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TAKE BACK THE NIGHT — Above, Esther Ostertag (far right) leads men, women and children through downtown Rochester last Sunday night, Feb. 4, during a "Take Back the Night" march. The event, which drew approximately 500 people, protested violence against women. Ostertag works with the Magdalene Project, an organization dedicated to helping prostitutes to leave the streets and enter support programs. At left, Marsha Peone and her daughter, Tricia, braved the 19 degree weather in order to take part in the protest.

Bishop accepts parishes' proposal for team ministry

By Richard A. Kiley
News Editor

PAINTED POST — Bishop Matthew H. Clark has accepted the recommendation of the four area parishes in the Corning-Painted Post area that a team ministry approach be established in the area beginning this summer.

Bishop Clark accepted the proposal in a Jan. 19 letter to pastors, parish councils and parish reflection teams of the three Corning churches — St. Mary, St. Patrick and St. Vincent de Paul — and Immaculate Heart of Mary in Painted Post.

"You have indicated very strongly your preference for a team of three active priests ... with your hope for the continued gracious support of the retired priests," the bishop's letter said. "I am accepting this strong recommendation and directing the Priests' Personnel Board to assist in the preparation of a profile of this ministry ..."

The bishop said that the personnel board will develop a process "whereby the priests of our diocese can indicate their interest in being considered for this ministry."

According to Father Walter L. Wainwright, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary, three options were presented to the bishop after a Jan. 2 meeting of all four pastors and parish reflection teams.

The coordinator of the planning process was Father James E. Boyle, pastor of St. Mary's Church in Elmira and a member of the diocesan Priests' Personnel Board.

The first option, which was eventually recommended, called for a team ministry of three priests — a pastor and two associates — to be established effective June 26. Father Wainwright said that a second option was very similar to the first, but that the effective date would have been delayed

until June, 1991.

The third option called for a delay in the implementation of the team-ministry approach until all of the pastors' current terms had expired. Father Wainwright said, adding that the first option received 20 of 22 votes from pastors and parish reflection-team members.

"The vote, which reflected input from all of the parishes, shows how strong a recommendation it really was," Father Wainwright said.

Father Wainwright said that members of the four parish councils will now have to update their parish profiles by March in order for the Priests' Personnel Board to call for applications for the openings.

Several factors of the team-ministry concept still need to be resolved, Father Wainwright said, including where the three priests will live. "That will be determined by the three priests after the appointments were made," he said.

In addition, Father John M. Mulligan, vicar general and Pastoral Office moderator, will meet with representatives of All Saints Academy — the Corning parishes' consolidated elementary school — Feb. 8 to discuss the 1990-91 school budget.

Father Wainwright said that the team-ministry approach will include: formation of a common council made up of representatives from all four parishes; a combined effort to promote further sharing of facilities and resources, especially in the areas of religious education and social ministry; and a coordinated schedule for week-end Masses.

All four parishes have worked closely together on various projects in the past, including the implementation of a census in 1986 and the hiring of a youth minister in 1987.

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