

Among the speakers at the seminars will be Jack Ossofsky, Rhea Eckel Clark, Arthur S. Flemming and Garson Meyer.

Marine Midland Bank to Sponsor 'Your Concern for the Senior Adult'

Marine Midland Bank — Rochester is sponsoring a series of four seminars designed to expand the expertise of people who are active in the field of senior citizen affairs.

The seminars, entitled "Your Concern for the Senior Adult — Phase II," will feature nationally prominent representatives of senior citizen organizations and local authorities in the health delivery field. They will be held May 8, 15, 22 and 28 from 1 to 3

p.m. in the auditorium of One Marine Midland Plaza.

"In recent years our bank has been particularly sensitive to the special needs and interests of the elderly, more than 90,000 of whom reside in Monroe County alone," said Frank E. Holley, chairman of the board.

"The majority of the elderly want and are able to take care of their needs with some supportive services from the community. We

hope to enhance their potential to continue active and independent lives. We want to help them explore the various alternatives available to them through a program of public education and information."

Among the nationally prominent representatives of senior citizen organizations who will participate in the seminars are Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, U.S. commissioner of aging and former secretary of Health, Education and Welfare; Bernard E. Nash, executive director of the National Retired Teachers Association-American Association of Retired Persons and president of the International Federation on Aging; Cyril F. Brickfield, legislative counsel of the NRTA-AARP; Jack Ossofsky, executive director of the National Council on the Aging, Inc.; Mrs. Elizabeth M. Heidebreder, a member of the professional staff of the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging; and Mrs. Rhea Eckel Clark, director of the New York State Office of the Aging.

organizations for the elderly, is general chairman of the seminar series. Meyer was chairman of the President's Task Force on the Aging and was a member of the White House Conference on Aging. He served seven years as president of the National Council on the Aging.

Local authorities who will be participating are Dr. Myrtle L. Pleune; David W. Stewart, managing director of Rochester Hospital Service Corp.; John A. Nelson, executive director of Genesee Valley Health Assoc.; Dr. Kenneth Woodward, executive director of Rochester Health Network; Dr. Robert C. Webster, president of Monroe Plan for Medical Care, Inc.; Dr. Eugene S. Farley, director of family medicine at Highland Hospital; and Mrs. Dorothy W. White, administrator of Home Care Association of Rochester.

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THE OPEN WINDOW

Father Louis Hohman

Dear Father Hohman,

Thought you might be interested in some thoughts (Msgr. J. D. Conway) in the Catholic Digest, regarding a question you had in the Courier-Journal. It was about the question of the justice and mercy of God — "Why does God allow evil and suffering?"

All the actual evils in the world result from sin, from the original sin of Adam, and from sins like yours and mine, multiplied by millions. God is responsible for these evils only in that He permits man to be free. He does it because freedom is worth the price.

Freedom permits man to love God by his own choice, but it also allows him to hate. Evil is the price we pay for our ability to make goodness our own. We can see that many of the social evils and personal sufferings around us result directly from sin: injustice, selfishness, greed, cruelties, dishonesty, brutality, and our general lack of charity. The consolation of the Christian view of life is that it finds a purpose in evil. Pain is not pointless, suffering need not be wasted, and temporal defeat can end in eternal victory.

The Christian looks beyond this world for ultimate consolation. Often good men suffer while wicked ones prosper. But, for good men, pain and suffering are not really an evil; they are a difficult striving toward great happiness. No strong character is

Blessed Sacrament Share-In

The week of May 13-17 has been designated Share-In week at Blessed Sacrament School, 546 Oxford St. Parents of all Blessed Sacrament students as well as parents of neighborhood children attending the school, are invited to visit the school during class hours, and actually sit in classes in progress.

The week is sponsored by the school's primary grade faculty.

developed without the tempering of fire of sorrow, no reward is obtained without effort.

Evil exists for a greater good, either in this life or the next. Being is better than not being, even though created existence must be imperfect. Life is better than no life, even though it must destroy living things to exist. And freedom is better than compulsion, even though it be a freedom that is able to choose evil.

Sincerely,
D. G.

Dear D. G.

Thank you (and I suppose, Msgr. Conway) for a suspicion something is left out. Take the case of those people cut down in cold blood by the "Zebra Killer" in San Francisco. Applying your answer to their case, on one hand it is a fine answer. But on the other hand, I do not think there is a full answer relative to the senselessness of the whole thing. The choice is explained, but not the loss.

For an explanation I think we must still fall back on the fact that many instances of evil can be explained (or in a certain way of looking at it, not explained) by simply saying it is the will of an all-loving Father, and since we know he loves us we will accept, even blindly.

Even Jesus resolved His problem by simply saying, "Father, not my will but Thine be done."

Garson Meyer, a consultant to many local, state and national

SPRING RETREAT

Wayland — The Spring retreat for Women of St. Joseph's will be held on the weekend of May 17-19 at the Notre Dame Retreat House. Those interested in attending may call Mary Smith for information or reservations.

CWU LUNCHEON

Wayland — Women of St. Joseph's attended the Church Women United tureen luncheon May 3 at the Springwater Methodist Church.



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