

Along The Way

With Bishop Matthew H. Clark



Sunday evening, the third week of Easter
This has been a week of varied activities and many opportunities to be with people celebrating Easter life.
Since last Sunday at this time, I have visited Saint Anthony's in Elmira, Immaculate Heart of Mary in Painted Post, Saint Rita's in Webster and Holy Cross in Charlotte for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.
In each parish community — as is always the case on such visits — I am touched by the obvious and genuine goodness of our candidates and of all those who so generously contribute to their ongoing Christian formation.

One of the more delightful and common observations I hear from those who guide our candidates is that their own faith is much enriched by the loving ministry they exercise. That comment is very much in tune with what I hear from those who shared in the process by which our candidates were prepared for the Sacrament of Initiation at Easter. It certainly squares with the experience of any ministry I have ever been

privileged to exercise. When we strive to serve others in the name of the Lord, we find the Lord in those we're trying to serve. Always. In all loving relationships.

Two ordinations were graces for me during the week. On Wednesday, Don Trautman, a friend from graduate school days, was ordained as Auxiliary Bishop of Buffalo at Saint Joseph's Cathedral. I always find it an enriching experience to visit another local church to participate in its life. It was an added pleasure to visit our mother diocese on an occasion so significant for them.

On Friday night, I ordained David Faraone for service as a priest in the Diocese of Rochester. Mother of Sorrows in Greece was the place of ordination. David served there as a deacon, and, if the spirit of the ordination was any indication, earned the affection of that large and vibrant parish community. I thank all at Mother of Sorrows for their contribution to David's preparation for priesthood and extend the same gratitude to all of our parish communities who offer

all of us that special ministry.

Besides happy memories of a beautiful ordination, I left that night with a promise, freely offered I assure you, from Mrs. Masco, David's grandmother, that she would come to Sacred Heart some night to prepare an Italian meal for me and some friends.

Today we celebrated the Eucharist at Saint Mary's, Canandaigua, with new members of our community of faith from all parts of the diocese. It was an occasion of special joy to be in the company of people for whom Easter is a new and obviously transforming experience. They brought to us who gathered with them a fresh awareness of the precious life we share.

I have just returned from the Knights of Columbus Home in Bath, where I attended the annual awards banquet of our Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting. Most enjoyable and rewarding.

Thanks to all mentioned above for their good gifts. Peace to all.

World Day of Prayer Focuses on Need for Vocations

Creator God

You have made me, not for myself
But that my life might be a gift to others.
Continue to create in me the desire
To know you,
To love you,
And to serve you
Willingly and generously.
Grace me with your presence, I pray,
And give me courage
To respond to your call
To love and serve others.

I pray that you will bless

Those in all walks of life with peace and joy.
I ask that you touch the hearts
And open the minds of all who are discerning
Your will for their lives.
On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations
I pray that you bless many
With the grace to hear and respond
To your call to priesthood and
Vowed religious life.
Amen.

Sister Mary Ann Kosakoski, R.S.M

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the Annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In his letter announcing the Day of Prayer, Pope John Paul II said: "I feel the urgent duty to exhort all the baptised to help with unceasing prayer and pastoral activity in the promotion of vocations to the priesthood, vocations to the consecrated life in its multiple forms and vocations to the missions.

"...In Christian life, every

baptised person has a 'call' from the Lord, and all vocations are important, all must be heard and followed with generosity," the Holy Father continued. He further asked his people to "Look at the generosity of thousands and thousands of young people who in seminaries, novitiates and other institutes of formation are preparing for Holy Orders, the profession of the evangelical counsels, the missionary mandate. To

all these young people goes my encouragement and the invitation to suggest to other members of their age group the ideals which they themselves are realizing."

Locally, the diocesan Vocation Team and the Office of Liturgy have asked that the prayer for vocations written by Sister Mary Ann Kosakoski be recited this Sunday in each parish of the diocese and that parishoners save copies of the prayer for

Diocesan Appointments



Bishop Matthew H. Clark has announced the following diocesan reappointments:

Father James Cosgrove, from pastor St. Gabriel's in Hammondsport and St. Patrick's in Prattsburgh, to pastor St. Mary's, Waterloo.

Father Raymond Fleming, from assistant in internship at St. Rita's,

Webster, to pastor St. Mary's Church of the Deaf, Rochester.

Father Lawrence V. Murphy, from chaplain at The Genesee Hospital and sabbatical, to pastor Church of the Resurrection, Fairport.

Father Louis Sirianni from associate pastor St. Louis, Pittsford, to pastor Our Lady of Good Counsel, Rochester.

North Region Assembly Set

The North Region Assembly will sponsor a discussion of the elderly with Sister Ann Maloy, Director of the Mercy Center for the Aging, on Thursday, May 2, at St. Margaret Mary School, 400 Rogers Parkway. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., the program will include a question-and-answer period, sharing of ideas, prayer, socializing and refreshments. For further information or reservations, call Elaine Clausen, 467-8712.

Mercy Presents Children's Play

"Raggedy Ann and Andy" is this year's Children's Theater production, presented by Our Lady of Mercy High School Parents' Association Thursday and Friday, April 25 and 26. Performances at Mercy High School Auditorium will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday (hearing impaired performance), and at 9:30 and noon on Friday.

Rosary Society Sets Banquet

The Rosary Society of Holy Family parish has scheduled a banquet for the installation of officers, Wednesday May 8, at the Party House, 677 Beahan Road.

Mrs. Frank Haag is chairwoman, and Father Edward Dillon will be guest speaker. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 including gratuity, and allow a choice of entree. Reservations are being taken by Mrs. Anthony Mastrella, 235-2761, and Mrs. Robert Spahn, 235-3136.

Monsignor Schnacky Leading 1986 Tour to Kenya, Africa

Monsignor Albert H. Schnacky of St. Catherine of Siena parish, Mendon, will escort a group of travelers on a trip to Kenya in early 1986. Monsignor Schnacky has previously traveled to Kenya to visit African priests who at one time served as assistants in his parish while they were

students at St. John Fisher College.

The special features of this tour will be visits to the families of these priests, a one-day stop in Rome enroute and a relaxing stop at a beach resort in Mombasa on the Indian Ocean.

The Schnacky group will

be traveling with a group led by Pat Warburton of Judy Graper Travel, who has planned what she calls "the perfect African trip" to game reserves in Kenya and Tanzania. The groups will depart Rochester on Feb. 12, 1986, and return March 1.

An informational program

on these tours will be presented at the Monsignor Schnacky Community Center in Mendon on Tuesday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m. A representative of Lindblad Travel will present a special film on the area, and free tickets for the program may be obtained by calling Judy Graper at 385-3820.

Cardinal Mooney Presenting 'Godspell' as Spring Musical

An air of excitement and commitment fills the auditorium at Cardinal Mooney High School this spring. Singers, dancers and musicians clearly are delighted with the choice of "Godspell" as the school's 1985 musical production.

"Godspell" provides Mooney players with a vehicle that transcends the mundane and beckons all to sing praises to the Lord. The play's songs are undeniably characterized by the singers' own qualities of joy, sincerity and enthusiasm.

The Mooney staff and friends guiding this effort to fruition are Brother Edward Zdrowski, C.S.C., director; Sister Marian Dimino, S.S.J., music director; Brother William Clifford, C.S.C., producer; Robert Smyth, assistant director;

and Berni Derlith, choreographer.

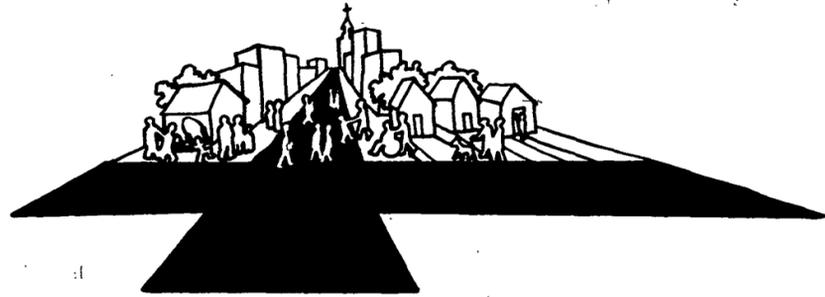
Join the cast as it hastens to "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord." Showtime is 8 p.m. April 26, 27 and May 3 and 4. Tickets are \$3.50 at the door. Call the school for reservations.

Education Board Seeks Applicants

The Diocesan Board of Education heard several reports at its March meeting at St. Mary's in Canandaigua.

Bob Gefell and Jim Mulcahy gave the board an overview of current personnel policies and procedures for education in the diocese. The Funding Committee reported on the Tuition Assistance Program and plans to make a proposal at the June meeting. Sister Edwardine updated the board on the response to the draft admissions policy. Sister Roberta informed the board on the current situation of local school planning and announced the Urban School Study.

The Board of Education is currently seeking new members who would serve three-year terms. Nomination forms have been mailed to parishes, schools, religious education coordinators, etc. The board is encouraging anyone interested to respond. If you did not receive a nomination form, you may contact Sister Roberta at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, at (716)328-3210.



CROSSROADS III

FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

Sunday's Readings: Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

The readings of this Sunday proclaim the closeness of God. In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter speaks of the crippled healed in the power of Jesus' name. St. John reminds his listeners of the intimate relationship that exists in "... letting us be called children of God." The Gospel story of the Good Shepherd is the touching description of the search and discovery of God for his "lost" loved one.

We are reminded of our Christian role as people who daily celebrate the closeness of our God. Even in moments of alienation and crisis, God is there searching ... waiting. It becomes a real challenge to be an Easter person when one feels downcast and separated. The challenge of this Alleluia season is a challenge to make our Christian faith alive during the ongoing experiences of daily life.

We, too, are reminded of those facing the crises of sickness, incapacitation and/or terminal disease. It is the season of wholeness. It is the season in which the healing power of Jesus' name should be summoned. A communal anointing service would be a good thought.

Project:

1. pray for those searching for meaning in their lives;
2. attend the communal anointing service — invite a sick or infirmed friend;
3. spend some time in quiet prayer reviewing your relationship with God.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection for the 1984-85 school year for the Diocese of Rochester Elementary and Secondary Schools for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers and employees therein, has been completed and the report is available at the office of the individual school for inspection by all interested persons.