

Along The Way

With Bishop Matthew H. Clark



St. Catherine's, Ithaca. Saturday evening. We had a delightful evening of celebration tonight in thanksgiving for 25 years of grace in this vibrant Tompkins County parish.

The rectory is in a quiet neighborhood, and it is quite late, so I am enjoying an extra measure of peace at the end of a busy week.

It is in moments like this that I appreciate how necessary and joyful it is to have times to think about past realities and future possibilities.

Without the grace of such occasions, I make major difficulties out of minor aggravations, forget the good gifts of the day and lose a sense for the deeper meaning of the events of daily life — even (especially?) the ones I wouldn't readily choose to relive.

Tonight I have been remembering and reflecting on my own human and faith growth. The experience of remembering 25 years with the people of St. Catherine's is a part of that. So is

the reminder in today's second lesson that we are God's children and are still becoming. So, too, is the experience of confirming so many young people who are growing in such beautiful ways.

In all of this I am deeply conscious that for those baptized into the death and resurrection of the Lord, the life we share is destined for fullness, that our union with Him is a vital one, challenging us to become more and more what we are meant to be.

The call to that kind of growth can involve us in the difficult process of leaving behind possessions, relationships and dreams we once cherished but which now block our path to deeper life. It will mean accepting challenges that test the limits of our courage. It will also call us to surrender our own designs so that we can find fuller freedom in Christ.

In response to that awareness, I look back over the years. I remember: the dreams which now seem vain imaginings, the passing pleasures that left no substance from which to grow,

the painful moments I never would have chosen but which led to deeper life and understanding. Most of all, I remember friends like yourselves who, by their goodness and fidelity, daily reveal to me some new dimension of the Lord's care for us all.

Such remembering puts us in touch with life as it's meant to be, with the selves we'd like to become, with the God who calls us to both.

Tonight I ask for the grace for all of us to serve the growth of others by reminding them of God's care for them, of their own worth and dignity, of the unique and irreplaceable contributions each makes in extending the compassion of God in our time and place.

For you, myself and for all of our faith communities, I ask that we'll become more adult where and when that is the favor we need. I pray also that we'll become more like children when that will lead us to greater love and freedom.

Peace to all.

Neighbors in the News

Judith Ann Kollar, executive secretary of the Diocesan Pastoral Council, has been named vice president of the Parish and Diocesan Council Network.

Kollar writes "Can We Talk?", a nationally distributed column.

Nazareth College's Casa Italiana honored Virginia Otto, retiring director, with a dinner, musical program and reception Thursday, April 18. The casa Chamber Players provided entertainment.

Otto, a professor emerita of foreign languages, has guided the college's center for Italian studies since its inception in 1978. Casa Italiana promotes understanding and appreciation for Italian cultural heritage.

Dr. Thomas P. Walsh has been appointed to the Board of Mental Health of Monroe

County to replace **Dr. John McIntyre**, whose term expires December 31, 1987.

Walsh, director of special education at Nazareth College, was chairman of the Mental Retardation/Development Disabilities Committee of the board.

Mary Kelly, 6-foot center for St. John Fisher College's women's basketball team, has been named a College Division II Honorable Mention All-American and Northeast All-Region pick by the American Women's Sports Federation.

A junior psychology major from Webster, Kelly led the Cardinals in scoring, rebounding and steals this past season.

Recently elected officers of the Natural Family Planning

Board of Directors include: **Dr. Ruth A. Lawrence**, Penfield, president; **Father Charles J. Lavery**, Brighton, vice president; **Richard W. McGrath**, Rochester, treasurer; and **Earl R. Westerlund**, Greece, secretary.

New board members are **Marilyn Konieczny**, Greece; **Amy LeStrange**, Webster; and **Sister Barbara Lum**, Rochester. Re-elected board members are **Judith Neuderfer**, Brighton, and **Patricia Paprocki**, Sodus.

Joseph A. Kelly is the new director of Children's Services of the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Rochester.

Kelly, a Hamlin resident, will administer the infant-parent, preschool education, therapy and summer enrichment programs.

Katherine McMahon is the second recipient of the Ella Hollister Social Work Award for Outstanding Human Service. The award is presented annually by Rochester General Hospital to recognize excellence in patient care.

An employee of the hospital since 1947, McMahon is a patient/family resource nurse.

Co-chairmen of the 1985 Rochester General Hospital United Way Campaign are **Eleanor Bianchi**, Greece, a nurse recruiter; and **Michael O'Brien**, Honeoye Falls, director of social work.

Loaned executives for Rochester General's 1985 campaign are **Charles DiNolfo** of Greece and **Patricia M. Pye** of Pittsford. DiNolfo is administrator for

the Department of Diagnostic Radiology/Nuclear Imaging. Pye is assistant director of the Department of Nursing Practice at the hospital.

Stephen C. Hanson of Irondequoit has joined the staff of St. Joseph's Villa of Rochester as substance abuse education specialist.

In his new position, funded by the state Division of Substance Abuse Services, he will expand the villa's current program to provide training to staff members and parents' groups.

Barbara L. Smullen will chair one of three committees sponsored by the American Associations of Colleges of Nursing to explore essential elements of nursing education at the college and university level.

Smullen, chairman of the Nazareth College's department of nursing, will head the group focusing on "Essential Values, Attitudes and Personal Qualities."

Brother Brian Walsh, principal of Bishop Kearney High School, has announced that **Nicholas Teta** will be the school's new head football coach and assistant athletic director. Teta will replace **Don Della Vella**, who resigned earlier this year.

A familiar name to Rochester-area football players and fans, Teta has been assistant football coach at the University of Rochester for four years. Previously he was head coach of the varsity team at the Aquinas Institute for many years. He has also served as athletic director and head coach at Notre Dame High School in Elmira.

Blessed Sacrament Sponsors Weekend of Peace

A peace study weekend at Blessed Sacrament Church concluded Sunday, April 28, with an open informational meeting with Father Thomas Bride discussing the U.S. Conference of Bishops' pastoral letter "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response."

Father Bride, chancellor of the Diocese of Norwich, Conn., also was the homilist at all Masses during the weekend, speaking on the scriptural basis of the peace pastoral.

As chief aide to Bishop Daniel P. Reilly, a member of the committee that wrote the letter, Father Bride was

privy to background, testimony and development of the document.

"The bishops are not out there to get into the field of politics," said Father Bride. Rather, he said, they are reviewing and clarifying the traditional Catholic doctrine on the issue of peace, and specifically on nuclear weapons. He described their conclusion by saying that "nuclear weapons are beyond our moral capacity to maintain."

In response to the question of whether the U.S. bishops would advocate civil disobedience against a government

that continues to pursue the arms race, he responded "No. You must form your conscience and act accordingly."

Father Bride concluded the evening by encouraging those who attended to take up the cause of peace, reiterating his weekend-long theme that "little is much in the hands of God."

In line with the peace program, on Saturday, April 27, the Young Adult Planning Team at Blessed Sacrament sponsored a performance of "Alice in Blunderland," a musical allegory dealing with the nuclear arms race.

Conference On Pastoral Set

The Diocese of Rochester will sponsor a Spring Ministry Conference Monday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to

4 p.m., on the U.S. Conference of Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy. The conference will be at the Holiday Inn on Route 414 (Mound Road) in Waterloo.

Speakers will be Bishop Matthew H. Clark; Father Charles Mulligan; Father Arthur McGovern, S.J., the University of Detroit; and Ron Krietemeyer, consultant to the bishops' committee which is currently drafting and redrafting the pastoral letter.

All ministers of the Diocese — priests, religious and lay ministers — are invited to attend. Registrations, plus a fee of \$7 which includes lunch, should be

sent to Father Jim Schwartz, 314 Gregory St., Rochester, N.Y., 14620. Checks should be made payable to the Diocese of Rochester.

Parish Plans Celebration

St. John the Evangelist parishioners invite all to a Eucharistic Joy Celebration on Wednesday, May 8, at 7 p.m. at the church, 2400 W. Ridge Road, in Greece.

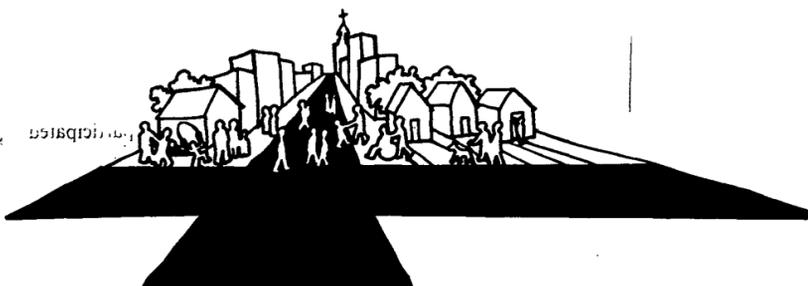
Sponsors invite those interested to "come and receive new joy under the ministry of Father Joe Larrabee and Father Jim Connolly, the main concelebrants." Prayers for healing of the sick — in body, mind and spirit — will follow the celebration.

Rosary March Set for Sunday

Participants in the 18th Annual International Rosary March will meet Sunday, May 5, at the Liberty Pole in downtown Rochester and march down Main Street to attend a holy hour service at St. Mary's Church.

The march's theme will be "That the Church will be One in Faith and Love with Jesus in Imitation of Mary, the Model of the Church." The event is part of a worldwide effort to pray the rosary simultaneously, coinciding with noon, Pacific Standard Time.

Anyone wishing to participate should be at the Liberty Pole at 2:30 p.m. The holy hour service is planned for 3:30 p.m.



CROSSROADS III

FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER

Sunday's Readings: Acts 9:26-31, 1 John 3:18-24, John 15:1-18

Sunday's readings present us with the beautiful image of peace. "Meanwhile throughout all Judea, Galilee and Samaria the church was at peace." The image of cities, formerly in conflict, coming together bound by the life of Jesus gives flesh to the Gospel reading of the vine and the branches. These all somehow remain joined because of John's command: "Let us love in deed and in truth and not merely talk about it."

The challenge of the Easter season is to somehow see that a Christian cannot simply say "Jesus has risen" without expressing it in his/her daily life. The reality of peace is something which is not just hoped for — but worked for. The vision of the day when all will sit down at table as one must begin with each person seeing one another as an intricate part of the whole: vines connected to the same branch.

The focus of the "seamless garment" speaks of this concept of peace. Christians cannot become one-issue people. The concerns of abortion, nuclear war, and social and economic justice are all intricately connected. The struggle each person must encounter is how to deal with these issues with a sense of justice and love.

Project:

1. pray for unity among family/community members;
2. schedule a special family activity this week;
3. take some quiet time to reflect on what you must "root out" to establish peace and consistency in your life.

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