

### State police arrest priest, Canandaigua man

State police arrested a Canandaigua man and a Penn Yan priest early Saturday morning, Sept. 6. Patrolmen said they apprehended the men after seeing them having sex at a rest area on Interstate 49C near Victor.

Father Daniel V. Karl, 37, associate pastor and acting administrator of St. Michael's Church in Penn Yan, was charged with disorderly conduct. Donald A. Pettenger, 34, of Canandaigua, was charged with exposure of a person, according to State Police Troop E spokesman Sgt. Thomas Warren.

Disorderly conduct and exposure of a person are considered violations rather than criminal charges, according to state police.

The men are expected to appear in Victor Town Court later this month.

Father Karl, a native of Allegany, N.Y., was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Rochester in 1976. In 1983, he was appointed as associate pastor at St. Michael's.

Since July 1, 1986 he has served as temporary administrator of the parish during the academic sabbatical of the pastor, Father William C. Michatek.

According to Father George Norton, diocesan spokesman, Father Karl has been "relieved of his parish duties until further notice." Monsignor George Cocuzzi replaced Father Karl as temporary administrator, effective Tuesday, September 9.

### State pro-life commission appointed

By Teresa A. Parsons

Three representatives from the Diocese of Rochester are joining Mother Teresa, actress Helen Hayes, former U.S. Treasury Secretary William Simon, and New York state's Board of Catholic bishops in an effort to promote throughout the state the value of human life at all stages.

Cardinal John J. O'Connor, president of the New York Catholic Conference, announced on Tuesday, Sept. 2, that the conference has formed the Cardinal Cooke Pro-Life Commission. Members — including business, communications, education, legal and medical leaders — were chosen by the bishops of New York state.

Named by Bishop Matthew H. Clark as Rochester delegates to the commission were: Sister Patricia Schoelles, SSI, assistant professor at Nazareth College; Lourdes Perez-Albuérne, associate director of the diocesan Office of Social Ministry; and Father George R. Norton, diocesan director of communications.

The commission's goal, according to its executive secretary, Kathleen M. McKeever, is to identify, strengthen and develop effective programs, structures and resources with which the Church in New York can promote the sanctity and dignity of human life at all stages of development — from conception to natural death.

In particular, the commission will work to increase public awareness and understanding of the growing acceptance of abortion and of its consequences for individuals and families.

New York state has the highest abortion rate in the nation, according to the 1984 U.S. Census. For every 1,000 live births, 731 abortions are reported — more than 400 each day. The actual number may be even higher, according to some government officials who assert that not all abortions are reported by physicians and medical facilities.

New York's is also one of the only eight state legislatures that finances abortions with state funds.

But local members said that the commission aims to educate Catholics rather than to work directly for changes in public policy.

"This is not and will not become a political-action group," Father Norton said. "That is not our mandate at all."

Instead, the commission will provide dioceses throughout the state with a network to share and compare programs and ideas on how to deal with life issues, Perez-Albuérne said.

"There are a lot of individual programs that are very good, but that are not acknowledged throughout New York state," she said. "It would be important if we could sort out the programs that are good and let the various dioceses know about them."

Through that process, each diocese may also become more aware of what is offered by its own departments and divisions, Father Norton said.

"I have a strong feeling that there is a need for this commission," he said. "I think we're



Bishop Matthew H. Clark

## Along the Way

During the calendar year 1987, I'll come to the 50th anniversary of my birth and the 25th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood.

As is true with most people, such anniversaries are significant to me because they provide opportunities to remember God's blessings through the years, to the stock of present realities and to get a fresh start for the future.

I have decided to start that jubilee year by participating from January 3 to February 12 in the 40-day Spiritual Institute at the Jesuit Center for Spirituality at Guelph, Ontario. The heart of the program is a 30-day retreat following the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Five days of preparation for the retreat open the institute, and the program concludes with five days of reflection on the experience with others who have participated in it.

This is a retreat I have wanted to make for a number of years. In the early 1970s, I experienced the Ignatian exercises within the context of normal daily living and found that they were a powerful grace in my life. Ever since then, I have wanted to enjoy the same spiritual journey in the more concentrated form of the 30-day retreat.

A second reason I've decided to apply for the institute is my lengthening experience in ministry as bishop. I have always been aware that ministry changes people who engage in it; in my years among you, I have been especially aware of that in my own life. Part of my hope for this retreat is that I will come to

know better the ways in which God's grace leads me so that I may be able to serve more fully and more lovingly.

I have found that having that commitment on my calendar has already been a blessing. Much of what I read, pray about and otherwise experience I think about in terms of the institute. It has become a point of reference around which I gather the significant relationships and experiences. That helps me very much to see all of these in a healthy perspective.

It is reflection on that early benefit of committing myself to the retreat that leads me to write about it this week. And the point of writing is the hope that when you pray for me these days you will be kind enough to ask God's blessings for me and the other men and women with whom I'll be sharing the experience.

I'll leave it entirely to you how to express that prayer: "Help him to serve in greater freedom and love," "Make him a better bishop," "Give him an understanding heart," or "Please straighten that guy out."

I have told you before that I don't care what you call me as long as we can speak together. Now I add that I don't care how you pray for me as long as I can count on the grace and strength of a kind word from you when you speak with our Lord.

Please be assured that you, the people among whom I am blessed to serve, are always a part of my prayer. Peace to all.

### Diocesan Appointments

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

**Father Joseph W. Dailey** to temporary administrator, St. Bridget's Church, East Bloomfield, and St. Joseph's Church, West Bloomfield, effective August 25.

**Father David W. Mura** to temporary administrator, St. Mary's Church, Waterloo, effective September 1.


**Father James T. Wolfe** to parochial vicar, Our Mother of Sorrows Church, Greece, effective September 9.

**Father John Zywolewski, C.P.P.S.**, to assisting priest, Church of the Most Precious Blood, Rochester, effective August 1.

**Monsignor George A. Cocuzzi** to temporary administrator, St. Michael's, Penn Yan, effective September 9.

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