

# A few notes before Lent arrives

By Bishop Matthew H. Clark

In this last edition of the *Catholic Courier* before the beginning of Lent, let me comment on a few items that may be of interest to you:

1.) Our National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Women in the Church and Society is sponsoring a training program and enrichment session for diocesan women's commissions in Jacksonville, Fla., this weekend. Our committee has a meeting immediately after the program.

We'll have a similar session at St. Paul, Minn., in September. That will be my last activity as chairman of the committee, since my term expires in November.

2.) The committee preparing a pastoral letter on the concerns of women is now submitting its third draft to the Administrative Committee of the NCCB. It is our hope that the Administrative Committee will approve this draft for circulation to all of the bishops.

It also is our hope that the conference will discuss this draft at our meeting at Notre Dame University in June and approve our pastoral letter at our November meeting in Washington.

Whatever the November decision may be, it will bring to a close a nine-year process. It has been an educational and sometimes exciting experience. But it lasted much longer than anyone anticipated. For that reason, I'll be happy when it is completed.

3.) On Saturday, our board of St. Bernard's



## LONG THE WAY

Institute gathered for what I thought was a rewarding board retreat.

Under the leadership of Fred Rocelle from Andover Newton Theological School, we reflected on such matters as the purpose of our board, its organization, the responsibilities of trustees and a right relationship throughout the institution.

It is always encouraging to be with such groups as the SBI board. They remind me of just how many women and men in our community give of their time, talent and treasure to serve our common life and mission.

4.) Besides being the publisher of the *Catholic Courier* and a regular contributor to its pages, I am also a faithful reader of this

newspaper.

Last week, for example, I read with great interest the cover article written by Mike Latona. I thought that his piece on Catholic newspapers in this country was a timely one, and I found especially helpful what he had to say about the relationship between the publisher and editor of a Catholic newspaper. If you have not had a chance to read the article, I recommend that you do so.

5.) I have often mentioned to you that an important part of my bishop's work is to share concern for all of the local churches with my brother bishops. For that reason, I gladly participate in the work of our national and state conferences and their committees and, when possible, accept invitations from other dioceses to help them in their activities.

In a similar manner many bishops have come here over the years to do the same — most recently, you'll recall, Bishop Howard Hubbard of Albany came to speak at one of our Ministry Days.

Such associations as these are helpful in many ways. They keep us informed about life in other local churches. They help us to share our successes and avoid common pitfalls. They help form a healthy sense of perspective about the church's ongoing journey.

I am happy to tell you that this kind of experience always leaves me very grateful that I am associated with this community of faith. It is gifted and committed in many beautiful ways.

Peace to all.

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### THE MONTHLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

PRAYER SUGGESTION

*Jésus' Prayer for His Priests*  
The following prayer was dictated by Our Lord to Sister Josefa Menendez at Poitiers, France, on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, June 3, 1921, with the instruction: "Josefa! Repeat these words every day."

O Jesus, by Thy most loving Heart, I implore Thee to inflame with zeal for Thy love and glory all the priests of the world, all missionaries and those whose office it is to preach Thy word, that on fire with holy zeal, they may snatch souls from the devil and lead them into the shelter of Thy Heart, where for ever they may glorify Thee.

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