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Bishop Clark to Deliver Baccalaureate Address

KEUKA PARK, N.Y.—Matthew H. Clark, bishop of the Diocese of Rochester, will deliver the baccalaureate address Sunday, May 29 at Keuka College.

A commencement day highlight, the baccalaureate service begins at 9:30 p.m. in Norton Chapel. Bishop Clark will discuss “As We Continue The Journey, Be Not Afraid.”

Pope John Paul II ordained Most Rev. Matthew H. Clark a bishop May 27, 1979 at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. He was installed as the eighth bishop of Rochester June 26, 1979.



A native of Waterford, N.Y. , Bishop Clark attended Mater Christi Seminary in Albany, St. Bernard’s Seminary in Rochester, and the North American College in Rome. He was ordained a priest for the Albany diocese December 19, 1962. Clark held various positions in the Albany diocese, including vice chancellor, prior to serving as assistant spiritual director (1972-1974) and spiritual director (1974-1979) at the North American College in Rome.

Bishop Clark holds a licentiate in theology and a licentiate in Canon Law from the Gregorian University in Rome. He serves on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Women in Society and in the Church, and the Committee on Vocations. He previously served on the Administrative Committee, and was the Episcopal liaison to the National Federation for Youth Ministry.

Bishop Clark is a member of the American College, Louvain, and United Way of Greater Rochester boards.

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