

# Youth, young adult ministries signs of hope

I have mentioned to you often that one of the central joys and graces of my ministry is the opportunity it gives me to hear from you of things about which you care deeply. That kind of input comes in a variety of ways — in letters, in planned or unplanned conversations, and in meetings large and small.

Some of what I hear expresses pleasure at one or another aspect of life in our diocese. Other contributions bespeak discontent with something that is happening. Still others seek clarification or deeper understanding of what is going on. In the vast majority of cases, people speak in a constructive fashion. Even when they are not pleased with or do not understand something, they express their concern in a positive, constructive fashion. Some even volunteer, and follow up on their offer, to help fix what they think is broken.

I delight in all of this (well, most of it anyway) because it puts me in contact with the faith values of people among whom I am called to serve. I also find it valuable because it helps me to keep developing and growing in my understanding of issues and new ways of doing things.

There is always so much to learn from others more informed than I am about a range of issues. For that reason I thank God for our faculty at St. Bernard's Institute and the many other fine scholars who so very generously serve in our community.

## along the way



BY BISHOP MATTHEW H. CLARK

They are so kind and responsive when I ask them to help think through issues or to prepare a piece of work.

And I thank God for the great pastors and pastoral ministers in our midst. They work closely and effectively with our people. They reflect on that experience, try to learn from it and share it with their colleagues and peers for the enrichment of all.

I am grateful, too, for our diocesan staff. They are always so helpful to me and to our parish communities. This list would be incomplete without a reference to the great number of people in our diocese who volunteer their time, talent and treasure to strengthen our church that we might be more loving and effective in our efforts to build up the Kingdom of God.

That generosity is offered in more ways than I could possibly mention here. Hardly a day passes that I do not have personal and direct experience of its impact. I am always impressed by it, always encouraged by

it and strengthened in hope.

In this context I want to refer to an aspect of life I have mentioned often in recent months. That is the growth in and enthusiasm about youth ministry and young adult ministry that has occurred among us in recent years. That growth has taken place, in part, because our youths, young adults and those who care about them have made the commitment to speak about what really matters to them. Equally importantly, they have opened themselves to hear what matters to others. I think you will agree that this movement is a great sign of hope among us, that all of us should encourage it in any way that we can.

I could go on and on about the abundance of life and good things of which I become aware in my daily associations with the people of this diocese. I find that such contacts continually feed my spirit and renew my strength.

God knows we have problems. Some of them will take a long time to solve, if we ever do solve them. Some may take years. Others, pray God, we will manage to get through in a short time. But it is my firm conviction that we will best meet our problems when we face them with a spirit of faith in the God who gives us life and who has so abundantly blessed our diocese since its foundation in 1868 — and who continues to bless us today.

Peace to all.

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<b>MONDAY</b>	7:30 pm St. Michael's Church ..... Corner S. Main & Franklin, Newark ..... 315-331-6753
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10:00 am Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church ..... Bingo Palace, Rochester ..... 716-467-2725
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	7:30 pm St. Helens Church ..... Gates Center Bingo, Westmar Plaza ..... 716-235-1210
	7:30 pm St. Francis Xavier ..... 316 Bay St. (School Hall) ..... (716) 288-9700 or 482-3211
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	7:30 pm Holy Family Home School Assoc. .... 1099 Jay St., Door M, Rochester ..... 716-328-3110
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:30 pm St. Stanislaus Church ..... 1150 Hudson Ave., Rochester ..... 716-544-9951
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