



Calendar

Calendar items should be addressed to the Courier-Journal Calendar Desk, 67 Chestnut St., Rochester 14604, and mailed on time for delivery on the Wednesday preceding publication.

AUTHORS' DAY—Area writers talk about their books, 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, Rundel Library downtown.

SPARE TIME ARTISTS—Employees of 14 local firms exhibit their art work in Sibley's Ward Gallery through May 27.

WE THE PARISH—Public informational meeting on a proposed four-session course for parishes, 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, at St. Mary's, Scottsville.

FRIENDS, INC.—Annual picnic for singles, Sunday noon, May 21, Webster Park. Reservations by May 13 through 458-0436.

GAS DAY—Saturday, May 13, members of 14 area Rotary clubs pumping gasoline at service stations to raise money for Camp Hac-camo, Rotary project for handicapped children.

WOMEN'S JAIL COMMISSION—Public hearing 7 p.m. May 17 at county legislative

chambers for persons and groups wishing to make suggestions about women's section of Monroe County jail. To sign up for speaking: clerk's office, 428-5350.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE—Sponsored by RIT, Xerox, State Probation Officers Association, Friday, May 12, Hilton Inn on the Campus. Workshops conducted by professionals. Public, \$5 fee. Details: 475-2765.

GREAT MOVIES—Wednesday 7:30 p.m. series at Eisenhart Auditorium, Rochester Museum: tonight, Bicycle Thief; May 17, Henry V.

CLASSIC FILMS—Katherine Hepburn, Humphrey Bogart, in African Queen, 2 and 8 p.m. tomorrow, May 13, Rochester Museum.

INTERFAITH MARRIAGES—Discussion by Father Robert Collins, the Rev. Gerald Remsen, Rabbi Richard Davis, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. May 17, at Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse; sponsored by Women's Interfaith Coalition.

JUSTICE FORUM—Wednesday lunchtime series at 101 S. Plymouth. May 17: the police beat as seen by Dick Cooper, Philadelphia Inquirer reporter, formerly with Rochester Times-Union.

MIME WORKSHOP—May 12, 8 p.m., Helga Schulz Morgan dancers. May 13, 8 p.m., Bob Berky's Foolfire. 50 Chestnut plaza.

NOVELS AT NOON—Review of Aldous Huxley's Point Counterpoint, 12:10 p.m. tomorrow, Rochester Institute of Technology Downtown, 50 West Main.

CAROUSEL—Musical performed by Cardinal Mooney Drama Club, 8 p.m. May 12, 13; \$2.50 at door.

ART SHOW—Oil paintings by Franklyn Eggleston at Valley Manor, 1570 East Ave., through May, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. daily.

FREE CONCERT—At Sacred Heart Cathedral, 8 p.m. Friday, May 12, Anthony Rimore, music director, and some friends from Eastman School in program including Vivaldi, Bach, Vaughan-Williams selections.

THE WHITE HOUSE—Bicentennial award winning replica on view in Midtown Plaza May 12-20.

INAUGURATION MEMORABILIA—Photographs, souvenirs, ball

gowns, from presidential inaugurations, Washington to Ford, at Lincoln First Tower, concourse level, May 12-20, 7 a.m.-9:30 p.m., except Sunday.

EASTMAN SCHOOL EVENTS—Wind Ensemble, tonight at 7, Kilbourn Hall; Suzuki graduation concert, 2 p.m. Saturday, May 13, Kilbourn Hall; preparatory department concert at Memorial Art Gallery, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 14. All free.

MAGISTERIUM LECTURE—Dr. James Hitchcock on Deification of Self, Denial of Authority, 7:45 p.m. May 17, Mercy High School; a K of C project, proceeds to charity.

HANDICAPPED CHILDREN—Two workshops offered by City School District's Special Education Information Center, on legislation entitling handicapped children to "free, appropriate education." Tomorrow, May 11, 6:30 p.m., at East High School Forum Room, 1801 East Main; Tuesday, May 16, 6:30 p.m., in faculty cafeteria, Franklin High, 950 Norton.

EFFECTIVE LIVING—May 26-28 seminar at Cenacle, 693 East Ave., for men, women, older teens. Details: 271-8755.

SUMMER GROWTH—At St. Salome's School, 4280 Culver, remedial reading, math, for grades 1-8, July 5-27. Details: 467-7593.

Day of Recollection

Elmira—The Elmira and Horseheads councils of the Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Day of Recollection at the Dominican Monastery here beginning at 8 a.m. on May 20. The K of C asks those who want to participate to make reservations no later than May 16, by contacting James Howland, 733-2669.

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The Open Window

For People Or Legalism?

Dear Reader:



The following is an answer to a letter to the editor from Theresa M. Hussar.

Fr. Hohman Dear Ms. Hussar,

For some time now I have been reading your letters and the letters of others thinking along the same lines in the columns of Letters to the Editor. They have all had one theme in common—that I have failed to present Catholic truths accurately, that I am simply an advocate of liberal theology; and that I am a danger to the Church.

Frankly, I have stood by long enough and feel that it is important that I answer some of these in this column. I regret to say that your seeking the intercession of St. Pius X to withstand my deadly mediocrity is a little bit like praying to win a war. Who will ever know which side God is on?

My particular problem with you and with your friends is this—that what

I present is "liberal theology" and what you present is authentic Catholic dogma. You somehow or other have cornered infallibility and are capable of presenting it to me and to all others, but I am not in the least capable of presenting true Catholic dogma to you and your friends. That seems to me like an unfair and certainly unproved advantage. There is nothing which says that you have the infallible grip on infallible Catholic truth and that the rest of us do not.

You and many like you apparently do not have any real meaningful knowledge of the difference between the objective fact and subjective guilt. The declaration you give from the Vatican on sexual ethics is simply a statement in the abstract. It does not deal with the guilt or non-guilt of in-

dividuals involved in that kind of activity.

Your statement that it is only a society denatured in spiritual vitality that will use conscience as a ploy to justify contraception, then abortion and euthanasia, is dreadfully judgmental in that conscience is our final arbiter of what is right and wrong for particular human beings. To assume that someone is using conscience as a ploy is simply to make an unwarranted statement, at least in terms of general situations.

Your statement that Pope Paul's Humanae Vitae is an infallible document is simply not true. It never was considered such, even by Pope Paul himself, who recognized the possibility of developments in this area.

You also quote a private revelation—revelation at Fatima—as a norm for everyone in the Church. This is simply not so, and there is no

way you can justify insisting that everyone accept this particular revelation.

I would highly recommend that you and many of the people having the same problems as you get some theological training, perhaps in classes in Continuing Education at St. Bernard's Seminary. It would make life a lot easier for those of us who are at least trying to present Catholic theology in a way which will be understood and helpful to our people.

Ask yourself this one question: Are you more interested in laws and in moral abstractions than you are in people? Remember that Jesus Christ was infinitely more interested in people and their problems than He was in the law that prevailed in His time.

SOME THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER

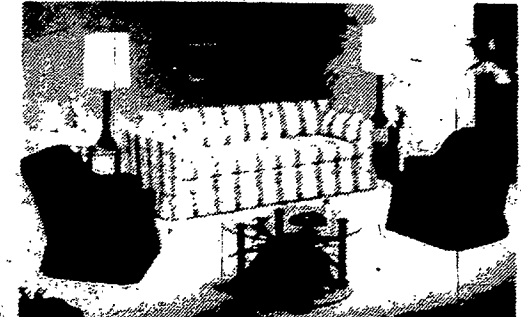
By Ed Sulewski

Death is ever present among us and so too is the adjustment to it. Despite the inevitability of death it seems to come unexpectedly and with it an emotional crisis which we term as grief. When someone we loved has died we should not try to minimize the emotional upset we are going through. No matter how brave we think we are or try to be we must recognize grief and sorrow for what they are in order to fully comprehend them. The fact is someone we cared about is dead and no longer among us. We are human and we will certainly miss that person.

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