Long Ridge Mall and WPXY Radio. The Northwest Kiwanis Club also will be helping with the distribution of candy.

Villa Benefit

The Knights of Columbus Irondequoit Council #4691 will sponsor a fundraiser to benefit the St. Joseph's Villa Building Fund, from 8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Church of Christ the King, 445 Kings Highway South. No admission will be charged and the public is invited. The evening will feature food, refreshments, and games of skill.

James Cone, Theologian, Slated Here

Dr. James Cone, an internationally known black theologian, author and professor at Union Theological Seminary, will address a community forum on the roots and institutional patterns of violence, "The Web of Violence," 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m., Friday, Oct. 26 at the YWCA auditorium. The event is being sponsored by the diocese, the Peace and Justice Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester, Genesee Ecumenical Ministries, the YWCA, the Judicial Process Commission, United Church Ministries and the Urban League of Rochester. Persons wishing to attend the event are asked, 546-5820, ext. 212. Lunch at \$3.50 also may be ordered by calling that number.

STOSM Has Adoption Services

Elmira — The Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry announced last week the start of a new adoption service in Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga and Tompkins counties.

An adoption worker, Karen Rulison, is accepting applications and doing home studies for Catholic Family Center.

The service is a cooperative effort between Social Ministry Counseling Services and Catholic Family Center, to make services accessible to the southern and eastern part of the diocese.

Mrs. Rulison is experienced in placing children of all ages, races and creeds. Applications for international adoption are also being accepted.

Further information is available by calling Social Ministry Counseling Services, (607) 734-9784 weekdays during business hours. Mrs. Rulison will return the call.

Teen Sex Forum Dates Changed

Two dates were changed last week in the schedule of forums on the development of a curriculum for city schools on the subject of Family Living/Sex education.

The last two forums are now: Tuesday, Oct. 30, 7 to 9 p.m., New Bethel Church, 270 Scio St.; Thursday, Nov. 1, 7 to 9 p.m., John Marshall High School, 180 Ridgeway Ave.

Novena to St. Jude

From Oct. 20-28 at St. Jude's Church, 4100 Lyell Rd. (Gates) Rochester, N.Y. 14606

With Mass and prayers each morning at 9 A.M. and each evening at 7:30 P.M.

All are invited by Father John J. Steger, pastor, to attend and pray to the Patron of Hopeless Cases and impossible causes.

Shut-ins may write for a Novena Booklet. St. Jude Church and Hall are easily accessible to handicapped. Ample parking.

Anointing of the Sick, Oct. 25
Conducting the Novena
Rev. John M. Eagan, O.P.

Chief Celebrant of the Mass of Solemn Closing on the Feast of St. Jude, Oct. 28 will be Bishop Dennis W. Hickey

Followed by a Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

Corpus Christi Sets Minister to Homosexuals

Corpus Christi Church will present "Homosexuals and the Church," an evening of questions and responses led by Father Paul Shanley of the Archdiocese of Boston, 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 2.

Father Shanley, associate pastor in Newton, Mass., is a former lecturer in clinical psychology at Harvard University, and gained national attention for his work with runaways and sexual minorities.

The program is open to the public and is free, although donations will be taken. Further information is available by calling 325-2424.

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