



State Chaplain's Message

Dear Friends,

As you are aware, the Knights of Columbus can proudly claim a rich and faith-filled heritage of good works and spirit of charity handed on to us by our founder, Father Michael McGivney. Today's Knights are committed to these same ideals and dedicated to the challenge of witnessing to the Good News of Jesus Christ in our local communities and world.

Through the years, the Knights of Columbus have been especially active in promoting vocations and supporting seminarians. They have also been active in a variety of pro-life and family activities. The Knights are most generous and among our most dependable and capable parish leaders. As your new State Chaplain, I wish to express my gratitude to the Knights of Columbus for this wonderful witness of faith and for their good work and support.

Please be assured of my prayers for you.

With every good wish, I remain

Your brother in Christ,

Matthew H. Clark
Bishop of Rochester

Chronology of Bishop Matthew H. Clark

1962: Ordained a priest in Rome, Italy, by Bishop Martin O'Connor in the Church of Christ the King, Dec. 19, 1962.

1963: Awarded a Licentiate in Theology (S.T.L.) from Gregorian University in Rome

1963 - 1964: Taught at the Vincentian Institute in Albany while serving at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Albany

1964 - 1966: Studied at the Gregorian University, Rome, and was awarded a Licentiate in Canon Law (J.C.L.) in 1966

1966 - 1967: Served as Vice-Chancellor, Diocese of Albany

1967 - 1972: Served as assistant Pastor, St. Ambrose Parish, Latham, N.Y.

1969 - 1972: Chairperson, Priests' Personnel Board, Diocese of Albany

1972 - 1974: Served as Assistant Spiritual Director, North American College, Rome

1974 - 1979: Served as Spiritual Director, North American College, Rome

May 27, 1979

Ordained a Bishop in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, by Pope John Paul II

June 26, 1979

Installed as eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester, in ceremonies attended by thousands at the War Memorial in downtown Rochester

Current Boards and Committees: Episcopal Advisory Council, Region II, National Association of Catholic Chaplains.