

THE OPEN WINDOW



Fr. Louis Hohman

Dear Father Hohman,

You and your type of young priest cause many of us much concern. It is not that we are better than you; in our personal lives we are infinitely worse, but we cannot help but be concerned by the failure of the younger clergy to abide by authentic Catholic doctrine. And you needn't take issue with me on that, either — I mean the doctrine that has been taught for 1900 years and has been affirmed by all the recent Popes, including Paul VI. In the name of "dialogue," "updating," "Vatican II" and other euphemisms they hope to introduce a modernistic, humanistic doctrine resembling modern Protestantism, including birth prevention, a memorial service instead of the Holy Sacrifice, women priests etc.

Humanism or making man's needs the criteria of doctrine instead of the commands of God, has been condemned by the Popes since Erasmus introduced it in the Renaissance.

Modernism, or as we now know it "updating" of "Vatican II" [bearing no resemblance to the real documents of Vatican II] has been condemned since the 19th Century.

The Lord established a male priesthood since the choosing of the house of Aaron by Him in the old testament — he did not change this order in the New Testament, even for His mother. Women were told to be subordinate to men [but not a chattel] by St. Paul. This was to be for their protection in the kindness of God. But now we have many religious rebelling against such proven Bible teaching and claiming that St. Paul was just affected by his "cultural" heritage. The Bible is the word of God inspired by the Holy Spirit — I would like to remind such people that the Holy Spirit when teaching a truth was able to keep the truth

from being altered by "cultural" influences, or they might as well throw out the whole Bible. No, they do not throw out the whole Bible — just the "cultural" part they do not like.

Signed, A.J.O.

Dear A.J.O.,

You bring up so many items that I need to answer them in single sentences and I will number the sentences.

1. You are not infinitely worse than anyone. We all are in the same boat.

2. Thank you for conceiving me as being among the younger clergy.

3. You, like many other people who object to the changes since Vatican II, seem to think that Catholic teachings and practices were static and unchanged for 1900 years and that there was no development in those teachings and practices throughout those centuries. There certainly can be a development of doctrine as the collective church grows in wisdom and grace. You have been deceived into believing that the precise same teachings of 1950 were in existence in the year 100. Please study the history of, for example, the sacrament of penance and you will find little resemblance between the two.

4. Your reference to the Lord establishing a male priesthood since the choosing of the house of Aaron by Him in the Old Testament is simply your statement. It has little or no value in terms of theology. I say this without malice, but you are, as an amateur, making statements which require professional expertise. Women were subordinate to men in the time of Christ not because they are inferior but rather because that was the social condition of the time. You may or may not remember that St. Paul told slaves to be obedient to their masters but that doesn't make slavery a Christian belief or acceptable to Christians in any way shape or manner. It merely reflected the actual social conditions of that time.

5. You speak of the Bible as inspired by the Holy Spirit in a totally literal way so that the words must be taken at face value. Going back to the last sentence I would merely ask you — if St. Paul told slaves to be obedient to their masters does that make slavery acceptable to Christians? It would seem to say so in the Bible by your standards of measurement.

screaming. Instead, he left like the class guy he always has been.

Clearance Sale. Any day now there will be news "leaks" about likely new homes for some of baseball's greatest superstars. People like Bobby Grich and Reggie Jackson of the Orioles, Don Cullert of the Reds, and no fewer than six from the still highly respected Oakland A's roster will be on the auction block. There are 32 eligible right now to change uniforms. Until 14 are gone, no club may sign more than one free agent. Any club that loses one, may add one. And the choices are limited at first to the bottom 12 clubs, plus the two expansion outfits in Seattle and Toronto. People like Royle Stillman and Jim Fuller of the Red Wings, incidentally, are both likely to wind up with one of those two. The Orioles will receive \$175,000 each for the 1976 Red Wings in the expansion draft.

Odds Without Ends. Former Detroit super pitcher Denny McLain lasted one season as GM of the Memphis Blues of the International League. Denny resigned two weeks ago, to save the owners the embarrassment of firing him. McLain made a lot of friends in the Memphis area, but most of them on the golf course, at the expense of the front office. "Nobody asked me but I'm listing my Super Bowl picks right now. I have given up on Dallas, which should put the Cowboys in the winner's circle, and going instead with Los Angeles. And I am passing up the chalk in Pittsburgh, to gamble on the longshot Baltimore Colts. (Ed's Note: The man has snapped his cap.)

Came to Teach, Stayed to Help

Mt. Morris — A Sister of St. Joseph who came to Mt. Morris several years ago to teach at the former St. Patrick's School, is now an active member of the parish staff and active in the community as well.

Sister Angela, SSJ, pastoral assistant to Father John Whalen, pastor of St. Patrick's, represented the parish on the Mt. Morris

Bicentennial Committee. Sister Angela organized and arranged the Ecumenical service at Bellamy Park July 11, worked on the bake sale for the parish during Francis Bellamy Days in July and set up a puppet show to entertain children during the Historical Homes tour here Aug. 15.

St. Patrick's School closed in 1974 and Sister Angela now devotes

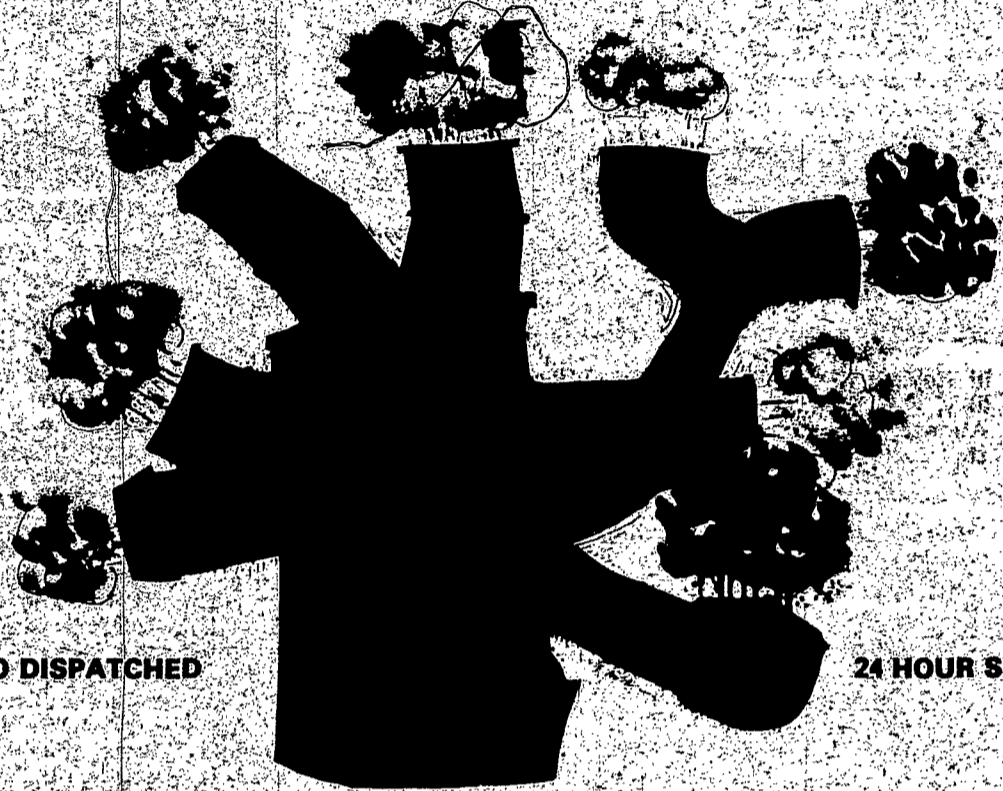
her time to calling on the ill of the parish and community and helping the needy.

PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Sister Mary Elizabeth, SSND, shortly will assume duties at St. Boniface as pastoral assistant, a post recently created by the Parish Council.

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IN THIS CORNER



George Beahon

Hopscotching. The Sports Beat and hoping the new general manager at 500 Norton Street is a "workaholic." Eddie Barnowski put in too many 14-18 hour days at the expense of his wife and two children, and finally packed it in, but gracefully. Barnowski had class when he won 17 games one International League season here, and he showed endurance and class when he hit the road three and four nights a week in the off-season to sell and promote baseball on what seems an endless banquet circuit in this area. Do not overlook the fact that these "off-season" nights followed full working days at Silver Stadium. There was a definite personality conflict between the general manager and Red Wing President Vince Stanley. The non-salaried president is a super salesman himself and expected everyone under his jurisdiction to go and do likewise, day and night, around the calendar. Barnowski could have gone out kicking and



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