


Bishop Matthew Clark waits in a side vestibule at Sacred Heart Cathedral with retired Bishop Joseph Hogan and Albany Bishop Howard Hubbard (right) prior to a Mass celebrating his 25 years of priesthood.

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Gala marks bishop's 25th jubilee

Along the Way

*I'd like to chat with you
 And spend an hour or two
 Just let me know, night or day,
 If I can find my car keys
 Somewhere ... Along the Way.*

*I'll wear my formal clothes
 If only, heaven knows,
 I find my mitre today
 I left it with my glasses
 Somewhere ... Along the Way*

*I'm good at listening and have a
 Memory for the faces and the names
 I meet...
 On the street
 I'm always prompt and never miss a meeting
 Though the others may be late...
 I just wait.*

*So if you meet with me
 Or care to eat with me
 Just tell me once — Once I say
 I'll do my best to find you
 Somewhere ... Along the Way.*

(Sung to the tune of 'Along the Way')

With these lighthearted musical jests, the Clark Caroleers greeted Bishop Matthew H. Clark during a reception Saturday, Dec. 19.



Three Matthew Clarks, one a bishop, join in song.

at the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse. The reception was only one of a day's worth of festivities celebrating the bishop's 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.

The caroleers comprised nearly 60 singers from throughout the diocese, all bearing the surname Clark in any of several spelling variations, according to organizer Kathleen Lynd, who penned the song parodies.

The other highlight of the bishop's anniversary celebration was a jubilee Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral, which was celebrated by approximately 100 priests, Bishops Joseph L. Hogan and Dennis W. Hickey, as well as Bishop Clark's longtime friend Bishop Howard Hubbard of Albany.

Bishop Martin O'Connor ordained Bishop Clark to the priesthood on December 19, 1962, in the Church of Christ the King in Rome, Italy.



Bishop Clark prepares for the consecration during his anniversary Mass.



Joseph Larzelere gives the bishop a hug.



Sister M. Regis Straughn, RSM, greets Bishop Clark at a reception following last Saturday's Mass while other parishioners wait to offer him their congratulations.