

# Thank you, Sister Rosemary St. Peter

This week, notes about three recent events:

1. On Monday of this week the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester elected Sister Janice Morgan as their new president; Sister Joan Sobala as vice president; and Sisters Margaret Brennan, Judith Greene and Clare Brown as councilors.

In accepting this call from their congregation, these five sisters take on great responsibilities. I assured them that all of us would support them in prayer, mindful of how important they always have been and continue to be in the life of our local church. Our diocese is 131 years old this year. The Sisters of St. Joseph were here before our diocese came to be. It would be difficult to imagine what our life — at whatever stage of its development — would have been like had they not been around.

I want to express a personal word of thanks to Sister Rosemary St. Peter as she moves on to another phase of her religious life. For the past 16 years, Sister Rosemary has served her congregation in a leadership position — first for eight years as councilor and then for eight years as president. As I think about my experience of her during those years, I realize that I have met few individuals during the course of my life who are as loving and kind as Sister Rosemary is. And I mean a convicted love and strong kindness she expresses even in situations that might test the patience of most of us. I thank Rosemary for the witness of her

## along the way



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faith, and for the always constructive and helpful ways in which she served and represented her congregation to our local church.

2. I am happy to tell you that I have completed the program of cardiac rehabilitation at Unity Health. The 36 sessions with their excellent staff and other patients left me in much better shape at the end than I was at the beginning. For that and for the great kindness and support I experienced there, I am most grateful.

While I have completed the program at Unity, I am by no means finished with the work of recovery. Much to the contrary, the medical people responsible for my care remind me often that steady and vigorous exercise is a significant component in the management of heart disease. I recognize the importance of such exercise and will continue doing it under the direction of my physician. It is at times like this that I am doubly grateful that I enjoy such activity. Similarly, at times like this I admire the

more my friends at Unity who, although not particularly drawn to such exercise, committed themselves to it for their well-being and for the sake of their loved ones.

3. This third note flows not from one single event but from many conversations about how we communicate in our local church. I have a general sense from these interchanges that all of us want to communicate well. We recognize the importance of sharing information in a timely fashion, of being aware of our basic priorities and how we plan to honor them, of how we can learn from one another through an ongoing and honest exchange of ideas.

I have enjoyed the conversations and support them totally. Experience teaches the lesson very strongly that things always go better when we communicate well than when we don't.

It is a complicated subject, I know, and one that will challenge us and the generations that follow us. But a lot of us are thinking about how we can do a better job.

May I ask you to stimulate the process and begin to participate in it by thinking about such questions as the following: How can this newspaper serve you more effectively? What would you suggest for its improvement? Are there any issues you would like me to address in "Along The Way?" How might we attract others to read the *Catholic Courier*?

I'll look forward to hearing from you. Peace to all.

*"A Basket of Cheer"*

**EASTER BRUNCH BUFFET**  
**GRAND BALLROOM & THE GREENHOUSE CAFE**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1999**  
**11:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**  
 RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED

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*Fresh Sliced Fruit Display*

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**COOKED TO ORDER STATION**  
*Create Your Own Omelet • Belgian Waffles with Fruit Topping*

**ENTREES AND ACCOMPANIMENTS**  
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*Carved Top Round of Beef with a Burgundy Sauce*  
*Chicken French • Seafood Jambalaya • Tortellini Alfredo*  
*Wild Rice Pilaf • Fresh Vegetable Medley*  
*Oven Roasted Potatoes*

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**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant, we beseech Thee through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin and all the saints, an increase of laborers for Thy Church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls through the same Jesus Christ Thy Son Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the union of the Holy Spirit world without end. Amen

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*Prayer Suggestions: Mass, Rosary, Fasting, Day Offering, Eucharistic Adoration, Offering Sufferings, Divine Mercy Chaplet*

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