

# THE OPEN WINDOW

## Father Louis Holman

Dear Father-Hohman,

A prayer group in our city describes themselves as Catholic and Ecumenical. As their policy and direction is determined by a core group comprising Catholics and non-Catholics, should not this group in honesty forego the title Catholic?

Sincerely,  
L.J.P.

The word "catholic" existed in the language(s) before it was used to describe a certain church; so I think the word belongs to everybody and not just to that church. It's not a word like "Coca Cola" or "Xerox." The word "catholic" means "universal" and can be applied to any organization which either is or seeks to be universal in character.

The word ecumenical means world-wide, therefore almost the same as catholic. Now maybe the prayer group you mention is a little ambitious in describing its scope but we certainly can't fault them for using private or copyrighted words. That just isn't the case. By the same token I detect in you a desire to narrow the scope of the word catholic to

apply only to the organization known as the Roman Catholic Church. In short therefore, the prayer group you describe has a perfect right to use the word catholic in its broad sense but not in its acquired narrow sense of Roman Catholic.

### A LETTER I'D LIKE TO SHARE:

Dear Father Hohman,

I read with interest your article in the July 17 Courier-Journal. I have listened to many comments good and not so good about these modern nuns. Being the mother of a nun over twenty five years, I for the life of me cannot see one single change in her either as a Religious or otherwise. Sometimes I feel a wee bit jealous because her religious life comes first as it should be, just like my married children with their families. I'll admit, it's hard to tell a nun by the clothes she wears and also this new freedom she enjoys. I for one would think it more of a challenge to enter the religious life now than before. Although I do love the old, I know this new nun is bringing just as much love and happiness, especially to the underprivileged.

# COURIER-CALENDAR

**Tryouts** — Male leads and chorus for St. Agnes glee club presentation of Once Upon a Mattress, at the school, 300 East River Rd., today and tomorrow, also Oct. 1, 2, 3, 30-5 p.m.

**Bristol Valley Playhouse** — Bat McGrath and dancer Tom Cahill, 8:15 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, closing season; \$2.50.

**Family Entertainment** — Gale Foehner, pianist, in ragtime music program, 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29, Nazareth Arts Center; free.

**Children's Theater** — Puss in Boots, presented by the Aquinas Performing Arts Club, 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, 1120 Dewey Ave.; 50 cents.

**Irish Night** — Benefit Junior Rovers Soccer Team, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, Mother-of Sorrows parish hall, 5000 Mt. Road.

**School Problems** — Second in Caring Parents series at Pius X, 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29, speaker, Richard L. Thompson, director of pupil services, Gates-Chili High School.

**Rochester Aquarium Society** — Public auction, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, St. Salome's School Hall, 4282 Culver.

**St. Anne's** — Rosary Society pot-luck supper, 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, followed by candle demonstration and sale by Barbara Scott, talk by Fran Nardone, Mrs. George Walker, Mrs. Peter Quinn in charge.

**St. Pius X** — Meeting Tuesday evening, Oct. 1, parish center.

**Catholic Daughters** — Workshop, state chairmen and district deputies, Sept. 28, 29, Bergamo East conference center in Marcy.

**Past Regents Club** — CDA of diocese, Mass, luncheon, annual meeting 12:10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, Ss. Peter and Paul, Elmira; reservations with Mrs. Marie Crowley, 607/732-4936.

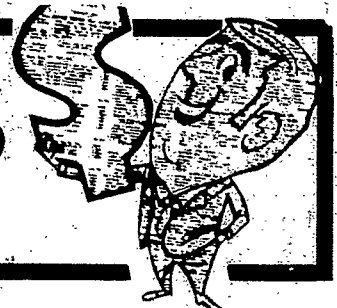
**Holy Angels Guild** — Opening meeting, 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30, Holy Angels Home, 1326 N. Winton.

**APACE** — Aquinas parents' group, general meeting 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30, followed by social hour with faculty.

**Pancake Breakfast** — Mercy High School, 1437 Blossom Rd., 9:30-noon Sept. 29; \$1.50. Mass at 9 and 10:15 a.m.

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