

## THE OPEN WINDOW



Fr.  
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Comments have come in relative to the centerfold which appeared in the Courier-Journal April 7. Some people expressed a kind of apprehension about the relationship of penitent to confessor. They were

not at all satisfied with the arrangement for anonymous confession. It seems as though it was a rather frightening prospect for many people.

The centerfold pose showing the young lady on a kneeler was somewhat deceiving, in that we do not yet have our screen between her and the confessor and when that occurs the situation will not be all that much different from the confessional box situation. Anonymity will be just as certain as it would be in the confessional box. I would like to add that it is with great sensitivity to people's feelings that most priests are approaching this whole new rite. We do not intend to force people into niches in which they would feel uncomfortable. So the process will be a gradual one and some of us

estimate that it may take as long as ten years to implement it in such a way that it becomes the normal practice for everyone. Following are some of the questions that are being asked.

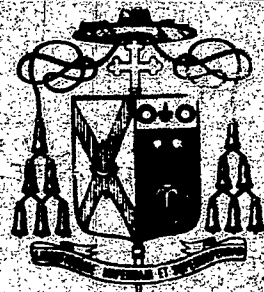
**When will the new penitential rite go into effect?** It may be used as of last week. It must be used as of Easter, 1977.

**Will all the churches be prepared for the face-to-face confession?** It is hard to say. Some of them have physical situations that make implementation of the reconciliation room difficult.

**Will one be able at any time to confess face to face?** I see many churches still have the confessionals.

Obviously it would be extremely difficult to go to confession face-to-face in an ordinary confessional. So the answer to that question is contingent upon the setting up of a reconciliation room of some sort or another, even if it's just the sacristy.

## The Bishop's Public Appointments



May

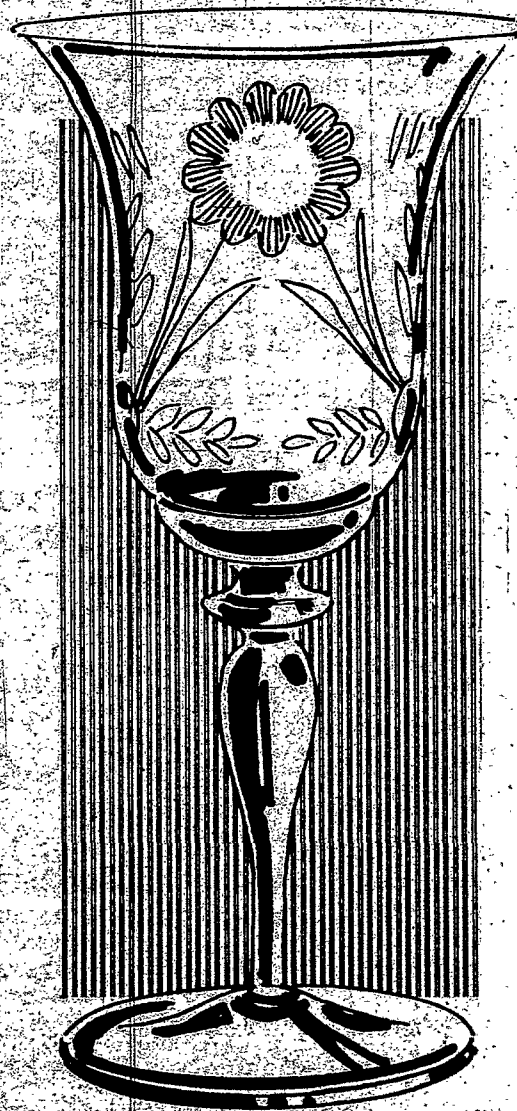
- 1—Radio Message, Family Rosary Network — 7 p.m.
- 2—Celebration of Eucharist and Homily, Charismatic Renewal Movement, Sacred Heart Cathedral — 2:30 p.m.
- 3—Priestly Spirituality Meeting, Our Lady of the Genesee Abbey, Piffard.
- 4-6—National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Meeting, Chicago.
- 7—Confirmation, Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Painted Post — 7:45 p.m.
- 8—Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting, Holiday Inn, Waterloo — 1 p.m.
- 10—G.E.M. Executive Meeting, Episcopal Diocesan House — Noon.
- 10—Confirmation, St. Mary's Church, Elmira — 7:45 p.m.
- 11—Regional Coordinators Meeting, Pastoral Office — 10:30 a.m.
- 11—Ministerial Review Committee Meeting, St. Thomas More School — 7 p.m.
- 13—Confirmation, St. Rose Church, Lima — 7:45 p.m.
- 14—Priesthood Ordination, St. Columba Church, Caledonia — 7:30 p.m.
- 15—Knights of Columbus, Bishop's Charity Ball, Sheraton Gate House Motor Inn — 10 p.m.
- 16—Diocesan Missions Sunday Celebration of Eucharist and Homily, WHEC, Channel 10 — 8:30 a.m.
- 16—Celebration of the Eucharist and Homily, First Communion Class, St. Joseph, Livonia — 10 a.m.
- 16—Celebration of the Eucharist and Homily, Centenary of Nativity B.V.M. School, Brockport — 4 p.m.
- 18—Confirmation, St. Mary's Church, Corning — 7:45 p.m.
- 19—Roman Catholic — Episcopalian Ecumenical Clergy Conference, Becket Hall — 10 a.m.
- 20—Pastoral Office Staff Meeting — 9:30 a.m.
- 20—Confirmation, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church — 7:45 p.m.
- 21—Confirmation, St. Joseph Church, Weedsport — 7:45 p.m.
- 23—Confirmation, St. Margaret Mary Church, Rochester — 3 p.m.
- 24—Supervisor and Leadership Training Program, Notre Dame Retreat House.
- 24—Confirmation, St. Cecilia Church, Rochester — 7:45 p.m.
- 25—Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation Conference.
- 26—Sisters Administrators Meeting and Celebration of the Eucharist and Homily, Mercy Motherhouse — 4 p.m.
- 27—Confirmation, St. Anthony Church, Groton — 7:45 p.m.
- 29—Priesthood Ordination, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church — 4 p.m.

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