


**THE OPEN WINDOW**



Fr. **Louis Hohman**

Dear Father Hohman,  
 How do you understand the following passage from the Bible? "The sins of the fathers shall be visited upon the children unto the third and fourth generations." Thank you so much.

Sincerely yours,  
 Mary B.

Dear Mary B.,

As the politicians are wont to say, I'm glad you asked that. It relates to the constantly developing concept of sin. Incidentally, the reference you make could have come from several places: Exodus 20:5; 34:7; Num 14:18; Deut 5:9. The explanation given in the Jerome Biblical Commentary is as follows: "Family solidarity in both good and evil, is a fundamental Old Testament concept. It was only later that a more individualistic approach to reward and punishment was taken. The children were con-

ceived as extensions of the personality of the family head. The whole family made up a corporate personality, which was rewarded or punished as a group." p 91

Since then we have gone through various stages in our ideas of sin which mostly involved a matter of emphasis. For example, we have just come through a stage in history when almost all the emphasis was placed on personal acts and personal guilt. I will try to forestall adverse criticism by declaring that personal sin and guilt are still very important. But another aspect of sin has been neglected — the fact of the evil of sin in the world and its effect upon human beings regardless of who is guilty. Let me give an example. Let's say a person is driven to insanity by circumstances in his life — rejection, bad home life, repeated failures, low level of education etc., none of which are his fault. Then in desperation and anger he goes out and kills three people. We should not speak of his personal guilt so much as the corporate guilt of a human society which collectively visited those sins upon him, leading to the final sins of murder. The new Rite of Reconciliation tries to induce in us a greater sense of sin as the evils caused by human beings individually or collectively and to give us a sense of responsibility for eradicating those sins even though we might not be individually "guilty". How about the problem of racial evils, for example?

# Deaths

## Father Donovan, Buffalo Priest

Mass of Christian Burial for Father Denis Donovan was celebrated Oct. 30, 1975, in St. Bonaventure's Church, Buffalo. Father Donovan was the brother of Father Joseph Donovan of St. Mark's of Rochester.

He was born in Ireland on March 6, 1886. Brought up in Rochester, he attended St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries before going to Niagara University. He was ordained in the Diocese of Buffalo on Dec. 1, 1918.

Assignments for Father Donovan included St. Stephan's, Buffalo; St. Patrick's, Barker; St. Joseph's, Gowanda, and St. Bonaventure's, Buffalo. He retired in 1962, and was living at the Brothers of Mercy Home in Clarence at the time of his death.

Surviving besides his brother are two sisters, Mrs. Timothy Arundel and Mrs. Michael McMahon; a niece, Sister Mary Denis, SSI, assigned to St. Ann's Home; and a nephew, Father Gerard J. McMahon of Corpus Christi.

The funeral Mass was celebrated by Bishop Edward Head and Auxiliary Bishop Bernard J. McLaughlin of the Diocese of Buffalo.

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The Courier-Journal, award-winning newspaper of the Diocese of Rochester, soon will publish the annual diocesan directory, containing both addresses and telephone numbers of individuals and institutions in the diocese.

Anthony J. Costello, general manager of the paper, described the publication as "the most representative and complete listing imaginable. This year's directory reflects a diocese whose influence and growth over the past year has been nothing short of phenomenal."

"Accuracy has been our watchword," Costello said, noting that the directory should prove an invaluable tool for communication in the diocese and beyond.

The directory is available through the Courier-Journal, Diocesan Directory, 67 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604, at \$5 per copy.

# Deaths

## Dmary Wales

Mrs. Steven Wales, the former Dmary Hill of Brockport, died Oct. 22, 1975, in Phoenix, Ariz., and was buried there from Most Holy Trinity Church.

A memorial Mass was celebrated Oct. 25 at Nativity Church, Brockport, by Father John Philipps, pastor; his assistant, Father Robert Caudio, the retired pastor, Father Edward J. Lantz; and others.

Mrs. Wales was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russel B. Hill of Spencerport and the mother of two sons, Christopher and Mark.

She was a graduate of Nativity School, Brockport Central High School and SUC Brockport, which awarded her a B.A. cum laude in 1962. She did graduate work at the University of Hawaii and taught at Sacred Hearts Academy in Honolulu. She taught also at the Lakeshore School in Greece, and in the CCD program at Nativity School, where she was a member of the Mothers Club. The Wales-family moved to Phoenix last year.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. David (Patricia) Perry of Spencerport.

## Sr. Consolata

Sister Consolata Reilly, a Sister of St. Joseph for 53 years, died Oct. 21, 1975, at the Motherhouse. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated there Oct. 23 by Father Frederic Walz.

Sister Consolata entered the community in 1922 from Immaculate Conception parish in Rochester. She taught briefly in Auburn, worked at St. Ann's Home and for many years was employed in the preparation of altar bread, at the Motherhouse.

Surviving are several cousins in Rochester and Syracuse.

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