

Along The Way

With Bishop Matthew H. Clark



Monday morning.

Today we honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Seventeen years ago, this courageous person was struck down by violence as he tried in nonviolent ways to call our nation to greater racial justice.

A friend recently lent me a volume of Dr. King's sermons. I have been reading a sermon a day for several days in an effort to give proper attention to the values for which Dr. King gave his life.

Two of the themes in the sermons which I have found especially helpful in trying to deepen my understanding of this great man are 1. that courageous perseverance is necessary if the cause of racial equality is ever to carry the day in our country and 2. the fact that we are all diminished when any in our society are mistreated, disregarded or otherwise abused.

Black people today still speak of the injustices which they experience in daily living. Some of the comments relate to the basic rights humans have to proper food, housing, educational and job opportunity. More frequently, the comments I hear relate to something even more basic: the right to be treated with respect and as one with personal worth and dignity. For far too many blacks in this country and our local

communities, daily living is infected by abrasive and humiliating treatment at the hands of others -- for no other reason than the color of their skin.

It is good that we honor Dr. King's memory today and that this will be a national holiday next year. I am happy about it because 1. this day will be a reminder each year of the courage nonviolent solutions to violence require and the good non-violence can accomplish and 2. because this day will remind us each year of the massive amount of work yet to be done.

Dr. King died at 39, his life snuffed out by a senseless act of violence.

Did he die in vain? Each person, I suppose, needs to answer that question for herself or himself. I am convinced he did not. The fact that this day and all it stands for now exists is one argument for that.

A second argument — and to me it is a much stronger one — is contained in the pages of his sermons. Dr. King believed with a beautiful passion that those baptized into the death of Jesus were also baptized into His resurrection into eternal life. A few short notes:

- a reminder to the youths of the diocese to come to our

youth convocation at Bishop Kearney High School on March 3.

- a word of thanks to all those who are working hard on behalf of those for whom this severe weather causes extra hardship.

- a request that you pray that God will bless our local efforts to work on the first draft of our pastoral letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy.

- a promise that I will continue my daily prayer for you all as we move more deeply into 1985. I have been strongly reminded recently of the power of prayer because I know that I have been wonderfully supported by the prayers of others. The best way I can express any gratitude for that grace is to pray for all of you.

Peace to all.

Liturgy Office Promotes National Musicians Meet

The diocesan Liturgy Office is promoting the 1985 national convention of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, slated for June 24-28 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The office-sponsored Genesee Area Music Ministries group is also aligning itself with the national organization.

The national convention, running under the title of "Blessed are the Music Makers," will feature a keynote address by controversial theologian Father Edward Schillebeeckx OP. Other speakers include Archbishop Danile Pitarczyk of Cincinnati, Virginia Sullivan Finn and Father Edward Foley OFM cap.

Each day will have workshops, new music reading sessions, concerts and liturgical celebrations.

Running concurrently will be a four-day clergy institute entitled, "Priesthood and

Ministry: Similarities and Differences." Institute speakers include Father Schillebeeckx, Father James Empeur SJ, Father Ronald Krisman of the U.S. bishop's committee on the liturgy, and Father Richard Hynes, president of the National Federation of Priests' Councils.

Dave Brubeck, musician and composer, has been invited to present the world premiere of his latest work, "Tongues of Fire."

In addition, Grayson Warren Brown and Leon Roberts will lead a special series, "Focus: Black Music Ministry," which will include the premiere of Brown's new Mass setting.

Further information on the program is available from John Kubiniec at the Liturgy Office, (716) 328-3210. Should enough people show interest in attending the convention, a bus may be chartered, said Helen Halligan of the office.

Immaculate Conception, Ithaca Launches '2nd Century' Program

Ithaca — Father Bernard L. Carges, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church here last week announced details of a "Second Century Fund Program" to assist the parish school.

The school this year enters its second century of service.

"The Second Century Fund Program is designed to help meet the changing needs of today's school system," Father Carges said.

He noted that keeping abreast of the many technological advances associated with the school have put a heavy demand on the parish's finances, as have increased energy costs and the need for energy conservation projects for the building.

At present there is a tuition charge of \$550 for the first child in a family and \$230 for each additional child, which, along with a heavy parish subsidy, has helped the school operate on a sound financial basis, a parish release stated.

"We must, however, guard against excessive tuition increases to avoid becoming a school of the elite," Father Carges said. "This is not our purpose. We want to be able to serve and accommodate every child who wishes to attend our school."

The mechanics of the program will be to appeal to all the school's alumni, friends, parents and segments of the community-at-large. "For the first time in over a centu-



Program principals are (left to right) Dan Aneshansley, Benedict, Father Carges, Potorti, Leach, and Golway.

ry the school 'will go public,' Father Carges said.

"Immaculate Conception School has been a very valuable asset to the community," he said. In addition to tax savings, surveys indicate that where Catholic and public school systems exist, both are gainers, Father Carges said. It is not a case of "we against them," but rather a case of both systems contributing to the benefit of all the youth of the area, he said.

Sister Campion Bush, principal, added, "Immacu-

late Conception School has enjoyed a long record of friendly cooperation with the local public schools."

According to the parish release, the Second Century Fund will enable the school board to address several important fiscal areas. A new roof for the school and energy conservation measures will receive a high priority. In addition, program enrichment projects will be undertaken in the fields of computer science, art, athletics and continuing education for the teachers. "Of major importance is the need to increase tuition assistance for needy children and the struggling young parish families," Father Carges said.

Polish Night Scheduled

Knights of Columbus Council #178 will host a Polish Night at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 9, at their clubrooms, 670 Thurston Rd.

Dinner is scheduled at 7:30 p.m., to be followed by dancing until 1 a.m. to the music of Ray Serafin's All-Polish Band.

For reservations, call 247-2594, 235-9661 or 436-8240.

The program will solicit pledges payable over a three year period, starting March 5. Under the leadership of co-chairpersons Francis Benedict, Louis Golway and Peter Potorti, a volunteer committee of about 250 persons will be organized.

Anthony J. Leach Jr. is business manager.

Father Cuddy Novena Leader In Elmira

Elmira — Father Paul J. Cuddy, Courier-Journal columnist for the past 18 years, will direct the annual Miraculous Medal Novena of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Feb. 3-11, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Novena services will be held 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. weekdays; and the novena prayers will be included in the weekend Masses, 5:30 p.m., Saturday, and 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., Sunday.

The weekday services include morning Mass, novena prayers and sermon, and evening novena prayers, sermon, distribution of Holy Communion and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The public is invited to the rites. The church is accessible, on the Demarest Parkway side, to the handicapped.

Mediation Service Expands its Scope

Corning — Steuben County residents are now able to avail themselves of the mediation services of the Neighborhood Justice Project of the Southern Tier, Inc.

The project, housed in the Brennan Center of St. Mary's Parish, helps people in Chemung, Schuyler and now Steuben counties, settle their disputes out of court. The service is free.

Thomas Santobianco, coordinator for the Steuben program, said participants in the mediation session resolve their dispute on terms reached by the mutual consent of both disputing parties.

If that doesn't work, the matter can be brought to arbitration, also a service of the project.

The office is open daily, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and can be reached at (607) 936-8807; toll-free calls outside the Corning area may be made through the HELPLINE number: 1-800-346-2211.

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