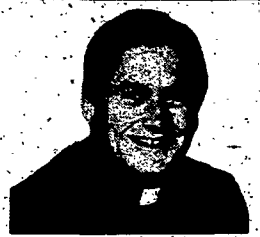


Fr. Louis J.
Hohman

The Open Window



One Reader Offers Help To Another

Dear Father Hohman,

A few weeks ago your column in the Courier-Journal featured a letter from some mentally anguished woman who had had an abortion and was dubious of God's forgiveness. Your answer should have comforted her.

Although I am an officer in Hornell Area Right to Life Group (or, perhaps, because of it) my heart went out to that poor disturbed woman. I remembered reading in the Catholic Register of some organization sparked by women or a woman who had once had an abortion and regretted it... and who were doing something positive about it to help others.

So I wrote to the Register and received a surprisingly prompt answer. This isn't the organization I had in mind, but it certainly should help that woman who wrote to you to realize that God can bring good from evil.

Perhaps she would like to write the president of Catholics United for Life, Mrs. Ejasah Drogin, who had an abortion 12 years ago

and found spiritual healing only within the Catholic Church. She is a Jewish convert. She now devotes her time to pro-life work.

Mrs. Drogin's address: Catholics United for Life, Box 390, Coarsegold, CA 93614.

I thought you might be able to reach that poor woman who wrote you and forward this information to her. I shall write Mr. Hallett of the Register and thank him for looking it up. It was in a Sept. 1978 issue, so it must have taken a bit of digging. (Hope this letter won't require as much to comprehend!)

(Signed) D.L.

Dear D.L.,

It is so encouraging to have someone like you reach out in very honest and unselfish compassion for a fellow human being who is suffering. There is so much of condemnation and rejection in our society that for someone like yourself to reach out is a very beautiful event. I do hope the woman who wrote previously and others who are in the same situation will make the contact you recommend and find a kind of healing in that.

Thank you again for your very kind and considerate letter. I do appreciate it and I know these women will too.

Mercy Sisters To Host Supper

The Sisters of Mercy will sponsor a home cooked roast beef supper and mini sale on Saturday, April 12 from 4 to 8 p.m. in the cafeteria and gym of Our Lady of Mercy High School, 1437 Blossom Road. The event is their annual fund raiser.

Supper tickets are available at the door, by calling 288-

2710, or from any Sister of Mercy.

The sale-dinner committee, headed by Sister Jane Frances Hauser, includes Sisters M. Dismas Foster, M. Patrick Kennedy, M. Irene Rapp, Arelene Semesky, Mary Alice Hayden, Eliane Kolesnik, and Carolyn Knipper.

Bishop Clark At Cathedral

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will be principal celebrant at Sacred Heart Cathedral of four liturgies during the remainder of Holy Week and on Easter Sunday.

The Solemn Concelebrated Mass of the Lord's Supper will begin at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, Holy Thursday; the Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion,

at 3 p.m. Good Friday, and the Solemn Easter Vigil and Concelebrated Mass of the Resurrection, at 7:30 p.m. Holy Saturday. Bishop Clark's Easter morning Mass, the Solemn Sung Mass of the Resurrection, is scheduled for 11:15.

The cathedral's regular Sunday schedule will be followed on Easter, with the exception that Mass will be offered at 1 p.m. instead of at the usual hour of 12:30 p.m.

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PUZZLE ANSWERS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 1980

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Key Passages: I. They heard, "The Lord has been raised. It is true!" He appeared to Simon.

II. Peter addressed the people in these words: "I take it you know what has been reported all over Judea about Jesus of Nazareth, beginning in Galilee with the baptism John preached of the way (God) anointed him."

III: Since you have been raised up, in company with Christ, set your heart on what pertains to higher realms where Christ is seated at God's right hand. Be intent on things above rather than on things on earth.

Hiroshima Survivors Slated Here

Two survivors of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki nuclear bombings will speak at the Catholic Worker's St. Joseph's House of Hospitality on Good Friday, April 4, at 4 and again at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Hisako Odoriba, and Masao Kayo, are on tour of the United States under theegis of the Religious Task Force Mobilization for Survival, an affiliate of the National Council of Churches of Christ.

The survivors will also be joined by Venerable Tetsuen Nakajima of the Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace, and Miss Chiyoko Ono, their interpreter, for their Rochester visit.

Is Beatification Near For Lily of Mohawks?

By John Dash

A story circulated late last week among promoters of the canonization cause for Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha that the Vatican has agreed to beatify the "lily of the Mohawks" in the near future.

"I certainly hope the story is true," Albany's Bishop Howard Hubbard said last week. "I would be delighted if it is true." Bishop Hubbard is the official hierarchical head of the Tekakwitha cause.

It will be through Bishop Hubbard that an official announcement from the Vatican will be made, if indeed it has decided to raise the status of the Indian maiden in its canonization process. Bishop Hubbard said that he has not received word from the Vatican, but he acknowledged that he, too, was aware of the story.

Meanwhile, Father Joseph McBride, SJ, the American Vice Postulator of the cause, acknowledged that he had received a private phone call from Father Paul Molinari, the Rome-based Postulator General, who indicated that Pope John Paul II has told of his intention to beatify Venerable Kateri.

A date for the rites has not been set, Father McBride said, nor has official word of the pontiff's intentions been published; but he does expect such an announcement to be shortly forthcoming.

Nazareth, Schlegel Establish Internship

A business internship abroad has been established for Nazareth College students interested in combining foreign language and business studies.

Nazareth College junior Adela Russo will be working at a Schlegel Corporation manufacturing plant near Barcelona, Spain until July 15 as a liaison between the Spanish profit center and the company's corporate headquarters in Rochester. She will help interpret corporate marketing and financial policies to the profit center's largely Spanish-speaking staff. She recently completed a six-week orientation period at the firm's Rochester offices.

Dr. Robert McCambridge, vice president for planning and development at Nazareth, said, "The internship is the first of many we hope will be incorporated in this relatively new academic program. The

In a letter of welcome, Bishop Matthew H. Clark noted, "I think the timing of this visit is appropriate. At Easter we pray over the mystery of foolish human destruction and the way in which God deems our tendency toward destruction. May our visitors from Japan help us to understand the Easter message which is real, vibrant and prophetic in the middle of our world today."

Hosting the group in Rochester is the Disarmament and Peace Task Force of the Rochester Peace and Justice Education Center.

The first nuclear device used in warfare was dropped by the United States on Hiroshima, Japan, August 6,

1945. Its force was equal to 20,000 tons of TNT.

The group will also speak at a number of locations throughout the weekend, including Temple B'rith

Kodesh, the Central Presbyterian Church of Geneseo, Asbury First United Methodist Church, the Friends Meeting House and the Regular Restaurant.

"ST. THOMAS MORE"

Abbe Germain Marc'hadour the foremost More Scholar and author, editor of "Moreana" (The Critical study of St. Thomas More's writings) and now working at Yale will be the preacher, all through Holy Week at St. Thomas More Church — 2817 East Avenue. He will speak on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, evening at 7:45 P.M. He will speak on Holy Thursday at the 7:45 P.M. Mass on the Tower Works of More — The "Blessed Body" and on Friday at 3:00 P.M. on the "Blessed Passion."

Rochester is fortunate indeed to have such a famous leader for Holy Week.

NOTICE TO LANDLORDS

The Urban League of Rochester is sponsoring a Section 8 Workshop conducted by The Rochester Housing Authority on Tuesday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m., 50 W. Main St.

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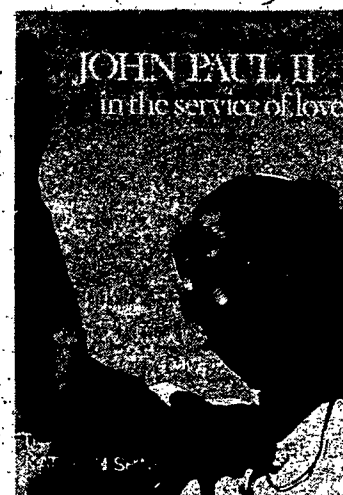
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Vocations Discussed

Religious vocations will be the subject of discussion at an open meeting at 7:30 p.m. next Wednesday, April 9. Frank and Sue Staropoli of Catholic Charities' Family Life Office hope to elicit opinions, particularly from parents, that they can air at the state bishops' upcoming

meeting in Syracuse.

"We shall ask parents," Staropoli said, "whether they would want their sons and daughters to become priests or sisters, and why or why not. We shall ask people what they think is the main cause of the decline in vocations, and what solutions they can suggest."