

Along The Way

With Bishop Matthew H. Clark



Some reflections, memories, hopes and requests collected through the week and written down on this extraordinarily beautiful Saturday morning in May:

● This week three different persons expressed to me the hope that we priests will speak more frequently about our life and experience in ministry. In each case the hope was born of the conviction that we need to offer that kind of personal and direct testimony if we are to have any hope of sparking interest in priesthood in the hearts of our young men. I intend to do that more often and invite my brother priests to do the same.

● On Sunday, May 19, we celebrate Diocesan Mission Sunday. I invite you on that day to pray with familial affection for our Sisters of Saint Joseph in Brazil, our Sisters of Mercy in Chile and our newly established mission team serving in Tabasco, our sister diocese in Mexico. They cherish the bonds that join them to our family of faith and will be deeply one in prayer with us that day.

To the request for prayer I add the hope that you will be generous in extra measure as the Diocesan Mission collection

is taken up that day. This collection is the single major funding source for the mission efforts conducted by our diocese. You have been following our mission effort in the Courier-Journal and know that the need is great.

● I shall be traveling to Rome next Monday with several bishops from New York state and Massachusetts to attend the May 25th Consistory at which archbishops John J. O'Connor of New York and Bernard Law of Boston will be received into the College of Cardinals.

Bishop Hubbard and I will travel together and will have the pleasure of staying once again at the Casa Santa Maria, the Graduate House of Studies of the North American College. Father Tom Powers, our mutual friend, will be our host.

In addition to attending the Consistory, we'll also participate in the ordination of Father Ed Egan as Auxiliary Bishop of New York. The ordination will be at the Church of Saints John and Paul on the Aventure Hill.

To go to Saints John and Paul that day will bring back many happy memories. The Passionist Fathers who staff the

church often received groups of us from the North American College for retreats and days of recollection. Their hospitality was for me one of the many graces of those years.

I look forward to the trip and to telling you about it when I return.

● This afternoon at 3 o'clock I shall participate in the first of the commencement-related events on my spring calendar. I have the joy of presiding at the Baccalaureate Mass at Nazareth College.

Like so many of the events of this Easter season, this one includes memories, present joys and hopes for the future. It is tonic to me to be with people who gather to give thanks for the road traveled and to be nourished for the continuing journey.

It will be an occasion for me to thank the Lord for the long-standing contribution the Sisters of Saint Joseph have made to life at Nazareth and for leadership offered by the new president, Dr. Rose Marie Beston.

Peace to all.

Education Department Issues Statement On Implementing Regents' Action Plan

On Nov. 16, the New York state Board of Regents approved the implementation of the Regents' Action Plan. The Catholic school community has supported the regents' goal of increasing the academic rigor of schools and sparking a renewed commitment to educational excellence.

In the Diocese of Rochester, schools are now planning to implement the action plan in a way that preserves the uniqueness of their programs and pluralism in philosophy. Administrators throughout the diocese recently attended regional meetings in initiating planning for implementation of the plan. In addition, a Regents Action Plan Coordinating Committee, comprised of representatives of both secondary and elementary schools, will facilitate the dialogue necessary for coordinating program changes between the K-8 and 9-12 programs. Finally, an Interdiocesan Curriculum Committee is developing guideline directives for the implementation of home and career skills, technology education, secondary language and advanced-placement courses.

In the past and at present, diocesan courses of study in schools throughout the 12 counties reflect content that is above and

beyond the requirements contained in previously established state courses of study. In addition, some of the schools have been offering advanced-placement programs in math and modern language.

In light of the action plan, the Diocesan Articulation Committee, established to address the impact of the action plan, will develop guidelines for the implementation of a second language into the K-8 program as well as guidelines for establishing accelerated programming at the seventh- and eighth-grade levels. A guideline for infusing technology, home and career, and library skills has already been developed for implementation in grades seven and eight for fall 1985.

"Catholic schools have a strong academic record of well exceeding state norms of achievement in urban, rural and suburban areas of the state. While some aspects of the Regents' Action Plan are not mandatory for non-public schools, members of the Catholic school community accept the challenge set forth in these regulations. Like the regents we believe that educational sights should be set high," said Sister M. Edwardine Weaver,

superintendent of schools, in articulating the formal response to the regents' plan of the Catholic schools throughout the 12-county diocesan school system.

Sister further stated: "Just as individual students differ, so, too, do schools. Especially distinctive in the New York state system of education are non-public schools, which enable parents to select programs that best reflect their personal beliefs, values and expectations. As Catholic educators, our

priority is the fulfillment of the unique nature and mission of Catholic schools. The regents have long been committed to this concept of educational pluralism."

In conclusion, sister stated: "The leadership of the regents in initiating the process of stimulating educational improvement is commendable and is supportive of the Catholic schools' longstanding record of providing quality education to the publics we serve."

Fr. Patrick G. Sullivan Ordained At St. Andrew's Church May 10

Father Patrick Gainey Sullivan was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Matthew H. Clark Friday, May 10, at St. Andrew's Church, Portland Avenue, Rochester. He is the son of Edwin Leo Sullivan and Mary Helen Tischer Sullivan of 6802 Valentown Road, Victor. Father Sullivan celebrated his first Mass on Sunday, May 12, at his home parish of St. Patrick's, Victor.

Father Sullivan served summer assignment and his diaconate year at St. Andrew's where he was active with the parish youth group, liturgy committee, senior citizens and the bingo committee. Prior ministerial work included an assignment at St. Joseph's Hospital, Parkersburg, W. Va., and seminary field assignments at St. Bridget's in Newark, N.J. and Covenant House in New York City.



Father Patrick G. Sullivan

He is a graduate of Immaculate Conception Seminary, Mahwah, N. J. He studied for one year each at Becket Hall and St. Bernard's Seminary before attending Immaculate Conception. He is a 1971 graduate of Victor High School, a 1973 graduate of Mohawk Valley Community College with an associate's degree in advertising design and packaging, and a 1976 graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree in packaging science. Before entering the seminary, Father Sullivan worked at Mohawk Containers in Lancaster, N.Y., and St. Regis Paper Co., Buffalo.

Father Sullivan has four brothers and sisters: Edwin Sullivan, Mary Sullivan, Barbara Gaffney and Gerald Sullivan.

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