

Synod

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"We can only (deal with) issues that we can handle on a diocesan level," he said. "The focus would be on what's do-able, not what's nice."

Thus, issues that have implications for the universal church — such as the ordination of women — could not be covered under any resolution or laws enacted by the synod.

Although synodal discussions might raise some issues "that are beyond our power of resolution," Bishop Clark said people will be encouraged to express their opinions, which will be listened to respectfully.

Bishop Clark said he chose to call a synod at this time because it has been 25 years since the Second Vatican Council. He further pointed out that the diocese had undergone a number of significant developments in the past decade, including the reorganization of Catholic schools, the formation of the Stewardship Council, the Commitment to Ministry process, the reorganization of social ministry into regional offices, and the experience of a new stream of Hispanic and Asian immigrants.

"Just the rapidity of change and the complexity of so many issues warrant a gathering from time to time," Bishop Clark said.

In addition, Bishop Clark observed, a variety of factors has caused some Catholics to feel alienated from the church in recent years. He said he hoped that those people would respond to the invitation to participate in the synod and that the synod

could promote healing.

"One of the primary fruits of the synod will be healing and reconciliation in our community," Bishop Clark predicted, adding that part of the vocation of Christians is "to be healing people."

The decision to call a synod follows a yearlong process of discernment and consultation. In addition to the regional hearings conducted in the fall of 1988, Bishop Clark discussed the idea with his two consultative bodies — the Priests' Council and the Diocesan Pastoral Council. Both bodies, he said, overwhelmingly supported the idea of a synod.

The synod comes just as the diocese has completed its three-year Commitment to Ministry process, which involved more than 1,000 people across the diocese in planning for parish staffing and needs. Bishop Clark received individual parish reports in a series of closing celebrations May 29 to June 6.

The diocese is also in the midst of restructuring the Catholic school system in Monroe County, and in planning for Catholic education in the other 11 diocesan counties.

Bishop Clark acknowledged that coming on top of these efforts, the synod will place a burden on the people of the diocese. "I'm asking a sacrificial response," he said, adding that issues with which the synod must deal will not "go away while we rest."

Ultimately, Bishop Clark said, he expected that the final synod report will provide the diocese with direction for the coming years.

"My fond hope is not that this will be a report to be considered, but a plan of action to be followed," he declared.

Elmira principal to head district

ROCHESTER — Sister Patricia Carroll, SSJ, has been appointed district superintendent of Catholic schools in eastern Monroe County.

Sister Carroll, who will assume her duties in September, succeeds Sister Diane Marie Erskine, RSM, who is resigning at the end of this month.

Sister Carroll will be responsible for 21 schools in the northeast and southeast quadrants of Monroe County. In addition, she will coordinate an evaluation program for all diocesan schools, and all standardized testing.

Since 1986, Sister Carroll has been principal of Holy Family Junior High School in Elmira. Previously, she served for six

years as principal of St. Patrick's Junior High in that city.

She has also taught at several schools in Oswego and Rochester, including St. Ambrose, Sacred Heart and St. Stanislaus.

A member of the Commission on Clusters studying school reorganization outside Monroe County, Sister Carroll is a graduate of Nazareth College, where she received a bachelor of arts degree in history and a master's in education. She has participated in the Nonpublic School Administrators Program at Fordham University in New York City, and is a state-certified school administrator and supervisor.

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— Lee Strong

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