

June filled with celebrations, travel

Yesterday was the great Solemnity of Pentecost. I had the pleasure of celebrating with those who gathered at Sacred Heart Cathedral for the 5 p.m. liturgy.

It was a glorious late spring afternoon. The congregation entered into the celebration in good spirit, and enjoyed one another's company outside church after Mass.

During and after the celebration, I was mindful that the next time we celebrate this great feast of the church we will do so in a renewed cathedral. I find that an exciting prospect, and anticipate with great joy the completion of this work toward which so many have offered their time, talent and treasure. When completed, it will be work of great beauty, a model and stimulus for the liturgical life for our diocese, an achievement of which we will all be very proud.

Earlier in the day, I had a chance to stop at St. Catherine's in Mendon to pay my respects to Father Jim Lawlor, who celebrated his 40th anniversary with a Mass and parish picnic.

I first met Jim in 1957 when we began our studies at St. Bernard's



Bishop Matthew H. Clark

Along the Way

Seminary. After two years there I went to Rome for my theological studies and did not meet up with Jim again until 1979 when I was ordained a bishop.

Among those who came to Rome for that occasion were Jim, Father Jack O'Connor and Father Win Kellner, who also celebrate 40 years of priesthood this month. I shall never forget that kindness, and shall always appreciate their friendship and support during my years of our service to the people of our diocese. And, as I write, I remember Father John Quinn, another classmate and friend, who passed into life with

God in December.

Among the many milestones of June are those we celebrate with our Sisters of St. Joseph. On Sunday, they held an open house at the new motherhouse on French Road in Pittsford. This was a key moment in a long, careful process. It involved the sale of their beloved former motherhouse to Nazareth College and the construction of the new facility to meet the needs of the congregation in the years to come.

Our sisters also recently concluded a general chapter during which they elected their leadership for the next four years. Sister Janice Morgan was re-elected president. Sister Barbara Staropoli is the new vice president. Serving as councilors will be Sisters Kathleen Weider, Mary Louise Mitchell and Marilyn Pray. Their formal installation will take place at the motherhouse on June 22. In your name, I express affectionate good wishes and the promise of our support to the sisters as the congregation celebrates these most significant events.

June also brings an unusual amount of travel — one trip each

week for the remainder of the month.

The first trip — this week — is to the Diocese of Orange, Calif., for the episcopal ordination of Dominic Luong. Dominic, who was featured in a *Catholic Courier* article last week, studied at St. Bernard's Seminary and was ordained in the class of 1966. His experience in our local church must have meant a great deal to him because he called me personally to invite me to his ordination. I am happy to represent our diocese — and, in a special way, our Vietnamese community — at this historic event. Dominic's will be the first ordination of a Vietnamese bishop for service in the United States.

In successive weeks I'll travel to St. Louis for a meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and to New York for a meeting of the bishops of the eight dioceses in New York state.

Enough for this time. I hope that this month has been and will continue to be a time of grace and blessings in your life. Be assured of my daily prayer for you.

Peace to all.

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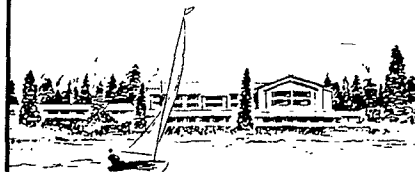
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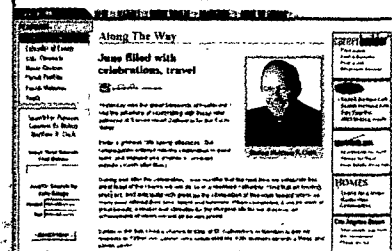
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On page 9 of the June 5 edition of the *Catholic Courier*, Father Robert F. McNamara was incorrectly identified as retired from his position as diocesan archivist.

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