

DIOCESAN NEWS

Bishop Clark names six to Women's Commission

Bishop Matthew H. Clark has appointed six women to three-year terms on the diocesan Women's Commission. They replace outgoing members and join 12 other members to bring attention to issues concerning women in the church and society.

The commission's projects include coordinating three regional prayer services in October for people affected by domestic violence, producing an adult education pamphlet on domestic violence, and surveying women in leadership.

Appointed were:

• Lucille Cook, information systems/cemetery manager at St. Patrick Parish, Seneca Falls, where she is a parishioner. She has served her community in a variety of roles, including treasurer and member of the fundraising committee for Habitat for Humanity, deputy supervisor of the Town of Seneca

Falls, a board member of the Seneca County Community Christmas Project Board, and co-director of Birthright. She also has volunteered for such agencies as House of Concern and the Cayuga Community Action Program.

• Amy Crossed-Rieck, a small business owner. She is the children's liturgy coordinator for her parish, St. Monica's of Rochester, as well as catechist for first Communion, and serves on the parish liturgy committee. She also is a certified catechist for Good Shepherd parish in Henrietta. Crossed-Rieck is a board member at-large for Feminists for Life of New York and a committee member for the diocese's abortion outreach program, Project Rachel.

• Shelly Dinan, owner of Dinan Communications. She is a member of the communications committee, bulletin editor and adviser for public relations ac-

tivities for her faith community — the Roman Catholic Community of the 19th Ward. Dinan also is a Girl Scout co-leader for Troop 819 of Allen Creek Elementary School in Pittsford, and a member of the school's PTSA.

• Shannon Loughlin, director of the Newman Catholic Community at SUNY Geneseo. She has coordinated service project for students during school breaks, and recently participated in a Heart of the City retreat in Utica.

• Alice Miller-Nation, pastoral associate at St. Joseph, Livonia/St. William, Conesus. She has been active in parishes where she has ministered, Holy Family and St. Ambrose, both in Rochester; and on the diocesan level, working with catechist formation, St. Bernard Institute's On the Road series, and STARS ministry to young adults. She volunteers at the Livonia Primary School and

Bethany House in Rochester.

• Mary Carol Wall, part-time youth minister and parishioner at St. Mary Parish in Bath. She has served as a volunteer catechist for eight years and a volunteer team member for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process for her parish. She also is a founding member of an Ecumenical Youth Ministry Team in the Bath area, an active participant in the Genesee Valley Regional Youth Ministry Group, coordinator of the rural portion of the diocese's new Service Action Learning Team program and a member of the Diocesan Task Force on Teen Dating Violence.

Wall is a founding member of the Avoca Central School PTSA, a member of the school's building project planning committee and has been chairperson of Steuben County's Zero Teen Pregnancy Committee. She also helped start Loving Arms Pregnancy Help Center.

"The Women's Commission is a valuable resource to all parishes and faith communities of the diocese as they continue to recognize and value the dignity of women in the Church and society," Bishop Clark stated in a June 28 press release. "Commission members are recognized for their abilities, leadership, creativity, and commitment to realizing this goal."

Obituary

Father Jim Hastings, SSC, Geneva native

Columban Father Jim Hastings, 55, died of cancer June 21, 2001, in Canton, Mass. The Geneva native had been development director for the Columban Fathers' U.S. Region.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan ordained Father Hastings on May 20, 1972, in St. Francis Church, Geneva. The new priest said his first Mass at St. Francis the next day, Pentecost Sunday, according to lifelong friend Gary Finnerty.

Father Hastings also celebrated his last Mass on Pentecost this year. The Mass took place in the Canton home of a friend where the priest was receiving hospice

care.

Father Hastings entered the Columban minor seminary at Silver Creek, N.Y., and was educated at Columban seminaries in Wisconsin, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. After ordination, he went to Japan, where he worked in Wakayama for 10 years. He returned to the United States and taught in the Columban formation houses in St. Paul, Minn., and Chicago.

In 1994 he was assigned to head the General Mission Office at St. Columbans, Neb. He was vice director of the U.S. region from 1995 until early this year.

"It was a pleasure working with him for

about five years here in the mission office," commented Jeffrey Norton, assistant general manager for the Columban Fathers mission office in St. Columbans. "He was an inspiring, wonderful man."

Father Hastings was predeceased by his parents, John and Mary Hastings, and oldest brother, Jack. He is survived by his brother Robert of Oklahoma, sisters-in-law, nephews and nieces.

His funeral and burial took place June 25 in Canton. Msgr. Gerard Krieg celebrated a memorial Mass June 30 at St. Francis.

— Kathleen Schwarz

Appointment

Bishop Matthew H. Clark has announced the appointment of Father Malachy Nwosu as assisting priest in the Tioga Catholic Community from June 26 until Oct. 1, 2001.

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