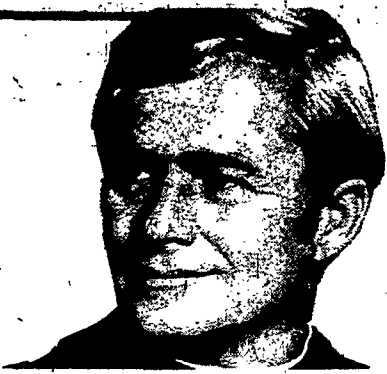


FR. LOUIS HOHMAN

The Open Window



On Nov. 15, a woman asked The Open Window where she could find patterns for hospital gowns. The following are some of the many replies received:

I thought I might have some information regarding the hospital gowns.

There are two groups in Canandaigua which do an especially great job for local charity and for the foreign missions. They are the St. Vincent dePaul Society and the Blue Cross Mission Group. The latter group of beautiful ladies meet weekly and sew for foreign missions. This group would have the patterns. Write: Miss Ann Schutz, 24 Grandview Park, Canandaigua, N.Y. 14424—J.L.

I read of wanting the pattern of a hospital gown. I was in the same position three years ago when my husband came home from the hospital paralyzed from the waist down and I tried to get gowns or patterns. Finally a friend told me to use a men's nightdress pattern, only not open the front — just slit the back as far as you want it and either tie or snap.—Mrs. W.C.R.

Someone asked for patterns to make lap robes and hospital gowns. I hope these will be helpful.

Lap robe: cut a 4½ by 7½ inch rectangle of cardboard. Trace around this on cloth (corduroy is good to use). Cut out rectangles of material and sew — 8 strips wide and 6 strips long. Sew a piece of flannel or other backing material large enough to cover the completed strips.

Hospital gowns: one method of making hospital gowns is by using a man's shirt. Cut the collar back and cut both edges (buttons and button holes) of front off. Cut sleeves to above elbow line. Sew front of shirt up. Cut down center of the back. Use 1½ inch bias strip down back and around collar and sleeves. Use twill tape for ties on back. Put two ties at top of opening and two more down the back —J.B.

I am enclosing a paper pattern for the bed jacket. This has been taken from Simplicity pattern number 5205. It is about eight years old and may have been taken off the market. (Pattern has been forwarded.)—Mrs. G.S.G.

Thanks to all of you for your generous efforts to help. If your reply does not appear here, it is because we have received repeats. The original questioner was Mrs. Anne Yarmer, 47 Rumsey St. Seneca Falls, New York. Perhaps you would like to contact her directly.

Brother Davis Assails Loss Of Hesburgh

Washington, D.C. (RNS) — The executive director of the National Office for Black Catholics (NOBC) told President Nixon in a letter that he had "silenced a prophetic voice that spoke in behalf of the oppressed" in reportedly asking for the resignation of Father Theodore Hesburgh as chairman of the Civil Rights Commission.

Brother Joseph M. Davis, SM, writing on behalf of the NOBC's board of directors, said he and his organization representing the nearly 1 million Black Catholics in this country are "enraged" and "frightened" by this and other actions by Mr. Nixon dur-

ing his first term in the White House.

Brother Davis said when "vital progress" in civil rights had slowed almost to a halt, when "white backlash" was spreading to the suburbs of the North, "the prophetic words of the Civil Rights Commission under Father Hesburgh's leadership served to remind the nation that we still had an urgent distance to travel."

"Those same words frequently helped to keep alive the beleaguered hope of black citizens, who hearing them, realized that some white Americans did care," he said.

Stating that civil rights is an area of "deep moral concern," the black Catholic official went on to say there is, in fact, no other moral area more important to society than the way men treat one another.

MUNSEL RETURNS
"Applause", still one of the biggest musical hits in New York, will come to the Eastman Theatre on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 8:15 p.m.

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Cardinal Cooke

Priestly 'Balance' Stressed

Yonkers (RNS) — In a strong plea to his priests, New York's Cardinal Terence Cooke stressed the need for a "balance" between the priest's attention to social issues and the "central work" of the priesthood—"bringing God's word and His sacraments to man, and reconciling man to God."

Declaring that many issues — abortion, lack of vocations, alienation of youth from religion, poverty, racial injustice and others — "press us hard," the prelate told some 600 priests gathered at St. Joseph's Seminary, that they cannot be "effective pastors of souls unless they pay attention to issues that are largely political or social, or even cultural or intellectual." The cardinal warned that such a preoccupation will distract the priest from crucial pastoral and religious matters "which must be central to his life . . ."

He asserted that Catholics "have a right" to find in the rectories and churches "men who are devoted primarily to the work of religion and the pastoral care of souls."

In his remarks on "Priestly Ministry and Morale," Cardinal Cooke said happiness for the priest will depend largely on his knowing his life's goal, his adment to reality, his generosity, and "an underlying love of God . . ."

If these are not present, the prelate contended, "then no pattern of work, no relationships with peers or superiors, no control of his own affairs and certainly no 'mechanical' reforms of priestly work will make him a happy man or encourage high morale."

In mentioning problems facing priests today, the cardinal called for greater consciousness of "excessive personalism" in society,

especially among youth, which is causing a decline in Mass attendance and general apathy toward the Church on many levels.

He reaffirmed that priests must pay careful attention to the liturgy and "be especially insistent with young people that attendance at Mass is not an option but a "religious obligation . . ."

We are also aware of an apparent disregard for normative sexual morality among some of our young people," the cardinal added. "We have a great work to do in bringing the sanity and saving grace of Christ's message to students and young couples.

Cardinal Cooke also warned the priests against the "wholly unworthy" role of a priest who urges a fellow priest to quit the priesthood. He added that the departure of a man from the ministry is a "great sorrow — not to be celebrated or held up as an ideal solution to the problem."

Referring to reports of "uncharitable" behavior by priests, the cardinal urged total charity in approaching other priests, religious and laity when there is a difference of opinion. He noted that in some rectories, "accusation replaces profitable disagreement and alienation replaces fraternity."

"No opinion . . . supersedes Christ's first law of charity," he said.

The cardinal also warned

against "ridicule" of Catholic doctrine and the teaching authority of the Pope, noting that "some few priests speak disparagingly" of Catholic doctrine.

With regard to celibacy, he said "no compromise will be tolerated" if a priest chooses to defy the law and gives scandal. At the same time, he urged his priests to avail themselves of opportunities for personal and professional development, especially in theological knowledge and pastoral service.

VATICAN STAMPS

Vatican City (RNS)—The Vatican philatelic office announced that it will issue five series of commemorative stamps in 1973. The series will mark the 30th International Eucharistic Congress in Melbourne, Australia; the centenary of the birth of St. Teresa of Lisieux; the fifth centenary of Copernicus' birth; the millennium of the establishment of the See of Prague; and the eighth centenary of the death of St. Nartisse.

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