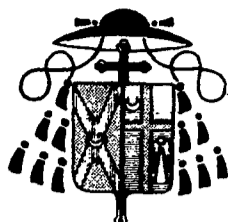


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August 15, 1991

My dear people,

September heralds new beginnings: schools open, catechetical programs start, parish meetings reconvene. This year our Quadrants and Clusters continue to move toward a more complete implementation of the Well-Integrated Catechetical Plan. Catechist formation for Hispanic catechists continues to grow, and a multicultural task force for Catholic schools will release its recommendations this fall. Courses for professional ministers and for volunteer catechists continue to be offered.

In order to support these initiatives more efficiently, the former diocesan Education Division has been renamed the Faith Development Ministry team and is undergoing reorganization. Its focus will be to provide for the comprehensive faith development of the people of God. Under Sister Mary Ann Binsack's able leadership, this team will develop more effective and varied ways to ensure the continuance of excellent formation opportunities and to support parishes as they continue to implement the Well-Integrated Catechetical Plan.

This reorganization demonstrates our diocesan commitment to a comprehensive vision of education and catechetical ministries that will provide for ongoing formation for all people.

As this year begins, I wish to salute the dedication and commitment of professional and volunteer ministers who work for the strengthening of the Church's educational and catechetical ministries. These catechetical leaders, principals, teachers, youth ministers and marriage-preparation teams — together with parish and diocesan staffs — ensure the possibility for faith formation in communities. Their lives and work reflect both their commitment to Christ and their belief that growth in faith is a lifelong process.

To meet this ongoing challenge, we are called to a spirit of cooperation, dedication and prayerfulness. Let us continue to pray, encourage and support each other.

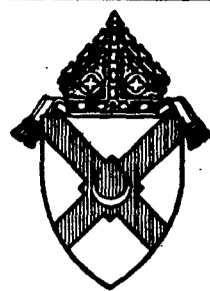
Be assured of my prayers for your ministry. With every good wish I remain,

Your brother in Christ,

*Matthew H. Clark*

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Dear friends,

The year 1991-92 brings us to an important crossroads in educational ministry in the Church of Rochester. In the Clusters, final plans for implementing the Well-Integrated Catechetical Plan will be announced, ensuring both a strong Catholic school system and a comprehensive plan for other catechetical ministries. In Monroe County, a new Catholic junior high will open in the Southwest Quadrants, and other quadrants will begin to assess the state of the catechetical components of the Well-Integrated Catechetical Plan. We continue our search for a new superintendent of schools.

Along with other ministries at the diocesan Pastoral Center, the former Division of Education is in the process of reorganization. The newly named Faith Development Ministry team will develop a structure to support and promote the Well-Integrated Catechetical Plan in the Church of Rochester. Our vision encompasses:

- certification for many professional ministers;
- lay-ministry education;
- increased sensitivity to the many and varied people we serve;
- coordinated services for catechetical youth ministry, young adult and sacramental processes;
- and ongoing support for Catholic schools.

Together we are charged with providing leadership and service to all aspects of the educational and catechetical ministry in the Diocese of Rochester.

The work of educational and catechetical ministries of the Church is enormous. Meeting the challenge requires dedicated and creative faith communities, leaders, ministers and families. It requires openness to new ideas and a commitment to creating the best possible climate for the Well-Integrated Catechetical Plan to grow and develop. As the academic year begins, may we each renew our commitment to Catholic formation and education in our diocese.

Sincerely,

*Mary Ann Binsack RSM*

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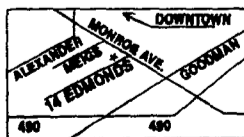
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