

# The Open Window

By FATHER HOHMAN

## It's the Disobedience That Counts

Dear Father Hohman,

I have no connection with any group promoting the Tridentine Mass.



However, in all charity, can we not offer those who wish to celebrate the Tridentine rite the use of one of our churches? These are good people who have formed their consciences, as others have on artificial birth control. These are our brothers and sisters in Christ and should be welcome in communion with us as are others who do not follow a particular rule or regulation.

(Signed) M.O.

Dear M.O.,

I tend to agree with you that the Tridentine Mass could be allowed as a matter of charity in view of the fact that we have at least 11 other rites in the Roman Catholic Church. To have one more would to me not seem to be all that big a deal.

But the problem is not the question of simply having the Tridentine Mass and in Latin. The

problem is one involving unity and obedience. Many of those who sponsor the Tridentine Mass (for example, the St. Pius Tenth Society) also claim that Vatican II was in error. To declare an Ecumenical Council in error is to deny part of the Church's infallible teaching. And in doing so, they dissociate themselves from the Church itself. If they were not to deny the infallibility of an Ecumenical Council but merely to ask for a rite which was begun in 1570 and could be continued at the will of the teaching church, that would be another question. I can see no reason against that kind of an arrangement. But now there seems to be little chance of many of these people retreating from the stand they take on Vatican II. So one goes out with the other. That is the reason that Archbishop LeFebvre has been suspended, which means that he cannot celebrate liturgically or act in the office of bishop. In conclusion, then, if I were Pope and a group of people came to me and said they would like to keep the Tridentine Mass because they were more comfortable with it, I would be inclined to say, "Go ahead!" If, however, they were to dissociate themselves from the Church's teachings in important matters, then I would be unable to do anything about their problem.



## Holy Trinity

A survey of parishioners' needs and interests will take place in the Holy Trinity, Webster, territory Nov. 12, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. In this photo, Bob Balsamo, left, and Chuck Fagen check parish boundaries on a map.

## New Testament Study Program At St. Charles

An adult education program focussed on the gospels of Mark, Matthew and Luke, in that order, will begin Nov. 14 at St. Charles Borromeo in Greece. Dr. Paul L. Hammer, professor of New Testament Interpretation at Colgate-Rochester/Bexley/Crozier, will be the speaker.

The program will continue on Nov. 21 and 28, with all meetings running from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., in the school library.

Dr. Hammer, a former pastor, has studied in many universities in America and Europe and has taught in both Protestant and Catholic seminaries.

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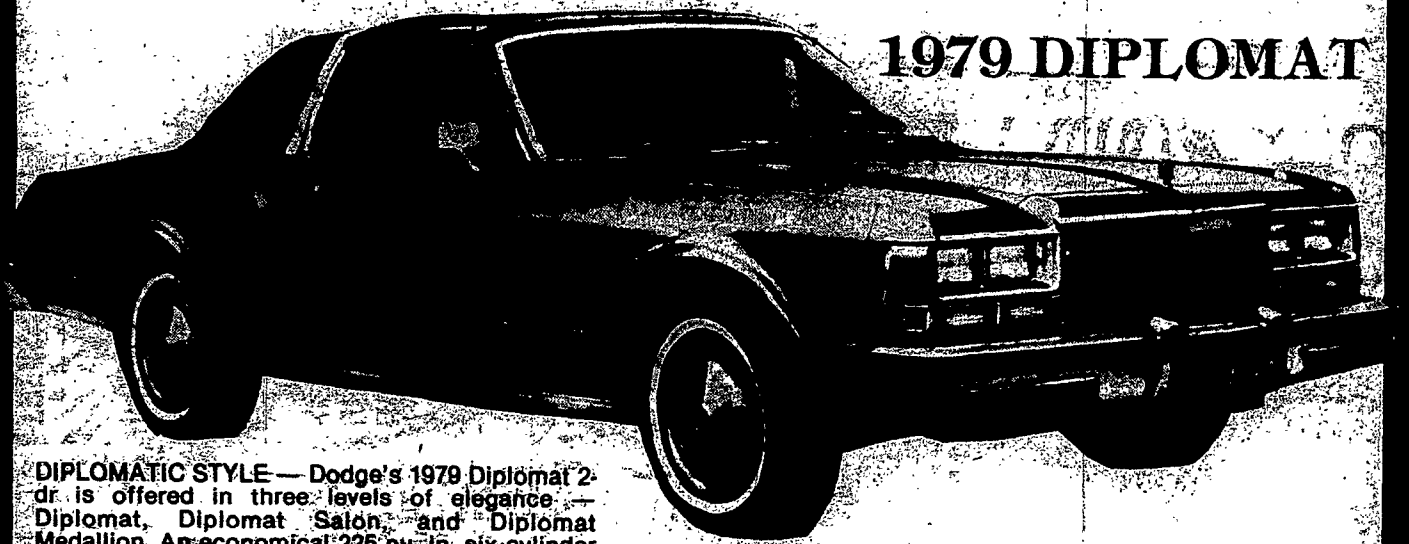
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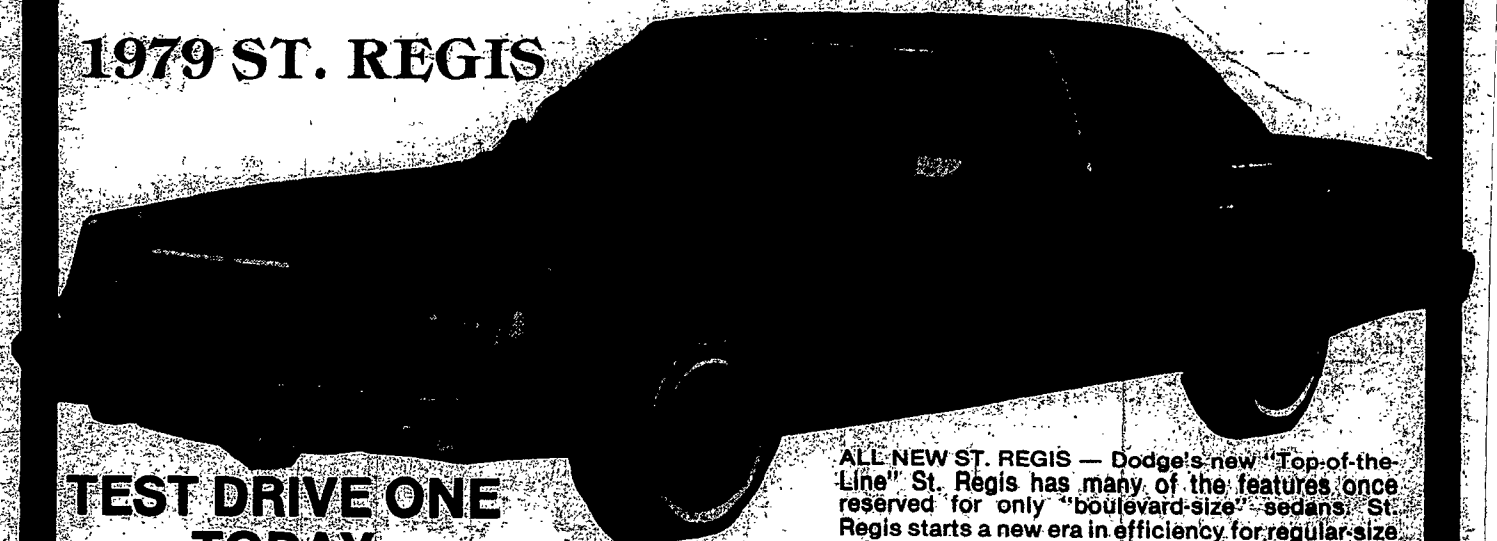


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By Ed Sulewski

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