

Events help people learn about faith

One of the joys of my life, and I hope of yours, is the opportunity to learn something new each day. I mean that to include not just absorbing more data, but the opportunity to learn from our experience of living and interacting with others.

We learn what people's curiosities are. We learn what spurs their growth, how they handle tough situations, how they manage time to meet their responsibilities in a demanding world, how they find the time they need for rest, prayer, the company of loved ones.

A couple of events this week put me in touch with people who are alive with a thirst to learn more, to broaden their horizons so that they can lead more rewarding lives.

One of those events was Leadership Days, a three-day opportunity for parish staff - professional and volunteer - to explore a range of subjects and acquire knowledge that would help them to live and share our faith more effectively.

The gathering theme, developed on the three mornings of Leadership Days, was the diversity among our



Bishop Matthew H. Clark

Along the Way

parish communities. Specifically, experienced women and men reflected on the joys, challenges and opportunities of life in rural, urban and suburban parishes.

On each of the three afternoons, qualified people offered a wide range of workshops from which participants could choose according to their particular interests. There were offerings on such topics as Islam, effective preaching, sacramental preparation and how to study Sacred Scripture.

I was able to be there for a part of

all three days and enjoyed hearing those who attended say how much they benefited from the opportunity. I'm always happy when people are pleased with any of our programs. But when people give up glorious summer days to explore ways to deepen their knowledge and love of the faith, there is a special joy in knowing that they found the work worthwhile.

The middle day of Leadership Days was the Feast of Saint Bernard. I left Seneca Falls, the site of our program, to go to Saint Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry for the blessing of a statue of Saint Bernard that will hold a place of honor in the foyer of this brand new facility.

The blessing was the first of many events through which we hope to introduce all in the community to the new Saint Bernard's. To this particular occasion we invited past and present trustees of Saint Bernard's - women and men for whose vision, dedication and hard work we all owe a great deal of thanks.

From all that I heard and observed

that day, the visitors to SBSTM were as impressed as I am by the beauty for the place. It combines beauty and utility in a most attractive way. It is truly an inviting place.

Being there reminded me of the great desire of the people of this diocese - ; powerfully expressed in our Synod - for opportunities to grow in knowledge and love of their faith all the days of their lives.

It was a thrill to be part of an experience that celebrated the existence of a place which will be a center of this kind of inquiry and a symbol of our common commitment to our rich intellectual heritage. I hope that you'll have an opportunity soon to visit this splendid facility. It is one of the wonderful fruits of your participation in *Partners in Faith*.

I won't be with you here next week, as I will be making my annual retreat. I promise that you will be in my prayers each day. And, I ask for your prayers that I will be open to whatever the Lord may wish to give to me or ask of me or to whatever the Lord may want me to learn.

Peace to all.

September is German Month



For lunch and dinner...

Potato Pancakes

Served with sour cream and applesauce

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Sauerbraten

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Wiener Schnitzel

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