

Along The Way

With Bishop Matthew H. Clark



I first met Hugh Fitzpatrick some three years ago. At the time he was in fifth grade at Sacred Heart School and just learning to be an altar server. As is true of most fifth graders beginning new ventures, Hugh was wide-eyed at the challenge that lay before him. Together with that sense of wonder we all found in our young friend an impressive sense of responsibility. It has been a delight to know him.

Saturday afternoon at Bishop Kearney High School I thought of the beginning of that friendship when I heard Hugh deliver the speech which won him first place in the fifth annual Bishop Clark Oratoricals.

He and winners from 35 of our Catholic elementary schools addressed the theme of peacemaking in response to our pastoral letter, "The Challenge of Peace..."

I was not able to hear all of the speeches but I did have the privilege of hearing the six young men and women who were

selected as finalists.

Their work was laced with that mixture of organized thought, lively imagination, concrete examples and personal conviction that makes for rhetoric which educates and inspires the listener.

Among the qualities I found impressive in and common to the presentations made by our six speakers were the following:

1. The evidence our friends gave that they have personally and quite seriously struggled with the issues they presented to their audience. No rote performance here. Their words were a part of them.
2. We who heard them knew for reasons I cannot fully explain here that in the process by which the contestants developed their themes the examples of their families, friends and teachers was of central importance.
3. Their realization that the most deeply shared values and

aspirations of humankind may indeed require societal and structural change but that even these will be empty if they are not somehow rooted in the conversion of human hearts.

We adults who gathered at Kearney had a strong sense that we received good gifts from our young people that day. They shared the fruits of their labors with us and in doing so reminded us that we too need to grow in our faith and be making articulate our values in culture which can war so mightily against them.

Hugh and his five friends could not have done three years ago what they did on Saturday afternoon. It's a joy to anticipate the even greater richness they will be able to share with us in three more years.

I'll be leaving for Brazil tomorrow (Tuesday, Dec. 6) to join our Sisters of St. Joseph as they celebrate 20 years of missions in that country.

My presence there will be a link between you and our Sisters who have extended the life of our local Church so lovingly during these two decades.

I shall arrive home next Monday — too late to mention the trip in next week's column. You will find word of the journey in this space two weeks from today. I mention it now to ask your prayers of gratitude to God for all of the good our Sisters have done in Brazil.

Peace to all.

Immediate and Long-Range Help For Africa Is Urged by Pope

Vatican City (NC) -- Pope John Paul II Nov. 22 called for "immediate and sustained international assistance" for starving Africans, especially those in Ethiopia, and urged long-range economic aid programs for developing countries.

The pope said long-range programs are needed which "promote basic scientific research and its technological applications" and which also include "the economic means to put them into effect."

The pope made his remarks in an address at the Vatican to 120 members of ENEA, an international association for the research and development of nuclear energy and alternative energies.

(As of Friday, 30, dioceses have contributed \$40,299.52 to the fund.)

(Parishes, groups or individuals wishing to contribute to the effort to feed starving victims of the African drought should send donations to Catholic Relief Services-Ethiopia, care of the Diocesan Missions Office, 123 East Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14604.)

"Cooperation in the fields of science and technology is one of the most effective means not only of contributing to the physical welfare of people," the pope said, "but also of fostering the dignity and worth of every person."

The pope also urged the ENEA members to encourage the intellectual development of persons in underdeveloped countries and to help to create environ-

ments where intellectual achievement will flourish.

Human intelligence "needs to be cultivated with care," the pope said. He asked that "educational opportunities be made available for gifted persons of every nation, especially for the youth."

"It is also important," the pope added, "that every effort be made to ensure that intelligence and learning not become the object of permanent exportation from poor countries to rich ones, because the poor countries lack the adequate cultural, scientific, and technical environments to utilize them."

The pope was referring to the so-called "brain drain" by which highly trained and educated persons from developing countries seek career opportunities in wealthier nations.

"A poor country will always remain in a state of inferiority and subjection as long as it is not in a position to carry out basic scientific research and make technological applications in ways adapted to its own cultural, political, and economic system," the pope said.

But while calling for technological cooperation, the pope also cautioned against the danger of one nation imposing its way of life upon another. To avoid this, the pope said, "cooperation must be carried out in a spirit of fruitful dialogue, one which appreciates the worthy traditions of the peoples concerned and the many different values of each culture."

The pope also said that

nations less developed in the scientific field "often have much to give from the rich

storehouse of their culture to the people of the more advanced nations."

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At last! Here is a \$10 sponsorship program for Americans who are unable to send \$16, \$18, or \$22 a month to help a needy child.

And yet, this is a full sponsorship program because for \$10 a month you will receive:

- ...a photograph of the child you are helping.
- ...a special sponsorship folder with the case history of the child.
- ...a description of the country where your child lives.
- ...a quarterly progress report about your child's community from the field worker.

And you will receive at least two personal letters a year from your child.

All this for only \$10 a month?

Yes—because the Holy Land Christian Mission International believes that many Americans would like to help a needy child. And so we searched for ways to reduce the cost—without reducing the help that goes to the child you sponsor.

For example, unlike some of the other organizations, your child does not write each month, but two letters a year from your child keeps you in contact and, of course, you can write to the child just as often as you wish.

Also, to keep down administrative costs, we do not offer the so-called "trial child" that the other organizations mail to prospective sponsors before the sponsors send any money.

We do not feel that it is fair to the child for a sponsor to decide whether or not to help a child based on a child's photograph or the case history.

Every child who comes to Mission International for help is equally needy!

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You can make a difference!

\$10 a month may not seem like much help to many Americans, but to a poor family living on an income of \$1.50 or \$2.00 a day, your sponsorship can help make all the difference in the world.

Will you sponsor a child? Your \$10 a month will help provide so much:

- ...emergency food, clothing and medical care.
- ...a chance to attend school.
- ...help for the child's family and community, with counseling on housing, agriculture, nutrition, and other vital areas to help them become self-sufficient.

A child needs your love!

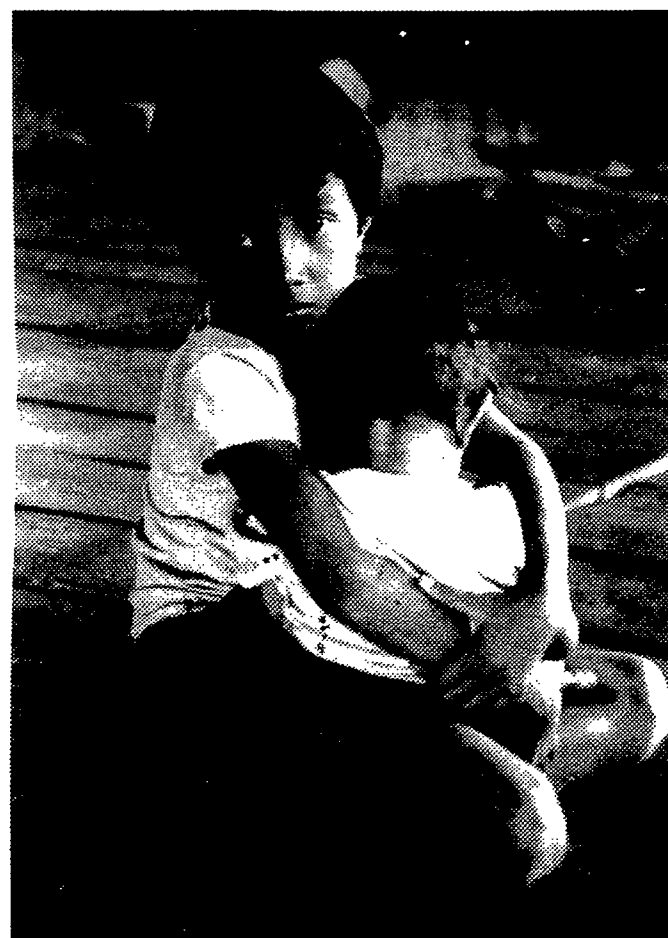
Here is how you can sponsor a child for only \$10 a month immediately:

1. Fill out the coupon and tell us if you want to sponsor a boy or a girl, and check the country of your choice.
2. Or mark the "emergency list" box and we will assign a child to you that most urgently needs to have a sponsor.

3. Send your \$10 in right now and this will eliminate the cost of a "trial child."

Then, in just a few days you will receive your child's name, photograph, and case history.

May we hear from you? We believe that our sponsorship program protects the dignity of the child and the family and at the same time provides Americans with a positive and beautiful way to help a needy youngster.



In Thailand, 7 year old Somjack comforts her little sister Kai who is suffering from severe malnutrition. These two frightened refugee children were found huddled together in a crumbling shack.



Dinner Planned

Nazareth College alumnae Terry Iaia Romeo, left, of Rochester, and Joan Shaw Dalberth of Irondequoit, both members of the Class of 1956, are co-chairmen of the Alumni Association's annual Candlelight Christmas Dinner, at 5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 9 in the Medaille Lounge and Dining Room at the college. The theme for this year's event is "A Victorian Christmas."

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 Costa Rica Chile Honduras Dominican Republic
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