

A few notes during busy days

By Bishop Matthew H. Clark

Every now and then I use this column for a collection of news notes or brief comments I have been wanting to make. This week's "Along the Way" will be one of them:

1.) It was a joy to participate as Jim Moynihan was ordained as the ninth Bishop of Syracuse yesterday (Monday, May 29). Rochester was well represented. All of us enjoyed the warm hospitality of our friends in Syracuse and the beauty of the ordination liturgy. It was an unusual but beautiful way to end a holiday weekend.

2.) The first Sunday of June may well be the busiest non-holiday Sunday for celebrations in the entire calendar year. My own schedule that day takes me to a confirmation at Saint Francis Xavier for the Community of Hope and then to the State University of New York College at Geneseo for our Diocesan Junior High School Youth Rally.

3.) I spent Saturday and Sunday at home with the family. It is always a pleasure to bring your greetings to my mother. She is cheered by your friendship and prayers. Mom is in good spirits and is walking a little more confidently. On Sunday evening my mother, Helen and Jim, and I went out to dinner together.

4.) Congratulations to all who have been or will be confirmed during this Easter season, and sincere thanks to the generous men and women, boys and



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girls who have assisted them.

You all make it such a joy to celebrate confirmation. My thanks as well to Bishop Dennis Hickey, Fathers Bill Laird, Kevin McKenna and John Mulligan for their generous willingness to confirm.

5.) Over the weekend we received news of the deaths of two of our diocesan priests' fathers — Adam Schwartz, father of Father Jim Schwartz, pastor of Saint Louis, Pittsford; and John Quinn, father of Father John Quinn, pastor of Saint Margaret Mary, Irondequoit. Prayers and condolences to the Schwartz and Quinn families in this time of loss.

6.) My niece, Mary Ellen, invited me to see her new apartment on Saturday. I loved the moment — probably because

in its decor and arrangement the space reflects the wit and spark of her personality.

7.) Present at Jim Moynihan's ordination on Monday was Bishop Henry Mansell, who will be installed as bishop of Buffalo on June 12. Henry is an old friend and classmate and I am delighted that we will soon be neighbors in Western New York.

8.) When Dean Condon and Sister Alice Cooney, SSJ, become pastoral administrators at Guardian Angels, Henrietta, and Saint Joseph's, Rush, respectively, they will enjoy the prayerful support of our entire community. We are blessed to have such well trained, gifted people to provide pastoral leadership in this age of the church. You may recall that Sister Ann Michelle McGill, SSJ, began similar service at Saint Gabriel, Hammondsport one year ago. She has done a marvelous job and has been beautifully received by the community.

9.) This is the time of year when many of our diocesan and parish committees begin to think about a summer break. Before that happens I want to express my thanks to all for the generous gift of your time and talent in service to our community. You give life and encouragement to all of us.

I hope that these days of the Easter season and spring have been good to you.

Peace to all.

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