

# Brother Brian Walsh, CCB, named diocesan education superintendent

Brother Brian M. Walsh, CCB, former principal of Bishop Kearney High School, has been appointed to replace Sister M. Edwardine Weaver, RSM, as diocesan superintendent of schools. Sister Edwardine resigned from the position late last month, after five years of service. Brother Walsh, a member of the Congregation of Christian Brothers, will assume his new duties July 1.

The appointment was announced today by Bishop Matthew H. Clark and Sister Roberta Tierney, SSND, diocesan director of education.

Brother Walsh, a native of Boston, has been a Christian Brother since 1962. He holds a master's degree in secondary education/administration from Seton Hall University, and a master of science degree in general education/learning disabilities from Nazareth College.

He has done post-graduate studies in management, planning, budgeting and development at the University of Notre Dame, and has taken other courses in school administration and leadership at the University of Dayton and Boston College.

Brother Walsh is currently serving as principal of Notre Dame/Bishop Gibbons

High School in Schenectady, a position he has held since leaving Bishop Kearney in 1985. He has also taught ninth-grade religion at the Schenectady High School.

In addition to his service at ND/Bishop Gibbons and Bishop Kearney, Brother Walsh has also been a member of the faculty at Bergen Catholic High School in Oradell, N.J., where he was chairman of the science department.

During his tenure at Bishop Kearney, Brother Walsh served the Diocese of Rochester in many other capacities. He was a member of the Diocesan Pastoral Council from 1977 to 1983, and served as DPC president for two years.

He also served on the Task Force on Evangelization and on the committee that designed the diocesan Board of Education.

Brother Walsh is a member of a number of professional organizations, including the National Catholic Education Association, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, and the National Association of Biology Teachers



## Along the Way

### Bishop Matthew H. Clark

This morning I received the very sad news of the death of Sister Patricia Austin, SSND, who last night lost her life in an auto accident. Sister was serving as director of religious education for a cluster of four parishes in our Northern Cayuga Cluster: St. John's, Port Byron; St. Joseph's, Weedsport; St. Michael's, Montezuma; and St. Patrick's, Cato.

Sister Patricia was new among us, having joined the pastoral team late last summer. With Fathers George Wiant and Bill Moorby and pastoral assistant Steve Graf, she had formed the first pastoral team in service to this new grouping of parish communities.

I wish to express my sympathies to her family, to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, to her colleagues in ministry and to all members of the faith communities. Sister so ably and joyfully served.

She loved the people she served very much and admired deeply their generosity and good spirit as they gave themselves to the adjustments called for by the realities of the day.

The last time I saw Sister Patricia was on March 2 at Youth Day at Kearney. She was filled with enthusiasm for her young people and anticipated with special joy their confirmation on April 22. Now I look forward to that day, not only for the deepened life it will bring to those to be confirmed, but for the chance to celebrate the loving legacy our dear friend has left behind.

We are now considerably closer in time to Easter Sunday than we are to Ash Wednesday. Let me ask you in a very easy way how you are doing thus far on the theme of reconciliation around which we have gathered this year? Have you come to any deeper desire for that beautiful gift? Have you recognized any need or opportunity for

reconciliation that was fresh or new to you? Has anyone offered you pardon or peace you did not expect, or which surprised you? Have you taken any initiatives to come to a better understanding with others? If you haven't, are you aware of anything you need to let go of in order that you'd be free enough to do that?

I don't ask you these questions to make you uneasy, but to remind you that our passage from estrangement to friendship is not our achievement but is finally a gift from God. All God asks of us is that we turn our hearts back to Him and express even without words our need for His power in our lives. To those who so offer themselves, God is always gracious and compassionate. If you want an ever-powerful reminder of that, spend some time with John 8:1-11, the gospel reading for this Sunday. The story of the woman taken in adultery — as was last Sunday's story of the prodigal son — is a classic expression of the ready forgiveness and compassion God offers us in Christ. And both stories model for us the way in which we are to forgive one another.

I close with thanks to St. Theodore's, Gates, and St. Joseph's, Penfield, for the joy of sharing with each a small part of their parish renewal week; to our Priests' Council; to the Board of Trustees of Becket Hall; to the parish staffs of our North Region; to those who gathered for evening prayer at Immaculate Conception, Ithaca; to the Cardinal Mooney High School community; to our permanent deacons, and their spouses; to Dennis O'Brien and many of his colleagues at the University of Rochester. All of these and many more have given me good gifts this week and I am deeply grateful.

Peace to all.

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11.

"See, I am doing something new," sings Isaiah the prophet. Change is in the air! The desert will blossom forth, wild beasts will be tamed, life returns to God's people.

St. John recounts the story of the woman caught in adultery. Ah, something new! Why condemn her? Are you better than she? But, the law! Let the one guilty of no sin cast the first stone!

There is a sense of success in Sunday's readings. Somehow, reconciliation effects an attitude change. When we look at past sinful ways, we echo St. Paul in Sunday's second reading: "I have come to rate all as loss in the light of the surpassing knowledge of my Lord Jesus Christ."

This week seems to be a week of appreciating the Lenten season. Reflection on what changes have been initiated in one's life can ignite a whole new awareness of the promotion of these changes.

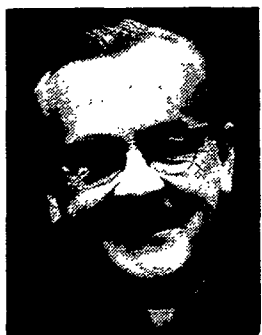


Perhaps parish groups could be asked to reflect on their lives in light of Sunday's readings. Are we judgmental? Do you judge others quickly without looking deep into your own heart and soul? Has Lent 1986 provided you an experience in which you have been reconciled? And, if so, what are the implications of this reconciliation?

Holy Week fast approaches, and, in order to enter its richness, one must experience the power of the cross. Paul says it is foolish for some and scandal for others. Is its reconciling power at work in your heart?

This "something" will further be enhanced and enriched by the communal Holy Week experience. Providing occasions that point the way to Holy Week would be helpful: Stations of the Cross, scripture study, reconciliation-service. The center of the liturgical year dawns once again.

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Members of the community are encouraged to pray and write letters to the inmates. People may also bring cookies and

brownies, and attend the Hootenanny, which will be Saturday, April 5, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the facility. Participants must be 13 or older. For more information and/or registration, call Jerry Carli (716)381-6542, Paul Clement (716)381-2407, or Dave Lortscher (716)367-3365. The registration deadline is March 17.

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