

# Summer months yield full slate of events

Some comments on current and coming events:

1. Among the activities that are a standard part of my June calendar are meetings with the bishops of the dioceses of New York state and with the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. The state meeting will be on Friday, June 13, in New York City. The national meeting will be held in Kansas City, Mo., from June 18 to June 21. I look forward to meeting with brother bishops in those business sessions, and enjoy especially less formal opportunities to share personal and pastoral experiences with them. I always find such conversations to be most enriching.

2. This week Father Kevin McKenna, chancellor of the Diocese of Rochester, will host a meeting of his colleagues from the seven other dioceses of our state. They meet on a regular basis for purposes similar to the ones that will gather the bishops in New York and Kansas City in the days ahead. I am looking forward to hosting the group for dinner at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Thursday evening. We will have no agenda other than to enjoy one another's company. I look forward to the evening, which will bring together these gifted and generous individuals

## along the way



BY BISHOP MATTHEW H. CLARK

who day after day do so much, most often in quiet ways, to strengthen the life of their respective local churches.

3. You may recall that I do not write "Along the Way" for issues of the *Catholic Courier* published in July. I want to give you some advance notice that during July we will publish in this space, one each week, the position papers and practical pastoral norms that flowed from our recent work on the centrality of the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy in Catholic life. I think they will be of great interest to you and am grateful that we have a vehicle such as the *Catholic Courier* that allows us to make these available to a large number of people in our diocese. I hope that the summer months will allow you some time to review this work and to think about its implications for your parish and neighboring communities.

4. Before the month is over there

will be, as there is each year at this time, a significant number of moves by pastoral ministers from one parish to another. I try to note this event each year because I know that such change or movement is not always easy on people. Who wants to say goodbye to individuals who have touched our lives in significant ways? Who does not recognize the fact that change, however welcome it may be, often requires a good deal of energy from all who are affected by it?

I want to extend gratitude and best wishes to all of our pastoral ministers who are preparing for change. I hope that your experience in your new position will be stimulating, life-giving and deeply gratifying for you and for the people among whom you'll be serving.

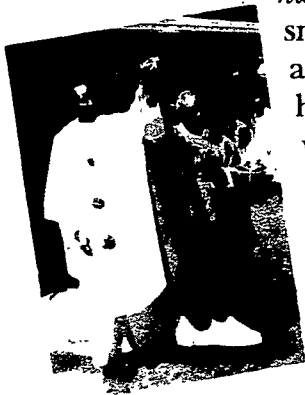
To communities preparing to welcome new pastoral ministers I extend my thanks in advance for the good spirit, hospitality and affectionate support you will offer to your new friends. I know that you will be blessings to one another.

June is a busy month for all of us. I hope that it has been and will continue to be pleasant for you. And I hope that we might meet sometime before it is over.

Peace to all.

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