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My dear people,

As the clouds of Easter morning began to separate and the morning sun began to pierce those clouds, Mary Magdalene moved toward the tomb and discovered Jesus had risen from the dead. Two of the apostles followed quickly and it soon was common knowledge that Jesus was alive once again. The message of that Easter day was one of surprise, joy and anticipation. The enthusiasm of the disciples was itself a marvelous witness to his Resurrection.

We continue to discover Jesus risen from the dead in our world. It is a reality that touches us deeply whenever we offer hope and confidence to another. The mother who decides to keep her child. The elderly person who has received a visitor from the past. The AIDS patient who is embraced and cared for. The young child who wakes to a new day of fun and excitement. The teenager who discovers affirmation not only from friends but from his or her family. The married couple who continue to discover new qualities in one another and gently invite one another to grow. The priest who discovers God present in a penitent who has been away from the church for a long time.

No matter who we are, this Easter Season calls us to appreciate anew the wonderful message of Jesus alive. The "Alleluias" that are sung are more than words, they express a way of life. Human life has new value because Jesus rose from the dead. The love and promise of the Gospel is brought home to us because Jesus has risen from the dead. Easter is this timeless story of God's ever-present love.

May this Easter Season offer you new hope and a vision of life-eternal. May your family gatherings be a time to appreciate one another and in your daily life, may you enjoy the presence of the Lord.

With every good wish, I remain

Your brother in Christ,

+ Matthew H. Clark
Bishop of Rochester

God's Love Endures Forever

CENACLE OFFERS SPECIAL EVENTS

May 1-3 SINGLES RETREAT ENNEAGRAM BASIC WORKSHOP
— *Beneath the Mask*. The Enneagram is a system of studying personality integrating both Western psychology and Christian theology. This system holds that each person reflects one of nine images of God in his/her approach to perceiving and responding to reality. It describes nine different approaches to experiencing, thinking, feeling and behaving. Conducted by Sr. Ruth M. Schlehr, RSM.

May 8-9 MOTHERING OURSELVES Presented by Maureen Lerch — The workshop will be a special time to honor, respect and learn about our "self". It will be an opportunity to love, nourish and nurture ourselves physically, emotionally and spiritually. *We will: - leave harshness aside - embrace the essence and spirit that affirms our uniqueness - discover how to be our own best parent - focus on the "significant other" in our life - be in love.*

May 15-17 WHERE, OH WHERE, IS SISTER WISDOM? — "Women's issues" are changing the face of church. This weekend will focus on spirituality as our lived expression of faith, on maturing in that faith, and on moving perspectives (woman's and/or feminist). *Mary Lou and Gene Stevi.*

May 19 "MARY MOMENTS: A MARION DAY OF REFLECTION" — A day of reflecting on Mary focusing on the significant moments of her life as we find them in scripture, and in the "Mary moments" in our own lives. (10:00 AM to 3:00 PM w/lunch). Given by Sr. Barbara Regan, r.c.

May 30 FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE CENACLE — Bishop Matthew Clark will celebrate a liturgy of the Eucharist commemorating 100 years of service of the Cenacle Sisters in the United States. The celebration begins 3:00 PM - reception to follow. *COME CELEBRATE WITH US.*



All events are open to men and women of all faiths

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