

Priests' enthusiasm highlights gathering

Those who know Father Ed (E.Z.) Zimmer are aware that when he speaks, he does so with great gusto and enthusiasm.

Those qualities were certainly present in his voice when he spoke to us on behalf of his fellow golden jubilarians — Fathers Tony Calimeri, Charles Mockevicius, Bill Hart and Dick Orlando — at our Priests' Convocation last week.

E.Z. expressed to our gathering in Sage Chapel at Cornell University just how much his 50 years of priesthood have meant to him. There was a joy in his words that touched all of us who heard him.

Our two silver jubilarians, Fathers Ed Palumbos and Lou Vasile, likewise spoke words of gratitude for their years of priesthood and of encouragement to us who joined the celebration.

The reflections of these three men on their experience of priesthood were a high point of our Convocation for me. Each communicated according to his own personality something of the graces and blessings that had come to him over the years.

Each expressed warm gratitude to God, family and friends. Each passed on to me a sense not only that he was grateful for his yesterdays, but that he was excited about his tomorrows.

That optimistic, future orientation was also present in our work sessions at Cor-

along the way



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nell. All who gathered worked very hard to develop practical, pastoral guidelines to help us celebrate our Eucharistic life as fully and richly as possible in the years ahead.

Our work is not done yet, but we have made much progress. As I indicated to you last week, we will revise our documents on the centrality of Eucharist in light of the work done at Cornell, and then present that work for the comment of those who gather for our May Ministry Day. I hope that we will be able to finish this part of our task before the end of June. All signs thus far indicate that we are able to do that.

A few notes about the Convocation:

- We were blessed by the presence of our four pastoral administrators who always add so much to our gatherings. They are Dean Condon, Guardian Angels, Henrietta; Sister Ann Michelle McGill, St. Gabriel's, Hammondsport; Sis-

ter Alice Cooney, St. Joseph's, Rush; and Deacon Mike Mahoney, St. Mary's, Scottsville.

- Absent this year because of injury was Judy Kollar, who again worked so hard to prepare an excellent Convocation. We missed Judy's lively presence very much and look forward to her complete healing.

- I am always delighted by the good spirit of our Convocations. We worked hard but there was much laughter. That may be related to the fact that we have ample time to pray together, and the opportunity to socialize.

- Our ordination class of 1963 got together for dinner on Tuesday evening. Fathers Win Kellner, Jim Lawlor, Jack O'Connor and Jack Quinn and I are in that class. This year, as often in the past, Father Bill Gordinier joined us for a delightful Italian meal.

I am writing this column on the way home from St. Petersburg, Florida, where we celebrated Bishop Tom Larkin's 50th anniversary as a priest. Several of us from Rochester attended the festivities to salute Tom, who is a native of Mt. Morris and who vacations in our region each summer. The visit brought back happy memories of Tom, whom I first met in 1979 when we were ordained bishops together at St. Peter's Basilica.

Peace to all.

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Ephesus is one of the world's finest archaeological sights. The Arcadian Way, the splendid facade of the Library of Celsus, the Amphitheater where St. Paul preached to the Ephesians that "gods made by human hands are not gods at all."

Visit the church of the Virgin Mary where the Third Ecumenical Council was held. One tradition maintains that St. John brought the Virgin Mary to Ephesus and she spent the rest of her life in the house on the hilltop. The home is now visited by thousands of pilgrims each year, and Pope Paul VI and Pope John Paul II both celebrated Mass here.

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KONYA-ANTALYA *Prosaic - Profound*

St. Paul and St. Barnabas both preached in Konya, in the synagogue that no longer exists. Today the city is known for its Seljuk mosques and monuments, and the monastery of the great mystic Mevlana.

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