

Along The Way

With Bishop Matthew H. Clark



Sunday evening. Tomorrow we begin that part of the Church's year which we call ordinary time.

We have celebrated the Christmas Season and have struggled together in grace to come to a deeper understanding and sense of gratitude for the wonderful humanity of Our Lord — and how His gift of that humanity to the Father transforms us.

Now — as we follow the Gospel of Mark during the weeks before Lent — we are invited to walk through the public ministry of Jesus. In Mark there is an emphasis on action. We watch Jesus heal the brokenhearted and bring comfort to the poor. We are with Him as He challenges the complacent and scolds those who judge themselves superior to others or who place heavy burdens on them.

There is also teaching of course. Central to it is the Lord's insistence that we'll find lasting life not in the flashy, the spectacular or the immediate but in daily conversion and the faithful surrender of ourselves to the will of the Father — even when that is painful for us.

That places us in touch with the daily stuff of life and invites us to see in the people, circumstances and events of every day existence the loving presence of a gracious God.

In Him all human experience become revelatory of God's love and in Him all that pertains to the human heart becomes an acceptable offering to the Father.

To bathe a child, to comfort one who mourns, to bring laughter into the life of one who is depressed, to do a day's work with care and integrity, to search, to suffer, to celebrate, to rejoice, to encourage — all of these are holy, life giving activities because they are caught up in the transforming power of Christ's risen life shared with us in baptism.

You may find it helpful to your own spiritual growth to pray Gospel of Mark through these weeks of ordinary time.

Take a small portion of the Gospel each day. Read it slowly and peacefully. Try to appreciate the texture and color and mood of it. Let it touch you in silence and be a part of your experience and need. You may wish to do this with your

spouse, family or friends. Carry the scene or event with you through the day with a prayer for the grace that your prayer will give new meaning to the concrete, common experience of daily living. Pray also that your reflection on the concrete, common experience of daily life will draw you to a deeper sense of your own holiness in the Lord Jesus.

My thanks this evening go to:

• The parish communities at Cayuga, Aurora, Union Springs and King Ferry for the generosity, courage and good humor in meeting the pastoral challenges of the day.

• St. Stanislaus Parish in Rochester for reminding me that the expression and celebration of reconciliation is a deeply joyful one.

• St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Elmira Heights, for celebrating 50 years of parish life with such grace, care for one another and warm hospitality to your guests. Peace to all.

CFC Aids Mariel Cubans Register for Residency

The Catholic Family Center has been designated by the federal Immigration and Naturalization Service as the Rochester agency accepting registrations of Cubans who immigrated during the 1980 Mariel Boatlift as permanent resident aliens.

Such registration is a step in the process of obtaining U.S. citizenship.

INS is pursuing the registration under the statutory authority of the Cuban Adjustment Act of 1966.

According to Angelina Boella of Catholic Family Center, "All Cubans who entered the United States between April 15, 1980 and

Oct. 10, 1980 and are not already United States citizens, must register with the immigration service through participating voluntary agencies during January 1985. There is no fee for submitting this registration form."

A question-and-answer sheet distributed by INS said that the Cuban Adjustment Act "allows the Attorney General, in his discretion, to adjust the status of any alien who is a native or citizen of Cuba, has been inspected and admitted or paroled into the United States, and has been physically present in the United States for one year, to

that of lawfully admitted permanent resident."

The statute, the service said, "was enacted in 1966 to grant residence to those Cuban nationals escaping the Castro regime. In 1981, the Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy fashioned a solution to the immigration status of the Mariel Cubans that was the same as relief for the Haitians who entered during roughly the same time period. The Attorney General determined to hold decision on adjustment applications from Mariel Cubans under the Cuban Adjustment Act, to allow Congress opportunity to act

in this regard."

However, INS "has no legislative or administrative authority to adjust the Haitian group to permanent residence at this time. Such a program would require passage of legislation by Congress," the service said.

The service also noted: "INS currently has data concerning both criminal and mental excludability charges on Mariel Cubans. A centralized federal record check with the FBI will be conducted on all applicants, under this program, as well as a check of the FBI fingerprint files. In addition, each applicant will be required to obtain a police clearance

from every municipality where he has lived for at least six months since his arrival in the United States. The service does plan to computerize as many record checks as possible before the adjudication of these applications, so as to minimize the burden on

individuals and local police agencies."

Registration forms and further information on the registration process are available from Catholic Family Center, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604; (716) 546-7220.



Diocesan Appointments

Bishop Matthew H. Clark appoints:
To Sabbatical, Spring Semester
January to June

Father Emmett J. Halloran to North American College, Rome, Italy.

Father L. Emmett Davis Dies, Served Pastorate in Corning

Funeral rites were celebrated last week for Father L. Emmett Davis who died Jan. 7, 1984. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 12, and the Mass of Christ

the High Priest, Jan. 11 at the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus, where Father Davis resided for the past two years.

For a decade, from 1965 to

his retirement in 1975, Father Davis served as pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Corning.

Father Davis was born March 18, 1910, the son of William B. and Julia C. Byrnes Davis in Rochester. He attended Sacred Heart School and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries.

He was ordained June 6, 1936 by Archbishop Edward Mooney.

He served assistant pastorates at St. Patrick, Owego; St. John the Evangelist, Spencerport; St. Augustine, Rochester; St. Margaret Mary, Rochester; Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rochester.

In 1957 he was named pastor of St. Mary in Rexville and St. Joachim in Canisteo. Two years later he became pastor of St. Cecilia in Elmira.

Six months after his Elmira appointment, he took on the duties of chaplain to the Elmira Council 229, Knights of Columbus, succeeding Msgr. Leo G. Schwab.



FATHER DAVIS

Bishop James E. Kearney named Father Davis pastor of St. Patrick in Corning in 1965.

During his pastorate, the church served as a center for ecumenical activity, for discussion of the role of women religious and for probing directions in the Catholic school system.

In recent years, Father Davis lived at the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus, from which he was buried.

FLOSM Urges Cuomo to Raise Help for Poor

Geneva — The Board of Directors of the Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry has endorsed a proposal to increase the state's public assistance grant by 25 percent during the coming year.

Robert Walters of Seneca Falls, board president, has written Gov. Mario M. Cuomo urging that the increase be included in the state budget for fiscal 1985.

Archbishop John J. O'Connor of New York City, president of the State Catholic Conference, has already written the governor to urge an increase. The state committee has pointed out there has not been a rise in public assistance since 1981 despite the fact that the Consumer Price Index has risen 16.3 percent.

The FLOSM noted this situation in its letter to the governor. Walters said, "It is clear to many of us who provide direct social services to the poor that the current level of subsidy for public assistance is inadequate to the needs of a whole and growing segment of the popu-

lation. The 'typical' public assistance recipient family is a single parent household, headed by a woman with one or two children, who receives aid an average for under two years."

"Further studies," Walters said, "show that of the persons benefiting from the various public assistance programs in New York State, 70 percent are children while 28 percent are either single-parent caretakers of children under six or are themselves elderly or disabled. Only 2 percent or recipients are healthy, employable adults."


The State Department of Social Services guidelines indicate that a family of three requires \$440 per month for basic needs, exclusive of shelter costs, according to the FLOSM, which adds that the basic public assistance grant provides only \$360. Despite an increase in shelter allotments, FLOSM says, most recipients are still required to take money from their basic grants to make up the difference between the county shelter allotments and actual rents.

Ethiopia Fund

As of Courier-Journal presstime Monday, Jan. 14, Rochester diocesans have contributed \$129,508.79 to the Catholic Relief Services campaign to provide food for Ethiopia. Anyone wishing to participate should send donations to Catholic Relief Services-Ethiopia, Diocesan Missions Office, 123 East Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14614.

RIJM Training

Training sessions for volunteers of Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministries will be held 7-9:30 p.m., Feb. 4, 6, 11, and 13 at Downtown United Presbyterian Church on North Fitzhugh Street. Interested persons are asked to call the ministry office, 325-1942. Sister Barbara Moore RSM is executive director. Beth McCarran is administrative assistant.



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Director of Financial Services

The Rochester Catholic Diocese is looking for an individual to be responsible for all aspects of the financial accounting operations and employee benefits functions for the Diocese, its operational departments and custodial and restricted fund. Administration of automated financial systems, prepare annual and monthly diocese financial statements, manage all short term cash assets, coordinate Employee Benefit Programs, work with parishes in the area of fiscal management, plan and review annual budgets.

MBA in financial Accounting preferred, CPA is desired. 7 yrs. in Accounting with supervision experience. Public accounting and/or manufacturing background helpful. Knowledge of Computer Applications in a business-environment helpful. Individual must have working knowledge of fund and not-for-profit accounting, short-term investments, property and health insurance and employee benefits. Leadership and excellent communication skills a must.

Qualified Individuals send resume and salary history by February 8, 1985 to:

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