

Along The Way

With Bishop Matthew H. Clark



Recently in the Diocese of Brooklyn Bishop Mugavero called all of his diocesan priests to an all day meeting. Some priests who are members of religious community were on stand by for emergencies but normal day to day priestly ministry was not available in the diocese.

The bishop did this to make people aware of the ever greater shortage of priests in that large diocese.

We have not taken such a step but our own concern is similar to that of our sister dioceses all over the country.

I mentioned last week that we have developed some basic principles for dealing with this challenge. We have applied/are applying them in the regions I mentioned last week and we are learning from the experience. I expect that we'll make some adjustments in light of what we are learning.

There are many ways in which you can make a contribution to this effort. Let me mention some of them. They are in no particular order. Some may be practical for you; others may not be.

1. You can pray daily for vocations to the priesthood.

Within that prayer please make room not only for the intention that suitable candidates will respond to a call to study for the priesthood but pray as well that your parish priest and I and all of our priests will so live and serve as to present the priesthood as an exciting, life giving vocation.

2. Be aware of, pray for and encourage those persons and groups in your parish who carry out in a beautiful and happy way ministries where were once almost solely the charge of the parish priests. How about the person who brings the Eucharist to those who can not leave their homes? or the youth leader? or the person in charge of the Christian formation program in your communities? How about the lectors and ministers of hospitality and those who prepare young couples for marriage or the baptism of their children? All of the above — and many more — were virtually unheard of when I was a child. Are they sufficiently appreciated among for what they do to build up the Body of Christ? Do we honor their service as an expression of their baptismal life? or think of them only as doing things Father can't get to?

3. Talk with your parish priests and/or members of your parish council about how your parish can prepare for the day when I may have to ask your priest to serve more than one of our present parish communities. For example: Is the schedule of Eucharistic liturgies celebrated in your parish on Saturday evening/Sunday morning determined by the realistic pastoral needs of the people? or is it a carry over from a day long gone? And you can apply the same question to towns with two or more parishes. Does our scheduling in any way reflect a spirit of rivalry or competitiveness? Or is it devised to reflect the complementary nature of our faith communities?

4. What would you think /say if your pastor stood up next Sunday and said, "I have not been able to find a priest to replace me for my vacation this year. The bishop insists that I go so I am asking you to go to our neighboring parish for the second and third Sundays of July. We will arrange for a Eucharistic service here for those who wish to stay."

More next week.
Peace to all.

St. Vincent, Churchville Loads Up on Celebrations

Churchville — The Easter Vigil at St. Vincent de Paul Church is likely to be nothing short of spectacular this year.

According to Helen Halligan, parish music

director, "Throughout the year of 1985 we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the building we worship in."

"During the Lenten season we had four weekends of

Renewal while simultaneously renewing the interior of the building. All of the interior has been painted, the choir loft enlarged, and another stairway to the loft added, a chapel for the Blessed Sacrament added, and the whole interior newly carpeted.

"The people and the building have been renewed in preparation for our Easter celebration."

In honor of the centenary celebration, Mrs. Halligan said, the parish choir, "The Last Notes," has commissioned a composition by C. Alexander Peloquin, which will be performed for the first time at the Easter Vigil, 7:30 p.m., April 6.

The composition, "All Creatures of Our God and King," is written for congregation, choir, organ, brass choir, handbells and tympani.

Peloquin, world famed for his compositions, is director of music at the cathedral of St. Peter and Paul in Providence, R.I. In addition he teaches composition at Boston College.

"All Creatures of Our God and King" will also be performed at the April 21 diocesan Mass for neophytes at St. Mary's Church in Canandaigua.

The choir also commissioned a composition from Michael Joncas as part of the centenary year.

"Joncas is perhaps best known for his composition, 'On Eagles Wings,'" Mrs. Halligan said. "He is a priest from the diocese of Minneapolis-St. Paul and is presently serving as chaplain to the University of Minnesota."

The work of both men will be published by GIA Publications of Chicago.

St. Vincent's choir, along with the choir of St. Bridget's in Rochester and the diocesan Office of Liturgy, will take part in a Gospel music festival July 20 at St. Bridget's Church.

Leon Roberts, music director of St. Augustine Parish in Washington, D.C., will be guest conductor and composer for the event.

The day following, Roberts will direct the music for a Gospel Mass to be held in Churchville Park as part of the St. Vincent homecoming celebration.



Peloquin and Mrs. Halligan.

Family to Fete Father Alletto

Father Nicholas Alletto's family will honor the priest at the end of May for his 40 years in the priesthood.

Father Alletto was ordained March 17, 1945.

According to his nephew, Thomas Alletto, the family will gather at his home the last week in May.

Father Alletto is a native Rochesterian. He attended St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries.

Following ordination, he served in various parishes: St. Francis of Assisi, Auburn; St. Anthony, Elmira; St. Patrick, Rochester; St. Patrick, Corning; Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira; and Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, Fairport.

Father Alletto was named pastor of St. Lucy, Rochester; and then, in 1963, he was appointed to St. Anthony of Padua.

In 1969, Father Alletto was gravely injured by carbon monoxide.

He was hospitalized at Genesee Hospital, and then



FATHER ALLETTO

was transferred to St. Ann's Home.

For the past several years, he has been at Rochester Psychiatric Center, his nephew said last week.

Alletto said his uncle reads "anything he can get his hands on," does a spot of gardening, and spends a great deal of time "listening and talking to," his fellow patients, "helping them with their problems."

Interfaith Coaliton Noting 10 Years with Dinner, Workshops

The Women's Interfaith Coalition and its Regina Zalles Education Fund has invited persons of all faiths to the WIC's 10th year celebration dinner and workshops, "Whole Cloth, Individual Threads, Woven by Faith," April 15-16 at the First Baptist Church of Rochester, 175 Allens Creek Road, Pittsford.

Rev. Virginia Mackey, staff coordinator of the National Interreligious Task Force on Criminal Justice, will deliver the main talk at 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 15. Leaders of workshops, each

presented twice, will be Ann Weiss, MSW, program director of Jewish Community Center; Sister Barbara Moore RSM, executive director of the Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry, and Kathleen Kircher, MS, executive director, North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics, adjunct faculty in ministry studies, Colgate Rochester Divinity School.

Charge will be \$10 for dinner (6 p.m., Monday) and workshops; \$10 for dinner only and \$3 for workshops only.

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