

Southern Tier trip offers many rewards

By Bishop Matthew H. Clark

I have just finished reading the newspaper on this Election Day morning. I went through all the news, as I usually try to do, but read today's paper with a special awareness that as soon as I finish the column, I'll be heading for John Marshall High School to vote.

At the end of the day, when we have finished confirmation at St. Margaret May Parish in Irondequoit, I'll be anxious to learn the results of all of the elections in our region. My hope is that a very high percentage of eligible voters will go to the polls and that all of us will cast our ballots as thoughtfully as we know how.

Over the weekend I went to the Southern Tier: first to Immaculate Heart of Mary, Painted Post, for a Diocesan Pastoral Council meeting, then to Our Lady of Lourdes and St. John the Baptist, both in Elmira.

At our pastoral council meeting, Father Peter Clifford reviewed for members the basic shape and responsibilities of Parish Support Ministries, the ministry group he heads. He also shared with the council some of the planning in which his group and par-

ish communities now are involved.

In my conversation with the representatives, we continued our common reflection on the purposes of the council, the responsibilities we have to our community, and how we envision the composition and work of the council through and beyond our synodal process. The group is helpful in many ways especially in its capacity to continually provide a basic sense of what is on the minds of the people in our diocese.

I presided at the 5:30 Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday afternoon. The parish community was concluding their celebration of their 50th anniversary as a parish.

I was delighted to be with them on that occasion and had the pleasure of hearing Father Paul McCabe preach the homily. I often hear from you about how much you enjoy the homilies in your parish. I don't often hear others preach, but when I do I am enriched as I was by Paul on Saturday.

After the Eucharist, Paul, Fathers Dan Holland and Jim Boyle, and I had a relaxing supper together at the parish house at Lourdes. It was a delightful experience — social, unhurried and relaxed. I was happy to be

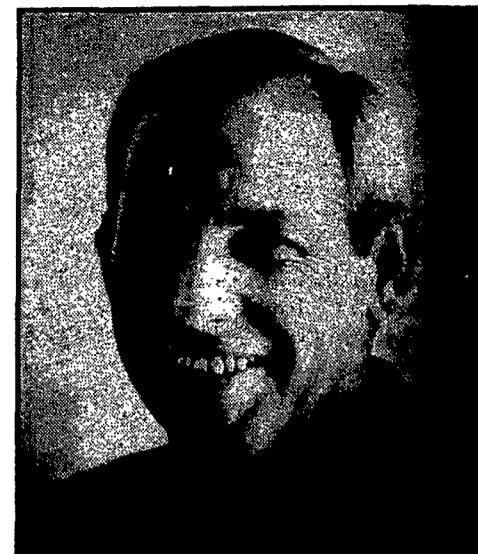
with them, to end a busy week in such a pleasant manner.

On Sunday morning, I joined the parish community of St. John the Baptist for a celebration of their 125th anniversary as a parish and of the 100th anniversary of the parish church.

I did preach at this one, and had a wonderful time with the people who gathered to thank God for all of the life and growth they and their ancestors had experienced in the community. Mr. Hoffbauer, for example, recalled walking 10 miles from his home near Mount Saviour Monastery to take of convert instruction from Father Stemmler.

Father Dave Gramke, the pastor of St. John's, and the planning committee had arranged for a brunch to be served in the parish hall immediately following the liturgy. It was quite a feast and a wonderful opportunity for me to sit and talk with the people of the parish whose table I shared.

Now another week is well begun. We have our monthly Priests' Council meeting at St. Dominic's in Shortsville today. On Thursday, I'll be in Albany for a meeting of the Public Policy Committee of our state

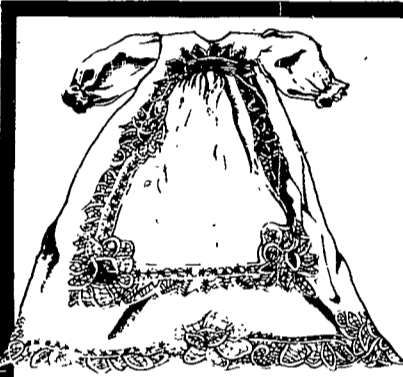


Catholic conference.

On Saturday, I am going to Washington, D.C., for a meeting of the Administrative Committee of our national bishops' conference. Committee meetings fill Sunday and fold into the November general assembly of the conference which runs from Monday through Thursday next week.

Because of those meetings I will not have a column for you in the next edition, but I'll be back to you in two weeks. In the meantime, please pray for me, and I'll be praying for you.

Peace to all.



Special Occasions

Custom-Made Heirloom Christening Ensembles
Wedding & Bridesmaid Gowns • First Communion
Dresses • Smocked Children's Clothes
English Smocking and Heirloom Sewing Supplies

305 Genesee Street, Avon
(716) 226-2674 by appointment

Home • Car • Life
Business • Health

Carl J. Adams
Insurance Agency

4292 Lake Ave.
Rochester, NY 14612
716-663-1810



Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company and Affiliated Companies • Home Office: One Nationwide Plaza, Columbus, OH 43216
Nationwide® is a registered federal service mark of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company.

Catholic Courier (USPS 135-580)

Vol. 103 No. 6 November 7, 1991

Published weekly except the first Thursday in January.

Subscription rates: single copy, 75¢; one-year subscription in U.S., \$19.50; Canada and foreign \$19.50 plus postage.

Offices: 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624, 716/328-4340.

Second-class postage paid at Rochester, N.Y.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Catholic Courier, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624.

Now Available at Quantity Discounts...

The 1991-92 Diocesan Directory

Supplies are limited
so order yours today!

Directories will begin
shipping on or about
November 15th



Replacement Page Kits

1 to 3 Copies \$9.50 each
4 to 6 copies \$8.00 each
7 or more copies \$7.00 each

Complete Directories (with binder)

1 to 3 copies \$15.00 each
4 or more copies ... \$12.00 each

CATHOLIC COURIER, OFFICIAL DIRECTORY
1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, NY 14624

Enclosed please find \$ _____ to cover the cost of _____ replacement-page kits.

Enclosed please find \$ _____ to cover the cost of _____ complete Directories (pages and binder).

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please Make Checks Payable to Catholic Courier Directory



Judy Collins HOLIDAY SHOW

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1991
2:30 PM AND 7:30 PM

The Eastman Theatre • 60 Gibbs Street • Rochester

TICKETS: \$15 • \$21 • \$25

Founders Club Box Office • (716) 288-4817

TICKET EXPRESS 100 East Avenue • (716) 222-5000

TICKETMASTER 1 - (800) 382-8080

PRESENTED BY THE FOUNDERS CLUB
OF THE SISTERS OF MERCY OF ROCHESTER

AI
By Rob Staff w
ELM
many h
as it di
1981-91
RN, di
cation/
mung
But
still on
ing. ci
health
phone.
Courier
rent in
the go
ducted
Hospit
In th
killed
that w
that A
one's l
spouse
— she
of kno
tions
semin
Con
AIDS
ated i
lities,
vate c
or wi
prison
she sa
Two
vate
blown
sizing
HIV-p
P
By Ro Staff v
IT
memb
Imma
mine
midd
eight
Bo
paris
schoc
finan
Ob
teres
pare
boar
"clos
ted i
Im
falb
Tom
clud
of St
Holy
Fath
Imit
Th
kind
cont
TV
in
year
only
He
fluct
A
fere
ing
Frac
28
den
sch
T
abo
and
gra
Th