

Denver gathering should spark discussion

By Bishop Matthew H. Clark

Last week I wrote about World Youth Day. It was fun to share in this column the notes I made as the events of that gathering of young people unfolded. My hope was that those reflections and the other material in last week's and this week's *Catholic Courier* would give the people of our diocese a good sense of what happened in Denver and that that awareness would stimulate some good conversations within our parish communities.

In my rounds over the weekend I happened to meet friends from several parishes and discovered that, in some of our communities, young delegates to Denver shared their experiences with the congregations at Sunday liturgy. Their comments indicated that the kids did very well and that the congregations showed high levels of attention and interest in what they had to say.

Others can look forward to similar experiences. I understand that several parishes are planning to have the young people share their experience with congregations after Labor Day when most vacationers have returned home.

I had an opportunity to hear one of our Denver pilgrims speak on Sunday. I spent the weekend at St. Mark's parish in Greece. The occasion for the visit was the 5 p.m.



A LONG THE WAY

Saturday dedication of their striking new church. But I also preached at all of the Masses on Sunday and remained for a good part of the parish picnic after the last Mass.

Just a few moments before the noon Mass began, I discovered that Lorisa D'Angelo, who had been a delegate to Denver from St. Mark's, was scheduled to be a eucharistic minister at that liturgy. I asked Lorisa if she would be willing to come to the microphone with me and share something of her Denver experience with the congregation. She readily agreed ("Sure! As long as you don't ask me to speak too long!").

When the time came, Lorisa approached the microphone. I wish you could have been there both to hear Lorisa speak and to observe the rapt attention in which she held the congregation. It was a very touching moment, and a wonderful reminder that significant communication between the generations is both desired and possible. And it told me in clear language that our parish communities are privileged groups to address both that desire and that possibility.

With World Youth Day and its aftermath very much on my mind, it was a pleasure yesterday to enter an event in my calendar for next August — our Diocesan Youth Convention. Mike Theisen, our diocesan youth coordinator, will be filling you in on the details. I just want to give you early notice of it and to tell you how happy I am that we will be celebrating such an event in our local church.

At the end of this week I'll be going to a gathering of a different kind, our annual family reunion. It will be held at the Saratoga State Park and, I hope, will gather people from all branches of our family. I'll tell you about it next week.

In the meantime, I hope that you'll be able to enjoy these summer days and that we'll all continue to pray for God's blessings on our General Synod.

Peace to all.

Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.

Eph. 5, 8-9

A new monthly calendar will appear in the Catholic Courier on the last Thursday of each month.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

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."

JESUS PRAYER FOR HIS PRIESTS

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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Mass
Rosary
Fasting
Day Offering
Offering of Sufferings
Eucharistic Adoration
Divine Mercy Chaplet

Or whatever the Lord inspires you to offer Him on behalf of His Priests.

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