

## People make all the difference

I hope that you had a pleasant Memorial Day weekend, and that these early days of "unofficial" summer have been good to you.

My own weekend was a fairly quiet one. I had the privilege of celebrating Mass with the community of Immaculate Conception, Rochester, and with the people at our Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish.

A couple of holiday events with friends added joy to the weekend and a sense of relaxation so important at such times.

Two reunions with young people - one planned, the other not - were special moments during their peaceful time.

I met Erika Bryant at Immaculate Conception on Sunday. She was at Mass with her mother, and her sister was serving. Erika in her high school days was active in youth ministry, serving for a time on our Diocesan Youth Committee. Now this wonderful young woman has finished her second year at Boston University. She'll be spending her summer working as an intern on the editorial staff at the *Democrat and Chronicle*.

We spoke for only a brief time, but it was a special moment for me. It brought back wonderful memories of young people coming to maturity. It also renewed my hope about the future. Young people like Erika are gifted, hold wonderful values and care enough about others to make this world a better place. Should she continue

### along the way



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in the field of journalism, I have no doubt that she'll influence people's lives for the good.

I should add here that Erika's sister, Tiffany, served Mass. Tiffany is a ninth-grader at Our Lady of Mercy High School. Another dynamite kid. You can bet I'll be keeping an eye on her.

The other memorable encounter of the weekend - this one planned - was with Caroline Curtin. Those who attended our General Synod in October 1993 will remember Caroline, although you may not remember her name.

She is the one who rose during a time in the meeting devoted to the theme "What are we missing? What have we left out?" Caroline, then 16, rose in the midst of that large assembly and said that we were not sharp or clear enough in what we were saying about life issues. She recognized that those life values were included in our priorities as developed at that moment. But

she felt that their importance merited explicit and separate treatment. It was one of the great moments of a memorable event. As it turned out, the General Synod adopted the language we've come to know as the Consistent Life Ethic.

Caroline and I have kept in touch during her career at Cornell University and during these early years of her professional career.

Yesterday she and her boyfriend, Scott Wentzel, drove up from Ithaca and we had a wonderful reunion over lunch.

As it was with Erika, so it was with Caroline. The meeting brought with it memories of what had gone on before. In particular, Caroline, so important to our Synod, reminded me of the richness of that experience and of how it still produces good fruit in our local church. And her bright presence renewed my awareness that this beautiful young woman became the person she has become because many have cared for her - her parents, teachers, her parish priests, the Sisters of Mercy, Cornell Catholic community and many others.

Now, on this post-Memorial Day Tuesday morning, it's time to go to St. Mary's, Canandaigua, for a celebration with our priests at which we'll honor those celebrating 25, 50 and 60 years of priesthood. Another meeting with old friends. Another set of great memories. Is it any wonder that ministering among you is such a joy?

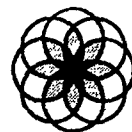
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