

# Active schedule leaves graced memories

Earlier in the month I gave you a preview of some of the events on my September calendar. Several readers have asked questions about one or another of those activities. Their interest encourages me to offer brief updates on some of them:

1. The meetings of both the National Advisory Council and the Administrative Board of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops were interesting sessions. Both groups help shape the agenda for general meetings of the NCCB.

I enjoy both of these meetings because their smaller size allows for much more participation than do the larger general meetings. And I find them rewarding because they afford the opportunity to develop friendships with people from all parts of our nation.

2. I think of last week's cover story in the *Catholic Courier* as I remember my trip to Elmira on Tuesday of last week. I went to preside at a prayer service that celebrated the entry of St. Joseph's Hospital into the Carondelet Health System.

The service was quite beautiful. It allowed time for the sharing of rich and wonderful memories about St. Joseph's by Sister Janice Morgan, a Sister of St. Joseph who grew up in Elmira; by Dr. Robert Huddle, a surgeon at the hospital for many years who, now in retirement, continues to serve the hospital as a member of its board; and by Peter Fennell, another Elmiran who is a board member and has been close to the hospital all of his life.

On the same trip to Elmira I spent some time with Region II of the National Association of Catholic Chaplains. I recently began a term of service as episcopal liaison to them and have enjoyed the

## along the way



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association a great deal. They are gifted and committed pastoral ministers who bring much peace and consolation to people who are ill and to their families.

I regard them as pioneers in new models of pastoral care in hospital settings. Not only must they be adaptable to meet the demands of such changes in pastoral care, but they are asked to do that in the context of complex, rapidly changing health-care institutions.

3. Our Presbyteral Council met on the first Tuesday of the month. Father Jack Philipps was reelected as Chair and will be joined on the Council's executive committee by Fathers Dan Holland, Jerry Appleby and Brian Cool. I have been delighted by the continued maturation we have experienced as a council and look forward to another year of growth under the leadership of this fine team.

The willingness of Fathers Philipps, Holland, Appleby and Cool to serve as officers of the council at least doubles their meeting time as members of this group. I admire that generosity very much and find it representative of the generosity of so many of the people of our diocese.

4. Just today (Monday) our Stewardship Council met for the first time after our summer hiatus. Sally True from Ithaca suc-

ceeds Dan Gill as Chair. She will be supported by Vice Chair Jose Coronas and an outstanding group of stewards, including new members Joyce Sinicropi of Seneca Falls; John Gough of Elmira; Connie Mitchell, Bill Carpenter and Sister Sheila Stevenson, RSM, who are based in the Monroe County region.

I can not begin to describe the contribution this group has made to our diocese over the years in such areas as budget and finance, development, communication, public awareness and internal organization.

I am delighted at the agreement of the executive committees of our Presbyteral Council and Stewardship Council to meet together to explore ways in which they can work closely together for the benefit of both groups and for the good of our whole local church. I have a strong sense that much good will flow from this initiative.

5. Lastly, I mention my happiness at being able to participate in the moving celebration of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Albany. We gathered at Auriesville, a site made holy by the total self-gift of the Jesuit martyrs, a place so important in the history of the diocese. The weather was glorious and the liturgy was absolutely beautiful.

Rochester is very much my home but you will appreciate it when I say that I will never lose my attachment to the Diocese of Albany. It was in that community that I was baptized into the faith and for the service of that community that I was ordained a priest. To enjoy the gracious hospitality of that local church in such festive circumstances was indeed a special grace. Peace to all.

## The Monthly Prayer Request For Priests

Will you pray for a priest each 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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Prayer Suggestions: Mass, Rosary, Fasting, Day Offering, Eucharistic Adoration, Offering, Sufferings, Divine Mercy Chaplet.

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