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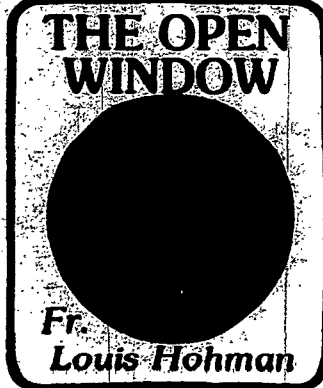
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Dear Father Hohman,

I always enjoy your column. This past week you referred to a letter writer who questioned the enclosed remarks of Sydney Harris. You answered the queries about the evangelist's "knowledge" of Jesus. Now, would you please be so kind as to deal with Sydney's other points, i.e. "believers are ignorant" (about the Bible); Edith Hamilton's charge as quoted in Harris' article - "None of them ever came into contact with Christ", etc.

Harris hit the nail on the head with his reference to Paul's "evidence of things not seen." And you are the gifted one to answer the questions posed by our Scripture Study Group as Harris' remarks, puzzled some, elated others and largely affirmed our quest for Scripture study.

Signed, D.M.

Dear D.M.,

It is difficult to answer your questions in this column in view of the fact that many of our readers might not have read the Sydney Harris article. When he indicates that many believers are ignorant of the Bible, this is an obvious fact. The subject is very deep and calls for a kind of expertise which most people simply do not have.

However, when he says that faith must be a leap taken from the precipice of knowledge, not from the

abyss of ignorance, he is right and he is wrong. He is right in the sense that Paul referred to faith as "evidence of things not seen" but he also is wrong, in that it is not a blind leap. We have incontestable evidence that Jesus did live and that He calls for a response from us relative to His mission. When we do respond to Him by committing our lives to His person and what He stood for, we have faith.

When we speak of these four men - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John - never meeting Jesus in the flesh we are not referring to them as individuals because we know that at least Matthew and John knew Jesus in the flesh, but rather we are referring to the Gospels which have their names as authors. This gets into a very complex matter which certainly cannot be explained in a column of this size. I recommend to you very highly a book by John L. MacKenzie entitled Light on the Gospels, from the Thomas More Press, Chicago, Ill. For the average lay person, it is a very clear and good explanation of the origins and meanings of the four gospels. It will answer many of the questions which Sydney Harris brings up. If you have any further very specific questions I will be glad to try to answer them.

SHARING SUPPER

A sharing supper tomorrow night at St. Mark's Church, 54 Kuhn Road, will be followed by a slide presentation on Upper Volta, Africa. The soup and bread supper is scheduled for 6:30, with Stations of the Cross at 7:30. The donation is \$1 per person or \$3 per family.

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Fashion Show To Help VIP

The auxiliary of the Monroe County Bar Association will present a preview of spring and cruise wardrobe at 9:15 a.m., Tuesday, March 15 in the Sibley Tower Restaurant. The benefit, called Focus on Fashion, will benefit Volunteers in Partnership.

Volunteers in Partnership is a non-profit agency which provides delinquent and troubled young people with an adult friend. It operates from the Hall of Justice.

A continental breakfast will be served and donation of \$3.50 a person will benefit VIP through the auxiliary Community Education Fund.

The event is open to the public and reservations may be made through Mrs. Kathy Neuner at 381-4132 by Friday, March 11.

LENTEN LECTURES

A lenten lecture program at St. Boniface Church continues tonight with a talk by Father John Mulligan entitled The Emerging Ministry to the Divorced, Widowed and Separated. The Wednesday meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. Next week, Father David Kelly of St. Bernard's Seminary will talk about contemporary sexual ethics. A tureen supper will precede the lecture.

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Saving Bread

Thirty-five students, members of various youth groups at St. Charles Borromeo parish, spent the night of Feb. 25 in church, fasting. The program will continue Sunday, March 13, when a "hunger restaurant" will be set up in the parish hall. The restaurant will feature and charge for steak and eggs while actually serving soup and crackers. Profits will be donated to Operation Bread Box, for Upper Volta. Arriving for the overnight in the top left photo are Sue Groth, Debbie Rogers and Sky Erle. Folksinger Peggy Dolan entertains the group with songs at right.

McCurdy's

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