



DFC Singers

Photos by Susan McKinney

The Liturgical Group of the Diocesan Festival Choir performs at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. The group will perform next at 5 p.m., Saturday, April 7 at Holy Spirit Church on Hatch Road in Penfield. It is part of the larger Diocesan Festival Choir which will present its annual concert April 29 at St. Thomas More Church on East Avenue in Brighton. Both are under the direction of Sister Virginia Hogan, left.

The Open Window

By Father Louis J. Hohman

Judgment Puzzling

Dear Father Hohman,

After reading a recent article you wrote in the COURIER-JOURNAL, I find it imperative to write to you.

There were 2,000 people at St. John's. It was a Charismatic Mass, similar somewhat to the two my husband and I attended at St. Lawrence, North Greece Road. Shortly after Mass had started, as Father D'Orio prayed over a woman, electricity cracked back and forth in the now quiet church. After the Gospel, more people were prayed over. Then Father D'Orio asked this man who was up front in his



Father Hohman

wheelchair to walk. He walked, slowly, up and down the center aisle. (We were up in the choir loft.) Father and the people urged him on. It was a moving experience.

How many more years will be needed before the Holy Spirit will be allowed to penetrate the hearts of our worldly priests?

(Signed) R.Q.

Dear R.Q.,

There is a sense in which your letter puzzles me. If you are presuming that I do not believe in miracles, or the possibility of healings, then you have misread my previous article in the COURIER entirely. I do believe in the power of God to work in us in this 20th century as well as in the first century. There is no question in my mind about the possibility of faith bringing about great events, because we are open to God's grace and power. If I

gave the impression that these things are not possible or are unlikely then I gave you entirely the wrong impression.

I believe: 1. that Jesus redeemed not just human souls, but the whole world. 2. that Jesus cares for the physical as well as the spiritual welfare of human beings. 3. that faith is the touchstone (as far as we are concerned) to bring about a healing event.

Your last paragraph puzzles me even more. You seem to be angry at worldly priests and I am sure there are some. But why you should make a judgement about them is beyond me. It serves no purpose whatsoever. You are also presuming to know what these "worldly priests" believe about healing and about what you hold dear. If you are calling me a worldly priest I guess I would have to agree but that does not take away from the fact that I believe wholeheartedly in the working of the Spirit in our world, and that there is no limit to His possibilities.

Business In the Diocese

The School of the Holy Childhood announced last week the election of two new members to its board of directors. They are Dr. Louis Lasagna of the University of Rochester's School of Medicine and Dentistry and Sister Louise Weber of Nazareth College, who is a member of the Central Administration of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Holy Childhood serves approximately 100 mentally retarded children and 30 adults, the announcement said.

St. Bernard's Seminary has acknowledged receipt of a grant of \$1,500 from the Association of Theological Schools. The gift will help defray the expense of drawing up a master plan for institutional development, the seminary announced last week.

Bob Roney, creative art director at Sibley's, is back at work after three months of inactivity following heart surgery. He is a parishioner at St. John the Evangelist, Humboldt Street.

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"Your Love and Concern"

By Ed Sulewski

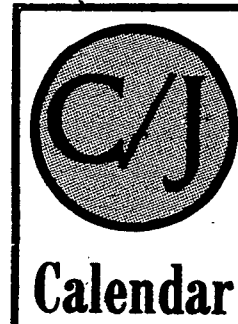
It is hard to comfort someone who has just lost a loved one. Emotionally, they are often unable to tell you what would make them feel better — or even to express how much your presence means. You may even feel that you are "in the way" or not needed.

It is important to remember that the friendship and sympathy you offer at this time is needed — and wanted. Expressing your own feelings about the deceased, and your relationship to them, is important. It is a great help to the family to know that their loved one was valued by others — and will be missed.

Often we offer our sympathy at the time of death — and only at that time. However, your friendship and support is needed and wanted perhaps even more during the months that follow. Adjusting to death takes time — and finding the desire to rebuild a life without the loved one is very difficult. The love and concern of friends and family are often the most important element in this adjustment, and we need to recognize the part we play, both at the time of death and in the months that follow.

More information about "what you can do" is available from our staff. Please call.

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Calendar

FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR WOMEN—Downtown noontime series presented by Monroe Community College on six consecutive Mondays beginning March 19, 12:10-1 p.m., Chamber of Commerce, 55 St. Paul.

EDUCATION FORUMS—Noontime series sponsored by Education Resource Network alternate Thursdays, in Hochstein Music School Auditorium, 50 N. Plymouth. March 15: The Role of the School Board — How Does It Affect Your Child's Education? (Participants may bring lunch.)

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS—March 30-April 1, April 6-8. Reservations: 716-385-4762. Spanish ME April 6-8; reservations through 716-482-2532.

FEINGOLD ASSOCIATION OF MONROE COUNTY—Meeting March 22, 7:30-11 p.m. in

Brighton Middle School; Dr. Bernard Weiss to speak.

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL—Registration for grades K-8 tomorrow, 9-2, 7-9 p.m.; March 16, 9-2; March 17, 10-4. Birth certificate, health records, \$25 fee required. Information: 325-5850.

POLISH WOMEN'S ALLIANCE—Card party, recital at St. Stanislaus Auditorium, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 18; \$1.25, including refreshments. Sponsored by Group 632 for Dancing Group 590.

MOTHERS OF TWINS CLUB—Meeting at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, Laurelton United Presbyterian Church (Helendale at Empire). Information: Mrs. Ronald Jenkins, 247-1736.

ADOLESCENT STRESS—Lecture by Dr. Christopher H. Hodgman of U. of R. Medical Center 8 p.m. March 21, Penfield High School, Five Mile Line Road; public, free.

LENTEN MUSIC—From 16th to 20th century, performed by choir of Third Presbyterian Church 4 p.m. Sunday, March 18, at Christ Episcopal Church, East Avenue at Broadway; public, free.

CAVE ART OF FRANCE AND SPAIN—Life-size replicas of cave paintings 20,000 years old, by Douglas Mazonowicz, at Rochester

Museum, third floor, March 17-July 31.

MAPLE SUGARING—At Rochester Museum's Cumming Nature Center, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through weekend of April 7-8.

CLASSIC FILMS—Private Life of Don Juan (1934) at Rochester Museum's Eisenhart Auditorium, 2 and 8 p.m. tomorrow.

EASTMAN MUSICA NOVA—Larry Livingston, guest conductor, 8 p.m. March 23, Kilbourn Hall, 26 Gibbs; free.

NOONTIME MUSIC—At Hochstein School, 50 N. Plymouth, 12:15 p.m. today; Capricorn Chamber Players; next Wednesday, Jose Martinez, piano.

SENIOR CITIZEN MATINEES—At Dryden Theatre, Eastman House, 1:30 p.m. tomorrow: Brief Encounter (1946).

NAZARETH HALL PARENTS CLUB—Festive evening, open to public, Saturday, March 24, at school, 180 Raines Park; ends with auction, breakfast.

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY PLAYERS—Vivat! Vivat! Reginald by Robert Bolt, March 23-25, March 28-April 1, at Monroe Community College Theater, Bldg. 4; box office 473-7550.

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