

## Around the community

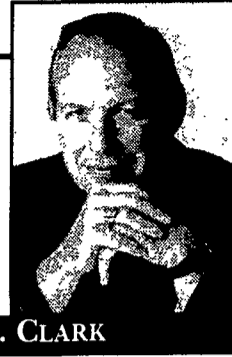
These bright May days bring much activity with them. It's a pleasure to take a few moments to share a few thoughts with you:

1) On Sunday evening at The Strong Museum, we reviewed our five-year-old agreement with the local Jewish community to live in harmony and mutual respect. It was a moment of celebration in which we remembered and celebrated the good things that have flowed from the agreement. It was also an occasion to recognize that we need to grow through the experience and continually re-commit ourselves to live out the values expressed in the agreement.

2) By the time you read this, Father Richard Vosko, our consultant for the renovation of Sacred Heart Cathedral will have given three talks on that theme. I look forward to his work this week. I am sure that this series will be a significant moment in what promises to be an exciting experience for us all.

3) I am very pleased to participate in Mayor William Johnson's Bi-Racial Partnerships for Community Progress. On Thursday, I attended an orientation session at a downtown hotel. There we met our dialogue partners and the sub-groups with which we will be working for the next 12 months. There was high energy at the session and much enthusiasm for the project. I hope that the endeavor bears much fruit for the community. God knows we need to do all that we can to attack the racism that still exists in our community and hurts so

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many people.

4) Two events celebrating Catholic Schools are part of my calendar this week. On Tuesday, I'll join the Nazareth Schools community for their annual Lumina-Lux Dinner. The event honors distinguished graduates of Nazareth Hall and Nazareth Academy, and features dance and song offered by the students of both schools. On Friday, our Monroe County Catholic Schools community gathers for a festive celebration of the year's activity. We honor people who offer distinguished service to Catholic schools as administrators, teachers and volunteers. It is a relatively new event, which has grown over the years — a sign, I think, that our system grows stronger and more stable as time goes by. I am mindful that this will be our Superintendent Tim Dwyer's last annual dinner. Tim will be moving to Michigan at the end of the school year, to be replaced by Sister Elizabeth Meegan, OP.

5) Every now and then, as I did this week, I receive a letter from a person who

leads off with, "I know you will never see this ..." or words to that effect. Often the phrase is, "my friends tell me you don't receive your mail ..." I am always puzzled by that because one of my routines every day is to go through the mail folder. I do pay attention to my mail and try to be faithful to responding to it in prompt fashion. It is certainly possible that over the years, we have missed some by error or oversight, but we do try to be diligent about it.

6) Speaking of mail, I should tell you that one of my fantasies is to print in this column some of the tougher letters that I receive. Most of my correspondence is constructive and courteous. Those who disagree, even vehemently, with things I do or don't do, say or don't say, find ways to express their concerns in a respectful fashion. But there are some whose letters are too hot to hold without asbestos mitts. In my opinion, they go beyond the bounds of courtesy into character assassination and the presumption of evil intention on the part of very good people. I suppose that it's all a part of life, but it saddens me that some cannot disagree in a reasonably respectful fashion.

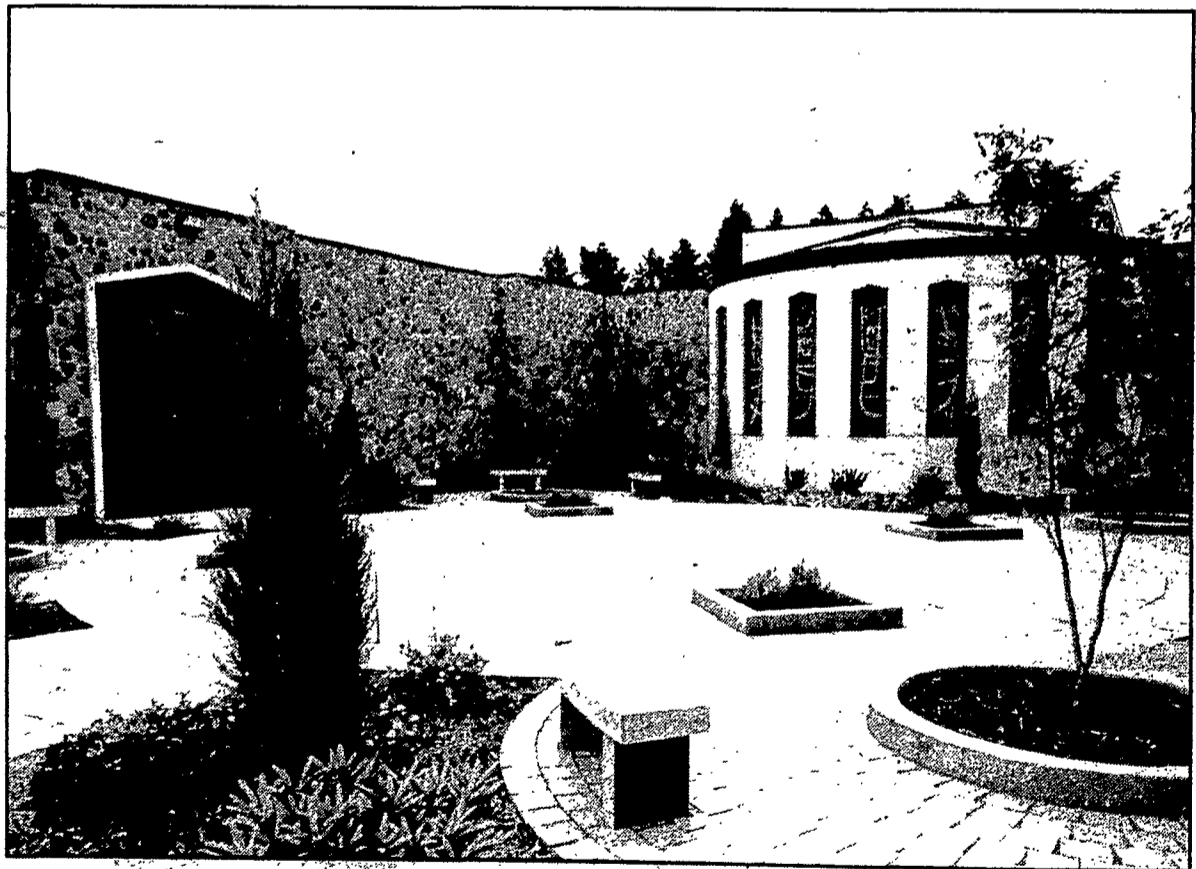
7) I hope that you continue to enjoy the freshness and new life of this Easter season. Remember please, to pray for those baptized at the Easter vigil and all new members of our church. They, like us, need the prayer of the community to support their growth in Easter life.

Peace to all.

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